Curry & Partial Function

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Currying is a technique where a function that takes multiple arguments is transformed into a series of functions that take one argument each. It enables partial function application and enhances code flexibility.

Example: Let's create a curried function to calculate the total price of items with tax.

const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate) => (price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

const calculateSalesTax = calculateTotalPrice(8); // 8% sales tax
const totalPrice = calculateSalesTax(100); // Price with tax
console.log(totalPrice); // 108

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In this code, explain me what is the partial function application.

Partial function application is a concept in functional programming where you create a new function by fixing a number of arguments of an existing function. In the example you provided:

```javascript
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate) => (price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);
```

The `calculateTotalPrice` function is a curried function that takes a `taxRate` as its first argument and returns another function that takes the `price` as its argument. This is a typical curried function.

Then, when you call:

```javascript
const calculateSalesTax = calculateTotalPrice(8); // 8% sales tax
```

You're fixing the `taxRate` argument to 8, creating a new function `calculateSalesTax` that takes only the `price` as its argument. This is partial function application.

Later, when you call:

```javascript
const totalPrice = calculateSalesTax(100); // Price with tax
```

You're using the partially applied function `calculateSalesTax` to calculate the total price with tax, where `price` is 100. So, the `calculateSalesTax` function acts as if it's a new function specifically designed to calculate the total price with 8% tax applied to any given price.

In summary, partial function application allows you to create specialized functions from more general functions by pre-filling some of the arguments.

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Write the above code in normal way without currying pattern.

Sure, here's the same functionality written without using currying:

```javascript
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate, price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

const taxRate = 8;
const price = 100;

const totalPrice = calculateTotalPrice(taxRate, price);
console.log(totalPrice); // 108
```

In this version, the `calculateTotalPrice` function takes both `taxRate` and `price` as arguments directly. When you want to calculate the total price with tax, you simply call this function with both the tax rate and the price as arguments. It's a more straightforward approach compared to the curried version, but it doesn't allow for the same level of flexibility and composability as currying does.

Tell me what is the difference between this normal code and the other one. How the former(currying is helpfull than other one).

The main difference between the curried code and the non-curried code lies in how the functions are structured and how they are called.

In the curried code:

```javascript
```

```
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate) => (price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

const calculateSalesTax = calculateTotalPrice(8); // 8% sales tax
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```

1. **Structure**: The `calculateTotalPrice` function is defined as a series of nested functions. It first takes `taxRate` and then returns another function that takes `price`. This structure allows for partial function application.

2. **Partial Function Application**: Currying allows for partial function application, meaning you can fix one or more arguments of a function and create a new function that takes the remaining arguments. In this example, `calculateSalesTax` is created by fixing the `taxRate` to 8, resulting in a new function that only expects the `price` argument.

3. **Flexibility**: Currying provides flexibility by enabling you to create specialized functions from more general ones. You can create functions tailored to specific use cases by partially applying arguments. For example, `calculateSalesTax` is a specialized function for calculating total prices with an 8% sales tax, but you could easily create another function for a different tax rate by partially applying a different `taxRate`.

In contrast, the non-curried code:

```javascript
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate, price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

const taxRate = 8;
const price = 100;

