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(fold-right / 1 (list 1 2 3))
(/ 1 (/ 2 (/ 3 1)))
(/ 1 (/ 2 3))
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(fold-left / 1 (list 1 2 3))
(iter (/ 1 1) (list 2 3))
(iter (/ 1 2) (list 3))
(iter (/ (/ 1 2) 3) nil)
(/ (/ 1 2) 3)
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(fold-right list nil (list 1 2 3))
(list 1 (list 2 (list 3 nil)))
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(1 (2 (3 ())))

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(fold-left list nil (list 1 2 3))
(iter (list nil 1) (list 2 3))
(iter (list (list nil 1) 2) (list 3))
(iter (list (list (list nil 1) 2) 3) nil)
(list (list (list nil 1) 2) 3)
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((() 1) 2) 3)

op needs to be commutative to guarantee that fold-right and fold-left will produce the same values for any sequence. Commutative is defined as $(op\ a\ b) = (op\ b\ a)$ for all a and b that we are operating on. In the above examples, / and list are not commutative, because for example $(/ 1\ 2)$ is not equal to $(/ 2\ 1)$ and $(list\ 1\ 2)$ is not equal to $(list\ 2\ 1)$. This is why fold-right and fold-left produce different results above for the same sequences, because they apply op in opposite directions when op is not commutative.

An example of an operator that is commutative is + because $a + b = b + a, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. As seen below, $0 + 3 + 2 + 1 = 0 + 1 + 2 + 3$. When the operator is commutative and the operands are the same, the order does not affect the result.

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(fold-right + 0 (list 1 2 3))
(+ 1 (+ 2 (+ 3 0)))
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(fold-left + 0 (list 1 2 3))
(iter (+ 0 1) (list 2 3))
(iter (+ 1 2) (list 3))
(iter (+ 3 3) nil)
(+ 3 3)
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