

Programming Languages and Compilers (CS 421)

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Functions Over Lists

```
# let rec double_up list =
  match list
  with [] -> [] (* pattern before ->,
                 expression after *)
       | (x :: xs) -> (x :: x :: double_up xs);;
val double_up : 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
# let fib5_2 = double_up fib5;;
val fib5_2 : int list = [8; 8; 5; 5; 3; 3; 2; 2; 1;
1; 1; 1]
```

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Functions Over Lists

```
# let silly = double_up ["hi"; "there"];;
val silly : string list = ["hi"; "hi"; "there"; "there"]
# let rec poor_rev list =
  match list
  with [] -> []
       | (x::xs) -> poor_rev xs @ [x];;
val poor_rev : 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
# poor_rev silly;;
- : string list = ["there"; "there"; "hi"; "hi"]
```

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```
let rec same_length list1 list2 =
  match list1 with [] ->
    (match list2 with [] -> true
     | (y::ys) -> false)
  | (x::xs) ->
    (match list2 with [] -> false
     | (y::ys) -> same_length xs ys)
```

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Your turn: doubleList : int list -> int list

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Higher-Order Functions Over Lists

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# let rec map f list =  
  match list  
  with [] -> []  
       | (h::t) -> (f h) :: (map f t);;  
val map : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list = <fun>  
# map plus_two fib5;;  
- : int list = [10; 7; 5; 4; 3; 3]  
# map (fun x -> x - 1) fib6;;  
: int list = [12; 7; 4; 2; 1; 0; 0]
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Mapping Recursion

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# let doubleList list =  
  List.map (fun x -> 2 * x) list;;  
val doubleList : int list -> int list = <fun>  
# doubleList [2;3;4];;  
- : int list = [4; 6; 8]
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- Same function, but no explicit recursion

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Folding Recursion

- Another common form “folds” an operation over the elements of the structure

```
# let rec multList list = match list
with [ ] -> 1
| x::xs -> x * multList xs;;
val multList : int list -> int = <fun>
# multList [2;4;6];;
- : int = 48
```

- Computes $(2 * (4 * (6 * 1)))$

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Folding Recursion : Length Example

```
# let rec length list = match list
with [ ] -> 0 (* Nil case *)
| a :: bs -> 1 + length bs;; (* Cons case *)
val length : 'a list -> int = <fun>
# length [5; 4; 3; 2];;
- : int = 4
```

- Nil case [] is base case, 0 is the base value
- Cons case recurses on component list *bs*
- What do *multList* and *length* have in common?

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Forward Recursion

- In Structural Recursion, split input into components and (eventually) recurse
- Forward Recursion form of Structural Recursion
- In forward recursion, first call the function recursively on all recursive components, and then build final result from partial results
- Wait until whole structure has been traversed to start building answer

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Forward Recursion: Examples

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with [] -> []
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Recurring over lists

```
# let rec fold_right f list b =
match list
with [] -> b
| (x :: xs) -> f x (fold_right f xs b);;
val fold_right : ('a -> 'b -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b -> 'b =
<fun>
# fold_right
(fun s -> fun () -> print_string s)
["hi"; "there"]
();;
therehi : unit = ()w
```



The Primitive
Recursion Fairy

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Folding Recursion : Length Example

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val length : 'a list -> int = <fun>
# let length list =
  fold_right (fun a -> fun r -> 1 + r) list 0;;
val length : 'a list -> int = <fun>
# length [5; 4; 3; 2];;
- : int = 4
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Folding Recursion

```
■ multList folds to the right
■ Same as:
# let multList list =
  List.fold_right
    (fun x -> fun p -> x * p)
    list 1;;
val multList : int list -> int = <fun>
# multList [2;4;6];;
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  Base Case Operator Recursive Call
# let double_up =
  fold_right (fun x -> fun r -> x :: x :: r) list []
  Operator Recursive result Base Case
# double_up ["a";"b"];;
- : string list = ["a"; "a"; "b"; "b"]
```

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Encoding Forward Recursion with Fold

```
# let rec append list1 list2 =
val append : 'a list -> 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
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  [] -> list2
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val append : 'a list -> 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>  
# append [1;2;3] [4;5;6];;  
- : int list = [1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6]
```

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Tail Recursion

- A recursive program is tail recursive if all recursive calls are tail calls
- Tail recursive programs may be optimized to be implemented as loops, thus removing the function call overhead for the recursive calls
- Tail recursion generally requires extra “accumulator” arguments to pass partial results
 - May require an auxiliary function

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Terminology

- **Available:** A function call that can be executed by the current expression
- The fastest way to be unavailable is to be guarded by an abstraction (anonymous function, lambda lifted).

- if (h x) then f x else (x + g x)
- if (h x) then (fun x -> f x) else (g (x + x))



Not available

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Terminology

- Tail Position: A subexpression *s* of expressions *e*, which is **available** and such that if evaluated, will be taken as the value of *e*
 - if (x>3) then x + 2 else x - 4
 - let x = 5 in x + 4
- Tail Call: A function call that occurs in tail position
 - if (h x) then f x else (x + g x)

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Tail Recursion - length

- How can we write length with tail recursion?

let length list =

let rec length_aux list acc_length =

match list

with [] -> acc_length

| (x::xs) ->

length_aux xs (1 + acc_length)

in length_aux list 0

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