

Functional Programming

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Functional Programming

- A program is a description of a specific computation
- "WHAT" of the computation + "HOW" of the computation

Virtual black box

- A program becomes equivalent to a mathematical function
- Programs, procedures and functions as functions
- It only distinguishes between input and output

Mathematical function

- ☐ A function is a rule that associates to each x from some set X of values a unique y from a set Y of values
 - \Box y=f(x)
 - **□**f:X→Y g:X→Y
- ☐ Partial vs total participation
- In programming languages
 - ☐ Function definition describes how a value is computed using formal parameters
 - ☐ Function application is function call using actual parameters
- independent variable x in f is a parameter w.r.t programming

Extensional vs Intensional

- Two functions are extensionally equal if they have the same input-output behavior
 - Function as sets
- Two functions are intensionally equal if they are given by (essentially) the same formula
 - Function as rules
- To find f(n), first add 5 to n, then multiply by 2. return $(n+5)^2$
- To find g(n), first multiply n by 2, then add 10. return (n*2)+5
- two functions are *extensionally equivalent at a world* if and only if they assign the same values to the same arguments at that world
 - intensionally
- highest-mountain-on-curing

every

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Int a;

[1001,1002]

A=5

A=a+5

B=a+5

F(x,y) F(9,10) function 1()

Mathematics vs imperative programming

- 1. Variables stand for actual values
- 2. No concept of memory location and assignment

- 1. Variables refer to memory locations to store values
- 2. New values can be assigned

- ☐ Pure functional programs adopt a strictly mathematical approach to variables
- ☐ No loops

Referential transparency

```
void function(int u, int v, int *x)
                                                     int function (int u, int v) {
                                                         if(v==0)
   int y,t,z;
                                                            return u;
   z=u; y=v;
                                                         else
   while (y!=0) {
                                                            return function(v, u%v);
        t=y;
        y=z%y;
        z=t;
                                         function(u, v) = \begin{cases} u & \text{if } v = 0\\ function(v, u\%v) & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}
   *X=Z;
```

Referential transparency

- Output of any function depends only on
 - arguments
 - Non local variables
 - Irrespective of order of evaluation of its arguments
- some function inherently depends on
 - State of the machine
 - Previous call to itself
- A referentially transparent function with no parameters must always return the same value
 - no different than a constant
 - NOT a function in purely functional languages

First class data values

- value semantics
- ☐ functions must be viewed as values themselves
- values can be computed by functions
- acan be passed as parameters to other functions
- \square x=f(g())
- $\Box G(x) = f(h(y,z))$

Higher order functions

omposition is itself a function that takes one or more functions as arguments and returns another function

- \square if f:X \rightarrow Y and g:Y \rightarrow Z then gof: X \rightarrow Z is given by

 \square F((g(x)) F(y)

Lambda Expressions

- ☐ Way to represent anonymous functions
- behaviour parameterization

```
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
        System.out.println("button clicked");
    }
});
```

☐ The construction is obscure as we want to pass behaviour but we pass objects instead

```
Lambda Expressions
```

```
Runnable multiStatement = () -> {
    System.out.print("Hello");
    System.out.println(" World");
};
```

arguments

button.addActionListener(event -> System.out.println("button clicked"));

Body of the lambda

- ☐ Instead of passing an object of an interface a function without a name is passed
- $\square \rightarrow$ separates the parameter from the body of the lambda expression
- javac infers the type of the variable (event)
 - □ signature of addActionListener()

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 $(x) \rightarrow x+1$

Returns x+1

Using null is another type of type inference

```
Runnable noArguments = () -> System.out.println("Hello World");
```

Lambda Expressions

- it allows functions to be treated as data values
- Features
 - ☐ do not have a specific name
 - not associated with any class unlike a java method
 - acan be passed as an argument to a method or stored as a variable (passed around)
 - ☐ concise syntax not verbose like inner classes
- \square (parameters) \rightarrow expressions;
- ☐ (parameters) → {statements;}

- \square () \rightarrow {return "CR";}
- \Box () \rightarrow "CR"

- () → return "Iron Man"
- Lambdas can be used to
 - create objects
 - writing Boolean expressions
 - * extracting data from an object
 - combine two values
 - compare two objects

- 1. () \rightarrow new Mask(10)
- 2. (List<String> list) → list.isEmpty()
- 3. (String s) \rightarrow s.length()
- 4. (Mask m1, Mask m2)→m1.getLayers().compareTo(m2.getLayers())

```
final String name = getUserName();
button.addActionListener(new ActionListener() {
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event) {
        System.out.println("hi " + name);
```

Lambda Expressions

```
addExplicit
                                             = (Long x, Long y) \rightarrow x+y;
BinaryOperator<Long>
```

- ☐ Immutable values
 - Anonymous inner classes can only access final (local) variables of their surrounding methods
 - ☐ Free variables captured by lambda should be effectively final
- ☐ This explains closure
 - ☐ Lambdas close over values rather than variables

```
public interface ActionListener extends EventListener {
    public void actionPerformed(ActionEvent event);
}
```

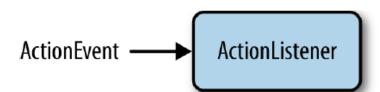
Functional Interfaces

- An interface with a single abstract method that is used as the type of the lambda expression
- May use more than 1 parameters
- may return a value
- may use generics



