

# Refactoring to Functional

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# Functional Programming

In computer science, functional programming is a programming paradigm, a style of building the structure and elements of computer programs, that treats computation as the evaluation of mathematical **functions** and **avoids state and mutable data**. It is a **declarative** programming paradigm, which means programming is done with **expressions**.

Let's refactor to functional

Wait. But why?

# Goals

- ❖ Write less code.
- ❖ Write expressive code.
- ❖ Write correct code.
- ❖ Write performant code.  
*(because Silicon Valley)*

Be part of the “in-crowd”

Can I use any language?

What is a functional language?

# A language with...

- ❖ Functions as First-Class Citizens
  - ❖ Higher-Order Functions
  - ❖ Lambdas
  - ❖ Top-level Functions\*
- ❖ Immutable Data

...I'll be using Kotlin. You can use Java 8,  
Java 7..5 +FJ, Scala, JavaScript, Clojure,  
Haskell, F#, C#, OCaml, Lisp.

# Basic Function Syntax

```
fun basicFunction(parameter: String): String {  
    return parameter  
}  
  
fun singleLineFunctions(x: Int, y: Int) = x+y  
  
fun higherOrderFunction(func: (Int) -> Int) {  
}  
  
val lambda = { (x: Int, y: Int) -> x + y }
```

# Higher-Order Functions and Lambdas

```
4  fun sum(x: Int, y: Int) = x + y
5  fun multiply(x: Int, y: Int) = x * y
6
7  fun calculate(x: Int, y: Int, operation: (Int, Int) -> Int): Int {
8      return operation(x, y)
9  }
10
11 fun main(args: Array<String>) {
12
13     calculate(20, 30, ::sum)
14
15     calculate(30, 10, ::multiply)
16
17
18     calculate(20, 10, { (x: Int, y: Int) -> x - y })
19
20
21     calculate(20, 10, { (x, y) -> x - y })
22
23
24 }
```

# Pure Functions

- ❖ Given same input, function always provides same output
- ❖ Execution does not cause observable side-effects
- ❖ Referential Transparency

Reduce moving parts

# Aim for Pure Functions

Can we achieve our goals?

```
8  ↗ fun itDoesSomething(elements: List<String>): HashMap<String, Int> {  
9  
10     var i = 0  
11     val results = hashMapOf<String, Int>()  
12     while (i < elements.size) {  
13         val element = results.get(elements[i])  
14         if (element != null) {  
15             results.set(elements[i], element + 1)  
16         } else {  
17             results.set(elements[i], 1)  
18         }  
19         i++  
20     }  
21     return results  
22 }  
23 }
```

```
4  fun itDoesSomething(elements: List<String>): List<Pair<String, Int>> {  
5  
6      return elements.groupBy {  
7          it  
8      }.map {  
9          Pair(it.key, it.value.count())  
10     }  
11 }
```

What's functional about that?

# The Loops

```
4  data class Album(val title: String, val year: Int, val chartUK: Int, val chartUS: Int)
5
6  val albums = listOf(
7      Album("The Dark Side of the Moon", 1973, 2, 1),
8      Album("The Wall", 1979, 3, 1),
9      Album("Wish You Were Here", 1975, 1, 1),
10     Album("Animals", 1977, 2, 3),
11     Album("The Piper at the Gates of Dawn", 1967, 6, 131),
12     Album("The Final Cut", 1983, 1, 6),
13     Album("Meddle", 1971, 3, 70),
14     Album("Atom Heart Mother", 1970, 1, 55),
15     Album("Ummagumma", 1969, 5, 74),
16     Album("A Saucerful of Secrets", 1968, 9, 0),
17     Album("More", 1969, 9, 153))
18
19
20 fun topUSandUK_v1(albums: List<Album>): List<Album> {
21
22     val hits = arrayListOf<Album>()
23     for (i: Int in 0..albums.count()-1) {
24         if (albums[i].chartUK == 1 && albums[i].chartUS == 1) {
25             hits.add(albums[i])
26         }
27     }
28     return hits;
29 }
```

