Sorting - Revisited

With First-Order Functions
Question: In a package named "functions" create an object named Generics with a method named genericMethod that:

- Takes a type parameter
- As parameters takes
  - A list of Ints
  - A function that takes an Int and returns a value matching the type parameter
    - Example: If the type parameter is T, this function takes an Int and returns a T
- Returns a List of the type parameter
- The returned List will contain the result of calling the input function on each of Ints in the input list
  - eg. Return a List of the output of the given function when called on each Int from the input List
  - The indices must match in each List such that the value at index i in the output List is the result of calling the provided function on the Int at index i from the input List

Testing: In a package named "tests" create a class named "TestGenerics" as a test suite that tests all the functionality listed above
Sorting
Order elements in a data structure according to a comparator function
Sorting in Scala

```scala
val numbers = List(5, -23, -8, 7, -4, 10)
val numbersSorted = numbers.sorted
println(numbersSorted)
```

List(-23, -8, -4, 5, 7, 10)
Sorting in Scala

• The sorted method returns a new List containing the same elements as the original, but in sorted order

• Integer values have a default comparator
  • Less than function
  • If an element is less than another element, it must be placed to the left of the other elements

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Custom Sorting in Scala

• Sorting a list by the result of a function/method

• Calls the provided function/method on each element and sorts by the default ordering of the returned values

```scala
val numbers = List(5, -23, -8, 7, -4, 10)
// sort by the result of a method (like setting the key in Python sorting)
val numbersSorted = numbers.sortBy(Math.abs)
println(numbersSorted)
```

List(-4, 5, 7, -8, 10, -23)
Custom Sorting in Scala

• This is what we mean by first-order functions/methods

• We just passed a method as an argument of another method

• Yes, you can do that!

• And will do this often over the next 3 weeks..

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List(-4, 5, 7, -8, 10, -23)
Custom Sorting in Scala

• Passing a function/method allows us to use the default sorting order with a computed value

• What if we don't want to sort by the default ordering?

  • Ex. Sort ints by decreasing order
Custom Sorting in Scala

• Sorting a list using a comparator function/method

• The comparator takes two values of the type being sorted
  • Return true if the first parameter should come before the second in the sorted order
  • Return false otherwise (including ties)

```scala
val numbers = List(5, -23, -8, 7, -4, 10)
val numbersSorted = numbers.sortWith((a: Int, b: Int) => a > b)
// can be shortened to - numbers.sortWith(_ > _)
println(numbersSorted)
```

`List(10, 7, 5, -4, -8, -23)`
Custom Sorting in Scala

• This is a first-order function
• Provide the Parameter list and the body of the function
• For sortWith, write a function that:
  • Takes 2 parameters matching the type of the List being sorted
  • Return a Boolean

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List(10, 7, 5, -4, -8, -23)
Custom Sorting in Scala

- Alternate setup

- We can create the function and store it in a variable
  - Type is (Int, Int) => Boolean

- First-order functions are just values!
  - Can be stored in variables, passed as arguments, returned from methods, etc

```scala
val numbers = List(5, -23, -8, 7, -4, 10)
// sort by a comparator function/method. This function sorts in decreasing order
val comparator: (Int, Int) => Boolean = (a: Int, b: Int) => a > b
val numbersSorted = numbers.sortWith(comparator)
// can be shortened to - numbers.sortWith(_ > _)
println(numbersSorted)
```

List(10, 7, 5, -4, -8, -23)
First-Order Functions

- This is the entire definition of a first-order function
  - Creates an object of a function type
  - Parameter list in parentheses using usual syntax
  - Use => to separate the parameter list from the body of the function
  - Code that follows is the body of the function

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First-Order Functions

- Can use the usual code block syntax with {}
  - Use this syntax if you have more than 1 line of code in your function

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// sort by a comparator function/method. This function sorts in decreasing order
val comparator: (Int, Int) => Boolean = (a: Int, b: Int) => { a > b }
val numbersSorted = numbers.sortWith(comparator)
// can be shortened to - numbers.sortWith(_ > _)
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```
First-Order Functions

- This is the type of a function
  - Types of the parameters in parentheses
  - Use => to separate the parameter types from the return type
  - Then the return type

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First-Order Functions

- A function is a value with a type
  - A function is an object stored on the heap
- Can be used just like any other type

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Sorting in Scala

- Sorting a list using a comparator method
- Can sort custom types with custom methods
  - Pass methods by name just like passing a variable storing a function
- There's no stopping the ways you can sort!

```scala
val animals: List[Animal] = List(new Cat("morris"), new Dog("Finn"), new Dog("Snoopy"), new Cat("Garfield"))
val animalsSorted = animals.sortWith(compareAnimals)
println(animalsSorted)
```

List(Finn, Garfield, morris, Snoopy)
But how does it all work?
Selection Sort

• Iterate over the indices of a list
  • For each index, select the element that belongs there in the final sorted order
  • Swap the current value with the correct one

Given: 5, -23, -8, 7, -4, 10

Correct Order: -23, -8, -4, 5, 7, 10
Selection Sort

• Start with the first index
• Find the element that belongs there by taking the min of all values
• Swap the values
• Don't have to recheck elements that are already at the correct index

5, -23, -8, 7, -4, 10

-23, 5, -8, 7, -4, 10
Selection Sort

-23, 5, -8, 7, -4, 10

Swap

-23, -8, 5, 7, -4, 10

Swap

-23, -8, -4, 5, 7, 10

No Swap

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Sorted
Selection Sort

- The algorithm only needs to know how to compare 2 values

```scala
def intSelectionSort(inputData: List[Int], comparator: (Int, Int) => Boolean): List[Int] = {
  // copy only the reference of the input
  var data: List[Int] = inputData

  for (i <- data.indices) {
    // find the min value/index from i to the end of the list
    var minFound = data.apply(i)
    var minIndex = i
    for (j <- i until data.size) {
      val currentValue = data.apply(j)

      // make decisions based on the given comparator (this function can be thought of as a less than operator)
      if (comparator(currentValue, minFound)) {
        minFound = currentValue
        minIndex = j
      }
    }

    // swap the value at i with the min value
    data = data.updated(minIndex, data.apply(i))
    data = data.updated(i, minFound)
  }

  // return the new list
  data
}
```
Selection Sort

- But how do we compare 2 values?

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Selection Sort

- Take a comparator as a parameter just like sortWith

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Selection Sort

- Call the comparator whenever we need to compare 2 values

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Selection Sort

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Type Parameters

- But what if we want to sort custom types?

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val animalsSorted = selectionSort(animals, Animal.compareAnimals)
println(animalsSorted)
```

- Our selection sort only works with Ints
- We can write another method to sort Animals
  - And another for every type we want to sort?.. no
- We'll take the type as a parameter of our method
Type Parameters

- Type parameters come before the parameter list
- Use `[ ]` instead of `( )`
- Can use this generic type throughout this method

```scala
def selectionSort[Type](inputData: List[Type], comparator: (Type, Type) => Boolean): List[Type] = {
  var data: List[Type] = inputData
  for (i <- data.indices) {
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Type Parameters

• We can choose the type name

• Generic type names are often shortened to 1 character

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Type Parameters

- The type parameter can be inferred as long as the data and comparator types match

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Selection Sort

• This all works..

• **But it's really slow!**

• The algorithm is inefficient

• We're creating many, many new lists that are not needed

• More efficiency coming soon
Question: In a package named "functions" create an object named Generics with a method named genericMethod that:

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- As parameters takes
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  - A function that takes an Int and returns a value matching the type parameter
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