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Abstract

Can a language whose official motto is “Avoid Success at All Costs” teach us new tricks in modern C++ ?

If Haskell is so great, why hasn't it taken over the world? My claim is that it has. But not as a Roman legion loudly marching in a new territory, rather as distributed Trojan horses popping in at the gates, masquerading as modern features or novel ideas in today's mainstream languages. Functional Programming ideas that have been around for over 40 years will be rediscovered to solve our current software complexity problems.

Indeed, modern C++ has become more functional. From mundane concepts like lambdas & closures, `std::function`, values types and constants, to compositability of STL algorithms, lazy ranges, folding, mapping or even higher-order functions in STL. Did I mention Rust yet?

In this session we'll analyze a bunch of FP techniques in C++ and see how they help make our code shorter, clearer and faster, by embracing a declarative vs. an imperative style. We'll visit the functional parts of current STL, use algebraic data types (ADT) and learn about the new FP stuff coming in the next C++ standard, like ranges or monadic extensions to `std::future`, `std::optional` and `std::expected`. Brace yourselves for a bumpy ride including composition, lifting, currying, partial application, pure functions, maybe even pattern matching and lazy evaluation.

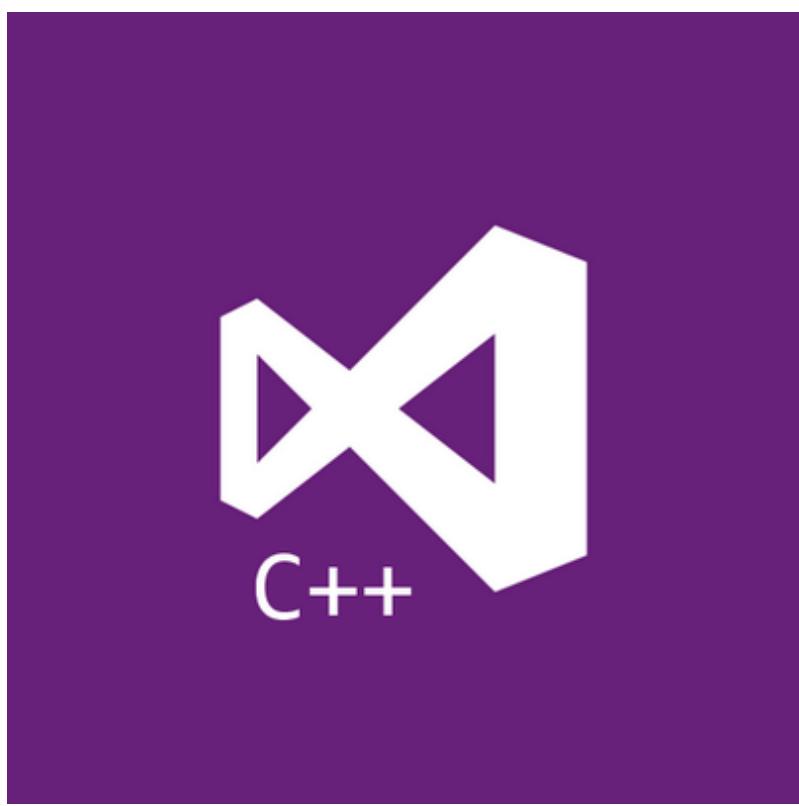
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Q & A



Do ask questions as we go along

Comments are welcome, too

This is meant as an introductory presentation to the concepts to follow.



Depending on how this lands, sequels will cover some of these topics in depth.

Don't worry, there are no cliffhangers...

🔥 Hot take typing

If it looks like a hot take, if it feels like a hot take... it probably is 😈





Functional Programming

What is it all about ?



pipelines

Maybe | Just

fold

lazy evaluation

monads

map

pattern matching

pure functions

category theory

ranges

algorithms

lambdas & closures

declarative vs imperative

higher order functions

FP

currying

recursion

optional

lifting

monoids

values types

algebraic data types

composition

expressions vs statements

partial application

Paradox of Programming

Machine/Human impedance mismatch:

- Local/Global perspective
- Progress/Goal oriented
- Detail/Idea
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Is it easier to think like a machine than to do math?

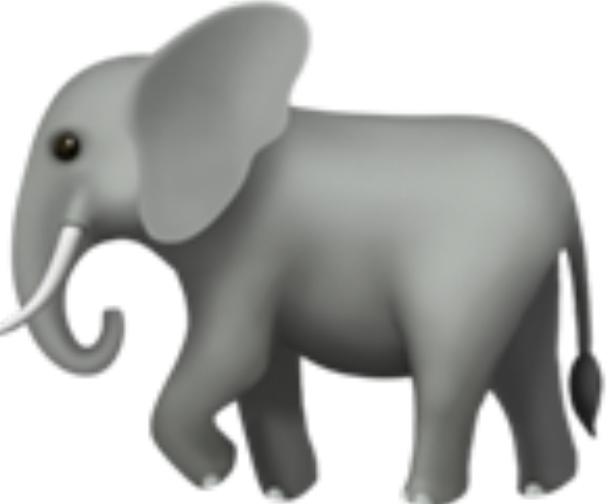
Semantics

- ➊ The meaning of a program
- ➋ Operational semantics: local, progress oriented
 - Execute program on an abstract machine in your brain
- ➌ Denotational semantics
 - Translate program to math
- ➍ Math: an ancient language developed for humans

A Crash Course in Category Theory - Bartosz Milewski https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JH_Ou17_zyU

What is Functional Programming ?

- Functional programming is a **style** of programming in which the basic method of computation is the ***application of functions*** to arguments
- A functional **language** is one that supports and encourages the ***functional style***

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 Haskell

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What do you mean ?

Summing the integers 1 to 10 in C++/Java/C#

```
int total = 0;  
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++)  
    total = total + i;
```

The computation method is variable assignment.

Summing the integers 1 to 10 in Haskell

```
sum [1..10]
```

The computation method is function application.

Functional

WHAT

Non-Functional

HOW

A SOLID summary:



Michael Feathers

@mfeathers

OO makes code understandable by encapsulating moving parts. FP makes code understandable by minimizing moving parts.

3:27 PM - 3 Nov 2010



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[wikipedia.org/wiki/SOLID](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SOLID)

Historical Background



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Most of the "new" ideas and innovations in modern programming languages are actually very old...



Historical Background

1930s



Alonzo Church develops the lambda calculus,
a simple but powerful *theory of functions*

Historical Background

1950s



John McCarthy develops **Lisp**, the *first functional language*, with some influences from the lambda calculus, but retaining *variable assignments*

Historical Background

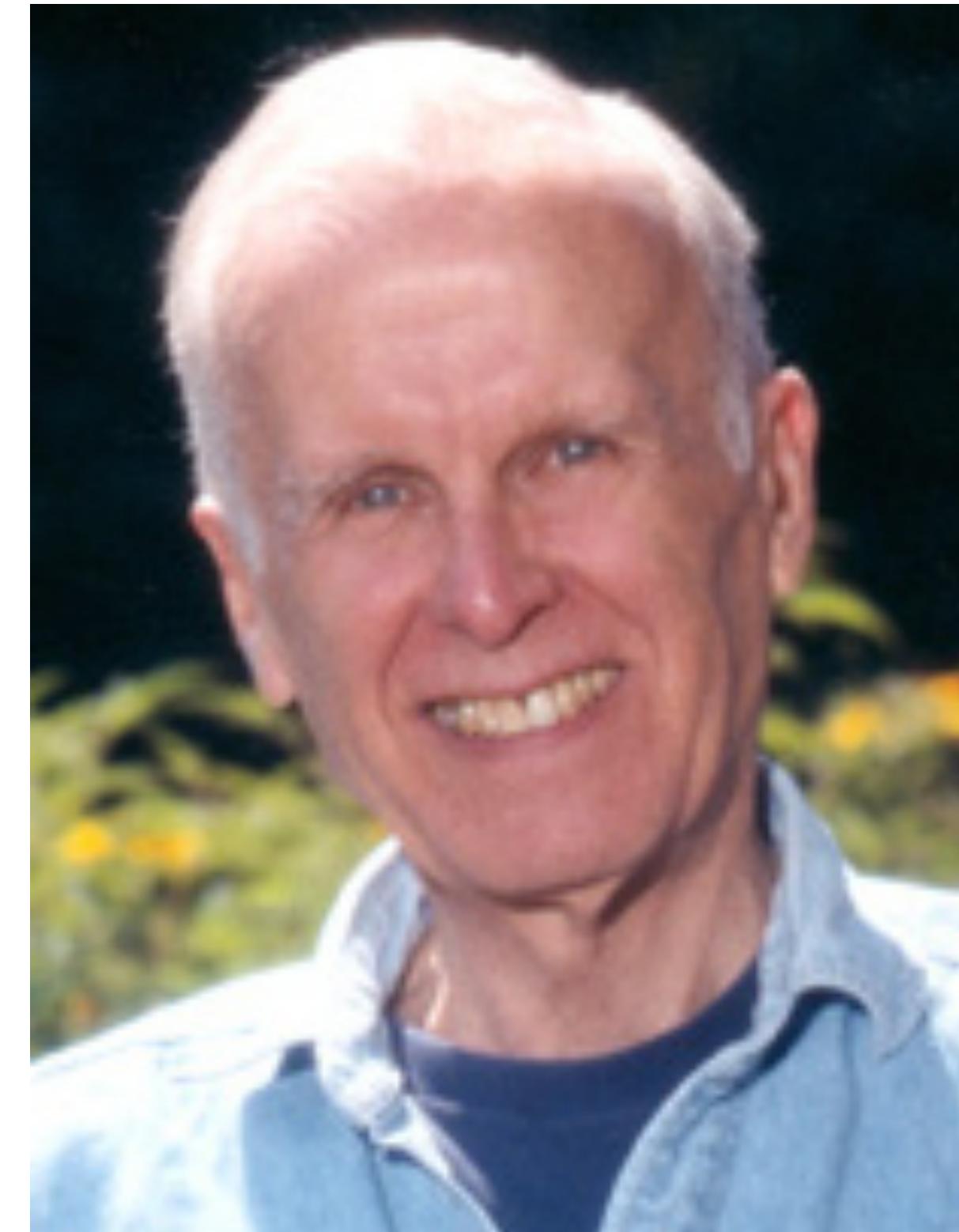
1960s



Peter Landin develops **ISWIM**, the first *pure functional language*, based strongly on the lambda calculus, with *no assignments*

Historical Background

1970s



John Backus develops FP, a functional language that emphasizes *higher-order functions* and reasoning about programs

Historical Background

1970s



Robin Milner and others develop ML, the first modern functional language, which introduced *type inference* and *polymorphic types*

Historical Background

1970-80s



David Turner develops a number of **lazy functional languages**, culminating in the **Miranda** system

Historical Background

1987



An advanced purely-functional programming language

An **international committee** starts the development of **Haskell**,
a **standard *lazy functional language***

