

Functional Programming Style.

- Scala influence @ Distributed Computing
- Map → Shuffle → Reduce



Functional Programming

Procedural / Imperative Programming

if x is in range $(1, x)$:

do something()



⚠ Not suitable for distributed programming

① Comes from algebra (math)

$$f(x) = x + 3$$
$$f(5) = 8$$



Functions have a single output!

② Output of a function just depends on input

↳ "Stateless functions"



Data state changing avoided

→ Concepts: ① First class and higher order functions:

Functions that can take (as argument) or return other functions

② Pure Functions: have no side-effects (in memory or I/O)

- if the result of a pure expression is not used, it can be removed safely
- if a pure function is called with arguments with no side effects, the results will be constant → possible cached = "memoization"
- if there is no data dependency between two functions, their orders can be reversed or run in parallel
- The language does not allow side-effects → compiler can reorder expressions to improve efficiency.

③ Recursion: iteration can usually be achieved by recursion

④ Strict vs non-strict evaluation: strict (eager) evaluation non-strict (lazy) evaluation

⑤ Type systems

⑥ Referential Transparency

$x = x + 10$

`int plusOne(int x) { return x + 1; }` → REF. TRANSPARENCY

↗ NO REFERENTIAL TRANSPARENCY

⑦ Data Structures different implementation as an "immutable" container.

Example Functional Programming

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
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const result = numbers.filter((number, x) => x % 2 === 0).reduce((number a, b) => a + b * 10)
```

Pure Functions Analogy:

Functions should be "encapsulated", just affecting things in their scope.

Not affecting input values (no modification)

↳ Making a copy of its input data

The Spark DAG:

Idea → If we were to copy data each time before it is passed to a function → Rapidly run out of memory!!



Lazy Evaluation: Before executing, Spark constructs a "DAG" (Directed Acyclic Graph)

of calculations to be held → Check if it can wait till the moment to get the data