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Official Announcements

• Test #1 is Friday, 17 February, 7-9PM. Rooms to be announced.
Lecture #4: Control (contd.) and Higher-Order Functions
Indefinite Repetition

• With conditionals and function calls, we can conduct computations of any length.

• For example, to sum the squares of all numbers from 1 to \( N \) (a parameter):

  ```python
  def sum_squares(N):
      """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
      if N < 1:
          return 0
      else:
          return N**2 + sum_squares(N - 1)
  ```

• This will repeatedly call `sum_squares` with decreasing values (down to 1), adding in squares: **Execute here**

  `sum_squares(3) => 3**2 + sum_squares(2)`
  
  `=> 3**2 + 2**2 + sum_squares(1)`
  
  `=> 3**2 + 2**2 + 1**2 + sum_squares(0)`
  
  `=> 3**2 + 2**2 + 1**2 + 0 => 14`
Explicit Repetition

• But in the Python, C, Java, and Fortran communities, it is more usual to be explicit about the repetition.

• The simplest form is `while`:

```
while Condition:
    Statements
```

means “If condition evaluates to a true value, execute statements and repeat the entire process. Otherwise, do nothing.”

• The effect is (nearly) identical to

```
def loop():
    if Condition:
        Statements
    loop()
```

```
loop()  # Start things off
```

• ...`except` that (for most Python implementations) the latter eventually runs out of memory; and we’ll have to do something about assignments to variables in `Statements` (more on that later).
Sum_squares Iteratively?

• Our original sum_squares was
  
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• How do we do the same thing with a while loop?
  
  ```python
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      """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
  ```
def sum_squares(N):
    """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
    result = 0
    k = 1
    while k <= N:
        result += k**2
        k += 1
    return result

Execute this
Another Way

• Alternatively, I can make this a little shorter by adding the other way:

```python
def sum_squares(N):
    """The sum of K**2 for K from 1 to N (inclusive)."""
    result = 0
    while N >= 1:
        result += N**2  # Or result = result + N**2
        N -= 1          # Or N = N-1
    return result
```

[Execute here]
Functions As Templates

• If we think of a function body as a template for a computation, parameters are “blanks” in that template.

• For example:

```python
def sum_squares(N):
    k, sum = 0, 0
    while k <= N:
        sum, k = sum+k**2, k+1
    return sum
```

is a template for an infinite set of computations that add squares of numbers up to 0, 1, 2, 3, ..., in place of the $N$.  

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Functions on Functions

• Likewise, function parameters allow us to have templates with slots for *computations*:

```python
def summation(N, f):
    k, sum = 1, 0
    while k <= N:
        sum, k = sum+f(k), k+1
    return sum
```

• Generalizes *sum_squares*. We can write `sum_squares(5)` as:

```python
def square(x):
    return x*x
summation(5, square)
```

• or (if we don’t really need a “square” function elsewhere), we can create the function argument anonymously on the fly:

```python
summation(5, lambda x: x*x)
```
Lambda

• In Python, lambda is just an abbreviation.

• Writing lambda PARAMS: EXPRESSION is the same as writing NAME, where NAME is a name that appears nowhere else in the program and is defined by

```python
def NAME(PARAMS):
    return EXPRESSION
```

evaluated in the same environment in which the original lambda was.

• Now we can write any number of summations succinctly:

```python
summation(10, lambda x: x**3)  # Sum of cubes
summation(10, lambda x: 1 / x)  # Harmonic series
summation(10, lambda k: x**(k-1) / factorial(k-1))  # Approximate e**x
```
Functions that Produce Functions

- Functions are *first-class values*, meaning that we can assign them to variables, pass them to functions, and return them from functions.

- Example: let’s generalize the class of functions that—like

  ```python
def h(x):
    return sin(x) + cos(x)
  ```

—add the results of applying two functions to the same argument:

```python
>>> def add_func(f, g):
...     """Return function that returns F(x)+G(x) for argument x."""
...     def adder(x):
...         return f(x) + g(x)  # or return lambda x: f(x) + g(x)
...     return adder

>>> from math import sin, cos, pi
>>> h = add_func(sin, cos)
>>> sin(pi/4) + cos(pi/4)
1.414213562373095
>>> h(pi / 4)
1.414213562373095
```
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- Let's make a general function-combining function (that goes beyond addition):

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...     """combine_funcs(OP)(f, g)(x) = OP(f(x), g(x))."""
...     def combined(f, g):
...         def val(x):
...             return op(f(x), g(x))
...         return val
...     return combined
```

- Now `add_func` itself can be constructed by a call to `combine_funcs`:

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Legend: ↑ is short for "parent=".
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h = add_func(sin, cos)
h(-5)
A Fancy Example

• What does Python print, and why?

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>>> g1(True)

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3
```