Historical Background

1990s

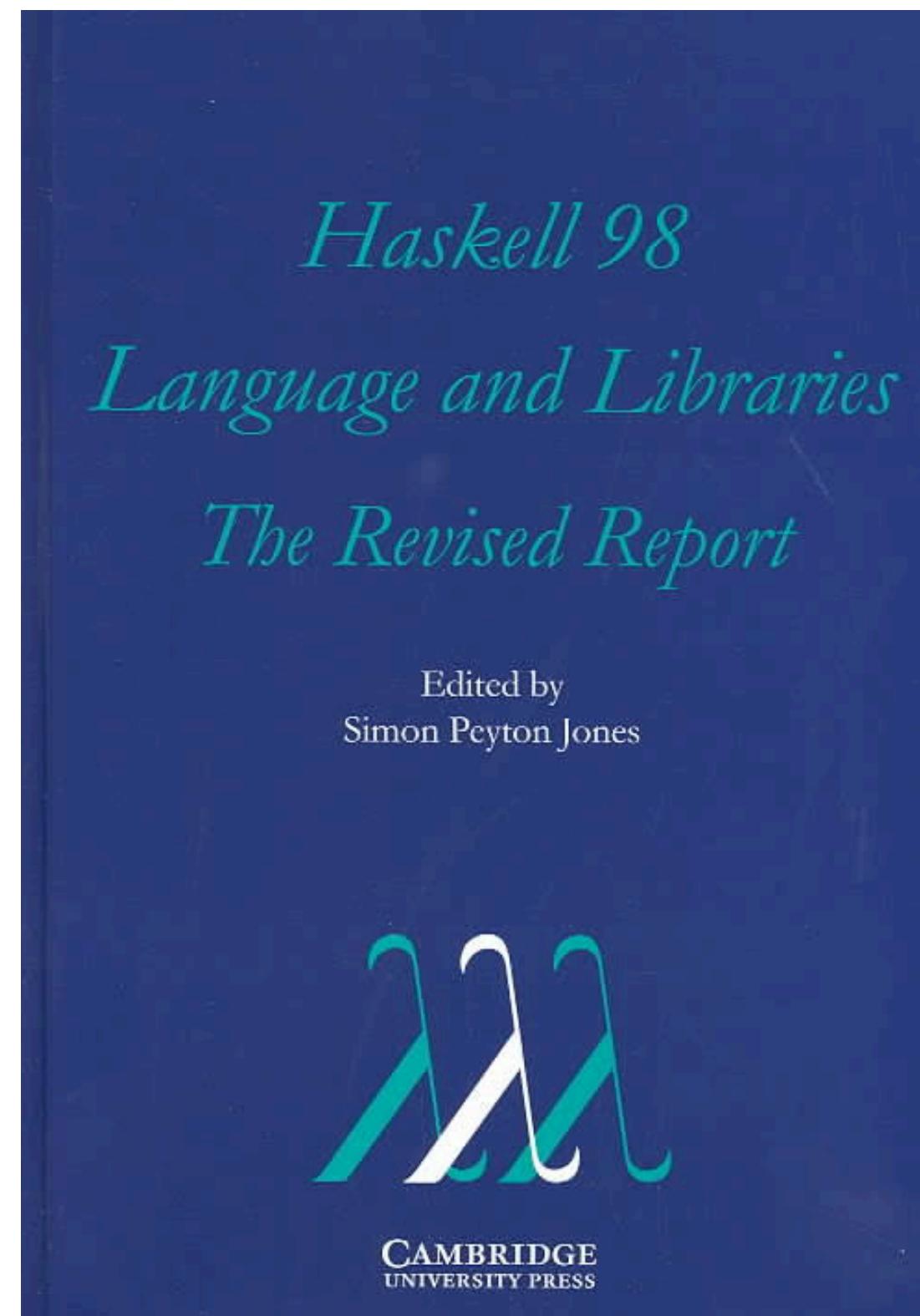


**Phil Wadler and others develop type classes and monads,
two of the main innovations of Haskell**

Historical Background

2003

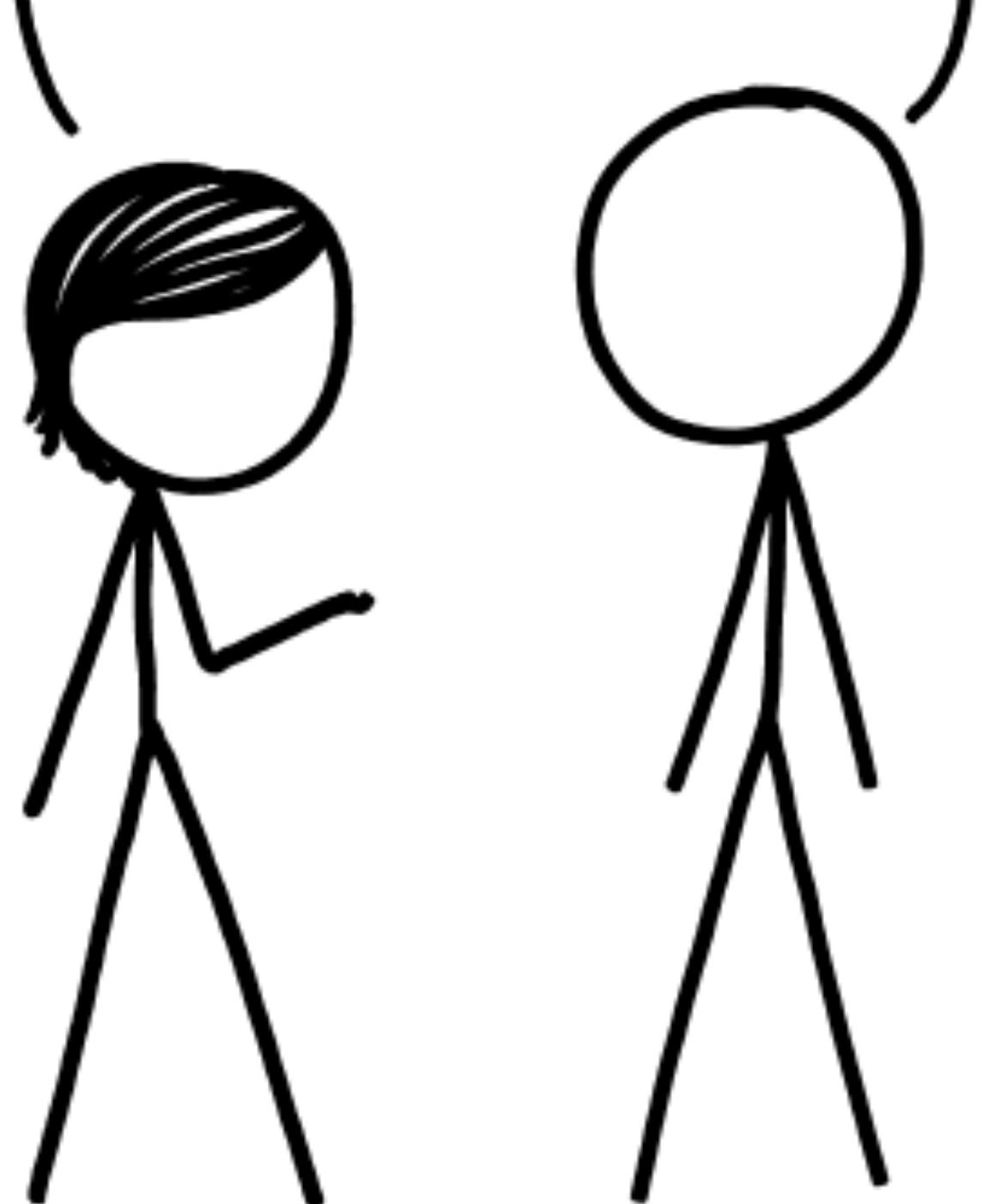
2010



The committee publishes the **Haskell Report**, defining a **stable** version of the language; an updated version was published in 2010

CODE WRITTEN IN HASKELL
IS GUARANTEED TO HAVE
NO SIDE EFFECTS.

...BECAUSE NO ONE
WILL EVER RUN IT?



xkcd.com/1312/

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A Taste of Haskell

`f [] = []`

`f (x:xs) = f ys ++ [x] ++ f zs`

where

`ys = [a | a ← xs, a ≤ x]`

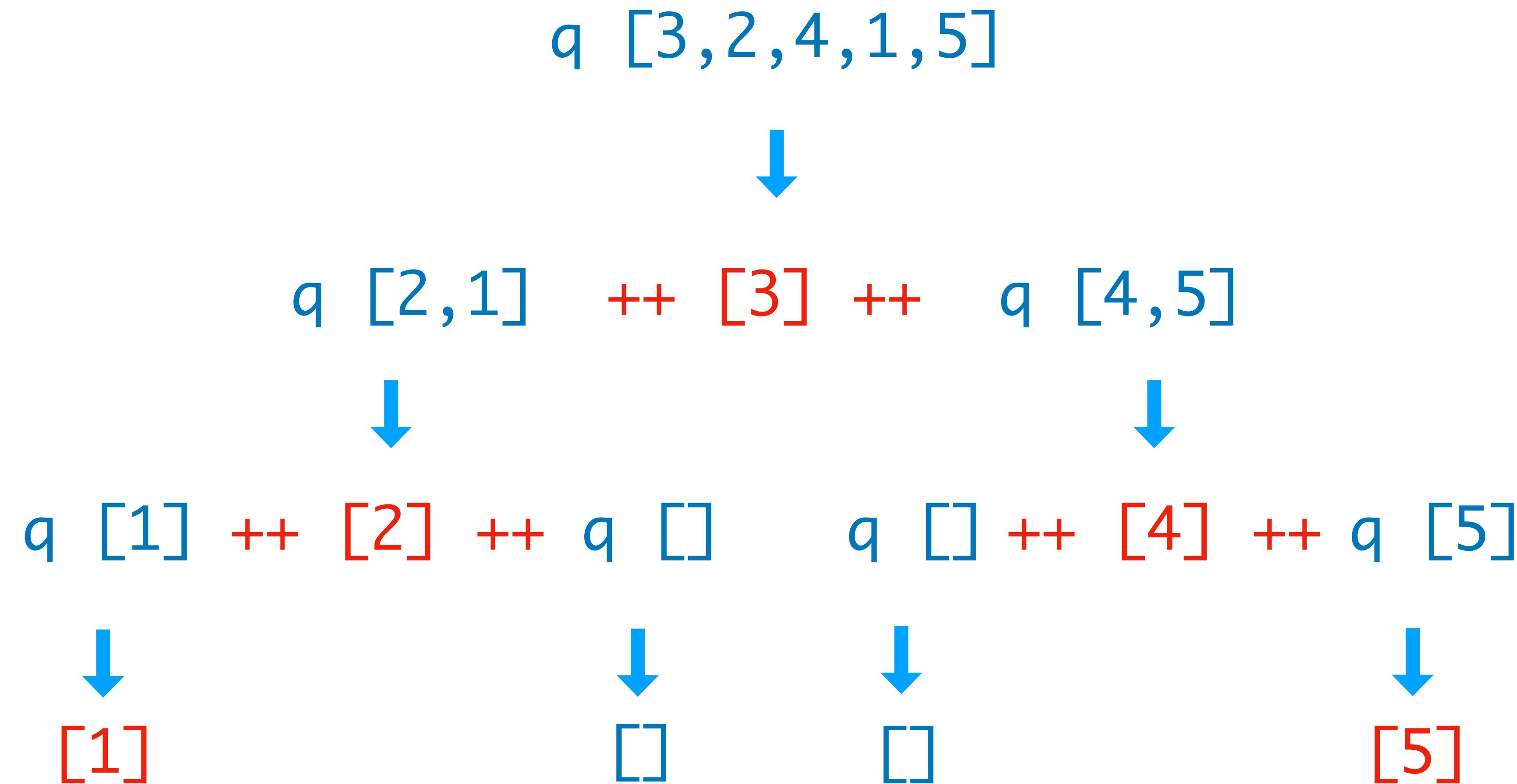
`zs = [b | b ← xs, b > x]`

What does `f` do ?

Quick Sort

```
qsort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
qsort []      = []
qsort (x:xs) =
    qsort smaller ++ [x] ++ qsort larger
  where
    smaller = [a | a <- xs, a ≤ x]
    larger  = [b | b <- xs, b > x]
```

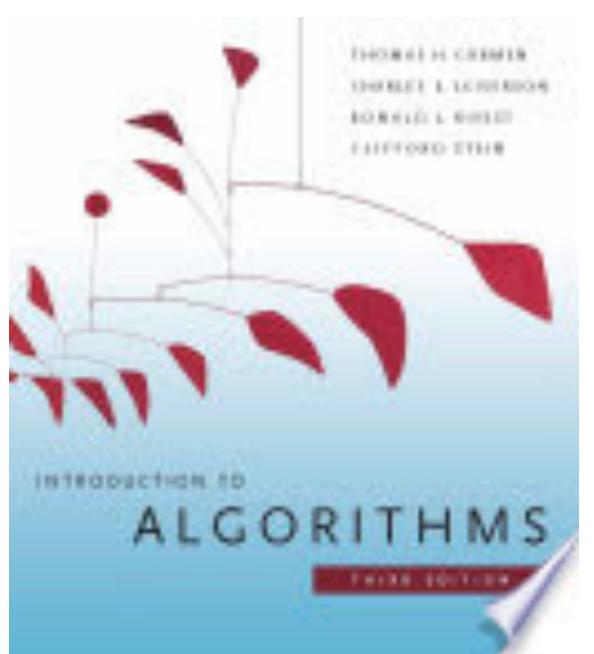
Quick Sort



Quick Sort

```
void quickSort(arr[], low, high)
{
    if (low < high)
    {
        /* pi is partitioning index, arr[pi] is now
           at right place */
        pi = partition(arr, low, high);

        quickSort(arr, low, pi - 1);
        quickSort(arr, pi + 1, high);
    }
}
```



pseudo-code

```
/* This function takes last element as pivot, places
   the pivot element at its correct position in sorted
   array, and places all smaller (smaller than pivot)
   to left of pivot and all greater elements to right
   of pivot */
partition (arr[], low, high)
{
    // pivot (Element to be placed at right position)
    pivot = arr[high];

    i = (low - 1) // Index of smaller element

    for (j = low; j <= high- 1; j++)
    {
        // If current element is smaller than or
        // equal to pivot
        if (arr[j] <= pivot)
        {
            i++; // increment index of smaller element
            swap arr[i] and arr[j]
        }
    }
    swap arr[i + 1] and arr[high])
    return (i + 1)
}
```

True Story

1986:

Donald Knuth was asked to implement a program for the "*Programming pearls*" column in the **Communications of ACM** journal.

The task:

Read a file of text, determine the n most frequently used words, and print out a sorted list of those words along with their frequencies.

True Story

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Read a file of text, determine the n most frequently used words, and print out a sorted list of those words along with their frequencies.

His solution written in **Pascal** was 10 pages long.

True Story

Doug McIlroy



[wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy)

True Story

Doug McIlroy



His response was a 6-line shell script that did the same:

```
tr -cs A-Za-z '\n' |  
tr A-Z a-z |  
sort |  
uniq -c |  
sort -rn |  
sed ${1}q
```

[wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_McIlroy)

It's all about | pipelines

Taking inspiration from **Doug McIlroy**'s UNIX shell script,
write an algorithm in **your favorite programming language**,
that solves the same problem: **word frequencies**



How do I start on this journey?

