### **CSCI 2041**

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#### Overview

- map-like functions
- filter-like functions
- abstract map
- abstract filter
- coming up with helper functions



- Write a function double\_each that takes a list of integers, and doubles each integer
- Write a function add\_each that takes a list of integerpairs, and adds them
- Write a function selfpair\_each that takes a list of integers, and turns each integer x into a pair (x,x).



• let double\_each ...



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# Quiz time



# Higher order functions

 These functions are all about taking the 'what do we change' out of a function



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   | (h::tl) -> (2*h) :: double_each tl
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### Using that map...

```
let rec double_each lst = (let f h = 2*h
                            in map f lst)
let rec add_each lst = (let f(i1,i2) = i1 + i2
                         in map f lst)
let rec selfpair_each lst = (let f h = (h,h))
                              in map f lst)

    Using this map function (put above)

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• (Using our map function)
```



# Cleaning up (2)...

 Instead of defining our own map function, we can use ocaml's built-in one: List.map

```
let rec double_each lst =
  List.map (fun h -> 2*h) lst

let rec add_each lst =
  List.map (fun (i1,i2) -> i1+i2) lst

let rec selfpair_each lst =
  List.map (fun h -> (h,h)) lst
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let rec filter_nonnegative lst = match lst with
  (h :: tl) -> if h < 0
                then filter_nonnegative tl
                else h :: filter_nonnegative tl
let rec filter_nonzero lst = match lst with
  | [] -> []
  | (h :: tl) -> if h = 0
                  then filter_nonzero tl
                  else h :: filter_nonzero tl
let rec filter p lst = match lst with
   [] -> []
  | (h :: tl) -> if p h then h :: filter p tl
                else filter p tl
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```
let rec filter nonnegative lst =
 filter (fun h -> ... ) lst
  (* match lst with
   [] -> []
   (h :: tl) -> if h < 0
                then filter nonnegative tl
                else h :: filter_nonnegative tl *)
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```
let rec filter_nonnegative lst =
  List.filter (fun h -> h >= 0 ) lst

let rec filter_nonzero lst =
  List.filter (fun h -> h <> 0) lst
```



# Coming up with helper functions

 Worst thing to do is try and generalize a function before writing it!



# Coming up with helper functions

- Know about a helper function? (like List.map or List.filter), you may use it
- Are you seeing a function that can be generalized?
  - Don't change it until there's a reason to do so!
- Are you seeing two functions that can be generalized?
  - Now there's a reason to do so!
  - Reconsider: is this worth it?
  - First make the functions appear as equal as possible.
  - Turn any differences into variables.
  - (Those variable differences are often functions)