# Removing State

```
20  ↴fun topUSandUK_v2(albums: List<Album>): List<Album> {  
21  
22    ↴val hits = arrayListOf<Album>()  
23    ↴for (album in albums) {  
24      ↴if (album.chartUK == 1 && album.chartUS == 1) {  
25        ↴    hits.add(album)  
26      ↴}  
27    ↴}  
28    ↴return hits;  
29 }
```

# Some syntax sugar

```
20 fun topUSandUK_v3(albums: List<Album>): List<Album> {
21
22     val hits = arrayListOf<Album>()
23     albums.forEach {
24         if (it.chartUK == 1 && it.chartUS == 1) {
25             hits.add(it)
26         }
27     }
28     return hits;
29 }
```

Still emphasis on how, not what

# Writing less code

```
20  fun topUSandUK_v4(albums: List<Album>): List<Album> {
21      return albums.filter {
22          (it.chartUK == 1 && it.chartUS == 1)
23      }
24  }
```

Getting the data the way we need it

# Transforming data

```
22  fun topUSandUK_hits_years_v1(albums: List<Album>): List<Int> {  
23      val hits = albums.filter {  
24          (it.chartUK == 1 && it.chartUS == 1)  
25      }  
26      val years = ArrayList<Int>()  
27      hits.forEach {  
28          years.add(it.year)  
29      }  
30      return years;  
31 }
```

# Again, let's write less

```
22  ↴fun topUSandUK_hits_years_v2(albums: List<Album>): List<Int> {  
23    ↴return albums.filter {  
24      ↴  (it.chartUK == 1 && it.chartUS == 1)  
25    ↴.map {  
26      ↴    it.year  
27    ↴}  
28  ↴}
```

# A more involved sample...

```
6  val albums = listOf(
7      Album("The Dark Side of the Moon", 1973, 2, 1,
8          listOf(Track("Speak to Me", 90),
9              Track("Breathe", 163),
10             Track("On he Run", 216),
11             Track("Time", 421),
12             Track("The Great Gig in the Sky", 276),
13             Track("Money", 382),
14             Track("Us and Them", 462),
15             Track("Any Color You Like", 205),
16             Track("Brain Damage", 228),
17             Track("Eclipse", 123)
18         )),
19     Album("The Wall", 1979, 3, 1),
```

# The “manual” way

```
43 fun albumAndTrackLowerThanGivenSeconds_v1(durationInSeconds: Int, albums: List<Album>):  
44                                     List<Pair<String, String>> {  
45  
46     val list = arrayListOf<Pair<String, String>>()  
47     albums.forEach {  
48         val album = it.title  
49         it.tracks.filter {  
50             it.durationInSeconds <= durationInSeconds  
51         }.map {  
52             list.add(Pair(album, it.title))  
53         }  
54     }  
55     return list  
56 }
```

# Once again, writing less code

```
58 fun albumAndTrackLowerThanGivenSeconds_v2(durationInSeconds: Int, albums: List<Album>):  
59     List<Pair<String, String>> {  
60         return albums.flatMap {  
61             val album = it.title  
62             it.tracks.filter {  
63                 it.durationInSeconds <= durationInSeconds  
64             }.map {  
65                 Pair(album, it.title)  
66             }  
67         }  
68     }
```

```
8  ↗ fun groupAndCountRepeatedElements(elements: List<String>): HashMap<String, Int> {  
9  
10     var i = 0  
11     val results = hashMapOf<String, Int>()  
12     while (i < elements.size) {  
13         val element = results.get(elements[i])  
14         if (element != null) {  
15             results.set(elements[i], element + 1)  
16         } else {  
17             results.set(elements[i], 1)  
18         }  
19         i++  
20     }  
21     return results  
22 }
```

```
4  ↗ fun itDoesSomething(elements: List<String>): List<Pair<String, Int>> {  
5  
6     return elements.groupBy {  
7         it  
8     }.map {  
9         Pair(it.key, it.value.count())  
10    }  
11 }
```

