

The Power of Function Composition



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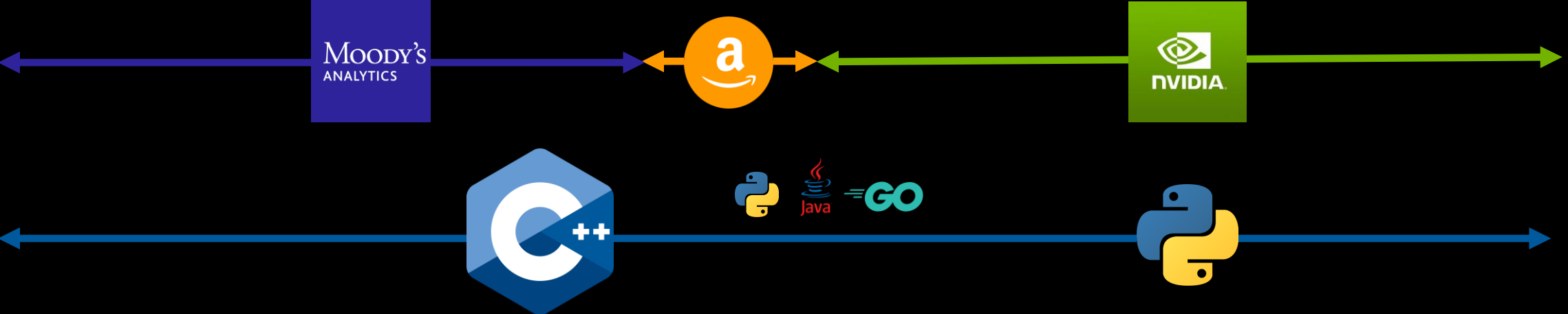
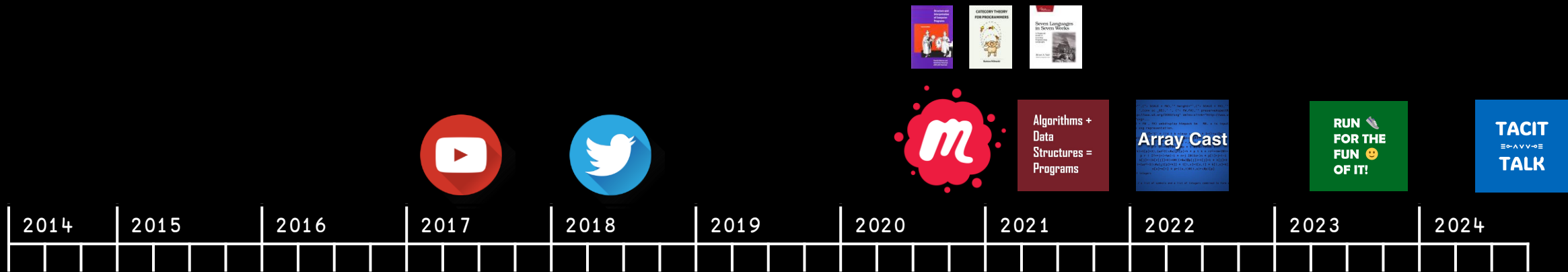


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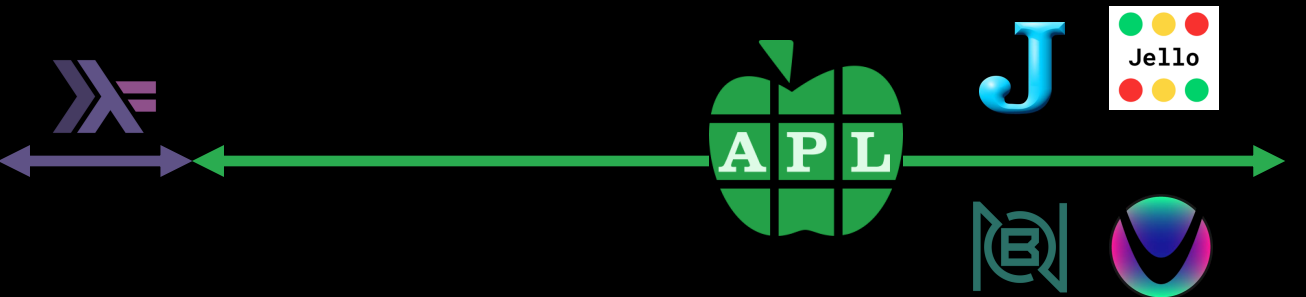


