

UMass Boston Computer Science
CS450 High Level Languages

Accumulators

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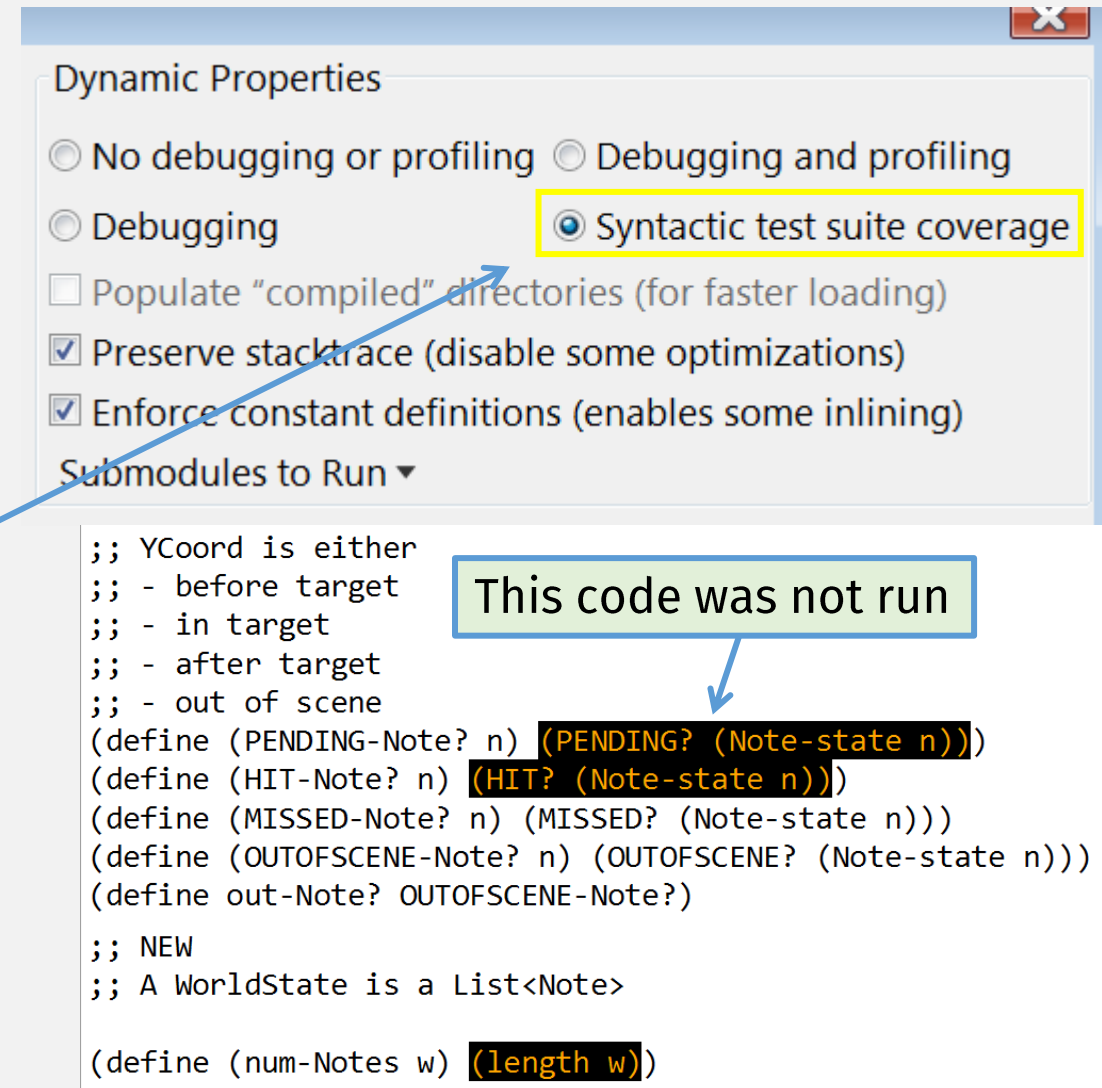
Logistics

