

```
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]])
```

Programming Languages

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Optional: Java Mutation Bug

ML vs. Imperative Languages

- In ML, we create aliases all the time without thinking about it because it is *impossible* to tell where there is aliasing
 - Example: `tl` is constant time; does not copy rest of the list
 - So don't worry and focus on your algorithm
- In languages with mutable data (e.g., Java), programmers are *obsessed* with aliasing and object identity
 - They have to be (!) so that subsequent assignments affect the right parts of the program
 - Often crucial to make copies in just the right places
 - **Optional** Java example...

Java security nightmare (bad code)

```
class ProtectedResource {
    private Resource theResource = ...;
    private String[] allowedUsers = ...;
    public String[] getAllowedUsers() {
        return allowedUsers;
    }
    public String currentUser() { ... }
    public void useTheResource() {
        for(int i=0; i < allowedUsers.length; i++) {
            if(currentUser().equals(allowedUsers[i])) {
                ... // access allowed: use it
                return;
            }
        }
        throw new IllegalAccessException();
    }
}
```

Have to make copies

The problem:

```
p.getAllowedUsers()[0] = p.currentUser();  
p.useTheResource();
```

The fix:

```
public String[] getAllowedUsers() {  
    ... return a copy of allowedUsers ...  
}
```

Reference (alias) vs. copy doesn't matter if code is immutable!