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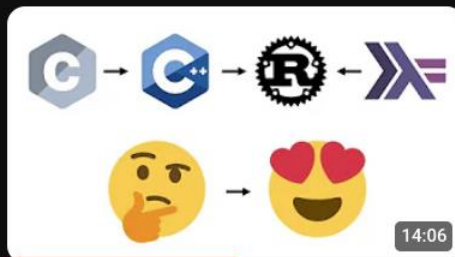
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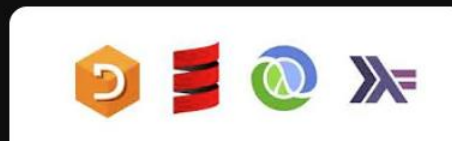
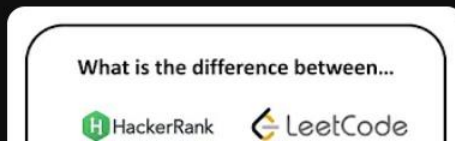
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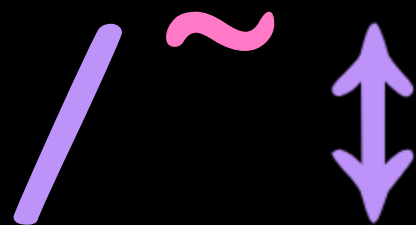


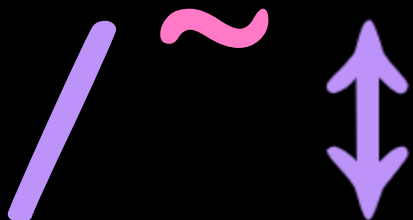
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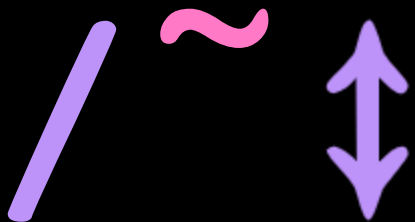
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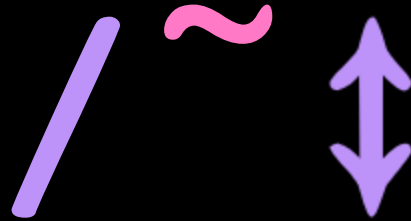
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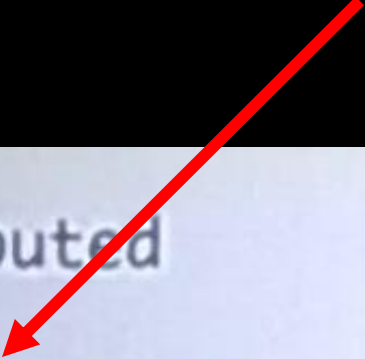
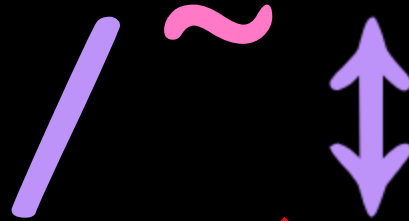




