

Programming Abstractions

Lecture 10: Fold left

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Review: map

Applies a procedure to each element of a list

α and β are types

```
(map proc lst)
```

- $\text{proc} : \alpha \rightarrow \beta$
- $\text{lst} : \text{list of } \alpha$
- map returns list of β

E.g.,

- $\alpha = \text{number}, \beta = \text{integer}$

```
(map floor '(1.3 2.8 -8.5))
```

Review: apply

Applies a procedure the arguments in a list

`(apply proc lst)`

- $\text{proc} : \alpha_1 \times \alpha_2 \times \cdots \times \alpha_n \rightarrow \beta$
- $\text{lst} : (\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2 \ \dots \ \alpha_n)$
- `apply` returns β

E.g.,

- $\alpha_1 = \text{number}, \alpha_2 = \text{boolean}, \beta = \text{number}$
`(apply (λ (n b) (if b (- n) n))
 ' (5 #t))`

Review: fold right

Folds let us combine all elements of a list

```
(foldr combine initial lst)
```

- `combine` : $\alpha \times \beta \rightarrow \beta$
- `initial` : β
- `lst` : list of α
- `foldr` returns β

E.g., α = string and β = number

```
(foldl ( $\lambda$  (str num) (+ num (string-length str)))  
      0  
      '("red" "green" "blue"))
```

Shapes

Racket library 2htdp/image has procedures for creating images

```
(require 2htdp/image)
```

```
(circle 20 'solid 'red) => 
```

radius

```
(rectangle 50 20 'outline 'blue) => 
```

width

height

If we have a list of radii, say `lst` is `'(20 30 50 60)` and we want a list of solid, red circles with those radii, which should we use?

`(_____ lst) => (list    )`

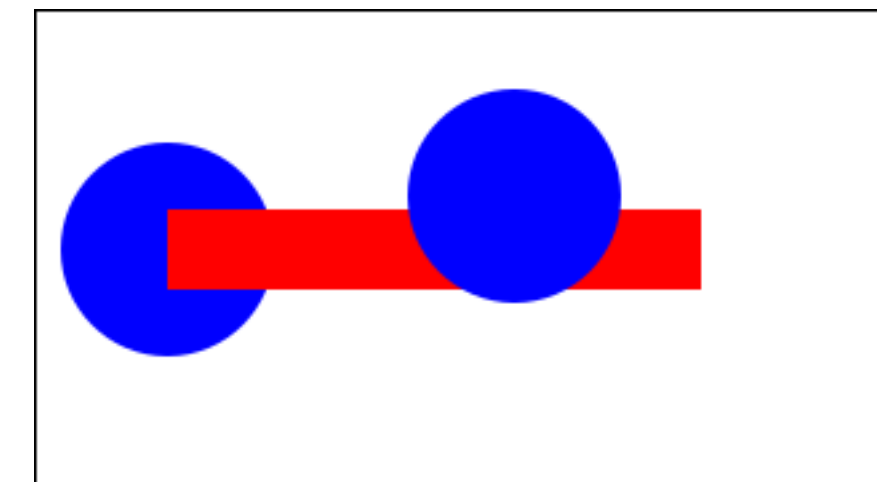
- A. `(map circle 'solid 'red lst)`
- B. `(map (λ (r) (circle r 'solid 'red)) lst)`
- C. `(apply circle 'solid 'red lst)`
- D. `(apply (λ (r) (circle r 'solid 'red)) lst)`
- E. `(foldr (λ (r) (circle r 'solid 'red)) empty lst)`

Combining images

`(empty-scene 320 180)` gives a white rectangle with a black border we can draw on

`(place-image img x y scene)` returns a new image by starting with scene and drawing img at (x, y)

```
(let* ([c (circle 40 'solid 'blue)]
      [r (rectangle 200 30 'solid 'red)]
      [s0 (empty-scene 320 180)]
      [s1 (place-image c 50 90 s0)]
      [s2 (place-image r 150 90 s1)]
      [s3 (place-image c 180 70 s2)])
  s3)
```



Imagine we have a list of 3-element lists (shape x y), e.g., `lst` is the list

```
(list (list (circle 40 'solid 'blue) 50 90)
      (list (rectangle 200 30 'solid 'red) 150 90)
      (list (circle 40 'solid 'purple) 180 70))
```

How would you draw those shapes on a scene at their coordinates?

- A.

```
(map (λ (i) (place-image (first i) (second i) (third i) scene))
      lst)
```
- B.

```
(apply (λ (i) (place-image (first i) (second i) (third i) scene))
      lst)
```
- C.

```
(foldr (λ (i s) (place-image (first i) (second i) (third i) s))
      scene
      lst)
```