Category Theory for Programmers

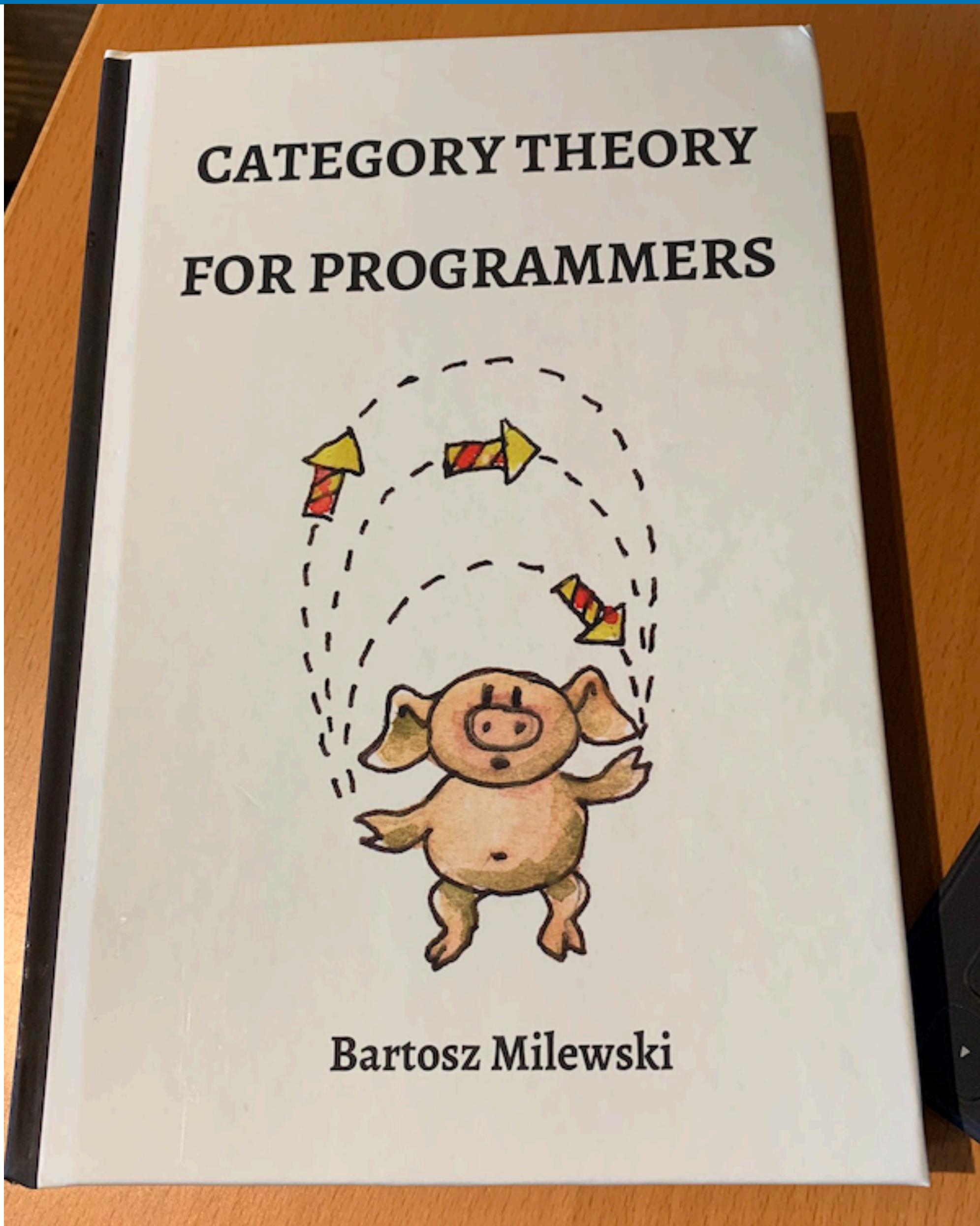


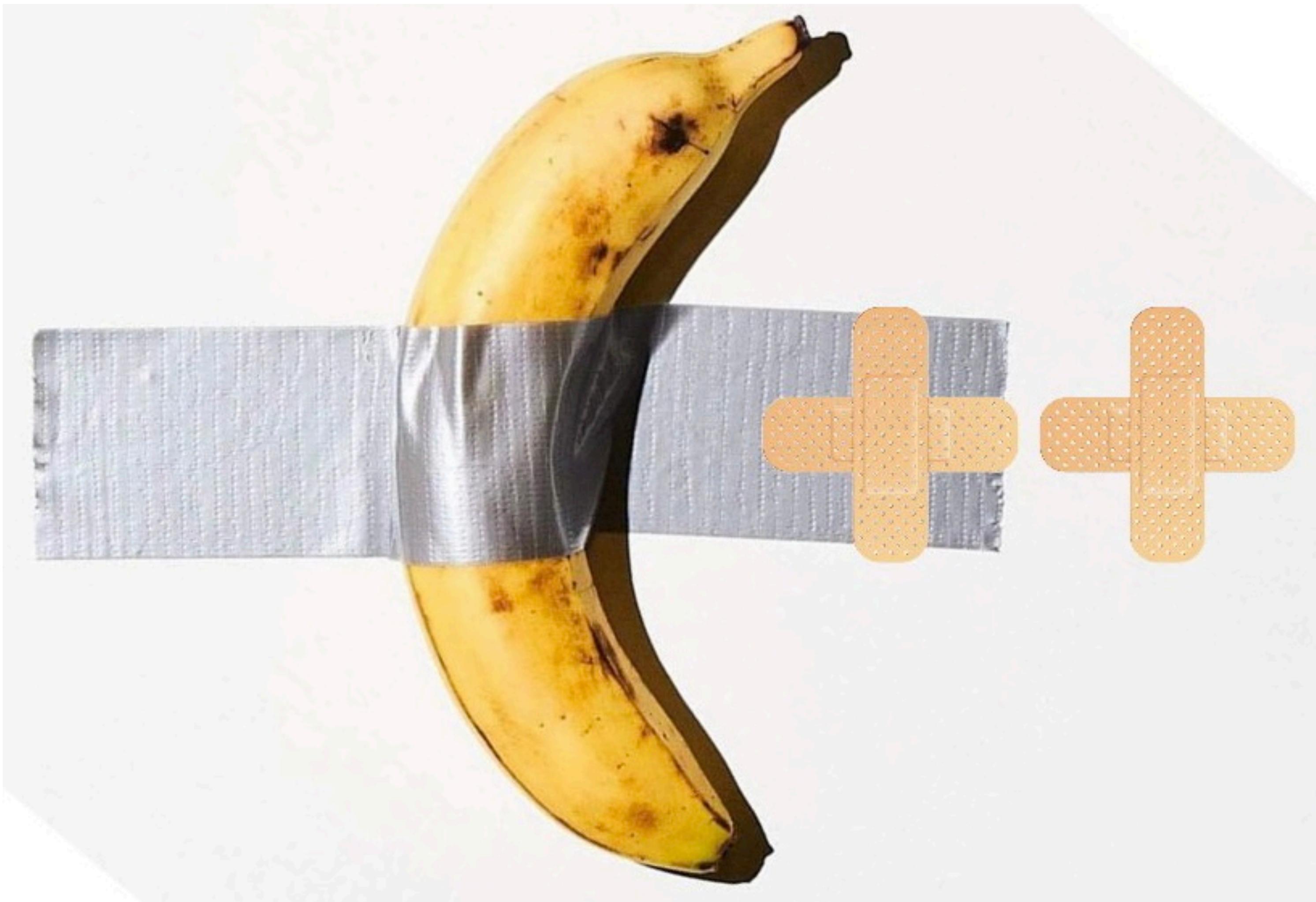
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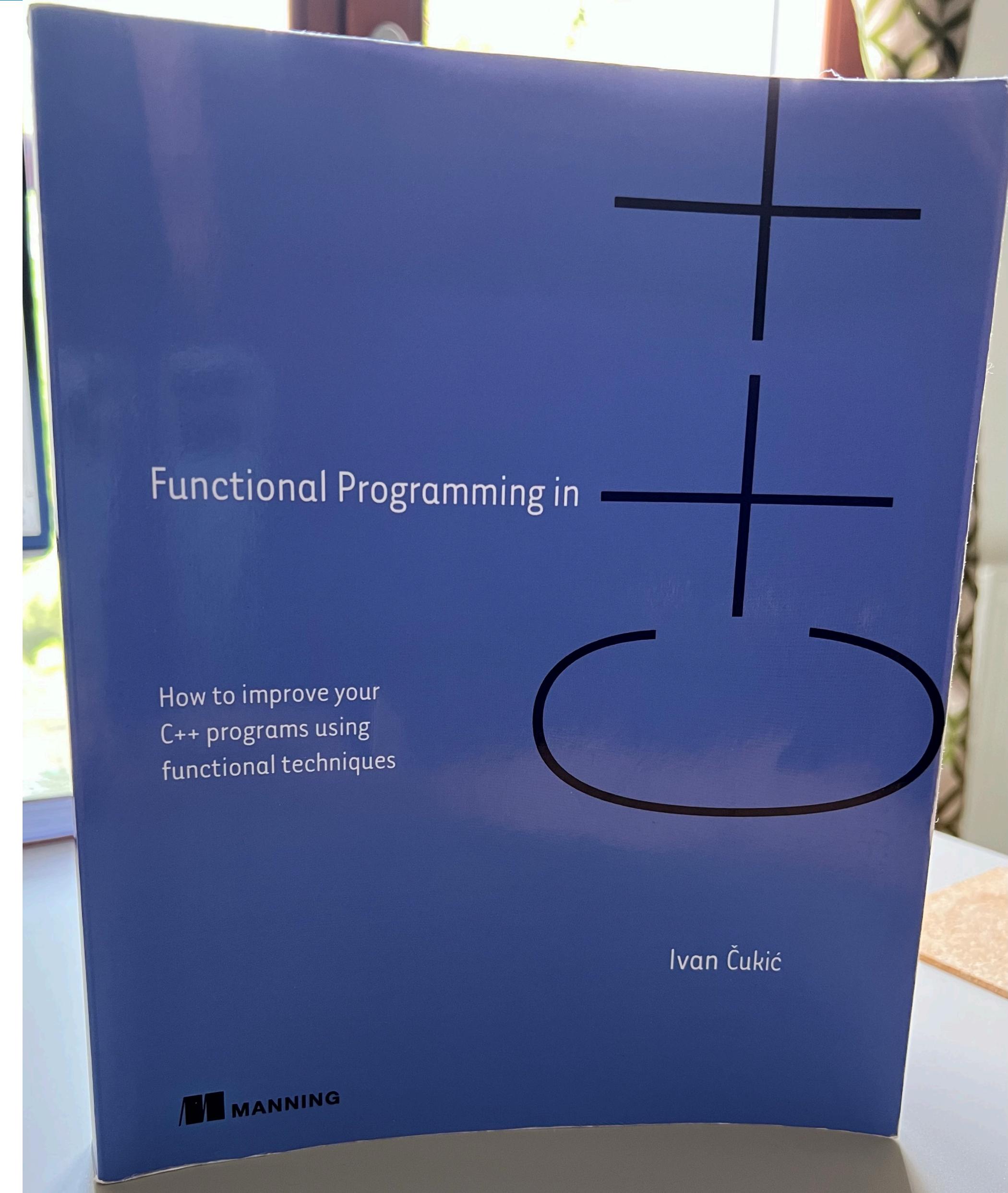
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The Book



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Need a lift?

Lift 

Need a lift?

Higher-Order Functions

`boost::hof`

boost.org/doc/doc/libs/develop/libs/hof/doc/html/doc/

Need a lift?

A C++17 library of simple `constexpr` higher order functions of predicates and for making functional composition easier.

These help reduce code duplication and improve clarity, for example in code using STL `<algorithm>`

github.com/rollbear/lift

Need a lift?

Higher order functions

- equal
- not_equal
- less_than
- less_equal
- greater_than
- greater_equal
- negate
- compose
- when_all
- when_any
- when_none
- if_then
- if_then_else
- do_all

Need a lift?

```
struct Employee {  
    std::string name;  
    unsigned    number;  
};  
  
const std::string& select_name(const Employee& e) { return e.name; }  
unsigned select_number(const Employee& e) { return e.number; }  
  
std::vector<Employee> staff;  
  
// sort employees by name  
std::sort(staff.begin(), staff.end(),  
          lift::compose(std::less{}, select_name));  
  
// retire employee number 5  
auto i = std::find_if(staff.begin(), staff.end(),  
                      lift::compose(lift::equal(5),  
                                    select_number));  
if (i != staff.end()) staff.erase(i);
```

Need a lift?

If you're using C++20 [ranges](#) you can get this (and more).

[Projections](#)... Oh my!

Need a lift?

Lifts overloaded functions named 'function' to one callable that can be used with other higher order functions.

```
#define LIFT_THRICE(...) \
    noexcept(noexcept(__VA_ARGS__)) \
    -> decltype(__VA_ARGS__)
{
    return __VA_ARGS__;
}

#define LIFT_FWD(x) std::forward<decltype(x)>(x)

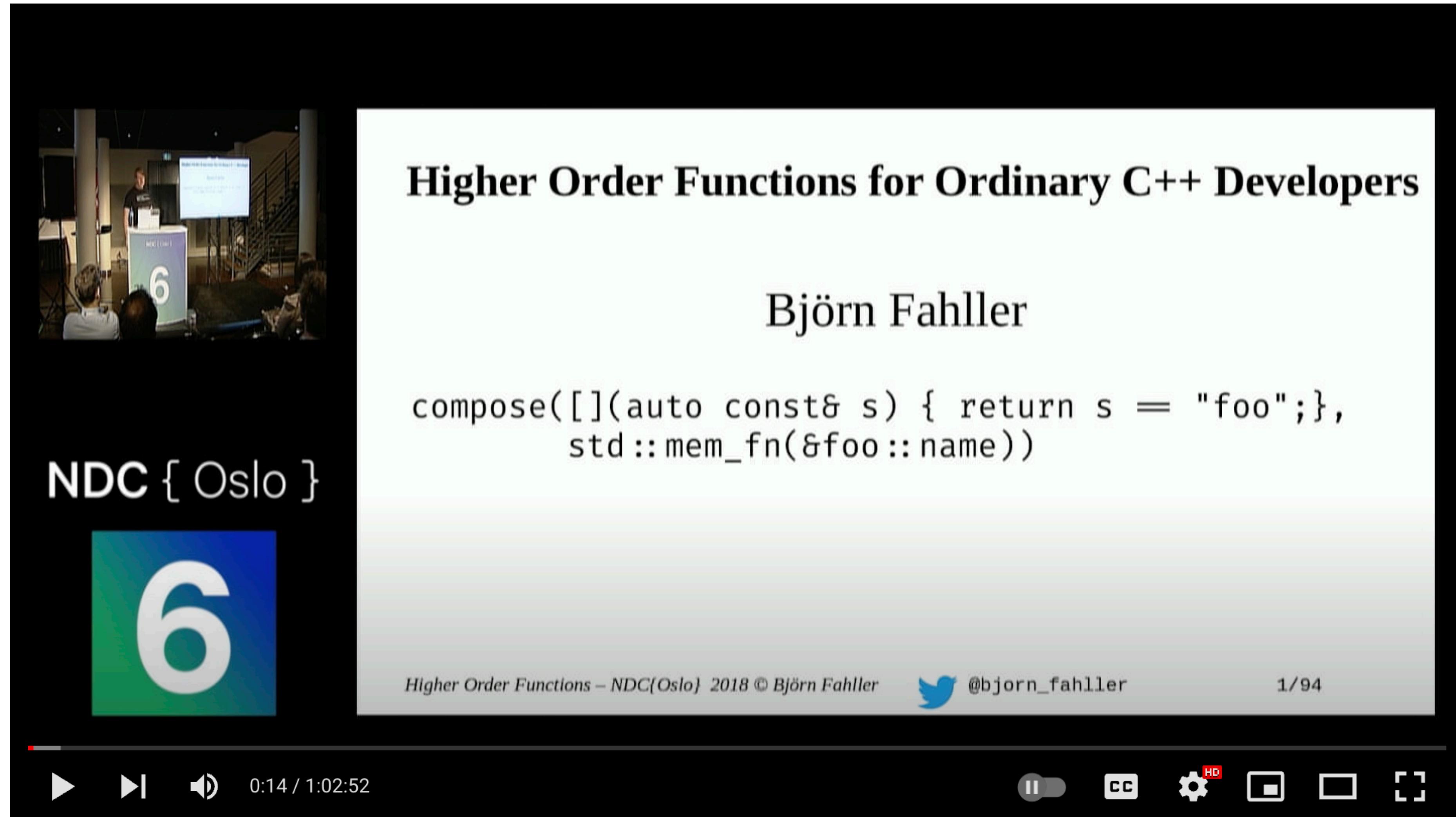
#define LIFT(lift_func) [](auto&& ... p) \
    LIFT_THRICE(lift_func(LIFT_FWD(p)...))
```