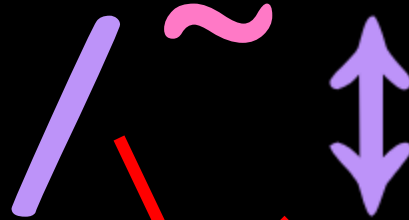
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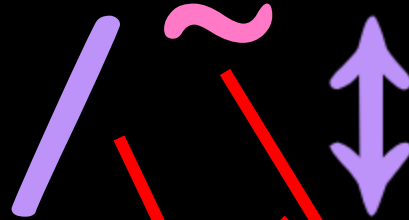
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```
(def computed  
  (lambda []  
    (range 1 8)  
    (map (fn [n] (repeat n n)))  
    (reduce concat))))
```

Function Composition

Function Composition

1. Operators
2. Functions
3. Trains
4. Chains
5. Stacks*

FOF	APL	Kap	J	BQN	Jelly	Uiua	Haskell
W	¨	¨	~	~	`	.	join
C	¨	¨	~	~	@	:	flip
B	o¨¨	¨	@:&:	oO	*	*	.
B ₁	¨	*	@:	o	*	*	.:
S		o	*	o		*	ap / <*>
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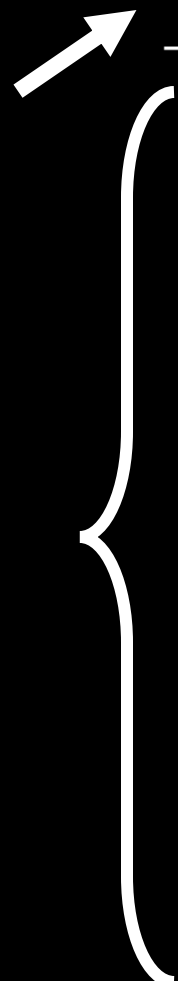
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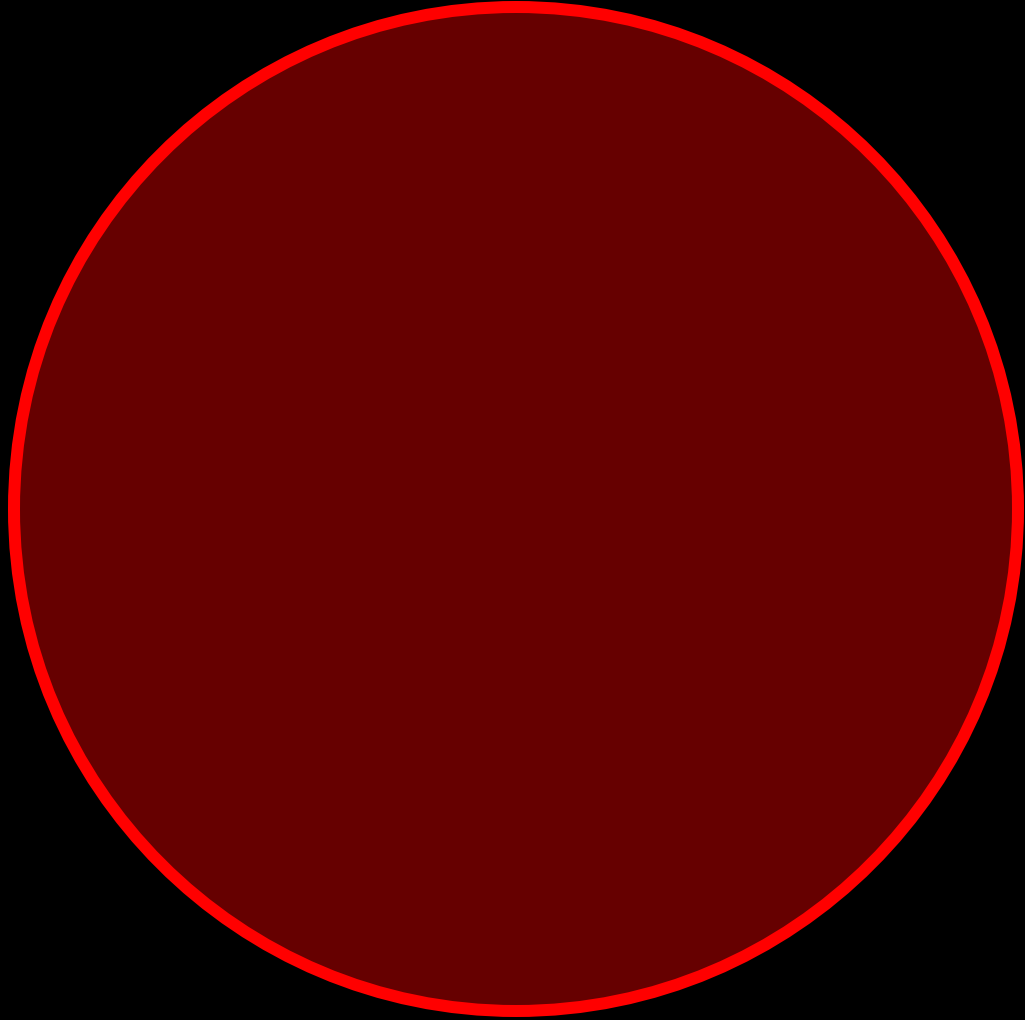
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FOF: a combinator that only consumes **AND** produces functions

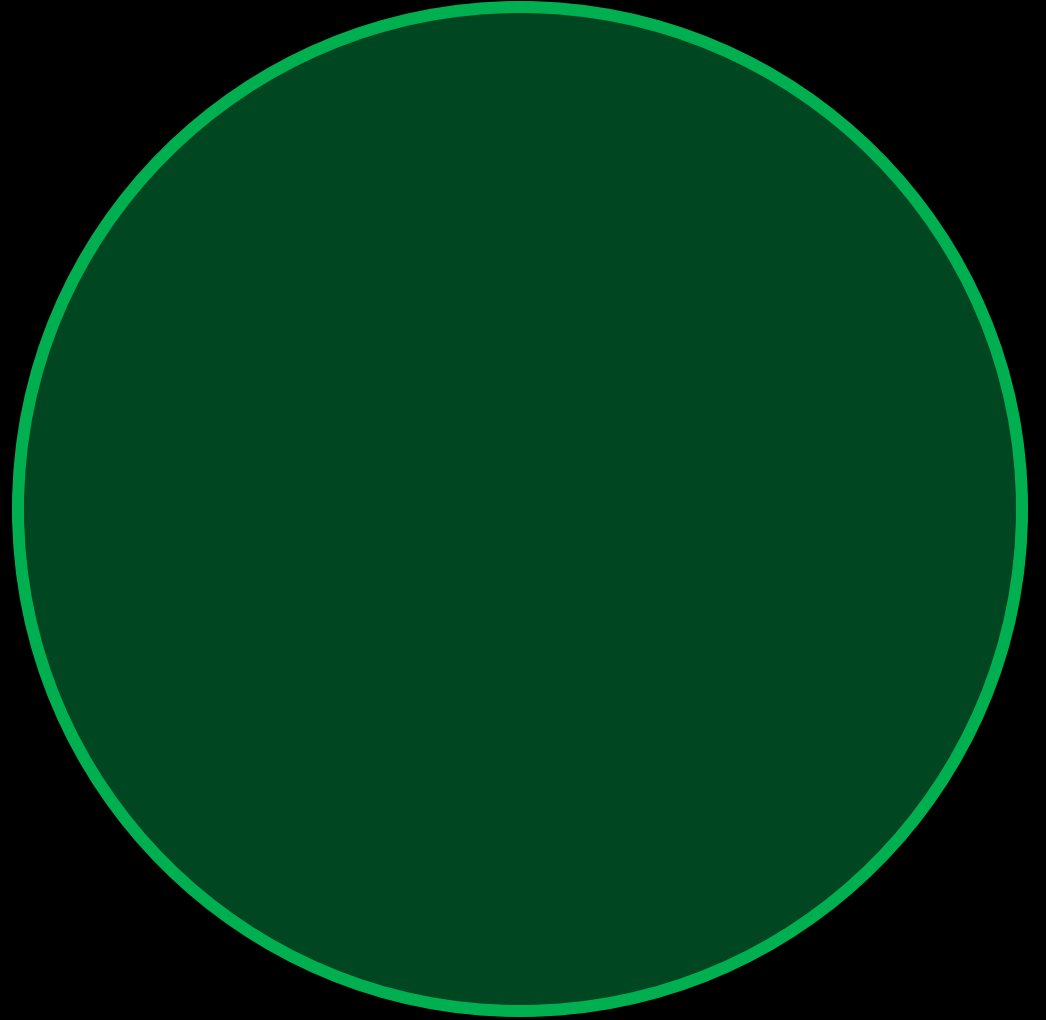
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HOF: consumes **OR** produces a function

