The Functional Programming Triad of map, filter and fold

Polyglot FP for Fun and Profit – Scheme, Clojure, Scala, Haskell, Unison closely based on the book Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs





Clojure

Scala





This slide deck is my homage to **SICP**, the book which first introduced me to the **Functional Programming triad** of **map**, **filter** and **fold**.

It was during my Computer Science degree that a fellow student gave me a copy of the first edition, not long after the book came out.

I have not yet come across a better introduction to these three functions.

The upcoming slides are closely based on the second edition of the book, a free online copy of which can be found here:

https://mitpress.mit.edu/sites/default/files/sicp/full-text/book/book.html.



Pairs

To enable us to implement the concrete level of our data abstraction, our language provides <u>a compound structure called a pair</u>, which can be constructed with the primitive procedure cons. This procedure takes two arguments and returns a compound data object that contains the two arguments as parts. <u>Given a pair</u>, we can extract the parts using the primitive procedures car and cdr. Thus, we can use cons, car, and cdr as follows:

(define x (cons 1 2))

(car x)

(cdr x)

```
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```

The name **cons** stands for **construct**. The names **car** and **cdr** derive from the original implementation of **Lisp** on the IBM 704. That machine had an addressing scheme that allowed one to reference the **address** and **decrement** parts of a memory location. **car** stands for **Contents of Address part of Register** and **cdr** (pronounced **could-er**) stands for **Contents of Decrement part of Register**.

Notice that a **pair** is a data object that can be given a name and manipulated, just like a primitive data object. Moreover, **cons can be used to form pairs whose elements are pairs**, and so on:

```
(define x (cons 1 2))
```

(define y (cons 3 4))

```
(define z (cons x y))
```

```
(car (car z))
```

```
(car (cdr z))
```

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In section 2.2 we will see how this ability to combine pairs means that <u>pairs can be used as general-purpose building blocks to</u> <u>create all sorts of complex data structures</u>. The single compound-data primitive *pair*, implemented by the procedures cons, car, and cdr, is the only glue we need. Data objects constructed from pairs are called <u>list-structured data</u>.



2.2 Hierarchical Data and the Closure Property

As we have seen, **pairs provide a primitive glue that we can use to construct compound data objects**. Figure 2.2 shows a standard way to visualize a **pair** -- in this case, the **pair** formed by (cons 1 2). In this representation, which is called *box-and-pointer notation*, each object is shown as a *pointer* to a box. The box for a primitive object contains a representation of the object. For example, the box for a number contains a numeral. The box for a **pair** is actually a double box, the left part containing (a pointer to) the **car** of the **pair** and the right part containing the **cdr**.

We have already seen that **cons can be used to combine not only numbers but pairs as well**. ... As a consequence, **pairs provide a universal building block** from which we can construct all sorts of data structures. Figure 2.3 shows two ways to use **pairs** to combine the numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4.



Figure 2.2: Box-and-pointer representation of (cons 1 2).



Figure 2.3: Two ways to combine 1, 2, 3, and 4 using pairs.



The ability to create pairs whose elements are pairs is the essence of list structure's importance as a representational tool. We refer to this ability as the *closure property* of cons. In general, an operation for combining data objects satisfies the closure property if the results of combining things with that operation can themselves be combined filter using the same operation. Closure is the key to power in any means of combination because it permits us to create *hierarchical* structures — structures made up of parts, which themselves are made up of parts, and so on.

From the outset of chapter 1, we've made essential use of closure in dealing with procedures, because all but the very simplest programs rely on the fact that the elements of a combination can themselves be combinations. In this section, we take up the consequences of closure for compound data. We describe some conventional techniques for using pairs to represent sequences and trees, and we exhibit a graphics language that illustrates closure in a vivid way.

2.2.1 Representing Sequences



Figure 2.4: The sequence 1,2,3,4 represented as a chain of pairs.

One of the useful structures we can build with pairs is a <u>sequence</u> -- an ordered collection of data objects. There are, of course, many ways to represent sequences in terms of pairs. One particularly straightforward representation is illustrated in figure 2.4, where the sequence 1, 2, 3, 4 is represented as a chain of pairs. The car of each pair is the corresponding item in the chain, and the cdr of the pair is the next pair in the chain. The cdr of the final pair signals the end of the sequence by pointing to a distinguished value that is not a pair, represented in box-and-pointer diagrams as a diagonal line and in programs as the value of the variable nil. The entire sequence is constructed by nested cons operations:



Such a sequence of pairs, formed by nested conses, is called a <u>list</u>, and Scheme provides a primitive called list to help in constructing lists. The above sequence could be produced by (list 1 2 3 4). In general,