- HW 5 out
 - Due: Tues 3/11 11am EST
 - Yes: cons, first, rest, empty, list, empty?
 - No: map, fold, filter, etc
 - 1 if allowed, if following multi-arg recipe



HW Minimum Submission Requirements

- “main” runs without errors
- Tests run without errors
- 100% (Test / Example) “Coverage”
 - In “Choose Language” Menu
 - NOTE: only works with single files



Last
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Common List Function #1: map

```
;; map: (X -> Y) Listof<X> -> Listof<Y>  
;; Produces a list resulting from applying  
;; a given fn to each element of a given lst
```

function “**application**”
(in high-level languages)
= function “call”
(in imperative languages)

```
(define (map fn lst)  
  (cond  
    [(empty? lst) empty]  
    [else (cons (fn (first lst))  
                  (map (rest lst)))]))
```

```
(map proc lst ...+) → list?  
proc : procedure?  
lst : list?
```

procedure

Applies *proc* to the elements of the *lsts* from the first elements to the last. The *proc* argument must accept the same number of arguments as the number of supplied *lsts*, and all *lsts* must have the same number of elements. The result is a list containing each result of *proc* in order.

Examples:

```
> (map (lambda (number1 number2)  
        (+ number1 number2))  
      '(1 2 3 4)  
      '(10 100 1000 10000))  
'(11 102 1003 10004)
```

RACKET's map can
take multiple lists!



map in other high-level languages

Array.prototype.map()

The `map()` method of `Array` instances creates a new array populated with the results of calling a provided function on every element in the calling array.

JavaScript Demo: Array.map()

```
1 const array1 = [1, 4, 9, 16];
2
3 // Pass a function to map
4 const map1 = array1.map((x) => x * 2);
5
6 console.log(map1);
7 // Expected output: Array[2, 8, 18, 32]
```

Lambda
("arrow function expression")

Python3

Add two lists using map and lambda

numbers1 = [1, 2, 3]

numbers2 = [4, 5, 6]

lambda

result = map(lambda x, y: x + y, numbers1, numbers2)
print(list(result))

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Common List Function #2: foldl / foldr

;; foldr: (X Y -> Y) Y Listof<X> -> Y
;; Computes a single value from given list, determined by given fn and initial val.
;; fn is applied to each list element, **last-element-first**

```
(define (foldr fn initial lst)
  (cond
    [(empty? lst) initial]
    [else (fn (first lst) (foldr fn initial (rest lst)))]))
```

$(1 + (2 + (3 + 0)))$
 $(1 - (2 - (3 - 0)))$

;; foldl: (X Y -> Y) Y Listof<X> -> Y
;; Computes a single value from given list, determined by given fn and initial val.
;; fn is applied to each list element, **first-element-first**

```
(define (foldl fn result-so-far lst)
  (cond
    [(empty? lst) result-so-far]
    [else (foldl fn (fn (first lst) result-so-far) (rest lst))]))
```

$((1 + 0) + 2) + 3$
 $((1 - 0) - 2) - 3$

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Time

fold (reduce) in other high-level languages

JavaScript Demo: Array.reduce()

```
1 const array1 = [1, 2, 3, 4];
2
3 // 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4
4 const initialValue = 0;
5 const sumWithInitial = array1.reduce((resultSoFar, x) => resultSoFar + x, initial);
6
7 console.log(sumWithInitial);
8 // Expected output: 10
9
```

“list”

lambda

“initial”

JavaScript Demo: Array.reduceRight()

```
1 const array1 = [
2   [0, 1],
3   [2, 3],
4   [4, 5],
5 ];
6
7 const result = array1.reduceRight((resultSoFar, x) => resultSoFar.concat(x));
8
9 console.log(result);
10 // Expected output: Array [4, 5, 2, 3, 0, 1]
11
```

“initial” optional?

Fold “dual”: `build-list`

```
(build-list n proc) → list? procedure  
n : exact-nonnegative-integer?  
proc : (exact-nonnegative-integer? . -> . any)
```

Creates a list of *n* elements by applying *proc* to the integers from 0 to (`sub1` *n*) in order. If *lst* is the resulting list, then (`list-ref` *lst* *i*) is the value produced by (*proc* *i*).

