

# 1 bbox to Functor and Applicative

## 1.1 Functor

What is Applicative in Haskell?

Functor - it takes the value from a bbox and compute it and wrap the result with a bbox

```
class Functor f where
    return :: a
    fmap :: (a -> b) -> (f a -> f b)
instance Functor f where
    return ...
    fmap ...
```

Morphism from Category to Category, convert object to object  
and convert arrow/function to arrow/function

Functor satisfies some laws:

There exists Identity and satisfy associative laws

Functor has identity, or left and right identities  
and satisfies associative laws

In Haskell, List is Functor: The morphism is fmap  
objects are the elements in List  
function is just lambda function ( $\lambda x \rightarrow$ )

```
([])::x = [x]
fmap :: (a->b) ->(f a -> f b)
```

( $\lambda$ ) is morphism that converts object to object

**fmap** is morphism that converts function to function

## 1.2 Applicative

If you know Functor, then you will know what is Applicative

Applicative - is just take two values from two boxes and compute them  
and wrap the result into a box

It sounds complicated, but it is nothing more than a box

Functor and Applicative are pretty much like a bbox

All you need to do is wrap and unwrap the boxes, wrap and unwrap your presents like in Christmas

## 1.3 Examples

List is like a bbox contains zero or more items

Maybe is like a bbox contains Nothing or one item