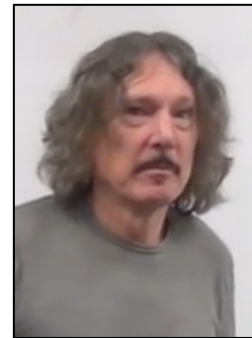


Functor Composition

including (starting from) the definition in



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Let's look at **Bartosz Milewski**'s explanation of the fact that **Functors compose**.

If you need an introduction to **Functors** then see the following

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<https://www.slideshare.net/pjschwarz/functors>

<https://www.slideshare.net/pjschwarz/functor-laws>

7.1 Functors in Programming

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

7.1.1 The Option Functor

```
def map[A, B](f: A => B): Option[A] => Option[B] = {  
  case None => None  
  case Some(x) => Some(f(x))  
}
```

7.1.4 Typeclasses

```
trait Functor[F[_]] {  
  def map[A, B](f: A => B)(fa: F[A]): F[B]  
}  
  
implicit val optionFunctor = new Functor[Option] {  
  def map[A, B](f: A => B)(fa: Option[A]): Option[B] =  
    fa match {  
      case None => None  
      case Some(x) => Some(f(x))  
    }  
}
```

7.1.6 The List Functor

```
implicit val listFunctor = new Functor[List] {  
  def map[A, B](f: A => B)(fa: List[A]): List[B] =  
    fa match {  
      case Nil => Nil  
      case x :: t => f(x) :: map(f)(t)  
    }  
}
```

7.3 Functor Composition

It's not hard to convince yourself that **functors between categories compose**, just like functions between sets compose. A composition of two **functors**, when acting on objects, is just the composition of their respective object mappings; and similarly when acting on morphisms. After **jumping through two functors**, identity morphisms end up as identity morphisms, and compositions of morphisms finish up as compositions of morphisms. **There's really nothing much to it.** In particular, it's **easy to compose endofunctors**. Remember the function **maybeTail**? I'll rewrite it using Scala's built in implementation of lists:

```
def maybeTail[A]: List[A] => Option[List[A]] = {  
  case Nil => None  
  case x :: xs => Some(xs)  
}
```

The result of **maybeTail** is of a type that's a **composition of two functors**, **Option** and **List**, acting on **A**. Each of these **functors** is equipped with its own version of **map**, but what if we want to apply some **function f** to the contents of the **composite**: an **Option** of a **List**? We have to break through two layers of **functors**. We can use **map** to break through the outer **Option**. But we can't just send **f** inside **Option** because **f** doesn't work on lists. We have to send **(map f)** to operate on the inner list. For instance, let's see how we can **square** the elements of an **Option** of a **List** of integers:

```
def square: Int => Int = x => x * x  
val maybeList: Option[List[Int]] = Some(1 :: (2 :: (3 :: Nil)))  
val maybeListSquared = (optionFunctor map (listFunctor map square))(maybeList)  
assert( maybeListSquared == Some(1 :: (4 :: (9 :: Nil))) )
```

The compiler, after analyzing the types, will figure out that, for the outer map, it should use the implementation from the **Option** instance, and for the inner one, the **List functor** implementation.

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```
def square: Int => Int = x => x * x
val maybeList: Option[List[Int]] = Some(1 :: (2 :: (3 :: Nil)))
val maybeListSquared = (optionFunctor map (listFunctor map square))(maybeList)
```

It may not be immediately obvious that the last line in the above code may be rewritten as:

```
def mapOption[A, B]: (A => B) => Option[A] => Option[B] = optionFunctor.map
```

```
def mapList[A, B]: (A => B) => List[A] => List[B] = listFunctor.map
```

```
def mapOptionList[A, B]: (A => B) => Option[List[A]] => Option[List[B]] =
  mapOption compose mapList
```

```
val maybeListSquared = mapOptionList(square)(maybeList)
```

But remember that map may be considered a function of just one argument:

```
def map[F[_], A, B]: (A => B) => (F[A] => F[B])
```

In our case, the second `map` in `(mapOption compose mapList)` takes as its argument:

```
def square: Int => Int
```

and returns a function of the type:

