

4 Tuples

Key concept:

1. Tuple is a good data-structure for many things:
 - (a) To represents terms that goes together, e.g. 2-D coordinates, Year-Month, etc.
 - (b) For testing out ideas quickly. (use other data-structures after testing)
2. You can directly extract the content of a tuple, and use underscore “_” to ignore any part of the tuple that you don’t need.
3. `List.concat` is hidden inside some other useful functions.

4.1 Tuples

A 2D-coordinate may look like this:

```
1 let point1 = (1.0, 2.0)
2 let point2 = (3.0, 4.0)
```

Hover your mouse on top of these two objects. Notice that the signature is `float * float`. So these points have two coordinates, each of them are `float` or `double`

```
1 let DistanceFromOrigin point =
2   let (x,y) = point           // Data extraction process!
3   sqrt (x ** 2.0 + y ** 2.0)
4
5 let distance1 = DistanceFromOrigin point1
6 let distance2 = DistanceFromOrigin point2
```

Output:

```
1 // val distance1 : float = 2.236067977
2 // val distance2 : float = 5.0
```

Notice that we have an extraction process `let (x,y) = point` that helps us extract the contents of `point` (and save the contents into the variables `x,y`). In fact, we can directly do the extraction process in the function definition:

```
1 let DistanceFromOrigin2 (x,y) =
2   sqrt (x ** 2.0 + y ** 2.0)
```

Tuples of Different Type

We can mix tuples of different type (compared to list, which cannot contain elements of different types).

```
1 let mixedTuple1 = (1.0, "HELLO")
2 let mixedTuple2 = (1, "Hello", true)
```

If you hover your mouse on top of these, you will see that:

- The first tuple has signature `float * string`
- The second tuple has signature `int * string * bool`

As before, we can extract the contents of the tuple using `let`.

```
1 let (extractedDecimal, extractedString) = mixedTuple1
2 let (a,b,c) = mixedTuple2
```

Output:

```
1 // val extractedString : string = "HELLO"
2 // val extractedDecimal : float = 1.0
3
4 // val c : bool = true
5 // val b : string = "Hello"
6 // val a : int = 1
```

If you only want to extract part of a tuple, you can use the underline “`_`” to ignore any part of the tuple that you don’t need.

```
1 let personalInfo = ("John", 21, 170.0)
2
3 let (extractedName,_,_) = personalInfo
4 // val extractedName: string = "John"
```

Example

You are given data about the number of student in each class. The data is saved in a `List<string * int>`. e.g. in the first list, Class A has 50 students, Class B has 40 students, etc.

```
1 let studentList =
2   [("A",50); ("B", 40); ("C", 45); ("D", 48)]
3 let studentList2 =
4   [("A", 40); ("B", 30); ("C", 20); ("D", 25); ("E", 29);
5    ("F", 50)]
```

The following function helps to find the total number of students in those school:

```
1 let TotalStudent (studentList: List<string * int>) =
2   studentList
3   |> List.map (fun classInfo ->
4     let (_,numStudent) = classInfo
5     numStudent
6   )
7   |> List.sum
8
9 let totalStudent1 = TotalStudent studentList
```

Output:

```
1 // val totalStudent1 : int = 183
```

Of course, we can directly do the extraction process in the function definition:

```
1 let TotalStudentVersion2 (studentList: List<string * int>)
2   =
3   studentList
4   |> List.map (fun (_,numStudent) -> numStudent)
5   |> List.sum
6 let totalStudent2 = TotalStudentVersion2 studentList
```

Output:

```
1 // val totalStudent2 : int = 194
```

Exercise

You are given data about how each student score in a class. e.g. In this class, Ali scored 85.0 points, Baba scored 95.0 points, etc.

```
1 let classScore1 =  
2   [("Ali", 85.0); ("Baba", 95.0); ("Charlie", 87.0); ("  
   Dan", 92.0); ("Emily", 96.0); ("Fiona", 92.0)]
```

Write a function that accepts a list of names with their scores, and return the class average.

```
1 let ClassAverage (scores: List<string * double>) =  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9   // Implement your function here.  
10  // Hint: List.map and List.average
```

Example

A country currently wants to implement a new tax system:

- COMMON: 5% tax
- IMPORTS: 10% tax
- ALCOHOL: 20% tax

A supermarket wants currently saves the data in a `List<string * double * string>`, where the first `string` is the product, the `double` is the original price before tax, and the last `string` is the product code. e.g.

```
1 let productList1 =  
2   [("Bread", 2.40, "COMMON");  
3    ("Beer", 10.20, "ALCOHOL");  
4    ("Swiss Chocolate", 8.20, "IMPORTS");  
5    ("Rice", 20.50, "COMMON");  
6    ("Red Wine", 30.00, "ALCOHOL");  
7    ("Australian Beef", 18.50, "IMPORTS")]
```

The following code will help calculate the total price after tax:

```
1 let TotalAfterTax (productList: List<string * double *  
  string> ) =  
2   productList  
3   |> List.map (fun tuple ->  
4     let (_,priceBeforeTax,productType) = tuple  
5     // Data Extraction above!  
6  
7     if productType = "COMMON" then  
8       1.05 * priceBeforeTax  
9     else if productType = "ALCOHOL" then  
10      1.20 * priceBeforeTax  
11     else  
12      1.10 * priceBeforeTax  
13   )  
14   |> List.sum  
15  
16 let totalPrice = TotalAfterTax productList  
17 printfn "The final price after tax is: %.2f" totalPrice
```

Output:

```
1 The final price after tax is: 101.66
```

Again, we can move the extraction process into the function definition:

```
1 let TotalAfterTaxVersion2 (productList: List<string *  
  double * string> ) =  
2   productList  
3   |> List.map (fun (_,priceBeforeTax,productType) ->  
4     if productType = "COMMON" then  
5       1.05 * priceBeforeTax  
6     else if productType = "ALCOHOL" then  
7       1.20 * priceBeforeTax  
8     else  
9       1.10 * priceBeforeTax  
10  )  
11  |> List.sum
```

Notice that the values are extracted immediately after the `fun` keyword.

Exercise

A clothing store is planning to do a discount sale:

- CLEARANCE: 50% off.
- SHIRT: 30% off.
- JEANS: 20% off.

You are given a `List<string * double>` that represents an item's product code and their original price. e.g. the customer below bought a clearance item, two shirts and two jeans.

```
1 let listOfClothes =  
2   [ ("CLEARANCE", 70.0); ("SHIRT", 20.0); ("SHIRT", 40.0)  
   ; ("JEANS", 55.0); ("JEANS", 79.9)]
```

Write a function that takes a list of items and their original price, and return the total price after discount.

```
1 let TotalAfterDiscount (priceList: List<string * double>) =  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12   // Implement your function here.
```

The expected final price after discount is \$184.92

4.2 All Pairs

We have the `List.allPairs` function in F# 4.1. (If you are using an earlier version of F#, then you may need to implement the function yourself using other functions, see the next section of this guide).

```
1 let allPairs1 = List.allPairs [1;2;3] ["A";"B"]
```

Output:

```
1 // val allPairs1 : (int * string) list =  
2 // [(1, "A"); (1, "B");  
3 //   (2, "A"); (2, "B");  
4 //   (3, "A"); (3, "B")]
```

Example

Given two lists S_1 and S_2 , we want to find the sum of all products $a \times b$, where $a \in S_1, b \in S_2$.

```
1 let SumOfAllPairProducts list1 list2 =  
2     List.allPairs list1 list2  
3     |> List.map (fun (x,y) -> x * y)  
4     |> List.sum  
5  
6 let list1 = [1;2;3]  
7 let list2 = [5;6]  
8  
9 let result2 = SumOfAllPairProducts list1 list2  
10 // val result2 : int = 66
```

We can also verify mathematically:

$$\sum_{x \in S_1} \sum_{y \in S_2} x \cdot y = \sum_{x \in S_1} \left[x \cdot \left(\sum_{y \in S_2} y \right) \right] = \left(\sum_{y \in S_2} y \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{x \in S_1} x \right)$$
$$(1 + 2 + 3) \cdot (5 + 6) = 6 \times 11 = 66$$

Exercise (Euler Project Question 9)

<https://projecteuler.net/problem=9>

Find the only Pythagorean triplet a, b, c that satisfy:

$$a < b < c, \quad a + b + c = 1000, \quad a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

Hints:

For $1 \leq a \leq 1000, 1 \leq b \leq 1000$, let $c = 1000 - a - b$. Then select (a, b) such that:

$$c > 0 \quad a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

```
1 let FindPythagoreanTriple =  
2   List.allPairs [1 .. 1000] [1 .. 1000]  
3   // |> List.filter (fun (a,b) ->  
4   //       let c = .....  
5   //       .....)
```

Expected answer: $a = 200, b = 375$, and so $c = 1000 - 200 - 375 = 425$. And so $a \times b \times c = 31875000$.