pure function

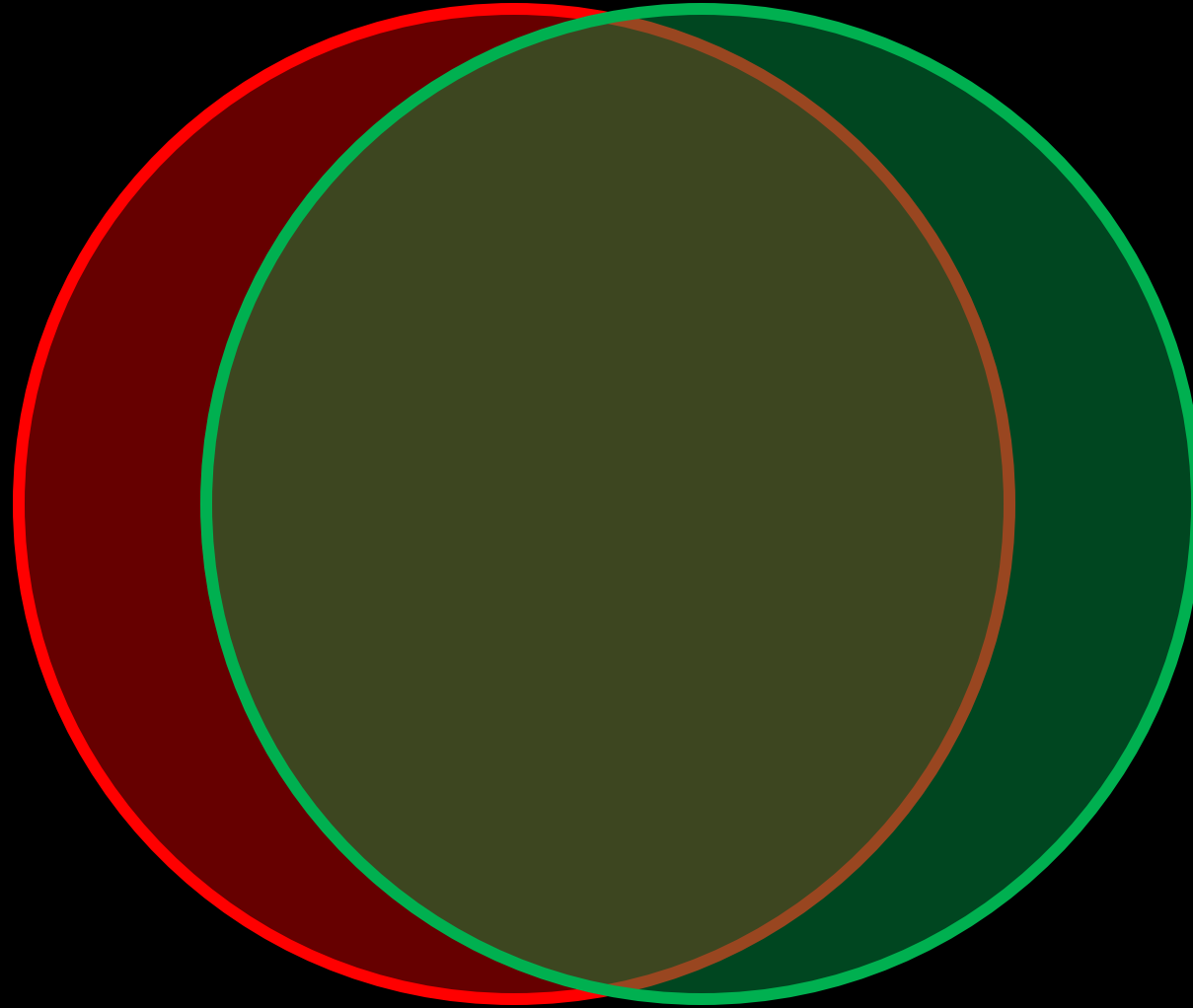


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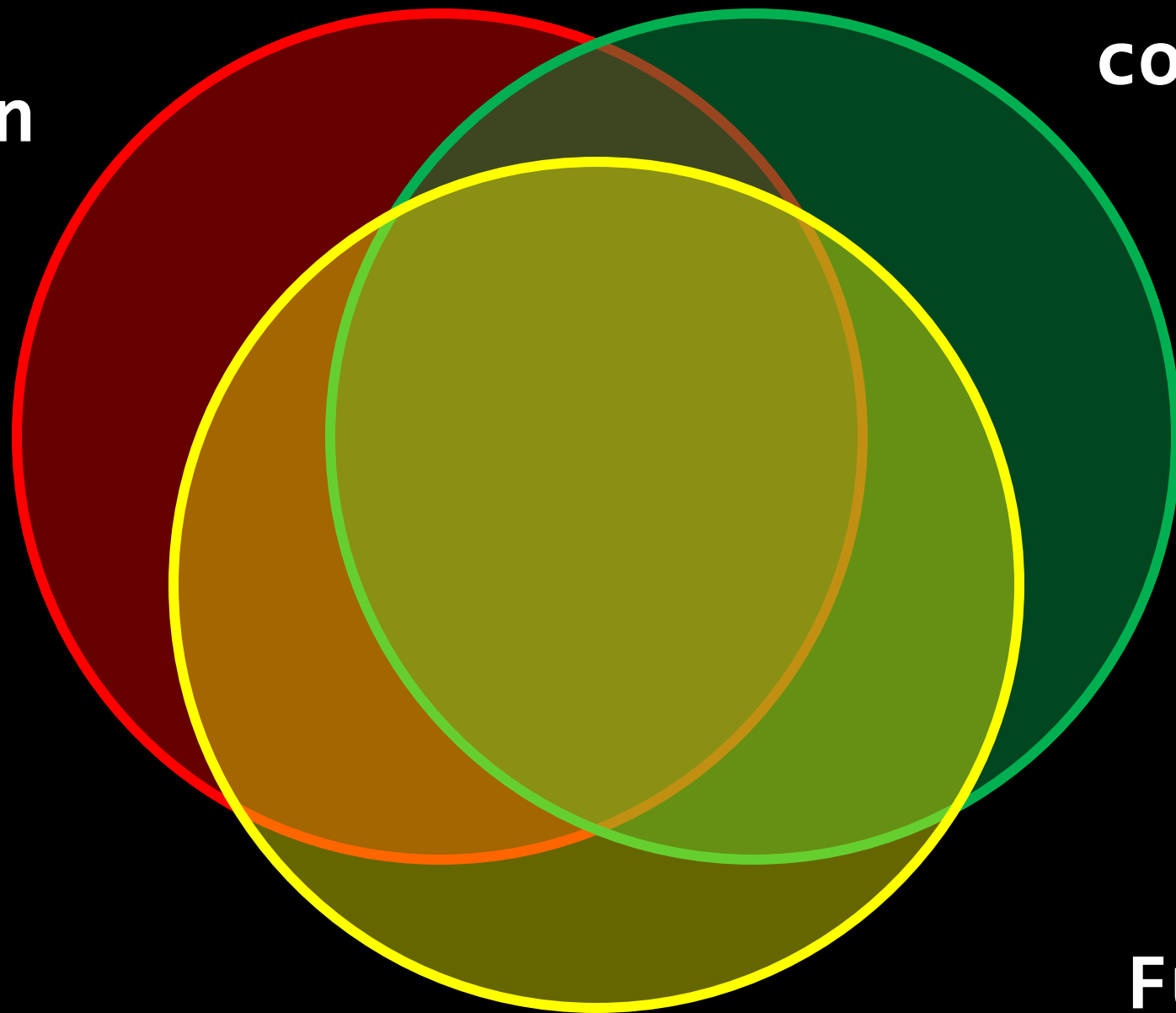
pure function

combinator



pure
function

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HOF
(Higher
Order
Function)

pure function

HOF

combinator



pure function

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CL (SKI)
combinator



pure function

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FOF

