

BCS-403. Introduction to Functional & Logic Programming

Unit-I.

- ① Distinctive features of functional prog. languages.
- ② Functional programming in imperative lang
- ③ Recursion
- ④ Tail recursion
- ⑤ Higher order functions, lazy evaluation
- ⑥ Types in functional programming
- ⑦ Mathematics of functional prog. lambda calculus

What is functional prog.?

- * paradigm where functions are treated as basic building block
- * focuses on what to solve not how to solve (imperative)

(now) Imperative: - "I see that table located under X sign is empty and my friend going to sit on it."

Declarative (what): - Table for two please

Imperative:

C, C++, Java

Declarative

HTML, SQL

both.

JavaScript, Python, C++

SQL:

SELECT * FROM Users where Country = 'Mexico'

HTML:

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Dec. prog. </h1>

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Javascript ex. # doubling every element

```
function double(arr) {
```

```
  let results = [];
```

```
  for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i++)
```

```
    { results.push(arr[i] * 2);
```

```
  }
```

```
  return results;
```

```
}
```

✓ above example: imperative example.

① How: explicitly iterating over an array then writing steps we want.

② in functional or declarative fashion this might not be quite obvious. In each example we are mutating some piece of states.

Declarative example:

↳ adv. 'what' focus on; can't mutate state; should be readable

```
function double(arr) {
```

```
  return arr.map((item) => item * 2);
```

```
}
```

⇒ all mutations are abstracted inside map function

Functional Program → a subset of declarative programming

⇒ Declarative prog. "the act of programming in languages that conform to mental model of the developer rather than operational model of the machine"

Distinctive features of functional programming languages

- ① * modelled on a concept of mathematical functions.
* It avoids changing state & mutable data.

Properties

① Pure function

- * Always return the same output for the same input, no side effects.

```
const square = (x) => x * x; // pure func.
```

// impure func

```
let counter = 0;
```

```
# function increment(value) {  
  counter += value; // modifies external state (side effect)  
  return counter;  
}
```

```
console.log(increment(1)); // output 1
```

```
// console.log(increment(1)); // output 2
```

② Immutability

- * Data can't be changed once created. Instead of modifying data new data structures are created.
* Adv. parallelism & hyper-threaded environment

Ex.

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3];
```

instead of mutating an array, create a new one

```
const doubled = numbers.map(n => n * 2);
```

```
console.log(doubled); // output: [2, 4, 6]
```

```
console.log(numbers); // output: [1, 2, 3] (original)
```

unchanged

③ First-Class & Higher-order function.

* functions as first-class citizens, they can be assigned to variable, passed as an argument, or returned from other functions.

* Higher order function take other functions as arguments or return them.

Higher order function

```
const square = (x) => x * x; // pure function
# Higher order function takes functions as an argument
const mapArray = (arr, fn) => arr.map(fn);
# immutability: create a new array, instead modifying original
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
const squareNumbers = mapArray(numbers, square);
// Higher order function
```

First class function.

④

① Assigned to variable:

```
const greet = function(name) {
  return "Hello, " + name + "!";
};
```

```
console.log(greet('Alice')); // Hello, Alice
```

② Passing as an argument:

```
function apply(x, y, operation) {
  return operation(x, y);
}
```

```
const add = (a, b) => a + b
```

```
console.log(apply(5, 3, add)); // output = 8
```

③ Returning & storing in data structure:

Javascript, Python, Haskell, LISP treat functions as first-class citizens whereas C, Java have more restrictive function handling, limiting their functional programming capabilities.

④ Referential Transparency → As many times a function appears in the code it can be replaced by same value when args are same.

⇒ algorithm `add(a, b)` // referential opaque
`int a, b;`
`read a, b;` → since read statement will take different values of a & b as it will produce different results
`return a + b;`

algorithm `add(a, b)`
`{`
`int a, b;`
`c = a + b;`
`return c;`
`}`

⑤ Avoid side Effects: If a function will produce different results

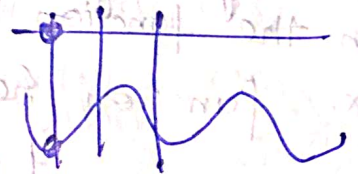
→ functions avoid modifying external state, making code more modular & predictable.

⑥ Recursion over loops.

: FP favours recursion over iteration: as loops rely on mutable state.

⑦ Function composition — combining single functions to build complex one.

⑧ Declarative over imperative. focuses on what instead of how



Functional Programming in imperative language

- * Fun (FP) focuses on writing code using pure func., immutability, avoiding side effects, while "imperative prog" relies on mutable state and sequential commands.
- * Many imperative languages like Python, C# or JavaScript supports functional programming techniques by incorporating functions like first-class functions, higher order functions etc.

Ex. Given a list of numbers, filter out odd numbers and square the remaining even numbers.

Imperative Approach (Python)

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
even_squares = []
for num in numbers:
    if num % 2 == 0:
        even_squares.append(num * num)
print(even_squares)
```

Functional approach (Python)

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
# filter even numbers and square them using map
even_squares = list(map(lambda x: x * x, filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, numbers)))
```

Recursion & tail recursion.

Recursion

* When a function calls itself to break a problem into smaller subproblems, with the function call typically occurring anywhere in the function body.

Ex. function `recsum(x)` {
 if ($x == 0$) {
 return 0;
 } else {
 return $x + \text{recsum}(x-1)$.
 }
}

tail recursion

* A special case of recursion where the recursive call is the last operation in the function.