Applying these techniques to  
common scenarios

# Customer Search

```
5  public class CustomerFilter {  
6  
7      public fun <T> filterByName(customers: List<Customer>, value: String) {  
8          val matchedCustomers = arrayListOf<Customer>()  
9          for (customer in customers) {  
10              if (customer.name == value) {  
11                  matchedCustomers.add(customer)  
12              }  
13          }  
14      }  
15  
16      public fun <T> filterByCountry(customers: List<Customer>, value: String) {  
17          val matchedCustomers = arrayListOf<Customer>()  
18          for (customer in customers) {  
19              if (customer.country == value) {  
20                  matchedCustomers.add(customer)  
21              }  
22          }  
23      }  
24  }
```

# Customer Search

```
28 public class CustomerFilterPredicate {  
29  
30     public fun <T> filterByPredicate(customers: List<Customer>, predicate: (Customer) -> Boolean)  
31         val matchedCustomers = arrayListOf<Customer>()  
32         for (customer in customers) {  
33             if (predicate(customer)) {  
34                 matchedCustomers.add(customer)  
35             }  
36         }  
37     }  
38 }
```

# Templates Patterns

```
8  public abstract class Record {  
9    public abstract fun editRecord()  
10   public abstract fun persistData()  
11   public fun checkPermissions(){  
12     }  
13   public fun edit() {  
14     checkPermissions()  
15     editRecord()  
16     persistData()  
17   }  
18 }  
19  
20  public class CustomerRecord: Record() {  
21    override fun persistData() {  
22      // persist customer data  
23    }  
24    override fun editRecord() {  
25      // do something for customer in particular  
26    }  
27 }  
28  
29  public class InvoiceRecord: Record() {  
30    override fun editRecord() {  
31      // todo  
32    }  
33    override fun persistData() {  
34      // todo  
35    }  
36 }
```

# Less boilerplate

```
40 public class RecordFunctional(val editRecord: () -> Unit, val persistData: () -> Unit) {  
41     public fun checkPermissions() {  
42         }  
43         }  
44         public fun edit() {  
45             checkPermissions()  
46             editRecord()  
47             persistData()  
48         }  
49     }
```

# Guaranteeing things take place

```
74     val obj = CloseableObject()
75     try {
76         // do something with obj
77     } finally {
78         obj.close()
79     }
80 }
```

# Guaranteeing things take place

```
63  public fun using(obj: Closeable, function: () -> Unit) {  
64      try {  
65          function()  
66      } finally {  
67          obj.close()  
68      }  
69  }  
70  
71  fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
72  
73      val dobj = CloseableObject()  
74  
75      using (dobj) {  
76          dobj.doSomething()  
77      }  
78  }  
79 }
```

# Or when they take place

```
inline fun <T> withDefers(body: Deferrer.() -> T): T {  
    val deferrer = Deferrer()  
    val result = deferrer.body()  
    deferrer.done()  
    return result  
}  
  
fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
    withDefers {  
        println("A")  
        defer { println("deferred: should happen last") }  
        println("B")  
    }  
}
```

# Strategy Pattern

```
4  public trait SortAlgorithm {  
5      public fun <T> sort(list: List<T>): List<T>  
6  }  
7  
8  public class QuickSort: SortAlgorithm {  
9      override fun <T> sort(list: List<T>): List<T> {  
10         return list  
11     }  
12 }  
13  
14 public class BubbleSort: SortAlgorithm {  
15     override fun <T> sort(list: List<T>): List<T> {  
16         return list  
17     }  
18 }  
19  
20 public class Sorter(private val algorithm: SortAlgorithm) {  
21     public fun <T> sortList(list: List<T>): List<T> {  
22         println("Preparing and now sorting")  
23         return algorithm.sort(list)  
24     }  
25 }
```

# Same strategy, less code

```
34 public class SorterFunctional() {  
35     public fun <T> sortList(list: List<T>, algorithm: (List<T>) -> List<T>): List<T> {  
36         println("Preparing and now sorting")  
37         return algorithm(list)  
38     }  
39 }
```

# What about dependencies?

```
3 public class CustomerRepository(val dataAccess: DataAccess) {  
4     public fun getById(id: Int): Customer {...}  
11    public fun getByName(name: String): List<Customer> {...}  
17    public fun getByEmail(email: String): List<Customer> {...}  
23}
```

Let's think about dependencies in classes...

