

```
fun append (xs,ys) =  
  if xs=[]  
  then ys  
  else (hd xs)::append(tl xs,ys)  
  
fun map (f,xs) =  
  case xs of  
    [] => []  
  | x::xs' => (f x)::(map(f,xs'))  
  
val a = map (increment, [4,8,12,16])  
val b = map (hd, [[8,6],[7,5],[3,0,9]])
```

Programming Languages

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Classes and Objects

The rules of class-based OOP

In Ruby:

1. All values are references to *objects*
2. Objects communicate via *method calls*, also known as *messages*
3. Each object has its own (private) *state*
4. Every object is an instance of a *class*
5. An object's class determines the object's *behavior*
 - How it handles method calls
 - Class contains method definitions

Java/C#/etc. similar but do not follow (1) (e.g., numbers, null) and allow objects to have non-private state

Defining classes and methods

```
class Name
  def method_name1 method_args1
    expression1
  end
  def method_name2 method_args2
    expression2
  end
  ...
end
```

- Define a new class called with methods as defined
- Method returns its last expression
 - Ruby also has explicit **return** statement
- Syntax note: Line breaks often required (else need more syntax), but indentation always only style

Creating and using an object

- **ClassName.new** creates a new object whose class is **ClassName**
- **e.m** evaluates **e** to an object and then calls its **m** method
 - Also known as “sends the **m** message”
 - Can also write **e.m()**
- Methods can take arguments, called like **e.m(e1, ..., en)**
 - Parentheses optional in some places, but recommended

Variables

- Methods can use local variables
 - Syntax: starts with letter
 - Scope is method body
- No declaring them, just assign to them anywhere in method body (!)
- Variables are mutable, **`x=e`**
- Variables also allowed at “top-level” or in REPL
- Contents of variables are always references to objects because all values are objects

Self

- `self` is a special keyword/variable in Ruby
- Refers to “the current object”
 - The object whose method is executing
- So call another method on “same object” with `self.m(...)`
 - Syntactic sugar: can just write `m(...)`
- Also can pass/return/store “the whole object” with just `self`
- (Same as `this` in Java/C#/C++)