

# Discussion 17

## Memoization

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- ▶ Best of both worlds: fast and easy to reason about

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```
(** [memoize f] is a function [f'] that  
    * mutably caches previously calculated results. *)  
val memoize: ('a -> 'b) -> ('a -> 'b)
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```
let factorial self n =  
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let memoize_rec f =  
  failwith "Unimplemented"
```