



## Robot Programming with Lisp

4. Functional Programming: Higher-order Functions, Map/Reduce, Lexical Scope

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- usage of lists as a main data structure; ....





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**Conclusion**: functional programming becomes more and more popular.





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## **Defining a Function**

### Signature

```
CL-USER>
(defun my-cool-function-name (arg-1 arg-2 arg-3 arg-4)
   "This function combines its 4 input arguments into a list
and returns it."
   (list arg-1 arg-2 arg-3 arg-4))
```

### **Optional Arguments**





# Defining a Function [2]

### Key Arguments

```
CL-USER>
(defun specific-optional (arg-1 arg-2 &key arg-3 arg-4)

"This function demonstrates how to pass a value to
a specific optional argument."

(list arg-1 arg-2 arg-3 arg-4))
SPECIFIC-OPTIONAL

CL-USER> (specific-optional 1 2 3 4)
unknown &KEY argument: 3

CL-USER> (specific-optional 1 2 :arg-4 4)
(1 2 NIL 4)
```





# Defining a Function [3]

## Unlimited Number of Arguments





## Multiple Values

### list vs. values

```
CL-USER> (defvar *some-list* (list 1 2 3))
*SOME-LIST*
CL-USER> *some-list.*
(1 2 3)
CL-USER> (defvar *values?* (values 1 2 3))
*VALUES?*
CL-USER> *values?*
CL-USER> (values 1 2 3)
CL-USER> *
CL-USER> //
(1 2 3)
```





# Multiple Values [2]

### Returning Multiple Values!

```
CL-USER> (defvar *db* '((Anna 1987) (Bob 1899) (Charlie 1980)))
         (defun name-and-birth-vear (id)
           (values (first (nth (- id 1) *db*))
                    (second (nth (- id 1) *db*))))
NAME-AND-BIRTH-YEAR
CL-USER> (name-and-birth-year 2)
BOB
1899
CL-USER> (multiple-value-bind (name year) (name-and-birth-year 2)
           (format t "~a was born in ~a.~%" name year))
BOB was born in 1899.
NTL
```

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# Function Designators Similar to C pointers or Java references

## Designator of a Function

```
CL-USER> (describe '+)
COMMON-LISP:+
  [symbol]
+ names a special variable:
+ names a compiled function:
CL-USER> # '+
CL-USER> (symbol-function '+)
#<FUNCTION +>
CL-USER> (describe #'+)
#<FUNCTION +>
  [compiled function]
Lambda-list: (&REST NUMBERS)
Declared type: (FUNCTION (&REST NUMBER) (VALUES NUMBER &OPTIONAL))
Derived type: (FUNCTION (&REST T) (VALUES NUMBER &OPTIONAL))
Documentation: ...
Source file: SYS:SRC; CODE; NUMBERS.LISP
```





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## **Higher-order Functions**

### Function as Argument

```
CL-USER> (funcall #'+ 1 2 3)
CL-USER> (apply #'+ '(1 2 3))
6
CL-USER> (defun transform-1 (num) (/ 1.0 num))
TRANSFORM-1
CL-USER> (defun transform-2 (num) (sqrt num))
TRANSFORM-2
CL-USER> (defun print-transformed (a-number a-function)
           (format t "~a transformed with ~a becomes ~a.~%"
                   a-number a-function (funcall a-function a-number)))
PRINT-TRANSFORMED
CL-USER> (print-transformed 4 #'transform-1)
4 transformed with #<FUNCTION TRANSFORM-1> becomes 0.25.
CL-USER> (print-transformed 4 #'transform-2)
4 transformed with #<FUNCTION TRANSFORM-2> becomes 2.0.
CL-USER> (sort '(2 6 3 7 1 5) #'>)
(7 6 5 3 2 1)
```





# Higher-order Functions [2]

### Function as Return Value

```
CL-USER> (defun give-me-some-function ()
            (case (random 5)
              (0 # ' +)
              (1 # ' -)
              (2 # ' *)
              (3 # '/)
              (4 #'values)))
GIVE-ME-SOME-FUNCTION
CL-USER> (give-me-some-function)
#<FUNCTION ->
CL-USER> (funcall (give-me-some-function) 10 5)
5
CL-USER> (funcall (give-me-some-function) 10 5)
2
```





