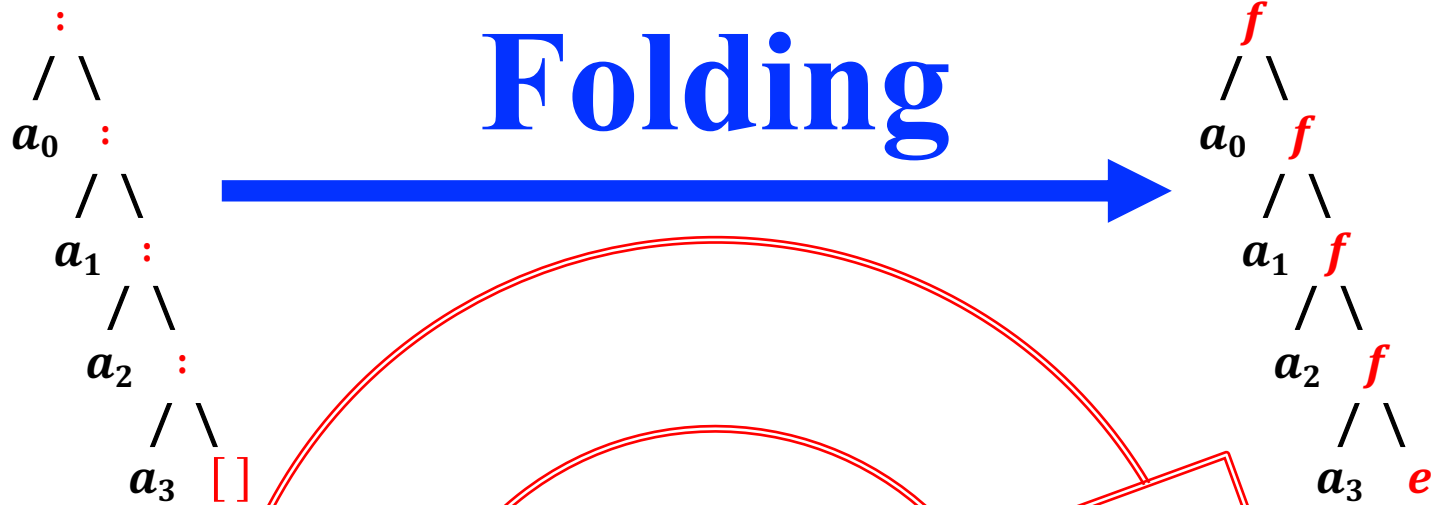


Folding



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The universal property of *fold*

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For finite lists, the universal property of *fold* can be stated as the following equivalence between two definitions for a function *g* that processes lists:

$$\begin{aligned} g [] &= v \\ g (x : xs) &= f x (g xs) \end{aligned} \iff g = \mathit{fold} f v$$

In the right-to-left direction, substituting $g = \mathit{fold} f v$ into the two equations for *g* gives the recursive definition for *fold*.

Conversely, in the left-to-right direction the two equations for *g* are precisely the assumptions required to show that $g = \mathit{fold} f v$ using a simple proof by induction on finite lists...

Taken as a whole, the universal property states that for finite lists the function $\mathit{fold} f v$ is not just a solution to its defining equations, but in fact the unique solution....

The universal property of *fold* can be generalised to handle partial and infinite lists...

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathit{fold} &:: (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow ([\alpha] \rightarrow \beta) \\ \mathit{fold} f v [] &= v \\ \mathit{fold} f v (x : xs) &= f x (\mathit{fold} f v xs) \end{aligned}$$


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$$\begin{aligned} g [] &= v \\ g (x : xs) &= f x (g xs) \end{aligned}$$

 \Leftrightarrow

$$g = \text{fold } f v$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum} &:: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{sum} [] &= 0 \\ \text{sum} (x : xs) &= x + \text{sum } xs \end{aligned}$$

 \Leftrightarrow

$$\text{sum} = \text{fold } (+) 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{product} &:: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{product} [] &= 1 \\ \text{product} (x : xs) &= x \times \text{product } xs \end{aligned}$$

 \Leftrightarrow

$$\text{product} = \text{fold } (\times) 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length} &:: [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{length} [] &= 0 \\ \text{length} (x : xs) &= 1 + \text{length } xs \end{aligned}$$

 \Leftrightarrow

$$\text{length} = \text{fold } (\lambda x. \lambda n. 1 + n) 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\#) &:: [\alpha] \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow [\alpha] \\ [] \# ys &= ys \\ (x : xs) \# ys &= x : (xs \# ys) \end{aligned}$$

