

WEEK-2 PRESENTED BY NOLLEH

LEARN U Erlang

PATTERN MATCHING

► greet without pattern matching

```
function greet(Gender,Name)
  if Gender == male then
    print("Hello, Mr. %s!", Name)
  else if Gender == female then
    print("Hello, Mrs. %s!", Name)
  else
    print("Hello, %s!", Name)
end
```

PATTERN MATCHING

► greet with pattern matching

```
greet(male, Name) ->  
  io:format("Hello, Mr. ~s!", [Name]);  
greet(female, Name) ->  
  io:format("Hello, Mrs. ~s!", [Name]);  
greet(_, Name) ->  
  io:format("Hello, ~s!", [Name]).
```

PATTERN MATCHING

► disusing / using

```
function(Args)
  if X then
    Expression
  else if Y then
    Expression
  else
    Expression
```

```
function(X) ->
  Expression;
function(Y) ->
  Expression;
function(_) ->
  Expression.
```

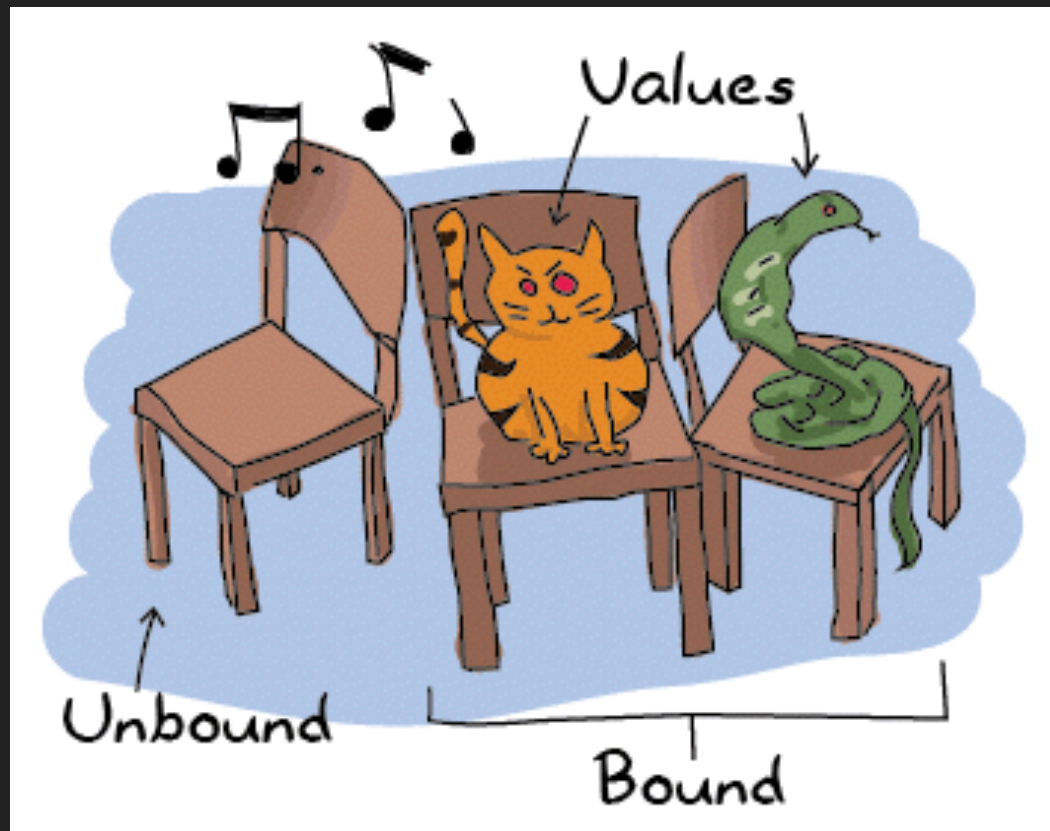
PATTERN MATCHING

► example

```
head([H|_]) -> H.  
second([_,X|_]) -> X.  
same(X,X) ->  
    true;  
same(_,_) ->  
    false.
```

