CSCI E-88A Introduction to Functional and Stream Processing for Big Data Systems

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Lecture 06 - Scala Functional Programming (continued)

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- Recap of Functional Programming and Scala Introduction
- Functions
- List operations
- Maps
- Generic Programming

Functional Programming Recap

Tackle complexity in systems using

- Pure functions
- Immutable data
- Modularity through functional composition and higher-order-functions

"...we have to keep it crisp, disentangled, and simple if we refuse to be crushed by the complexities of our own making..." - Dijkstra

John Backus, Turing Award lecture, 1978(!) A case for functional programming

https://www.thocp.net/biographies/papers/backus turingaward lecture.pdf

Introduction to Scala Programming Recap

Types, Values, and Expressions

Functions and Methods

Objects, classes, case classes and companion objects

List operations - map, filter, and reduce

```
case class Dog(name: String, age: Int) {
   def needsTraining: Boolean =
      if (age < 2) true else false

   def sayHello: String =
      s"${name} says woof!, woof!"

}

object Dog {
   def apply(csvRow: String): Dog = {
      val fields = csvRow.split(regex = ",")
      Dog(fields(0), fields(1).toInt)
   }
}</pre>
```

```
"create a dog from comma separated values" in {
  val dog1 = Dog("blackie,2")
  dog1.name should be("blackie")
  dog1.age should be (2)
}
```

Functions

- Defining functions as values
- Returning functions as output values
- Passing functions as input values

Higher Order Functions (HOF)

I.e, passing functions as inputs or returning functions as values

Defining Functions as values

Different ways of defining functions

- Define a method
- Function can be assigned to a value

```
def add2a(x: Int): Int = x + 2
val add2b: Int => Int = x => x + 2
val add2c: Int => Int = _ + 2
```

Using shorthand for positional parameters

Functions

Different ways of defining functions

DEMO

Returning functions as values

Define a function to add 3 and a function to add 4

```
val add3a: Int => Int = x => x + 3
val add4a: Int => Int = x => x + 4
```

Is there a way to write the add N function generically?

(demo)

```
val addN: Int => Int => Int = n => x => x + n
val add3b: Int => Int = addN(3)
val add4b: Int => Int = addN(4)
```

Functions as Input Values

Generate data points to plot a chart

Higher Order Functions

```
def andThen[A](g: (R) \Rightarrow A): (T1) \Rightarrow A
     Composes two instances of Function1 in a new Function1, with this function applied first.
                  the result type of function g
                  a function R => A
                  a new function f such that f(x) == g(apply(x))
     returns
                          @unspecialized()
     Annotations
def compose[A](g: (A) \Rightarrow T1): (A) \Rightarrow R
     Composes two instances of Function1 in a new Function1, with this function applied last.
                  the type to which function g can be applied
                  a function A => T1
                  a new function f such that f(x) == apply(g(x))
     returns
                          @unspecialized()
     Annotations
```

From https://www.scala-lang.org/api/current/scala/Function1.html

List operations

Map, filter, reduce

```
[scala> List(1,2,3,4,5).take(3)
               res30: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3)
Take:
               [scala> List(1,2,3,4,5).drop(2)
               res31: List[Int] = List(3, 4, 5)
Drop:
               [scala> List(1,2,3,4,5).grouped(2).toList
Grouped:
               res32: List[List[Int]] = List(List(1, 2), List(3, 4), List(5))
               [scala> List(1,2,3,4,5).groupBy(_ % 2)
GroupBy:
               res33: scala.collection.immutable.Map[Int,List[Int]] = Map(1 -> List(1, 3, 5), 0
                -> List(2, 4))
Zip:
               [scala> List(1,2,3,4,5).zip(List(10,20,30,40,50))
               res34: List[(Int, Int)] = List((1,10), (2,20), (3,30), (4,40), (5,50))
Scan:
               [scala> List(1,2,3,4,5).scan(0)(_ + _)
               res35: List[Int] = List(0, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15)
```

See https://www.scala-lang.org/api/current/scala/collection/immutable/List.html

List operations

List flatMap

Flatmap works on functions that produce sequences

```
final def flatMap[B](f: (A) => <u>IterableOnce</u>[B]): <u>List</u>[B]

Builds a new list by applying a function to all elements of this list and using the elements of the resulting collections.
```