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```
std::vector<int> vi;  
...  
std::vector<std::string> vs;  
std::transform(std::begin(vi), std::end(vi),  
             std::back_inserter(vs),  
             LIFT(std::to_string)); //lift overloaded set of 9 functions
```

Need a lift?



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Higher order functions for ordinary C++ developers - Björn Fahller

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Boxes



Type Constructors

There are various ways to hide  a value:

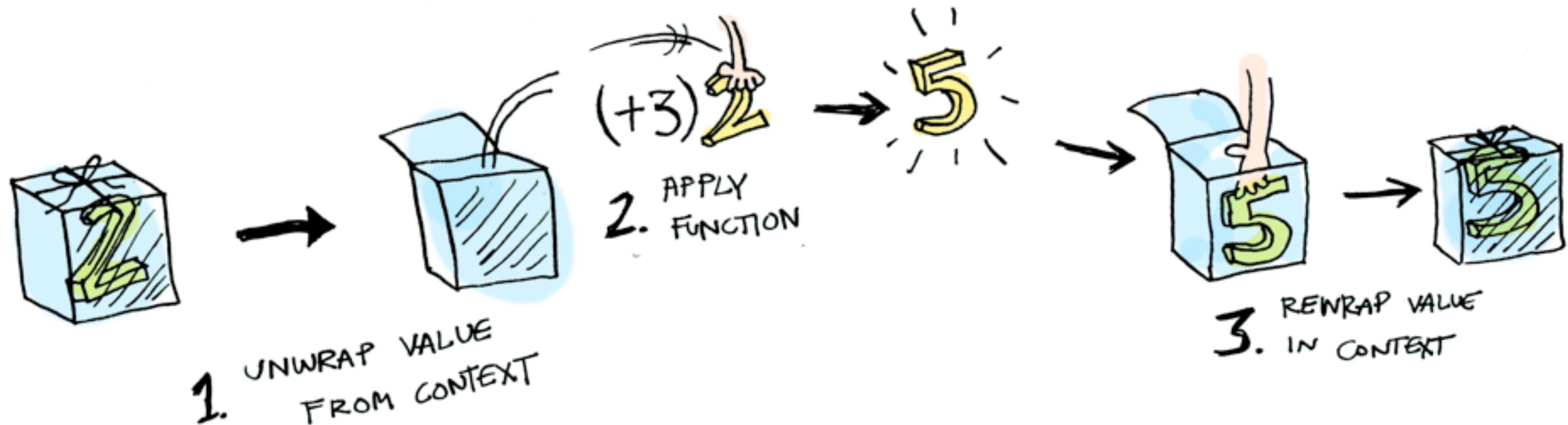
- `unique_ptr<T> p;`
- `shared_ptr<T> p;`
- `vector<T> v;`
- `optional<T> o;`
- `function<T(int)> f;`

Access the value within:

- `*p | p.get()`
- `*p | p.get()`
- `v[0] | *v.begin()`
- `*o | o.value()`
- `f(5)`

Functor | Applicative | Monad

Performing actions on the hidden value, without breaking the 📦 BOX.



adit.io/posts/2013-04-17-functors,_applicatives,_and_monads_in_pictures



The Box

`std::optional` can simplify APIs

- don't look inside the box
- don't use optional for error handling
- when in doubt, draw inspiration from other APIs:
Haskell ([Maybe](#)) or Rust ([Option<T>](#))



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The Box

optional<T> f()

if / else

optional<T> g(optional<T> in)

if / else

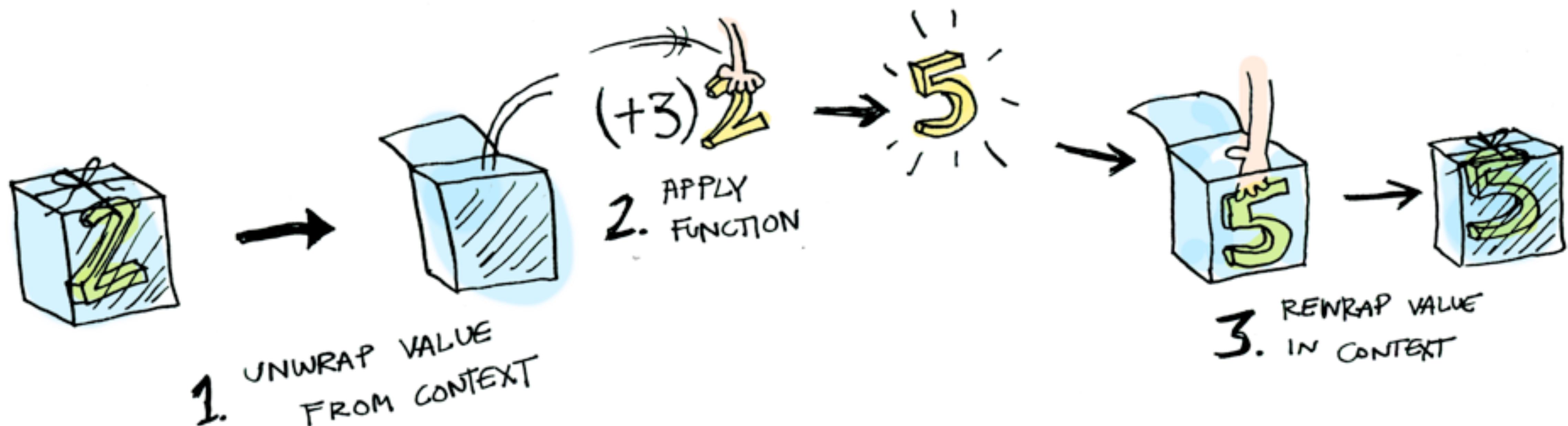
optional<T> h(optional<T> in)



don't look inside the  box



The Box



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Example

Calling the a function on the `std::string` value inside the `std::optional` box.

```
string capitalize(string str);
...
optional<string> str = ...; // from an operation that could fail

string cap;
if (str)
    cap = capitalize(str.value()); // capitalize(*str);
```

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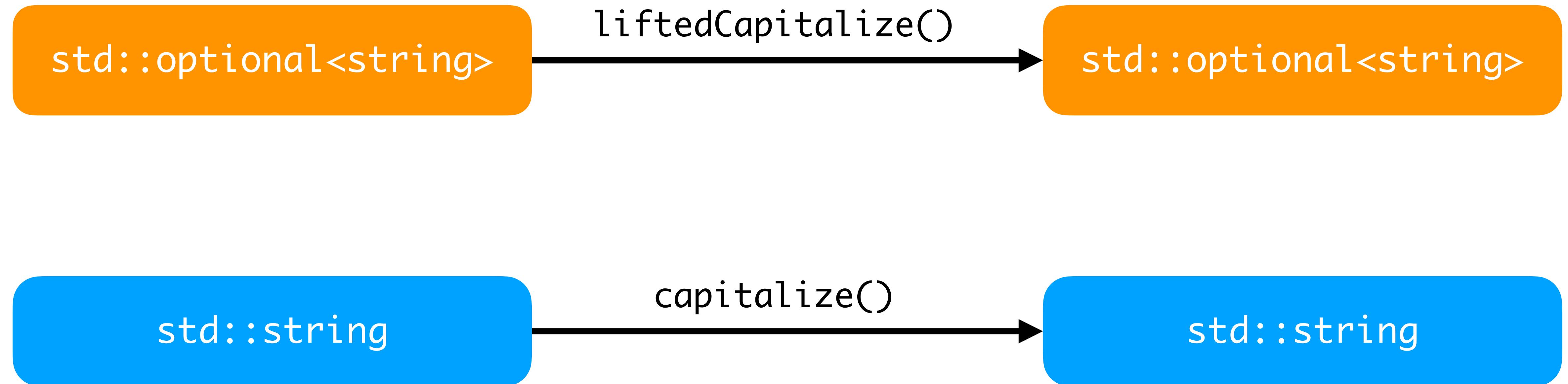
Lifting capitalize()

Lifted `capitalize()` operates on `optional<string>` and produces `optional<string>`

```
optional<string> liftedCapitalize(const optional<string> & s)
{
    optional<string> result;
    if (s)
        result = capitalize(*s);

    return result;
}
```

Lifting capitalize()



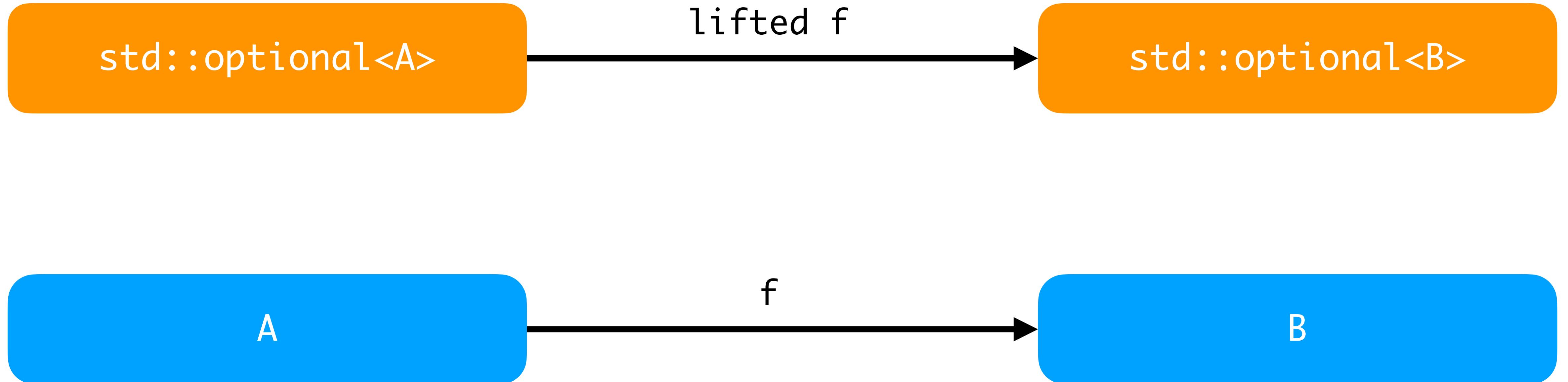
Lifting any function

Lifted `f` operates on `optional<A>` and produces `optional`

```
template<class A, class B>
optional<B> fmap(function<B(A)> f, const optional<A> & o)
{
    optional<B> result;
    if (o)
        result = f(*o); // wrap a <B>

    return result;
}
```

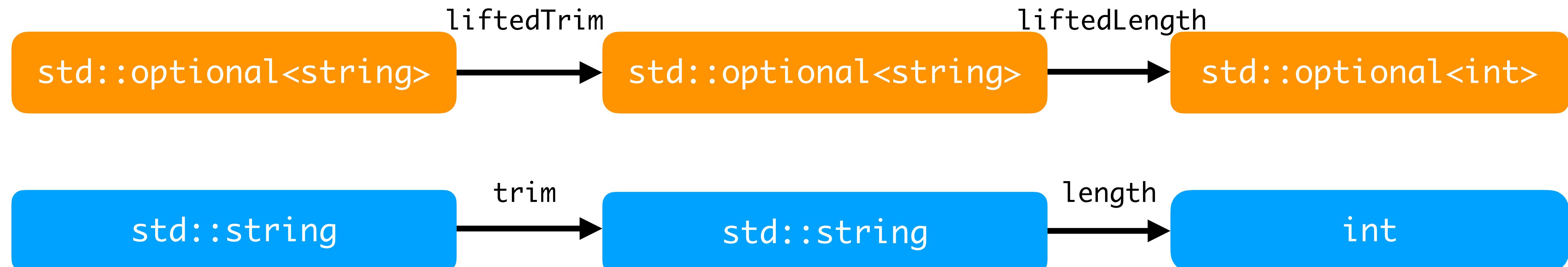
Lifting any function



Composition of lifted functions

The real power of lifted functions shines when **composing** functions.

```
optional<string> str{" Some text "};  
  
auto len = fmap<string, int>(&length,  
                           fmap<string, string>(&trim, str);
```



Lifting any function (take 2)

```
template<typename T, typename F>
auto fmap(const optional<T> & o, F f) -> decltype( f(o.value()) ) {
    if (o)
        return f(o.value());
    else
        return {}; // std::nullopt
}
```

Composition Example

Let's build a symbol table for a debugged program.