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## Anonymous Functions

#### lambda

```
CL-USER> (sort '((1 2 3 4) (3 4) (6 3 6)) #'>)
The value (3 4) is not of type NUMBER.
CL-USER> (sort '((1 2 3 4) (3 4) (6 3 6)) #'> :kev #'car)
((6 3 6) (3 4) (1 2 3 4))
CL-USER> (sort '((1 2 3 4) (3 4) (6 3 6))
               (lambda (x v)
                 (> (length x) (length y))))
((1 2 3 4) (6 3 6) (3 4))
CL-USER> (defun random-generator-a-to-b (a b)
           (lambda () (+ (random (- b a)) a)))
RANDOM-GENERATOR-A-TO-B
CL-USER> (random-generator-a-to-b 5 10)
#<CLOSURE (LAMBDA () :IN RANDOM-GENERATOR-A-TO-B) {100D31F90B}>
CL-USER (funcall (random-generator-a-to-b 5 10))
```

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## Currying

### Back to Generators

```
CL-USER> (let ((x^10-lambda (lambda (x) (expt x 10))))
            (dolist (elem '(2 3))
              (format t "\sima^10 = \sima\sim8" elem (funcall x^10-lambda elem))))
2^10 = 1024
3^10 = 59049
;; The following only works with roslisp repl. Otherwise do first:
;; (pushnew #p"/.../alexandria" asdf:*central-registry* :test #'equal)
CL-USER> (asdf:load-system :alexandria)
CL-USER> (dolist (elem '(2 3))
           (format t "~a^10 = ~a~%"
                    elem (funcall (alexandria:curry #'expt 10) elem)))
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# **Mapping**

Mapping in functional programming is the process of applying a function to all members of a list, returning a list of results.

Supported in most functional programming languages and, in addition

- C++ (STL) Java 8+
- Python 1.0+
- C# 3.0+

- JavaScript 1.6+ PHP 4.0+
- Ruby

 Mathematica Smalltalk. ...

Matlab

Perl

- Prolog

In some of the languages listed the implementation is limited and not elegant.





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### mapcar

```
CL-USER> (mapcar #'abs '(-2 6 -24 4.6 -0.2d0 -1/5))
(2 6 24 4.6 0.2d0 1/5)
CL-USER> (mapcar #'list '(1 2 3 4))
((1) (2) (3) (4))
CL-USER> (mapcar #'second '((1 2 3) (a b c) (10/3 20/3 30/3)))
?
CL-USER> (mapcar #'+ '(1 2 3 4 5) '(10 20 30 40))
?
CL-USER> (mapcar #'cons '(a b c) '(1 2 3))
?
CL-USER> (mapcar (lambda (x) (expt 10 x)) '(2 3 4))
?
```

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(2 B 20/3)
CL-USER> (mapcar #'+ '(1 2 3 4 5) '(10 20 30 40))
(11 22 33 44)
CL-USER> (mapcar #'cons '(a b c) '(1 2 3))
((A . 1) (B . 2) (C . 3))
CL-USER> (mapcar (lambda (x) (expt 10 x)) '(2 3 4))
(100 1000 10000)
```

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# Mapping [3]

mapc is mostly used for functions with side effects.

**mapc** function list-1 & rest more-lists  $\Rightarrow$  list-1

```
mapc
```

```
CL-USER> (mapc #'set '(*a* *b* *c*) '(1 2 3))
(*A* *B* *C*)
CL-USER> *c*
CL-USER> (mapc #'format '(t t) '("hello, " "world~%"))
hello, world
(T T)
CL-USER> (mapc (alexandria:curry #'format t) '("hello, " "world~%"))
hello, world
("hello~%" "world~%")
CL-USER (mapc (alexandria:curry #'format t "~a ") '(1 2 3 4))
1 2 3 4
(1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4)
CL-USER> (let (temp)
           (mapc (lambda (x) (push x temp)) '(1 2 3))
          temp)
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```





# Mapping [4]

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**mapcan** function list-1 & rest more-lists  $\Rightarrow$  concatenated-results If the results are not lists, the consequences are undefined.

