Haskell High-Order Functions

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Every function in Haskell officially takes only one parameter.

A curried function is a function that, instead of taking several parameters, always takes exactly one parameter.

When it is called with that parameter, it returns a function that takes the next parameter, and so on.







```
ghci> 1 + 2
3
ghci> :t +
<interactive>:1:1: parse error on input '+'
ghci> (+) 1 2
3
ghci> :t (+)
(+) :: Num a => a -> a -> a
ghci>
```



```
ghci> let add = (+)
ghci> :t add
add :: Num a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a
ghci> add 1 2
ghci> (add 1) 2
ghci> let add1 = add 1
ghci> :t add 1
add 1 :: Num a => a -> a
ghci> add1 2
ghci>
```





Whenever we have a type signature that features the arrow ->, that means it is a function that takes whatever is on the left side of the arrow and returns a value whose type is indicated on the right side of the arrow.







When we have something like $a \rightarrow a$, we are dealing with a function that takes a value of type a, and it returns a function that also takes a value of type a and returns a value of type a.

In other words $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$ reads as $a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a)$.





```
ghci> let multThree x y z = x * y * z
ghci> :t multThree
multThree :: Num a => a -> a -> a -> a
ghci> let multTwoWithNine = multThree 9
ghci> :t multTwoWithNine
multTwoWithNine :: Num a => a -> a -> a
ghci> multTwoWithNine 2 3
54
ghci> let multWithNineAndFive = multTwoWithNine 5
ghci> :t multWithNineAndFive
multWithNineAndFive :: Num a => a -> a
ghci> multWithNineAndFive 2
90
ghci> multThree 2 5 9
90
ghci>
```





```
ghci> :t compare
compare :: Ord a => a -> a -> Ordering
ghci> :t (compare 100)
(compare 100) :: (Ord a, Num a) => a -> Ordering
ghci> let compareWithHundred x = compare 100 x
ghci> compareWithHundred 99
GT
ghci> :t compareWithHundred
compareWithHundred :: (Ord a, Num a) => a -> Ordering
ghci> let compareWithHundred' = compare 100
ghci> :t compareWithHundred'
compareWithHundred' :: (Ord a, Num a) => a -> Ordering
ghci> compareWithHundred' 99
GT
ghci>
```



```
ghci> let divideByTen = (/10)
ghci> :t divideByTen
divideByTen :: Fractional a => a -> a
ghci> divideByTen 200
20.0
ghci> (/ 10) 200
20.0
ghci> let isUpperAlphanum = (`elem` ['A'..'Z'])
ghci> :t isUpperAlphanum
isUpperAlphanum :: Char -> Bool
ghci> isUpperAlphanum 'k'
False
ghci> isUpperAlphanum 'K'
True
ghci>
```





In Haskell, function can take other functions as parameter, and as we have seen, they can also return functions as return value.

applyTwice ::
$$(a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$$

applyTwice f x = f (f x)

-> is naturally right-associative. Therefore, here parentheses are mandatory as $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$ is interpreted by Haskell as $a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a))$.





```
ghci> applyTwice (+3) 10
16
ghci> (+3) ((+3) 10)
16
ghci> applyTwice (++ " HAHA") "HEY"
"HEY HAHA HAHA"
ghci> applyTwice ("HAHA " ++) "HEY"
"НАНА НАНА НЕУ"
ghci> let multThree x y z = x * y * z
       in applyTwice (multThree 2 2) 9
144
ghci> applyTwice (1:) [2]
[1,1,2]
ghci>
```





First-class and higher-order functions



FIRST-CLASS FUNCTIONS







Implementing zipWith

zipWith takes a function and two lists as parameters, and then joins the two lists by applying the function between corresponding elements (it's in the standard library).

```
zipWith' :: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c]
zipWith' _ [] _ = []
zipWith' _ [] = []
zipWith' f (x:xs) (y:ys) = f x y : zipWith' f xs ys
```





Implementing zipWith

```
ghci> :t zipWith'
zipWith' :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [b] \rightarrow [c]
ghci> zipWith' (+) [1,2,3] [11,12,13]
[12, 14, 16]
ghci> zipWith' max [1,12,3] [11,2,13]
[11, 12, 13]
ghci> zipWith' (++) ["foo","bar"] ["fighther","hoppers"]
["foofighther", "barhoppers"]
ghci> zipWith' (*) (replicate 5 2) [1..]
[2,4,6,8,10]
ghci> zipWith' (zipWith' (*)) [[1,2],[3,4]] [[5,6],[7,8]]
[[5,12],[21,32]]
ghci>
```

Implementing flip

flip takes a function and returns a function that is like our original function, but with the first two arguments flipped (it's in the standard library).