PATTERN MATCHING

- ▶ how's it works?
 - ▶ error occurs unless the new value is the same as the old one



PATTERN MATCHING

▶ example2

```
valid_time({Date = {Y,M,D}, Time = {H,Min,S}}) ->  
  io:format("The Date tuple (~p) says today is: ~p/~p/~p,~n",  
            [Date,Y,M,D]),  
  io:format("The time tuple (~p) indicates: ~p:~p:~p.~n",  
            [Time,H,Min,S]);  
valid_time(_) ->  
  io:format("Stop feeding me wrong data!~n").
```

▶ functions head's '=' operator

PATTERN MATCHING

▶ example2

```
4> c(functions).
{ok, functions}
5> functions:valid_time({{2011,09,06},{09,04,43}}).
The Date tuple ({2011,9,6}) says today is: 2011/9/6,
The time tuple ({9,4,43}) indicates: 9:4:43.
ok
6> functions:valid_time({{2011,09,06},{09,04}}).
Stop feeding me wrong data!
```

- ▶ prob: It also recv just tuple! and too precise sometimes.

GUARDS, GUARDS!

- ▶ needs expressive way on sometimes...
 - ▶ range of value
 - ▶ not limited as certain types of data

GUARDS, GUARDS!

► impractical vs practical

```
old_enough(0) -> false;  
old_enough(1) -> false;  
old_enough(2) -> false;  
...  
old_enough(14) -> false;  
old_enough(15) -> false;  
old_enough(_) -> true.  
ok
```



```
old_enough(X) when X >= 16 -> true;  
old_enough(_) -> false.
```

3. SYNTAX IN FUNCTIONS

GUARDS, GUARDS!

- ▶ similar with andalso (little diff aspect on exceptions)

```
right_age(X) when X >= 16, X =< 104 ->  
  true;  
right_age(_) ->  
  false.
```



- ▶ or else

```
wrong_age(X) when X < 16; X > 104 ->  
  true;  
wrong_age(_) ->  
  false.
```

GUARDS, GUARDS!

- ▶ in guard, You will be
 - ▶ able to use functions like
 - ▶ $A*B/C \geq 0$
 - ▶ `is_integer/1`, `is_atom/1` ...
 - ▶ unable to use user defined function
 - ▶ because of side-effect

3. SYNTAX IN FUNCTIONS

WHAT THE IF!?

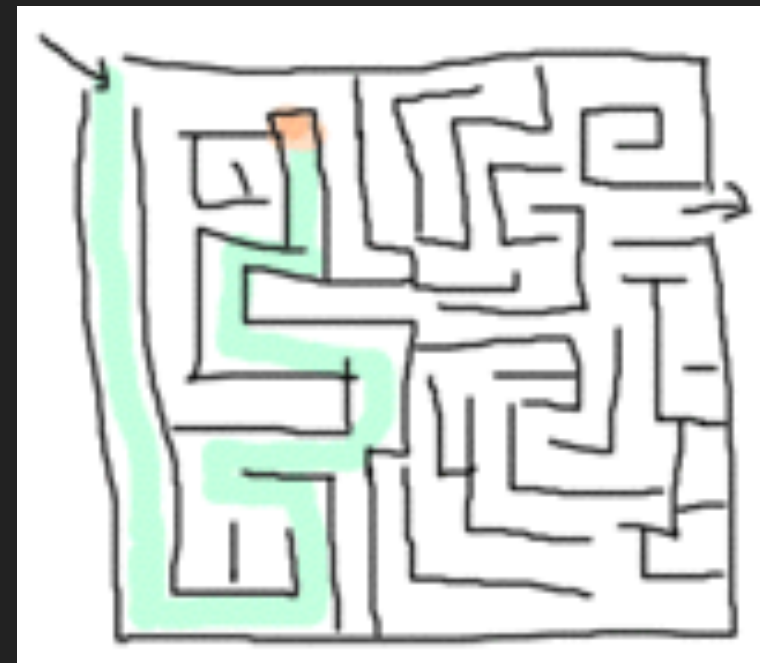
- ▶ similar with guard but outside of function clauses head
- ▶ different from other language

