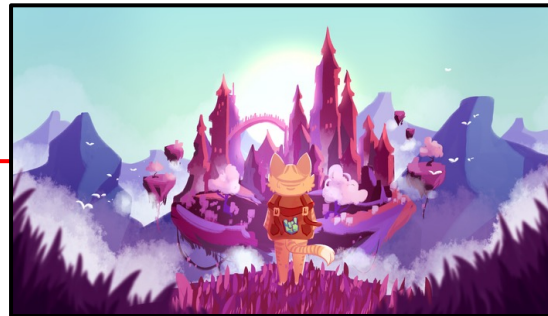


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I am going to compare this **user's password** against the **hash** that is already stored in the database.

```
def login(email: String, password: String): F[Option[JwtToken]] =  
  
  for  
    // find the user in the DB - return None if no user  
    maybeUser <- users.find(email)  
  
    // check password  
    maybeValidatedUser <- maybeUser.filter(user =>  
      BCrypt.checkpwBool[F](password, PasswordHash[BCrypt](user.hashPassword)))  
  
    // Return a new token if password matches  
    maybeJwtToken <- maybeValidatedUser.traverse(user => authenticator.create(user.email))  
  
  yield maybeJwtToken
```

```
def find(email: String): F[Option[User]]
```

```
/** Check against a bcrypt hash in a pure way  
 *  
 * It may raise an error for a malformed hash  
 */  
def checkpwBool[F[_]](password: String, hash: PasswordHash[A])  
  (implicit P: PasswordHasher[F, A]): F[Boolean] = ...
```

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However, the call to `checkpwBool` returns an `F[Boolean]`, so our types are a little bit screwed up here.

```
def login(email: String, password: String): F[Option[JwtToken]] =  
  
  for  
    // find the user in the DB - return None if no user  
    maybeUser <- users.find(email)  
  
    // check password  
    maybeValidatedUser <- maybeUser.filter(user =>  
      BCrypt.checkpwBool[F](password, PasswordHash[BCrypt](user.hashPassword)))  
  
    // Return a new token if password matches  
    maybeJwtToken <- maybeValidatedUser.traverse(user => authenticator.create(user.email))  
  
  yield maybeJwtToken
```

```
def find(email: String): F[Option[User]]
```

```
/** Check against a bcrypt hash in a pure way  
 *  
 * It may raise an error for a malformed hash  
 */  
def checkpwBool[F[_]](password: String, hash: PasswordHash[A])  
  (implicit P: PasswordHasher[F, A]): F[Boolean] = ...
```

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We have an `Option[User]`, and then I am going to call `filter` on a function `User => IO[Boolean]`, and I would need to return an `IO[Option[User]]`, so that later I can use `maybeValidatedUser`.

```
def login(email: String, password: String): F[Option[JwtToken]] =  
  
  for  
    // find the user in the DB - return None if no user  
    maybeUser <- users.find(email)  
  
    // Option[User].filter(User => IO[Boolean]) => IO[Option[User]]  
    maybeValidatedUser <- maybeUser.filter(user =>  
      BCrypt.checkpwBool[F](password, PasswordHash[BCrypt](user.hashPassword)))  
  
    // Return a new token if password matches  
    maybeJwtToken <- maybeValidatedUser.traverse(user => authenticator.create(user.email))  
  
  yield maybeJwtToken
```

```
def find(email: String): F[Option[User]]
```

```
/** Check against a bcrypt hash in a pure way  
 *  
 * It may raise an error for a malformed hash  
 */  
def checkpwBool[F[_]](password: String, hash: PasswordHash[A])  
  (implicit P: PasswordHasher[F, A]): F[Boolean] = ...
```

