Higher Order Programming: Folds

Concepts of Programming Languages
Lecture 8

CAS CS 320

Outline

» Look at one more common HOF in detail: **fold_left** (and **fold_right**)

» Look at HOFs on data types other than lists

Practice Problem

Implement the function

```
val smallest_prime_factor : int -> int
```

so that **smallest_prime_factor n** is the smallest prime factor of **n** if **n > 1**

Use this to define the predicate **p** such that **List.filter p l** returns the elements of **l** which are the product of two distinct primes

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Folds

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fold	combine elements via an accumulation function

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let sum l =
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We get a one-liner for **sum** (and a whole lot of other functions)

Folds are very nice for "iterating" over a list

The Picture

```
1 :: (2 :: (3 :: (4 :: (5 :: (6 :: (7 :: [])))))))
```

$$\downarrow \quad \texttt{sum = fold\_right (+) l 0}$$

```
1 +  (2 +  (3 +  (4 +  (5 +  (6 +  (7 +  0 )))))))
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$\downarrow$ `prod = fold_right (*) l 1`

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[1] :: ([2] :: ([3] :: ([4] :: ([5] :: ([6] :: ([7] :: [])))))))
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```
concat = fold_right (@) l []
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↓ `fold_right op l base`

```
op 1 (op 2 (op 3 (op 4 (op 5 (op 6 (op 7 base))))))
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Is this tail recursive?

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- On nonempty, recurse on the tail and apply **op** to the head and the result

Understanding Check

Write **filter** using **List.fold_right**

Write **append** (@) using **List.fold_right**

[1; 2; 3] @ [4; 5; 6] = [1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6]

1 :: 2 :: 3 :: [] $\qquad \boxed{4 :: 5 :: 6 :: []}$

$\Downarrow$

1 :: 2 :: 3 :: (4 :: 5 :: 6 :: [])

demo

(tail recursive fold attempt)

Tail-Recursive Fold Attempt

```
let fold_right_tr op l base =
  let rec go l acc =
    match l with
  | [] -> acc
  | x :: xs -> go xs (op acc x)
in go l base
```

Can you see what's wrong with this definition?

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$$a \square (b \square c) = (a \square b) \square c$$

for any $a, b, c \in A$

Example: Addition and multiplication are associative, whereas subtraction and division are not

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Tail-Recursive Fold Right

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let fold_right_tr op l base =
  List.fold_left
    (fun x y -> op y x)
    base
    (List.rev l)
```

We can write fold_right in terms of fold left by reversing the list and "reversing" the operation

Challenge: *Write a tail-recursive fold right without reversing the list*

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- Don't use folds for everything, but also don't use pattern matching for everything. *Think about the use case*

Understanding Check

(fun acc x ->
insert le x acc)
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-> 'a list

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let rec insert le v l =
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In terms of **fold_left** implement the function

val sort : ('a -> 'a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list

so that **sort le l** is the list **l** in sorted order according to **le**

let sort le l = List.fold_left [] l

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$\Downarrow$

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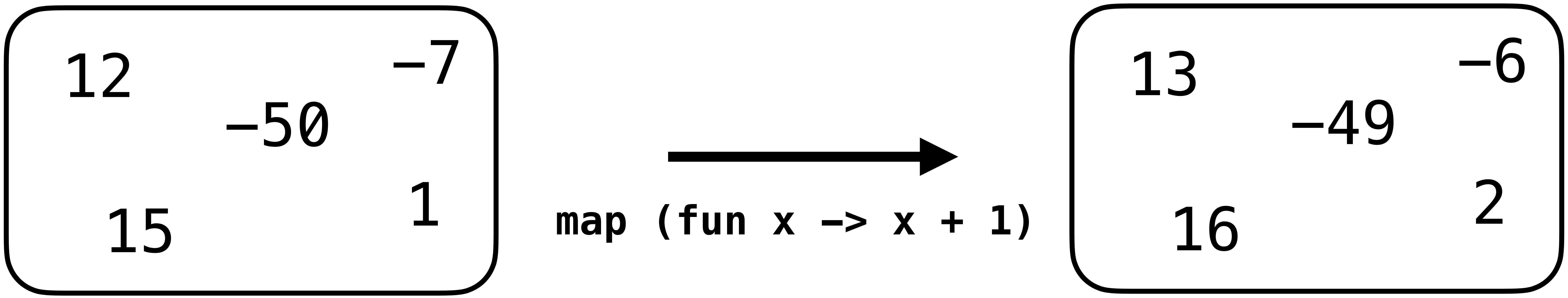
Beyond Lists

Mappable Data



A lot of data types hold uniform kinds of data which can then be mapped over

Formally, these are called **Functors**

Trees