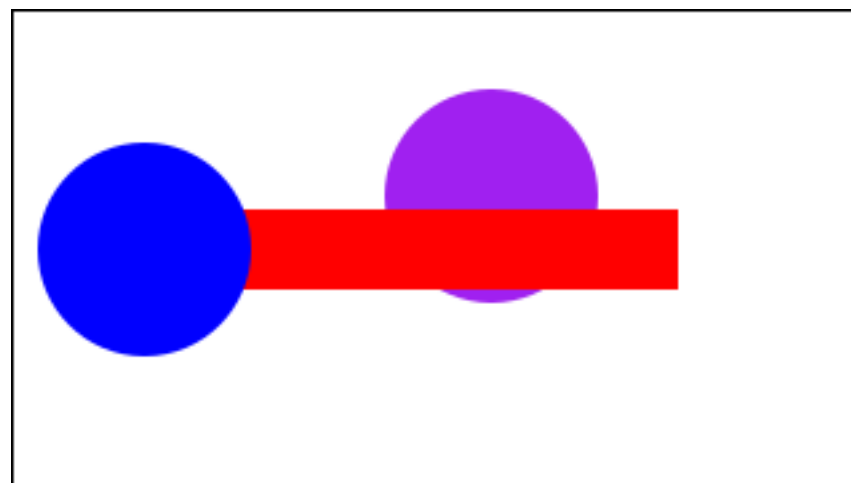
```

(define lst
  (list (list (circle 40 'solid 'blue) 50 90)
        (list (rectangle 200 30 'solid 'red) 150 90)
        (list (circle 40 'solid 'purple) 180 70)))
(foldr (λ (i s) (place-image (first i) (second i) (third i) s))
      (empty-scene 320 180)
      lst)

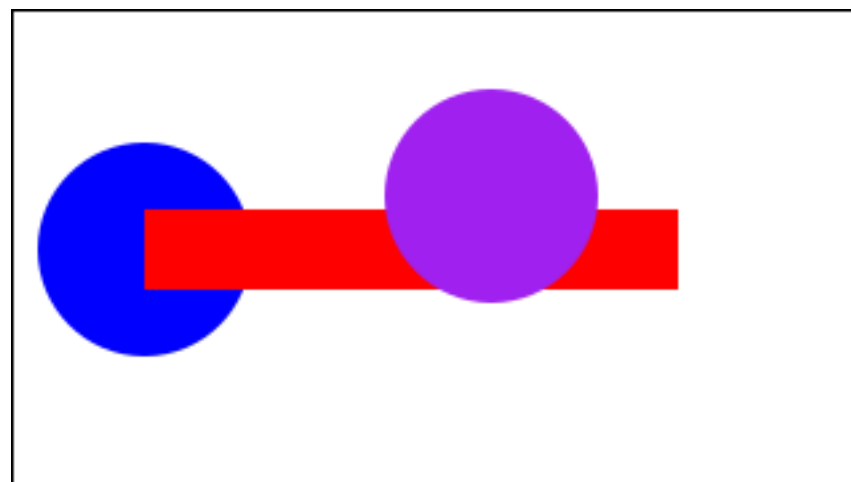
```

Which image is drawn by this code?

A.



B.



C. There's not enough information to know

Accumulation-passing style similarities

```
(define (product-a lst acc)
  (cond [(empty? lst) acc]
        [else (product-a (rest lst)
                          (* (first lst) acc))]))
```

```
(define (product lst)
  (product-a lst 1))
```

Accumulation-passing style similarities

```
(define (reverse-a lst acc)
  (cond [(empty? lst) acc]
        [else (reverse-a (rest lst)
                          (cons (first lst) acc))]))
```

```
(define (reverse lst)
  (reverse-a lst empty))
```

Accumulation-passing style similarities

```
(define (map-a lst acc)
  (cond [(empty? lst) acc]
        [else (map-a (rest lst)
                      (cons (proc (first lst)) acc))]))
```

```
(define (map proc lst)
  (reverse (map-a lst empty)))
```

Some similarities

Basic structure is the same (rewriting slightly)

```
(define (fun-a lst acc)
  (cond [(empty? lst) acc]
        [else
         (fun-a (rest lst)
                 (combine (first lst) acc))]))

(define (fun ... lst)
  (fun-a lst initial-val))
```

| Function | initial-val | (combine head acc) |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|
| product | 1 | (* head acc) |
| reverse | empty | (cons head acc) |
| map | empty | (cons (proc head) acc) |

We must reverse the result

Abstraction: fold left

(foldl combine initial-val lst)

combine: $\alpha \times \beta \rightarrow \beta$

initial-val: β

lst: list of α

foldr: $(\alpha \times \beta \rightarrow \beta) \times \beta \times (\text{list of } \alpha) \rightarrow \beta$

Elements of lst = $(x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n)$ and initial-val are combined by computing