3. SYNTAX IN FUNCTIONS

WHAT THE IF!?

```
-module(what_the_if).  
-export([heh_fine/0]).
```

```
heh_fine() ->  
  if 1 == 1 ->  
    works  
  end,  
  if 1 == 2; 1 == 1 ->  
    works  
  end,  
  if 1 == 2, 1 == 1 ->  
    fails  
end.
```



3. SYNTAX IN FUNCTIONS

WHAT THE IF!?

```
1> c(what_the_if).  
./what_the_if.erl:12: Warning: no clause will ever match  
./what_the_if.erl:12: Warning: the guard for this clause evaluates to  
'false'  
{ok,what_the_if}  
2> what_the_if:heh_fine().  
** exception error: no true branch found when evaluating an if  
expression  
in function  what_the_if:heh_fine/0
```

3. SYNTAX IN FUNCTIONS

WHAT THE IF!?

► true branch

```
oh_god(N) ->  
  if N == 2 -> might_succeed;  
  true -> always_does %% this is Erlang's if's 'else!'  
end.
```

```
4> what_the_if:oh_god(2).  
    might_succeed  
5> what_the_if:oh_god(3).  
    always_does
```


WHAT IS IF!?

- ▶ why not else ?
 - ▶ both branch should be avoided
 - ▶ if is usually easier
- ▶ guard has only limited set

IN CASE ... OF

► example

```
insert(X,[]) ->
  [X];
insert(X,Set) ->
  case lists:member(X,Set) of
    true -> Set;
    false -> [X|Set]
  end.
```

IN CASE ... OF

► pattern matching + guard

```
beach(Temperature) ->  
  case Temperature of  
    {celsius, N} when N >= 20, N =< 45 ->  
      'favorable';  
    {kelvin, N} when N >= 293, N =< 318 ->  
      'scientifically favorable';  
    {fahrenheit, N} when N >= 68, N =< 113 ->  
      'favorable in the US';  
    _ ->  
      'avoid beach'  
  end.
```

IN CASE ... OF

- ▶ instead, we can replace with bunch of functions.

```
beachf({celsius, N}) when N >= 20, N =< 45 ->  
  'favorable';  
...  
beachf(_) ->  
  'avoid beach'.
```

WHICH TO USE?

- ▶ function call vs case of
 - ▶ same way at a lower level
 - ▶ only one difference when arg is more than one

```
case {A,B} of  
  Pattern Guards -> ...  
end.
```

WHICH TO USE?

- ▶ function call vs case of
 - ▶ arguably cleaner

```
insert(X,[]) ->
  [X];
insert(X,Set) ->
  case lists:member(X,Set) of
    true -> Set;
    false -> [X|Set]
  end.
```

WHICH TO USE?

- ▶ if vs if through guard?
 - ▶ use where doesn't need whole pattern matching
- ▶ personal preference

DYNAMITE-STRONG TYPING

- ▶ as you've seen, no need to type Type!
- ▶ elang is dynamically typed
 - ▶ compiler won't always yell at you
- ▶ statically typed language is safer..?
 - ▶ elang is reported as nine nine (99.999 % available)
- ▶ strongly typed

```
1 > 6 + "1".
```


DYNAMITE-STRONG TYPING

► type conversion

`<type>_to_<type>`

```
1> erlang:list_to_integer("54").
```

```
54
```

```
2> erlang:integer_to_list(54).
```

```
"54"
```

```
3> erlang:list_to_integer("54.32").
```

```
** exception error: bad argument in function list_to_integer/1  
called as list_to_integer("54.32")
```