# When dependencies grow

```
5  public class CheckoutController(val cartRepository: CartRepository,
6  val shipmentRepository: ShipmentRepository,
7  val taxService: TaxService) {
8
9    public fun index() {
10       // Render Shopping cart with checkout buttons
11       cartRepository
12   }
13
14   public fun checkout() {
15       // Render checkout page including data for payment
16       taxService
17   }
18
19   public fun shipment() {
20       // Render shipment page including data for shipment options
21       shipmentRepository
22   }
23
24 }
```

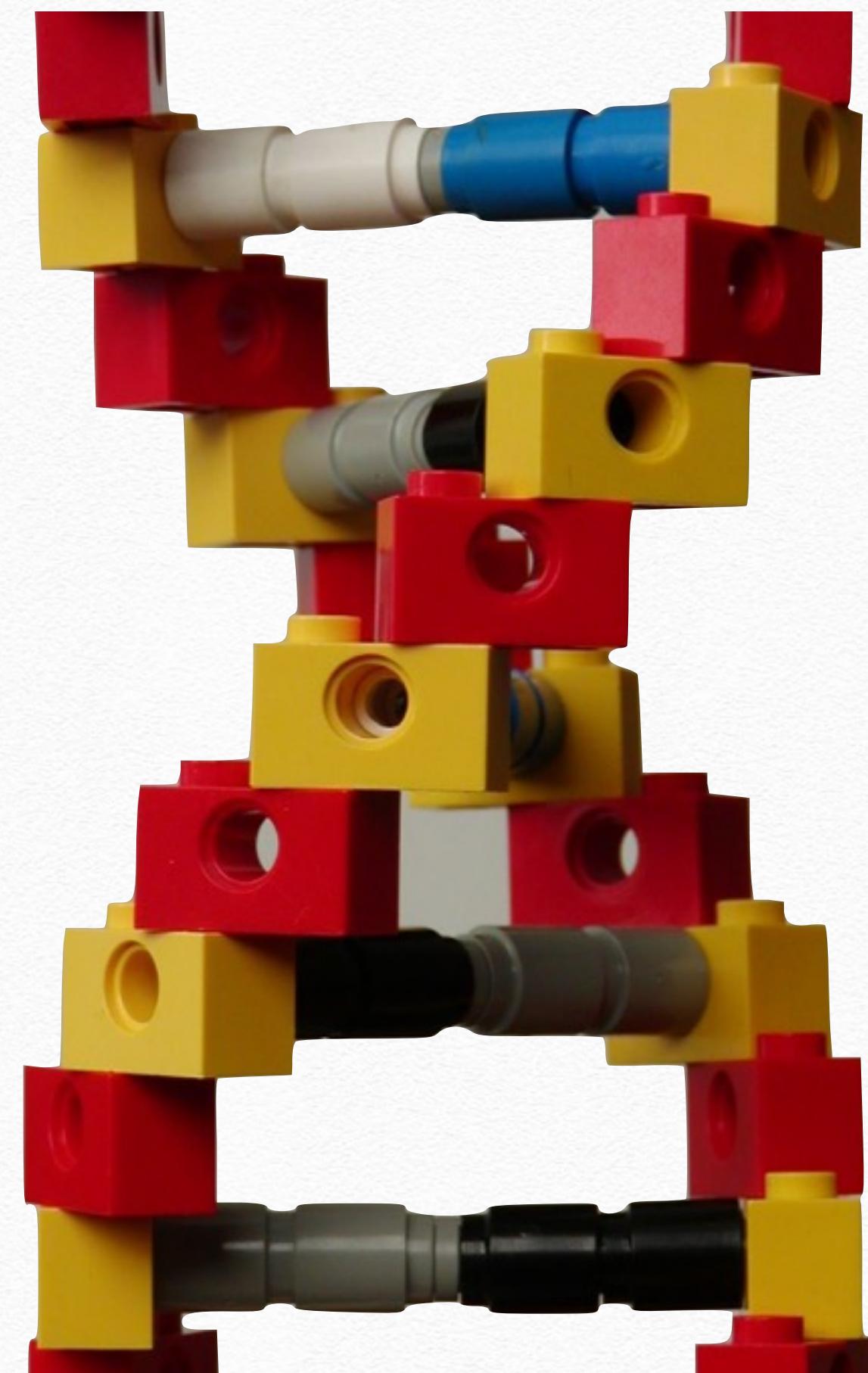
How do we deal with dependencies?