```
(list \langle a_1 \rangle \langle a_2 \rangle \dots \langle a_n \rangle)
```

is equivalent to

```
(cons \langle a_1 \rangle (cons \langle a_2 \rangle (cons \dots (cons \langle a_n \rangle nil) \dots)))
```

Lisp systems conventionally print lists by printing the sequence of elements, enclosed in parentheses. Thus, the data object in figure 2.4 is printed as (1 2 3 4):

```
(define one-through-four (list 1 2 3 4))
```

```
one-through-four
(1 2 3 4)
```



Figure 2.4: The sequence 1,2,3,4 represented as a chain of pairs.

Be careful not to confuse the expression (list $1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4$) with the list ($1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4$), which is the result obtained when the expression is evaluated. Attempting to evaluate the expression ($1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4$) will signal an error when the interpreter tries to apply the procedure 1 to arguments 2, 3, and 4.

We can think of car as selecting the first item in the list, and of cdr as selecting the sublist consisting of all but the first item. Nested applications of car and cdr can be used to extract the second, third, and subsequent items in the list. The constructor cons makes a list like the original one, but with an additional item at the beginning.

```
(car one-through-four)
```

```
(cdr one-through-four)
(2 3 4)
```



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```
(define one-through-four (list 1 2 3 4))
(car one-through-four)
                                           (cdr one-through-four)
(2 3 4)
(car (cdr one-through-four))
val one_through_four = List(1, 2, 3, 4)
one_through_four.head
                                           one through four.tail
List(2, 3, 4)
one through four.tail.head
one_through_four = [1,2,3,4]
(car one_through_four)
                                                  cdr : [a] -> [a]
                                                  cdr xs = drop 1 xs
(cdr one_through_four)
[2,3,4]
```

(car (cdr one_through_four))

(def one-through-four `(1 2 3 4)) (first one-through-four) (rest one-through-four) (2 3 4)(first (rest one-through-four)) one_through_four = [1,2,3,4] head one through four 1 tail one through four [2,3,4]head (tail one_through_four) **car** : [a] -> a car xs = unsafeAt 0 xs

See the next three slides for why the other functions are **unsafe**, whereas the ones provided by **Unison** are **safe**.

What about the **head** and **tail** functions provided by **Unison**?

We are not using them, because while the **Scheme**, **Clojure**, **Scala**

and Haskell functions used on

the left are unsafe, the head and

For the sake of reproducing the

same behaviour as the other

distracted by considerations that

are outside the scope of this

slide deck, we are just defining

our own Unison unsafe car and

without

by

getting

tail functions provided

Unison are **safe**.

functions,

cdr functions.



```
Basic List Manipulation
                                                                              ghci> :type tail
                                                                              tail :: [a] -> [a]
The length function tells us how many elements are in a list:
                                                                              ghci> tail "foo"
                                                                               "00"
ghci> :type length
length :: [a] -> Int
                                                       Real World
                                                                                                                                                    Real World
                                                         Haskell
                                                                                                                                                      Haskel
                                                                              Another function, last, returns the very last element of a list:
ghci> length []
                                                                              ghci> :type last
0
                                                                              last :: [a] -> a
ghci> length [1,2,3]
                                                                              ghci> last "bar"
                                                                              (r)
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Jobn Goerzen & Don Stewart
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ghci> length "strings are lists, too"
                                                                              The converse of last is init, which returns a list of all but the last element of its input:
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If you need to determine whether a list is empty, use the null function:
                                                                              ghci> :type init
                                                                              init :: [a] -> [a]
ghci> :type null
                                                                              ghci> init "bar"
null :: [a] -> Bool
                                                                               "ba"
ghci> null []
                                                                              Several of the preceding functions behave poorly on empty lists, so be careful if
True
                                                                              you don't know whether or not a list is empty. What form does their misbehavior
                                                                              take?
ghci> null "plugh"
False
                                                                              ghci> head []
To access the first element of a list, use the head function:
                                                                              *** Exception: Prelude.head: empty list
                                                                              Try each of the previous functions in ghci. Which ones crash when given an empty
ghci> :type head
                                                                              list?
head :: [a] -> a
ghci> head [1,2,3]
                                                                                            head, tail, last and init crash.
                                                                                            length and null don't.
The converse, tail, returns all but the head of a list:
```

Partial and Total Functions

Functions that have only return values defined for a subset of valid inputs are called partial functions (calling error doesn't qualify as returning a value!). We call functions that return valid results over their entire input domains total functions.

