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fun append (xs,ys) =
    if xs=[]
    then ys
    else (hd xs)::append(tl xs,ys)

fun map (f,xs) =
    case xs of
    [] => []
    | x::xs' => (f x)::(map(f,xs'))

val a = map (increment, [4,8,12,16])
val b = map (hd, [[8,6],[7,5],[3,0,9]])
```

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Everything is an Object

Pure OOP

Ruby is fully committed to OOP:

Every value is a reference to an object

- · Simpler, smaller semantics
- Can call methods on anything
 - May just get a dynamic "undefined method" error
- Almost everything is a method call
 - Example: 3 + 4

Some examples

- · Numbers have methods like +, abs, nonzero?, etc.
- nil is an object used as a "nothing" object
 - Like null in Java/C#/C++ except it is an object
 - Every object has a nil? method, where nil returns true for it
 - Note: nil and false are "false", everything else is "true"
- Strings also have a + method
 - String concatenation
 - Example: "hello" + 3.to s

All code is methods

- All methods you define are part of a class
- Top-level methods (in file or REPL) just added to Object class
- Subclassing discussion coming later, but:
 - Since all classes you define are subclasses of Object, all inherit the top-level methods
 - So you can call these methods anywhere in the program
 - Unless a class overrides (roughly-not-exactly, shadows) it by defining a method with the same name

Reflection and exploratory programming

- All objects also have methods like:
 - methods
 - class
- Can use at run-time to query "what an object can do" and respond accordingly
 - Called reflection
- Also useful in the REPL to explore what methods are available
 - May be quicker than consulting full documentation
- Another example of "just objects and method calls"