const totalPrice = calculateTotalPrice(taxRate, price);
console.log(totalPrice); // 108
```

1. **Fixed Arguments**: The `calculateTotalPrice` function takes both `taxRate` and `price` as arguments directly. There's no partial function application involved.

2. **Less Flexible**: Without currying, you cannot easily create specialized functions with fixed arguments. Each time you want to calculate a total price with different tax rates, you need to pass both the tax rate and the price as arguments.

Overall, currying provides a more elegant and flexible way to work with functions, especially in scenarios where you need to create variations of functions with fixed arguments. It promotes code reusability and makes your code more expressive and concise.

I want to know the how the closure is helping in the curried code and how and what problem/drawback is there when we use the normal code(one whish not curried)

In the curried code:

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const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate) => (price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);
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const calculateSalesTax = calculateTotalPrice(8); // 8% sales tax
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```

Closure plays a crucial role in how currying works:

1. **Closure in Currying**: When `calculateSalesTax` is created by invoking `calculateTotalPrice(8)`, it returns a function that still has access to the `taxRate` variable even though it's no longer in scope. This is because the inner function retains a reference to its containing scope (the scope of `calculateTotalPrice`). So, when you later call `calculateSalesTax(100)`, it's able to access the `taxRate` value (8) captured in its closure.

2. **Partial Function Application**: The closure mechanism allows for partial function application. The inner function created by `calculateTotalPrice` "remembers" the `taxRate` value provided when it was created. This enables you to create specialized functions (`calculateSalesTax` in this case) by partially applying arguments.

As for the non-curried code:

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const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate, price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

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```

The main drawback compared to currying is:

1. **Lack of Partial Application**: In the non-curried version, you need to pass all the arguments (`taxRate` and `price`) every time you call `calculateTotalPrice`. This doesn't allow for partial function application, making it less flexible. If you want to reuse the function with different tax rates but the same price, you have to pass the price every time, even though it remains constant.

2. **Limited Flexibility**: The non-curried version is less flexible because it requires you to provide all the arguments upfront. You cannot easily create specialized functions with fixed arguments like you can with currying.

So, closure facilitates currying by allowing inner functions to retain access to variables from their containing scope, enabling partial function application and enhancing code flexibility. In contrast, the lack of closure in the non-curried version limits its flexibility and reusability.

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Explain exactly these points on how it is helpful in other case?

Certainly! Let's delve deeper into these points:

1. **Lack of Partial Application**:

In the non-curried version, each time you call `calculateTotalPrice`, you have to provide both `taxRate` and `price`. This means you can't easily create a specialized version of the function with just one of the arguments fixed. For example, let's say you want to calculate prices with various tax rates but the same price, say $100. With the non-curried version, you'd need to pass both `taxRate` and `price` every time, even though the price remains constant. This lack of partial application leads to redundancy and less concise code.

```javascript
// Non-curried version
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate, price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

const price = 100; // constant price

// Calculate total prices with different tax rates but the same price
const totalPriceWithTax1 = calculateTotalPrice(8, price);
const totalPriceWithTax2 = calculateTotalPrice(10, price);
const totalPriceWithTax3 = calculateTotalPrice(12, price);

// Each time, you have to pass both taxRate and price
```

With currying, however, you can create specialized functions with fixed arguments, enabling partial function application. You can fix the `taxRate` once and then reuse the resulting function with different prices.

```javascript
// Curried version
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate) => (price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

const calculateSalesTaxAt8Percent = calculateTotalPrice(8); // Fix taxRate at 8%

const price = 100; // constant price

// Reuse the function with different prices
const totalPriceWithTax1 = calculateSalesTaxAt8Percent(price);
const totalPriceWithTax2 = calculateSalesTaxAt8Percent(price);
const totalPriceWithTax3 = calculateSalesTaxAt8Percent(price);

// Only need to pass price, taxRate is already fixed
```

2. **Limited Flexibility**:

The non-curried version requires you to provide all the arguments upfront, making it less flexible. You can't easily create specialized functions with fixed arguments. For example, if you want to create a function that calculates prices with a fixed tax rate for a range of products, you can't do it directly with the non-curried version.

```javascript
// Non-curried version
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate, price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

// Function to calculate total prices with a fixed tax rate (8%) for a range of products
// Not directly possible with the non-curried version

// Limited flexibility in creating specialized functions
```

With currying, you can easily create specialized functions with fixed arguments, enhancing flexibility. You can create functions tailored to specific scenarios without having to rewrite the original function.