Examples:

```
> (build-list 10 values)  
'(0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9)  
> (build-list 5 (lambda (x) (* x x)))  
'(0 1 4 9 16)
```

```
(build-list 4 add1)
```

```
;; = (map add1 (list 0 1 2 3))
```

```
;; = (list 1 2 3 4)
```


Fold “alternative”: **apply** (with “variable-arity” fns)

```
(foldl + 0 (list 1 2 3 4)) ; = (+ (+ (+ (+ 1 0) 2) 3) 4)) = 10
```



```
(apply + (list 1 2 3 4)) ; = (+ 1 2 3 4) = 10
```

```
(apply string-append (list “a” “b” “cd”)) ; = “abcd”
```

- **apply** applies its fn argument to the contents of its **list** arg
- function arg must accept:
of arguments = length of list arg

Common list function #3: `filter`

```
;; filter: (X -> Boolean) Listof<X> -> Listof<X>  
;; Returns a list containing elements of given list  
;; for which the given predicate returns true
```

```
(define (filter pred? lst)  
  (cond  
    [(empty? lst) empty]  
    [else (if (pred? (first lst))  
              (cons (first lst) (filter pred? (rest lst)))  
              (filter pred? (rest lst)))]))
```

pred and lst must be
processed together,
so 1 `if` allowed here



filter in other high-level languages

JavaScript Demo: Array.filter()

```
1 const words = ['spray', 'limit', 'elite', 'exuberant', 'destruction', 'present'];
2
3 const result = words.filter((word) => word.length > 6);
4
5 console.log(result);
6 // Expected output: Array ["exuberant", "destruction", "present"]
7
```

Common list function #3: `filter`

```
;; filter: (X -> Boolean) Listof<X> -> Listof<X>
;; Returns a list containing elements of g
;; for which the given predicate returns t
```

```
(define (filter pred? lst)
  (cond
    [(empty? lst) empty]
    [else (if (pred? (first lst))
              (cons (first lst) (filter pred? (rest lst)))
              (filter pred? (rest lst)))])
```

lambda rules:

- Can skip the **design recipe** steps, BUT
- **name, description, and signature** must be “obvious”
- **code** is arithmetic only
- otherwise, create standalone function define

```
;; smaller-than: Listof<Int> Int -> Listof<Int>
;; Returns a list containing elements of given list less than the given int
```

```
(define (smaller-than lst thresh)
  (filter (lambda (x) (< x thresh)) lst)
```

↑
lambda creates an anonymous “inline” function (expression)

Another Useful List Function: **andmap**

“all”

“every”

```
> (andmap positive? '(1 2 3))  
#t
```

```
> (andmap positive? '(1 -2 a))  
#f
```

`(andmap p? lst)`

similar to:

`(apply and (map p? lst))`

But (won't run): **andmap** is “short circuiting”

`(foldl and #t lst)`

But (won't run): **and** is not a function

`(foldl (λ (x y) (and x y)) #t lst)`

See also: **ormap**

“any”, “some”

Another List function: **lst-max**

Function design recipe:

1. Name
2. Signature
3. Description
4. Examples
5. Template
- ...

```
:: lst-max : Listof<Int> -> Int
```

```
:: Returns the largest number in the given list
```

Another List function: **lst-max**

Function design recipe:

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;; lst-max : Listof<Int> -> Int

Returns the largest number in the given list

```
(check-equal?  
  (lst-max (list 1 2 3)) 3))
```

```
(check-equal?  
  (lst-max (list)) ???))
```

Another List function: **lst-max**

Function design recipe:

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```
:: lst-max : Listof<Int> -> Int  
:: Returns the largest number in the given list  
(define (lst-max lst)  
  (cond  
    [(empty? lst) ....]  
    [(cons? lst) .... (first lst) ....  
      .... (lst-max (rest lst)) ....]))
```


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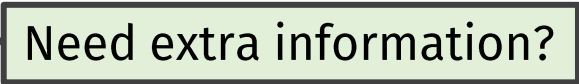
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Another List function: **lst-max**

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```
:: lst-max : Listof<Int> -> Int  
:: Returns the largest number in the given list  
(define (lst-max lst init-val)  
  (cond  
    [(empty? lst) ???]  
    [(cons? lst) .... (first lst) ....  
      .... (lst-max (rest lst)) ....]))
```



