

Dyalog APL/W Version 9.0  
 Function Results Edition  
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 clear ws

A In what follows, note the difference between  
 A <naming a function> and <naming its result>:

```

dup ← {ω ω}          A name a D-function

vis ← {ω ω} 20       A name the result of a D-function

dup                  A show the D-function
{ω ω}
vis                  A show the result
20 20

```

A In this experimental version of the interpreter,  
 A a dyadic function with a missing right argument  
 A binds its left argument to form a monadic function.  
 A This phenomenon is known as "currying":

```

doub ← 2 ×           A name a doubling function

doub 5               A apply the function
10

```

A Secondly, a D-function can return a FUNCTION,  
 A so we can parameterise the above definition.

A To avoid confusion, we will distinguish function-returning functions  
 A with names ending in Δ. The Δ has no significance for the interpreter.

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mulΔ ← {ω×}         A name a function-returning function

trip ← mulΔ 3       A name a tripling function result
half ← mulΔ ÷2      A name a halving function result

half trip doub 5    A apply functions
15
(mulΔ 6) 7         A return and apply function
42
doub                A show function          ---.
2 ×
trip                A show function          ---'
3 ×
half                A show function
0.5 ×
mulΔ                A show the function-returning function
{ω×}

```

A <uns> is a regular D-function, often used with ⎕nread,  
 A to "cast" an α-bit integer array to unsigned numbers:

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uns ← {base←2*α ⋄ base|base+ω}   A unsigned numbers    ---.

⎕ ← nums ← ¯3+⌈5                 A test sequence      ·
-2 -1 0 1 2

      8 uns nums                 A cast to 8-bit unsigned  ·
254 255 0 1 2

     16 uns nums                 A cast to 16-bit unsigned ·
65534 65535 0 1 2

```

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A We can bind a special function for any particular word width:
uns8 ← 8 uns                A bind an 8-bit cast      ---.
uns8 nums                    A cast to 8-bit unsigned .
254 255 0 1 2

A Alternatively, we can code an equivalent function-returning function:
unsΔ ← {base←2*ω ◊ {base|base+ω}} A unsigned numbers ---.
uns8 ← unsΔ 8                A name an 8-bit cast   ---'
uns8 nums                    A cast to 8-bit unsigned .
254 255 0 1 2

uns8                          A show returned function---|
{base|base+ω} ; base←256

A <uns8> is a new type of function, called a "closure",
A · which is a function
A · · bound with the local environment
A · · · of the D-function that returned it. ---'
A
A Function ++ Environment => Closure

A Here is another example: the inverse of <unsΔ> is a function <intΔ>,
A which returns a function, which casts to signed integers:

intΔ ← {base half←2*ω-0 1 ◊ {(base|half+ω)-half}} A ---.
int8 ← intΔ 8                A name an 8-bit signed cast .
int8 0 127 128 255          A cast to 8-bit signed .
0 127 -128 -1

int8                          A show the closure ---.
{(base|half+ω)-half} ; half←128, base←256

A We say: The function {···}, "where" half is 128 "and" base is 256.
A Here's how it works:
A When a D-function returns a function,
A · it binds a copy of its local environment to the result. ---'
A When a closure is evaluated,
A · its bound environment is pushed onto the stack,
A · · installing local values and
A · · · shadowing any items of the same name. ---'

A Some more examples ...

bktΔ ← {L←α ◊ R←ω ◊ {L,ω,R}} A bracketing function ---. (Dfn)
brack ← '[' bktΔ ']'        A square-bracketed . (Csr)
brack'hello'                A apply closure .
[hello]

brack
{L,ω,R} ; L←'[', R←']'    A show closure .

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s
{((iN+←ω)+N) ; N←7
                                A show the closure      ---'

0
  []nc'N'
                                A look: no global N

  A We say: N is a "Persistent Local Variable" of function s.