- the type checking for lambda expressions are performed by the compiler
- More example: Runnable, Comparator

Runnable



Functional Interfaces

```
@FunctionalInterface
public interface BufferedReaderProcessor {
    String process(BufferedReader b) throws IOException;
  public static String processFile(BufferedReaderProcessor p) throws
       IOException {
      try (BufferedReader br =
                       new BufferedReader(new FileReader("data.txt")))
           return p.process(br);
                                              Processing the
                                              BufferedReader object
                                                BufferedReaderProcessor
                          BufferedReader
                                                                               String
```

Init/preparation code

Task A

Cleanup/finishing code

Init/preparation code

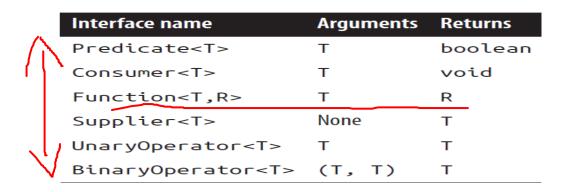
Task B

Cleanup/finishing code

```
String oneLine = processFile((BufferedReader br) -> br.readLine());
```

String twoLines =
 processFile((BufferedReader br) -> br.readLine() + br.readLine());

Functional Interfaces



- New functional interfaces are defined
- ☐ Function<T,R> {
- \square <R> apply(<T>);
- □ }
- \square $X \rightarrow X + 1;$
- \square (X,Y) \rightarrow X+1;
- \square (String s) \rightarrow s.length();

```
Predicate<Integer> atLeast5 = x -> x > 5;

public interface Predicate<T> {
    boolean test(T t);
}
The Predicate boolean
```

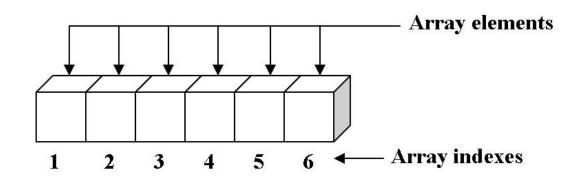
Predicate < String > nonEmptyStringPredicate = (String s) -> !s.isEmpty();

Boxing and Unboxing

- Boxing converts- mechanism to convert a primitive type into a corresponding reference type
- Unboxing converts
- Autoboxing automatically performs boxing and/or unboxing
- ☐ Each element of a primitive array is the size of the primitive
- Boxed values use more memory and require additional memory lookups to fetch the wrapped primitive value

ToIntFunction<T>

<R> apply(int)



One-dimensional array with six elements

Boxing vs Unboxing

```
IntPredicate evenNumbers = (int i) -> i % 2 == 0;
evenNumbers.test(1000);

Predicate<Integer> oddNumbers = (Integer i) -> i % 2 == 1;
oddNumbers.test(1000);
```

ToIntFunction<T>

IntTo-DoubleFunction

Capturing Lambdas

- ☐ Free variables can be captured
 - int portNumber = 1337;
 - Runnable r = () -> System.out.println(portNumber);
- ☐ Lambdas can be passed as argument to methods and can access variables outside their scope
- □ variables have to be implicitly final
- ☐ Allowing capture of mutable local variables opens new thread-unsafe possibilities, which are undesirable
 - □ close over values rather than variables
- □ instance variables are fine because they live on the heap, which is shared across threads

Target Typing

Callable<Integer> c = () -> 42; PrivilegedAction<Integer> p = () -> 42;

- **1.** T -> R
- **2**. (int, int) -> int
- **3**. T -> void
- **4**. () -> T

If a lambda has a statement expression as its body, it's compatible with a function descriptor that returns void (provided the parameter list is compatible too).

```
// Predicate has a boolean return
Predicate<String> p = s -> list.add(s);
// Consumer has a void return
Consumer<String> b = s -> list.add(s);
```

target type can be decided from an assignment context, method invocation context (parameters and return), and a cast context

```
boolean test(String s) {
    return list.add(s);
}

Void method1(String s) {
    list.add(s);
    return;
}
```

Overloading

```
private void overloadedMethod(Object o) {
    System.out.print("Object");
}

private void overloadedMethod(String s) {
    System.out.print("String");
}
```

- OverloadedMethod("abc");
- Javac will refer to the most specific type

Overloading Resolution

Javac will fail to compile this as there is no such most specific target type

```
overloadedMethod((x) -> true);
private interface IntPredicate
    public boolean test(int value);
private void overloadedMethod(Predicate<Integer> predicate) {
    System.out.print("Predicate");
private void overloadedMethod(IntPredicate predicate) {
    System.out.print("IntPredicate");
```

Overloading Rules

- 1. If there is a single specific target type javac infers
- 2. If there are several specific target types,
- 3. If there are several specific target types and no most specific type,...

Identifying a Functional Interface

- ☐ java.io.Closeable
 - ☐ If an object is closeable, it must hold a file object –a handle that can be closed
 - ☐ mutating state

Composing Functions

The Function interface comes with two default methods for this, and Then and compose

Integer::parseInt

D->Integer.parseInt(d)

addHeader=l->l.addHeader()