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# Lab 1: HOFs and Type Signatures

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# Weekly Lab Agenda

- Go over reminders/goals
- Review past material
- Work in groups of 2-3 to solve a few exercises
  - Discussion leaders will assign groups today
  - Groups will be remade every third lab
- Discussion leaders will walk around and answer questions
- Solutions to exercises will be reviewed as a class
- Attendance taken at the end

# Reminders

- Please set up your development environment as soon as possible
- Homework 1 is due tonight at 11:59pm
- If you need to miss lab and have a valid reason according to the syllabus (medical, other personal) please fill out the questionnaire on Canvas before the start time of your lab.
  - Waking up late, bus was late are NOT valid reasons to miss lab.
- Submit what you have at the end of lab to Gradescope. If you miss many submissions to Gradescope, we may penalize your lab grade.

# Lab Groups

- You will now be assigned into your lab groups
- Please sit with your group each week
  
- Take the next 5 minutes to talk to each other
- Introduce yourselves!
  - Name, pronouns, major
  - Favorite household appliance
  - What was one fun thing you did over break?

# Today's Goals

- Set up coding environment
- Practice both higher-order functions and some TypeScript
- Walk out with some working code

# Writing and Running TypeScript

- Download the starter code from GitHub (linked on Canvas).
- Unzip the folder and open it in VSCode.
- Run *npm install* in the same directory as the package.json folder.
- When you are ready to submit, run *npm run build:submission*
- Upload the resulting zip file to the corresponding assignment on gradescope.
- Your lab leaders will walk you through this process for the first lab!

# Review of map

```
// Sample Implementation
// `.map` is a method on Arrays
function map<T, U>(
  a: T[],
  f: (x: T) => U
): U[] {
  const result: U[] = [];
  for (let i = 0; i < a.length; ++i) {
    result.push(f(a[i]));
  }
  return result;
}
```

```
function double(x: number): number {
  return 2 * x;
}

const array = [1,2,3,4,5];
const newArray = array.map(double);
```

What is `newArray` ?

Reason about the code before typing and running it.

# Review of filter

```
// Sample Implementation
// `.filter` is a method on Arrays
function filter<T>(  
  a: T[],  
  f: (x: T) => boolean  
) : T[] {  
  const result: T[] = [];  
  for (let i = 0; i < a.length; ++i) {  
    const x = a[i];  
    if (f(x)) {  
      result.push(x);  
    }  
  }  
  return result;  
}
```

```
function isEven(x: number): boolean {  
  return x % 2 === 0;  
}  
const array = [1,2,3,4,5];  
const newArray = array.filter(isEven);
```

What is `newArray` ?

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# Programming Exercise 1

Write a function that takes an array of number arrays, and returns an array of number arrays where all negative values have been removed. Again, don't use any loops or recursion.

```
[[1,-2,3], [0], [0,1,2,3], []]
```



```
[[1,3],[0], [0,1,2,3], []]
```

A number array is typed as `number[]`, an array of those is `number[][]`

# Programming Exercise 1

```
function keepNonNegativeValues(a: number[]): number[] {  
  return a.filter(x => x >= 0);  
}  
  
const numberTable = [[1,-2,3], [0], [4,5,6], []];  
console.log(  
  numberTable.map(keepNonNegativeValues)  
);
```

Important item here is to use the code developed in exercise 1. This is a good example of decomposing a problem into smaller problems, and of testing the smaller solutions before continuing.

# Review of Type Signatures

**We can infer types based on the operations done on values**

```
// f(x: number, y: number): number    or  f: (number, number) => number
function f(x, y) {
  return x + (2*y);
  // product with y: y is number, x and result is number
}
```

**Sometimes, we have several possibilities**

```
// g: (number, number) => number    or    g: (string, string) => string
function g(x, y) { return x + y; }  // + can be string concatenation

// h(a: string): boolean    or    h<T>(a: T[]): boolean
function h(a) { return a.length > 5; } // both strings & arrays have length
```

The array could have any element type. We call T a **type variable**.  
This lets us write **generic functions**.

## Exercise 2: Type Signatures

What is the type signature for the following code?

```
const h = (a, g, f) => f(a.map(g)).filter(g);
```

Start by considering an arbitrary element type for the array, and continue to derive types for the map and filter callback functions.

Remember:

```
map<A,B>(arr: A[], f: (x: A) => B): B[]
```

```
filter<T>(arr: T[], f: (x: T) => boolean): T[]
```

## Solution 2: Type Signatures

What is the type signature for the following code?

```
const h = (a, g, f) => f(a.map(g)).filter(g);
```

`a` must be an array of some type `T`.

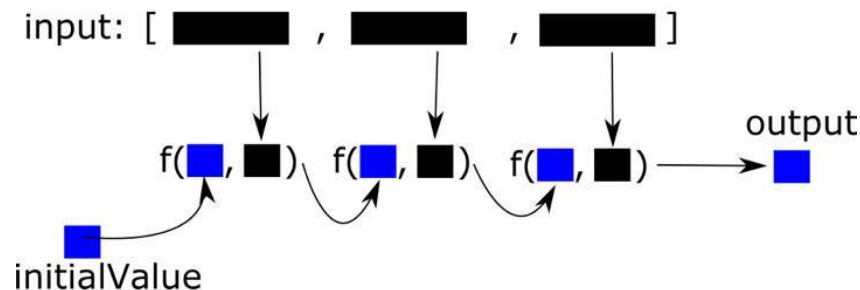
Then `g: T => R` (as callback for `map`), resulting in an array of type `R[]`.

Function `f` takes the array of type `R[]` and returns an array (since we apply `filter` to the result). Since this array is filtered by `g: T => R`, its element type must be `T`, and `R = boolean`. The result is also an array of type `T[]`.

```
h: (a: T[], g: (x: T) => boolean, f: (a: boolean[]) => T[]): T[]
```

# Review of Reduce

```
function reduce<T, U>(
  a: T[],
  f: (acc: U, e: T) => U,
  init: U
): U {
  let result = init;
  for (let i = 0; i < a.length; ++i) {
    result = f(result, a[i]);
  }
  return result;
}
```



Reduce is used to combine array elements with the same function.

Example: Find the product of all elements of an array `a = [3, 2, 6, 2, 2, 0]`

```
a.reduce((prod, e) => prod * e, 1);
```

## Exercise 3: Map, Filter & Reduce

Write a function without using loops or recursion to calculate the sum of the square roots of all positive numbers in an array.

Note: Use `Math.sqrt()` to calculate the square root

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```
function sumSquaresPositive(nums: number[]): number {  
  return nums  
    .filter(num => num > 0)  
    .map(num => Math.sqrt(num)) // Can we simplify this?  
    .reduce((sum, num) => sum + num, 0);  
}
```

Followup: Can you use just a single reduce on nums?



## Alternative Solution

Followup: Can you use just a single reduce on nums?

Example: Input: [-6, 0, 4, 16, -5] => Output: 2 + 4 = 6

```
const getNum = (n: number) => n > 0 ? Math.sqrt(num) : 0;
function sumSquaresPositive(nums: number[]): number {
  return nums
    .reduce((sum, num) => sum + getNum(num), 0);
}
```

# Final Thoughts

- Think carefully about your approach before starting to code
- Start small and test often
- Try to make use of as much of your previous work as possible
- A lot of material all at once, come to office hours if you are confused
  - We would love to see you there! 😊
- It is okay if some of us take longer or don't finish before lab ends, keep working at it
  - Try not to get discouraged
- Starting the homework today is not required, but try to get into the habit of reading the instructions as soon as they are released