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At this point we have two **improper types**. One is the `IO[Boolean]`, due to the fact that `filter` does not accept a function returning an `IO[Boolean]`, but rather a simple `Boolean`.

```
def login(email: String, password: String): F[Option[JwtToken]] =
  for
    // find the user in the DB - return None if no user
    maybeUser <- users.find(email)

    // Option[User].filter(User => IO[Boolean]) => IO[Option[User]]
    maybeValidatedUser <- maybeUser.filter(user =>
      BCrypt.checkpwBool[F](password, PasswordHash[BCrypt](user.hashPassword)))

    // Return a new token if password matches
    maybeJwtToken <- maybeValidatedUser.traverse(user => authenticator.create(user.email))

  yield maybeJwtToken
```

```
def find(email: String): F[Option[User]]
```

```
/** Check against a bcrypt hash in a pure way
 *
 * It may raise an error for a malformed hash
 */
def checkpwBool[F[_]](password: String, hash: PasswordHash[A])
  (implicit P: PasswordHasher[F, A]): F[Boolean] = ...
```

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And the other is the return value of **filter**, because it is an **Option[User]**, rather than an effect wrapping **Option[User]**.

```
def login(email: String, password: String): F[Option[JwtToken]] =  
  
  for  
    // find the user in the DB - return None if no user  
    maybeUser <- users.find(email)  
  
    // Option[User].filter(User => IO[Boolean]) => IO[Option[User]]  
    maybeValidatedUser <- maybeUser.filter(user =>  
      BCrypt.checkpwBool[F](password, PasswordHash[BCrypt](user.hashPassword)))  
  
    // Return a new token if password matches  
    maybeJwtToken <- maybeValidatedUser.traverse(user => authenticator.create(user.email))  
  
  yield maybeJwtToken
```

```
def find(email: String): F[Option[User]]
```

```
/** Check against a bcrypt hash in a pure way  
 *  
 * It may raise an error for a malformed hash  
 */  
def checkpwBool[F[_]](password: String, hash: PasswordHash[A])  
  (implicit P: PasswordHasher[F, A]): F[Boolean] = ...
```

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Which is why I am going to use a **little trick**. I am going to call **filterA**, which is an **extension method** (I think it comes from the **Traverse** typeclass).

On the **Option** of a particular type [e.g. **User**], you can call **filterA** with a function returning a different kind of effect **G** wrapping a **Boolean**, so you'll then return an effect **G** wrapping this **Option[User]**.

```
def login(email: String, password: String): F[Option[JwtToken]] =  
  
  for  
    // find the user in the DB - return None if no user  
    maybeUser <- users.find(email)  
  
    // Option[User].filter(User => G[Boolean]) => G[Option[User]]  
    maybeValidatedUser <- maybeUser.filterA(user =>  
      BCrypt.checkpwBool[F](password, PasswordHash[BCrypt](user.hashPassword)))  
  
    // Return a new token if password matches  
    maybeJwtToken <- maybeValidatedUser.traverse(user => authenticator.create(user.email))  
  
  yield maybeJwtToken
```

```
def find(email: String): F[Option[User]]
```

```
/** Check against a bcrypt hash in a pure way  
 *  
 * It may raise an error for a malformed hash  
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def checkpwBool[F[_]](password: String, hash: PasswordHash[A])  
  (implicit P: PasswordHasher[F, A]): F[Boolean] = ...
```

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filterA is to **traverse** what **filter** is to **map**



Function	From	Given	To	Type Class
map	F[A]	A => B	F[B]	Functor [F]
filter	F[A]	A => Boolean	F[A]	FunctorFilter [F]
traverse	F[A]	A => G [B]	G [F[B]]	Traverse [F]
filterA	F[A]	A => G [Boolean]	G [F[A]]	TraverseFilter [F]

G is an **Applicative** (every **Monad** is an **Applicative**)

Here are some examples of using **map**, **filter**, **traverse**, and **filterA**.



```
assert(List(1,2,3,4).map(_.toString) == List("1","2","3","4"))
```

map	F[A]	A => B	F[B]	Functor [F]
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```
def isEven(n: Int): Boolean = n % 2 == 0
```

```
assert(List(1,2,3,4).filter(isEven) == List(2,4))
```

filter	F[A]	A => Boolean	F[A]	FunctorFilter [F]
---------------	------	--------------	------	--------------------------

```
def maybeDigit(c: Char): Option[Int] =  
  Option.when(c.isDigit)(c.asDigit)
```