  A Here is another example of the use of a persistent local variable:

  fib ← {ω∈0 1:ω ◊ +/fib''ω-1 2}  A naïve coding for ωth Fibonacci number

  fib'' time ι30
                                A ... is rather slow      :-(
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memoΔ
{
  to fm←α ω
  αα{
    (cω)∈fm:(fmιcω)▷to
    ▷θρϕfm to,◦c←αα\ω ω
  }
}
                                A Memoization operator.
                                A result values and keys.
                                A αα is subject function.
                                A arg known: corresponding rslt.
                                A otherwise: calculate & remember.

  fib ← θ fib memoΔ θ
                                A "memoized" Fibonacci

  fib'' time ι100
                                A ... is somewhat quicker
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A Further, we can let memoΔ take care of the base cases of the recursion:

  fib ← {+/fib''ω-1 2}
                                A naïve coding for ωth Fibonacci number

  fib ← 0 1 fib memoΔ 0 1
                                A "memoized" Fibonacci

  fib'' time ι1000
                                A also quick
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A Closures may be nested ...

  sum ← {a←ω ◊ {b←ω ◊ {c←ω ◊ {a+b+c+ω}}}} A dfn → csr → csr → csr → array

  sum
  {a←ω ◊ {b←ω ◊ {c←ω ◊ {a+b+c+ω}}}}
                                A sum is a D-function,

  sum 1
  {b←ω ◊ {c←ω ◊ {a+b+c+ω}} ; a←1
                                A · which returns a closure,

  (sum 1)2
  {c←ω ◊ {a+b+c+ω}} ; b←2; a←1
                                A · · which returns a closure,

  ((sum 1)2)3
  {a+b+c+ω} ; c←3; b←2; a←1
                                A · · · which returns a closure,

  (((sum 1)2)3)4
                                A · · · · which returns an array.
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A Let's extend our sequence function,
A · to return a closure,
A · · which returns a <pair> of sequences:

ssΔ ← {N n←ω ◊ {(ι''N n←ω)+N n}}
                                A sequences function

ss ← ssΔ 100 0
                                A sequences

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    ss 3 2                A next 3 and 2 numbers
101 102 103 1 2

    ss 3 2                A 3 and 2 more numbers
104 105 106 3 4

    ss                    A show closure
{(i''N n+←ω)+N n} ; n←4, N←106

    A Next, let's localise variables N and n in separate closures:

    ssΔΔ ← {N←ω ◊ {n←ω ◊ {(i''N n+←ω)+N n}} } A sequences function function
    ssΔ ← ssΔΔ 0                A sequences function

    ssΔ                    A show closure                ---.
{n←ω ◊ {(i''N n+←ω)+N n}} ; N←0

    A Remember how closures work:
    A [1] When a D-function returns a function,
    A     · it binds a copy of its local environment to the result.
    A [2] When a closure is evaluated,
    A     · its bound environment is pushed onto the stack,
    A     · installing local values and
    A     · shadowing any items of the same name.

    A [2] => ssΔ's bound variable N is local while ssΔ is evaluated
    A [1] => and so N is bound to any function returned by ssΔ.
    A Ergo: closures returned by ssΔ <share> ssΔ's bound N.    ---'

    A New variables are created only as D evaluates a ←.

    ssΔ                    A show ssΔ again                ---.
{n←ω ◊ {(i''N n+←ω)+N n}} ; N←0

    s1 ← ssΔ 0                A sequences
    s1                    A show closure                ---|
{(i''N n+←ω)+N n} ; n←0; N←0

    s1 3 2                A next 3 and 2 numbers
1 2 3 1 2

    s1                    A show closure
{(i''N n+←ω)+N n} ; n←2; N←3

    ssΔ                    A s1 shares ssΔ's N                ---'
{n←ω ◊ {(i''N n+←ω)+N n}} ; N←3

    s2 ← ssΔ 0                A make another sequences
    s2                    A show closure
{(i''N n+←ω)+N n} ; n←0; N←3

    s2 2 3                A next 2 and 3 numbers
4 5 1 2 3

    ssΔ                    A s2 also shares ssΔ's N
{n←ω ◊ {(i''N n+←ω)+N n}} ; N←5

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    get 3                A <trace> get some values
two  three  four