E.g., function that produces a sequence

```
def add2: Int => Int = _ + 2
def uptoN: Int => List[Int] = n => (0 to n).toList
```

```
[scala> uptoN(3)
res39: List[Int] = List(0, 1, 2, 3)

[scala> List(1,2,3).map(uptoN)
res40: List[List[Int]] = List(List(0, 1), List(0, 1, 2), List(0, 1, 2, 3))

[scala> List(1,2,3).flatMap(uptoN)
res41: List[Int] = List(0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 3)
```

List flatMap

Flatmap for nested sequences

```
def allPairs_a: Seq[(Int, Int)] =
   (1 to 5).flatMap { a =>
        (10 to 50 by 10).map {b =>
              (a,b)
      }
}
```

for comprehension

Shorthand syntax for flatMap and map

```
def allPairs_b: Seq[(Int, Int)] =
  for {
    a <- (1 to 5)
    b <- (10 to 50 by 10)
  } yield (a,b)</pre>
```

for comprehension

Right angle triangle sides

```
def rightTriangleTriples: Seq[(Int, Int, Int)] =
   for {
      a <- 1 to 10
      b <- 1 to 10
      c <- 1 to 10
      if (a * a + b * b == c * c)
      } yield (a,b,c)</pre>
```

Maps

Maps are associations of keys to values Type: Map[K,V], K = type of key, V = type of value Properties are mostly the same as Java maps Maps are immutable by default!

Creating Maps

```
scala> Map(1 -> "A", 2 -> "B")
res48: scala.collection.immutable.Map[Int,String] = Map(1 -> A, 2 -> B)
scala> Map((1, "A"), (2,"B"))
res49: scala.collection.immutable.Map[Int,String] = Map(1 -> A, 2 -> B)
scala> List((1, "A"), (2,"B")).toMap
res50: scala.collection.immutable.Map[Int,String] = Map(1 -> A, 2 -> B)
scala>
scala> Map.empty[Int,String]
res51: scala.collection.immutable.Map[Int,String] = Map()
```

Maps

Map methods

https://www.scala-lang.org/api/current/scala/collection/immutable/Map.html

Accessing Map elements

```
scala> val myMap = Map(1 -> "A", 2 -> "B")
myMap: scala.collection.immutable.Map[Int,String] = Map(1 -> A, 2 -> B)

scala> myMap(2)
res52: String = B

scala> myMap.get(2)
res53: Option[String] = Some(B)
```

Accessing Map elements for non-existent keys

```
java.util.NoSuchElementException: key not found: 3
  at scala.collection.immutable.Map$Map2.apply(Map.scala:138)
  ... 36 elided

scala> myMap.get(3)
res60: Option[String] = None

scala> myMap.getOrElse(3,"C: by default")
res61: String = C: by default
```

Maps

Map key-value:, Map.map(f) where

f: (K,V) => W

Map values: Map.transform(f) where

f: (K,V) => W

Generic Programming

Functions and Classes can take types as a parameter.

Code modularity through reuse

Particularly useful for container classes like List and Map

Generic functions

```
def initializeWith[A](initVal: A, n: Int): List[A] =
   List.fill(n)(initVal)
```

Type Variance

From wikipedia:

Variance refers to how subtyping between complex types relates to subtyping between their components. Focus on container types

Covariant: +A

If A and B are two types and A is a subtype of B, then Container[A] is a subtype of Container[B] E.g., List[Cat] is a subtype of List[Animal]

Contravariant: -A

If A and B are two types and A is a subtype of B, then Container[B] is a subtype of Container[A]

Invariant; A

Neither covariant or contravariant, but fixed to the declared type.

Type Variance examples

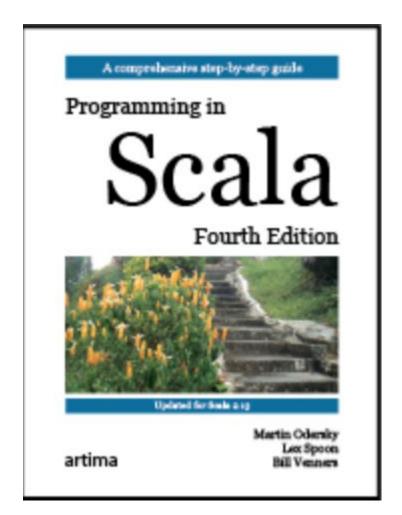
Containers:

Functions:

Scala Reference

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