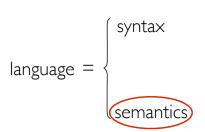
CS 320: Principles of Programming Languages

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Week 5: Paradigms, Scripting, and Python

syntax: the written/spoken/symbolic/physical form; how things are communicated

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semantics: what the syntax means or represents

The rest of the course: studying semantics

- Types: classifying values (last week)

 Building blocks for programming language type systems
- Programming language paradigms:

 Procedural, functional, object-oriented, logic, concurrent, ...
- Static semantics, program analysis, and type checking Fundamentals of static analysis; static vs dynamic typing
- Formalizing programming language semantics

 Denotational, operational, and axiomatics semantics
- Proving program correctness
 Preconditions, invariants, and postconditions

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Programming language paradigms

Notions of computation

- Programs are (usually textual) descriptions of computations
- Calculating the value of an expression?

 Executing a sequence of commands/instructions?

 Applying logical deduction to reach a conclusion?

 Simulating interacting agents to obtain a result?

Biological/chemical/physical processes?

• But what, exactly, do we mean by "a computation"?

 \bullet Different notions of computing lead to different paradigms:

Different ways of thinking about computation
Different ways of capturing those ideas as programs
Different tools for solving problems

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Multi-paradigm programming

- The lessons that you learn from studying a new language or paradigm can often be adapted to other settings
- If you want to be a better programmer, learn a new language or a new paradigm ...
- If you want to design a better programming language, draw inspiration from multiple paradigms ...

Example: calculating factorials

Your task: print the factorial of a number n

imperative

```
int r = 1;
int i = 1;
while (i<=n) {
  r = r*i;
  i = i+1;
}</pre>
```

print r;

procedural

```
int fact(int i) {
   if (i<2) {
     return i;
   } else {
     return
        i*fact(i-1);
   }
}
print fact(n);</pre>
```

functional

a C programmer might not consider this practical...

... but it opens new paths to solving

bigger problems

Computing by calculating

• An old dictionary definition for "computer":

"a person who makes calculations, especially with a calculating machine"

- A basis for functional programming:
 - Using a wide range of types of values, from numbers and strings to tuples, lists, trees, functions, and more
 - Scaling to large problems



Basic calculator

Good for:

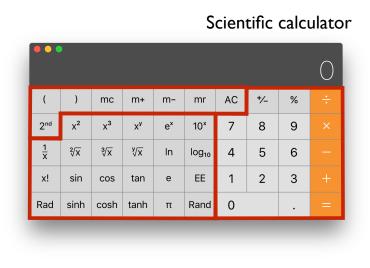
- ... doing calculations
- ... with numbers
- ... and basic arithmetic
- ... on small sets of data

Can we do more?

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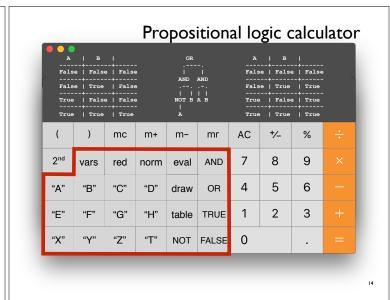


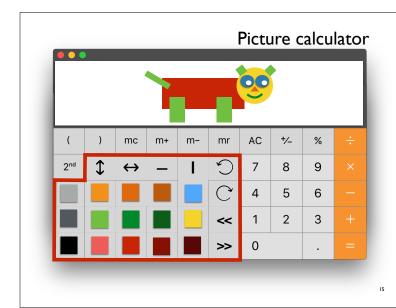
Programmer's calculator

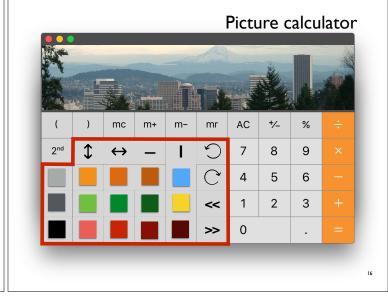


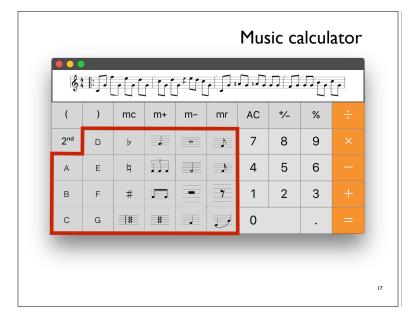
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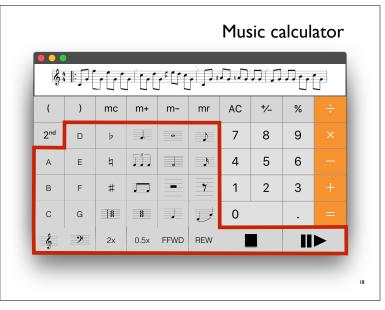


