

cats Typeclass Cheat Sheet

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Installation

In your `build.sbt` file:

```
libraryDependencies += "org.typelevel" %% "cats-core" %  
"1.0.0-MF"
```

Then in your `.scala` files:

```
import cats._
```

Defining Signatures

Each typeclass is defined by a particular function signature and a set of laws¹(invariants) that the typeclass must obey.

Typeclass	Signature
Functor	$F[A] \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow F[B]$
Contravariant	$F[A] \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow A) \Rightarrow F[B]$
Apply ²	$F[A] \Rightarrow F[A \Rightarrow B] \Rightarrow F[B]$
FlatMap ³	$F[A] \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow F[B]) \Rightarrow F[B]$
CoFlatMap	$F[A] \Rightarrow (F[A] \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow F[B]$
Traverse ⁴	$F[A] \Rightarrow (A \Rightarrow G[B]) \Rightarrow G[F[B]]$
Foldable	$F[A] \Rightarrow (B, (B, A) \Rightarrow B) \Rightarrow B$
SemigroupK	$F[A] \Rightarrow F[A] \Rightarrow F[A]$
Cartesian	$F[A] \Rightarrow F[B] \Rightarrow F[(A, B)]$

¹ Typeclass laws are not listed here. See each typeclass' scaladoc link for more information.

² Apply has a (broader) subtype `Applicative`. See the expanded tables below.

³ FlatMap has a (broader) subtype `Monad`.

⁴ Traverse requires that the target type constructor `G` have an implicit `Applicative` instance available; that is, an implicit `Applicative[G]` must be in scope.

Informally, traversing a structure maps each value to some effect, which are combined into a single effect that produces a value having the original structure. For example, by transforming every `A` of a `List[A]` into a `Future[B]`, the traversal would return a `Future[List[B]]`.

Derived Functions

For each typeclass, its defining function is marked in **bold** and each derived function listed below it.

Typeclass		Signature		Function
Functor		$(A \Rightarrow B)$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	map
		$(A \Rightarrow B)$	$\Rightarrow F[(A, B)]$	fproduct
	$F[A]$	B	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	as
		B	$\Rightarrow F[(B, A)]$	tupleLeft
		B	$\Rightarrow F[(A, B)]$	tupleRight
			$F[Unit]$	void
Contravariant	$F[A]$	$(B \Rightarrow A)$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	contramap
Apply ⁵	$F[A]$	$F[A \Rightarrow B]$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	ap
		$F[B] \Rightarrow ((A, B) \Rightarrow C)$	$\Rightarrow F[C]$	map2
Applicative		$F[A \Rightarrow B]$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	ap
	$F[A]$	Boolean	$\Rightarrow F[Unit]$	unlessA
		Boolean	$\Rightarrow F[Unit]$	whenA
		Int	$\Rightarrow F[List[A]]$	replicateA
FlatMap		$(A \Rightarrow F[B])$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	flatMap
	$F[A]$	$F[B]$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	followedBy
		$F[B]$	$\Rightarrow F[A]$	forEffect
		$(A \Rightarrow F[B])$	$\Rightarrow F[(A, B)]$	mproduct
	$F[F[A]]$		$\Rightarrow F[A]$	flatten
CoFlatMap	$F[A]$	$(F[A] \Rightarrow B)$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	coflatMap
			$\Rightarrow F[A[A]]$	coflatten

⁵ Both the Apply and Applicative typeclasses implement the ap method; Applicative is a subtype of Apply, with an additional pure method to lift a value into the Applicative.

⁶ If B has a Monoid

⁷ If A has a Monoid

Typeclass		Signature		Function
Traverse		$(A \Rightarrow G[B])$	$\Rightarrow G[F[B]]$	traverse
	F[A]	$((A, Int) \Rightarrow B)$	$\Rightarrow F[B]$	mapWithIndex
			$\Rightarrow F[(A, Int)]$	zipWithIndex
	F[G[A]]		$G[F[A]]$	sequence
Foldable		$B \Rightarrow ((B, A) \Rightarrow B)$	$\Rightarrow B$	foldLeft
		$Eval[B] \Rightarrow ((A, Eval[B]) \Rightarrow Eval[B])$	$\Rightarrow Eval[B]$	foldRight
		$(A \Rightarrow B)$	$\Rightarrow B$	foldMap ⁶
			A	combineAll ⁷
		$(A \Rightarrow Boolean)$	$\Rightarrow Option[A]$	find
	F[A]	$(A \Rightarrow Boolean)$	$\Rightarrow Boolean$	exists
		$(A \Rightarrow Boolean)$	$\Rightarrow Boolean$	forall
			$List[A]$	toList
			$Boolean$	isEmpty
			$Boolean$	nonEmpty
		Int	size	
SemigroupK	F[A]	$F[A]$	$\Rightarrow F[A]$	combine
Cartesian	F[A]	$F[B]$	$\Rightarrow F[(A, B)]$	product