```
optional<int64_t> current_pc = ... ; // function address
...
optional<string> debug_location()
{
    if (!current_pc)
        return {};
    const auto function = dsym::load_symbol(current_pc.value());
    if (!function)
        return {};
    return dsym::to_string(function.value()); // function name
}
```

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{  
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        fmap(current_pc, dsym::load_symbol),  
        dsym::to_string  
    );  
}
```

Composition Example (take 3)

We could create an `fmap` transformation that has the pipe `|` syntax, like ranges:

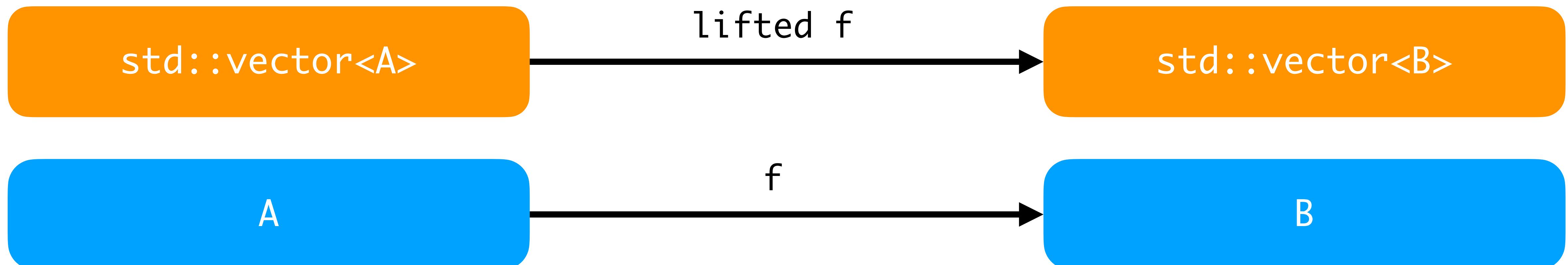
```
optional<int64_t> current_pc = ... ; // function address  
...  
  
optional<string> debug_location()  
{  
    return current_pc  
        | fmap(dsym::load_symbol)  
        | fmap(dsym::to_string);  
}
```

Lifting a function to a vector

Lifted `f` operates on `vector<A>` and produces `vector`

```
template<class A, class B>
vector<B> fmap(function<B(A)> f, vector<A> v)
{
    vector<B> result;
    std::transform(v.begin(), v.end(), back_inserter(result), f);
    return result;
}
```

higher-order function



Lifting a function to a vector

Lifted `length` operates on `vector<string>` and produces `vector<int>`

```
vector<string> names{ ... };
```

```
vector<int> lengths = fmap<string, int>(&length, names);
```

Functor (recap)

Type constructor

- create a **box** type that wraps another type
- encapsulates the values of another type into a *context*

Function lifting

- create a *higher-order* function (eg. **fmap**)
- for any function **A->B** create a function **box<A> -> box**

Why?

- no need to break encapsulation (no peek in )
- better composition (chaining, continuation)



Monadic `std::optional` (C++23 P0798)

```
optional<int> string_view_to_int(string_view sv)
{
    const auto first = sv.data();
    const auto last = first + sv.size();

    int val = -1;
    const auto result = std::from_chars(first, last, val);

    if (result.ec == errc{} && result.ptr == last)
        return val;
    else
        return nullopt;
}
```



Monadic `std::optional` (C++23 P0798)

```
cout << string_view_to_int(sv)
    .and_then( [=](int val) -> optional<int> {
        const int logs = clamp(val, 0, max_logs);
        if (logs > 0)
            return logs;
        else
            return std::nullopt;
    })
    .transform([](int val) {
        return std::format("Collecting in {} logs.", val);
    })
    .or_else([] {
        return optional<string>{"Log error"};
    })
    .value()
```

Declarative style

Style	Signature Element	Elimination Strategy
Imperative	Statement	multi-computation
Object-Oriented	Object construction	polymorphism
Functional	Function call	higher order function
Generic	Type instantiation	traits class

The Conditional-Replacement Meta-Pattern.

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Expressions yield **values**, Statements do not;

Related session

Values

Safety, Regularity, Independence, Projection, and the Future of Programming

15:15 - 16:15 Wednesday 14th September 2022 MDT Summit 2 & 3 / Online D

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Value Semantics



+ Add to Schedule

Support for first-class user-defined value types may be among C++'s greatest strengths—one that most recent language designs have sadly failed to emulate. That said, although value types are everywhere in C++, we don't have a commonly accepted definition of "value semantics", and we tend to use the phrase with only an intuitive idea of what it means. This talk offers a deeper understanding of value semantics, defining it in a way that in turn reveals surprising truths about programming in general. We'll expose the value semantics that underlies our mental model even when we're "forced" to use pointers or references, and discuss how a future C++ might close that expressivity gap, improving safety, performance, and programmer confidence. We'll conclude with some guidelines you can use today to improve your programs, and propose the next must-see session for value semantics lovers.

This presentation lays groundwork for another talk, "Val wants to be your friend." If you're interested in that talk, you'll want to see this one first.



Dave Abrahams

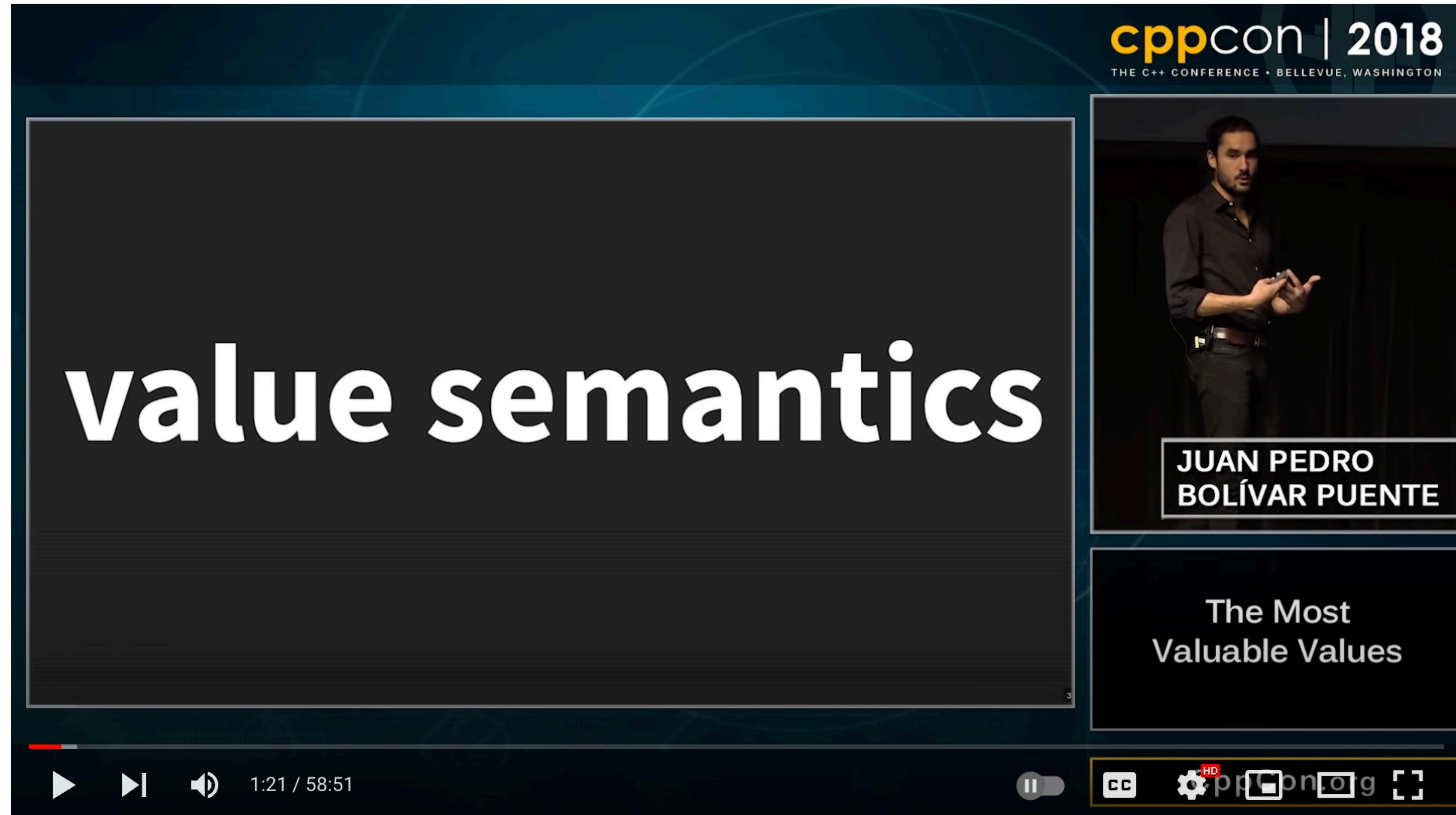
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Values



CppCon 2018: Juan Pedro Bolívar Puente “The Most Valuable Values”

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Most valuable Values

Value-oriented design reconciles **functional** and **procedural** programming by focusing on *value semantics*.

Like functional programming, it promotes **local reasoning** and **composition**.

It is however *pragmatic* and can be implemented in idiomatic C++, in existing codebases.

Juan Pedro Bolívar Puente

Values



Value-oriented design in an object-oriented system - Juan Pedro Bolivar Puente [C++ on Sea 2020]

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Immutable DS

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Postmodern immutable data structures

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Adding **const** always helps

const all the things!



Adding **const** always helps

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGCxMmGvocE>

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Top 4 Places
To Never Use
`const`

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- don't `const` any member data
 - it breaks implicit and explicit moves
 - it breaks common use cases of assignment

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C++ 20 Ranges

The beginning of the end for [begin, end)

Jeff Garland

New algorithms

Views

Projections

Actions

Lazy evaluation

Very efficient generated code

Many adaptors

Pipelines

A taste of ranges

Print only the **even** elements of a range in **reverse** order:

```
std::for_each(  
    std::cbegin(v), std::crend(v),  
    [](auto const i) {  
        if(is_even(i))  
            cout << i;  
    });
```

```
for (auto const i : v  
      | rv::reverse  
      | rv::filter(is_even))  
{  
    cout << i;  
}
```

A taste of ranges

Skip the first **2** elements of the range and print only the **even** numbers of the **next 3** in the range:

```
auto it = std::cbegin(v);
std::advance(it, 2);
auto ix = 0;
while (it != cend(v) && ix++ < 3)
{
    if (is_even(*it))
        cout << (*it);
    it++;
}
```

```
for (auto const i : v
      | rv::drop(2)
      | rv::take(3)
      | rv::filter(is_even))
{
    cout << i;
}
```

A taste of ranges

Modify an *unsorted* range so that it retains only the **unique** values but in **reverse** order.

```
vector<int> v{ 21, 1, 3, 8, 13, 1, 5, 2 };
std::sort(std::begin(v), std::end(v));

v.erase(
    std::unique(std::begin(v), std::end(v)),
    std::end(v));

std::reverse(std::begin(v), std::end(v));
```

```
vector<int> v{ 21, 1, 3, 8, 13,
                1, 5, 2 };

v = std::move(v) |  
    ra::sort |  
    ra::unique |  
    ra::reverse;
```

A taste of ranges

Create a range of **strings** containing the **last 3** numbers **divisible to 7** in the range **[101, 200]**, in **reverse** order.

```
vector<std::string> v;

for (int n = 200, count = 0;
     n >= 101 && count < 3; --n)
{
    if (n % 7 == 0)
    {
        v.push_back(to_string(n));
        count++;
    }
}
```

```
auto v = rs::iota_view(101, 201)
| rv::reverse
| rv::filter([](auto v) { return v%7==0; })
| rv::transform(to_string)
| rv::take(3)
| rs::to_vector;
```

A taste of ranges

C++20 ranges ruined one more interview question 😊

```
auto strings = std::string_view{"Hello C++ 20"}  
    | std::views::split(' ');
```

a range of ranges

lazily evaluated

```
for (const auto & ref : strings)  
    std::cout << std::string_view{ref.begin(), ref.end()} << '\n';
```



It's all about | pipelines

Taking inspiration from **Doug McIlroy**'s UNIX shell script:



```
tr -cs A-Za-z '\n' |
    tr A-Z a-z |
    sort |
    uniq -c |
    sort -rn |
    sed ${1}q
```

Word frequencies

```
const auto words =  
    istream_range<std::string>(std::cin)  
    | view::transform(string_to_lower)  
    | view::transform(string_only_alnum)  
    | view::remove_if(&std::string::empty)  
    | ranges::to_vector | action::sort;
```

Word frequencies

```
const auto results = words
| view::group_by(std::equal_to{})
| view::transform([] (const auto & group) {
    const auto b = std::begin(group);
    const auto e = std::end(group);
    const auto size = std::distance(b, e);
    const std::string word = *b;
    return make_pair(size, word);
})
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Word frequencies