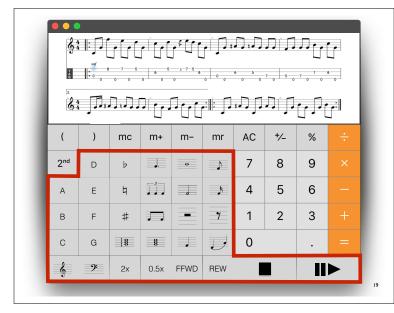












Computing by calculating

- Basics:
 - Start with some primitive values
 - Add operations for manipulating/combining values
- Multiple types of data:
 - Numbers, Prop, lists, trees, grammars, pictures, music, ...
- Extensible:
 - Add new types
 - Add new operations
- · Scalable:
 - Work with arbitrarily large values/data structures

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Functional language characteristics

- Computation is performed by evaluating expressions
- Functions as **first class values** that can be stored in data structures, passed as arguments, and returned as results
- Pure functional languages:
 - No global variables, no assignment, no side effects
 - Functions as in math (same inputs ⇒ same outputs)
 - How is it possible to do work without side-effects?
 - Higher-level coding: fact n = product [1..n]
 - Explicit state: lexProp ('(':cs) = TOPEN:lexProp cs

Imperative and Procedural Programming

Functional programming languages

- Lisp (John McCarthy, 1958)
- Scheme (Guy Steele, Gerald Jay Sussman, 1970)
- ML (Robin Milner, others, 1973)
- Haskell (Committee, 1990)
- OCaml (INRIA, 1996)
- Scala (Martin Odersky, 2004)
- **F**# (Don Syme, Microsoft, 2005)
- Clojure (Rich Hickey, 2007)
- and numerous other examples (Hope, Erlang, Racket, ...)

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a rich history of

functional programming

languages!

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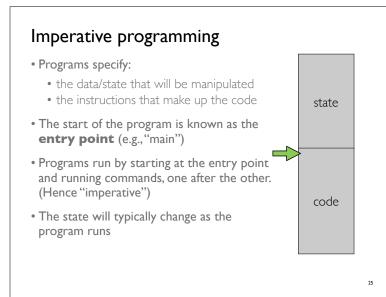
Computing by executing

• A more recent dictionary definition for "computer":

"an electronic device for storing and processing data, typically in binary form, according to instructions given to it in a variable program."

- A basis for modern computing equipment:
 - programs are described by sequences of primitive machine instructions that are represented by binary data stored in an electronic memory
 - the processor executes the program by decoding and acting on the instructions, one after another

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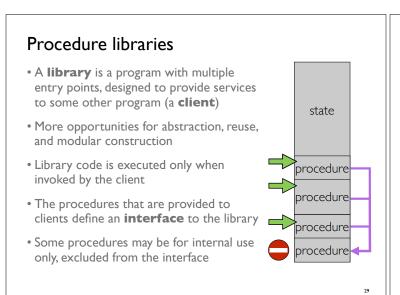


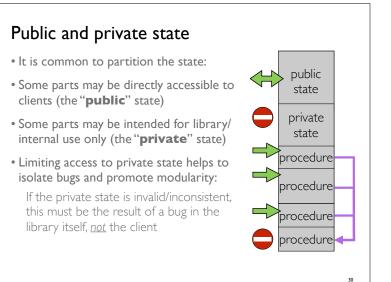
Initialization The state must typically be set to some appropriate initial value before the program is executed This can be handled by: Loading initial state values in to memory with the rest of the program; or Inserting extra code at the entry point to calculate and save appropriate initial values in the state Of course, these techniques can be

used in combination too ...