$z_1 = (\text{combine } x_1 \ \text{initial-val})$

$z_2 = (\text{combine } x_2 \ z_1)$

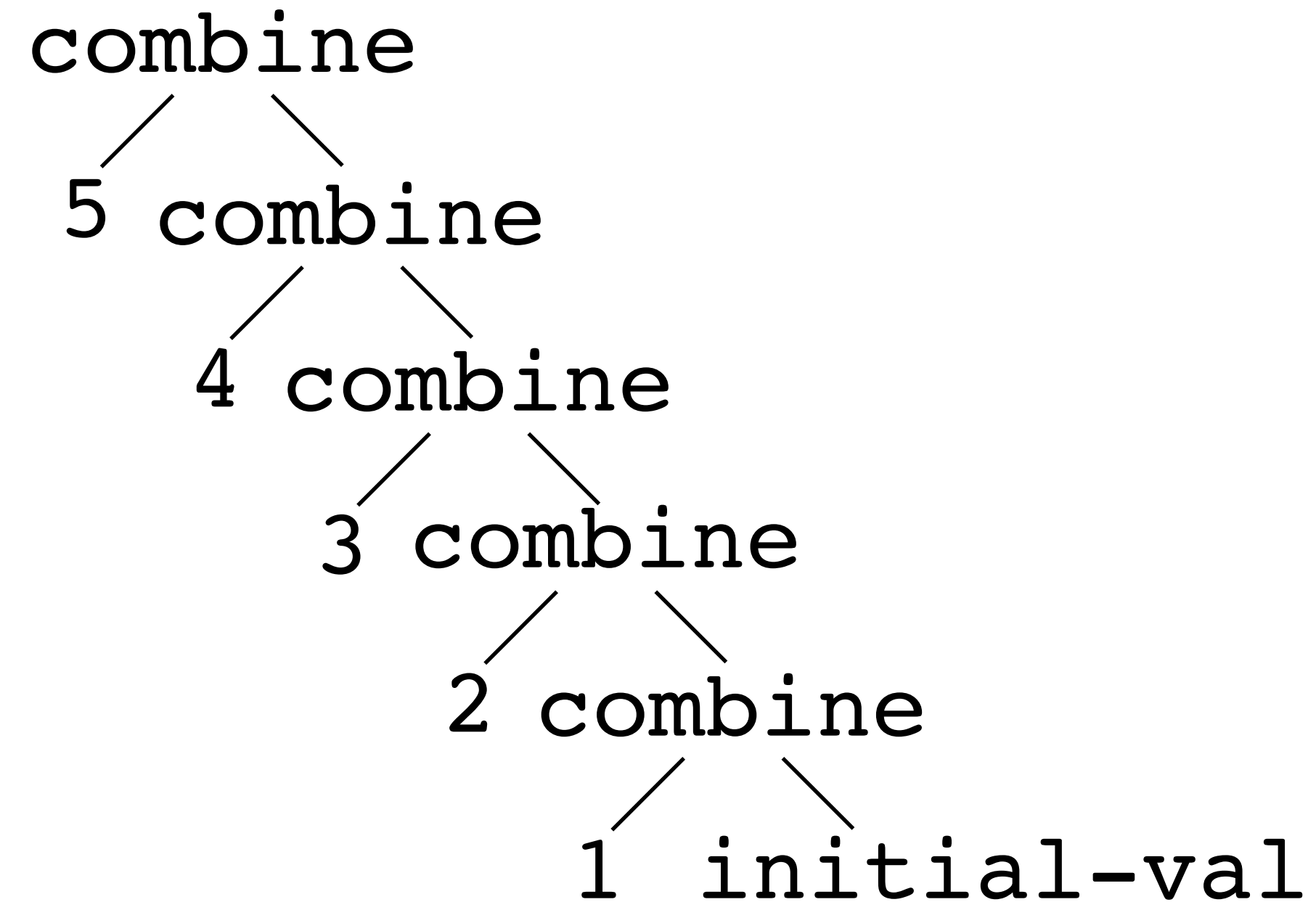
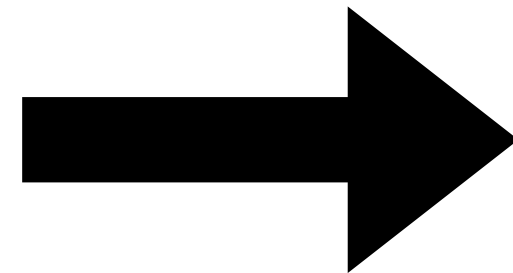
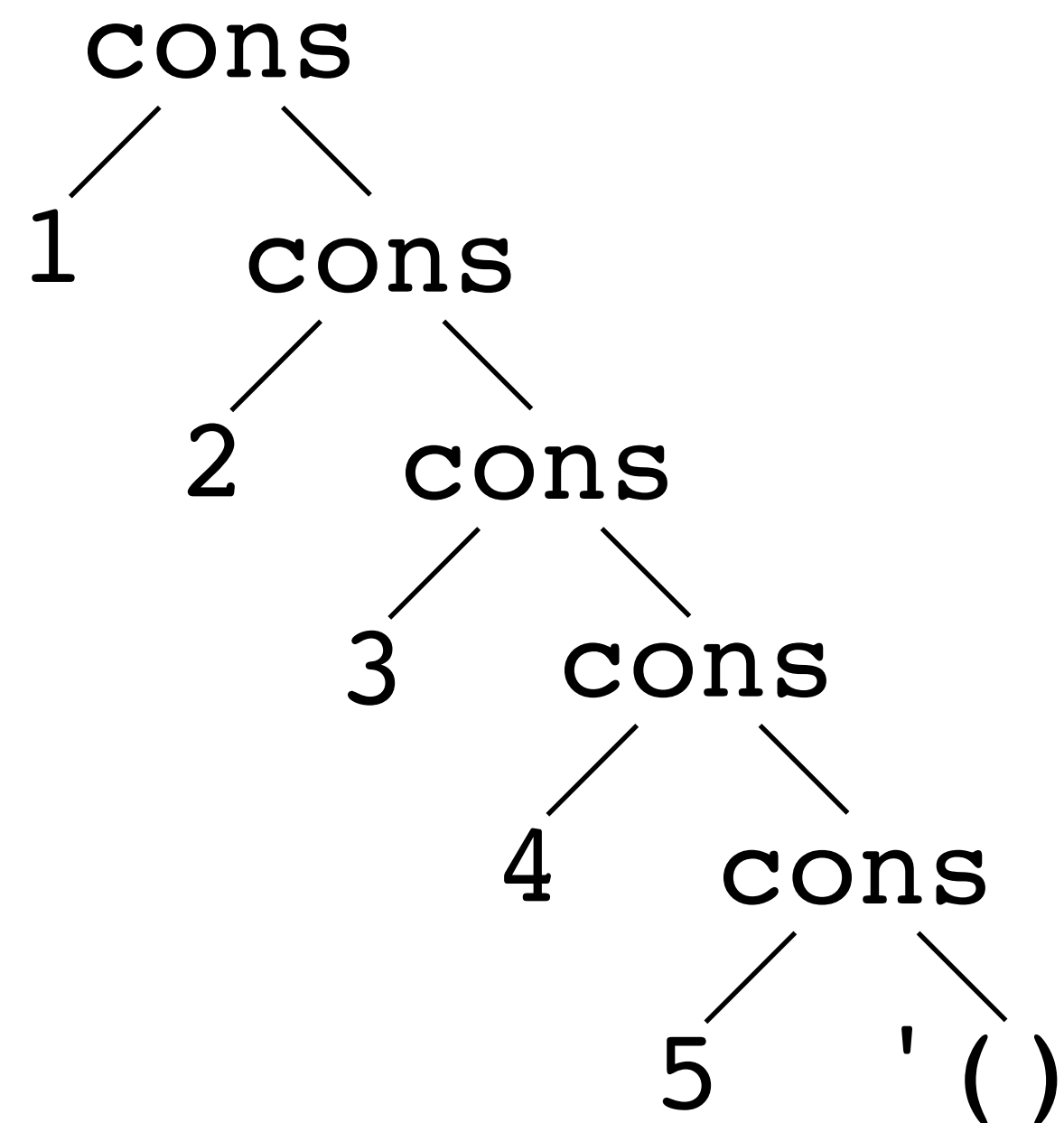
$z_3 = (\text{combine } x_3 \ z_2)$