```
List[Int] => List[Int]
```

The first `map` then takes that function and returns a function:

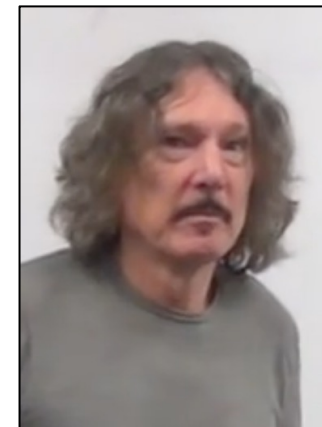
```
Option[List[Int]] => Option[List[Int]]
```

Finally, that function is applied to `maybeList`. So the composition of two functors is a functor whose `map` is the composition of the corresponding `maps`.

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Yes, to aid comprehension in our context, I have taken the liberty to rename a few things, e.g. `fmap` → `map`, `Maybe` → `Option`, `a` → `A`, `Haskell` → `Scala`, `mis` → `maybeList`, `mis2` → `maybeListSquared`, `Cons` → `::`





In the next two slides I have a go at visualizing this notion of a **composite Functor**.



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```
def square: Int => Int = x => x * x
```

```
def mapOption[A,B]:  
  (A => B) => Option[A] => Option[B] =  
  optionFunctor.map
```

```
def mapList[A,B]:  
  (A => B) => List[A] => List[B] =  
  listFunctor.map
```

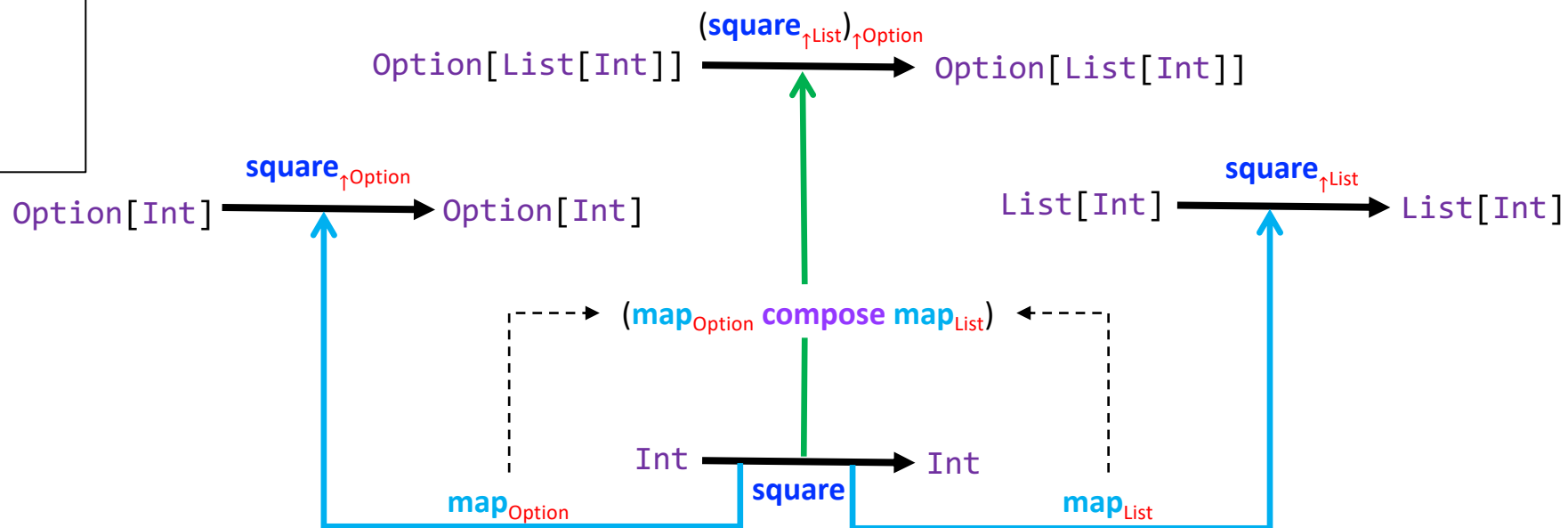
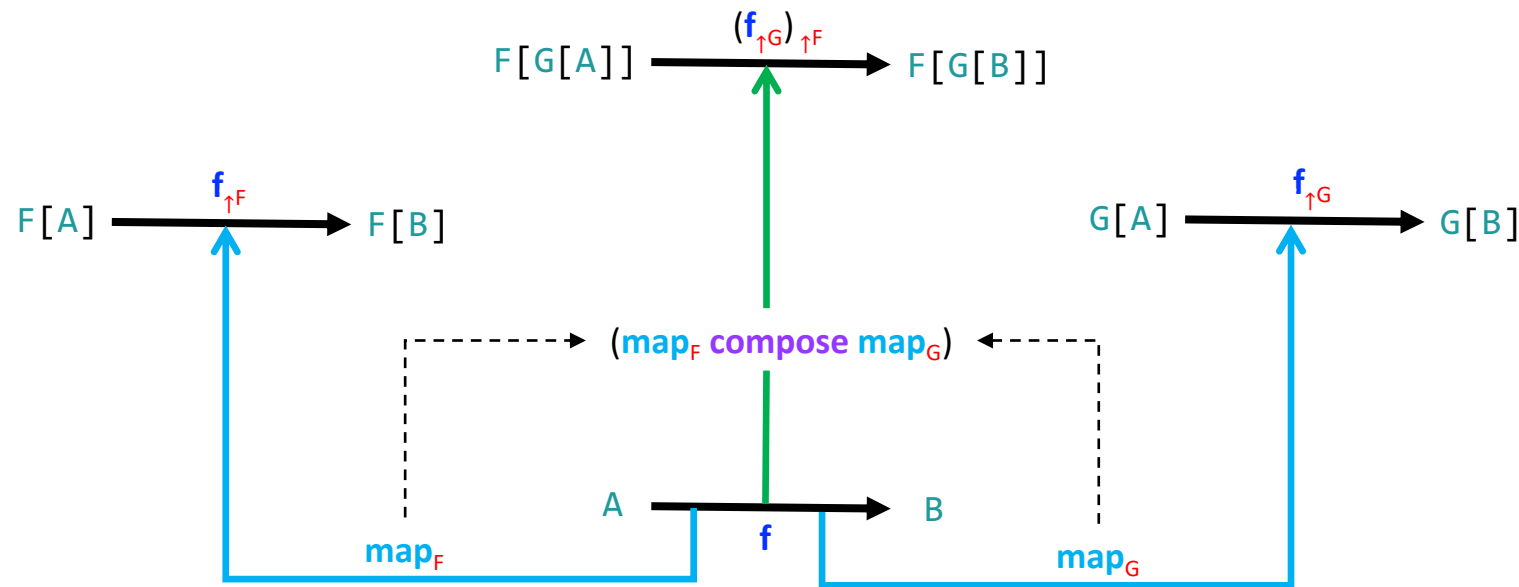
```
def mapOptionList[A,B]:  
  (A => B) => Option[List[A]] => Option[List[B]] =  
  mapOption compose mapList
```

```
package scala  
trait Function1 ...  
/** Composes two instances of Function1 in a new  
 * Function1, with this function applied last.  
 * @tparam A the type to which function  
 * `g` can be applied  
 * @param g a function A => T1  
 * @return a new function `f` such that  
 * `f(x) == apply(g(x))`  
 */  
...def compose[A](g: A => T1): A => R =  
  { x => apply(g(x)) }  
...
```