```
type 'a tree =
  | Leaf
  | Node of 'a * 'a tree * 'a tree

let map f t =
  let rec go t =
    match t with
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    | Node (x, l, r) -> Node (f x, go l, go r)
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```

Mapping over a tree maintains the structure but recursively updates values with **f**

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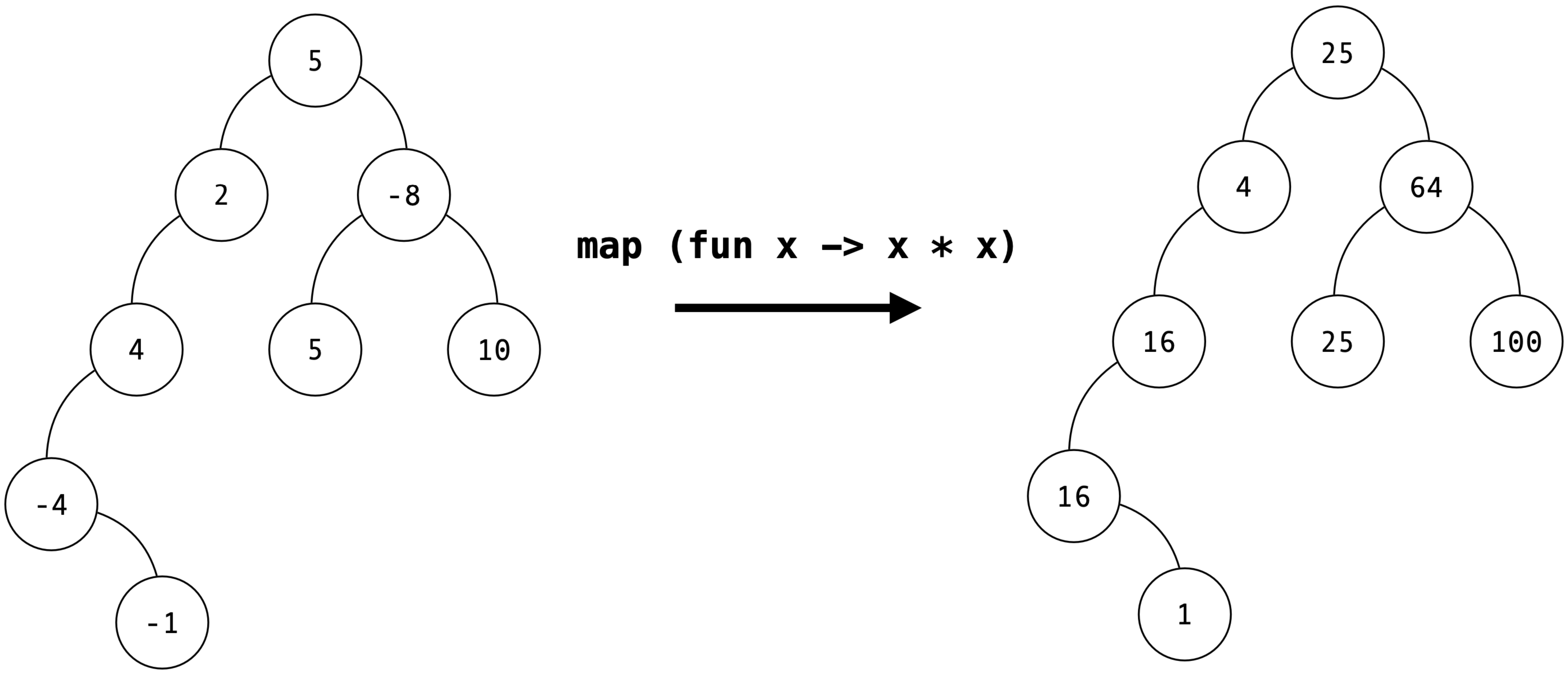

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demo

(option mapping)