```
for (auto value : results | view::reverse  
    | view::take(n))  
{  
    std::cout << value.first << ":" << value.second << "\n";  
}
```

Remember him?

1990s

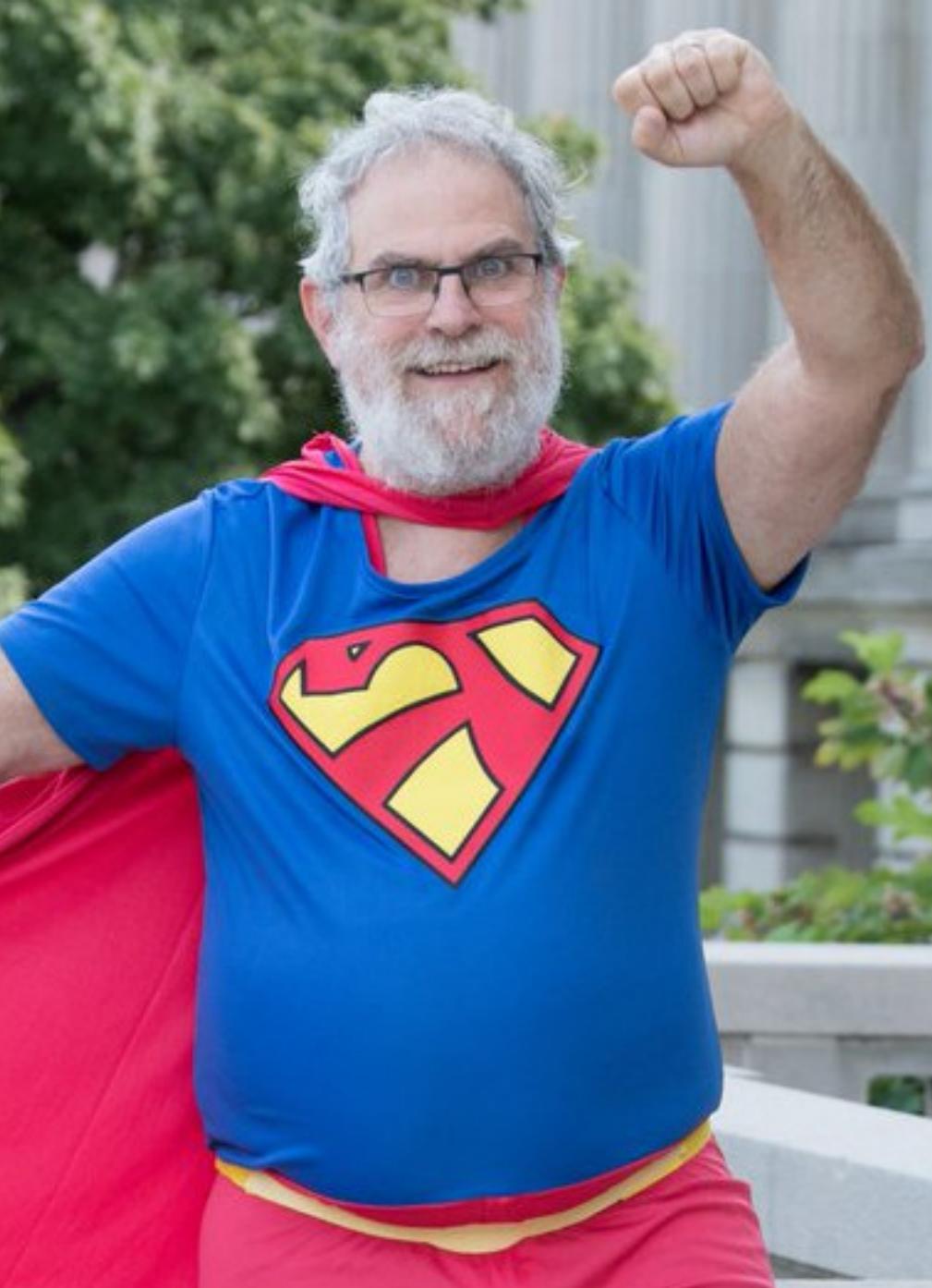


**Phil Wadler and others develop type classes and monads,
two of the main innovations of Haskell**



<*> Čukić

Takeaway



"Make your code readable.
Pretend the next person who looks
at your code is a psychopath and
they know where you live."

Phil Wadler

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- How Microsoft Uses C++ to Deliver Office – Zachary Henkel

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The Imperatives Must Go!

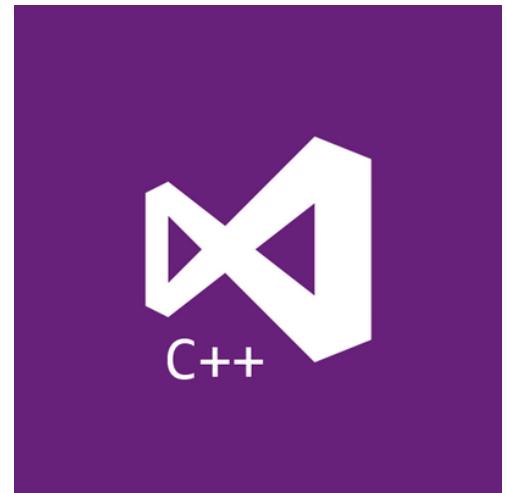
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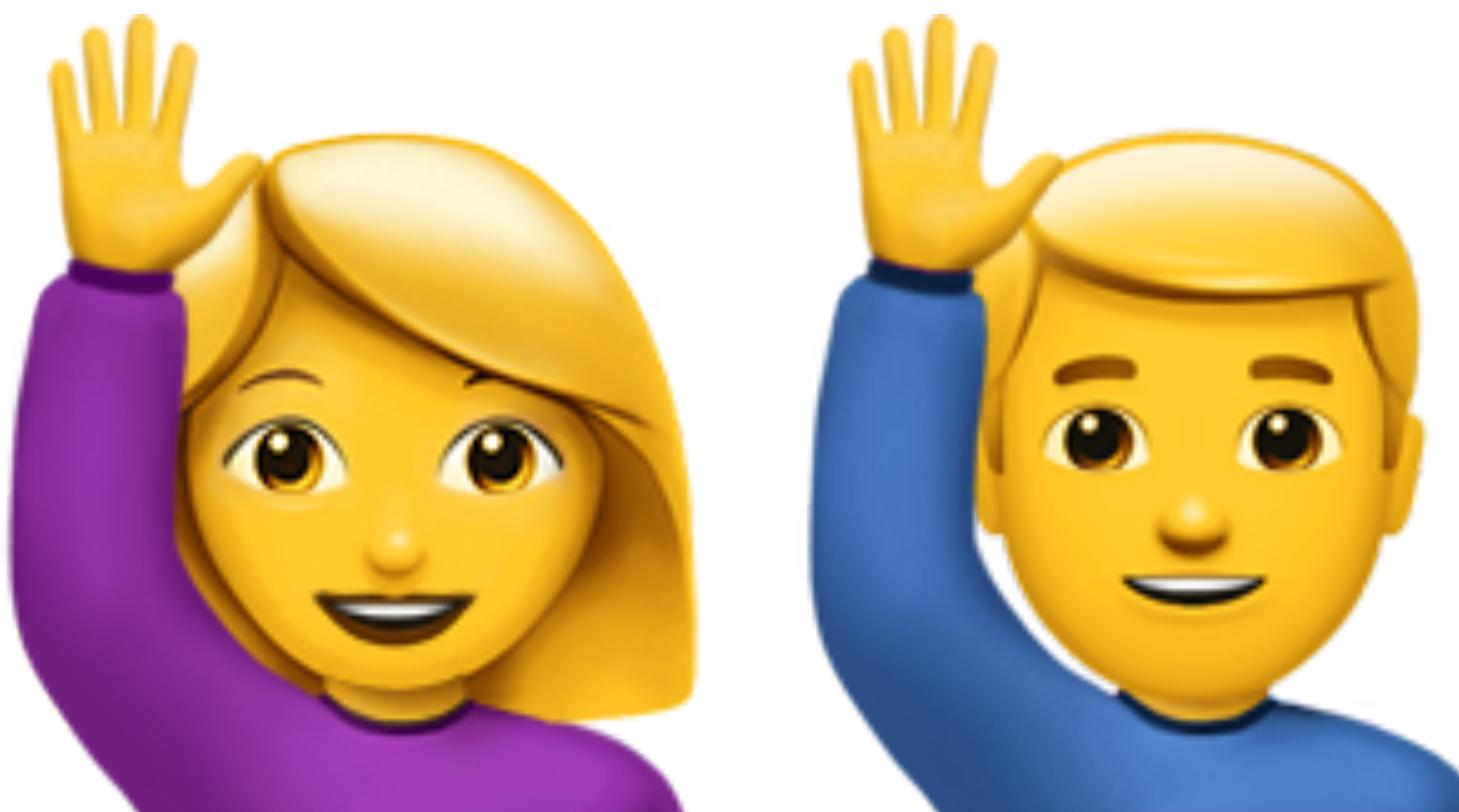
Victor Ciura
Senior SW Engineer
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Bonus problem

Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence.

How many of you solved this textbook exercise before ?
(in any programming language)



Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

{ 5, 8, 8, 2, 1, 1, 9, 4, 4, 7 }

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Visual hint:

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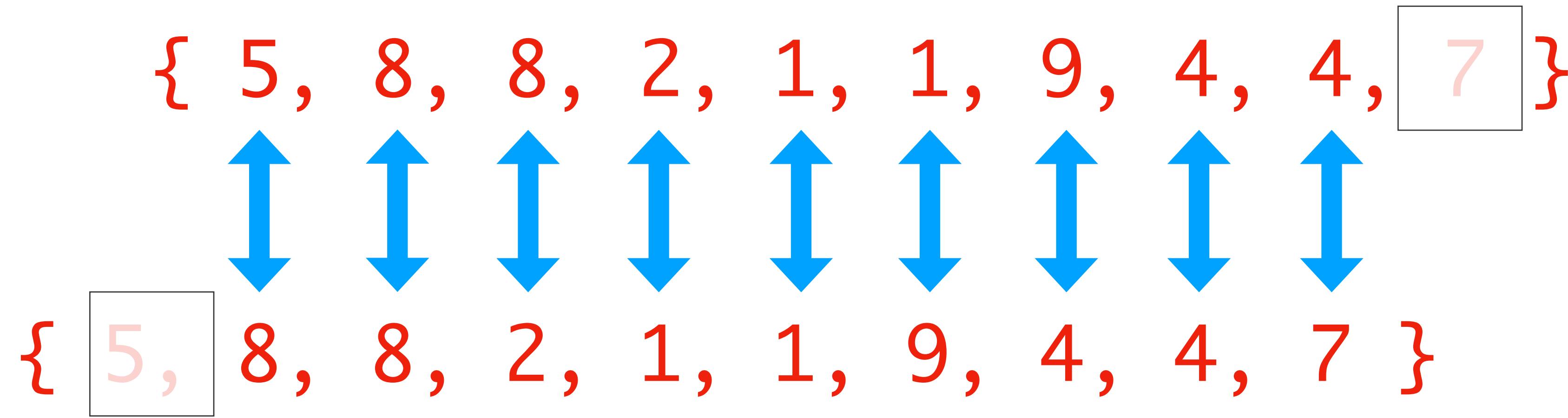
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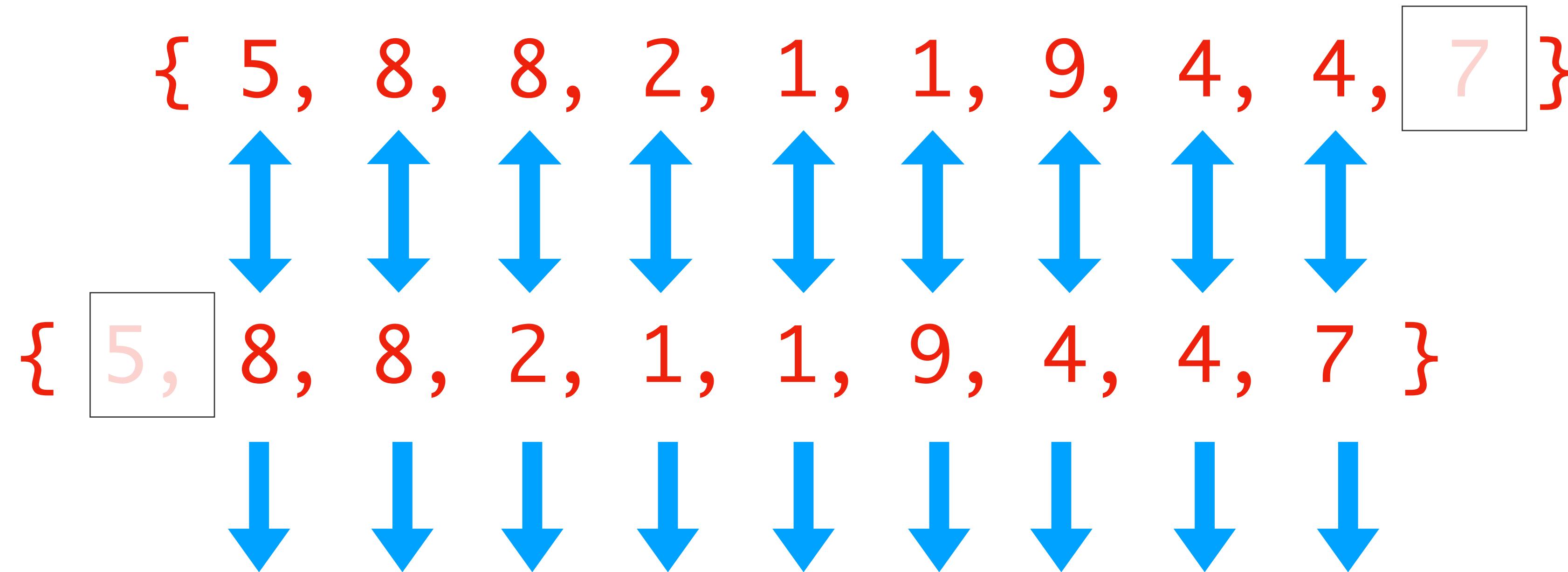
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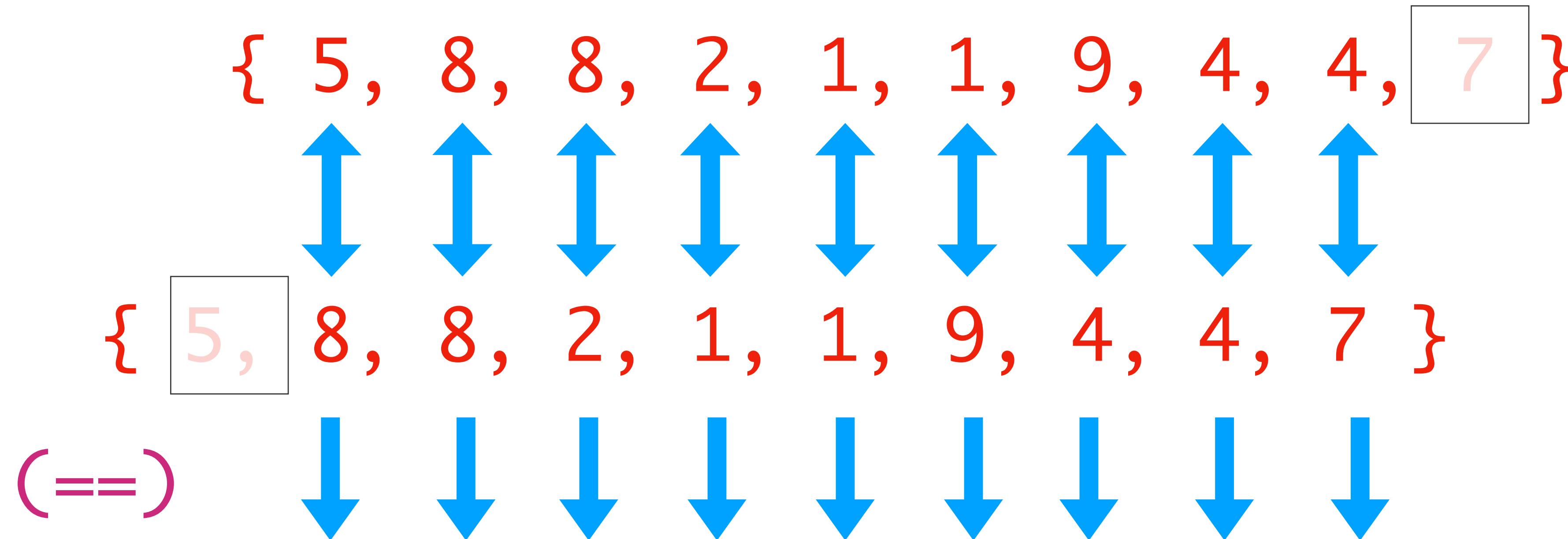
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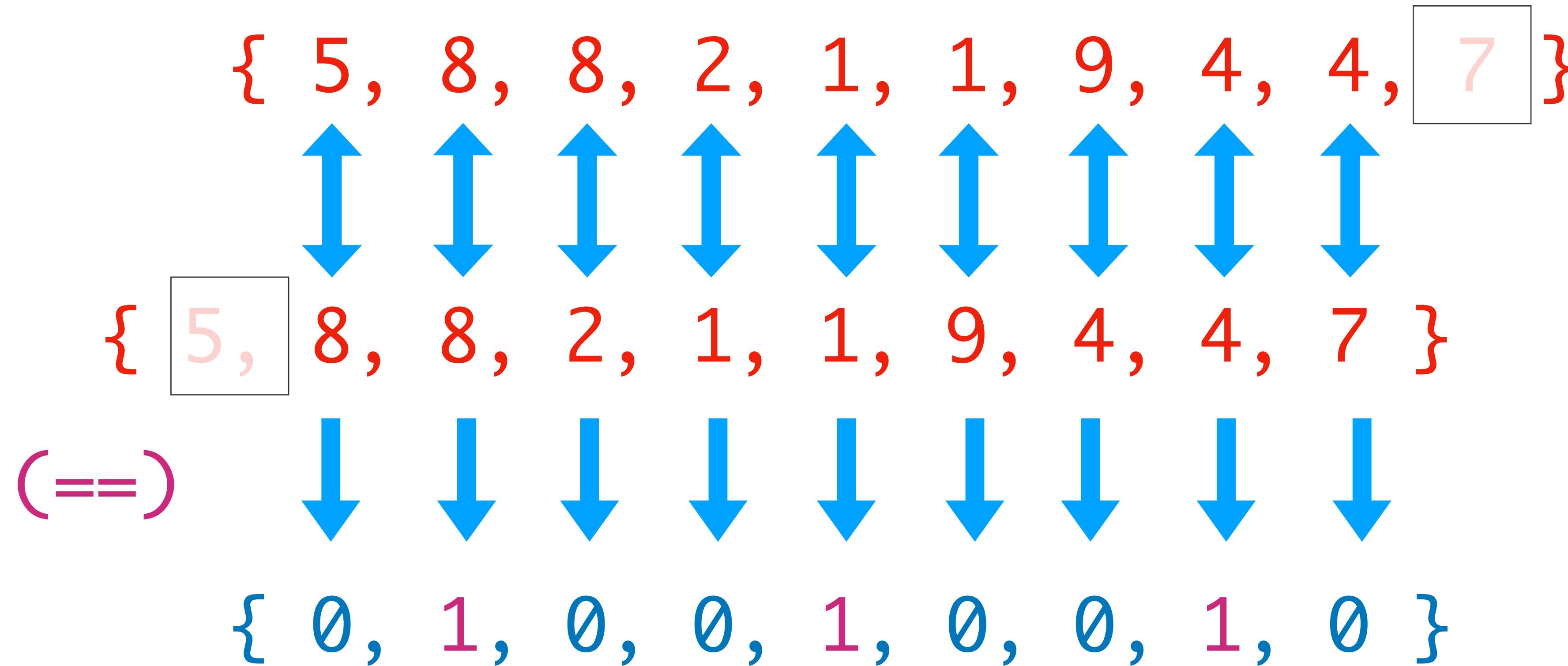
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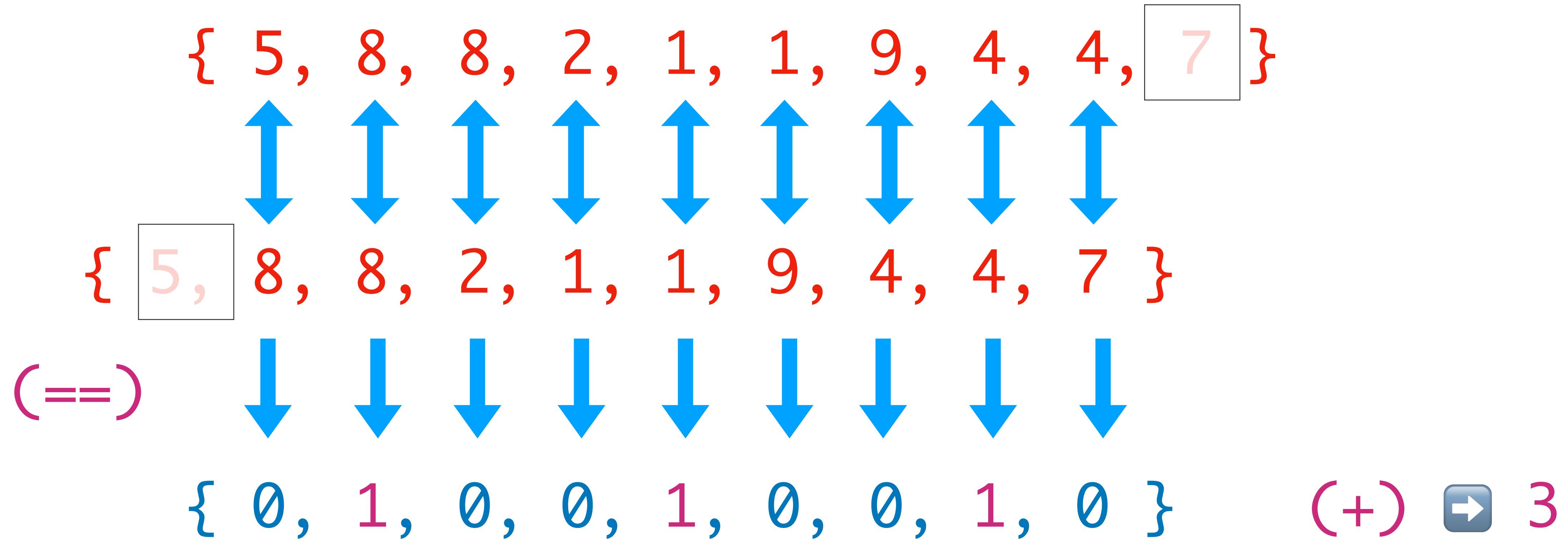
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Visual hint:



C++

Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

Let me guess... a bunch of **for** loops, right ?

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How about something shorter ?

An STL **algorithm** maybe ?

C++

Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

