

Module 2: More Functional Abstraction

Topics:

- Making abstract list functions
- Making single-use, unnamed functions
- Making functions that produce functions

Readings: HtDP 21, 22.1, 22.2,
Intermezzo 4

Recall: Implementation of **map**

```
;; Produces a list of values
;; created by applying f to
;; each value in lst
(define (map f lst)
  (cond
    [(empty? lst) empty]
    [else (cons (f (first lst))
                  (map f (rest lst)))])])
```

Design Recipe: What is the contract for **map**?

- What is the type of a function?
 - Its contract
- For example:

```
;; sqr: num -> num[>=0]
```

So type of **sqr** is **(num->num[>=0])**

```
;; string-length: string -> nat
```

So type of **string-length** is **(string -> nat)**

- But, **map** must work for many types of functions

Using **map**

Example	Map consumes
<code>(map sqr lst)</code>	<code>(num -> num[>=0]) and (listof num)</code>
<code>(map not lst)</code>	<code>(boolean->boolean) and (listof boolean)</code>
<code>(map string-length los)</code>	<code>(string -> nat) and (listof string)</code>

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Using variables in contracts

Contract for **map** must show relationships among the parameters:

- Let X be the type of data in the consumed list
- Let Y be the type of data in the produced list

```
:: map: (X -> Y) (listof X)  
-> (listof Y)
```

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Exercises

Complete the contracts for

- **filter**
- **foldr**

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Another abstract list function:

build-list

build-list can be used for tasks such as:

- Creating a list with the first 10 even numbers, starting from 0.
- Creating a list of the first 25 perfect squares, starting from 0.
- Creating

```
(list (make-posn 0 0) (make-posn 1 1)
... (make-posn 999 999))
```

Solving without **build-list**

- First, solve a related, simpler problem:
create `(list 0 1 2 ... N-1)` for any nat **N**
- Recall: **N** is a natural number if
 - **N** = 0, or
 - **N** = **K** + 1, where **K** is a natural number
- Recall the “count-up” template from CS115

Creating a “count-up” list

```
(define (count-up n)
  (local
    [(define (count-from-i i)
      (cond
        [(= i n) empty]
        [else (cons i
                     (count-from-i
                      (add1 i)))]))]
    (count-from-i 0)))
```

Use **count-up** to produce list of first n evens

- Approach 1:
 - Modify **count-up** directly to create an even number $2*i$ instead of just i

A solution for **first-n-evens**

```
(define (first-n-evens n)
  (local
    [ (define (double k) (* k 2))
      (define (evens-from-i i)
        (cond
          [(= i n) empty]
          [else (cons (double i)
                      (evens-from-i
                       (add1 i))))])]
    (evens-from-i 0)))
```

Use **count-up** to produce list of first evens

- Approach 2:
 - Use **count-up** as a helper function and map a function from i to $2*i$.

```
(define (first-n-evens n)
  (local
    [(define (double k) (* 2 k))]
    (map double (count-up n))))
```

Using **build-list** directly

```
(define (first-n-evens n)
  (local
    [(define (double k) (* 2 k))]
    (build-list n double)))
```

Contract:

```
;; build-list: nat (nat -> X)
;;                -> (listof X)
```

Other abstract list functions

- See section 21.2 (Figure 57) for summaries of Scheme's abstract list processing functions

lambda and unnamed, single-use functions

Consider the function **double** in **first-n-evens**:

- It only exists inside **first-n-evens**
- It has a name only so that it can be passed to **build-list**

➔ New language feature: **lambda**

➔ New language level: **Intermediate Student with lambda**

lambda

- creates a function value
- function can have any number of parameters

```
(lambda (x) (+ 1 (sqr x)))
```

⇒ A function value that consumes a single parameter and produces its square plus 1

Its value is the function itself.

Using lambda

```
(define (first-n-evens n)
  (build-list n
    (lambda (k) (* k 2))))
```

Defining functions with lambda

```
(define double
  (lambda (k) (* k 2)))
```

is equivalent to

```
(define (double k)
  (* k 2))
```

Evaluating a **lambda** expression

What is the value of

```
((lambda (x) (* x 2)) 4) ?
```

- Since the first part is a function value, apply function simplification rules
=> (* 4 2)
=> 8

Evaluating another **lambda** expression

What is the value of

```
((lambda (x y)  
  (cond [(> x y) x]  
        [else y])) 3 2)?
```

```
=> (cond [(> 3 2) 3]  
        [else 2])
```

```
=> 3
```

Our **lambda** Rule

Use **lambda** when the function is

- Single use
- Reasonably short (2-3 lines)

Complete **multiples-of** which consumes a nat **n** and a list of integers, and produces a list of only those which are multiples of **n**.

Solution

```
;; multiples-of: nat[>0] (listof int)
;;               ->(listof int)
;; produces multiples of n in lst
;; example:
;; (multiples-of 10 (list 9 -10 81 20 0))
;;      => (list -10 20 0)
(define (multiples-of n lst)
  (filter
    (lambda (k) (zero? (remainder k n)))
    lst))
```

Format of **lambda**

```
(lambda
  (list-of-parameters)
  body-of-function)
```

Functions as values

We can use function values anywhere:

- As arguments to other functions
- In lists
- As the value produced by another function

Functions as parameters: another example

```
;; from-string: (string -> X) string -> X
;; Produces the result of applying
;; modify to s
;; Examples:
;; (from-string string-length "hello")
;; => 5
(define (from-string modify s)
  (modify s))
```

Function values in lists

Consider

```
(define arithmetic (list + - * /))
(define fun-with-1-2
  (lambda (f) (f 1 2)))
```

- What is the type of `arithmetic`?
- What is the contract for `fun-with-1-2`?
- What is the value of
 `((second arithmetic) 1 2) ?`
- What is the value of
 `(map fun-with-1-2 arithmetic) ?`

Functions that make functions

Consider the function `adder-maker`:

```
(define (adder-maker addend)
  (lambda (x) (+ x addend)))
```

What does it produce?

=> a one-parameter function

Writing Examples and Tests for **adder-maker**

- **adder-maker** produces a function
- We can't test two functions for equality
- Instead, we write examples and tests for what the produced function does, e.g. show that **(adder-maker 5)** is a function that adds 5 to its argument.

More details for **adder-maker**

```
;; adder-maker: num -> (num -> num)
;; produces a function that consumes a
;; number and adds addend to it
;; Examples: ((adder-maker 5) 8) => 13
;; ((adder-maker -3) 0) => -3
(define (adder-maker addend)
  (lambda (x) (+ x addend)))
(check-expect ((adder-maker 5) 8) 13)
(check-expect ((adder-maker -3) 0) -3)
```

Goals of Module 2

- Understand use of **build-list**
- Implement functions that consume or produce functions
- Understand **lambda** and how and when it should be used
- Understand that functions are like other values in Scheme