It's always a good idea to know whether a function you're using is partial or total. Calling a partial function with an input that it can't handle is probably the single biggest source of straightforward, avoidable bugs in Haskell programs.

Some **Haskell** programmers go so far as to give **partial functions** names that begin with a prefix such as **unsafe** so that they can't shoot themselves in the foot accidentally.

It's arguably a deficiency of the standard Prelude that it defines quite a few "unsafe" partial functions, such as head, without also providing "safe" total equivalents.



haskell> head []
*** Exception: Prelude.head: empty list

head :: [a] -> a
tail :: [a] -> [a]

As we saw in the previous two slides, Haskell's head and tail functions throw an exception when invoked on an empty list.



haskell> tail []
*** Exception: Prelude.tail: empty list



base.List.head : [a] -> Optional a

base.List.tail : [a] -> Optional [a]

Unison's head and tail functions on the other hand, are safe in that they return an **Optional**. When invoked on an empty list, rather than throwing an exception or returning an odd result, they return None.



scheme> (car `())
The object (), passed as the first argument to cdr, is not the correct type.

scheme> (cdr `())

clojure> (first `())

clojure> (rest `())

The object (), passed as the first argument to cdr, is not the correct type.



nil

While **Clojure's first** and **rest** functions don't throw **exceptions** when invoked on an **empty sequence**, they return results which, when consumed by a client, could lead to an **exception**, or to some **odd behaviour**.



scala> Nil.head

java.util.NoSuchElementException: head of empty list at scala.collection.immutable.Nil\$.head(List.scala:662) ... 38 elided

scala> Nil.tail java.lang.UnsupportedOperationException: tail of empty list at scala.collection.immutable.Nil\$.tail(List.scala:664) ... 38 elided

At least **Scala** provides a **safe** variant of the **head** function.



def headOption: Option[A]

```
(car (cdr one-through-four))
```

```
(cons 10 one-through-four)
(10 1 2 3 4)
```

```
(cons 5 one-through-four)
(5 1 2 3 4)
```

The value of nil, used to terminate the chain of pairs, can be thought of as a sequence of no elements, the *empty list*. The word *nil* is a contraction of the Latin word *nihil*, which means nothing.

It's remarkable how much energy in the standardization of Lisp dialects has been dissipated in arguments that are literally over nothing: Should nil be an ordinary name? Should the value of nil be a symbol? Should it be a list? Should it be a pair?

In Scheme, **nil** is an ordinary name, which we use in this section as a variable whose value is the end-of-list marker (just as true is an ordinary variable that has a true value). Other dialects of **Lisp**, including **Common Lisp**, treat **nil** as a special symbol.

The authors of this book, who have endured too many language standardization brawls, would like to avoid the entire issue. Once we have introduced quotation in section 2.3, we will denote the empty list as '() and dispense with the variable nil entirely.



List Operations

The use of **pairs** to represent sequences of elements as lists is accompanied by conventional programming techniques for manipulating lists by successively cdring down' the lists. For example, the procedure list-ref takes as arguments a list and a number *n* and returns the *n*th item of the list. It is customary to number the elements of the list beginning with 0. The method for computing list-ref is the following:

- For n = 0, **list-ref** should return the **car** of the **list**.
- Otherwise, **list-ref** should return the $(n 1)^{st}$ item of the **cdr** of the **list**.

```
(define (list-ref items n)
  (if (= n 0)
       (car items)
       (list-ref (cdr items) (- n 1))))
(define squares (list 1 4 9 16 25))
(list-ref squares 3)
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```



(define (list-ref items n)
 (if (= n 0)
 (car items)
 (list-ref (cdr items) (- n 1))))

(define squares (list 1 4 9 16 25))

(def squares (list 1 4 9 16 25))
(defn list-ref [items n]
 (if (= n 0)
 (first items)
 (list-ref (rest items) (- n 1))))





squares = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
list_ref : [a] -> Nat -> a
list_ref items n =
 if n == 0
 then car items
 else list_ref (cdr items) (decrement n)

Often we **cdr** down the whole **list**. To aid in this, **Scheme** includes a primitive predicate **null**?, which tests whether its argument is the **empty list**. The procedure **length**, which returns the number of items in a **list**, illustrates this typical pattern of use:

```
(define (length items)
  (if (null? items)
      0
      (+ 1 (length (cdr items)))))
(define odds (list 1 3 5 7))
```

```
(length odds)
```

The length procedure implements a simple recursive plan. The reduction step is:

• The length of any **list** is 1 plus the length of the **cdr** of the **list**.

This is applied successively until we reach the **base case**:

• The length of the **empty list** is 0.

We could also compute **length** in an **iterative** style:

```
(define (length items)
  (define (length-iter a count)
    (if (null? a)
        count
        (length-iter (cdr a) (+ 1 count))))
  (length-iter items 0))
```





(defn length [items] (if (empty? items) 0 (+ 1 (length (rest items)))))



def length[A](items: List[A]): Int =
 if items.isEmpty
 then 0
 else 1 + length(items.tail)

length :: [a] -> Int length items =
 if (null items) then 0 else 1 + (length (tail items))



length : [a] -> Nat length items = if items === empty then 0 else 1 + (length (cdr items))

Another conventional programming technique is to **cons up** an answer **list** while **cdring** down a **list**, as in the procedure **append**, which takes two **lists** as arguments and combines their elements to make a new **list**:

```
(append squares odds)
(1 4 9 16 25 1 3 5 7)
```

```
(append odds squares)
(1 3 5 7 1 4 9 16 25)
```

Append is also implemented using a **recursive** plan. To **append lists** list1 and list2, do the following:

- If list1 is the **empty list**, then the result is just list2.
- Otherwise, append the **cdr** of list1 and list2, and **cons** the **car** of list1 onto the result:

```
(define (append list1 list2)
  (if (null? list1)
        list2
        (cons (car list1) (append (cdr list1) list2))))
```

(**define squares** (**list** 1 4 9 16 25))

(**define odds** (**list** 1 3 5 7))



(define (append list1 list2)
 (if (null? list1)
 list2
 (cons (car list1) (append (cdr list1) list2))))

(defn	<pre>append [list1 list2]</pre>
(if	<pre>(empty? list1)</pre>
	list2
	<pre>(cons (first list1) (append (rest list1) list2))))</pre>

def append[A](list1: List[A], list2: List[A]): List[A] =
 if list1.isEmpty
 then list2
 else list1.head :: append(list1.tail, list2)

}} =	<pre>append :: [a] -> [a] -> [a] append list1 list2 = if (null list1) then list2 else (head list1) : (append (tail list1) list2)</pre>
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Mapping Over Lists

One extremely useful operation is to apply some transformation to each element in a list and generate the list of results. For instance, the following procedure scales each number in a **list** by a given factor:

```
(define (scale-list items factor)
  (if (null? items)
      nil
      (cons (* (car items) factor)
            (scale-list (cdr items) factor))))
(scale-list (list 1 2 3 4 5) 10)
```

```
(10 \ 20 \ 30 \ 40 \ 50)
```

We can abstract this general idea and capture it as a common pattern expressed as a higher-order procedure, just as in section 1.3. The higher-order procedure here is called map. Map takes as arguments a procedure of one argument and a list, and returns a list of the results produced by applying the procedure to each element in the list:





```
(defn map [proc items]
 (if (empty? items)
    '()
    (cons (proc (first items))
                     (map proc (rest items)))))
```





```
map : (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map proc items =
    if items === []
    then []
    else cons (proc (car items))(map proc (cdr items))
```

Now we can give a new definition of scale-list in terms of map:

```
(define (scale-list items factor)
  (map (lambda (x) (* x factor))
      items))
```

<u>Map</u> is an important construct, not only because it captures a common pattern, but because it establishes a higher level of <u>abstraction in dealing with lists</u>.

In the original definition of scale-list, the recursive structure of the program draws attention to the element-by-element processing of the list.

Defining scale-list in terms of map suppresses that level of detail and emphasizes that scaling transforms a list of elements to a list of results.

<u>The difference between the two definitions</u> is not that the computer is performing a different process (it isn't) but that <u>we think</u> <u>about the process differently</u>.

In effect, <u>map helps establish an abstraction barrier that isolates the implementation of procedures that transform lists</u> from the <u>details of how the elements</u> of the list are extracted and combined.

Like the barriers shown in figure 2.1, this abstraction gives us the flexibility to change the low-level details of how sequences are implemented, while preserving the <u>conceptual framework</u> of operations that <u>transform</u> sequences to sequences.

Section 2.2.3 expands on this use of <u>sequences</u> as a <u>framework</u> <u>for organizing programs</u>.