```
template<class InputIt1, class InputIt2,
         class T,
         class BinaryOperation1, class BinaryOperation2>
T inner_product(InputIt1 first1, InputIt1 last1,
                InputIt2 first2, T init,
                BinaryOperation1 op1 // "sum" function
                BinaryOperation2 op2) // "product" function
{
    while (first1 != last1)
    {
        init = op1(init, op2(*first1, *first2));
        ++first1;
        ++first2;
    }
    return init;
}
```

C++ Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

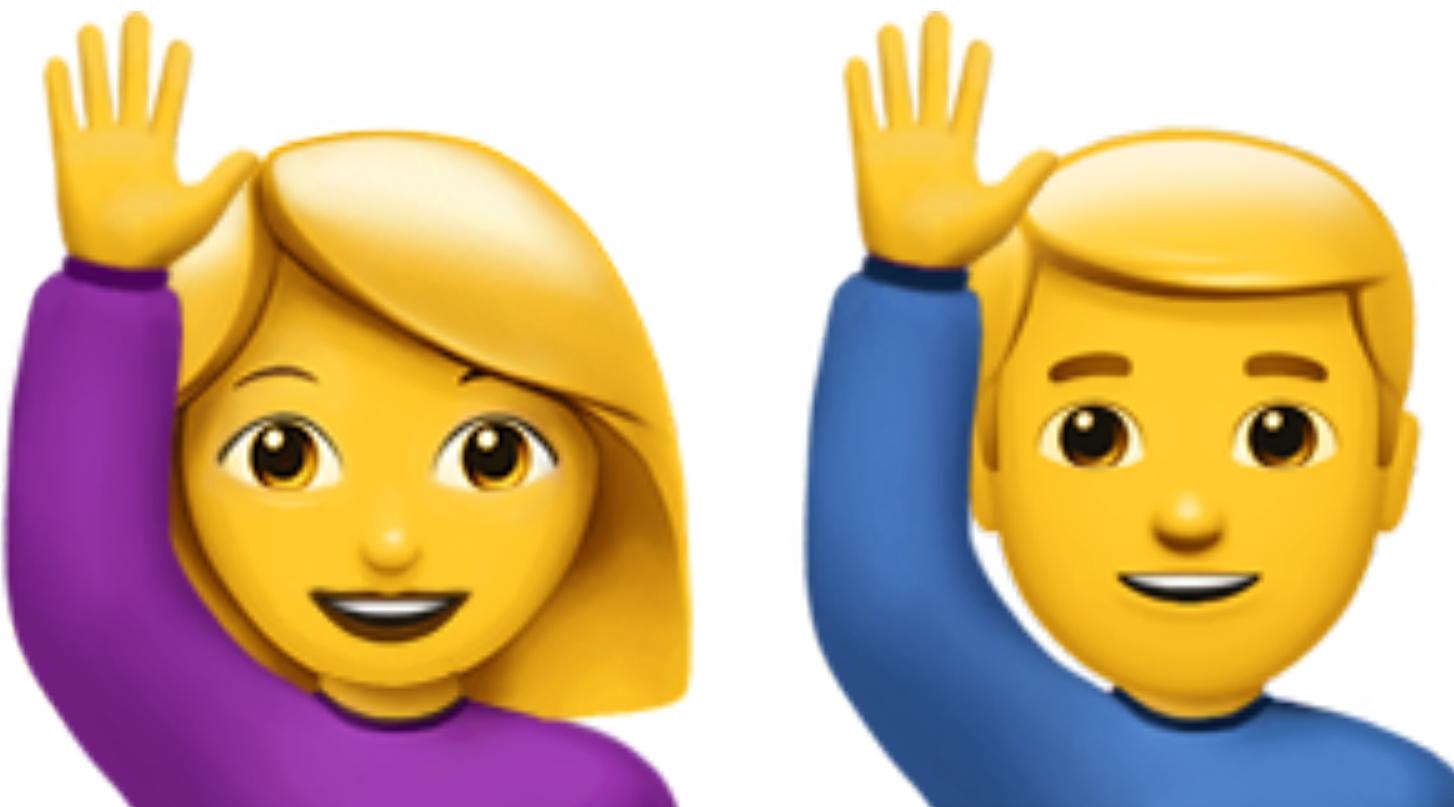
```
template <typename T>
int count_adj_equals(const T & xs) // requires non-empty range
{
    return std::inner_product(
        std::cbegin(xs), std::cend(xs) - 1, // to penultimate elem
        std::cbegin(xs) + 1,                // collection tail
        0,
        std::plus{},                      // yields integer sum
        std::equal_to{}); // yields boolean => 0 or 1
}
```

C++

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If you found that piece of code in a code-base,
would you **understand** what it does* ?



* without my cool diagram & animation

Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

Let's go back to Haskell for a few minutes...





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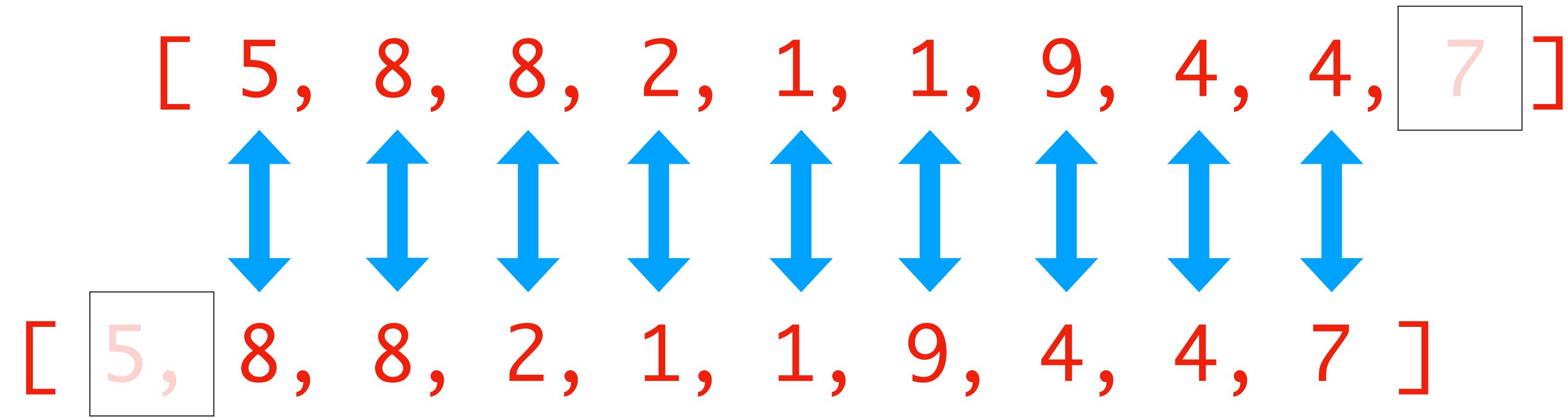
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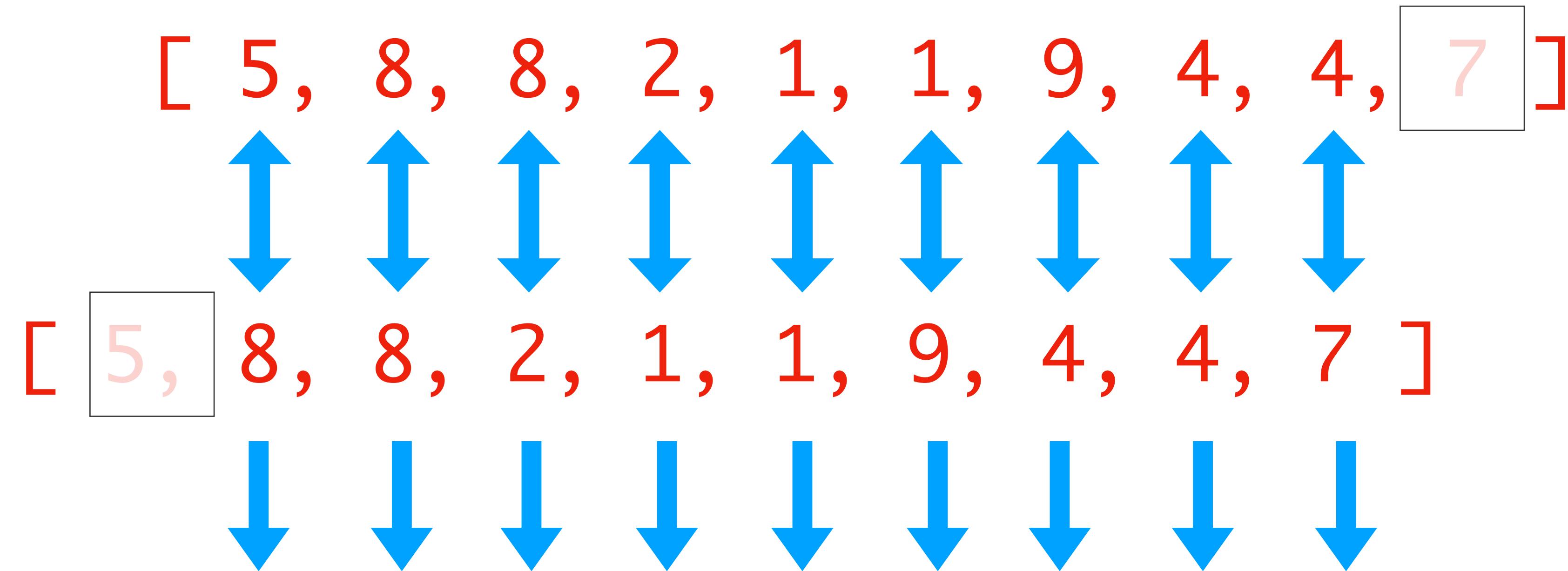
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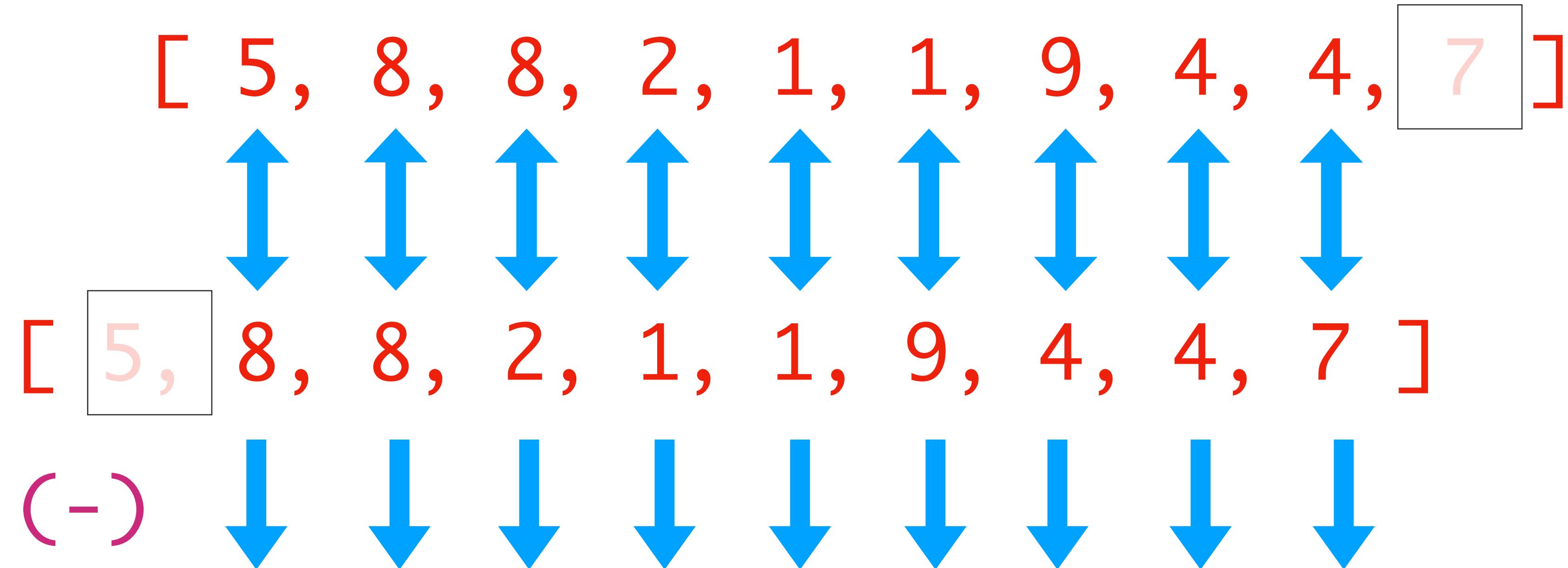
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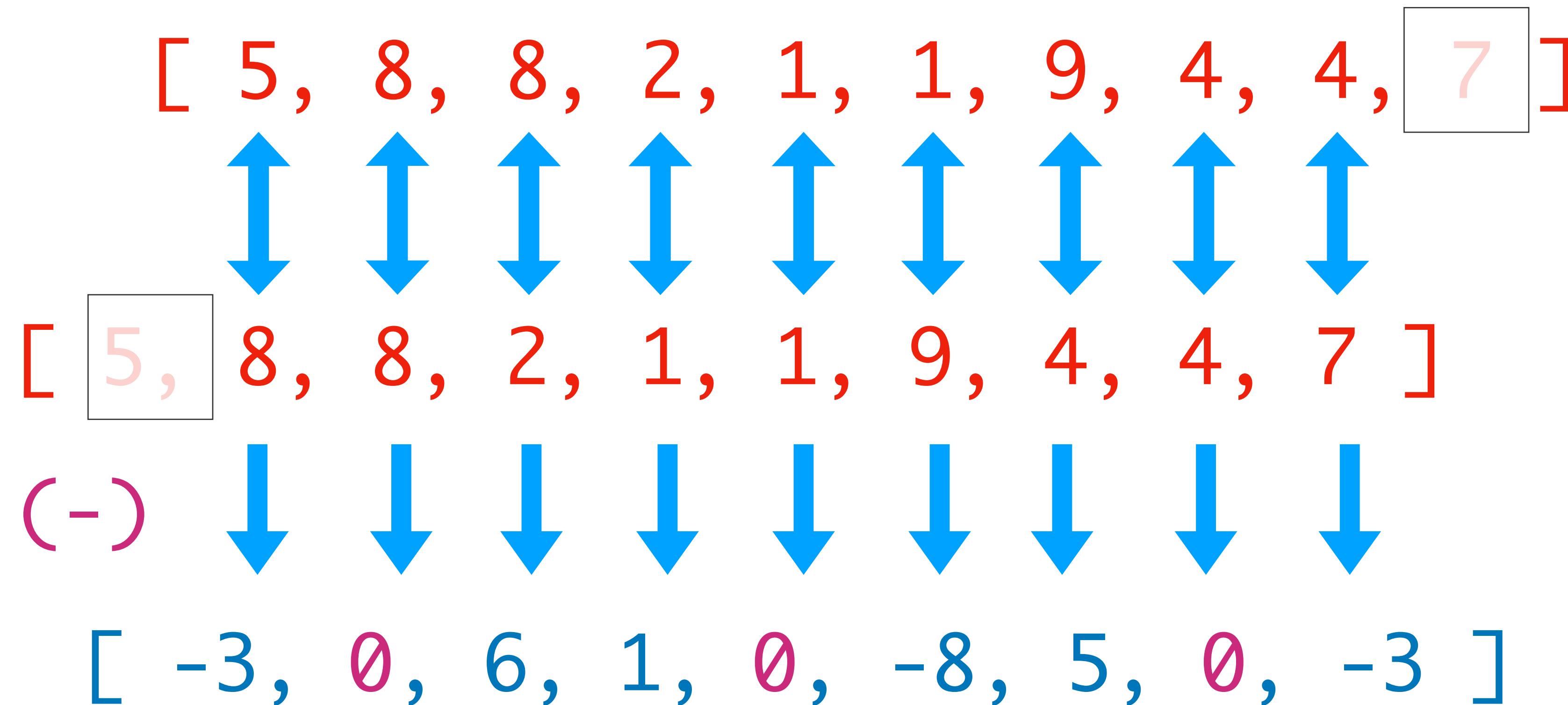
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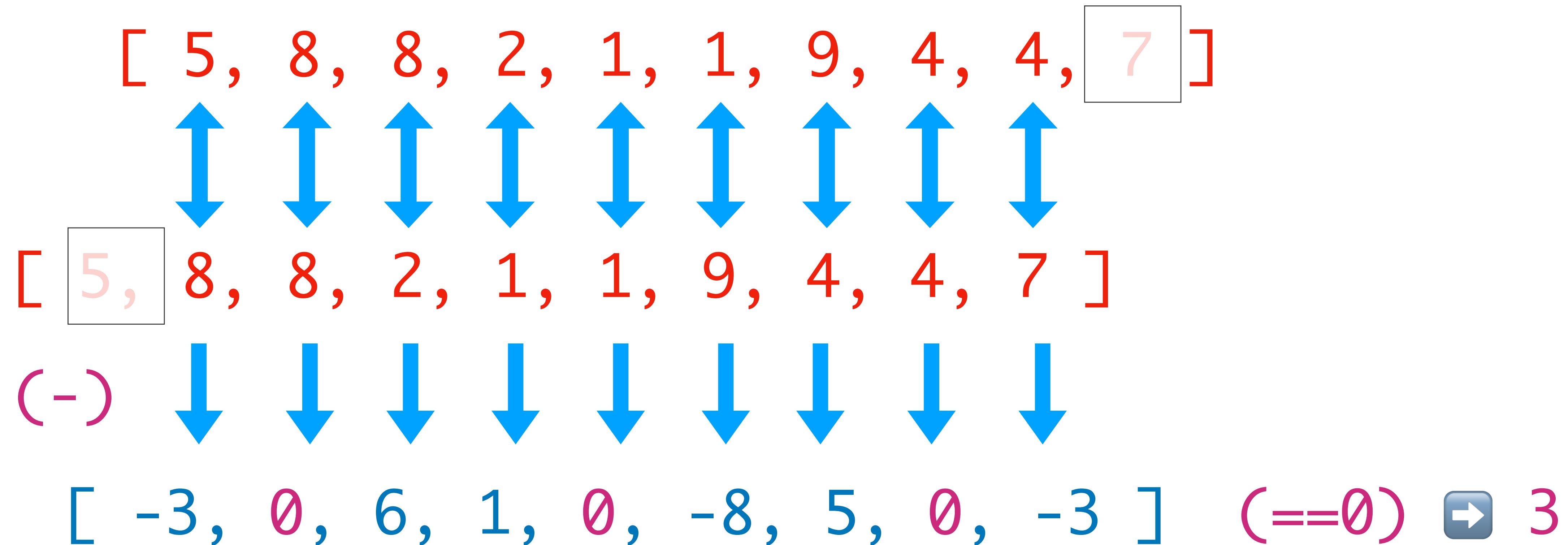
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Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

