# Put CAML in high order

"Functionals" or "higher-order functions"

# 1 Higher-order?

## Exercise 1.1 (Try those examples)

```
# let succ = function x -> x + 1 ;;
# succ 5 ;;
# (function x -> x + 1) 5 ;;

# let times = function x -> function y -> x * y ;;
# let double = times 2 ;;
# double 15 ;;

# let double_fun f x = double (f x) ;;
# double_fun succ 2 ;;
# double_fun (function x -> x + 1) ;;
# let double_succ = double_fun succ ;;
# double_succ 2 ;;
```



### Exercise 1.2 (Sigma)

1. Write a function that computes the following sum (without multiplication...):

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} i$$

2. Write a function that computes the following sum of the squares:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} i^2$$

3. Higher order functions allow us to generalize the sum to any function. Write a function that, given any function f, computes:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} f(i)$$

#### Exercise 1.3 (Loop - Bonus)

- 1. Write the function loop that, when applied to a predicate p, a function f and an integer x, returns the value  $f^n(x)$  with n the lowest integer that satisfies  $p(f^n(x)) = true$ .
- 2. Use loop to define the function find\_power that, given two integers x and n, returns the first power of x greater than n.

# 2 The one where functions apply to lists' elements

Give, for each function, an example of application.

## **Iterators**

## Exercise 2.1 (map)

Write the function map that applies a given function f to all elements of a list and returns the list of results.

```
map f [a_1; \ldots; a_n] returns [f a_1; f a_2; \ldots; f a_n]
```

## Exercise 2.2 (iter)

Write the function iter that applies a given function f in turn to all elements of a list. iter  $f[a_1; \dots; a_n] \equiv f[a_1; f[a_2; \dots; f[a_n; ()$ 

## List scanning

predicate = boolean function that represents a property

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Exercise 2.3 (for_all)
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Write the function for\_all that checks if all elements of a list satisfy the given predicate p.

#### Exercise 2.4 (exists)

Write the function exists that checks if at least one element of a list l satisfies the given predicate p.

## List searching

#### Exercise 2.5 (find)

Modify the function exists in order to return the first element of the list that satisfies the predicate.

#### Exercise 2.6 (filter)

Write a function that returns the list of all the elements of a list that satisfy the given predicate p.

## Exercise 2.7 (partition)

Write a function that takes a predicate p and a list l as parameters. It returns a pair of lists  $(l_1, l_2)$ , where  $l_1$  is the list of all the elements of l that satisfy the predicate p, and  $l_2$  is the list of those that do not satisfy p.

#### On two lists

#### Exercise 2.8 (map2)

- 1. Write the Caml function map2 with the following specifications:
  - It takes a a two-argument function, f, and two lists,  $[a_1; a_2; \dots; a_n]$  and  $[b_1; b_2; \dots; b_n]$ , as parameters.
  - It returns the list:  $[f \ a_1 \ b_1 \ ; f \ a_2 \ b_2 \ ; \cdots \ ; f \ a_n \ b_n].$
  - It raises an exception if the two lists have different lengths.
- 2. Use the function map2 to define the function add\_list that "adds" two integer lists.

Example of result:

```
# add_list [1;2;3;4] [2;3;4;5] ;;
- : int list = [3; 5; 7; 9]

# add_list [1;2;3;4] [1;2;3] ;;
Exception: Invalid_argument "Different lengths".
```

3. Use the function map 2 to define the function combine that transforms two lists into a list of pairs: combine  $[a_1; \dots; a_n]$   $[b_1; b_2; \dots; b_n]$  is  $[(a_1, b_1); \dots; (a_n, b_n)]$ .

Example of result:

```
# combine [1;2;3;4] ['a';'b';'c';'d'];;
- : (int * char) list = [(1, 'a'); (2, 'b'); (3, 'c'); (4, 'd')]
```

#### Exercise 2.9 (find2 -C1 # 05/2021)

- 1. Write the Caml function find2 p 11 12 with the following specifications:
  - It takes a two-argument boolean function, p, and two lists,  $[a_1; a_2; \dots; a_n]$  and  $[b_1; b_2; \dots; b_n]$ , as parameters.
  - It returs the first pair of elements that verifies the predicate p: the first pair of elements  $(a_i, b_i)$  such that p  $a_i$   $b_i$  is true.
  - It raises an exception if no pair  $(a_i, b_i)$  such that p  $a_i$   $b_i$  is true has been found or if the two lists have different lengths.
- 2. Use the function find2 to write a function first\_shared 11 12 that returns the first element present in both lists at the same position.

## 3 Bonus

#### Exercise 3.1 (Recursive process)

Many recursive patterns (not tail-recursive) can be generalized by the following function:

```
# let rec process_list f init =
   function
   [] -> init
   | e :: l -> f e (process_list f init l);;
```

- In the case of an empty list, the function returns a base value: init
- In the case of a non empty list e::1, the result depends on e and on the process of the list 1.

The function process\_list can be used to calculate new functions, without recursivity. For instance, the function that returns the length of a list is defined by:

```
# let length l = process_list (function e -> function call -> 1 + call) 0 l ;;
val length : 'a list -> int = <fun>
```

- 1. (a) What is the type of process\_list?
  - (b) What does process\_list f init  $[e_1; ...; e_n]$  calculate?
- 2. Use the function process\_list to define, without recursivity, the following functions:
  - (a) sum calculates the sum of all elements of an integer list.
  - (b) concatenate takes a string list as parameter and returns a string, result of the concatenation of the list strings. Give some application examples of concatenate.
  - (c) append concatenates two lists.
  - (d) map calculates  $[f(e_1); ...; f(e_n)]$  when applied to f and  $[e_1; ...; e_n]$ .
  - (e) for\_all takes a boolean function p and a list as parameters. It checks whether all elements of the list satisfy p.
  - (f) **Bonus:** sum\_list takes a list containing real functions  $[f_1; ...; f_n]$  and returns the function  $f_1 + \cdots + f_n$ . Give examples of sum\_list applications. Give examples of the application of those results.

#### Exercise 3.2 (fold\_left)

Write the function fold\_left defined by:

```
# val fold_left : ('a -> 'b -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'b list -> 'a
fold_left f a [b1;...; bn] (* is *) (f a b1) b2)...) bn
```