# We pass in the behaviour

```
public fun checkoutHandler(checkoutDataFunc: (Int) -> List<CartEntry>, id: Int) {  
    val data = checkoutDataFunc(id)  
        .take(10)  
    // process data  
}
```

Thinking Functionally

# Functions are our primitives



We're merely combining functions

# Functions taking functions

- ❖ filter - takes a predicate
- ❖ map - takes a mapping function
- ❖ groupBy - takes a key lookup function

# Functions returning functions

```
8   val albums = listOf<Album>()
9
10  albums.filter( { x -> x.year >= 1976 } )
11    .map { x -> Pair(x.title, x.year) }
12    .groupBy { x -> x.second }
```

# Pipelining

```
8  val albums = listOf<Album>()
9
10 albums.filter( { x -> x.year >= 1976 })
11     .map { x -> Pair(x.title, x.year) }
12     .groupBy { x -> x.second }
```

# Keeping it readable

- ❖ Abstract multiple pipeline calls into descriptive functions
- ❖ Intermediate variables don't always help

```
16 |   var albumsAfter1976 = albums.filter { x -> x.year > 1976 }
17 |
18 |   var titleAndYears = albumsAfter1976.map { x -> Pair(x.title, x.year) }
```

How do we re-use?

# Composing functions

```
public fun sum(x: Int, y: Int): Int = x + y  
public fun squared(x: Int): Int = x * x  
  
val squaredSum = compose(::sum, ::squared)
```

# Partial Function Applications

```
23  ↴public fun checkoutHandler(checkoutDataFunc: (Int) -> List<CartEntry>, id: Int) {  
24      val data = checkoutDataFunc(id)  
25          .take(10)  
26  }  
27  
28  ↴public fun cartData(id: Int): List<CartEntry> {  
29      return listOf(CartEntry(id))  
30  }  
31  
32  
33  ↴fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
34      val handler = ::checkoutHandler.partial(::cartData)  
35  
36  
37
```

# Partial Function Applications

```
18  
19     val sum = { (x: Int, y: Int) -> x + y }  
20  
21     val sumNumberWith10 = sum.partial(10)  
22  
23     println(sumNumberWith10(5))  
24
```

# Currying

```
11  fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
12  
13      var sum = { (x: Int, y: Int) -> x + y }  
14  
15      var sumCurried = sum.curry()  
16  
17      var result = sumCurried(3)(2)  
18  
19      println(result)  
20 }
```

# Currying

```
11 fun main(args: Array<String>) {  
12  
13     var sum = { (x: Int, y: Int, z: Int) -> x + y + z }  
14  
15     var sumCurried = sum.curry()  
16  
17     var result = sumCurried(3)(2)(5)  
18  
19     println(result)  
20 }
```

And then there's the data...

We're taking data and processing it in stages



Customer

# What is our data?

Invoices

Point

Age

# And what is this data?

- ❖ Scalars: Age, Date of Birth, Amount
- ❖ Collections of ATD's: List of Customers, List of Invoices, Set of Pairs

Take as input lists and output lists

# Common List Operations

- ❖ map, flatMap, filter, findAll, merge, zip.....

And scalars can be obtained from lists...

