

FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING



ELIXIR

- Dynamically typed, functional language
- Runs on Erlang VM *BEAM*
- Interoperable with Erlang

LAMBDA CALCULUS

Function:

$$\lambda x. x$$

Application:

$$(\lambda x. x)y$$

Evaluation:

$$(\lambda x. x)y = [y/x]x = y$$

WARM UP

```
func add(x, y int) int {  
    return x + y  
}
```



```
func eval(fun func(int, int) int, x, y int) int {  
    return fun(x, y)  
}
```

```
eval(add, 5, 10) // --> 15
```

WARM UP

```
defmodule Calc do
  def add(x, y), do: x + y
  def eval(fun, x, y), do: fun.(x, y)
end

Calc.eval(&Calc.add/2, 5, 10) # --> 15
```



```
add = fn(x, y) -> x + y end
eval = fn(fun, x, y) -> fun.(x, y)
eval.(add, 5, 10) # --> 15
```



PARAMETRIC POLYMORPHISM

```
id :: a -> a  
id x = x
```



TYPE SYSTEMS

```
func id(x interface{}) interface{} {  
    return x  
}
```

```
id(10).(int)  
id(true).(int)
```



TYPE SYSTEMS

```
//just for improved readability
type any interface{}
type function func(any) any

func compose(g, f function) function {
    return func(x any) any {
        return g(f(x))
    }
}

func pow2(x any) any {
    return x.(int) * x.(int)
}

func sqrt(x any) any {
```



TYPE SYSTEMS

```
hype = "Elixir is awesome"  
awesomeness = 42  
hype + awesomeness # This is an error
```



```
id = fn a -> a end  
id.("some") #--> "some"
```



TYPE SYSTEMS

```
compose = fn(g, f) ->
            fn(arg) -> g.(f.(arg)) end
        end
pow2 = fn(x) -> x * x end
sqrt = fn(x) -> :math.sqrt(x) end

same = compose.(sqrt, pow2)
same.(10) #--> 10.0
```



IMMUTABILITY

- immutable by default
- labels instead of variables
- rebinding and shadowing of labels



IMMUTABILITY

- keyword const
- manual cloning
- call-by-value



IMMUTABILITY

```
package rational

type Rational struct {
    numerator    int
    denominator  int
}

func NewRational(numerator int, denominator int) Rational {
    //creates a new Rational number
}

func (x Rational) Multiply(y Rational) Rational {
    return NewRational(x.numerator*y.numerator, x.denominator*y.d
```



PURITY

#1 The function depends on its arguments only and is idempotent. This also excludes mutable references and things such as I/O streams.

#2 The function has no side effects, which means the evaluation does not involve any mutation. Note, this also applies to effects appearing to the outer world like I/O.

FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMER'S TOOLBOX

```
defmodule Length do
  def of([]), do: 0
  def of([_ | tail]), do: 1 + of(tail)
end
```



FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMER'S TOOLBOX

```
def empty_map?(map) when map_size(map) == 0, do: true  
def empty_map?(map) when is_map(map), do: false
```



FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMER'S TOOLBOX

```
String.split(String.toUpperCase("No pipe sucks"))  
#-->["NO", "PIPE", "SUCKS"]  
  
"Pipe rocks" |> String.toUpperCase() |> String.split()  
#-->["PIPE", "ROCKS"]
```



STANDARD LIBRARY

I wanted to see how hard it was to implement this sort of thing in Go, with as nice an API as I could manage. It wasn't hard. Having written it a couple of years ago, I haven't had occasion to use it once. Instead, I just use "for" loops. You shouldn't use it either.

STANDARD LIBRARY

```
range = [1, 2, 3, 4]
range  |> Enum.map(fn x -> x * 2 end) #--> [2, 4, 6, 8]
       |> Enum.reduce(fn x, acc -> x + acc end) #--> 20
```



PERFORMANCE

$$f_n = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ 1 & n = 1 \\ f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & n > 2 \end{cases}$$

```
def fibonacci(0), do: 0
def fibonacci(1), do: 1
def fibonacci(n), do: fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)
```



PERFORMANCE

```
def fibonacci(n), do: pfib(n, 1, 0)
defp pfib(0, _, result), do: result
defp pfib(n, next, result), do: pfib(n-1, next+result, next)
```



CONCLUSION

