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cs315:recursion_iteration

Converting Recursion into Iteration

Consider traversal:

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1  def postTraverse(x):
2      for i in xrange(1, len(x)):
3          postTraverse(x[i])
4      print x[0]
5
6  def postTraverse2(x):
7      stack = [(x, 0)]
8      while len(stack) > 0:
9          (n, i) = stack[-1]
10         if i == len(n) - 1:
11             del stack[-1]
12             print n[0]
13         else:
14             stack[-1] = (n, i+1)
15             stack.append((n[1+i], 0))
16
17  def postTraverse3(x):
18      stack = [(x, 0)]
19      while len(stack) > 0:
20          (n, i) = stack[-1]
21          if i == len(n) - 1:
22              del stack[-1]
23              yield n[0]
24          else:
25              stack[-1] = (n, i+1)
26              stack.append((n[1+i], 0))
27
28  class PostTraverser:
29      def __init__(self, x):
30          self.stack = [(x, 0)]
31      def __iter__(self):
32          return self
33      def next(self):
34          while len(self.stack) > 0:
35              (n, i) = self.stack[-1]
36              if i == len(n) - 1:
37                  del self.stack[-1]
38                  return n[0]
39              else:
40                  self.stack[-1] = (n, i+1)
41                  self.stack.append((n[1+i], 0))

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42         raise StopIteration
43
44     x =
45     [ 'A',
46       [ 'B',
47         [ 'E' ],
48         [ 'F' ]
49       ],
50       [ 'C',
51         [ 'G',
52           [ 'I' ]
53         ],
54         [ 'H',
55           [ 'J' ],
56           [ 'K' ],
57           [ 'L' ]
58         ]
59       ],
60       [ 'D' ]
61   ]
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63
64   for c in postTraverse3(x):
65       print c
66
67   for c in PostTraverser(x):
68       print c
```

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