

Higher order functions : take fns. as parameters and return functions as return values.



They are very important to the way computations are done in Haskell , i.e . by defining things rather than changing states of objects .

Curried functions → Every function officially takes one parameter .

All functions that accepted several parameters have been curried functions .



$\text{max } 4 \ 5$  : creates a fn. that takes a parameter and returns either 4 or that parameter , depending on which is bigger . Then 5 is applied to this function , and the desired result is produced



$(\text{max } 4)5 \equiv \text{max } 4 \ 5$

:t max

Space between two things is function application .

$\text{max} :: (\text{Ord} a) \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

$\text{max} :: (\text{Ord} a) \Rightarrow a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a)$



max takes an a and returns a function that takes an a and returns an a .



If we call a function with too few parameters , we get back a partially applied function , i.e . a fn. that takes addn. parameters as many we left out to run .

more like an operator with the highest precedence .

This is a neat way to create functions on the fly, so we can pass them to another fn. or to seed them with some data.

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multThree :: (Num a)  $\Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

multThree  $x \cdot y \cdot z = x * y * z$

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((multThree 3) 5) 9 : first 3 is applied to multThree, returns a partially applied fn, which now accepts two parameters, gets 5, returns a partially applied fn, which now accepts one parameter, and multiplies the parameter with 15; and then applies it with 9. The function is now completely applied and returns 135.

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multThree :: (Num a)  $\Rightarrow a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a))$

↓                    ↓  
parameter        returns a fn. that

$(a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

takes a parameter  
and returns a fn. that  
takes a parameter and  
returns a value

this type of type declaration  
is necessary for higher order  
functions.

function parameter  
↑                    ↑

apply Twice ::  $(a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow$  return type

apply Twice  $f \cdot x = f(f(x))$

↓                    ←  
                    returns a normal parameter  
                    which is used by the function  
                    again.

↓

i.e. we use the parameter  $f$  as a function,  
applying  $x$  to it by separating them  
with a space.

↓

$\text{applyTwice } (3 :) [1] \rightarrow [3, 3, 1]$

↓      ↓  
function argument

•) Implementing  $\text{zipWith}$  (part of Haskell standard library )  
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takes a fn. and two lists as parameters and then  
joins the lists by applying the fn. between  
corresponding elements.

$\text{zipWith}' :: (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow [\beta] \rightarrow [\gamma]$

$\text{zipWith}' - [] - = []$

$\text{zipWith}' - - [\gamma] = [\gamma]$

$\text{zipWith}' f (x:xs) (y:ys) = (f x y) : \text{zipWith}' f xs ys$

•) Implement  $\text{flip}$  (takes a fn., and returns a fn. that is  
like our original fn, only the first two arguments  
are flipped)

$\text{flip}' :: (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma)$

$\text{flip}' f = g$

where  $g x y = f y x$

$$\text{flip}' f x y = f y x$$

→ Maps and filters : map takes a fn. and a list and applies that function to every element in the list, producing a new list

$$\text{map} :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [b]$$

$$\text{map } [] = []$$

$$\text{map } f (x : xs) = f x : \text{map } f xs$$

filter is a fn. that takes a predicate and a list , and then returns a list that satisfy that predicate

$$\text{filter} :: (a \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$$

$$\text{filter } [] = []$$

$$\text{filter } f (x : xs)$$

$$| f x = x : \text{filter } f xs$$

$$| \text{otherwise} = \text{filter } f xs$$

⇒ quicksort using filter

$$\text{quicksort} :: (\text{Ord } a) \Rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$$

$$\text{quicksort } [] = []$$

$$\text{quicksort } (x : xs) =$$

$$\text{let smallsorted} = \text{quicksort } \$ \text{filter } (<= x) xs$$

$$\text{largesorted} = \text{quicksort } \$ \text{filter } (> x) xs$$

in smallsorted ++ [x] ++ largesorted.

Mapping & filtering is  
the bread and butter  
of every functional  
programmer's toolbox



doesn't matter how  
it is accomplished .

(\*) find the largest no. under 100,000 that's divisible by 3829

Largest Divisible  $\therefore$  (Integral a)  $\Rightarrow$  a

Largest Divisible =  $\text{head}(\text{filter } [100000, 99999, \dots])$

↓  
largest number

where  $P X = X \text{ `mod' } 3829 = 0$

↓  
laziness acts  
here, evaluation

stops once the  
suitable head is  
found.

(\*) takeWhile function : takes a predicate and a list and then goes from the beginning of the list and returns the elements while the predicate holds true.

↓  
once an element is found, for which the predicate doesn't hold, it stops.

takeWhile ( $/= 11$ ) "elephants know how to party"

(\*) sum of all odd squares that are smaller than 10000.

sum \$ takeWhile (< 10000) \$ filter odd \$ map (^2) [1..]

↓ can also be accomplished using list comprehension

sum \$ takeWhile (< 10000) [n^2 | n < [1..], odd (n^2)]

Lambdas : basically anonymous functions that are used because we need some functions only once.

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normally made with the sole purpose of passing it to a higher order function

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\ followed by parameters. After that comes a → and the function body. This is surrounded by parentheses

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numlongChains :: Int

numlongChains = length (filter (\xs → length xs > 15)  
(map chain [1..100]))

zipWith (\a b → (a \* 30 + 3) / b) [l1] [l2]

↓  
another lambda fn. with multiple parameters.

→ function composition → can be done with the . function , which is defined like so:

(.) :: (b → c) → (a → b) → a → c

f . g =  $\lambda x \rightarrow f(g x)$

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example map (\xs → negate (sum (tail xs)))

[ [1..5], [3..6], [1..7] ]

map (negate . sum . tail) [ [1..5], [3..6], [1..7] ]