4. TYPES (OR LACK OF THERE OF)

TYPE CONVERSION

► type conversion

`<type>_to_<type>`

```
4> erlang:list_to_float("54.32").
```

```
54.32
```

```
5> erlang:atom_to_list(true).
```

```
"true"
```

```
6> erlang:list_to_bitstring("hi there").
```

```
<<"hi there">>
```

```
7> erlang:bitstring_to_list(<<"hi there">>).
```

```
"hi there"
```

4. TYPES (OR LACK OF THERE OF)

TO GUARD A DATA TYPE

▶ type check

```
is_atom/1      is_binary/1
is_bitstring/1 is_boolean/1   is_builtin/3
is_float/1     is_function/1 is_function/2
is_integer/1   is_list/1    is_number/1
is_pid/1       is_port/1    is_record/2
is_record/3    is_reference/1 is_tuple/1
```

▶ why not typeof

- ▶ force user to make program that surely knowing the effect

▶ can used in guard expression

FOR TYPE JUNKIES

- ▶ briefly describe tools used to do static type analysis
 - ▶ first try in 1997
- ▶ success type
 - ▶ will not exact type every expression
 - ▶ type it infers are right, type errors it finds are really error



4. TYPES (OR LACK OF THERE OF)

FOR TYPE JUNKIES

► success type

```
and(false, _) -> false;  
and(_, false) -> false;  
and(true, true) -> true.
```

```
and(_, _) -> bool()
```

4. TYPES (OR LACK OF THERE OF)

FOR TYPE JUNKIES

► if you interested

```
$ typer --help
```

```
$ dialyzer --help
```

HELLO RECURSION!

- ▶ functional programming do not offer loop



HELLO RECURSION!

► factorial

```
-module(recursive).  
-export([fac/1]).
```

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n((n-1)!) & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

```
fac(N) when N == 0 -> 1;  
fac(N) when N > 0 -> N*fac(N-1).
```

```
fac(0) -> 1;  
fac(N) when N > 0 -> N*fac(N-1).
```


HELLO RECURSION!

- ▶ recursion
 - ▶ function that calls itself
 - ▶ need to have stopping condition (base case)

LENGTH

► we need

a base case;
a function that calls itself;
a list to try our function on.

► simplest - empty list

```
fac(0) -> 1;  
fac(N) when  $N > 0$  ->  $N * \text{fac}(N-1)$ .
```

LENGTH

- ▶ list is recursively

$[1 \mid [2 \mid \dots [n \mid []]]]$.

```
len([]) -> 0;  
len([_|T]) -> 1 + len(T).
```

