Is Functional Programming Worth it?

Correctness, Performance & Complexity



Hello

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Agenda

- Correctness
- Collections types
 - mutable
 - immutable
 - persistent
- Choosing between collection types
- Conversions
- Is Functional Programming Worth It?



Correctness?



Informally

An algorithm is correct if it is error free



Errors

- Compile time errors
- Runtime errors
- Logic errors



Functional Programming

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- -Runtime errors
- Logic errors



Why do FP?



Why do FP?



Compile time correctness

Collection Types



mutable collections

Correctness, performance, complexity?



Definition	Correctness	Performance	Complexity
Collections that can be mutated in place			



```
public class MutableArrayList<E> {
    private int size;
    private E[] elementData;
    public E set(int index, E e) {
        E oldValue = elementData[index];
        elementData[index] = e;
        return oldValue;
```

Definition	Correctness	Performance	Complexity
Collections that can be mutated in place			✓ Generally Simple



Time Complexity

Type / Op.	get	update	append	delete
Mutable	O(1)	O(1)	O(1) / O(n)	O(1) / O(n)



Definition	Correctness	Performance	Complexity
Collections that can be mutated in place		Generally good	✓ Generally Simple



```
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(List<Integer> list){
   userDAO.saveActiveUsers(list);
   logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
}
```



```
public List<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(Context context) {
    List<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
    saveAndLogActiveUsers(userIds);
    return userIds;
}

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   list.add(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
    USETUAU. SaveActiveUsers(11st);
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```

```
public List<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(Context context){
    List<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
    saveAndLogActiveUsers(userIds);
  return userIds;
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                                                 the Context
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(List<Integer> list){
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                                                    our input list is mutated
    USETUAD . SQUENCTIVEUSETS (11St);
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```



Definition	Correctness	Performance	Complexity
Collections that can be mutated in place	X Can't rely on them being unchanged	Generally good	✓ Generally Simple



Definition	Correctness	Performance	Complexity (of implementation)	Complexity (of client code)
Collections that can be mutated in place	X Can't rely on them being unchanged	Generally good.	Generally Simple	X Difficult to reason about



immutable collections

Correctness, performance, complexity?



JDK Unmodifiable



'Unmodifiable' Data Structures

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Collections that expose an unmodifiable view					



'Unmodifiable' Data Structures

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Collections that expose an unmodifiable view		 Good		Simple	



```
public List<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(Context context){
    List<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
    List<Integer> unmodifiable { Collections.unmodifiableList(userIds);
    saveAndLogActiveUsers(unmodifiable);
    return userIds;
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(List<Integer> list){
    list.add(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
    updateActiveUsers(list);
    logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
```

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    List<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
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    saveAndLogActiveUsers(unmodifiable);
    return userIds;
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(List<Integer> list){
    list.add(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
   updateActiveUsers(list):
    logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
```

UnsupportedOperationException

```
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   List<Integer> unmodifiable = Collections.unmodifiableList(userIds);
   saveAndLogActiveUsers(unmodifiable);
   return userIds;
public .org saveAndLogActiveUsers(List<Integer list){</pre>
   List<Integer> fullList = new ArrayList<>(list.size()-1);
   for(Integer next : list){
        fullList.add(next);
   fullList.add(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
   updateActiveOscis(fullist)
   logger.debug("{} Users saved",fullList.size());
```

Time Complexity

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```
public List<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(Context context){
   List<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
   List<Integer> unmodifiable = Collections.unmodifiableList(userIds);
   CompletableFuture.runAsync(()->saveAndLogActiveUsers(unmodifiable), Executors.newSingleThreadExecutor());
    eturn userIds;
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(List<Integer> list){
   List<Integer> fullList = new ArrayList<>(list.size()+1);
    for(Integer next : list){
       fullList.add(next):
    fullList.add(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
   updateActiveUsers(fullList);
    logger.debug("{} Users saved",fullList.size());
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    fullList.add(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
   updateActiveUsers(fullList);
   logger.debug("{} Users saved",fullList.size());
```

```
public void raceCondition(Context context){
   List<Integer> mutable = listAndPersistUsers(context);
   mutable.remove(0);//remove first
}
```