map_F lifts function f into F
 $f_{\uparrow F}$ is f lifted into F

```
mapOption = mapOption  
mapList = mapList  
(mapOption compose mapList) = mapOptionList
```

the **composition** of two **functors** is a **functor** whose **map** is the **composition** of the corresponding **maps**



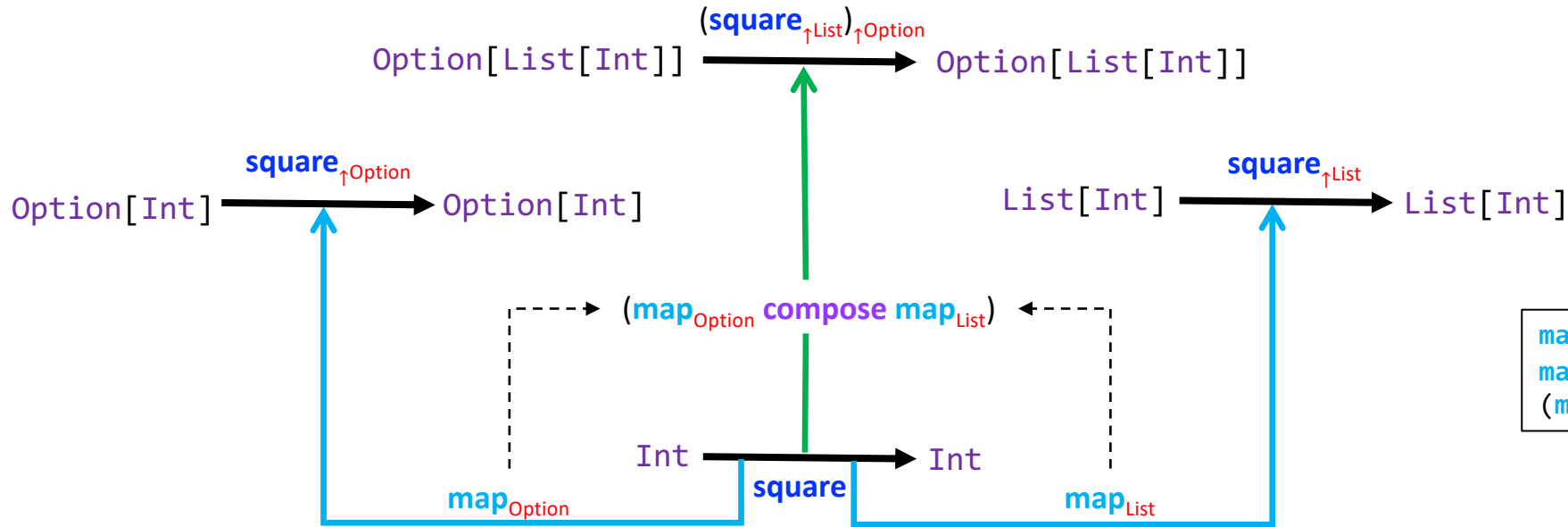
The **composition** of two **functors** is a **functor** whose **map** is the **composition** of the corresponding **maps**

```
// mapOptionList = mapOption compose mapList
assert(mapOptionList(square)(Some(List(1,2,3))) == mapOption(mapList(square))(Some(List(1,2,3))))
assert(mapOptionList(square)(Some(List(1,2,3))) == Some(List(1,4,9)))
assert((mapOption(mapList(square))(Some(List(1,2,3))) == Some(List(1,4,9)))
```