Design Recipe For Accumulator Functions

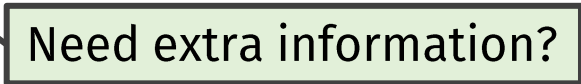
When a function needs “extra information”:

1. *Specify* **accumulator**:

- Name
- Signature
- **Invariant**
 - A property of the accumulator that is always true

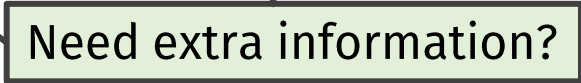
Another List function: `lst-max`

```
;; lst-max : Listof<Int> Int -> Int
;; Returns the largest number in the given list
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int
;; invariant: is the largest val in lst “so far”
(define (lst-max lst max-so-far)
  (cond
    [(empty? lst) ???]
    [(cons? lst) .... (first lst) ....
     .... (lst-max (rest lst)) ....]))
```



Another List function: `lst-max`


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    [(empty? lst) ???]
    [(cons? lst) .... (first lst) ....
     .... (lst-max (rest lst)) ....]))
```



A callout box with a black border and light green background contains the text "Need extra information?". Two black arrows originate from this box: one points to the parameter `max-so-far` in the function definition, and the other points to the text "is the largest val in lst" in the invariant comment.

Another List function: **lst-max**

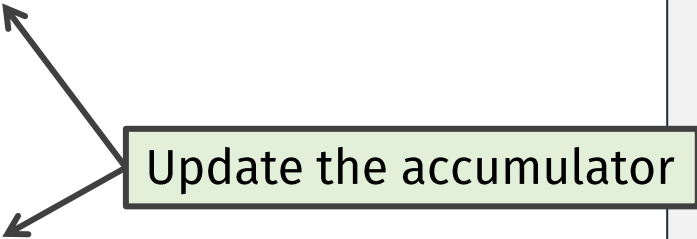
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```



Another List function: `lst-max`

But this is not the same function as before!

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;; lst-max : Listof<Int> Int -> Int
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(define (lst-max lst max-so-far)
  (cond
    [(empty? lst) max-so-far]
    [else (lst-max (rest lst)
                    (max (first lst) max-so-far))]))
```



Update the accumulator

Design Recipe For Accumulator Functions

When a function needs “extra information”:

1. *Specify* **accumulator**:

- Name
- Signature
- Invariant
 - A property of the accumulator that is always true

2. *Define* internal “helper” fn with **extra accumulator arg**

(Helper fn does not need extra description, statement, or examples, if they are the same ...)

3. *Call* “helper” fn , with initial accumulator value, from original fn

A List Accumulator Example

```
;; lst-max : List<Int> -> Int
;; Returns the largest value in the given list
```

Function needs “extra information” ...

```
(define (lst-max initial-lst)
```

```
;; lst-max/accum : List<Int> Int -> Int
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int
;; invariant: is the largest val in initial-lst
```

1. Specify **accumulator**: name, signature, invariant

“so far”

```
(define (lst-max/accum lst max-so-far)
```

```
  (cond
```

2. Define internal “helper” fn with **accumulator** arg

```
    [(empty? lst) max-so-far]
```

```
    [else (lst-max/accum (rest lst)
```

```
                      (max (first lst) max-so-far))])
```

```
(lst-max/accum (rest initial-lst) (first initial-lst) ))
```

A List Accumulator Example

```
;; lst-max : List<Int> -> Int
;; Returns the largest value in the given list
```

```
(define (lst-max initial-lst)
```

```
;; lst-max/accum : List<Int> Int -> Int
```

```
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int
```

```
;; invariant: is the largest val in initial-lst
```

“so far”

```
(define (lst-max/accum lst max-so-far)
```

```
  (cond
```

```
    [(empty? lst) max-so-far]
```

```
    [else (lst-max/accum (rest lst)
```

```
                        (max (first lst) max-so-far))])
```