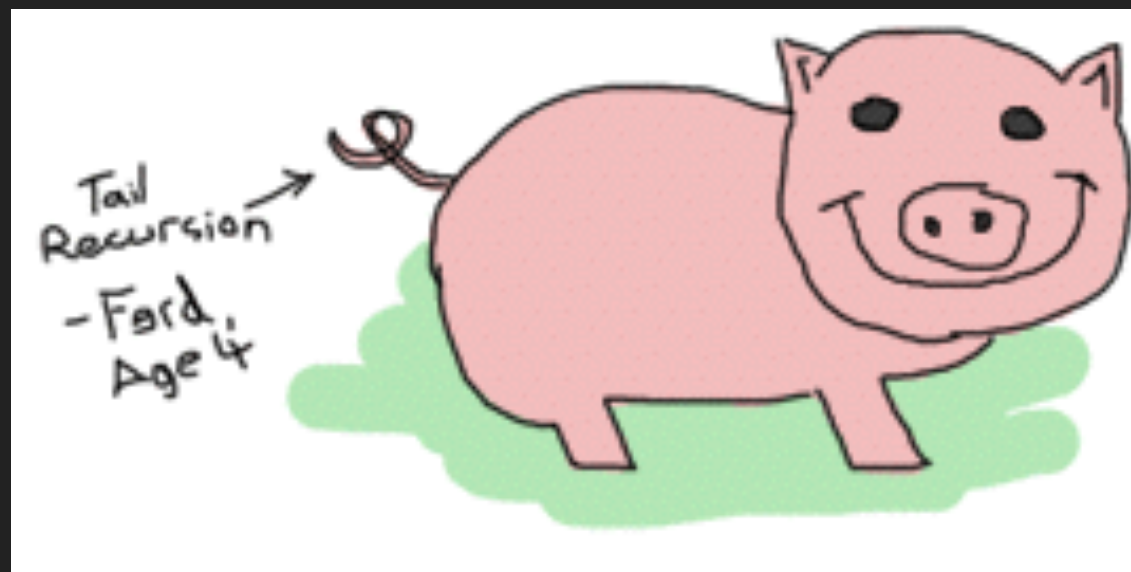
LENGTH

► how it works?

```
len([1,2,3,4]) = len([1 | [2,3,4]])  
               = 1 + len([2 | [3,4]])  
               = 1 + 1 + len([3 | [4]])  
               = 1 + 1 + 1 + len([4 | []])  
               = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + len([])  
               = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 0  
               = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1  
               = 1 + 1 + 2  
               = 1 + 3  
               = 4
```

LENGTH OF A TAIL RECURSION

- ▶ it is problematic
 - ▶ keep millions of numbers in memory for such a simple calculation.
- ▶ let's tail recursion



LENGTH OF A TAIL RECURSION

- ▶ linear -> iterative one
- ▶ need to be alone
- ▶ additional is stacked
- ▶ accumulator
 - ▶ need to extra variable to hold the intermediate result

LENGTH OF A TAIL RECURSION

► using accumulator

```
tail_fac(N) -> tail_fac(N,1).
```

```
tail_fac(0,Acc) -> Acc;
```

```
tail_fac(N,Acc) when N > 0 -> tail_fac(N-1,N*Acc).
```

```
tail_fac(4) = tail_fac(4,1)
```

```
tail_fac(4,1) = tail_fac(4-1, 4*1)
```

```
tail_fac(3,4) = tail_fac(3-1, 3*4)
```

```
tail_fac(2,12) = tail_fac(2-1, 2*12)
```

```
tail_fac(1,24) = tail_fac(1-1, 1*24)
```

```
tail_fac(0,24) = 24
```

LENGTH OF A TAIL RECURSION

► length tail recursion

```
len([]) -> 0;  
len([_|T]) -> 1 + len(T).
```

```
tail_len(L) -> tail_len(L,0).
```

```
tail_len([], Acc) -> Acc;  
tail_len([_|T], Acc) -> tail_len(T,Acc+1).
```


MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

- ▶ After all, recursion being the only looping construct that exists in Erlang
 - ▶ except list comprehension
- ▶ duplicate

```
duplicate(0,_) ->  
  [];  
duplicate(N,Term) when N > 0 ->  
  [Term|duplicate(N-1,Term)].
```

MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

► duplicate

```
tail_duplicate(N,Term) ->  
tail_duplicate(N,Term,[]).
```

```
tail_duplicate(0,_,List) ->  
    List;  
tail_duplicate(N,Term,List) when N > 0 ->  
    tail_duplicate(N-1, Term, [Term|List]).
```

```
function(N, Term) ->  
    while N > 0 ->  
        List = [Term|List],  
        N = N-1  
    end,  
    List.
```

MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

- ▶ true nightmare which is not tail recursion

```
reverse([]) -> [];  
reverse([H|T]) -> reverse(T)++[H].
```

```
reverse([1,2,3,4]) = [4]++[3]++[2]++[1]  
                   ↑   ↙  
                   = [4,3]++[2]++[1]  
                   ↑ ↑ ↙  
                   = [4,3,2]++[1]  
                   ↑ ↑ ↑ ↙  
                   = [4,3,2,1]
```

MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

► let's rescue

```
tail_reverse(L) -> tail_reverse(L, []).  
tail_reverse([], Acc) -> Acc;  
tail_reverse([H|T], Acc) -> tail_reverse(T, [H|Acc]).
```

```
tail_reverse([1,2,3,4]) = tail_reverse([2,3,4], [1])  
                        = tail_reverse([3,4], [2,1])  
                        = tail_reverse([4], [3,2,1])  
                        = tail_reverse([], [4,3,2,1])  
                        = [4,3,2,1]
```

MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

▶ sublist/2

▶ a little different

```
sublist(_,0) -> [];  
sublist([],_) -> [];  
sublist([H|T],N) when N > 0 -> [H|sublist(T,N-1)].
```

```
tail_sublist(L, N) -> tail_sublist(L, N, []).
```

```
tail_sublist(_, 0, SubList) -> SubList;  
tail_sublist([], _, SubList) -> SubList;  
tail_sublist([H|T], N, SubList) when N > 0 ->  
    tail_sublist(T, N-1, [H|SubList]).
```

MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

► problems..

```
sublist([1,2,3,4,5,6],3)
```

► solve

```
tail_sublist(L, N) -> reverse(tail_sublist(L, N, [])).
```

MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

► zip/2

```
1> recursive:zip([a,b,c],[1,2,3]).  
[{a,1},{b,2},{c,3}]
```

► implements

```
zip([],[]) -> [];  
zip([X|Xs],[Y|Ys]) -> [{X,Y}|zip(Xs,Ys)].
```

```
lenient_zip([],_) -> [];  
lenient_zip(_,[]) -> [];  
lenient_zip([X|Xs],[Y|Ys]) -> [{X,Y}|lenient_zip(Xs,Ys)].
```

MORE RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS

- ▶ TCO (tail call optimization)
 - ▶ vm does eliminate current stack frame
- ▶ LCO (last call optimization)
 - ▶ more general

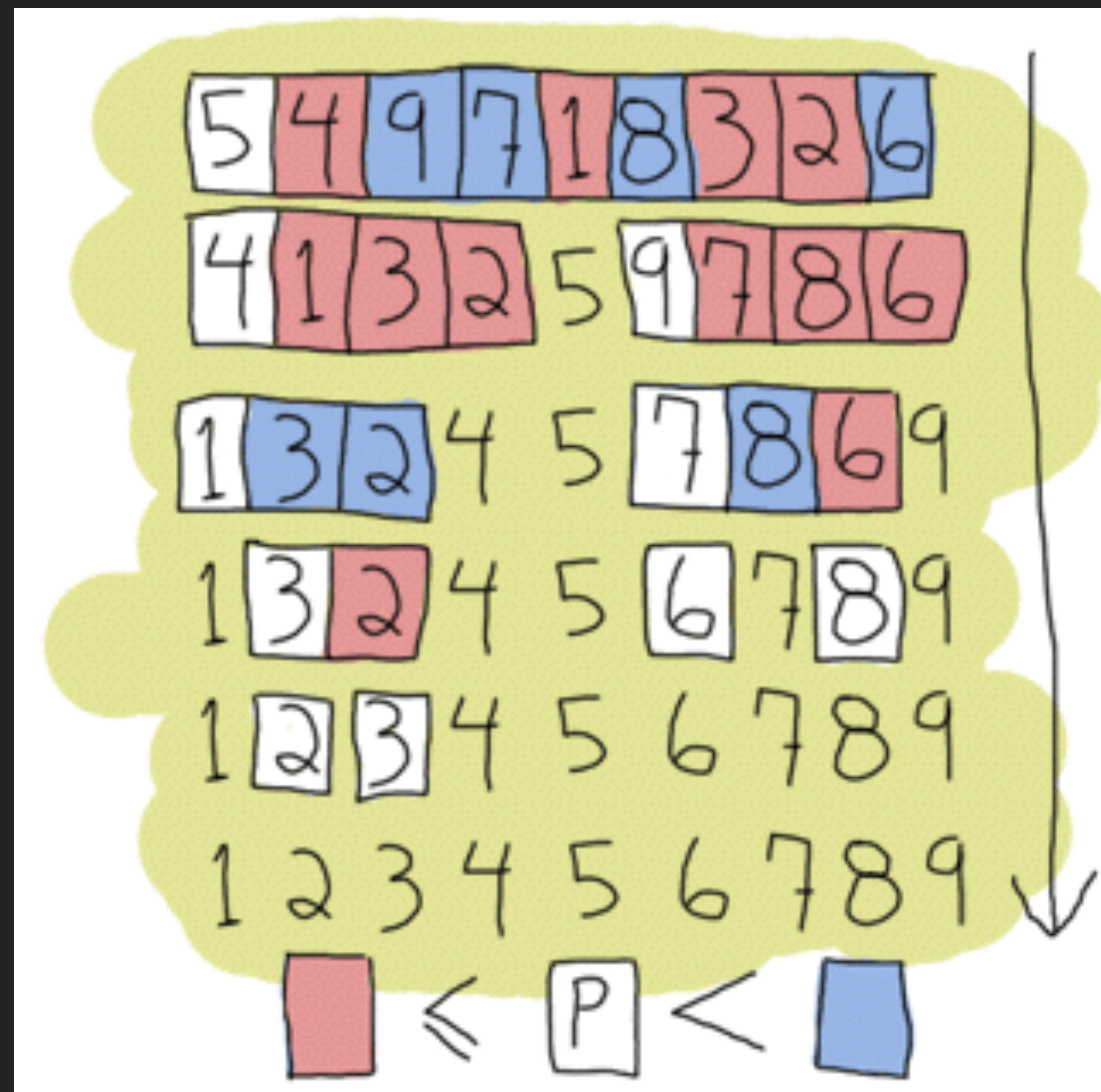
QUICK, SORT!