mapping **f** with the **composition** of two **functors** is the same as first **mapping f** with the 1st **functor** and then **mapping** the result with the 2nd **functor**.



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map_F lifts function **f** into **F**
 $f_{\uparrow F}$ is **f** lifted into **F**

```
mapOption = mapOption
mapList = mapList
(mapOption compose mapList) = mapOptionList
```

```
def square: Int => Int = x => x * x

def mapOption[A,B]: (A => B) => Option[A] => Option[B] = optionFunctor.map

def mapList[A,B]: (A => B) => List[A] => List[B] = listFunctor.map

def mapOptionList[A,B]: (A => B) => Option[List[A]] => Option[List[B]] = mapOption compose mapList
```



To get a fuller picture of the notion of a **composite Functor**, let's look at **Functor** laws.

See the following for a more comprehensive introduction to **Functor** laws.

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<https://www.slideshare.net/pjschwarz/functor-laws>

A Functor from the category of 'Scala types and functions' to itself

$f_{\uparrow F}$ is function f lifted into context F
 $F[A]$ is type A lifted into context F
 $id_{x\uparrow F}$ is id_x lifted into context F

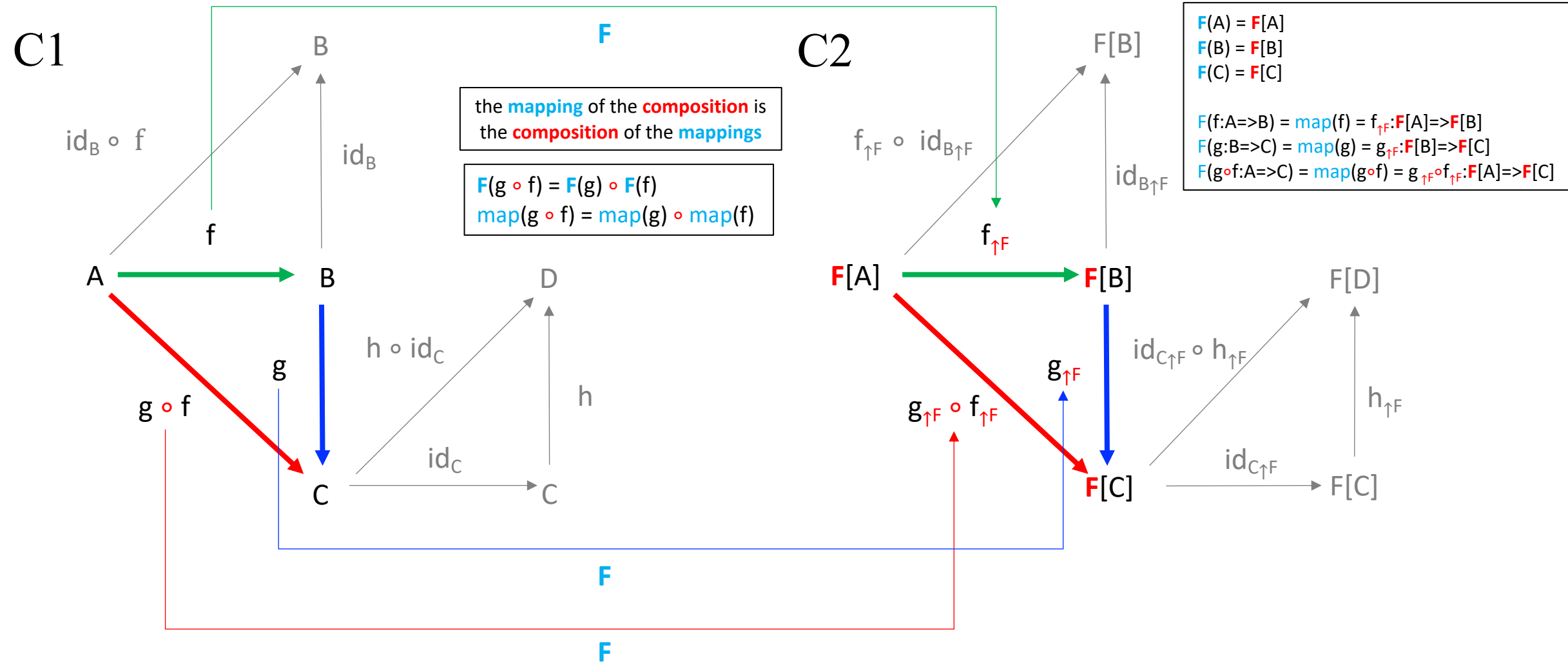
- C1 = C2 = Scala types and functions
- objects:** types
 - arrows:** functions
 - composition operation:** `compose` function, denoted here by \circ
 - identity arrows:** `identity` function $T \Rightarrow T$, denoted here by id_T

