Environments
Class outline:

• Multiple environments
• Environments for HOFs
• Local names
• Function composition
• Self-referencing functions
• Currying
Multiple Environments
## Life cycle of a function

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    return x * x
``` | • A new function is created!  
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| ```python
square(2 + 2)
``` | • Operator & operands evaluated  
• Function (value of operator) called on arguments (values of operands) |

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• Parameters bound to arguments  
• Body is executed in that new environment |
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A nested call expression

1.

2.

3.

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Global frame

    square [parent=Global]

f1: square [parent=Global]
    x | 3
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Global frame
- `square` [func] [parent=Global]

f1: `square` [parent=Global]
- `x` [3]
  - Return value [9]
\[
\text{square}(\text{square}(3))
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<td>x^3 [\text{Return value} = 9]</td>
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\begin{align*}
\text{x} & | \text{9} \\
\text{Return value} & | \text{81}
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Multiple environments in one diagram!

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- Environment: Local frame (f2), then global frame
Names have no meanings without environments

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```

Every expression is evaluated in the context of an environment.
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Names have different meanings in different environments

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Environments for higher-order functions
Review: Higher-order functions

A higher-order function is either...

- A function that takes a function as an argument value
  \[ \text{summation}(5, \ \lambda \ x: x^2) \]
- A function that returns a function as a return value
  \[ \text{make_adder}(3)(1) \]

Functions are first class: Functions are values in Python.
Example: Apply twice

```python
def apply_twice(f, x):
    return f(f(x))

def square(x):
    return x * 2

apply_twice(square, 3)
```

View in PythonTutor
Arguments bound to functions
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Arguments bound to functions
Environments for nested definitions
Example: Make texter

def make_texter(emoji):
    def texter(text):
        return emoji + text + emoji
    return texter

happy_text = make_texter("😊")
result = happy_text("lets go to the beach!")

View in PythonTutor
Environments for nested def statements
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Environments for nested def statements

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- An environment is a sequence of frames.
How to draw an environment diagram

When a function is defined:

1. Create a function value:
   \[
   \text{func } \text{name}(\text{<formal parameters>}) \ [\text{parent=}<\text{label}>] \]
2. Its parent is the current frame.
3. Bind \text{name} to the function value in the current frame

When a function is called:

1. Add a local frame, titled with the \text{name} of the function being called.
2. Copy the parent of the function to the local frame:
   \[\text{[parent=>label]}\]
3. Bind the \text{formal parameters} to the arguments in the local frame.
4. Execute the body of the function in the environment that starts with the local frame.
Local names
Example: Thingy Bobber

def thingy(x, y):
    return bobber(y)

def bobber(a):
    return a + y

result = thingy("ma", "jig")

What do you think will happen?
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Local name visibility

Local names are not visible to other (non-nested) functions.

• An environment is a sequence of frames.
• The environment created by calling a top-level function consists of one local frame followed by the global frame.
Function Composition
Example: Composer

def happy(text):
    return "☺" + text + "☺"

def sad(text):
    return "☺☺" + text + "☺☺"

def composer(f, g):
    def composed(x):
        return f(g(x))
    return composed

msg1 = composer(sad, happy)("cs61a!")
msg2 = composer(happy, sad)("eecs16a!")

What do you think will happen?
Example: Composer (Part 2)

One of the composed functions could itself be an HOF...

def happy(text):
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def sad(text):
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def make_texter(emoji):
    def texter(text):
        return emoji + text + emoji
    return texter

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composer(happy, make_texter("☃︎"))('snow day!')
Composer 2 expression tree

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Composer 2 expression tree

```plaintext
composer(happy, make_texter("☃")("snow day!"))
```

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```
Composer 2 expression tree

```
func composer(f, g)

composer(happy, make_texter("❄"))("snow day!")

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```
Composer 2 expression tree

```
func composer(f, g)  func happy(text)

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make_texter("☃")
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"☃snow day!☃"
```

```
func composed(x)

composer(happy, make_texter("☃"))

"snow day!"
```
Self-reference
A self-referencing function

A higher-order function could return a function that references its own name.

def print_sums(n):
    print(n)
    def next_sum(k):
        return print_sums(n + k)
    return next_sum

print_sums(1)(3)(5)

View in PythonTutor
Environment for print_sums
Understanding print_sums

The call:

```
print sums(1)(3)(5)
```

produces the same result as:

```
g1 = print sums(1)
g2 = g1(3)
g2(5)
```

A call to `print sums(x)` returns a function that:

- Prints `x` as a side-effect, and
- Returns a function that, when called with argument `y`, will do the same thing, but with `x+y` instead of `x`.

So these calls will...

- First print 1 and return `g1`,
- which when called with 3, will print 4 (= 1+3) and return `g2`,
- which when called with 5, will print 9 (= 4+5), and return...
Currying
add vs. make_adder

Compare...

```python
from operator import add
add(2, 3)
```

```python
def make_adder(n):
    return lambda x: n + x
make_adder(2)(3)
```

What's the relationship between `add(2, 3)` and `make_adder(2)(3)`?
**Function currying**

**Currying:** Converting a function that takes multiple arguments into a single-argument higher-order function.

A function that currys any two-argument function:

```python
def curry2(f):
    def g(x):
        def h(y):
            return f(x, y)
        return h
    return g
```
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```

```python
curry2 = lambda f: lambda x: lambda y: f(x, y)
```
Why "currying"?

It's not food! ✗ ✗

Named after American logician Haskell Curry, but actually published first by Russian Moses Schönfinkel, based on principles by German Gottlob Frege.

See also: Stigler's law of eponymy