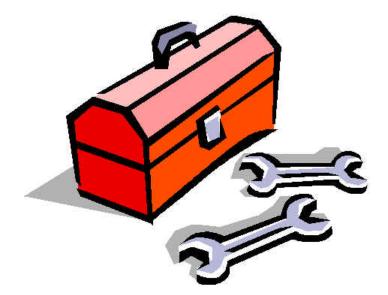
Recall that the arrow \rightarrow is right-associative, and hence (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow b \rightarrow a \rightarrow c is the same as (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a \rightarrow c).



Implementing flip

```
ghci> zip [1..5] "hello"
[(1,'h'),(2,'e'),(3,'l'),(4,'l'),(5,'o')]
ghci> flip' zip [1..5] "hello"
[('h',1),('e',2),('l',3),('l',4),('o',5)]
ghci> zipWith div [2,2..] [10,8,6,4,2]
[0,0,0,0,1]
ghci> zipWith (flip' div) [2,2..] [10,8,6,4,2]
[5,4,3,2,1]
ghci>
```









The map function

The map function takes a function and a list, and applies that function to every element in the list, producing a new list.

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map _ [] = []
map f (x:xs) = f x : map f xs
```

map is a versatile higher-order function that can be used in many different ways





The map function

```
ghci> map (+1) [1,2,3,4,5]
[2,3,4,5,6]
ghci> map (++ "!") ["BIFF", "BANG", "POW"]
["BIFF!", "BANG!", "POW!"]
ghci> map (replicate 3) [1,2,3]
[[1,1,1],[2,2,2],[3,3,3]]
ghci> map (map (^2)) [[1,2],[3,4]]
[[1,4],[9,16]]
ghci> map fst [(1,2),(3,4),(5,6)]
[1,3,5]
ghci > map snd [(1,2),(3,4),(5,6)]
[2,4,6]
ghci>
```



The filter function

The filter function takes a predicate and a list, and returns the list of elements that satify the predicate

If p x evaluates to True, the element is included in the new list. If it doesn't evaluate to True, it isn't included in the new list.





The filter function

```
ghci> filter (> 3) [1,2,3,4,5,1,2,3,4,5]
[4,5,4,5]
ghci> filter (== 3) [1,2,3,4,5,1,2,3,4,5]
[3.3]
ghci> filter (< 3) [1,2,3,4,5,1,2,3,4,5]
[1,2,1,2]
ghci> filter even [1,2,3,4,5,1,2,3,4,5]
[2,4,2,4]
ghci> filter (`elem` ['a'...'z']) "I 10vE hAsKeLl"
"lvhsel"
ghci> filter (`elem` ['A'..'Z']) "I 10vE hAsKeLl"
"IOEAKL"
ghci>
```



The filter function

The filter equivalent of applying several predicates in a list comprehension is either filtering something several times or joining predicates with the logical && function.

```
ghci> filter (< 15) (filter even [1..20])
[2,4,6,8,10,12,14]
ghci> let p x = x < 15 && even x in filter p [1..20]
[2,4,6,8,10,12,14]
ghci> filter (\x -> x < 15 && even x) [1..20]
[2,4,6,8,10,12,14]
ghci> [x | x <- [1..20], x < 15, even x]
[2,4,6,8,10,12,14]
ghci>
```





The filter function

```
quicksort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
quicksort [] = []
quicksort (x:xs) =
   let smallerOrEqual = filter (<= x) xs
        larger = filter (> x) xs
   in quicksort smallerOrEqual ++ [x] ++ quicksort larger
```





More examples of map and filter

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```
largestDivisible :: Integer
largestDivisible = head (filter p [100000,99999..])
   where p x = x `mod` 3829 == 0
```





More examples of map and filter

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More examples of map and filter

A *Collatz* sequence is defined as follows:

- Start with any natural number.
- If the number is 1, stop.
- If the number is even, divide it by 2.
- If the number is odd, multiply it by 3 and add 1.
- Repeat the algorithm with the resulting number.

Mathematicians theorize that for all starting number, the chain will finish at the number 1.