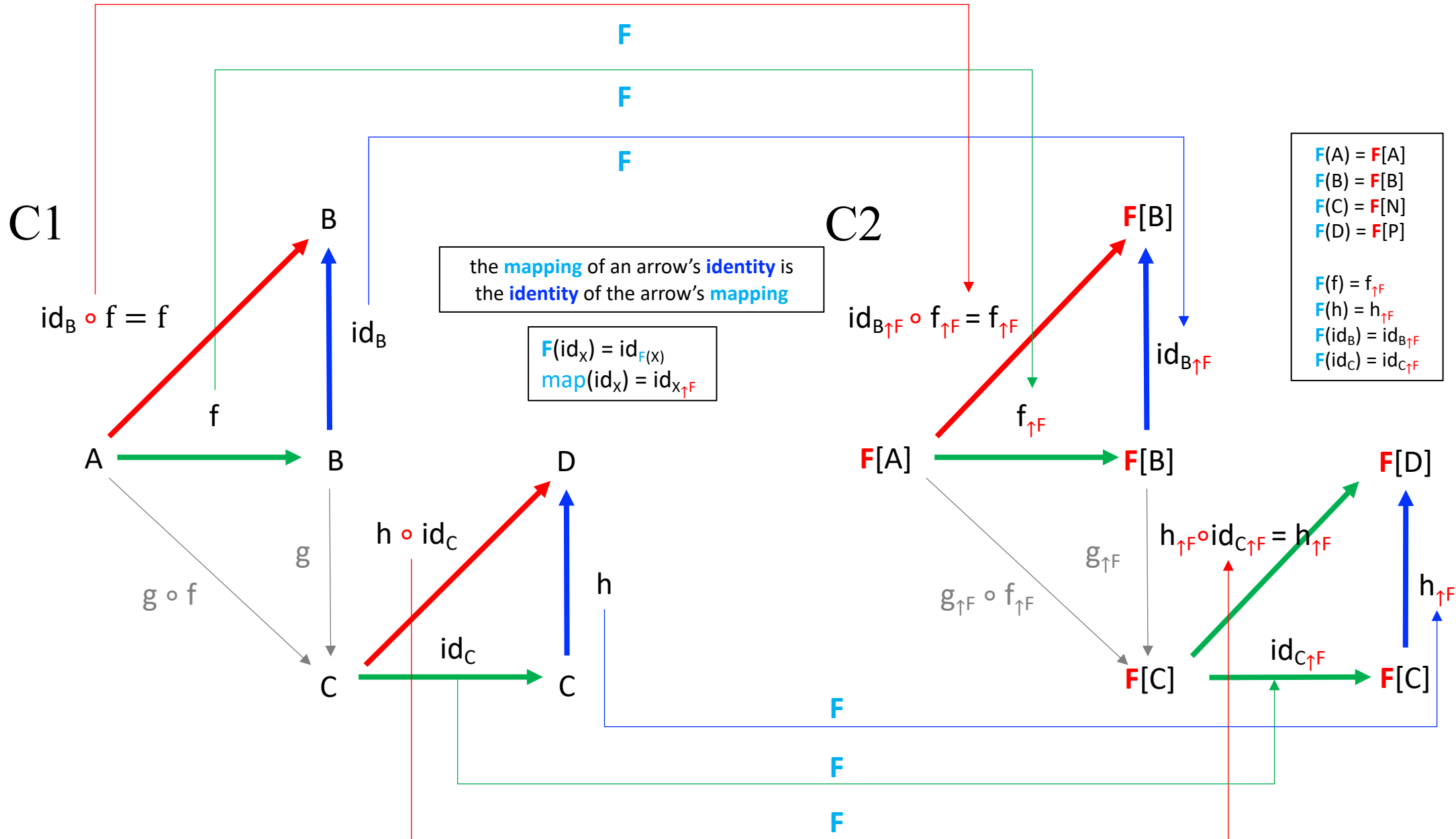
A functor F from C1 to C2 consisting of

- a type constructor F that maps type A to $F[A]$
- a `map` function from function $f:A \Rightarrow B$ to function $f_{\uparrow F}:F[A] \Rightarrow F[B]$

Functor Laws

$F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$ i.e. $map(g \circ f) = map(g) \circ map(f)$
 $F(id_x) = id_{F(x)}$ i.e. $map(id_x) = id_{x\uparrow F}$







Now let's revisit that with the notion of a **composite Functor** in mind.