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Guava Immutable



Removes the reference to a mutable collection



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Immutable Data Structures (Guava)

Definition	Correctness	Performance (access)	Performance (append / update)	Complexity (of implementation)	Complexity (client code)
Collections that can't be changed	X API may throw Exceptions	 Good	X Requires copy-on-write	Simple	Still difficult to reason effectively about



```
public ImmutableList<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(Context context) {
    ImmutableList<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
    saveAndLogActiveUsers(userIds);
    return userIds;
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(ImmutableList<Integer> list){
       list.add(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
        updateActiveUsers(list);
        logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
```

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persistent collections

Correctness, performance, complexity?



Cyclops Persistent

Persistent Data Structures (Cyclops)

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Immutable shared memory collections					



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Make Illegal States Unrepresentable



```
Optional<Integer> opt = Optional.empty();
```

```
opt.get();
```



NoSuchElementException

```
Exception in thread "main" java.util.NoSuchElementException: No value present
   at java.util.Optional.get(Optional.java:135)
   at com.joker.OptionalException.main(OptionalException.java:11)
```



```
Option<Integer> opt = Option.none();
```

opt.orElse(-1);



```
class Vector<E> implements List<E> {
    public boolean add(E element) {
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException("Add not supported");
    }
}
```

```
cs List<E> {
class Vector<E> imp
    public boolean add(E element) {
       throw new UnsupportedOperationException("Add not supported");
```

```
public Vector<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(PersistentContext context){
   Vector<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
    saveAndLogActiveUsers(userIds);
    return userIds;
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(Vector<Integer> list){
    Vector<Integer> fullList = list.plus(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
   updateActiveUsers(fullList);
    logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
```

```
Vector<Integer> list = Vector.of(1,2,3);
```

Option<Integer> valueAt = list.get(-1);



Persistent Data Structures (Cyclops)

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Immutable shared memory collections	API should make illegal states unrepresentable				✓ Keeps it simple



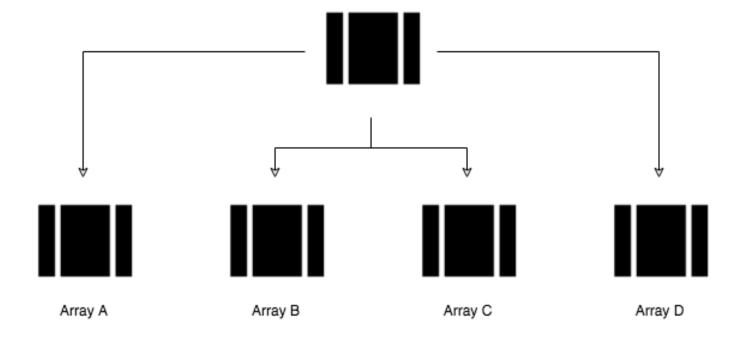
Performance?



Daniel Spiewak

Extreme Functional Cleverness

Bitmapped vector trie





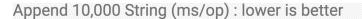
Time Complexity

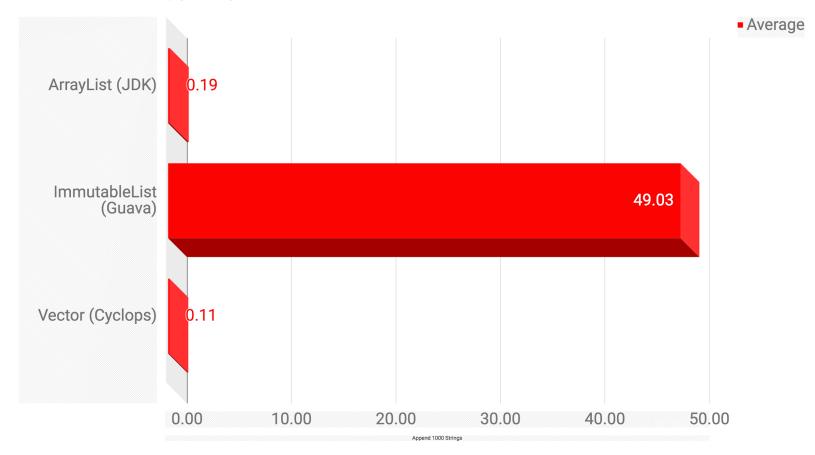
Type / Op.	get	update	append	delete
Persistent	O(log(n))	O(log(n))	O(log(n))	O(log(n))