\vdots

$z_n = (\text{combine } x_n \ z_{n-1})$

Abstraction foldl

(foldl combine initial-val lst)



product as fold left

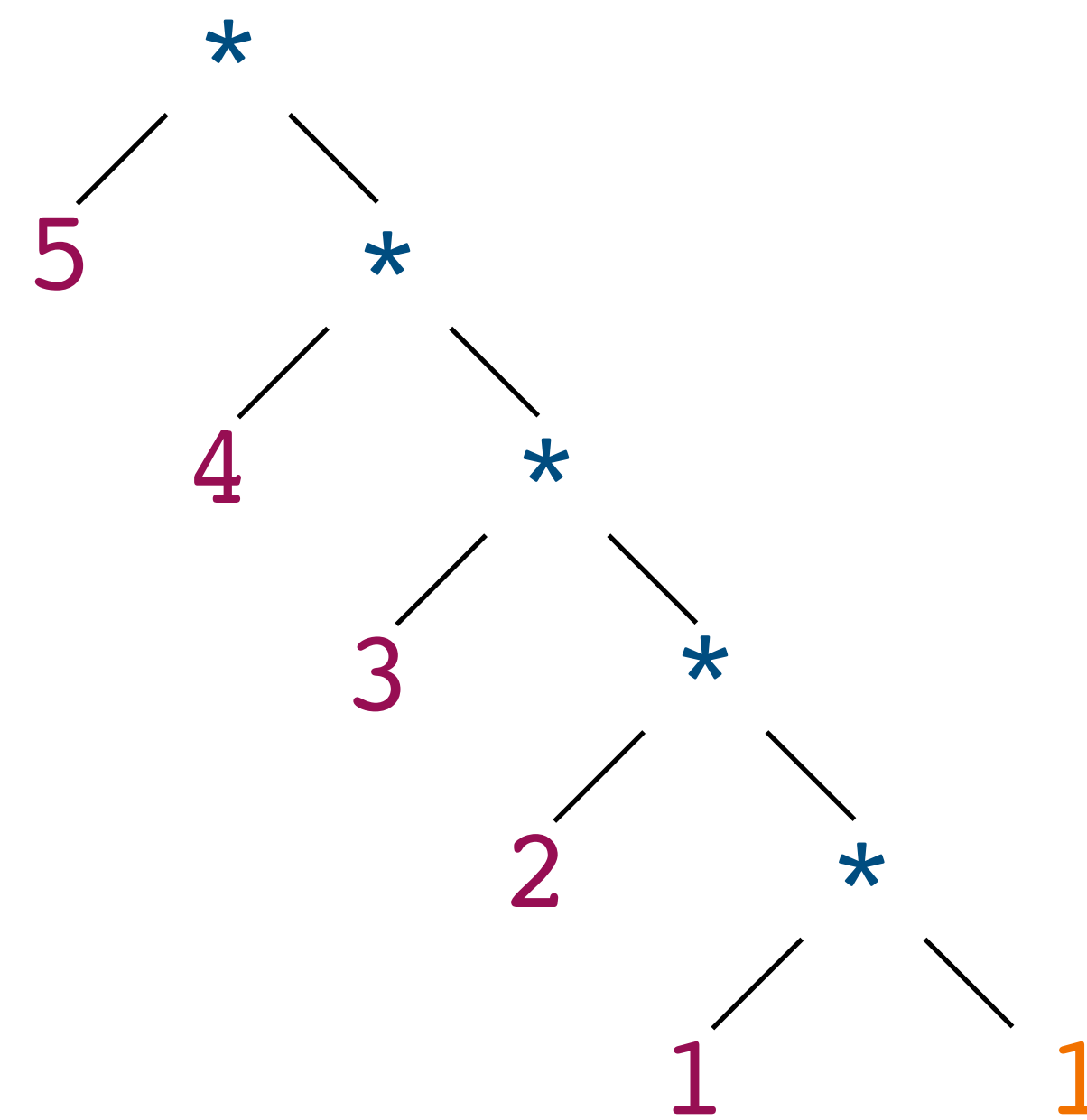
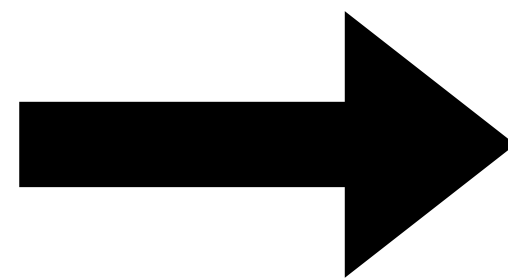
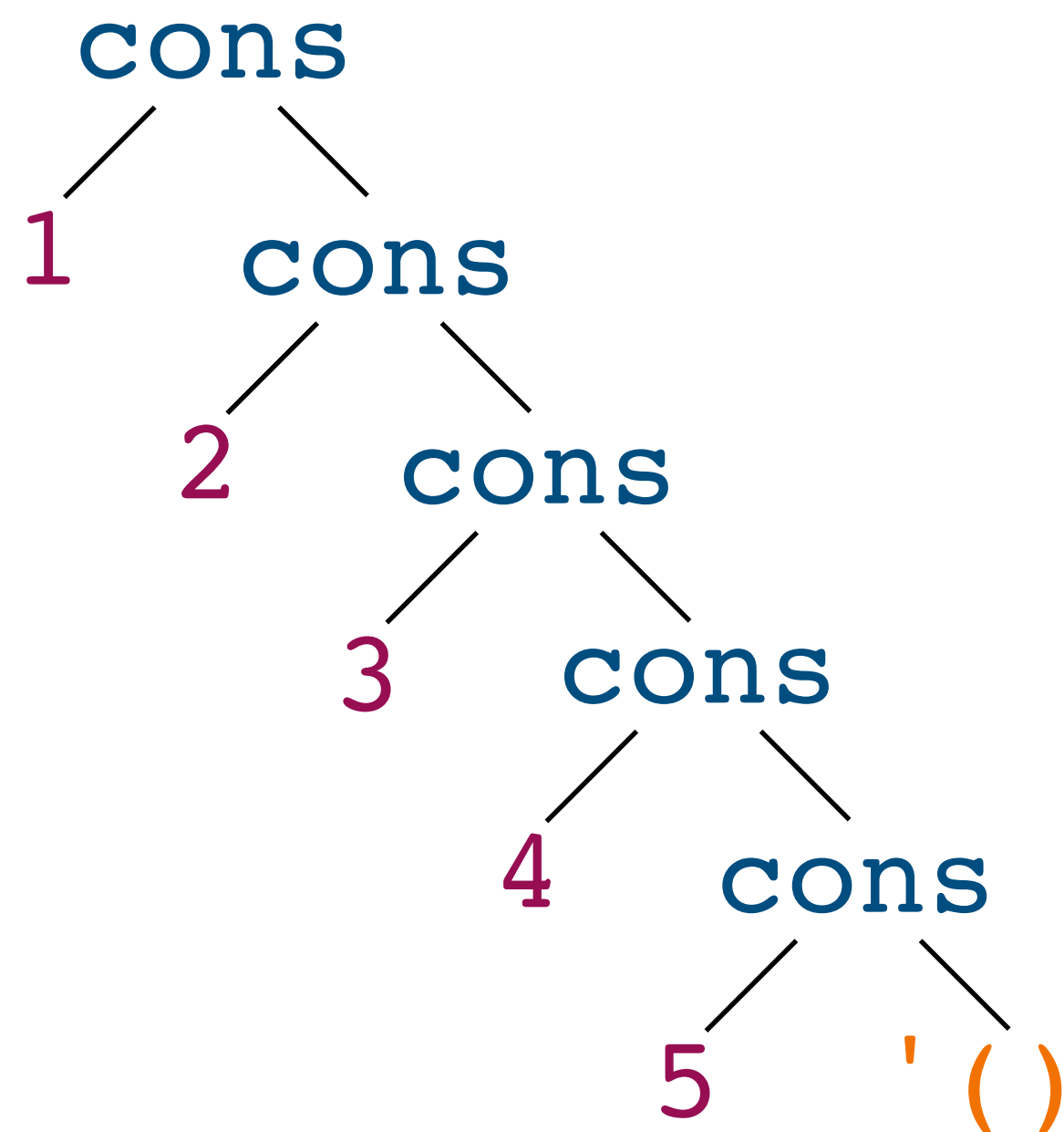
`(foldl combine initial-val lst)`

```
(define (product lst)
  (foldl * 1 lst))
```