3. Call “helper” fn, with initial **accumulator** (and other args)

```
(lst-max/accum (rest initial-lst) (first initial-lst) ))
```

A List Accumulator Example

```
;; lst-max : List<Int> -> Int  
;; Returns the largest value in the given list
```

```
(define (lst-max initial-lst)
```

```
;; lst-max/accum : List<Int> Int -> Int
```

```
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int
```

```
;; invariant: is the largest val in initial-lst
```

“so far”

```
(define (lst-max/accum lst max-so-far)
```

```
  (cond
```

```
    [(empty? lst) max-so-far]
```

```
    [else (lst-max/accum (rest lst)
```

```
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```

3. Call “helper” fn, with initial
accumulator (and other args)

```
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```

A List Accumulator Example

```
;; lst-max : NonEmptyList<Int> -> Int  
;; Returns the largest value in the given list
```

```
(define (lst-max initial-lst)
```

```
;; lst-max/accum : List<Int> Int -> Int
```

```
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int
```

```
;; invariant: is the largest val in initial-lst
```

“so far”

```
(define (lst-max/accum lst max-so-far)
```

```
  (cond
```

```
    [(empty? lst) max-so-far]
```

```
    [else (lst-max/accum (rest lst)
```

```
                      (max (first lst) max-so-far))])
```

```
(lst-max/accum (rest initial-lst) (first initial-lst) ))
```

A List Accumulator Example

```
;; lst-max : NonEmptyList<Int> -> Int  
;; Returns the largest value in the given list
```

```
(define (lst-max initial-lst)
```

Helper needs signature, etc if different

```
;; lst-max/accum : List<Int> Int -> Int
```

```
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int
```

```
;; invariant: is the largest val in initial-lst
```

“so far”

```
(define (lst-max/accum lst max-so-far)
```

```
  (cond
```

```
    [(empty? lst) max-so-far]
```

```
    [else (lst-max/accum (rest lst)
```

```
                      (max (first lst) max-so-far))])
```

```
(lst-max/accum (rest initial-lst) (first initial-lst) ))
```

A List Accumulator Example

```
;; lst-max : NonEmptyList<Int> -> Int  
;; Returns the largest value in the given list
```

```
(define (lst-max initial-lst)
```

```
;; lst-max/accum : List<Int> Int -> Int  
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int  
;; invariant: is the largest val in initial-lst “minus” lst
```

Invariant should be specific

```
(define (lst-max/accum lst max-so-far)  
  (cond  
    [(empty? lst) max-so-far]  
    [else (lst-max/accum (rest lst)  
                          (max (first lst) max-so-far))]))
```

```
(lst-max/accum (rest initial-lst) (first initial-lst) ))
```

A List Accumulator Example

```
;; lst-max : NonEmptyList<Int> -> Int  
;; Returns the largest value in the given list
```

```
(define (lst-max lst0)
```

```
;; lst-max/a : List<Int> Int -> Int  
;; accumulator max-so-far : Int  
;; invariant: is the largest val in lst0 “minus” rst-lst
```

```
(define (lst-max/a rst-lst max-so-far)  
  (cond  
    [(empty? rst-lst) max-so-far]  
    [else (lst-max/accum (rest lst)  
                          (max (first lst) max-so-far))]))
```

```
(lst-max/a (rest lst0) (first lst0)))
```

Can Implement with ...

map ?



filter ?



fold ?



Prev

Common List Function: foldl

```
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;; Computes a single value from given list,
;; determined by given fn and initial val.
;; fn is applied to each list element, first-element-first
```

```
(define (foldl fn result-so-far lst)
  (cond
    [(empty? lst) result-so-far]
    [else (foldl fn (fn (first lst) result-so-far) (rest lst))]))
```

Accumulator!