You can submit your answer online for personal achievement/accomplishment.

Remark: The pipe-forward operator `|>` can only pipe forward one object/item. It cannot pipe-forward two items. And so, the following code will not work:

```
1 let FindPythagoreanTriple =  
2   [1 .. 1000] [1 .. 1000]  
3   |> List.allPairs    // Error! Cannot pipe two objects.  
4   |> List.filter (fun (a,b) ->  
5       let c = .....  
6       .....)
```


Exercise (Euler Project Question 4)

<https://projecteuler.net/problem=4>

A palindromic number reads the same from left-to-right or right-to-left.

The largest palindromic number made from the product of two 2-digit numbers is $9009 = 91 \times 99$.

Find the largest palindrome made from the product of two 3-digit numbers.

You can use the following `IsPalindrome` function that is already implemented for you. You do not need to re-implement it.

```
1 let ReverseString (xString: string) =  
2     new string (xString.ToCharArray() |> Array.rev)  
3  
4 let IsPalindrome (x:int) =  
5     let xString = x |> string  
6     (ReverseString xString) = xString  
7  
8 let palindromeResult1 = IsPalindrome 1234  
9 let palindromeResult2 = IsPalindrome 16761  
10 // val palindromeResult1 : bool = false  
11 // val palindromeResult2 : bool = true
```

Find the largest palindrome number which is a product of two 3-digit numbers $a \times b$, where $100 \leq a \leq 999$, and $100 \leq b \leq 999$

```
1 let findProductPalindrome =  
2     List.allPairs [100 .. 999] [100 .. 999]  
3     // |> List.map (fun (a,b) -> .....)  
4     // |> .....  
5  
6  
7  
8     failwith "NOT YET IMPLEMENTED!"
```

Expected answer: 906609

Again, you can submit your answer online for personal achievement/accomplishment.

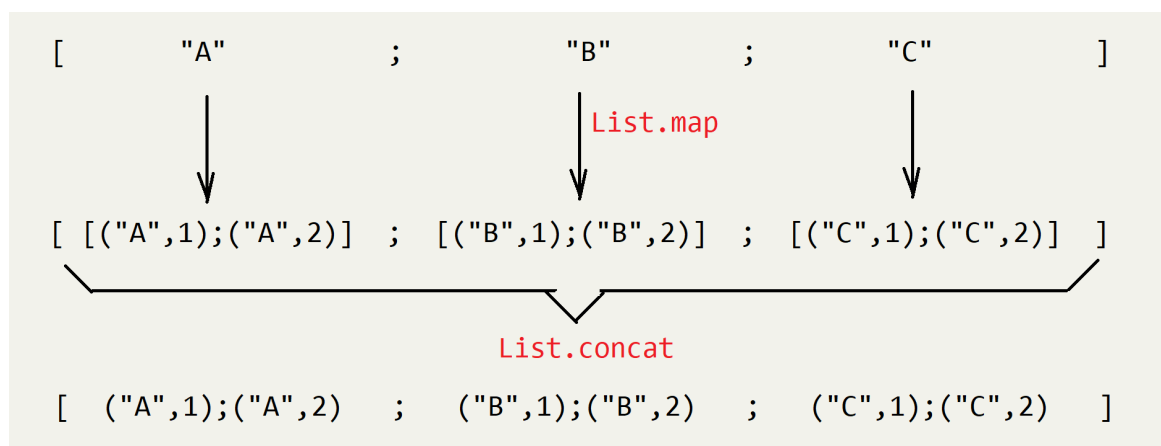
4.3 (Optional) Implement AllPairs yourself

`List.allPairs` is a function available in F# 4.1. It may not be available in earlier versions.

However, you can implement this yourself: Let's say that:

```
1 let list1 = ["A"; "B"; "C"]
2 let list2 = [1; 2]
3
4 let expectedResult = List.allPairs list1 list2
5 // [("A",1);("A",2); ("B",1);("B",2); ("C",1);("C",2)]
```

Hint:



```
1 // self-defined version
2 let AllPairs list1 list2 =
3     list1
4     |> List.map (fun x ->
5         .....
6         ..... )
7     |> List.concat
```

Notice that there are two layers of `List.map`, the outer layer converts `["A"; "B"; "C"]` to the huge nested `List<List<_>>`, and the inner layer that converts `[1; 2]` to `[("B", 1); ("B", 2)]`

`List.concat`

Conceptually/theoretically, `List.concat` is much more interesting than `List.allPairs`.