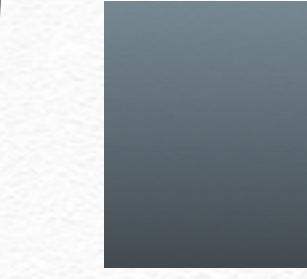
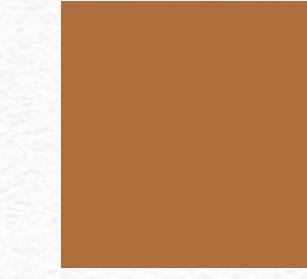
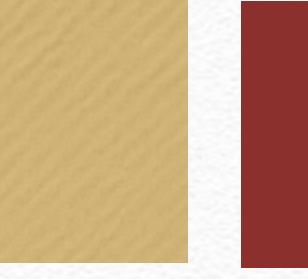
# Common Scalar Operations

- ❖ first, last, find, aggregate.....

# Many functions boil down to folds

- ❖ fold, reduce, aggregate...same thing.

# What is fold?

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$f(x, y)$  where

X accumulator

y element in list

# What is fold?



$$f(\textcolor{red}{\circ}, \textcolor{darkblue}{\square}) = \textcolor{lightgreen}{\circ}$$

# What is fold?



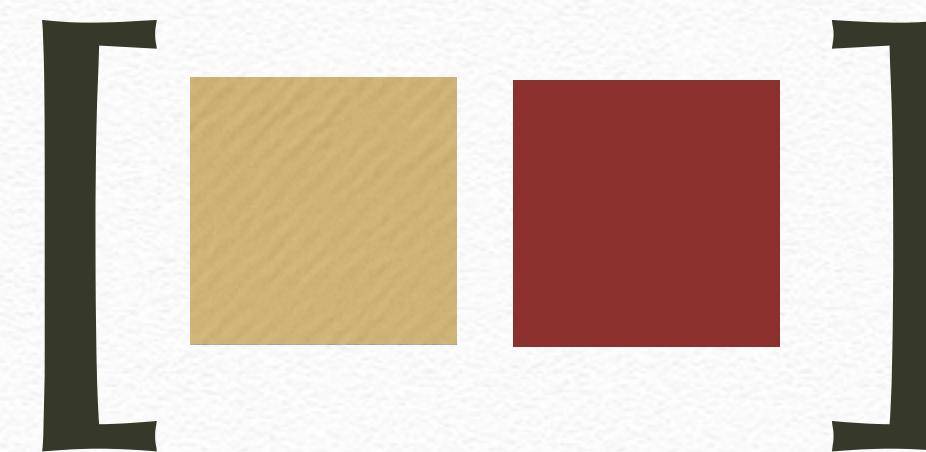
$$f(\text{ } \textcolor{lightgreen}{\circ}, \textcolor{brown}{\square} ) = \textcolor{olivegreen}{\circ}$$

# What is fold?



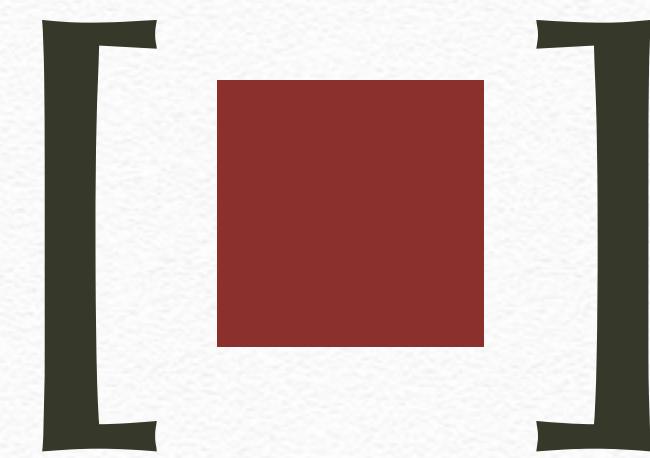
$$f(\text{circle}, \text{square}) = \text{circle}$$

# What is fold?



$$f(\text{circle}, \text{square}) = \text{circle}$$

What is fold?



$$f(\text{ } \textcolor{yellow}{\circ}, \textcolor{brown}{\square} ) = \textcolor{darkgray}{\circ}$$

What is fold?