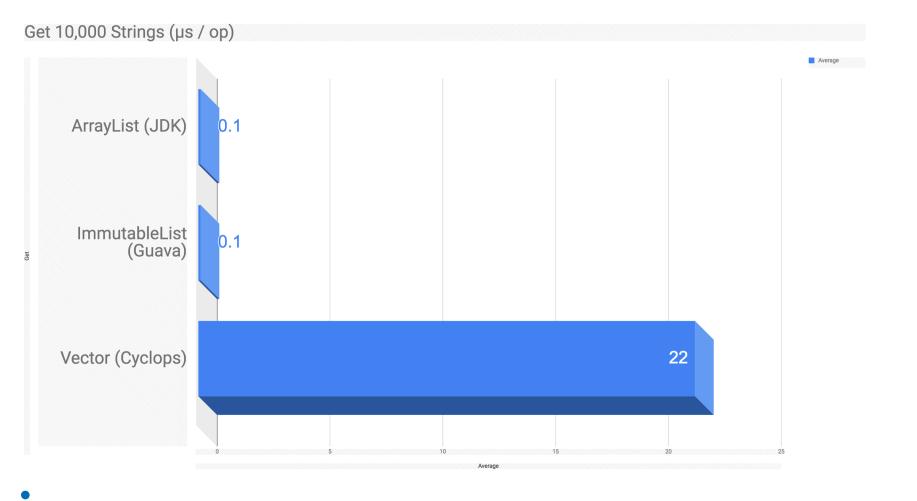


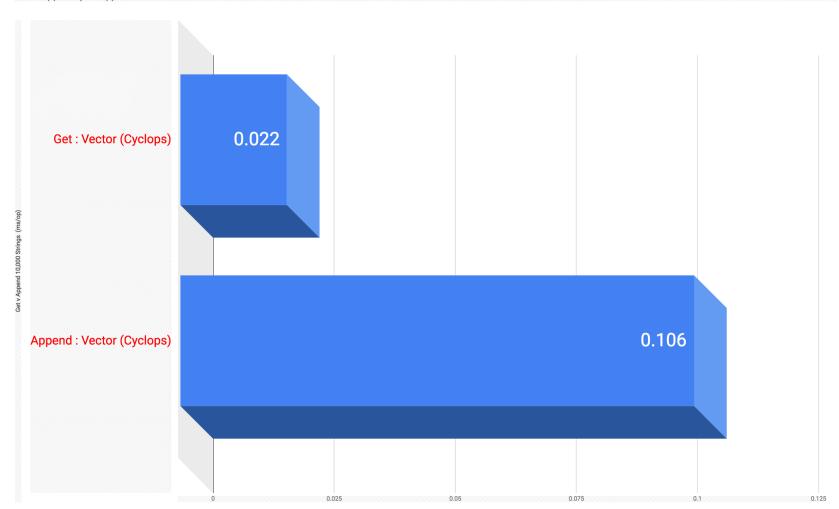
Some performance benchmarks











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Debugging



```
▼ *f root = {BAMT$Two@1102}
  ▼ * f array = {Object[31][]@1112}
     ▶ ¼ 0 = {Object[32]@1114}
     ▶ 3 1 = {Object[32]@1115}
     ▶ 提 2 = {Object[32]@1116}
     ▶ 提 3 = {Object[32]@1117}
     ▶ 提 4 = {Object[32]@1118}
     ▶ 提 5 = {Object[32]@1119}
     ▶ 1 6 = {Object[32]@1120}
     ▶ 1 7 = {Object[32]@1121}
     ▶ 1 8 = {Object[32]@1122}
     ▶ 提 9 = {Object[32]@1123}
     ▶ 提 10 = {Object[32]@1124}
     ▶ 11 = {Object[32]@1125}
     ▶ 12 = {Object[32]@1126}
     ▶ 損 13 = {Object[32]@1127}
     ▶ 提 14 = {Object[32]@1128}
     ▶ 提 15 = {Object[32]@1129}
     ▶ 提 16 = {Object[32]@1130}
     ▶ 17 = {Object[32]@1131}
     ▶ 18 = {Object[32]@1132}
     ▶ 提 19 = {Object[32]@1133}
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     ▶ 1 23 = {Object[32]@1137}
     ▶ 1 24 = {Object[32]@1138}
     ▶ 提 25 = {Object[32]@1139}
     ▶ 提 26 = {Object[32]@1140}
     ▶ 提 27 = {Object[32]@1141}
     ▶ 1 28 = {Object[32]@1142}
     ▼ 1 29 = {Object[32]@1143}
       ▶ ■ 0 = {Integer@1145} 929
       ▶ 1 = {Integer@1146} 930
       2 = {Integer@1147} 931
       ▶ 3 = {Integer@1148} 932
```

userids = {Vector@1049} "[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

```
▶ 26 = {Integer@1171} 955
       27 = {Integer@1172} 956
       28 = {Integer@1173} 957
       29 = {Integer@1174} 958
       ▶ 30 = {Integer@1175} 959
       ▶ 31 = {Integer@1176} 960
     ▶ 1 30 = {Object[32]@1144}
▼ f tail = {BAMT$ActiveTail@1103}
    f bitShiftDepth = 0
  ▼ 1 array = {Object[7]@1104}
     ▶ = 0 = {Integer@1105} 993
    ▶ 1 = {Integer@1106} 994
     2 = {Integer@1107} 995
    ▶ 3 = {Integer@1108} 996
     4 = {Integer@1109} 997
     ▶ 5 = {Integer@1110} 998
     ▶ = 6 = {Integer@1111} 999
  f size = 999
```

▶ **25** = {Integer@1170} 954

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A more complex example



Eval



```
int loop(int times, int sum){
   if(times==0)
        return sum;
   else
        return loop(times-1, sum+times);
loop(50000,5);
```

StackOverflowError

```
Exception in thread "main" java.lang.StackOverflowError
    at com.joker.LoopTest.loop(LoopTest.java:14)