(Function Only
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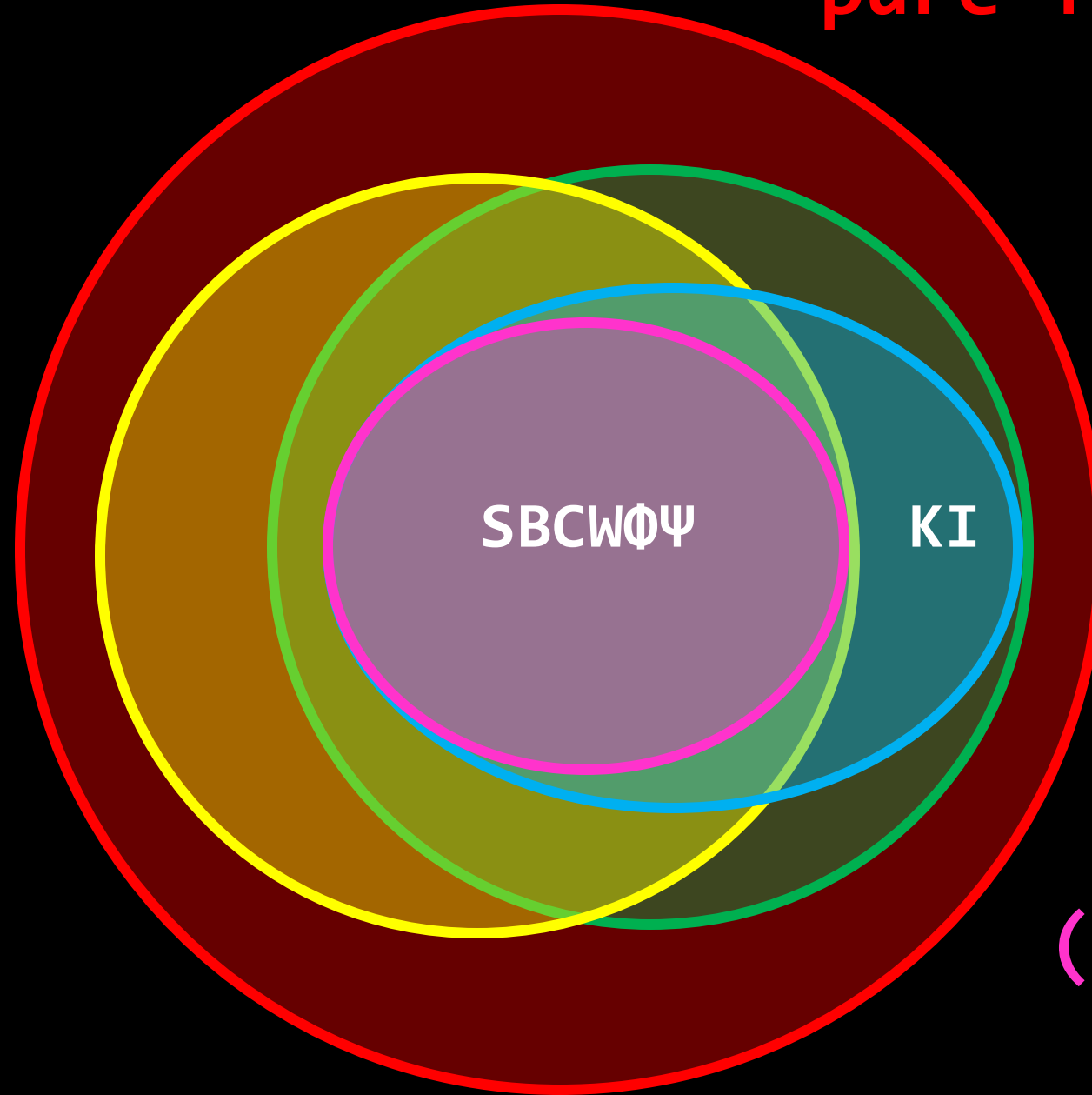
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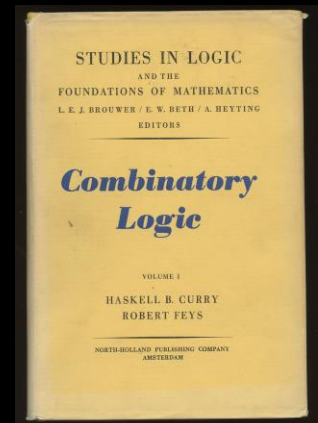
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Combinators

THE ELEMENTARY COMBINATORS

Combinator	Elementary Name
I	Elementary Identifier
C	Elementary Permutator
W	Elementary Duplicator
B	Elementary Compositor
K	Elementary Cancellator