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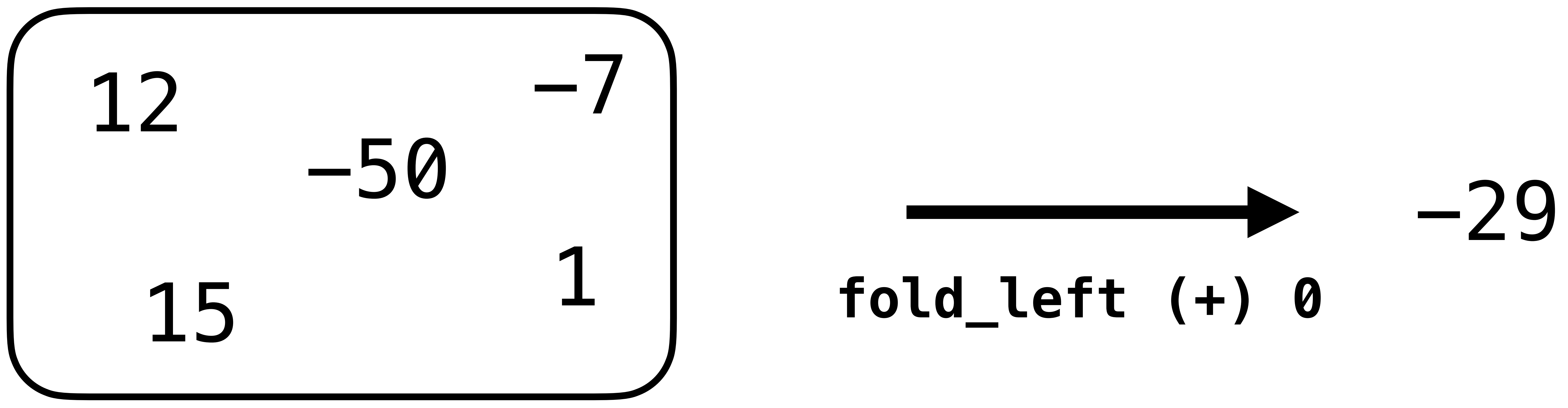

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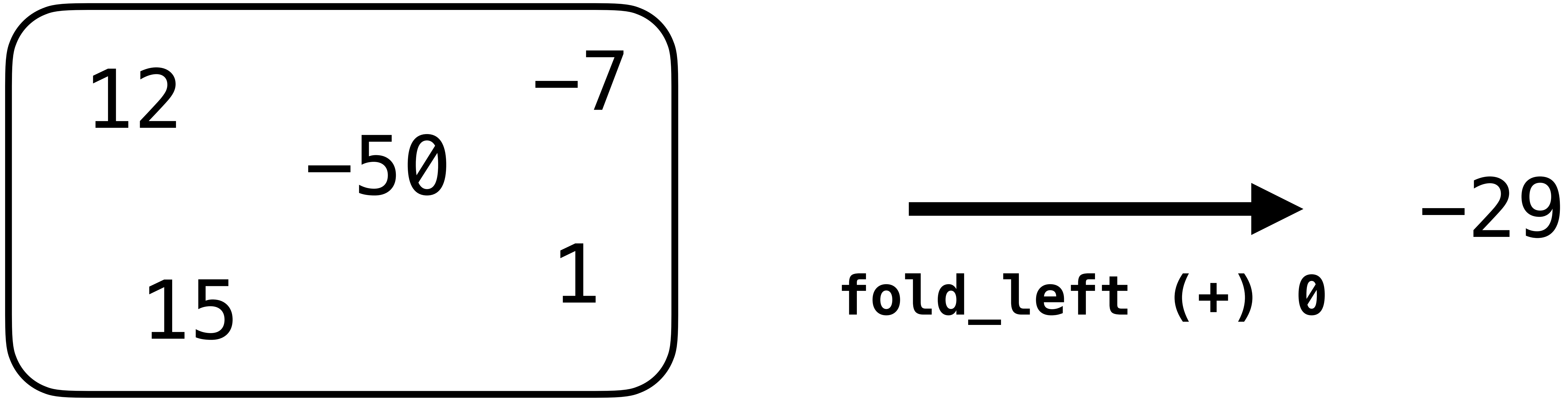