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```



```
Eval<Integer> loop(int times, Eval<Integer> sum){
   if(times==0)
      return sum;
   else
      return sum.flatMap(s->loop(times-1, Eval.now(s+times)));
}
```

loop(50000, Eval.now(5));

Always [1250025005]



```
loop(50000, Eval.now(5)).zip(loop(10000, Eval.now(20)), Tuple::tuple);
```



Later[[1250025005,50005020]]



Eval Stacktrace

```
more:251, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
<init>:695, Eval$Module$Always (cyclops.control)
always:293, Eval (cyclops.control)
now:250, Eval (cyclops.control)
lambda$loop$0:26, LoopTest (com.joker)
apply:-1, 391447681 (com.ioker.LoopTest$$Lambda$4)
lambda$null$0:918, Eval$Module$Rec (cyclops.control)
apply:-1, 1516369375 (cyclops.control.Eval$Module$Rec$$Lambda$9)
lambda$flatMap$6:119, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
apply:-1, 546718765 (cyclops.control.Trampoline$$Lambda$12)
fold:966, Either$Right (cyclops.control)
flatMap:116, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
lambda$null$4:117, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
get:-1, 167185492 (cyclops.control.Trampoline$$Lambda$13)
result:201, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
bounce:261, Trampoline$1 (cyclops.control)
fold:95, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
resume:185, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
zip:125, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
lambda$zip$7:128, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
get:-1, 1937348256 (cyclops.control.Trampoline$$Lambda$14)
result:201, Trampoline (cyclops.control)
bounce:261, Trampoline$1 (cyclops.control)
apply:-1, 1007251739 (cyclops.control.Trampoline$1$$Lambda$20)
next:1033, Stream$1 (java.util.stream)
tryAdvance:1812, Spliterators$IteratorSpliterator (java.util)
forEachWithCancel:126, ReferencePipeline (java.util.stream)
copyIntoWithCancel:498, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
copylnto:485, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
wrapAndCopyInto:471, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
evaluateSeguential·152 FindOns&FindOn (iava util stream)
```



Stream Stacktrace

lambda\$main\$3:22, LoopTest (com.joker)