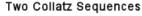
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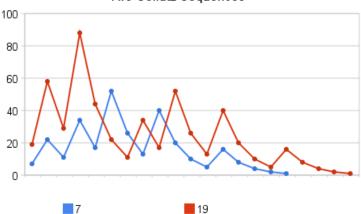
$$F(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n\%2 = 0\\ 3n + 1 & \text{if } n\%2 = 1 \end{cases}$$





More examples of map and filter









More examples of map and filter

```
collatz :: Integer -> [Integer]
collatz 1 = \lceil 1 \rceil
collatz n
    even n = n : collatz (n 'div' 2)
      odd n = n : collatz (n*3 + 1)
ghci> collatz 10
[10,5,16,8,4,2,1]
ghci> collatz 20
[20,10,5,16,8,4,2,1]
ghci> length $ collatz 100
26
ghci> length $ collatz 1000
112
ghci>
```

Mapping functions with Multiple Parameters

```
ghci> let listOfFuns = map (*) [0..]
ghci> :t listOfFuns
listOfFuns :: (Num a, Enum a) => [a -> a]
ghci> (listOfFuns !! 0) 5
ghci> (listOfFuns !! 1) 5
ghci> (listOfFuns !! 2) 5
10
ghci> (listOfFuns !! 3) 5
15
ghci> (listOfFuns !! 4) 5
20
ghci>
```









Lambdas are anonymous fucntions that we use when we need a function only once.

Normally, we make a lambda with the sole purpose of passing it to a higer-order function.

To declare a lambda, we write \setminus (because it kind of looks like the Greek letterlambda (λ) if you squint hard enough), and then we write the function's parameters, separated by spaces.

After that comes a ->, and then the function body.

If a lambda match fails in a lambda, a runtime error occurs, so be careful!





```
ghci> map (+3) [1..5]
[4,5,6,7,8]
ghci> map (\x -> x + 3) [1..5]
[4.5,6,7,8]
ghci> zipWith (+) [1..5] [101..105]
[102,104,106,108,110]
ghci> zipWith (x y -> x + y) [1..5] [101..105]
[102,104,106,108,110]
ghci> map (\(x,y) -> x + y) [(1,2),(3,4),(5,6)]
[3,7,11]
ghci>
```









Lambdas

The following functions are equivalent:

```
addThree :: Int -> Int -> Int
addThree x y z = x + y + z
addThree' :: Int -> Int -> Int -> Int
addThree' = \x -> \y -> \z -> \x + \y + \z
```

In the second example, the lambdas are not surroounded with parentheses. When you write a lambda without parentheses, it assumes that everything to the right of the arrow -> belongs to it.





Lambdas

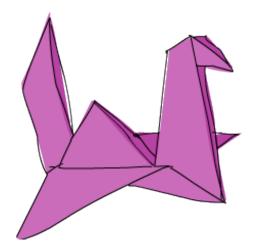
The following functions are equivalent:

```
flip' :: (a -> b -> c) -> b -> a -> c
flip' f x y = f y x
flip'' :: (a -> b -> c) -> b -> a -> c
flip'' f = \langle x y - \rangle f y x
```

In the second example, our new notation makes it obvious that this will often be used for producing a new function.









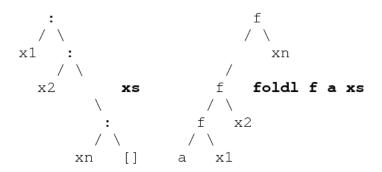


- Folds can be used to implement any function where you traverse a list once, element by element, and then return something based on that.
- A fold takes a binary function (one that takes two parameters, such as + or div), a starting value (often called the accumulator), and a list to fold up.
- Lists can folded up from the left or from the right.
- The fold function calls the given binary function, using the accumulator and the first (or last) element of the list as parameters. The resulting value is the new accumulator.
- The accumulator value (and hence the result) of a fold can be of any type.





Left fold with foldl







Lambdas







Left fold with fold1

```
sum' :: (Num a) => [a] -> a
sum' xs = foldl (\acc x -> acc + x) 0 xs

ghci> sum' []
0
ghci> sum' [3,5,2,1]
11
ghci>
```





Left fold with fold1







Left fold with fold1

The lambda function $\acc x \rightarrow acc + x$ is the same as (+)

```
sum'' :: (Num a) => [a] -> a
sum'' = foldl (+) 0

ghci> sum'' []
0
ghci> sum'' [3,5,2,1]
11
```

ghci>





A quick parenthesis

 η -reduction

- An eta conversion (also written η-conversion) is adding or dropping of abstraction over a function.
- For example, the following two values are equivalent under η-conversion: \x -> abs x and abs.
- Converting from the first to the second would constitute an η -reduction, and moving from the second to the first would be an η -abstraction.
- The term η-conversion can refer to the process in either direction.
- Extensive use of η -reduction can lead to **Pointfree** programming.





