

# MOD08: Functional Programming

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This prepares you for the next weeks

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  - Blocks 2+3: parsing

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- Quiz: 10(+2) questions
  - VoxVote; as before
  - Work in pairs
  - End scores are shown
    - ...but you may vote anonymously
  - For each question:
    - One minute: reading question; think about it for yourself
    - Two minutes: discussion and voting
    - Class discussion
    - Explanation and background

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# Quiz

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- B otherwise = (==)
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**where**  $(x, y) = f(a, b)$

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What does  $q$  evaluate to?

- A The compiler does not accept this code.
- B The code hangs during evaluation
- C 0
- D 20

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## Lazy evaluation example

```
x = ([1..], 2)
```

```
y = snd x
```

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`f q = map (2 :) q`

A `f :: Num a => a -> a`

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flip :: (a -> b -> c) -> b -> a -> c
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A `g :: ([a] -> [b] -> [c]) -> [b] -> [a] -> [c]`

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## Type checking analogy: Zebra riddle

1. There are five houses.
2. The Englishman lives in the red house.
3. The Spaniard owns the dog.
4. Coffee is drunk in the green house.
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Questions: Who drinks water? Who owns the zebra?

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## Question 8

Consider the following (correct) Haskell code:

```
vlen :: [Double] -> Double
```

```
vlen vs = sqrt $ sum $ map (^2) vs
```

Is the following alternative definition also correct?

```
vlen' :: [Double] -> Double
```

```
vlen' = sqrt $ sum $ map (^2)
```

- A Yes, due to currying
- B Yes, since this is the point-free style
- C No, now `map` receives only one argument (not two)
- D No, now `vlen'` does not receive an argument

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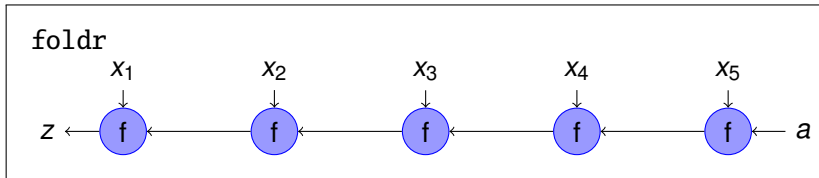
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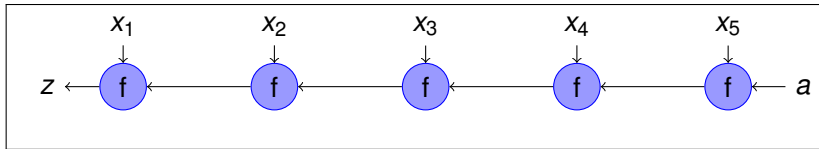
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