```
test:-1, 940553268 (com.joker.LoopTest$$Lambda$3)
accept:174, ReferencePipeline$2$1 (java.util.stream)
accept:184, ForEachOps$ForEachOp$OfRef (java.util.stream)
accept:193, ReferencePipeline$3$1 (java.util.stream)
forEachRemaining:948, Spliterators$ArraySpliterator (java.util)
copyInto:481, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
wrapAndCopyInto:471, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
evaluateSequential:151, ForEachOps$ForEachOp (java.util.stream)
evaluateSequential:174, ForEachOps$ForEachOp$OfRef (java.util.stream)
evaluate:234, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
forEach:418, ReferencePipeline (java.util.stream)
accept:270, ReferencePipeline$7$1 (java.util.stream)
accept:193, ReferencePipeline$3$1 (java.util.stream)
forEachRemaining:948, Spliterators$ArraySpliterator (java.util)
copyInto:481, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
wrapAndCopyInto:471, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
evaluateSequential:151, ForEachOps$ForEachOp (java.util.stream)
evaluateSequential:174, ForEachOps$ForEachOp$OfRef (java.util.stream)
evaluate:234, AbstractPipeline (java.util.stream)
forEach:418, ReferencePipeline (java.util.stream)
main:23, LoopTest (com.joker)
```



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Choosing Collections

know your goals



Know your goals



if(correctness > performance)

Guava style Immutable	Cyclops style persistent
X API throws Exceptions	Makes illegal states unrepresentable



else if(writes > reads)

Guava style Immutable	Cyclops style persistent
X Generally poor performance	Reasonable performance



else if(reads >> writes)

Guava style Immutable	Cyclops style persistent
Good performance	X Reasonable performance (but slower)



Danger Conversions!



Mutable to Immutable



Performance hit

```
public List<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(Context context){
    List<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
    saveAndLogActiveUsers(Vector.fromIterable(userIds));
    return userIds;
}

public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(Vector<Integer> list){
```



Performance hit?

```
public List<Integer> listAndPersistUsers(Context context){
    List<Integer> userIds = context.extractCurrentUsers(System.currentTimeMillis());
    saveAndLogActiveUsers(ImmutableList.copyOf(userIds));
    return userIds;
}

public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(ImmutableList<Integer> list){
```

Immutable to Mutable



Safely

```
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(Vector<Integer> list) {
    Vector<Integer> fullList = list.plus(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
    List<Integer> converted = fullList.toList();
    updateActiveUsers(converted);
    logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
```

Views

```
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(Vector<Integer> list){
    Vector<Integer> fullList = list.plus(SPECIAL_ADMIN);
    List<Integer> listView = fullList.view();
    updateActiveUsers(listView);
    logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
private void updateActiveUsers(List<Integer> list)
```

UnsupportedOperationException

```
private void updateActiveUsers(List<Integer> list){
    list.remove(0);
}
```



UnsupportedOperationException

```
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```



Lists

```
public void saveAndLogActiveUsers(ImmutableList<Integer> list){
    ImmutableList<Integer> fullList = ImmutableList.<Integer>builder()
                                                    .addAll(list)
                                                    .add(SPECIAL_ADMIN)
                                                    .build();
    updateActiveUsers(fullList);
    logger.debug("{} Users saved",list.size());
private void updateActiveUsers(List<Integer> list)
```

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Conversions

Mutable to immutable involves a performance hit

Using views involves compromising correctness

We can avoid this by copying (performance hit)



Is Functional Programming Worth It?



YES WHEN



You...

know your goals

limit complexity appropriately

make sure Java doesn't undermine you!





Thank you!

cyclops-react.io github.com/aol/cyclops-react