    KΔ ← QΔΔ'en' 'to' 'tre'    A <trace> en anden kø med nogle numre
    tag ← KΔ'get'            A genererer en "tager"
    giv ← KΔ'put'           A genererer en giver
    tag 2                  A <trace> tager de næste numre
en  to

    get 2                A <trace> get some more values
five  six

    giv'fire'            A sætter et nummer ind
    put'eight'          A put a value
    get 2                A get last two values
seven  eight

    tag 2                A tager de sidste to numre
tre  fire

```

A It is often convenient to collect related functions into one capsule.  
A For example, each of the data-packing functions from dfns.dws contains  
A both pack (cmp) and unpack (exp) as sub-functions:

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{
    packN                A α selects pack/unpack
                        A Null packing.

    cmp←{
        mask←,ω≠1†0ρω    A mask of non-nulls.
        (ρω)mask(mask/,ω) A shape mask non-nulls.
    }

    exp←{
        shape mask items←ω
        shapepmask\items
    }

    α←1 ◇ α:cmp ω ◇ exp ω  A compress or expand.
}

```

A We can get a handle on the inner functions by binding a left argument:

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cmp ← 1 packN            A compress function
exp ← 0 packN            A expand function

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A Similarly, operator sbst derives a set of Simple  
A Binary Search Tree (BST) functions: get, put, rem, fmt, ...

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A sbst uses a left <operand> to distinguish the cases,  
A leaving α and ω free for inner dyadic functions:



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    sbst
{io ml←0

    put←{
    α≡0:(ω(0 0))0
    ((nxt _)subs)(key _)<←α ω
    nxt≡key:(ω subs)0
    α ∇ search ω
    }

    get←{
    α≡0:α'?'
    ((nxt val)_)(key _)<←α ω
    nxt≡key:α val
    α ∇ search ω
    }

    rem←{
    ...
    rrot←{
    ...
    search←{
    ...
    fmt←{
    ...
    vec←{
    ...
    chk←{
    ...
    bal←{
    ...
    cmp←{
    ...
    list←{
    ...

    'put'≡αα:▷α put ω
    'get'≡αα:▷φω get α 0
    'rem'≡αα:▷α rem ω 0
    'fmt'≡αα:fmt ω
    'vec'≡αα:vec ω
    'chk'≡αα:0 chk ω
    'bal'≡αα:bal ω
}

    dput←'put'sbst
    tree←(0 dput 2)dput 4
    dfmt←'fmt'sbst
    dfmt tree
2=2.
  '4=4

    dfmt((tree dput 1)dput 3)dput 5
.1=1
2=2|
|   .3=3
|   '4=4|
|   '5=5

```

A Simple Binary Search Trees.

A tree  $\alpha$  with key=value  $\omega$ .  
A null: new node.  
A node and search key/val.  
A match: new value.  
A natch: try subtrees.  
A ::  $t \_ \leftarrow t \nabla k v$

A value for key  $\omega$  from tree  $\alpha$ .  
A null: key not in tree: no value.  
A node and search key.  
A match: tree & value.  
A natch: try subtrees.  
A ::  $\_ v \leftarrow t \nabla k \_$

A tree  $\alpha$  without key  $\omega$ .

A right rotation.

A search subtree  $\alpha$  for key  $\triangleright\omega$ .

A formatted tree  $\omega$ .

A vector of key=value pairs.

A tree stats / integrity check.

A dsw-balancing.

A compress of alternate vine sections.

A list (0-vine) from tree  $\omega$ .

A insert/replace value in tree.  
A search for value for key.  
A remove key=value from tree.  
A formatted tree.  
A vector of key=value pairs.  
A tree stats and integrity check.  
A balanced tree  $\omega$ .

A derive a put function

A new tree with nodes 2 and 4

A derive a fmt function

A 2-node tree

A tree with three more values

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dfmt tree dput 1          A <trace> tree with extra node
.1=1
2=2|
'4=4

)ed sbst                 A change to closure-returning cbst:

)copy demo fndiff       A show changes operator->closure
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fndiff'sbst' 'cbst'
sbst←{[]io []ml←0 . . . . . |cbst←{[]io []ml←0 . . . . .
. 'put'≡αα:▷α put ω . . . . . |. 'put'≡ω:{▷α put ω} . . . . .
. 'get'≡αα:▷φω get α 0 . . . . . |. 'get'≡ω:{▷φω get α 0} . . . . .
. 'rem'≡αα:▷α rem ω 0 . . . . . |. 'rem'≡ω:{▷α rem ω 0} . . . . .
. 'fmt'≡αα:fmt ω . . . . . |. 'fmt'≡ω:fmt . . . . .
. 'vec'≡αα:vec ω . . . . . |. 'vec'≡ω:vec . . . . .
. 'chk'≡αα:0 chk ω . . . . . |. 'chk'≡ω:0 chk . . . . .
. 'bal'≡αα:bal ω . . . . . |. 'bal'≡ω:bal . . . . .