```
nconc vs list
CL-USER> (list '(1 2) nil '(3 45) '(4 8) nil)
((1 2) NIL (3 45) (4 8) NIL)
CL-USER> (nconc '(1 2) nil '(3 45) '(4 8) nil)
(1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 45 \ 4 \ 8)
CL-USER> (nconc '(1 2) nil 3 '(45) '(4 8) nil)
; Evaluation aborted on #<TYPE-ERROR expected-type: LIST datum: 1>.
CL-USER> (let ((first-list (list 1 2 3))
                (second-list (list 4 5)))
            (values (nconc first-list second-list)
                    first-list
                    second-list))
         (1 2 3 4 5)
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         (45)
```





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maplist function list-1 & rest more-lists  $\Rightarrow$  result-list

```
maplist
CL-USER> (mapcar #'identity '(1 2 3))
(1 2 3)
CL-USER> (maplist #'identity '(1 2 3))
((1 2 3) (2 3) (3))
CL-USER> (maplist (lambda (x)
                     (when (>= (length x) 2)
                        (- (second x) (first x))))
                   '(2 2 3 3 3 2 3 2 3 2 2 3))
                     (0 1 0 0 -1 1 -1 1 -1 0 1 NTL)
CL-USER> (maplist (lambda (a-list) (apply #'* a-list)) '(4 3 2 1))
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         (24 6 2 1)
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```





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**mapcon** function list-1 & rest more-lists  $\Rightarrow$  concatenated-results

#### mapl

#### mapcon

```
CL-USER> (mapcon #'reverse '(4 3 2 1))
(1 2 3 4 1 2 3 1 2 1)
CL-USER> (mapcon #'identity '(1 2 3 4))
; Evaluation aborted on NIL.
```





### Mapping [6]

map is a generalization of mapcar for sequences (lists and vectors).

map result-type function first-sequence &rest more-sequences ⇒ result

```
CL-USER> (mapcar #'+ #(1 2 3) #(10 20 30))
The value \#(1\ 2\ 3) is not of type LIST.
CL-USER> (map 'vector #'+ #(1 2 3) #(10 20 30))
#(11 22 33)
CL-USER> (map 'list #'+ '(1 2 3) '(10 20 30))
(11 22 33)
CL-USER> (map 'list #'identity '(#\h #\e #\l #\l #\o))
(#\h #\e #\l #\l #\o)
CL-USER> (map 'string #'identity '(#\h #\e #\l #\l #\o))
```

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"hello"





### Reduction

**reduce** function sequence &key key from-end start end initial-value  $\Rightarrow$  result Uses a binary operation, function, to combine the elements of sequence.

#### reduce

```
CL-USER> (reduce (lambda (x y) (list x y)) '(1 2 3 4))
(((1 2) 3) 4)
CL-USER> (reduce (lambda (x y) (format t "~a ~a~%" x y)) '(1 2 3 4))
1 2
NIL 3
NIL 4
CL-USER> (reduce #'+ '()); ?
CL-USER> (reduce #'cons '(1 2 3 nil))
?
CL-USER> (reduce #'cons '(1 2 3) :from-end t :initial-value nil)
?
CL-USER> (reduce #'first :start 1 :initial-value -10)
?
```

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CL-USER> (reduce (lambda (x y) (format t "\sima \sima\sim%" x y)) '(1 2 3 4))
1 2
NTT<sub>1</sub> 3
NTI 4
CL-USER> (reduce #'+ '()) ; ?
CL-USER> (reduce #'cons '(1 2 3 nil))
(((1 . 2) . 3))
CL-USER> (reduce #'cons '(1 2 3) :from-end t :initial-value nil)
(1 2 3)
CL-USER> (reduce #'+ '((1 2) (3 4) (5 6))
                   :key #'first :start 1 :initial-value -10)
-2 := -10 + 3 + 5
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```

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### MapReduce

Google's MapReduce is a programming paradigm used mostly in huge databases for distributed processing. It was originally used for updating the index of the WWW in their search engine.