Update the accumulator

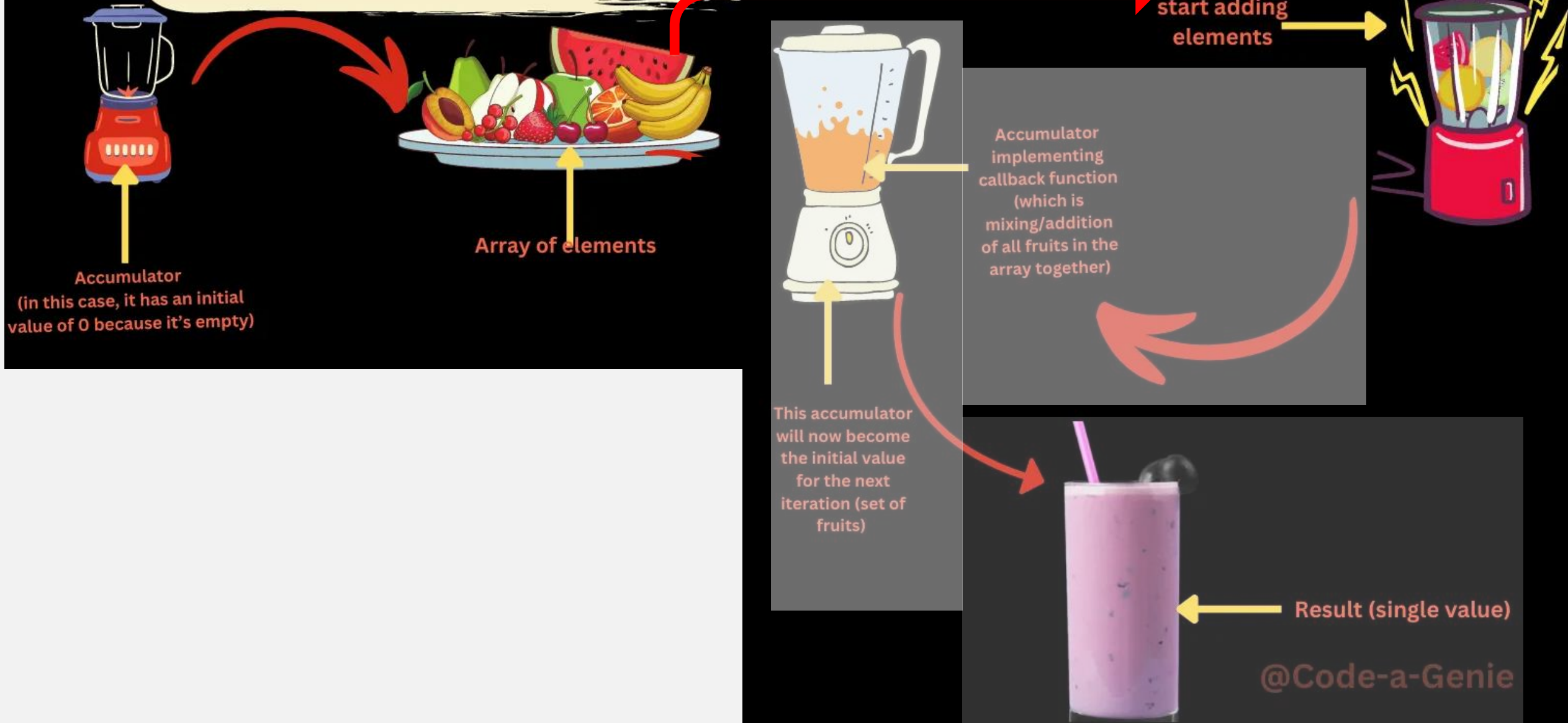


```
;; sum-lst: ListofInt -> Int
(define (sum-lst lst) (foldl + 0 lst))
```

$((1 + 0) + 2) + 3$

$((1 - 0) - 2) - 3$

JavaScript Array reduce () Illustration (fold)



In-class Coding 3/6: Accumulators

```
;; rev : List<X> -> List<X>  
;; Returns the given list with elements in reverse order
```

```
(define (rev lst0)
```

```
;; accumulator ??? : ???  
;; invariant: ???
```

1. *Specify accumulator*: name, signature, invariant

```
(define (rev/a lst acc ???)  
  ???  
)
```

2. *Define* internal “helper” fn with **accumulator** arg

```
(rev/a lst0 ???))
```

3. *Call* “helper” fn, with initial **accumulator**