```

A compare the two methods of function derivation:

```

dput←'put'sbst          A <trace> derivation of dput    ---.
cput←cbst'put'         A <trace> closure of cput      ---'
dput                   A show derived put
put ∇sbst
cput                   A show put closure
{▷α put ω} ; []ml←0, []io←0, put, get, rem, rrot, search, fmt, vec, chk, bal, cmp
, list

```

cfmt←cbst'fmt' A generate a fmt function

cfmt((tree cput 1)cput 3)cput 5 A tree with three more values

```

.1=1
2=2|
| .3=3
'4=4|
'5=5

```

dfmt tree dput 1 A <trace> derived functions ---.

```

)sinl                  A show stack and local names
sbst[34]*             wise   dir   inf   lft   rgt
sbst[104]             list   cmp   bal   chk   vec   fmt   search  rrot
rem                  get   put   []IO []ML
.1=1
2=2|
'4=4

```

cfmt tree cput 1 A <trace> closures ---'

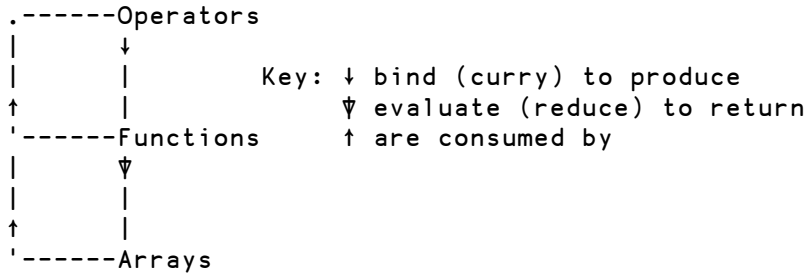
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)sinl                  A show stack and local names
cbst[34]*             wise   dir   inf   lft   rgt
cbst[104]
; list               cmp   bal   chk   vec   fmt   search  rrot  rem
get                  put   []IO []ML
.1=1
2=2|
'4=4

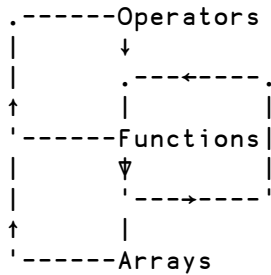
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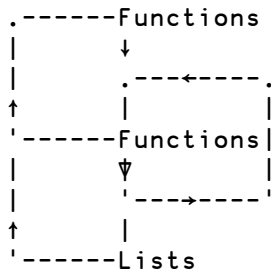
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Food Chain: Function Results Edition



Food Chain: Typical Functional Programming Language (max.dws)



A More thought required:

A -----  
 A Default display of multi-line arrays and functions needs more work.

A Decide on `⎕cr` details.

A A function-returning function applied by the primitive each operator  
 A might return an array of functions:

```

A      {2|ω:× ◊ ÷}" 1 2 3 4      A odd: × else ÷
A    × ÷ × ÷
  
```

A WIBNI we could edit a closure with a tabbed edit window.  
 A (this technique could also apply to editing derived functions).

A For more on closures: [Google \[Lexical Closures\]](#)

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A  F:\Closures\demo.pdf      A Memory stick: see this session.
A  F:\Closures\setup.exe    A Memory stick: install this version,
A  )load demo                A                          then try these examples.
  
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A [names/variables]

In programming languages, a closure is a function that refers to free variables in its lexical context.

A closure typically comes about when one function is declared entirely within the body of another, and the inner function refers to local variables of the outer function. At run time, when the outer function executes, a closure is formed. It consists of the function code, and references to any variables in the outer function's scope that the closure needs.

Closures are commonly used in functional programming to defer calculation, to hide state, and as arguments to higher-order functions.

A closure combines the code of a function with a special lexical environment bound to that function (scope). Closure lexical variables differ from global variables in that they do not occupy the global variable namespace. They differ from object oriented member variables in that they are bound to function invocations, not object instances.

A The End - Whad'ya think?