```
assert(List('1','2','3','4').traverse(maybeDigit) == Some(List(1,2,3,4)))
```

```
assert(List('1','2','x','4').traverse(maybeDigit) == None)
```

traverse	F[A]	A => G[B]	G[F[B]]	Traverse [F]
-----------------	------	-----------	---------	---------------------

```
def maybeEvenDigit(c: Char): Option[Boolean] =  
  maybeDigit(c).map(isEven)
```

```
assert(List('1','2','3','4').filterA(maybeEvenDigit) == Some(List('2','4')))
```

```
assert(List('1','2','x','4').filterA(maybeEvenDigit) == None)
```

filterA	F[A]	A => G[Boolean]	G[F[A]]	TraverseFilter [F]
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A = Int
B = String
F = List

A = Char
B = Int
F = List
G = Option

Function	From	Given	To
<code>filterA</code>	<code>F[A]</code>	<code>A => G[Boolean]</code>	<code>G[F[A]]</code>

```
def isEven(n: Int): Boolean = n % 2 == 0

def maybeDigit(c: Char): Option[Int] = Option.when(c.isDigit)(c.asDigit)

def maybeIsEvenDigit(c: Char): Option[Boolean] = maybeDigit(c).map(isEven)

assert(List('1', '2', '3', '4').filterA(maybeIsEvenDigit) == Some(List('2', '4')))
assert(List('1', '2', 'x', '4').filterA(maybeIsEvenDigit) == None)
```

<code>filterA</code>	<code>List[Char]</code>	<code>Char => Option[Boolean]</code>	<code>Option[List[Char]]</code>
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Here we compare our example of using `filterA`, with the usage of `filterA` seen in the course.



```
def checkpwBool[F[_]](p: String, hash: PasswordHash[A])(implicit P: PasswordHasher[F, A]): F[Boolean] = ...

for
  // find the user in the DB - return None if no user
  maybeUser <- users.findEmail(email)

  // check password - Option[User].filter(User => IO[Boolean]) => IO[Option[User]]
  maybeValidatedUser <- maybeUser.filterA(user =>
    BCrypt.checkpwBool[F](p, PasswordHash[BCrypt](user.hashPassword)))
```

<code>filterA</code>	<code>Option[User]</code>	<code>User => IO[Boolean]</code>	<code>IO[Option[User]]</code>
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Obviously the behaviour of **filterA**, which is reflected in its result, depends on the behaviour of a particular **Applicative G**.

So far we have seen examples with **G = Option** and **G = IO**.

Just as an example of the type of behaviour that we can achieve when **G = List**, here is a function that uses **filterA** to compute the **powerset** of a set (the list of sublists of a list).

```
import cats.implicits.*

def powerset[A](as: List[A]): List[List[A]] = as.filterA(_ => List(true, false))

assert(powerset(List(1, 2, 3))
  ==
  List(List(1, 2, 3),
        List(1, 2),
        List(1, 3),
        List(1),
        List(2, 3),
        List(2),
        List(3),
        List())
  )
)
```

A = Int
F = List
G = List

Function	From	Given	To
filterA	F[A]	A => G[Boolean]	G[F[A]]
filterA	List[Int]	Int => List[Boolean]	List[List[Int]]



I just realised the using **filterA** to compute a **powerset** is actually one of the examples in the documentation of **filterA**!

cats.TraverseFilter

```
def filterA[G[_], A](fa: F[A])(f: A => G[Boolean])(implicit G: Applicative[G]): G[F[A]]
```

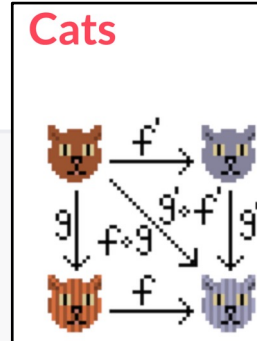
Filter values inside a G context.

This is a generalized version of Haskell's `filterM` [↗](#). [This StackOverflow question](#) [↗](#) about `filterM` may be helpful in understanding how it behaves.

Example:

```
scala> import cats.implicits._
scala> val l: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4)
scala> def odd(i: Int): Eval[Boolean] = Now(i % 2 == 1)
scala> val res: Eval[List[Int]] = l.filterA(odd)
scala> res.value
res0: List[Int] = List(1, 3)

scala> List(1, 2, 3).filterA(_ => List(true, false))
res1: List[List[Int]] = List(List(1, 2, 3), List(1, 2), List(1, 3), List(1), List(2, 3),
List(2), List(3), List())
```





If you want to know more about how **filterA** works when computing the **powerset** function, see slides 256 – 276 of the following slide deck.



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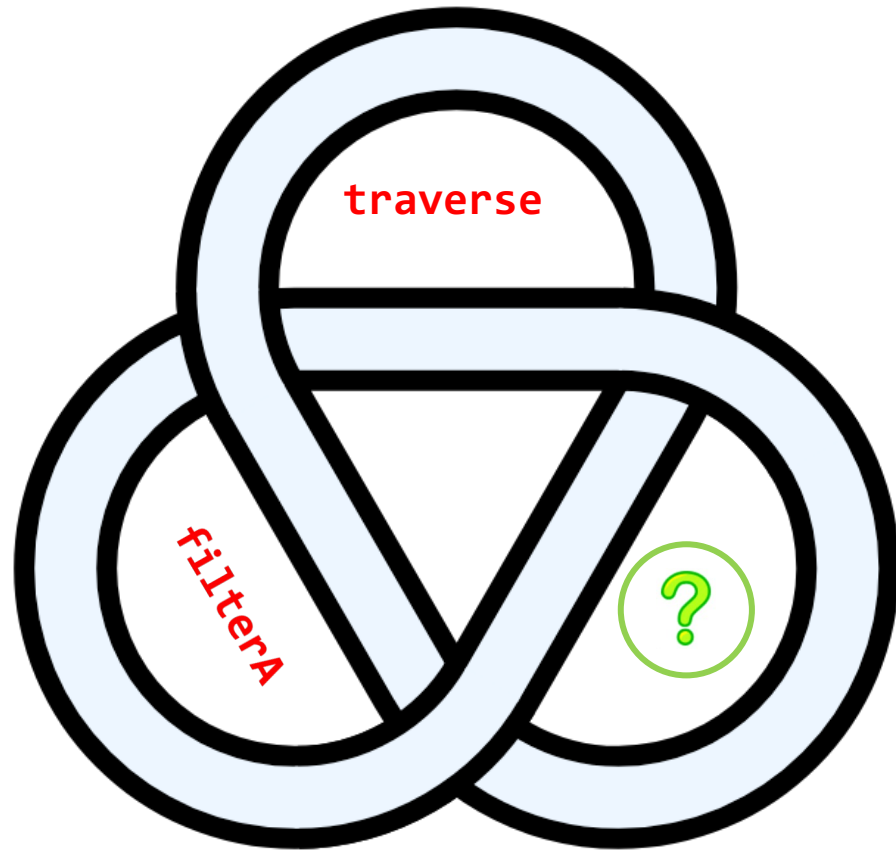
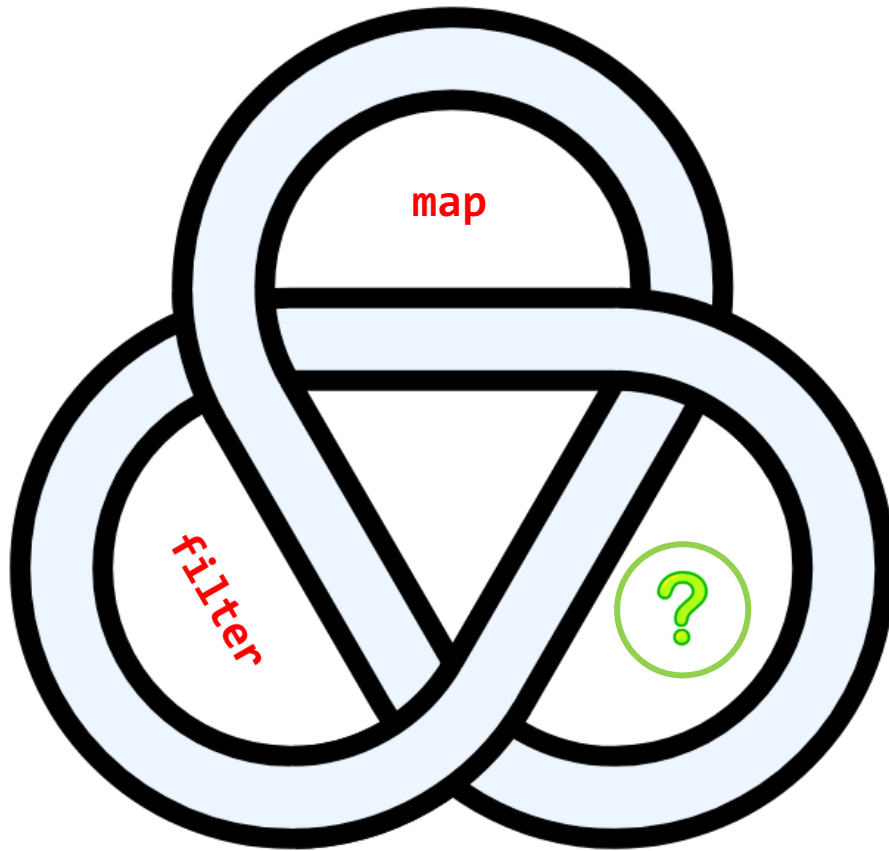
	monadic mapping , filtering , folding $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mapM} \\ \text{filterM} \\ \text{foldM} \end{array} \right.$		

	monoidal functions fold and foldMap		



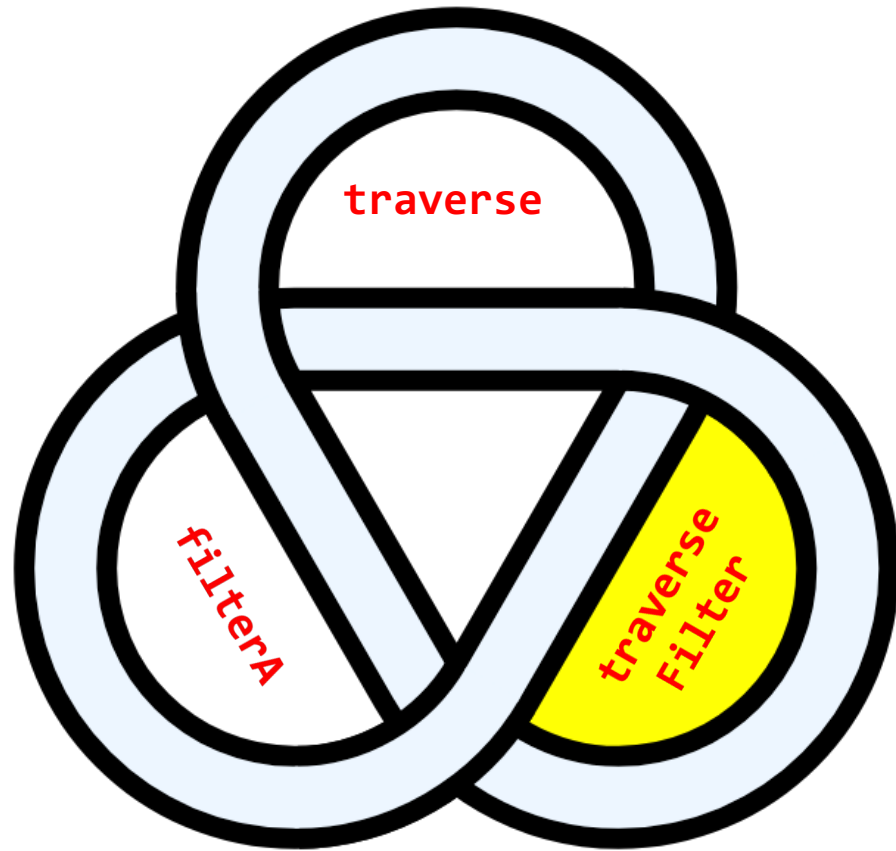
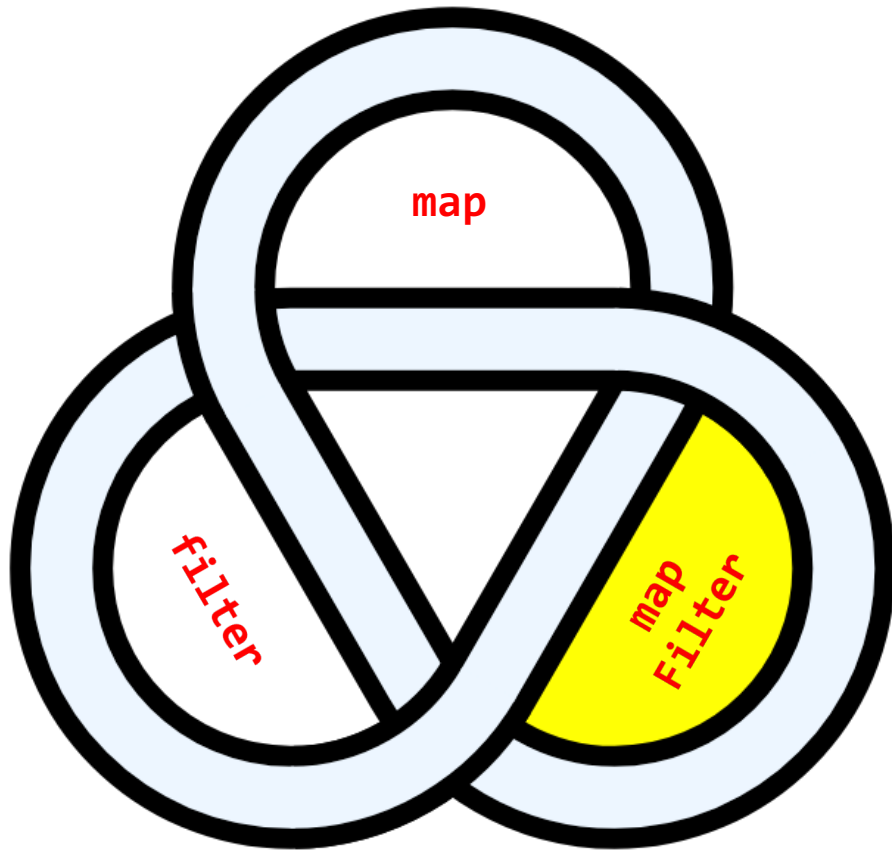
By the way, did you know that there is a further function that is a **combination** of **map** and **filter**, and another one that is a **combination** of **traverse** and **filterA**?

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Not surprisingly, the functions are called **mapFilter** and **traverseFilter**.



cats.FunctorFilter

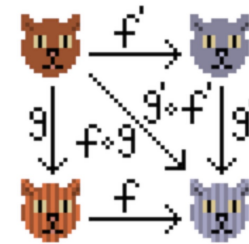
```
def mapFilter[A, B](fa: F[A])(f: A => Option[B]): F[B]
```

A combined map and filter. Filtering is handled via Option instead of Boolean such that the output type B can be different than the input type A.

Example:

```
scala> import cats.implicits._
scala> val m: Map[Int, String] = Map(1 -> "one", 3 -> "three")
scala> val l: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4)
scala> def asString(i: Int): Option[String] = m.get(i)
scala> l.mapFilter(asString)
res0: List[String] = List(one, three)
```

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cats.TraverseFilter

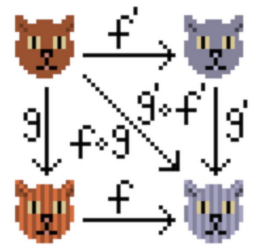
```
def traverseFilter[G[_], A, B](fa: F[A])(f: A => G[Option[B]])(implicit G: Applicative[G]): G[F[B]]
```

A combined `traverse` and `filter`. Filtering is handled via `Option` instead of `Boolean` such that the output type `B` can be different than the input type `A`.

Example:

```
scala> import cats.implicits._
scala> val m: Map[Int, String] = Map(1 -> "one", 3 -> "three")
scala> val l: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4)
scala> def asString(i: Int): Eval[Option[String]] = Now(m.get(i))
scala> val result: Eval[List[String]] = l.traverseFilter(asString)
scala> result.value
res0: List[String] = List(one, three)
```

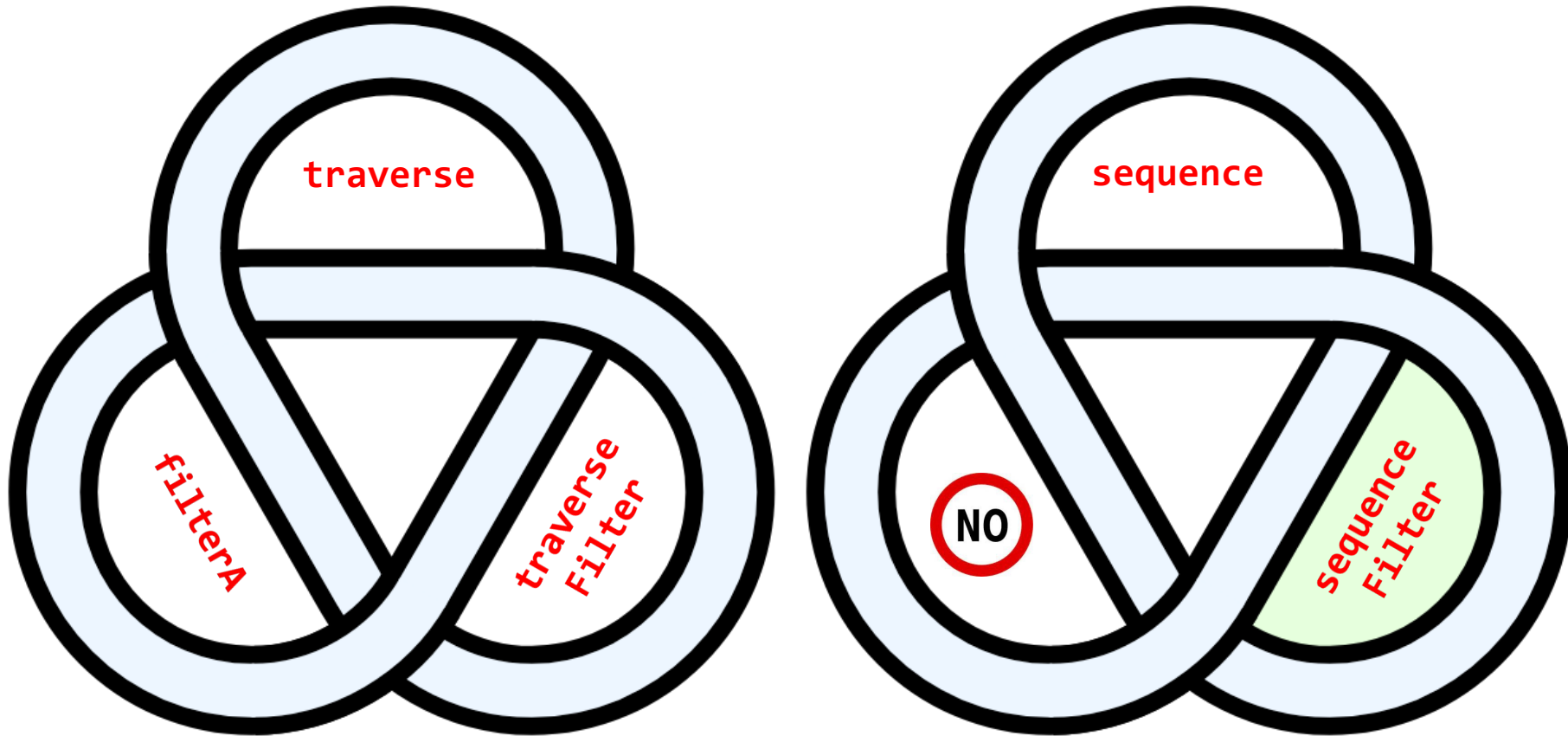
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What about **sequence**, which is closely related to **traverse**?

Because **sequence** is just **traverse(x => x)**, it doesn't make sense for the **sequence** equivalent of **filterA** to exist, but **sequenceFilter** does exist (see next slide).

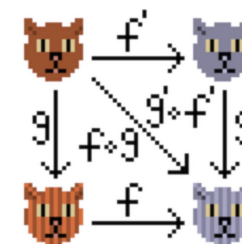


