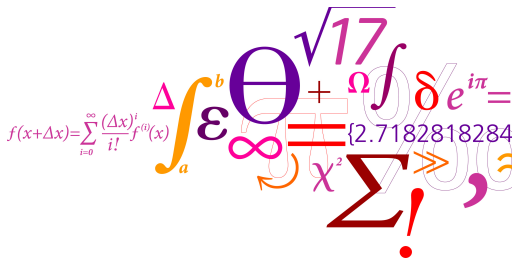


# 02157 Functional Programming

## Lecture 1: Introduction and Getting Started

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```

has an associated type:

```
f:float -> float
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where **float** is the type of both the domain and the range.

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due to the basis on mathematical functions (no side-effects)

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val it : bool = false
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← A declaration as input

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```

← Answer from the F# system

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<code>not</code>	<code>bool -&gt; bool</code>	negation

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Expressions

`e1 && e2`

“conjunction  $e_1 \wedge e_2$ ”

`e1 || e2`

“disjunction  $e_1 \vee e_2$ ”

— are lazily evaluated, e.g.

<code>1 &lt; 2    5 / 0 = 1</code> <code>↪ true</code>
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Precedence: `&&` has higher than `||`

- The interactive environment
- Values, expressions, types, patterns
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- higher-order functions

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- they are used to *construct* and to *decompose* lists

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## Blackboard exercises

- `memberOf x ys` is true iff `x` occurs in the list `ys`
- `insert(x, ys)` is the *ordered list* obtained from the *ordered list* `ys` by insertion of `x`
- `sort(xs)` gives a ordered version of `xs`