



Use Functional Programming to Make a Bulls and Cows Solver

用 Functional Programming 來解 1A2B 吧

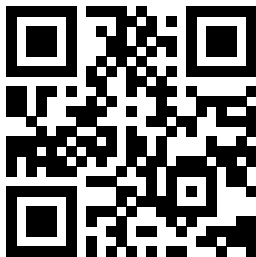
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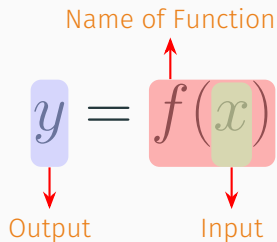
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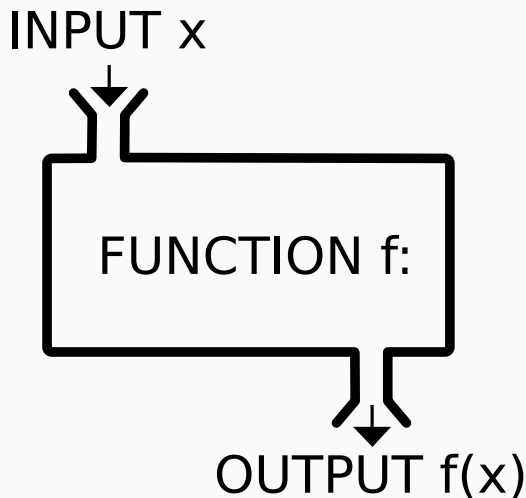
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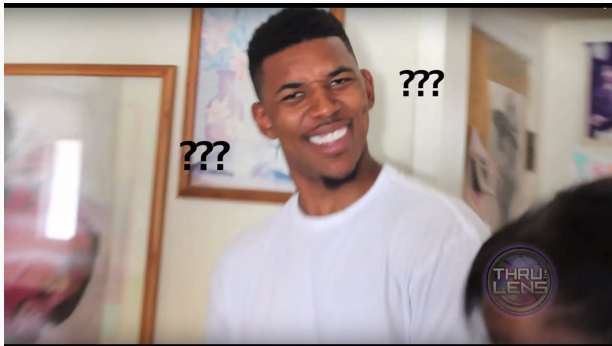
What is Functional Programming?

Functional programming represents a programming paradigm in which the computations are evaluated by mathematical functions. The paradigm avoids changing state and using mutable data.¹

Functional programming 代表一種以數學函式來計算的程式設計法。這種設計法避免狀態改變及使用可變資料。

¹Stefania Loredana Nita and Marius Mihailescu. *Haskell Quick Syntax Reference*. Apress, 2019.

Huh???



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“副作用就像是謊言。”

— 無瑕的程式碼, Robert C. Martin

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Not functional, but how to fix it?

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State cannot change after creation



Quite cute, right?

Questions?



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Let's Make a Bulls and Cows Solver

1A2B

- Secret number: 4271
- Opponent's try: 1234
- Answer: 1A2B (1 bull and 2 cows)

If the matching digits are in their right positions, they are “bulls”, if in different positions, they are “cows”.

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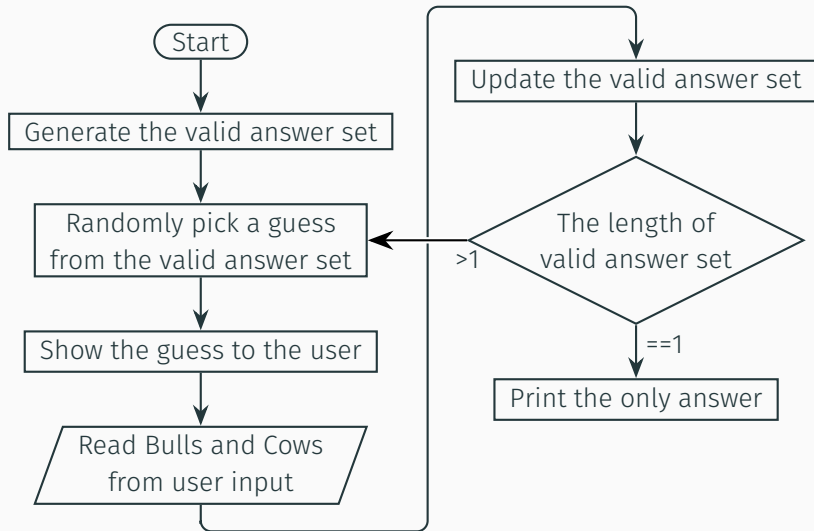
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Flow Chart