```
function tailrecsum(x, run-total = 0) {  
    if ( $x == 0$ ) {  
        return run-total;  
    } else {  
        return tailrecsum(x-1, run-total + x);  
    }  
}
```


$\text{recsum}(5)$
 $5 + \text{recsum}(4)$
 $5 + (4 + \text{recsum}(3))$
 $5 + (4 + (3 + \text{recsum}(2)))$
 $5 + (4 + (3 + (2 + \text{recsum}(1))))$
 $5 + (4 + (3 + (2 + (1 + \text{recsum}(0)))))$
 $5 + (4 + (3 + (2 + (1 + 0))))$
 $5 + 4 + (3 + 3)$
 $5 + (4 + 6)$
 $5 + 10 = \underline{15}$

$\text{tailrecsum}(5, 0)$
 $\text{tailrecsum}(4, 5)$
 " (3, 9)
 " (2, 12)
 " (1, 14)
 " (0, 15)

15 Ans

→ adds a new stack frame per call

* recurs frame stack

Lazy Evaluation:

* in FP, Lazy evaluation is a technique where expressions are not evaluated until their results are needed.

Characteristics:

Delayed evaluation - expressions are evaluated only when their value is required.

Memoization : once evaluated, results may be cache for reuse

Examples: Haskell uses lazy evaluation by defaults :

$\text{nums} = [1..]$ -- infinite list

$\text{first10} = \text{take } 10 \text{ nums}$

-- output = $[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]$

⇒ Infinite list is not fully generated. Only the first 10 numbers are computed.

2 - Python - Generators

```

def numbers():
    n = 1
    while True:
        yield n
        n += 1

gen = numbers()
print(next(gen)) # 1
" " " " # 2
" " " " # 3

```

function doesn't generate all numbers at once, it produces them on demand.

⑧ Short-circuit Evaluation (Boolean Logic)

Most languages like C, Java, Python use lazy evaluation in logical operators.

```

x = 0
result = (x == 0) and (10/x > 1)
print(result) # false

```

the second condition $(10/x > 1)$ is not evaluated because the first $(x == 0)$ is already false.

Types in functional programming.

① Basic Types: Integers, floats, booleans, characters:

Haskell: $x :: \text{Int}$
 $x = 42$

$\text{is_True} :: \text{Bool}$

$\text{is_True} = \text{True}$

② Functions: functions are first class citizens in FP and have types that describe their s/p & o/p.

syntax: $a \rightarrow b$ means a function takes an s/p of type a and returns a type b

Haskell: $\text{add} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$
 $\text{add } x \ y = x + y$

$\text{add} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$ is a type signature of a function.

It takes: Int as first & second arg & returns an Int
→ arrow denote function types in haskell. The last type Int is the return types, and the types before $(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int})$ are the S/P parameters.

Usage:

```
main :: IO ()
main = print (add 3 5) -- outputs 8
> add 3 5
8
```

Records: Structured types with named fields, similar to structs in other languages. defines a record type ^{called Point}

Haskell: $\text{data Point} = \text{Point} \{ x :: \text{Double}, y :: \text{Double} \}$
 $\text{origin} :: \text{Point}$ -- creates a value origin of that type
 $\text{origin} = \text{Point } 0.0 \ 0.0$ # origin as a Point with values 0.0 0.0

Higher order function: $\text{map} :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [b]$
map takes function $(a \rightarrow b)$ and a list $[a]$, returns a list $[b]$

Lambda Calculus: a formal system for expressing computation via function abstraction and application.

Syntax: Symbols $(x, y) \rightarrow$ Variables

Abstraction: $\lambda x. M$ defines a function with parameter x and body M .

Application: (M, N) applies function M to argument N
→ Expressions are built using these constructs recursively.

Ex

$$f(x) = x + 1$$

An lambda calc. written as $\lambda x. x + 1$

If input 5 output would be 6] lambda function computes using 3 rules

① Alpha conversion

function $\lambda x. x$ returns the s/p and it is same as $\lambda y. y$

② Beta Reduction

~~Data ref~~ $(\lambda x. x + 2) 4$. β -reduction

replaces x with 4 in $x + 2$, so it becomes $4 + 2 = 6$.

③ Eta conversion, simplifying a function that just passes

its input to another func.

$\lambda x. f x$ (takes x and applies f to it)

$\lambda x. \text{square } x$

eg.

$\lambda x. x \bmod 2 = 0$ # to test numbers are even

Intro to Haskell

Module 2