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## Programming Languages and Types

### Group Exercise 5

#### G5.1 Monad laws

To qualify as a monad, one does not only need a type constructor and a bind/return implementation of the correct type. In addition, monads must respect the following three algebraic laws:

1. `(bind (return x) f) == (f x)`
2. `(bind m return) == m`
3. `(bind (bind m f) g) == (bind m (lambda (x) (bind (f x) g)))`

Rephrase the laws in terms of do-notation.

Prove that the identity monad and the Maybe monad satisfy the laws.

Discuss why monads should obey these laws.