Function Examples
Class outline:

- *Args
- Currying
- Midterm Review
*Args
The *args syntax

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That's possible by using the `*args` syntax in the function definition.

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def max(*args):
    # Do something with *args
```
Forwarding the *args

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Forwarding HOF example

A HOF can return a function that can be called with any number of arguments, and then forward those arguments inside the returned function.

```python
def printed(f):
    def print_and_return(*args):
        result = f(*args)
        print('Result:', result)
        return result
    return print_and_return

printed_max = printed(max)
printed_max(-2, 33, -40, 400, 321)
```
Currying
(Reminder) 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
```

```python
from operator import add

make_adder = curry2(add)
make_adder(2)(3)
```

```python
curry2 = lambda f: lambda x: lambda y: f(x, y)
```
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import functools

p_tag = functools.partial(html_tag, "p")
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Why learn currying in Python?

It's good for you!

CS61A introduces many concepts that aren't standard Python practice, but that show up in other languages.

Currying is a very common practice in functional programming languages like Haskell or Clojure.
Review
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mask = lambda horse: horse(2)
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            kept = kept + (last * 10 ** digits)
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    return kept