

## 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)

(how) Imperative:- I see that table located under  $\lambda$  sign is empty  
I and my friend going to sit on it.

Declarative (what):- Table for two please

Imperative: C, C++, Java      Declarative: HTML, SQL      both: Java script, Python, C#

SQL: SELECT \* FROM users WHERE Country = 'Mexico'

HTML: <article>  
  <header>[...]</header>  
  <h1> Dec. prog. </h1>  
  <ul>[...]</ul>  
  <p>[...]</p>  
<header>[...]</header>  
<article>

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 state.

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 function
```

### ② Impure func

```
let counter = 0;
```

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

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

```
try {  
    console.log(increment(1)); // output 2  
} catch (e) {}
```

### ②

#### Immutability

- \* Data can't be changed once created. Instead of modifying data new data structures are created.

\* Advantages of 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]
```

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

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

map function will create a new array which will be unchanged

advantage: parallel execution without race conditions

## ⑤ 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 arguments
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);
```

## First class function.

### 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

In JavaScript, Python, Haskell, Lisp treat functions as first-class citizens whereas C, Java have more restrictive functional handling, limiting their functional programming capabilities.

#### ④ Referential Transparency → As many times a function appear 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  
return a+b

referentially opaque  
algorithm add(a,b) : // referential opaque  
 $\sum$  update  
 $c = a + b$   
return c;

since read statement will take different values of a,b as per reading of 3 read statements

⑤ Avoid side Effects: FP and it 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 simple 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**2)
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**2, 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 + 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);
    }
}
```

$\text{recum}(5)$   
 $5 + \text{recum}(4)$   
 $5 + (4 + \text{recum}(3))$   
 $5 + (4 + (3 + \text{recum}(2)))$   
 $5 + (4 + (3 + (2 + \text{recum}(1))))$   
 $5 + (4 + (3 + (2 + (1 + \text{recum}(0))))))$   
 $5 + (4 + (3 + (2 + (1 + 0))))$   
 $5 + 4 + (3 + 2 + 1 + 0)$

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

15 Ans

→ adds a new stack frame per call

\* requires 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 cached for reuse

Examples: Haskell uses lazy evaluation by default :

`nums = [1..]` -- infinite list

`first10 = take 10 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
print(" " " ") # 2
print(" " " ") # 3

```

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

### ⑤ Short-circuit evaluation (Boolean logic)

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

```

x = 0
result = (x1 == 0) and (10 / x > 1)
print(result) # False

```

the second condition ( $10/x > 1$ ) is not evaluated because, the first condition ( $x1 == 0$ ) 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 FPT and

have types that describe their S/P & O/P.

syntax:  $a \rightarrow b$  means a function take an S/P of type a and return a type b

Haskell:  $\text{add} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

$\text{add } x \ y = x + y$

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

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

Usage:

$\text{main :: IO ()}$  outputs B

$\text{main = print (add 3 5)}$

> add 3 5  
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Records: Structured types with named fields, similar to structs in other languages. defines a record type called Point

Haskell:  $\text{data Point} = \text{Point} \{ x :: \text{Double}, y :: \text{Double} \}$

origin :: Point -- creates a value origin of that type

origin = Point 0.0 0.0 # origin as a Point with values 0.0 0.0

Higher order function:  $\text{map :: } (\text{a} \rightarrow \text{b}) \rightarrow [\text{a}] \rightarrow [\text{b}]$

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 ( $x, y$ ) → 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 three constructs recursive.

Ex.

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

In lambda calc. written as  $\lambda x. x + 1$   
if input 5 output would be 6 ] Lambda function computes  
3 rules

① Alpha conversion: Function,  $\lambda x. x$  returns the s/p and it is same as  $\lambda y. y$

② Beta Reduction: ~~Beta red~~  $(\lambda x. x + 2) 4$ .  $\beta$ -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  $x$ )

$\lambda x. \text{square} x$  (the square function)

e.g.  $\lambda x. x \bmod 2 = 0$  with # to test numbers or even

Intro to Haskell Module 2

Haskell is a functional programming language with no side effects.  
It has type inference (type inference) without annotations.  
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Functional ref. to the idea of the function's behavior  
is deterministic. The methods of working with functions  
are called functions (functions).  
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