A quick parenthesis

 η -reduction

Therefore

```
sum'' :: (Num a) => [a] -> a
sum'' xs = foldl (+) 0 xs
```

is usually rewritten as:

```
sum'' :: (Num a) => [a] -> a
sum'' = foldl (+) 0
```





Left fold with fold1

```
elem' :: (Eq a) \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow [a] \Rightarrow Bool
elem' y ys = foldl (\acc x \Rightarrow if x \Rightarrow y then True else acc
False ys
```

```
Prelude> elem' 'a' ['a'..'l']
True
Prelude> elem' 'm' ['a'..'l']
False
Prelude> elem' (3, 9) [(i, i^2) | i <- [1..100]]
True
Prelude> elem' (4, 17) [(i, i^2) | i <- [1..100]]
False
Prelude>
```





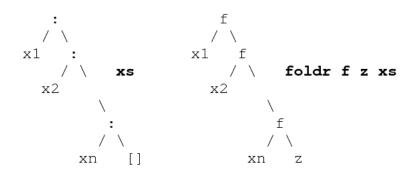
Right fold with foldr

- The right fold function **foldr** is similar to the left fold, except that the accumulator eats up the values from the right.
- Also, the order of the parameters in the right fold's binary function is reversed: The current list value is the right parameter and the accumulator is the second.





Right fold with foldr







Right fold with foldr

```
map' :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map' f xs = foldr (\x acc -> f x : acc) [] xs

ghci> map' (+ 10) []
[]
ghci> map' (+ 10) [1..5]
[11,12,13,14,15]
ghci>
```



Right fold with foldr

```
map' :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map' f = foldr (\x acc -> f x : acc) []

map'' :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map'' f = foldl (\acc x -> acc ++ [f x]) []
```

Notice that the ++ function is much slower than :, so we usually use right fold when we are building up new lists from lists.





Right fold with foldr

The elem function checks chether a value is part of a list.

```
ghci> :t elem'
elem' :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> Bool
ghci> 5 `elem` [10..20]
False
ghci> 15 `elem` [10..20]
True
ghci>
```



The fold11 and foldr1 functions

- The fold11 and foldr1 functions work much like fold1 and foldr, except that you don't need to provide them with an explicit starting accumulator.
- The foldl1 and foldr1 functions assume the first (or last) element of the list to be the starting accumulator, and then start the fold with the next element next to it.





The fold11 and foldr1 functions

```
ghci> :t foldl1
foldl1 :: (a -> a -> a) -> [a] -> a
ghci> :t foldr1
foldr1 :: (a -> a -> a) -> [a] -> a
ghci>
```



The fold11 and foldr1 functions

```
minimum' :: (Ord a) \Rightarrow [a] \rightarrow a
minimum' = foldl1 min
maximum' :: (Ord a) \Rightarrow [a] \rightarrow a
maximum' = foldl1 max
ghci> :t minimum'
minimum' :: Ord a => [a] -> a
ghci> minimum' []
*** Exception: Prelude.foldl1: empty list
ghci> minimum' [1]
ghci> minimum' $ [10..20] ++ [1..10]
ghci>
```

Some fold examples

```
reverse' :: [a] -> [a]
 reverse' = foldl (\acc x -> x : acc)
 reverse'' :: [a] -> [a]
 reverse'' = foldl (flip (:)) []
  Main> reverse' []
  Г٦
  ghci> reverse' [1..5]
  [5,4,3,2,1]
  ghci> reverse'' []
  ghci> reverse'' [1..5]
  [5,4,3,2,1]
ghci>
```



Some fold examples

length' :: Num b => [a] -> b
length' = foldr (_ -> (+1)) 0



Folding infinite lists

```
and' :: [Bool] -> Bool
and' = foldr (&&) True

ghci> and' (repeat False)
False
ghci>
```



foldl versus foldr behavior with infinite lists

How folds differ seems to be a frequent source of confusion, so here's a more general overview:

Consider folding a list of n values [x1, x2, x3, x4 ... xn] with some function f and seed z.





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foldl is:

- Left associative:
 - f (... (f (f (f x x1) x2) x3) x4) ...) xn.
- **Tail recursive**: It iterates through the list, producing the value afterwards.
- Lazy: Nothing is evaluated until the result is needed.
- Backwards: foldl (flip (:)) [] reverses a list.





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foldr is:

• Right associative:

```
f x1 (f x2 (f x3 (f x4 ...(f xn z) ...))).
```

- Recursive into an argument: Each iteration applies f to the next value and the result of folding the rest of the list.
- Lazy: Nothing is evaluated until the result is needed.
- Forwards: foldr (:) [] returns a list unchanged.