```
cats.TraverseFilter
```

```
def sequenceFilter[G[_], A](fgoa: F[G[Option[A]]])(implicit G: Applicative[G]): G[F[A]]
```

```
scala> import cats.implicits._  
scala> val a: List[Either[String, Option[Int]]] = List(Right(Some(1)), Right(Some(5)),  
Right(Some(3)))  
scala> val b: Either[String, List[Int]] = TraverseFilter[List].sequenceFilter(a)  
b: Either[String, List[Int]] = Right(List(1, 5, 3))
```

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See next slide for a few more variations of the example given above.

```
1 import cats.implicits.*
2 import cats.TraverseFilter
3
4 val a: List[Either[String, Option[Int]]] = List(Right(Some(1)), Right(Some(5)), Right(Some(3)))
5 a.sequenceFilter Right(List(1, 5, 3)): scala.util.Either[scala.Predef.String, scala.collection.immutable.List[scala.Int]]
6
7 val b: List[Either[String, Option[Int]]] = List(Right(Some(1)), Left("boom"), Right(Some(3)))
8 b.sequenceFilter Left(boom): scala.util.Either[scala.Predef.String, scala.collection.immutable.List[scala.Int]]
9
10 val c: List[Either[String, Option[Int]]] = List(Right(Some(1)), Right(None), Right(Some(3)))
11 c.sequenceFilter Right(List(1, 3)): scala.util.Either[scala.Predef.String, scala.collection.immutable.List[scala.Int]]
12
13 val d: List[Either[String, Option[Int]]] = List(Right(Some(1)), Left("boom"), Left("bang"))
14 d.sequenceFilter Left(boom): scala.util.Either[scala.Predef.String, scala.collection.immutable.List[scala.Int]]
15
```



In conclusion, the next slide recaps the signatures of all the functions that we have mentioned.

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Function	From	Given	To	Type Class	
map	F[A]	A => B	F[B]	Functor[F]	
filter	F[A]	A => Boolean	F[A]	FunctorFilter[F]	Apply a filter to a structure such that the output structure contains all A elements in the input structure that satisfy the predicate f but none that don't.
mapFilter	F[A]	A => Option [B]	F[B]	FunctorFilter[F]	A combined map and filter. Filtering is handled via Option instead of Boolean such that the output type B can be different than the input type A.
traverse	F[A]	A => G[B]	G[F[B]]	Traverse[F]	Given a function which returns a G effect, thread this effect through the running of this function on all the values in F, returning an F[B] in a G context.
filterA	F[A]	A => G[Boolean]	G[F[A]]	TraverseFilter[F]	Filter values inside a G context. This is a generalized version of Haskell's filterM . This StackOverflow question about filterM may be helpful in understanding how it behaves.
traverseFilter	F[A]	A => G[Option [B]]	G[F[B]]	TraverseFilter[F]	A combined traverse and filter. Filtering is handled via Option instead of Boolean such that the output type B can be different than the input type A.
sequence	F[G[A]]		G[F[A]]	Traverse[F]	Thread all the G effects through the F structure to invert the structure from F[G[A]] to G[F[A]].
sequenceFilter	F[G[Option [A]]]		G[F[A]]	TraverseFilter[F]	traverseFilter with identity