- ▶ naive version
 - ▶ pivot
 - ▶ smaller; equals | larger
 - ▶ until empty list to sort

5. RECURSION

QUICK, SORT!

► naive version



QUICK, SORT!

- ▶ as two parts
 - ▶ partitioning
 - ▶ apply the partitioning to each parts, and glue

```
quicksort([]) -> [];  
quicksort([Pivot|Rest]) ->  
  {Smaller, Larger} = partition(Pivot, Rest, [], []),  
  quicksort(Smaller) ++ [Pivot] ++ quicksort(Larger).
```

QUICK, SORT!

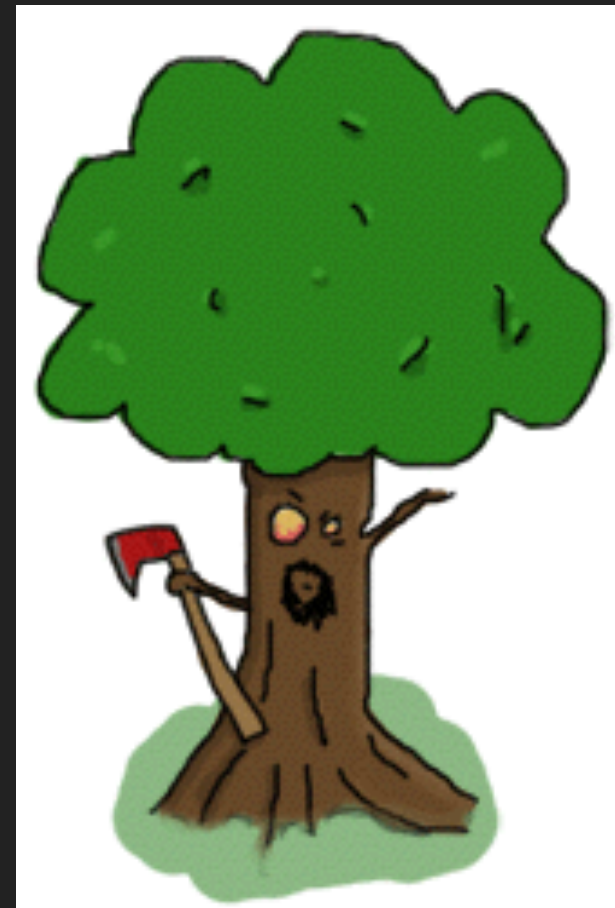
► partitioning

```
partition(_,[], Smaller, Larger) -> {Smaller, Larger};  
partition(Pivot, [H|T], Smaller, Larger) ->  
  if H =< Pivot -> partition(Pivot, T, [H|Smaller], Larger);  
    H > Pivot -> partition(Pivot, T, Smaller, [H|Larger])  
end.
```

```
lc_quicksort([]) -> [];  
lc_quicksort([Pivot|Rest]) ->  
  lc_quicksort([Smaller || Smaller <- Rest, Smaller =< Pivot])  
  ++ [Pivot] ++  
  lc_quicksort([Larger || Larger <- Rest, Larger > Pivot]).
```