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The **composition** of **Functors G and F** is a **composite functor $G \circ F$** from C1 to C2 consisting of

- a type constructor
- a **$\text{map}_{G \circ F}$** function from function $f:A \Rightarrow B$ to function $(f_{\uparrow F})_{\uparrow G}: G[F[A]] \Rightarrow G[F[B]]$

where **$\text{map}_{G \circ F} = \text{map}_G \circ \text{map}_F$**



Here is what the **Functor Laws** look like for a **composite Functor**

the **mapping** of the **composition** is the **composition** of the **mappings**

$$G \circ F(g \circ f) = (G \circ F(g)) \circ (G \circ F(f))$$

i.e. **$\text{map}_{G \circ F}(g \circ f) = (\text{map}_{G \circ F}(g)) \circ (\text{map}_{G \circ F}(f))$**

the **mapping** of an arrow's **identity** is the **identity** of the arrow's **mapping**

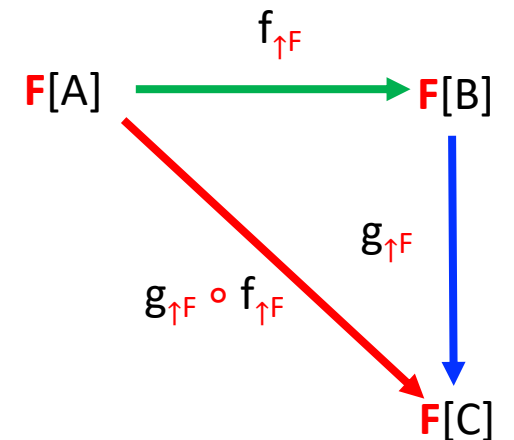
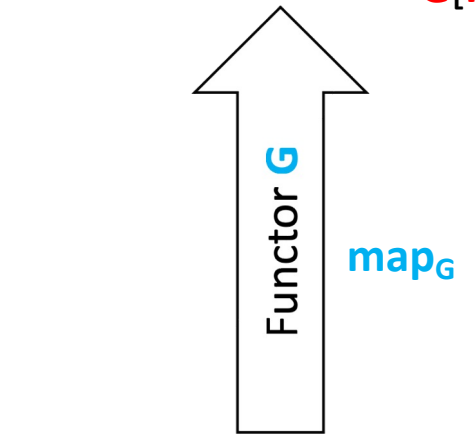
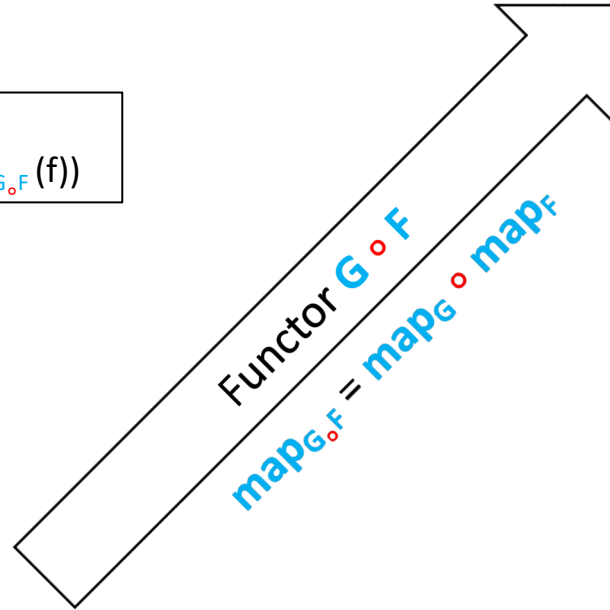
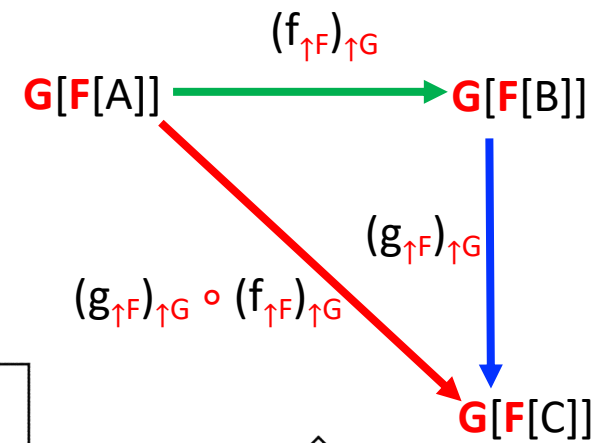
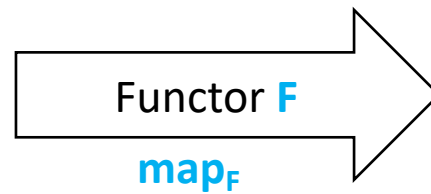
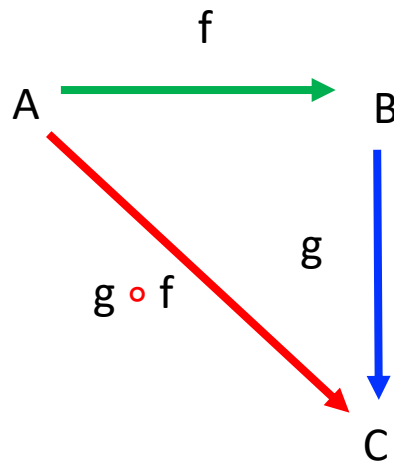
$$G \circ F(\text{id}_X) = \text{id}_{G \circ F(X)}$$