```javascript
// Curried version
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate) => (price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

// Function to calculate total prices with a fixed tax rate (8%) for a range of products
const calculateSalesTaxAt8Percent = calculateTotalPrice(8);

// Flexible creation of specialized functions
```

In summary, currying enhances flexibility and promotes code reusability by allowing for partial function application and easy creation of specialized functions with fixed arguments. This leads to more concise and expressive code compared to the non-curried version.

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Closure plays a crucial role in how currying works:

1. **Closure in Currying**: When `calculateSalesTax` is created by invoking `calculateTotalPrice(8)`, it returns a function that still has access to the `taxRate` variable even though it's no longer in scope. This is because the inner function retains a reference to its containing scope (the scope of `calculateTotalPrice`). So, when you later call `calculateSalesTax(100)`, it's able to access the `taxRate` value (8) captured in its closure.

2. **Partial Function Application**: The closure mechanism allows for partial function application. The inner function created by `calculateTotalPrice` "remembers" the `taxRate` value provided when it was created. This enables you to create specialized functions (`calculateSalesTax` in this case) by partially applying arguments.

Similarly explain exactly these two points how the closure is not helping in other case(one which is not curried)

Let's discuss how closure doesn't play a significant role in the non-curried version and how it doesn't aid in achieving partial function application:

1. **Closure in Non-Currying**:

In the non-curried version, there's no nested function or currying involved. Each time `calculateTotalPrice` is called, it executes within its own scope, and once it finishes execution, its variables, including `taxRate`, are no longer accessible. There's no inner function that retains access to outer variables beyond the scope of `calculateTotalPrice`. Therefore, closure doesn't come into play in the same way as it does in currying.

```javascript
// Non-curried version
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate, price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

// There's no nested function that captures outer variables
```

2. **Partial Function Application in Non-Currying**:

Since there's no currying involved in the non-curried version, there's no concept of partial function application as seen in currying. You cannot create specialized functions by fixing some arguments and leaving others unfixed. Each time you call `calculateTotalPrice`, you must provide both `taxRate` and `price` arguments.

```javascript
// Non-curried version
const calculateTotalPrice = (taxRate, price) => price + price * (taxRate / 100);

// You must provide all arguments every time
const totalPrice = calculateTotalPrice(8, 100);
```

In summary, closure doesn't significantly aid in the non-curried version because there's no nested function capturing outer variables. Also, partial function application isn't achievable without currying since each call to the function requires all arguments to be provided.

1. Without closure, currying is not possible?
2. If yes, explain how the currying is dependent on closure?

1. **Without closure, currying is not possible?**

Currying itself does not strictly require closure. Currying is simply a technique where a function with multiple arguments is transformed into a sequence of functions, each taking only one argument. However, closure often comes into play when implementing currying in JavaScript, as it allows inner functions to retain access to variables from their containing scope.

2. **If yes, explain how currying is dependent on closure?**

While it's not strictly necessary for closure to be used in currying, it's a common implementation technique in JavaScript because it enables curried functions to remember the arguments they were partially applied with.

Here's how closure supports currying:

- **Nested Functions**: Currying typically involves defining a function that returns another function. This inner function is able to access variables from its outer scope, forming a closure. In currying, this outer scope often contains arguments that have been partially applied.

- **Retaining Scope**: When you partially apply arguments to a curried function, closure ensures that those arguments are retained within the inner function returned by the curried function. This is essential for partial function application, as it allows the partially applied function to "remember" the arguments it was provided with.

- **Flexible Partial Application**: Closure allows curried functions to be partially applied with arguments, creating specialized functions that can be reused with the remaining arguments. This flexibility is what makes currying powerful for creating composable and reusable functions.

So, while currying itself doesn't strictly depend on closure, closure greatly facilitates the implementation of currying in JavaScript by enabling the retention of partially applied arguments within nested functions.

If currying function is not dependent on closure, then give me a currying funcitonality code which doest not use/applies closure in it.

Certainly! We can implement currying without explicitly relying on closure by using a different approach, such as passing arguments through a context object. Here's an example:

```javascript
// Currying without relying on closure
function curry(func) {
    return function curried(...args) {
        if (args.length >= func.length) {
            return func(...args);
        } else {
            return function (...nextArgs) {
                return curried(...args.concat(nextArgs));
            };
        }
    };
}

// Example function to be curried
function add(x, y) {
    return x + y;
}

// Curried version of the add function
const curriedAdd = curry(add);

