Higher Order Functions

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Warm-up: filter out even numbers

Using filter, write a function that returns all odd numbers from a list of numbers.

Recap

First-class functions: functions that are treated just like other values in the language, including being able to appear in all syntactic environments.

Higher-order functions: functions that take functions as arguments.

Properties of Map

- Input items and return items do not need to be of the same type
- Preserves the length of the original list

Properties of Filter

- * Function given as argument must return a boolean
- * Does not preserve the length of list
- * Returns copies of items from the original list

Fold: returning a single value

Fold is a higher-order function that takes a list and returns a single value. It is also known as reduce.



> (fold (lambda (x,y) (+ x y)) 0 (list 1 2 3))

Fold: returning a single value

(define (add x y) (+ x y))

(fold add 0 (list 1 2 3)) (fold add (+ 1 0) (list 2 3)) (fold add (+ 2 1) (list 3)) (fold add (+ 3 3) (list))

Foldl and Foldr

(define (add x y) (+ x y))

(foldl add 0 (list 1 2 3)) (foldl add (+ 1 0) (list 2 3)) (foldl add (+ 2 1) (list 3)) (foldl add (+ 3 3) (list))

(foldr add 0 (list 1 2 3)) (foldr add (+ 3 0) (list 2 3)) (foldr add (+ 2 3) (list 3)) (foldr add (+ 1 5) (list))

Properties of Fold

- Returns a single value of any type
- Takes an initial value as an argument, as well as the list and the function to apply
- Function supplied must have two arguments

Fold's initial value argument

- * What return type do you want?
- * What initial value do you need?

Exercise: list and

- Write a version of and that takes a list.
- Return true if all items in the list are true and false otherwise.
- Use one of the built-in higher-order functions that we have discussed.

Exercise: list xor

Write a function that returns true if and only if 1 item in the list is true.

Use one of the built-in higher-order functions that we have discussed.

Properties of Map and Fold

One property of map is that mapping function f over list l, and then mapping function g over the result, is equivalent to mapping the composition of f and g over l.

(define (add-5 x) (+ x 5)) (define (multiply-by-10 x) (* x 10)) (define numbers (list 1 2 3))

Properties of Map and Fold

Similarly, mapping function f over list l and then folding function g over the result is equivalent to folding the composition of f and g over l.

(define (add-5 x) (+ x 5)) (define (sum x y) (+ x y)) (define numbers (list 1 2 3))

>(fold sum 0 (map add-5 numbers)) 21