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Programming Methodology

Lab 3

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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
 - Please sit with your group from last week.
- Discussion leaders will walk around and answer questions
- Solutions to exercises will be reviewed as a class
- Attendance taken at the end

Reminders

- Homework 2 is due tonight at 11:59pm
 - Come to office hours for help!
- Homework 3 releases soon.
- Fill out Feedback form on Canvas under Week 3
- Start reviewing for midterm 1!

Today's Goals

- Lists
- Writing recursive functions
- Reduce

Lists are **recursive**

Lists are either

- empty
- or an **element** followed by a **list**

Lists are **immutable**

- No modifying “pointers” to other list elements, changing list values, etc.

Lists are an **abstract data type** with the following methods:

- **list.isEmpty()**
 - returns **True** if the list is empty()
 - returns **False** if the list is **node(data,next)** [an element followed by a list]
- **list.head()**
- **list.tail()**

Exercise 1

Given 2 ordered lists of numbers, merge them such that resulting list is an ordered list (ascending).

```
// merges two ordered lists  
function merge(list1: List<number>, list2: List<number>): List<number>
```

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);
```

Array Destructuring

TS allows us to destructure arrays:

```
let a, b, rest;
```

```
[a, b] = [1, 2]; // a = 1 and b = 2
```

What does ... do?

```
const c = [1, 2, 3];
```

```
const d = [4, 5, 6];
```

```
const e = [...c, ...d]; // e = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
[a, b, ...rest] = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'];
```

```
// a = 'a', b = 'b', rest = ['c', 'd', 'e'];
```


Exercise 2

Return the sum of all positive and the sum of all negative numbers from an array.

```
function sumPositivesAndNegatives(arr: number[]): [number, number]
```

Exercise 3

Convert an array of elements of type T ($T[]$) to a list of elements of type T ($List<T>$)

```
function arrayToList<T>(arr: T[]): List<T>
```

Bonus Exercise 4

Convert a list of elements of type `T` (`List<T>`) to an array of elements of type `T` (`T []`)

```
function listToArray<T>(list: List<T>): T[]
```