[ ]

$$f(\textcolor{darkbrown}{\circ}, \textcolor{darkred}{\square}) = \textcolor{brown}{\circ}$$

# Recursion, Pattern Matching and Folds

# The Recursive Maximum

```
20  public fun maximum(list: List<Int>): Int {  
21      when (list.count()) {  
22          0 -> throw IllegalArgumentException("cannot operate maximum on empty list")  
23          1 -> return list[0]  
24          else -> return Math.max(list[0], maximum(tail(list)))  
25      }  
26  }
```

# The Base is the accumulator

```
26 public fun maximumFold(list: List<Int>): Int {  
27     return list.fold(0, { x, y -> Math.max(x, y)})  
28 }
```

# Immutability of the data

# We need to avoid state

- ❖ Treat lists as infinite
  - ❖ Allows for lazy evaluation, reactive programming
- ❖ Aim for immutability
- ❖ Create. Don't modify.
- ❖ There's a difference between `ReadOnly` and `Immutable`

What about Performance?

# That Annoying Fibonacci

```
3  public fun fibonacciRecursive(n: Int): Long {  
4      if (n == 0 || n == 1) {  
5          return n.toLong()  
6      } else {  
7          return fibonacciRecursive(n - 1) + fibonacciRecursive(n - 2)  
8      }  
9  }
```

# The Iterative Approach

```
3  public fun fibonacciIterative(n: Int): Long {  
4      var a : Long = 0  
5      var b : Long = 1  
6      for (i in 0..n-1) {  
7          var temp = a  
8          a = b  
9          b = temp + a  
10     }  
11     return a  
12 }
```

# Memoization

```
3  val cache = hashMapOf<Int, Long>(0 to 0, 1 to 1)
4
5  public fun fibonacciMemoization(n: Int): Long {
6
7      if (cache.containsKey(n)) {
8          return cache.get(n)!! .toLong()
9      } else {
10         val result = fibonacciMemoization(n-1) + fibonacciMemoization(n-2)
11         cache.set(n, result)
12         return result
13     }
14 }
```

# Recursion and Tail Calls

```
3  public fun factorial(number: Int): Int {  
4      when (number) {  
5          0,1 -> return 1  
6          else -> return number * factorial(number - 1)  
7      }  
8  }
```

# Converting to Tail Calls

```
11  public fun factorialTailCall(number: Int): Int {  
12      return factorialTC(number, 1)  
13  }  
14  
15  public fun factorialTC(number: Int, accumulator: Int): Int {  
16      when (number) {  
17          0 -> return accumulator  
18          else -> return factorialTC(number - 1, accumulator * number)  
19      }  
20  }  
21 }
```

# Tail Call Optimization

```
24 | tailRecursive
25 |     public fun factorialTC1(number: Int, accumulator: Int): Int {
26 |         when (number) {
27 |             0 -> return accumulator
28 |             else -> factorialTC1(number - 1, accumulator * number)
29 |
30 |     }
```

# Inlining

- ❖ Higher-order functions can have performance impact
- ❖ Inlining functions can minimise performance impact

What about all that scary stuff?

# Functors

- ❖ Collection of **a** whereby you can apply a function **a -> b**, returning collection of **b**
- ❖ *map* is a an example of Functor

# Monads

- ❖ Abstract Data Type, following a series of rules
  - ❖ Maybe Monad -> Option
  - ❖ List Monad -> IEnumarable<T> (Iterable<T>)
  - ❖ Promises

In Summary

- ❖ Embrace Functions as Primitive Elements
- ❖ Focus on writing less your own code
- ❖ Focus on writing more descriptive code
- ❖ Focus on writing deterministic code
- ❖ Rocket Science

# Recommended Books

- ❖ The Little Schemer
- ❖ Learn you a Haskell
- ❖ Functional Programming in Java

Thank you