```
let xs = [ 5, 8, 8, 2, 1, 1, 9, 4, 4, 7 ]  
  
count_if f = length . filter f  
adj_diff = mapAdjacent (-)  
count_adj_equals = count_if (==0) . adj_diff  
  
> count_adj_equals xs  
3
```

That's it !



Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

Let's break it down:

```
// C++  
[](auto a, auto b) { return a + b; }  
plus{}
```

```
[](auto e) ->bool { return e == 1; }
```

```
// Haskell  
(\a b -> a + b)  
(+)
```

```
(\e -> e == 1)  
(==1)
```

Lambdas & sections



Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

Let's break it down:

`length::[a] -> Int`

`filter::(a->Bool) -> [a] -> [a]`

`=>`

`count_if::(a->Bool) -> [a] -> Int`

`count_if f = length . filter f`



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`=>`

`adj_diff :: [a] -> [a]`



Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

Let's break it down:

`(==0)::a -> Bool`

`count_if::(a->Bool) -> [a] -> Int`

`adj_diff::[a] -> [a]`

`count_adj_equals::[a] -> Int`

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Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

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```
let xs = [ 5, 8, 8, 2, 1, 1, 9, 4, 4, 7 ]
```

```
> let ds = adj_diff xs
[ -3, 0, 6, 1, 0, -8, 5, 0, -3 ]
```

```
> count_if(==0) ds
```

```
3
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Counting adjacent repeated values in a sequence

The algorithm

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Ranges FTW