

# Q LANGUAGE - VERB & ADVERBS

Kdb+ has nouns, verbs, and adverbs. All data objects and functions are **nouns**. **Verbs** enhance the readability by reducing the number of square brackets and parentheses in expressions. **Adverbs** modify dyadic 2arguments functions and verbs to produce new, related verbs. The functions produced by adverbs are called **derived functions** or **derived verbs**.

## Each

The adverb **each**, denoted by ', modifies dyadic functions and verbs to apply to the items of lists instead of the lists themselves. Take a look at the following example –

```
q)1, (2 3 5)      / Join
1 2 3 5

q)1, '(2 3 4)    / Join each
1 2
1 3
1 4
```

There is a form of **Each** for monadic functions that uses the keyword "each". For example,

```
q)reverse (1 2 3; "abc")           /Reverse
a b c
1 2 3

q)each [reverse] (1 2 3; "abc")    /Reverse-Each
3 2 1
c b a

q)'[reverse] (1 2 3; "abc")
3 2 1
c b a
```

## Each-Left and Each-Right

There are two variants of Each for dyadic functions called **Each-Left** and **Each-Right** /:. The following example explains how to use them.

```
q)x: 9 18 27 36

q)y:10 20 30 40

q)x, y           / join
9 18 27 36 10 20 30 40

q)x, 'y          / each

9 10
18 20
27 30
36 40

q)x: 9 18 27 36

q)y:10 20 30 40

q)x, y           / join
9 18 27 36 10 20 30 40

q)x, 'y          / each, will return a list of pairs

9 10
```

```
18 20
27 30
36 40

q)x, \:y           / each left, returns a list of each element
                     / from x with all of y

9 10 20 30 40
18 10 20 30 40
27 10 20 30 40
36 10 20 30 40

q)x,/:y          / each right, returns a list of all the x with
                     / each element of y

9 18 27 36 10
9 18 27 36 20
9 18 27 36 30
9 18 27 36 40

q)1 _x           / drop the first element
18 27 36

q)-2_y          / drop the last two element
10 20

q)                  / Combine each left and each right to be a
                     / cross-product (cartesian product)

q)x,/:\:y

9 10 9 20 9 30 9 40
18 10 18 20 18 30 18 40
27 10 27 20 27 30 27 40
36 10 36 20 36 30 36 40
```

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