MORE THAN LISTS

- ▶ tree
 - ▶ key / two other node (smaller, larger)
 - ▶ also able to contain empty node



MORE THAN LISTS

- ▶ lets choice tuple!

```
{node, {Key, Value, Smaller, Larger}}
```

```
{node, nil}
```

- ▶ empty

```
-module(tree).  
-export([empty/0, insert/3, lookup/2]).  
  
empty() -> {node, 'nil'}.
```

MORE THAN LISTS

- ▶ base case is empty node
 - ▶ where to put content
- ▶ compare, larger / smaller

MORE THAN LISTS

► compare, larger / smaller

```
insert(Key, Val, {node, 'nil'}) ->
  {node, {Key, Val, {node, 'nil'}, {node, 'nil'}}};
insert(NewKey, NewVal, {node, {Key, Val, Smaller, Larger}})
  when NewKey < Key ->
    {node, {Key, Val, insert(NewKey, NewVal, Smaller), Larger}};
insert(NewKey, NewVal, {node, {Key, Val, Smaller, Larger}})
  when NewKey > Key ->
    {node, {Key, Val, Smaller, insert(NewKey, NewVal, Larger)}};
insert(Key, Val, {node, {Key, _, Smaller, Larger}}) ->
  {node, {Key, Val, Smaller, Larger}}.
```


MORE THAN LISTS

- ▶ returns completely new tree
 - ▶ sometimes shared by vm
- ▶ look up

```
lookup(_, {node, 'nil'}) ->
  undefined;
lookup(Key, {node, {Key, Val, _, _}}) ->
  {ok, Val};
lookup(Key, {node, {NodeKey, _, Smaller, _}}) when Key < NodeKey ->
  lookup(Key, Smaller);
lookup(Key, {node, {_, _, _, Larger}}) -> lookup(Key, Larger).
```

MORE THAN LISTS

► using example

```
1> T1 = tree:insert("Jim Woodland", "jim.woodland@gmail.com",  
    tree:empty()).  
2> T2 = tree:insert("Mark Anderson", "i.am.a@hotmail.com", T1).  
3> Addresses = tree:insert("Anita Bath", "abath@someuni.edu",  
    tree:insert("Kevin Robert", "myfairy@yahoo.com",  
    tree:insert("Wilson Longbrow", "longwil@gmail.com", T2))).
```

MORE THAN LISTS

```
{node,{ "Jim Woodland", "jim.woodland@gmail.com",  
  {node,{ "Anita Bath", "abath@someuni.edu",  
    {node,nil},  
    {node,nil}}},  
  {node,{ "Mark Anderson", "i.am.a@hotmail.com",  
    {node,{ "Kevin Robert", "myfairy@yahoo.com",  
      {node,nil},  
      {node,nil}}},  
    {node,{ "Wilson Longbrow", "longwil@gmail.com",  
      {node,nil},  
      {node,nil}}}}}}}
```

MORE THAN LISTS

► using example

```
4> tree:lookup("Anita Bath", Addresses).  
{ok, "abath@someuni.edu"}  
5> tree:lookup("Jacques Requin", Addresses).  
undefined
```

THINKING RECURSIVELY

- ▶ our approach is more declarative
- ▶ consise algorithm easy to understand
 - ▶ divide - and - conquer!
- ▶ you will learn how to abstract, next time.