```
(define (scale-list items factor)
  (if (null? items)
    nil
    (cons (* (car items) factor)
        (scale-list (cdr items) factor))))
```



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(define (scale-list items factor) (map (lambda (x) (* x factor)) items))



(defn scale-list [items factor] (map #(* % factor) items))

def scale_list(items: List[Int], factor: Int): List[Int] = items map (_ * factor)



scale_list :: [Int] -> Int -> [Int]
scale_list items factor = map (\x -> x * factor) items



scale_list : [Nat] -> Nat -> [Nat] scale_list items factor =
 map (x -> x * factor) items



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2.2.2 Hierarchical Structures

The representation of **sequences** in terms of **lists** generalizes naturally to represent **sequences** whose elements may themselves be **sequences**. For example, we can regard the object ((1 2) 3 4) constructed by

(cons (list 1 2) (list 3 4))

as a **list** of three items, the first of which is itself a **list**, (1 2). Indeed, this is suggested by the form in which the result is printed by the interpreter. Figure 2.5 shows the representation of this structure in terms of pairs.



Another way to think of sequences whose elements are sequences is as <u>trees</u>. The elements of the sequence are the branches of the tree, and elements that are themselves sequences are subtrees. Figure 2.6 shows the structure in figure 2.5 viewed as a tree.







But in the reduction step, where we strip off the car of the list, we must take into account that the car may itself be a tree whose leaves we need to count. Thus, the appropriate reduction step is

• **count-leaves** of a **tree** x is **count-leaves** of the **car** of x plus **count-leaves** of the **cdr** of x.

Finally, by taking **cars** we reach actual **leaves**, so we need another **base case**:

• **count-leaves** of a **leaf** is 1.

To aid in writing **recursive** procedures on **trees**, **Scheme** provides the primitive predicate **pair**?, which tests whether its argument is a **pair**. Here is the complete procedure:



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We have seen that in Scheme and Clojure it is straightforward to model a tree using a list: each element of the list is either a list (a branch that is a subtree) or a value (a branch that is a leaf).

Doing so in Scala, Haskell and Unison is not so straightforward, because while Scheme and Clojure lists effortlessly support a list element type that is either a value or a list, in order to achieve the equivalent in Scala, Haskell and Unison, some work is required.

While **trees** do play a role in this slide deck, it is a somewhat secondary role, so we don't intend to translate (into our chosen languages) all the **tree-related Scheme** code that we'll be seeing.

There are however a couple of reasons why we do want to translate a small amount of tree-related code:

- 1) It is interesting to see how it is done
- 2) Later in the deck we need to be able to convert trees into lists

Consequently, we are going to introduce a simple **Tree ADT** (Algebraic Data Type) which is a **hybrid** of a **tree** and a **list**. A **tree** is a **list**, i.e it is:

- either Null (the empty list)
- or a Leaf holding a value
- or a list of subtrees represented as a Cons (a pair) whose car is the first subtree and whose cdr is a list of the remaining subtrees.



enum Tree[+A] :
 case Null
 case Leaf(value: A)
 case Cons(car: Tree[A], cdr: Tree[A])



unique type Tree a = Null | Leaf a | Cons (Tree a) (Tree a)

data Tree a = Null | Leaf a | Cons (Tree a) (Tree a)













Mapping over trees Just as map is a powerful abstraction for dealing with sequences, map together with recursion is a powerful abstraction for dealing with trees. For instance, the scale-tree procedure, analogous to scale-list of section 2.2.1, takes as arguments a numeric factor and a tree whose leaves are numbers. It returns a tree of the same shape, where each number is multiplied by the factor.

The recursive plan for scale-tree is similar to the one for count-leaves:

```
(define (scale-list items factor)
  (if (null? items)
     nil
     (cons (* (car items) factor)
                          (scale-list (cdr items) factor))))
```

Another way to implement scale-tree is to regard the tree as a sequence of sub-trees and use map. We map over the sequence, scaling each sub-tree in turn, and return the list of results. In the base case, where the tree is a leaf, we simply multiply by the factor:

Note that while representing trees using our Tree ADT means that we are able to translate the above scale-tree function into our chosen languages (see next slide), the same is not true of the scale-tree function on the left, because map takes as a parameter not a Tree ADT but a list.





Many tree operations can be implemented by similar combinations of sequence operations and recursion.



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2.2.3 Sequences as Conventional Interfaces

In working with compound data, we've stressed how data abstraction permits us to design programs without becoming enmeshed in the details of data representations, and how abstraction preserves for us the flexibility to experiment with alternative representations. In this section, we introduce another powerful design principle for working with data structures -- the use of <u>conventional interfaces</u>.

In section 1.3 we saw how program abstractions, implemented as higher-order procedures, can capture common patterns in programs that deal with numerical data. Our ability to formulate analogous operations for working with compound data depends crucially on the style in which we manipulate our data structures. Consider, for example, the following procedure, analogous to the count-leaves procedure of section 2.2.2, which takes a tree as argument and computes the sum of the squares of the leaves that are odd:

On the surface, this procedure is very different from the following one, which constructs a list of all the even Fibonacci numbers Fib(k), where k is less than or equal to a given integer n:



Despite the fact that these two procedures are structurally very different, a more abstract description of the two computations reveals a great deal of similarity.

The first program

- **enumerates** the leaves of a tree;
- **filters** them, selecting the odd ones;
- squares each of the selected ones; and
- **accumulates** the results using +, starting with **0**.

The second program

- **enumerates** the integers from **0** to *n*;
- computes the Fibonacci number for each integer;
- **filters** them, selecting the even ones; and
- **accumulates** the results using **cons**, starting with the **empty list**.



<u>A signal-processing engineer would find it natural to conceptualize these processes in terms of signals flowing through a cascade of stages, each of which implements part of the program plan</u>, as shown in figure 2.7. In sum-odd-squares, we begin with an <u>enumerator</u>, which generates a <u>signal</u> consisting of the leaves of a given tree. This <u>signal</u> is passed through a <u>filter</u>, which eliminates all but the odd elements. The resulting <u>signal</u> is in turn passed through a <u>map</u>, which is a transducer that applies the square procedure to each element. The output of the <u>map</u> is then fed to an <u>accumulator</u>, which combines the elements using +, starting from an initial 0. The plan for even-fibs is analogous.



Figure 2.7: The **signal-flow plans** for the procedures **sum-odd-squares** (top) and **even-fibs** (bottom) reveal the commonality between the two programs.





For instance, if we examine the sum-odd-squares procedure, we find that the <u>enumeration</u> is implemented partly by the null? and pair? tests and partly by the tree-recursive structure of the procedure.



Similarly, the *accumulation* is found partly in the tests and partly in the addition used in the recursion.

In general, there are no distinct parts of either procedure that correspond to the elements in the signal-flow description.

Our two procedures decompose the computations in a different way, spreading the <u>enumeration</u> over the program and mingling it with the <u>map</u>, the <u>filter</u>, and the <u>accumulation</u>.

If we could organize our programs to make the signal-flow structure manifest in the procedures we write, this would increase the conceptual clarity of the resulting code.



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Sequence Operations

<u>The key to organizing programs so as to more clearly reflect the signal-flow structure is to concentrate on the signals that flow</u>

<u>from one stage in the process to the next</u>. <u>If we represent these signals as lists</u>, <u>then we can use list operations to implement the</u>

<u>processing at each of the stages</u>. For instance, we can implement the mapping stages of the signal-flow diagrams using

the <u>map</u> procedure from section 2.2.1:
```

```
(map square (list 1 2 3 4 5))
(1 4 9 16 25)
```

filtering a sequence to select only those elements that satisfy a given predicate is accomplished by

```
(define (filter predicate sequence)
  (cond ((null? sequence) nil)
      ((predicate (car sequence))
          (cons (car sequence)
               (filter predicate (cdr sequence))))
      (else (filter predicate (cdr sequence)))))
```

For example,

```
(filter odd? (list 1 2 3 4 5))
(1 3 5)
```

accumulations can be implemented by

```
(define (accumulate op initial sequence)
  (if (null? sequence)
      initial
      (op (car sequence)
            (accumulate op initial (cdr sequence)))))
```

(accumulate * 1 (list 1 2 3 4 5))
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(accumulate cons nil (list 1 2 3 4 5))
(1 2 3 4 5)
(accumulate + 0 (list 1 2 3 4 5))
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(define (accumulate op initial sequence) (if (null? sequence) initial (op (car sequence) (accumulate op initial (cdr sequence)))))