```
def i(x):  
    return x
```



```
def k(x, y):  
    return x
```



```
def w(f):  
    return lambda x: f(x, x)
```

[[digression]]



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Also, I apologize for my above average number of tweets 🐦 today, but this table of Greek/Latin words for describing function **arity** will be necessary for a future talk.

The \hat{E} combinator is "tetradic"

Unary/Monadic

Binary/Dyadic

Ternary/Triadic

Quaternary/Tetradic

Terminology [\[edit\]](#)

[Latinate](#) names are commonly used for specific arities, primarily based on [cardinal numbers](#) or [ordinal numbers](#). For example, 1-ary is based on

x-ary	Arity (Latin based)	Adicity (Greek based)
0-ary	<i>Nullary</i> (from <i>nūllus</i>)	<i>Niladic</i>
1-ary	<i>Unary</i>	<i>Monadic</i>
2-ary	<i>Binary</i>	<i>Dyadic</i>
3-ary	<i>Ternary</i>	<i>Triadic</i>
4-ary	<i>Quaternary</i>	<i>Tetradic</i>



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[[end of digression]]



```
def w(f):  
    return lambda x: f(x, x)
```




```
def b(f, g):  
    return lambda x: f(g(x))
```



```
def c(f):  
    return lambda x, y: f(y, x)
```



```
def s(f, g):  
    return lambda x: f(x, g(x))
```



```
def i (x):      return x
def k (x, y):   return x
def ki (x, y):  return y
def s (f, g):   return lambda x:    f(x, g(x))
def b (f, g):   return lambda x:    f(g(x))
def c (f):      return lambda x, y: f(y, x)
def w (f):      return lambda x:    f(x, x)
def d (f, g):   return lambda x, y: f(x, g(y))
def b1 (f, g):  return lambda x, y: f(g(x, y))
def psi(f, g):  return lambda x, y: f(g(x), g(y))
def phi(f, g, h): return lambda x:  g(f(x), h(x))
```

Example

Example Special Array

<https://leetcode.com/problems/special-array-i/description/>

3151. Special Array I

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Hint

An array is considered **special** if every pair of its adjacent elements contains two numbers with different parity.

You are given an array of integers `nums`. Return `true` if `nums` is a **special** array, otherwise, return `false`.

4 3 1 6

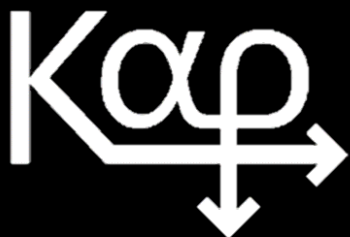
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0	1	1	1	1	0
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$0 \neq 1$	$1 \neq 1$	$1 \neq 0$
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1 0 1

0





Python

Function Composition



Functions



Operators



Trains



Chains



Stacks



```
def isArraySpecial(nums):  
    for i in range(len(nums) - 1):  
        if nums[i] % 2 == nums[i + 1] % 2:  
            return False  
    return True
```




```
def isArraySpecial(nums):  
    for x, y in zip(nums, nums[1:]):  
        if x % 2 == y % 2:  
            return False  
    return True
```



```
def isArraySpecial(nums):  
    return all(x % 2 != y % 2  
               for x, y in zip(nums, nums[1:]))
```

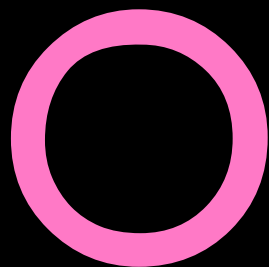


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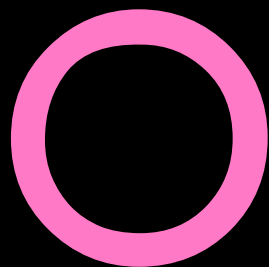
def isArraySpecial(nums):
    return all(psi(ne, odd)(x, y)
               for x, y in zip(nums, nums[1:]))
```



```
def psi(f, g):  
    return lambda x, y: f(g(x), g(y))
```



```
_Psi_ ← { (Gw) F Gx }  
      # Over  
      # on (Haskell)
```



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```



```
from dovekie import psi, odd
from operator import ne

def isArraySpecial(nums):
    return all(map(psi(ne, odd), nums, nums[1:]))
```




Haskell

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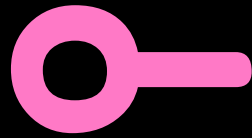
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```
isArraySpecial = foldl1 (&&  
    . ((zipWith (/=)) <*> tail)  
    . map odd
```



S $\leftarrow \{x F(Gx)\}$
After (Monadic)
Hook (J/I)

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import Data.List.HT (mapAdjacent)

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                  . map odd
```



```
import Data.List.HT (mapAdjacent)
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```
isArraySpecial = and  
    . mapAdjacent (/=)  
    . map odd
```



```
import Data.List.HT (mapAdjacent)
import Data.Function (on)

isArraySpecial = and
                  . mapAdjacent (on (/=) odd)
```




```
from dovekie import psi, odd
from operator import ne

def isArraySpecial(nums):
    return all(map(psi(ne, odd), nums, nums[1:]))
```



