Higher-Order Functions

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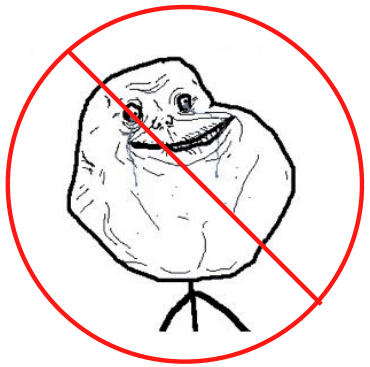

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Example: Prime Factorization

Prime Factorization

Each positive integer n has a set of prime factors: primes whose product is n

```
...
8  = 2 * 2 * 2
9  = 3 * 3
10 = 2 * 5
11 = 11
12 = 2 * 2 * 3
...
```

One approach: Find the smallest prime factor of n, then divide by it

```
858  = 2 * 429  = 2 * 3 * 143  = 2 * 3 * 11 * 13
```

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Designing Functions

Describing Functions

A function's *domain* is the set of all inputs it might possibly take as arguments.

A function's *range* is the set of output values it might possibly return.

A pure function's *behavior* is the relationship it creates between input and output.

```
def square(x):
    """Return X * X."""
```

x is a number

square returns a non-negative real number

square returns the square of x

A Guide to Designing Function

Give each function exactly one job, but make it apply to many related situations

```
>>> round(1.23)
1
```

```
>>> round(1.23, 1)
1.2
```

```
>>> round(1.23, 0)
1
```

```
>>> round(1.23, 5)
1.23
```

Don’t repeat yourself (DRY): Implement a process just once, but execute it many times

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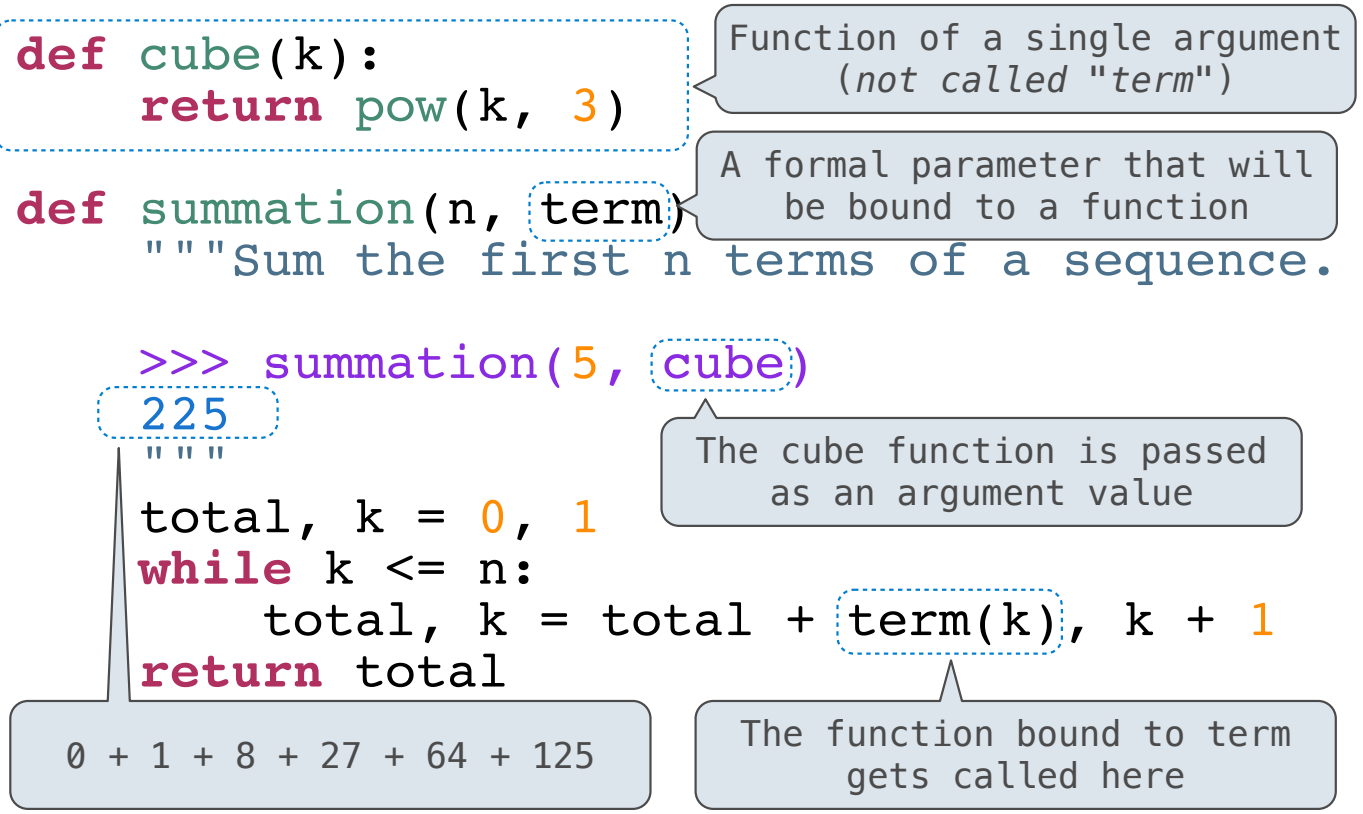
Summation Example



Twenty-One Rules

Two players alternate turns, on which they can add 1, 2, or 3 to the current total

The total starts at 0

The game end whenever the total is 21 or more

The last player to add to the total loses

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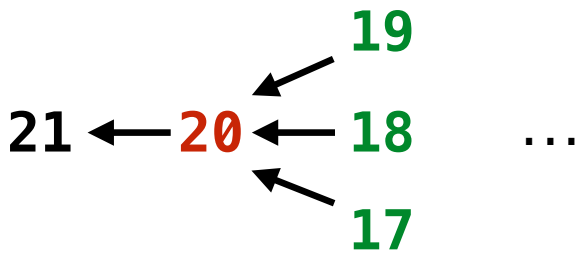
Some states are good; some are bad



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Functions as Return Values

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Locally Defined Functions

Functions defined within other function bodies are bound to names in a local frame

A function that returns a function

```
def make_adder(n):
    """Return a function that takes one argument k and returns k + n.

    >>> add_three = make_adder(3)
    >>> add_three(4)
    7
    """
    def adder(k):
        return k + n
    return adder
```

The name add_three is bound to a function

A def statement within another def statement

Can refer to names in the enclosing function