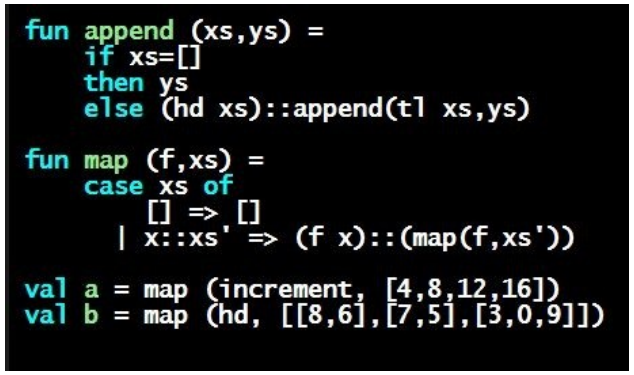

Programming Languages

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Adding Operations or Variants

Extensibility

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`Add`				
`Negate`				
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- For implementing our grid so far, OCaml / Racket style usually by column and Ruby / Java style usually by row
- But beyond just style, this decision affects what (unexpected?) software *extensions* are easy and/or do not change old code
- Objects [see Ruby code]:
  - Easy to add a new variant, e.g., **`Mult`**
  - Adding a new operation, e.g., **`noNegConstants`** requires modifying old classes, but [optional:] Java type-checker gives a to-do list if original code avoided default methods

The other way is possible

- Functions allow new operations and objects allow new variants without modifying existing code *even if they didn't plan for it*
  - Natural result of the decomposition

Optional:

- Functions can support new variants somewhat awkwardly "if they plan ahead"
  - *Not explained here: Can use type constructors to make datatypes extensible and have operations take function arguments to give results for the extensions*

- Objects can support new operations somewhat awkwardly "if they plan ahead"
  - *Not explained here: The popular Visitor Pattern uses the double-dispatch pattern to allow new operations "on the side"*

Thoughts on Extensibility

- Making software extensible is valuable and hard
  - If you know you want new operations, use FP
  - If you know you want new variants, use OOP
  - If both? Languages like Scala try; it's a hard problem
  - Reality: The future is often hard to predict!

- Extensibility is a double-edged sword
  - Code more reusable without being changed later
  - But makes original code more difficult to reason about locally or change later (could break extensions)
  - Often language mechanisms to make code *less* extensible (ML modules hide datatypes; Java's **`final`** prevents subclassing/overriding)