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```
from doviekie import psi, odd
from operator import ne
from itertools import pairwise

def adjacentMap(xs, op):
    return [op(a, b) for a, b in pairwise(xs)]

def isArraySpecial(nums):
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```



Clojure

Function Composition

- ✓ Functions
- ✓ Operators
- ✗ Trains
- ✗ Chains
- ✗ Stacks



```
(defn is-special-array [nums]
  (->> nums
    (partition 2 1)
    (map #(reduce not= %))
    (every? identity)))
```



```
(defn is-special-array [nums]
  (->> nums
    (partition 2 1)
    (every? (fn [[a b]] not= a b))))
```




APL, BQN, J, Kap

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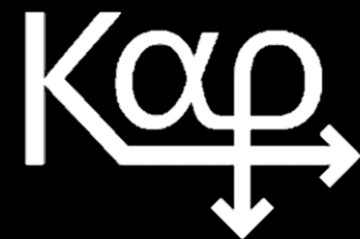


Table 4: 2 and 3-trains in APL, Kap, BQN and J.

Year	Language	2-Train	3-Train
1990	J	S and D	Φ and Φ_1
2014	Dyalog APL	B and B_1	Φ and Φ_1
2020	Kap	B and B_1	-
2020	BQN	B and B_1	Φ and Φ_1



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def phi(f, g, h): return lambda x:  g(f(x), h(x))
```



```
def s (f, g):      return lambda x:      f(x, g(x))  
def b (f, g):      return lambda x:      f(g(x))
```

```
def d (f, g):      return lambda x, y: f(x, g(y))  
def b1 (f, g):      return lambda x, y: f(g(x, y))
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def phi(f, g, h):  return lambda x:      g(f(x), h(x))
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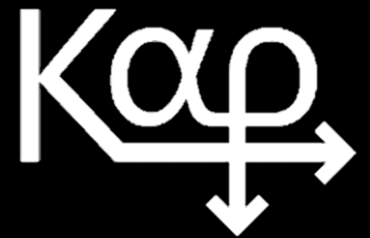


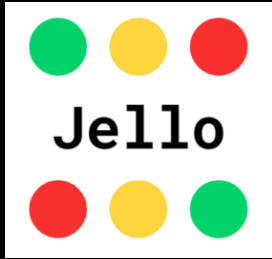
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def b (f, g): return lambda x: f(g(x))
def b1 (f, g): return lambda x, y: f(g(x, y))

def phi (f, g, h): return lambda x: g(f(x), h(x))
def phi1(f, g, h): return lambda x, y: g(f(x, y), h(x, y))
```



Live Coding





Jelly

Function Composition

✗ Functions

✓ Operators

✗ Trains

✓ Chains

✗ Stacks



Ulua

Function Composition

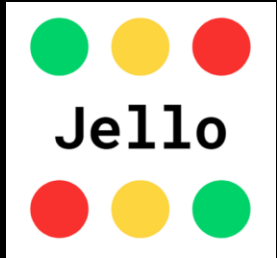
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Live Coding



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Dyalog APL

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Uiua

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BQN

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In Conclusion



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lucid, systematic,
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treatment of basic
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structures, sorting,
recursive algorithms,
language structures,
and compiling

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Operators

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```
from doviekie import odd
from operator import ne

def isArraySpecial(nums):
    return all(adjacentMap(map(odd, nums), ne))
```




```
from doviekie import odd

def isArraySpecial(nums):
    return all(differ(map(odd, nums)))
```



```
from dovekie import odd

def isArraySpecial(nums):
    return all(differ(map(odd, nums)))
```

↑ ↖ ↗
reduce map



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from dovekie import odd

def isArraySpecial(nums):
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reduce map



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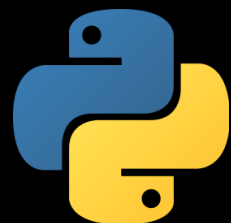


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Online REPLS

Language	Link
APL	https://tryapl.org/
Kap	https://kapdemo.dhsdevelopments.com/clientweb2/
BQN	https://bqnpad.mechanize.systems/
J	https://jsoftware.github.io/j-playground/bin/html2/
Uiua	https://www.uiua.dev/pad



Dovekie



Blackbird



Dovekie

dovekie 0.7.0

`pip install dovekie` 



Blackbird

```
# --- Fetch blackbird -----  
  
FetchContent_Declare(blackbird  
  GIT_REPOSITORY https://github.com/codereport/blackbird  
  GIT_TAG main  
)  
  
FetchContent_GetProperties(blackbird)  
if(NOT blackbird_POPULATED)  
  FetchContent_Populate(blackbird)  
  add_subdirectory(${blackbird_SOURCE_DIR} ${blackbird_BINARY_DIR} EXCLUDE_FROM_ALL)  
endif()
```

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