- The scan1 and scanr functions are like fold1 and foldr, except they report all the intermediate accumulator states in the form of a list.
- The scanl1 and scanr1 functions are analogous to foldl1 and foldr1.





```
ghci> scanl (+) 0 [1,2,3,4]
[0,1,3,6,10]
ghci> scanr (+) 0 [1,2,3,4]
[10,9,7,4,0]
ghci> scanl1 (\acc x -> if x > acc then x else acc) [1..5]
[1,2,3,4,5]
ghci> scanl1 max [1..5]
[1,2,3,4,5]
ghci> scanl (flip (:)) [] [3,2,1]
[1],[3],[2,3],[1,2,3]]
ghci>
```



Function application with \$

The function application operator \$ is defined as follows:







I fold you so
Function application with \$







Function application with \$

What is this useless function? It is just function application! Well, that is almost true, but not quite.

Whereas normal function application (putting a space between two things) has a really high precedence, the \$ function has the lowest precedence.

Function application with a space is left-associative (so f a b c is the same as (((f a) b) c)), while function application with \$ is right-associative.





Function application with \$

```
ghci> sum (filter (> 10) (map (*2) [2..10]))
80
ghci> sum $ filter (> 10) (map (*2) [2..10])
80
ghci> sum $ filter (> 10) $ map (*2) [2..10]
80
ghci>
```





Function application with \$

Apart of getting rid of parentheses, \$ let us treat function application like just another function.

```
ghci> :t (4+)
(4+) :: Num a => a -> a
ghci> :t (^2)
(^2) :: Num a => a -> a
ghci> :t sqrt
sqrt :: Floating a => a -> a
ghci> :t [(4+),(^2),sqrt]
[(4+),(^2),sqrt] :: Floating a => [a -> a]
ghci> map ($ 3) [(4+),(^2),sqrt]
[7.0,9.0,1.7320508075688772]
ghci>
```

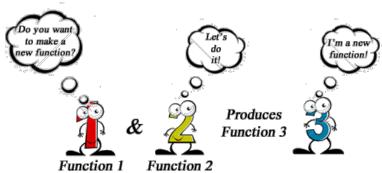




In mathematics, function composition is defined as follows:

$$(f\circ g)(x)=f(g(x))$$

Composed Functions







In Haskell, function composition is pretty much the same thing.

We do function composition with the . function:

(.) ::
$$(b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)$$

f. $g = \x \rightarrow f (g x)$





```
ghci> :t negate
negate :: Num a => a -> a
ghci> :t abs
abs :: Num a => a -> a
ghci> map (\x -> negate(abs x)) [1,-2,3,-4,5,-6]
[-1,-2,-3,-4,-5,-6]
ghci> map (negate . abs) [1,-2,3,-4,5,-6]
[-1,-2,-3,-4,-5,-6]
ghci>
```





```
ghci> map (\xs -> negate (sum (tail xs))) [[1..5],[3..6]]
[-14,-15]
ghci> map (negate . sum . tail) [[1..5],[3..6]]
[-14,-15]
ghci>
```

negate . sum . tail is a function that takes a list, applies the
tail function to it, then applies the sum function to the result,
and finally applies negate to the previous result.





Function Composition with Multiple Parameters

But what about functions that take several parameters?

Well, if we want to use them in function composition, we usually must partially apply them so that each function takes just one parameter.

```
ghci> sum (replicate 5 (max 6.7 8.9))
  44.5
  ghci> (sum . replicate 5) (max 6.7 8.9)
  44.5
  ghci> sum . replicate 5 $ max 6.7 8.9
  44.5
  ghci> replicate 2 (product (map (*3) (zipWith max [1,2] [4,5]))
   [180, 180]
  ghci> replicate 2 . product . map (*3) $ zipWith max [1,2] [4,5]
   [180, 180]
ghci>
```



Point-Free Style

Another common use of function compisition is defining function in the *point-free style*.

```
f :: (RealFrac a, Integral b, Floating a) => a -> b
f x = ceiling (negate (tan (cos (max 50 x))))

f' :: (RealFrac a, Integral b, Floating a) => a -> b
f' = ceiling . negate . tan . cos . max 50
```





Point-Free Style

```
oddSquareSum :: Integer
oddSquareSum' :: Integer
oddSquareSum' :: Integer
oddSquareSum' = sum . takeWhile (<10000) . filter odd . map (^2) $ [1..]

oddSquareSum'' = sum . takeWhile (<10000) . filter odd . map (^2) $ [1..]

oddSquareSum'' =
  let oddSquares = filter odd $ map (^2) [1..]
       belowLimit = takeWhile (<10000) oddSquares
  in sum belowLimit</pre>
```