Currently supported by AWS, MongoDB, ...

Inspired by the map and reduce paradigms of functional programming.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MapReduce

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### MapReduce [2] Example

Task: calculate at which time interval the number of travelers on the tram is the highest (intervals are "early morning", "late morning", ...) Database: per interval hourly entries on number of travelers (e.g. db early morning:  $6:00 \rightarrow \text{Tram}6 \rightarrow 100$ ,  $7:00 \rightarrow \text{Tram}8 \rightarrow 120$ ) Map step: per DB, go through tram lines and sum up travelers:

- DB1 early morning: (Tram6  $\rightarrow$  2000) (Tram8  $\rightarrow$  1000) ...
- DB6 late night: (Tram6  $\rightarrow$  200) (Tram4  $\rightarrow$  500) ...

Reduce: calculate maximum of all databases for each tram line:

Tram6  $\rightarrow$  3000 (late morning)

Tram8  $\rightarrow$  1300 (early evening)

. . .





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### The let Environment

#### let

```
CL-USER> (let ((a 1)
               (b 2))
           (values a b))
CL-USER> (values a b)
The variable A is unbound.
CL-USER> (defvar some-var 'global)
         (let ((some-var 'outer))
           (let ((some-var 'inter))
             (format t "some-var inner: ~a~%" some-var))
           (format t "some-var outer: ~a~%" some-var))
         (format t "global-var: ~a~%" some-var)
?
```

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           (format t "some-var outer: ~a~%" some-var))
         (format t "global-var: ~a~%" some-var)
some-var inner: INTER
some-var outer: OUTER
global-var: GLOBAL
```





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# The let Environment [2]

### let\*

```
CL-USER> (let ((a 4)
                (a^2 (expt a 2)))
            (values a a^2))
The variable A is unbound.
CL-USER> (let* ((a 4)
                 (a^2 (expt a 2)))
            (values a a^2))
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```





### Lexical Variables

In Lisp, non-global variable values are, when possible, determined at compile time. They are bound lexically, i.e. they are bound to the code they're defined in, not to the run-time state of the program.

#### Riddle

```
CL-USER> (let* ((lexical-var 304)
                (some-lambda (lambda () (+ lexical-var 100))))
           (setf lexical-var 4)
           (funcall some-lambda))
?
```

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104
```

This is one single let block, therefore lexical-var is the same everywhere in the block.





### Lexical scope with lambda and defun

```
CL-USER> (defun return-x (x)
            (let ((x 304))
              x))
          (return-x 3)
?
```

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### Lexical scope with lambda and defun

```
CL-USER> (defun return-x (x)
            (let ((x 304))
              x))
          (return-x 3)
304
```

lambda-s and defun-s create lexical local variables per default.

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           (funcall some-lambda))
104
CL-USER> lexical-var
: Evaluation aborted on #<UNBOUND-VARIABLE LEXICAL-VAR {100AA9C403}>.
CL-USER> (let ((another-var 304)
               (another-lambda (lambda () (+ another-var 100))))
           (setf another-var 4)
           (funcall another-lambda))
: caught WARNING:
    undefined variable: ANOTHER-VAR
 Evaluation aborted on #<UNBOUND-VARIABLE ANOTHER-VAR {100AD51473}>.
```





### More Examples

```
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           (setf other-var 4)
           (funcall other-lambda))
 caught WARNING:
    undefined variable: OTHER-VAR
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CL-USER> other-var
CL-USER> (describe 'other-var)
COMMON-LISP-USER: :OTHER-VAR
  [symbol]
OTHER-VAR names an undefined variable:
 Value: 4
```





### More Examples

```
CL-USER> (let ((some-var 304))
           (defun some-fun () (+ some-var 100))
           (setf some-var 4)
           (funcall #'some-fun))
?
```