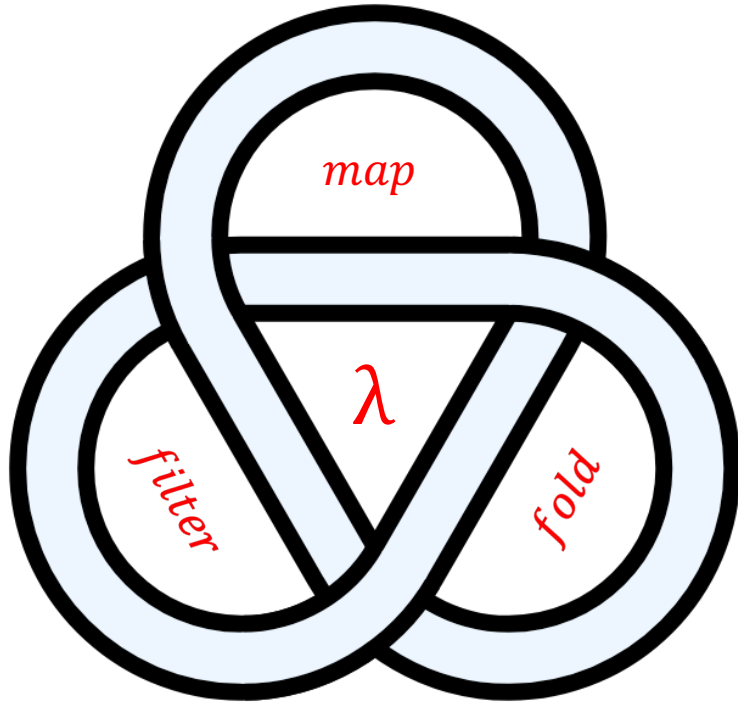
 \Leftrightarrow

$$(\# ys) = \text{fold } (:) ys$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{concat} &:: [[\alpha]] \rightarrow [\alpha] \\ \text{concat} [] &= [] \\ \text{concat} (xs : xss) &= xs \# \text{concat } xss \end{aligned}$$

 \Leftrightarrow

$$\text{concat} = \text{fold } (\#) []$$



The **Triad** of
map, *filter* and *fold*

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The *bread*, *butter*, and *jam* of
Functional Programming

$g [] = v$
 $g (x : xs) = f x (g xs)$

\Leftrightarrow

$g = \text{foldr } f v$

$\text{map} :: (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow ([\alpha] \rightarrow [\beta])$
 $\text{map } f [] = []$
 $\text{map } f (x : xs) = f x : \text{map } f xs$

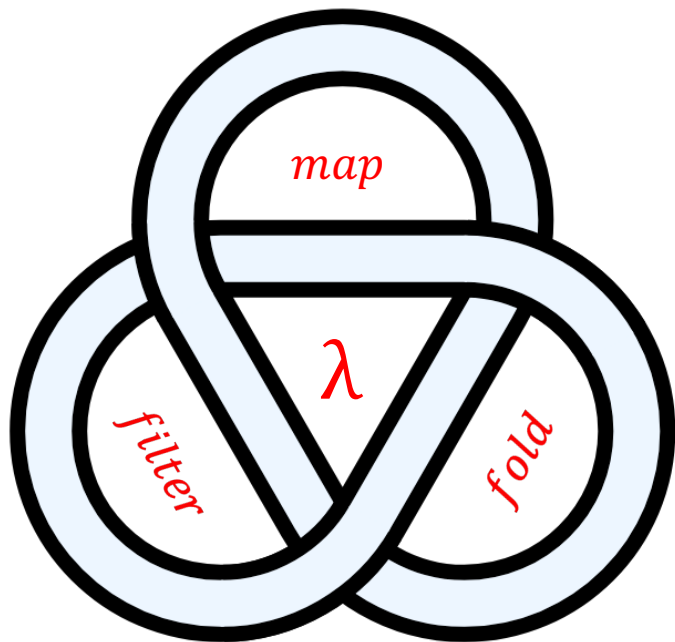
\Leftrightarrow

$\text{map } f = \text{foldr } (\lambda x. \lambda xs. (f x) : xs) []$

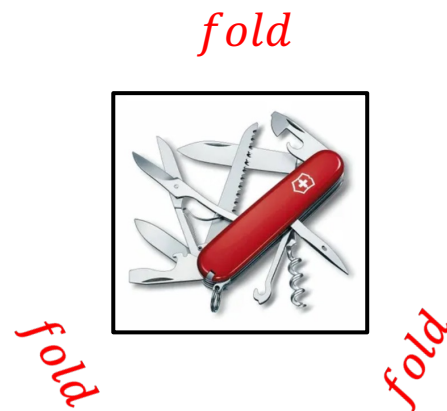
$\text{filter} :: (\alpha \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow ([\alpha] \rightarrow [a])$
 $\text{filter } p [] = []$
 $\text{filter } p (x : xs) = \text{if } p x$
 $\quad \text{then } x : \text{filter } p xs$
 $\quad \text{else } \text{filter } p xs$

\Leftrightarrow

$\text{filter } p = \text{foldr } (\lambda x. \lambda xs. \text{if } p x \text{ then } x : xs \text{ else } xs) []$



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Folding Unfolded

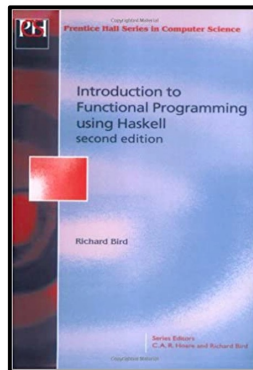
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See how **recursive functions** and **structural induction** relate to **recursive datatypes**

Follow along as the **fold abstraction** is introduced and explained

Watch as **folding** is used to simplify the definition of **recursive functions** over **recursive datatypes**

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