`combine: number × number → number`

`initial-val: number`

`lst: list of number`



reverse as fold left

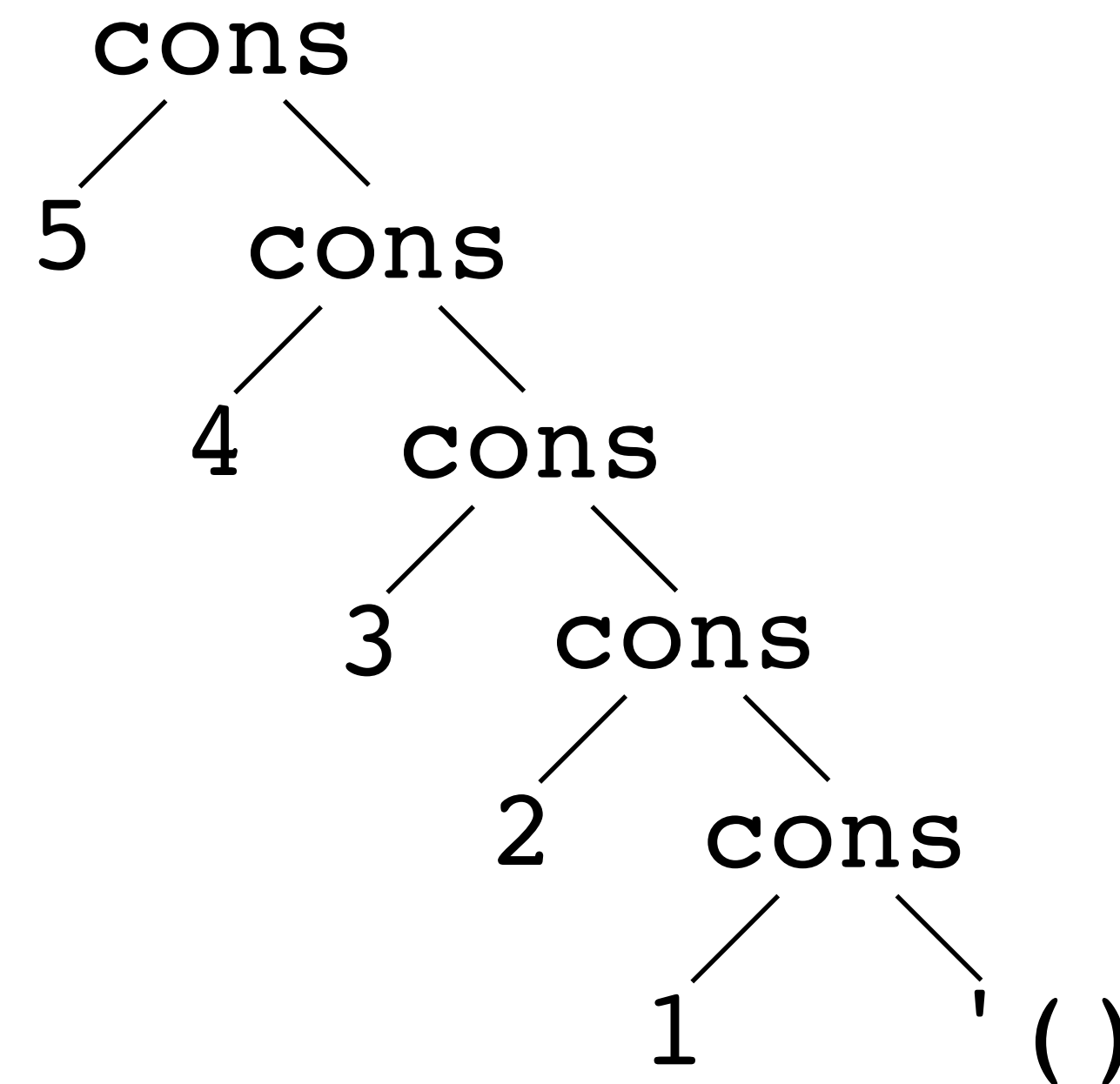
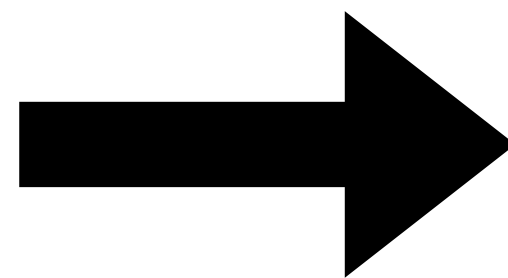
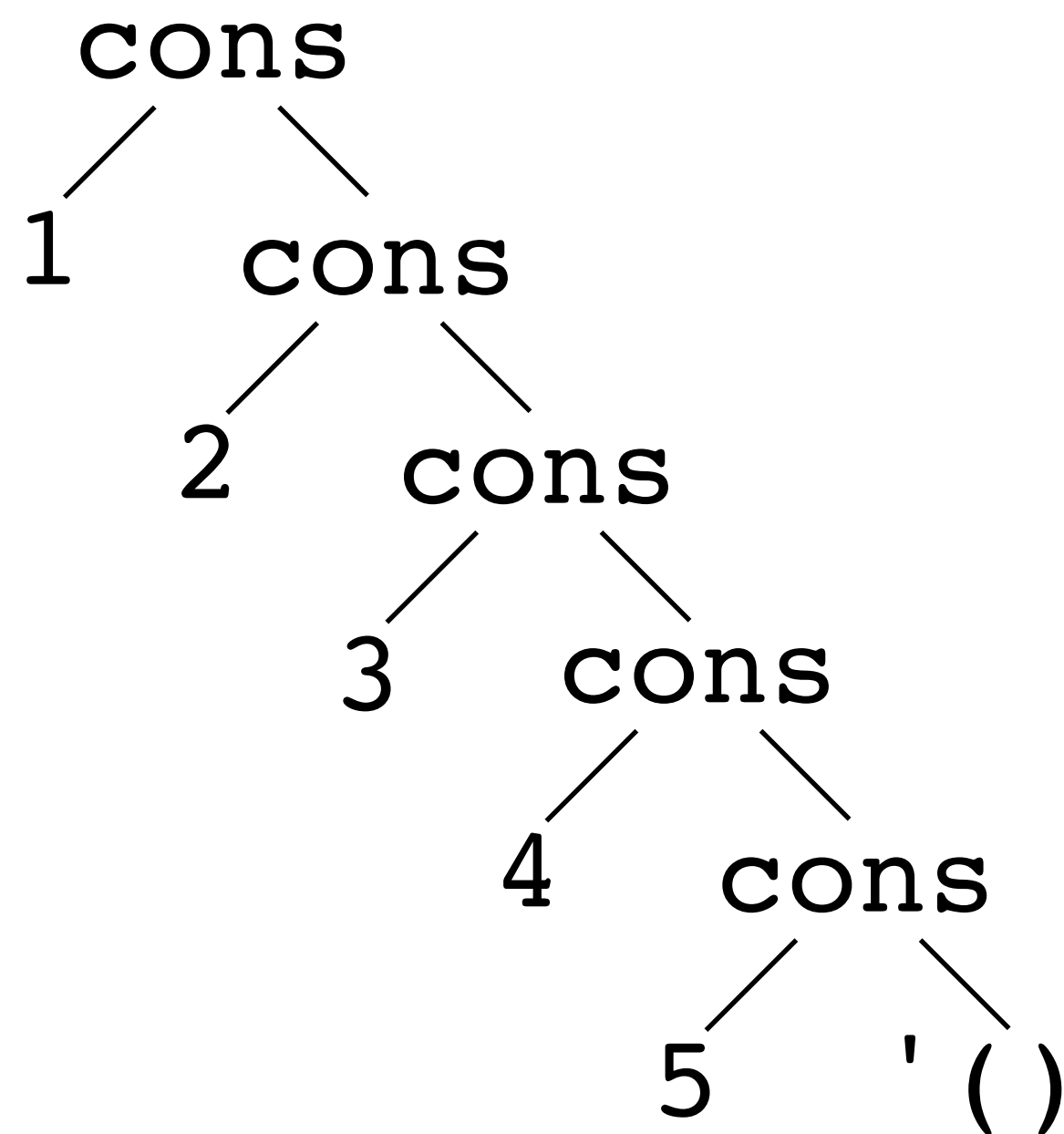
(foldl combine base-case lst)

```
(define (reverse lst)
  (foldl cons empty lst))
```

combine: $\alpha \times \text{list of } \alpha \rightarrow \text{list of } \alpha$

initial-val: list of α

lst: list of α



combine: $\alpha \times \text{list of } \alpha \rightarrow \text{list of } \alpha$