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### More Examples

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           (setf some-var 4)
           (funcall #'some-fun))
104
;; Alt-. on DEFUN brings you to "defboot.lisp"
(defmacro-mundanely defun (&environment env name args &body body)
  (multiple-value-bind (forms decls doc) (parse-body body)
    (let* ((lambda-guts `(,args ...))
           (lambda `(lambda ,@lambda-quts)) ...
```

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### Riddle #2

```
CL-USER> (let ((lex 'initial-value))
            (defun return-lex ()
             lex)
            (defun return-lex-arg (lex)
              (return-lex))
            (format t "return-lex: ~a~%"
                    (return-lex))
            (format t "return-lex-arg: ~a~%"
                    (return-lex-arg 'new-value))
            (format t "return-lex again: ~a~%"
                    (return-lex)))
?
```

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                    (return-lex-arg 'new-value))
           (format t "return-lex again: ~a~%"
                    (return-lex)))
; caught STYLE-WARNING:
    The variable LEX is defined but never used.
return-lex: INITIAL-VALUE
return-lex-arg: INITIAL-VALUE
return-lex again: INITIAL-VALUE
```





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### **Dynamic Variables**

### Riddle #3

```
CL-USER> (defvar dyn 'initial-value)
CL-USER> (defun return-dyn ()
             dyn)
CL-USER> (defun return-dyn-arg (dyn)
           (return-dvn))
CL-USER>
(format t "return-dyn: ~a~%"
        (return-dyn))
(format t "return-dyn-arg: ~a~%"
        (return-dyn-arg 'new-value))
(format t "return-dyn again: ~a~%"
        (return-dyn))
?
```





### **Dynamic Variables**

### Riddle #3

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CL-USER> (defun return-dyn ()
             dyn)
CL-USER> (defun return-dyn-arg (dyn)
           (return-dvn))
CL-USER>
(format t "return-dvn: ~a~%"
        (return-dyn))
(format t "return-dyn-arg: ~a~%"
        (return-dyn-arg 'new-value))
(format t "return-dyn again: ~a~%"
        (return-dvn))
return-dyn: INITIAL-VALUE
return-dyn-arg: NEW-VALUE
return-dyn again: INITIAL-VALUE
```

defvar and defparameter create dynamically-bound variables.



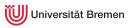


### **Local Function Definitions**

#### flet

```
CL-USER> (defun some-pseudo-code ()
           (flet ((do-something (arg-1)
                     (format t "doing something ~a now...~%" arg-1)))
              (format t "hello.~%")
              (do-something "nice")
              (format t "hello once again.~%")
              (do-something "evil")))
SOME-PSEUDO-CODE
CL-USER> (some-pseudo-code)
hello.
doing something nice now...
hello once again.
doing something evil now...
NTT.
CL-USER> (do-something)
: Evaluation aborted on #<UNDEFINED-FUNCTION DO-SOMETHING {101C7A9213}>.
```





### Local Function Definitions [2]

#### flet, labels





### Local Function Definitions [2]

### flet, labels

```
CL-USER> (let* ((lexical-var 304)
                 (some-lambda (lambda () (+ lexical-var 100))))
           (let ((lexical-var 4))
              (funcall some-lambda)))
404
CL-USER> (let ((lexical-var 304))
           (flet ((some-function () (+ lexical-var 100)))
              (let ((lexical-var 4))
               (some-function))))
404
CL-USER> (labels ((first-fun () (format t "inside FIRST~%"))
                   (second-fun ()
                     (format t "inside SECOND~%")
                     (first-fun)))
           (second-fun))
inside SECOND
inside FIRST
```





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### Guidelines

- Avoid global variables! Use for constants.
- If your function generates side-effects, name it correspondingly (either foo! which is preferred, or foof as in setf, or nfoo as in nconc)
- Use Ctrl-Alt-\ on a selected region to fix indentation
- Try to keep the brackets all together:

### This looks weird in Lisp

```
(if condition do-this do-that
```





Alexandria documentation:

http://common-lisp.net/project/alexandria/draft/alexandria.html





### Info Summary

• Assignment code: REPO/assignment\_4/src/...

Assignment points: 10 points

Assignment due: 14.11, Wednesday, 23:59 German time

• Next class: 15.11, 14:15





Thanks for your attention!