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- make magic happen

```
1 {- check if list has duplicate element
2   -
3   - hasDuplicates [1,2,3,4] == False
4   - hasDuplicates [1,2,3,1] == True -}
5
6 hasDuplicates :: Eq a => [a] -> Bool
7 hasDuplicates xs = length (nub xs) /= length xs
```

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1. `replicateM`: `replicateM n act` performs the action `act` `n` times, and then returns the list of results:

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3. Combine them

```
allAnswer n x = filter (\x -> not $
  hasDuplicates x) $ replicateM n x
allAnswer 4 [0..9] --
  [[1,2,3,4],[1,2,3,5],...,[6,7,8,9]]
```

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4. Map (higher-order function)

```
map square [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] -- [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
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Let's Count Cows

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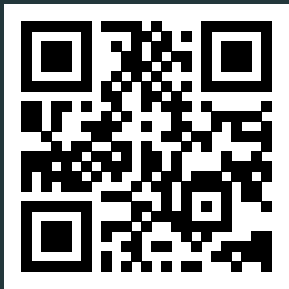
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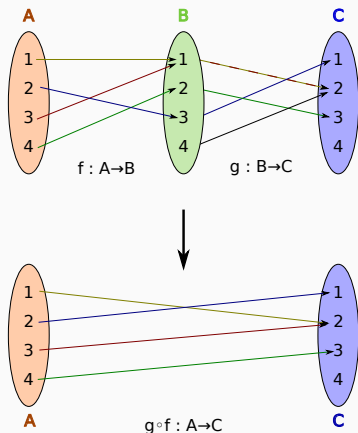
```
checkAB :: Eq a => [a] -> [a] -> (Int, Int)
checkAB xs ys = (a_num, b_num)
  where a_num = checkA xs ys
        b_num = subtract a_num $ length $
          filter (True==) $ map (\y -> elem y
            xs) ys
```

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Function Composition

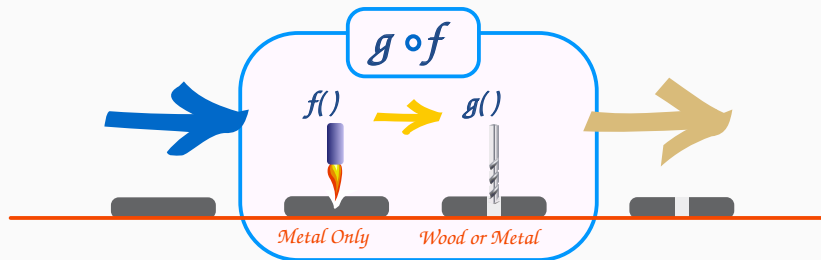


$$g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$$

Example for a composition of two functions²

²From wikimedia commons by Stephan Kulla

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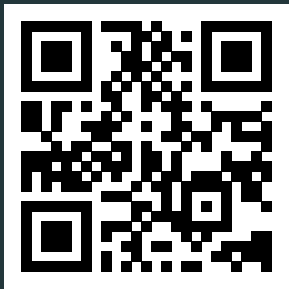
Composition of Functions ³

³<https://www.mathsisfun.com/sets/functions-composition.html>

Update Valid Answer

```
{- Update answer pool
- choose the solutions which match the rules base
  on the test
-}
updateAnswers :: Eq a => [[a]] -> [a] -> (Int, Int)
              -> [[a]]
updateAnswers ans test rules
              = filter ((rules==).(checkAB test)) ans
```

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