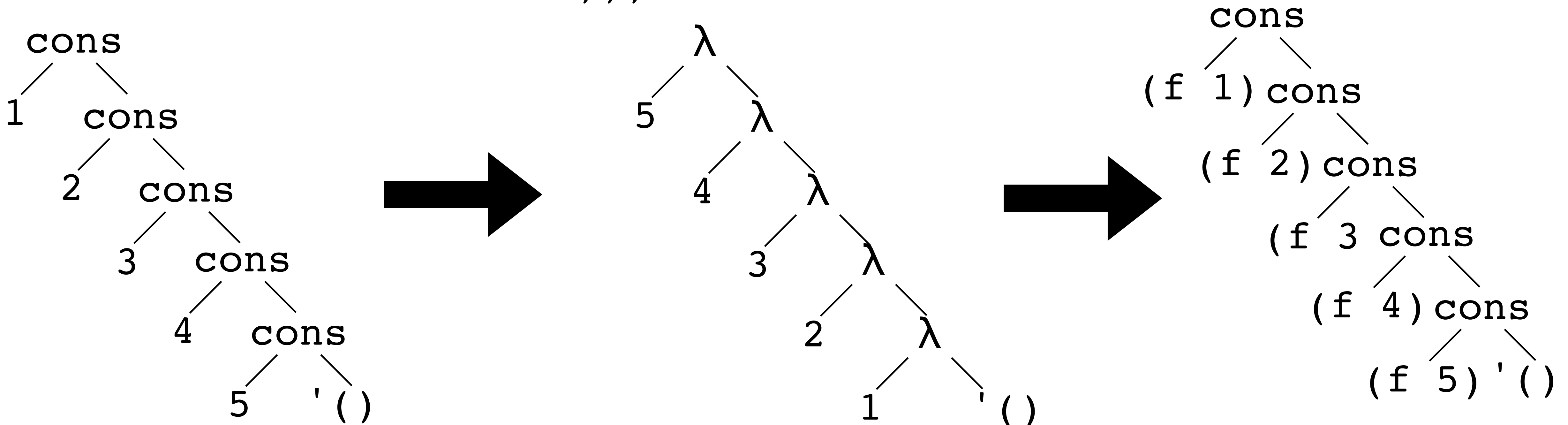
initial-val: list of α

lst: list of α

map as fold left

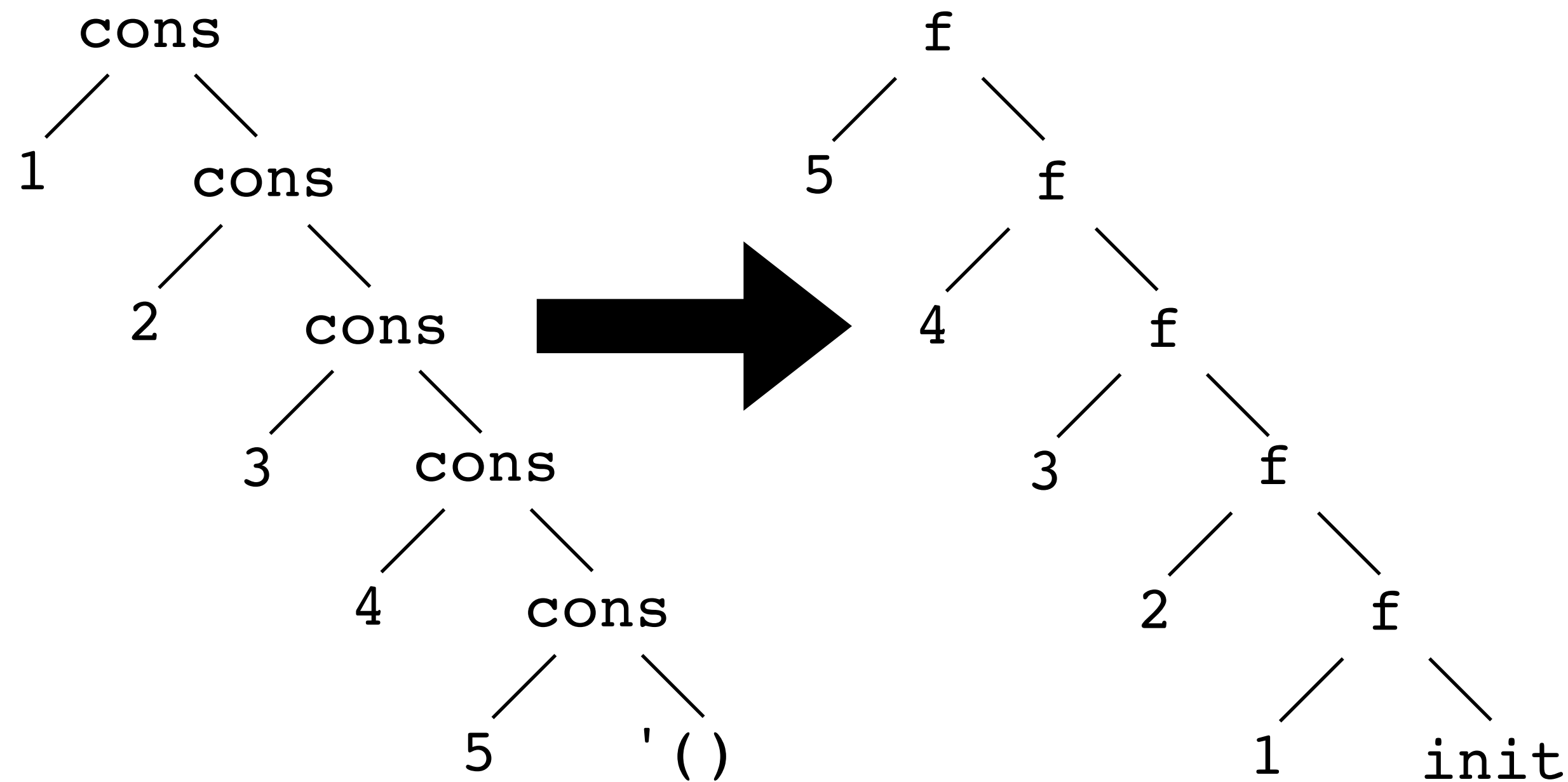
(foldl combine initial-val lst)

```
(define (map f lst)
  (reverse (foldl ( $\lambda$  (head acc)
                        (cons (f head) acc))
                  empty
                  lst)))
```