i.e. **$\text{map}_{G \circ F}(\text{id}_X) = (\text{id}_{X \uparrow F})_{\uparrow G}$**



To keep the diagram simple, we are only illustrating the first law and we are not showing the Functor mappings between functions, e.g. $f \xrightarrow{F} f_{\uparrow F} \xrightarrow{G} (f_{\uparrow F})_{\uparrow G}$

Functions: $f, g, g \circ f, f_{\uparrow F}, g_{\uparrow F}, g_{\uparrow F} \circ f_{\uparrow F}$, etc
 Higher Order functions: **$\text{map}_F, \text{map}_G, \text{map}_{G \circ F}$**



1st Functor Law

```
assert( (mapList(inc compose twice))(List(1,2,3)) == (mapList(inc))(mapList(twice)(List(1,2,3))) )
assert( (mapList(inc compose twice))(List(1,2,3)) == List(3,5,7) )
assert( (mapList(inc))(mapList(twice)(List(1,2,3))) == List(3,5,7) )
```

```
def inc: Int => Int = _ + 1
def twice: Int => Int = _ * 2
```

Functor Composition

The **composition** of two **functors** is a **functor** whose **map** is the **composition** of the corresponding **maps**

```
// mapOptionList = mapOption compose mapList
assert(mapOptionList(square)(Some(List(1,2,3))) == mapOption(mapList(square))(Some(List(1,2,3))))
assert(mapOptionList(square)(Some(List(1,2,3))) == Some(List(1,4,9)))
assert((mapOption(mapList(square))(Some(List(1,2,3)))) == Some(List(1,4,9)))
```

1st Functor Law and Functor Composition together

```
// mapOptionList = mapOption compose mapList
assert(((mapOptionList(inc compose twice))(Some(List(1,2,3))))
      == (mapOption(mapList(inc)))(mapOption(mapList(twice))(Some(List(1,2,3))))))
assert((mapOption(mapList(inc)))(mapOption(mapList(twice))(Some(List(1,2,3)))) == Some(List(3,5,7)))
assert(((mapOptionList(inc compose twice))(Some(List(1,2,3)))) == Some(List(3,5,7)))
```

Mapping the **composition** of **f** and **g** is the same as first applying the **mapping** of **f** and then applying the **mapping** of **g**.



Mapping **f** with the **composition** of two **functors** is the same as first **mapping f** with the 1st **functor** and then **mapping** the result with the 2nd **functor**.



Mapping the **composition** of **g** and **f** with the **composition** of two **functors** is the same as doing the following:

1. **mapping f** first with the 1st **functor** and then with the 2nd **functor**
2. **mapping g** first with the 1st **functor** and then with the 2nd **functor**
3. applying first the function computed in (1) and then the function computed in (2)

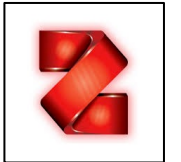


In **Scalaz** there is a **CompositionFunctor** trait



```
package scalaz
```

```
private trait CompositionFunctor[F[_], G[_]] extends Functor[λ[α => F[G[α]]]] {  
  implicit def F: Functor[F]  
  implicit def G: Functor[G]  
  override def map[A, B](fga: F[G[A]])(f: A => B): F[G[B]] =  
    F(fga)(G.lift(f))  
}
```