// Usage
const result = curriedAdd(5)(3); // Can be called in separate steps
console.log(result); // Output: 8
```

In this implementation:

- The `curry` function takes a function `func` as its argument.
- It returns a new function `curried` that accepts arguments `...args`.
- If the number of arguments passed to `curried` is greater than or equal to the number of parameters `func` expects, it calls `func` with those arguments.
- If not, it returns a new function that concatenates the current arguments with the arguments received in the next call, effectively allowing for partial function application.
- There's no reliance on closure here; instead, the currying mechanism is achieved through the recursive nature of the `curried` function and passing arguments through the function parameters and context.

So, while closure is commonly used in currying implementations in JavaScript, it's not strictly necessary to achieve the currying functionality. Other techniques, such as the one demonstrated above, can also be used.

So, what are all the differnce between the curried function with closure and curried function without a closure in terms of all?

Let's compare curried functions with closure and curried functions without closure across various aspects:

1. **Implementation Approach**:

    - **Curried Function with Closure**: In this approach, currying is typically implemented using nested functions, where the inner function retains access to variables from its containing scope, forming a closure. This enables the curried function to remember partially applied arguments.
    - **Curried Function without Closure**: In this approach, currying can be implemented using techniques such as passing arguments through function parameters or using a context object. Closure is not relied upon; instead, partial function application is achieved through different mechanisms like recursion or function composition.

2. **Dependency on Outer Variables**:

    - **Curried Function with Closure**: Relies on closure to retain access to outer variables, particularly the partially applied arguments. This allows the curried function to "remember" the arguments it was provided with during partial function application.
    - **Curried Function without Closure**: Does not rely on closure. Partial function application is achieved through other means, such as passing arguments through function parameters or context objects. The function does not retain access to outer variables after its execution.

3. **Flexibility**:

    - **Curried Function with Closure**: Closure-based currying allows for flexible partial function application, as the partially applied function retains access to the arguments it was provided with. This enables the creation of specialized functions with fixed arguments.
    - **Curried Function without Closure**: While still providing partial function application, the approach without closure may have different limitations or complexities. For instance, passing arguments through a context object may require more explicit handling and may not offer the same level of flexibility as closure-based currying.

4. **Readability and Ease of Understanding**:

    - **Curried Function with Closure**: Closure-based currying is a common pattern in JavaScript and may be more familiar to developers. The use of closure can lead to concise and expressive code, particularly for those familiar with functional programming concepts.
    - **Curried Function without Closure**: Implementing currying without closure may require a more explicit approach, which could potentially lead to code that is less intuitive or harder to understand, especially for developers not familiar with the specific technique being used.

5. **Performance**:

- **Curried Function with Closure**: While closure-based currying is generally efficient, there may be slight performance overhead associated with the creation of additional function scopes and maintaining references to outer variables.
- **Curried Function without Closure**: The performance implications of currying without closure may depend on the specific technique used. For example, passing arguments through function parameters may have negligible performance overhead, while more complex approaches may incur additional computational costs.

In summary, while both closure-based and non-closure-based approaches can achieve currying, they differ in their implementation, reliance on outer variables, flexibility, readability, and potential performance implications. The choice between the two approaches may depend on factors such as familiarity with the techniques involved, performance requirements, and code readability preferences.

It seems main difference is currying function with closure will enables us partial function application and the other one is not.

Am i right?

Yes, you're correct. One of the main differences between currying functions with closure and currying functions without closure is indeed the ability to enable partial function application.

- **Currying Function with Closure**: Enables partial function application by retaining access to outer variables (partially applied arguments) through closure. This allows the creation of specialized functions with fixed arguments, enhancing flexibility and reusability.

- **Currying Function without Closure**: While still achieving currying, the approach without closure may not inherently support partial function application in the same way. Partial function application can still be achieved through other means, but the lack of closure may impose limitations or require additional mechanisms for achieving the same level of flexibility.

So, closure-based currying is often preferred when partial function application is a key requirement, as it provides a natural and concise way to create specialized functions with fixed arguments.