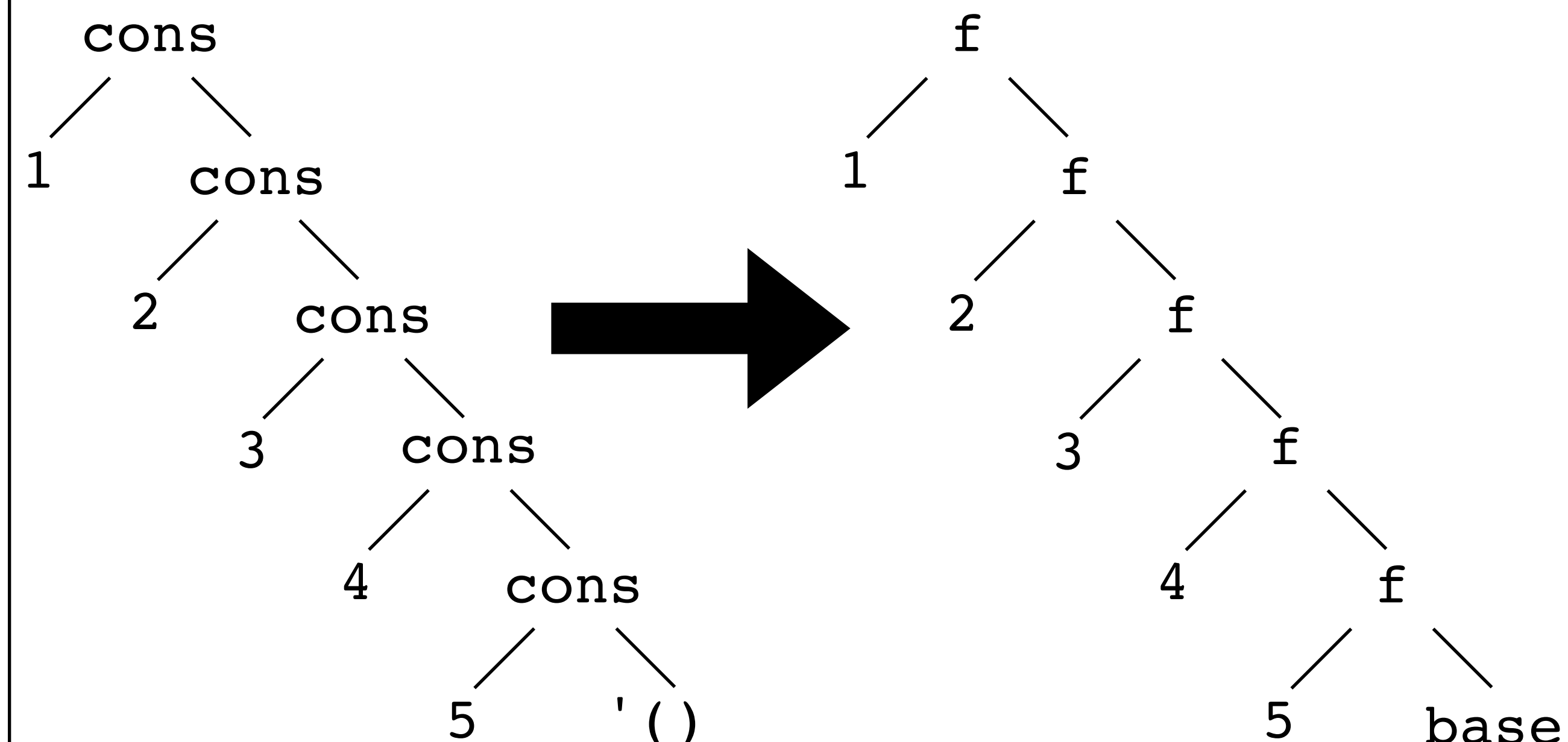


Both folds

foldl

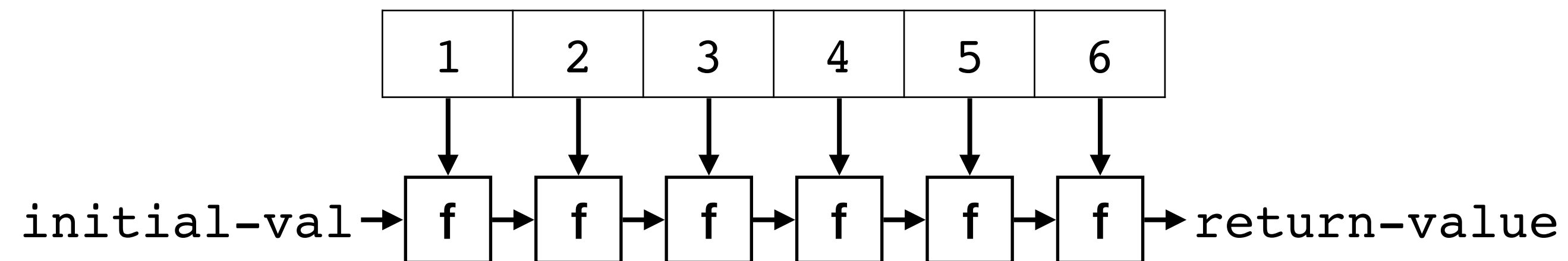


foldr

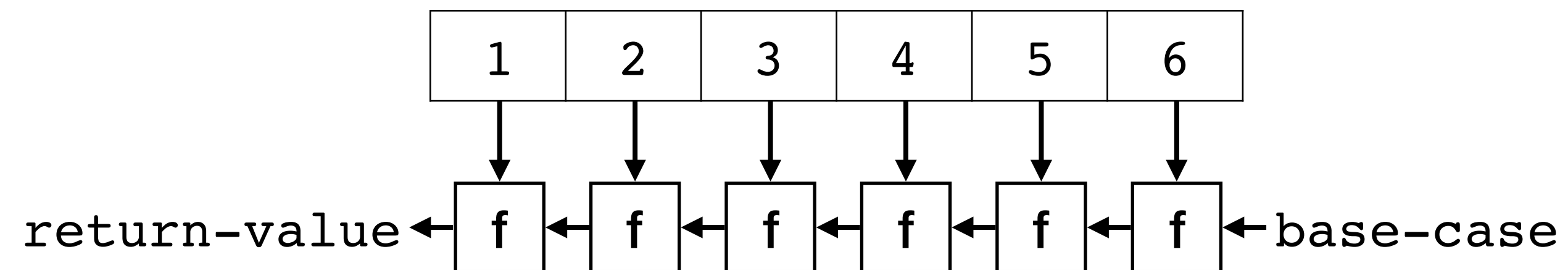


foldl vs. foldr

`foldl` combines elements of the list starting with the first (left-most) element



`foldr` combines elements of the list starting with the last (right-most) element



Which is tail-recursive?

```
(define (foldr combine base lst)
  (cond [(empty? lst) base]
        [else (combine (first lst)
                        (foldr combine base (rest lst)))]))
```

```
(define (foldl combine initial-val lst)
  (cond [(empty? lst) initial-val]
        [else (foldl combine
                      (combine (first lst) initial-val)
                      (rest lst))]))
```

A. foldl

C. Both foldl and foldr

B. foldr

D. Neither foldl nor foldr