Let's adopt a similar approach to provide a **functor composition** trait

```
trait CompositionFunctor[F[_],G[_]] extends Functor[λ[α => F[G[α]]]] {  
  implicit def F: Functor[F]  
  implicit def G: Functor[G]  
  override def map[A, B](fga: F[G[A]])(f: A => B): F[G[B]] =  
    F.map(fga)(ga => G.map(ga)(f))  
}
```



Let's see two examples of **composing functors**
using our **CompositionFunctor**

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```
trait Functor[F[_]] {  
  def map[A,B](fa: F[A])(f: A => B): F[B]  
}
```

```
implicit val listFunctor = new Functor[List] {  
  def map[A, B](fa: List[A])(f: A => B): List[B] = fa map f  
}
```

```
implicit val optionFunctor = new Functor[Option] {  
  def map[A, B](fa: Option[A])(f: A => B): Option[B] = fa map f  
}
```

```
trait CompositionFunctor[F[_],G[_]] extends Functor[λ[α => F[G[α]]]] {  
  implicit def F: Functor[F]  
  implicit def G: Functor[G]  
  override def map[A, B](fga: F[G[A]])(f: A => B): F[G[B]] =  
    F.map(fga)(ga => G.map(ga)(f))  
}
```

```
val listOptionFunctor = new CompositionFunctor[List,Option] {  
  implicit def F: Functor[List] = listFunctor  
  implicit def G: Functor[Option] = optionFunctor  
}
```

```
val twice: Int => Int = _ * 2  
val listOfOption = List(Some(3),None,Some(4))  
val doubledListOfOption = List(Some(6),None,Some(8))  
  
assert(listOptionFunctor.map(listOfOption)(twice) == doubledListOfOption)
```

using <https://github.com/non/kind-projector>
allows us to simplify type lambda (`{type f[α] = F[G[α]]}`)#f
to this: `λ[α => F[G[α]]]`



Composing the List Functor
with the Option Functor.


```
trait Functor[F[_]] {  
  def map[A,B](fa: F[A])(f: A => B): F[B]  
}
```

```
implicit val listFunctor = new Functor[List] {  
  def map[A, B](fa: List[A])(f: A => B): List[B] = fa map f  
}  
  
import scala.concurrent.ExecutionContext.Implicits.global  
val futureFunctor = new Functor[Future] {  
  def map[A, B](fa: Future[A])(f: A => B): Future[B] = fa map f (global)  
}
```

```
trait CompositionFunctor[F[_],G[_]] extends Functor[λ[α => F[G[α]]]] {  
  implicit def F: Functor[F]  
  implicit def G: Functor[G]  
  override def map[A, B](fga: F[G[A]])(f: A => B): F[G[B]] =  
    F.map(fga)(ga => G.map(ga)(f))  
}
```

```
val futureOptionFunctor = new CompositionFunctor[Future,Option] {  
  implicit def F: Functor[Future] = futureFunctor  
  implicit def G: Functor[Option] = optionFunctor  
}
```

```
assert( Await.result( futureOptionFunctor.map(Future{ Some(3) })(twice), Duration.Inf) == Some(6) )
```



Composing the Option Functor
with the Future Functor.



Instead of having a trait, let's have a **compose** method on **Functor**

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```

trait Functor[F[_]] {

  def map[A,B](fa: F[A])(f: A => B): F[B]

  def compose[G[_]](G: Functor[G]): Functor[λ[α=>F[G[α]]]] = {
    val self = this
    new Functor[λ[α => F[G[α]]]] {
      override def map[A, B](fga: F[G[A]])(f: A => B): F[G[B]] =
        self.map(fga)(ga => G.map(ga)(f))
    }
  }
}

```



So that we can create a **composite functor** with

```
listFunctor compose optionFunctor
```

rather than with

```

new CompositionFunctor[Future[Option]]{
  ...
  ...
}

```

```

implicit val listFunctor = new Functor[List] {
  def map[A, B](fa: List[A])(f: A => B): List[B] = fa map f
}

implicit val optionFunctor = new Functor[Option] {
  def map[A, B](fa: Option[A])(f: A => B): Option[B] = fa map f
}

```

```
val double: Int => Int = _ * 2
```

```

// Functor[List[Option]] = Functor[List] compose Functor[Option]
val optionListFunctor = listFunctor compose optionFunctor

assert(optionListFunctor.map(List(Some(1),Some(2),Some(3)))(double) == List(Some(2),Some(4),Some(6)))

```

```

// Functor[Option[List]] = Functor[Option] compose Functor[List]
val listOptionFunctor = optionFunctor compose listFunctor

assert(listOptionFunctor.map(Some(List(1,2,3)))(double) == Some(List(2,4,6)))

```