(defn accumulate [op initial sequence]
 (if (empty? sequence)
 initial
 (op (first sequence) (accumulate op initial (rest sequence)))))



def accumulate[A,B](op: (A,B) => B, initial: B, sequence: List[A]): B = sequence match
 case Nil => initial
 case x::xs => op(x,accumulate(op, initial, xs))



accumulate :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
accumulate op initial [] = initial
accumulate op initial (x:xs) = op x (accumulate op initial xs)



accumulate : (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
accumulate op initial = cases
[] -> initial
x+:xs -> op x (accumulate op initial xs)



Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs The accumulate procedure is also known as fold-right, because it combines the first element of the sequence with the result of combining all the elements to the right. There is also a fold-left, which is similar to fold-right, except that it combines elements working in the opposite direction:

```
(define (fold-left op initial sequence)
  (define (iter result rest)
     (if (null? rest)
        result
        (iter (op result (car rest))
                          (cdr rest))))
  (iter initial sequence))
```



filter and fold are the other two functions in our FP triad.





If you want to know more about **left** and **right folds** then see below for a whole series of slide decks dedicated to **folding**.

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A few slides ago we saw the following sample invocation of accumulate.



And on the previous slide we saw that accumulate is fold-right.

(accumulate cons nil (list 1 2 3 4 5)) (1 2 3 4 5)

The accumulate procedure is also known as **fold-right**, because it **combines** the first element of the **sequence** with the result of **combining** all the elements to the right.



By the way, it is interesting to note that map and filter can both be defined in terms of fold-right!

$$\underline{map} :: (\alpha \to \beta) \to [\alpha] \to [\beta]$$





map $f = foldr (cons \cdot f) []$ *where* cons x xs = x : xs

filter $:: (\alpha \to Bool) \to [\alpha] \to [\alpha]$



filter $p = foldr (\lambda x xs \rightarrow if p x then x : xs else xs) []$



So we can think of our **triad**'s power as deriving entirely from the power of **folding**.



All that remains to implement signal-flow diagrams is to enumerate the sequence of elements to be processed. For even-fibs, we need to generate the sequence of integers in a given range, which we can do as follows:

```
(define (enumerate-interval low high)
  (if (> low high)
      nil
      (cons low (enumerate-interval (+ low 1) high))))
(enumerate-interval 2 7)
(2 3 4 5 6 7)
To enumerate the leaves of a tree, we can use
(define (enumerate-tree tree)
  (cond ((null? tree) nil)
        ((not (pair? tree)) (list tree))
        (else (append (enumerate-tree (car tree)))
                       (enumerate-tree (cdr tree))))))
(enumerate-tree (list 1 (list 2 (list 3 4)) 5))
```

(1 2 3 4 5)





Now we can reformulate sum-odd-squares and even-fibs as in the signal-flow diagrams. For sum-odd-squares, we *enumerate* the sequence of leaves of the tree, *filter* this to keep only the odd numbers in the sequence, square each element, and sum the results:

accumulate:



(define (sum-odd-squares tree) (cond ((null? tree) 0) ((not (pair? tree)) (if (odd? tree) (square tree) 0)) (else (+ (sum-odd-squares (car tree))) (sum-odd-squares (cdr tree))))))

For even-fibs, we enumerate the integers from 0 to n, generate the Fibonacci number for each of these integers, filter the resulting sequence to keep only the even elements, and *accumulate* the results into a list:

+, 0



The value of expressing programs as sequence operations is that this helps us make program designs that are modular, that is, designs that are constructed by combining relatively independent pieces. We can encourage modular design by providing a library of standard components together with a conventional interface for connecting the components in flexible ways.















We can also formulate conventional data-processing applications in terms of sequence operations. Suppose we have a sequence of personnel records and we want to find the salary of the highest-paid programmer. Assume that we have a selector salary that returns the salary of a record, and a predicate programmer? that tests if a record is for a programmer. Then we can write

```
(filter programmer? records))))
```



These examples give just a hint of the vast range of operations that can be expressed as sequence operations.

Sequences, implemented here as lists, serve as a conventional interface that permits us to combine processing modules. Additionally, when we uniformly represent structures as sequences, we have localized the data-structure dependencies in our programs to a small number of sequence operations. By changing these, we can experiment with alternative representations of sequences, while leaving the overall design of our programs intact.