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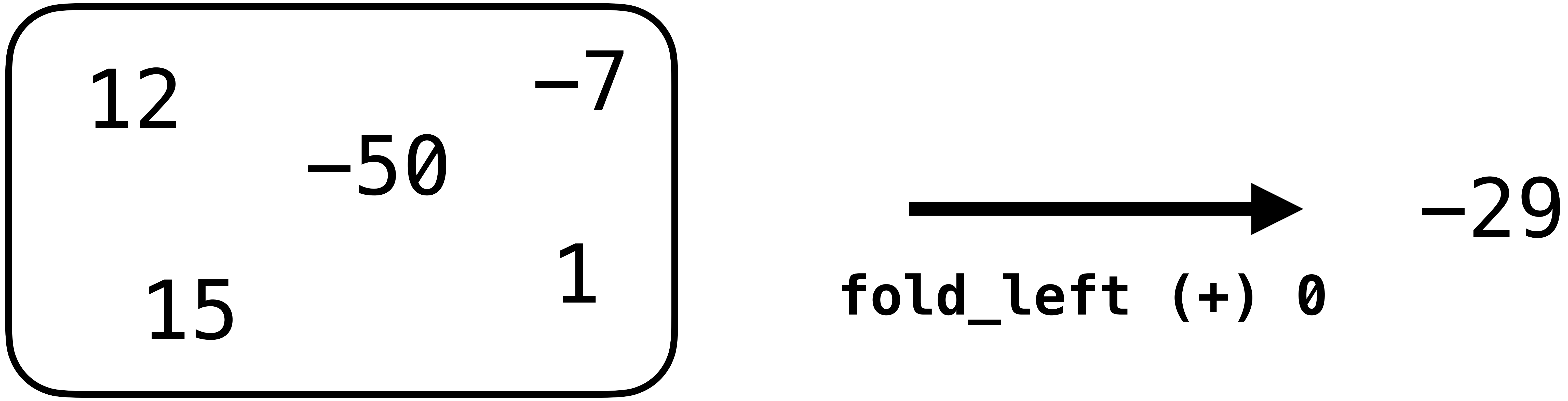

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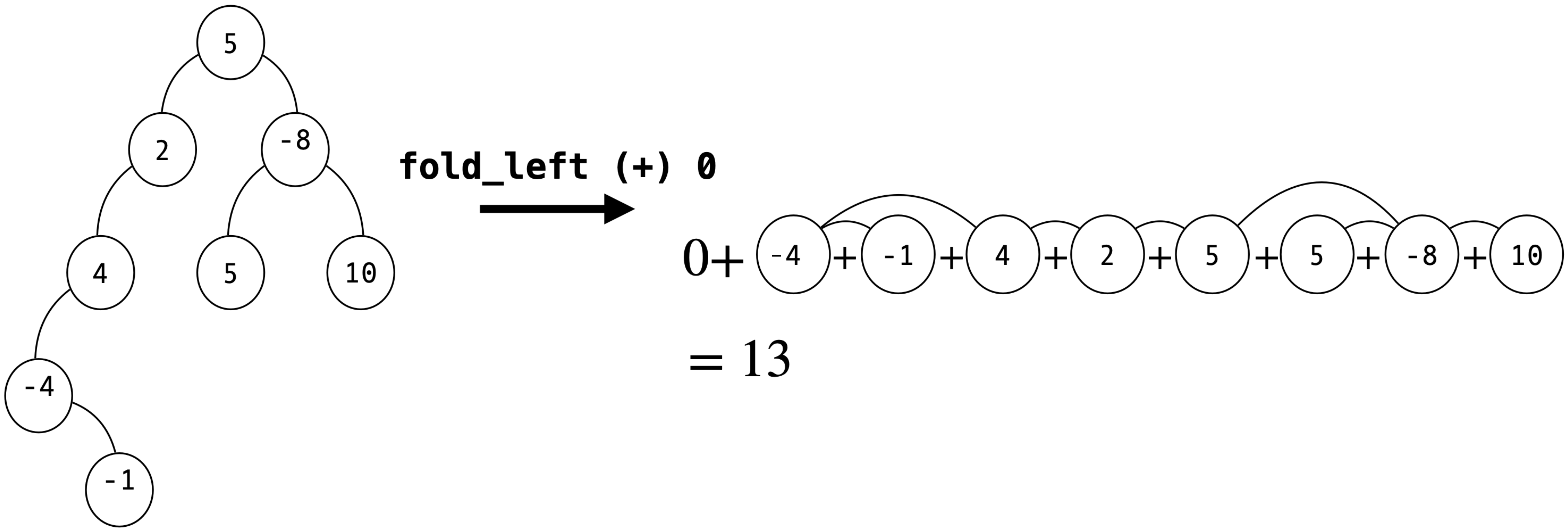

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Understanding Check

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Summary

Folds are used to **combine** data with an accumulation function

The order that we combine things matters if the accumulation function is not **associative**

We can map and fold (and even filter) more than just lists