Procedural programming • A form of imperative programming in which the code is structured as a collection of procedure/subroutine definitions state · Allows abstraction, reuse, and modular construction of software • One particular procedure is chosen as the procedure entry point (e.g., "main") procedure • Programs run by executing the entry point procedure procedure • Procedures "call" other procedures in a procedure LIFO (i.e., stack-like) manner

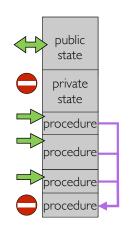
Procedural programming languages • Many programming languages have been designed to support this approach, including: • Fortran (John Backus, 1957) state • COBOL (Howard Bromberg, Howard Discount, Vernon Reeves, Jean Sammet, William Selden, Gertrude Tierney, 1959) procedure • BASIC (John Kemeny, Thomas Kurtz, 1964) procedure • Pascal (Niklaus Wirth, 1970) • C (Dennis Ritchie, 1972) procedure • Ada (Jean Ichbiah, 1983) procedure • ...





Encapsulated state

- How can we ensure that state is truly "encapsulated" (i.e., that clients do not have access to private state or internal procedures?)
 - Option 1: Rely on programmer discipline (error prone)
 - Option 2: Obfuscate the private components so that they are harder to access
 - Option 3: Use a programming language that enforces these requirements



Using multiple libraries entry state public point state private state private state procedure procedure brocedure code procedure procedure procedure procedure procedure procedure library L client library R

Using multiple libraries objects

Object-oriented Programming

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Object-oriented programming

- Computations are performed by collections of "objects" that "invoke methods" or "send messages" to one another to request a service or deliver a result
- A single program may use multiple forms of object ⇒ classes
- Objects store fields

 ⇒ encapsulated state
- New objects can be initialized on demand
 - ⇒ constructors

- Every object has an associated set of procedures

 ⇒ methods
- Different classes can share common features
 ⇒ inheritance
- A method may be implemented differently in different classes
 ⇒ dynamic dispatch

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characteristic features of object-oriented languages (not everyone agrees!)

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Object-oriented programming languages

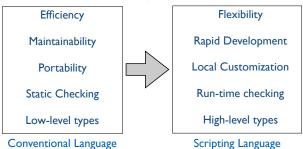
- Simula (Ole-Johan Dahl and Kristen Nygaard, 1967)
- Smalltalk (Alan Kay, Dan Ingalls, Adele Goldberg, 1972)
- C++ (Bjarne Stroustrup, 1983)
- Objective-C (Brad Cox, 1983)
- Eiffel (Bertrand Meyer, 1985)
- Java (James Gosling, 1995)
- **C**# (Microsoft, 2000)
- and numerous other examples (JavaScript, OCaml, Python, Ruby, Self, Scala, Swift, ...)

many different flavors of object-oriented programming!

Scripting Languages

Scripting languages

- · Languages designed to compose and coordinate computations rather than to code computations directly
- Sometimes called "glue" languages, because they are used to glue together existing existing programs/tools/libraries/...



Evolution of scripting languages

unix sh ICL powershell applescript

Command shells

#!/bin/sh if [-r tst/\$f.out.bak]; then if [-tst/\$f.out.bak]; tien
diff tst/\$f.out, bak tst/\$f.out;
else cp tst/\$f.out tst/\$f.out, bak; fi
if [-r tst/\$f.err.bak]; then
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else cp tst/\$f.err tst/\$f.err.bak; fi bash

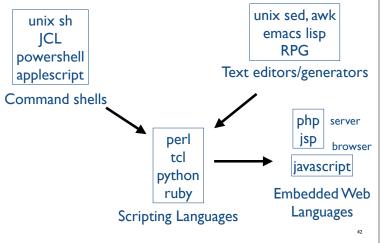
Evolution of scripting languages

unix sed, awk emacs lisp **RPG**

Text editors/generators

```
/<[hH][123]>/ {    # execute this block if line contains an opening tag
          while (!/<\/[hH][123]>/) {
                                                 # print interior lines
# in their entirety
              print
if (getline != 1) exit
          close_tag = match($0, /<\/[hH][123]>/) + 4
    print substr($0, 0, close_tag)  # print through closing tag
  $0 = substr($0, close_tag + 1)  # delete through closing tag
} while (/<[hH][123]>/)  # repeat if more opening tags
                                                                               awk
```

Evolution of scripting languages



Typical scripting language features

- Interactive use (e.g. Read-Eval-Print-Loop)
- · Syntax encourages brevity
- Variables have scope but no declarations
- Dynamic typing
- Strong support for string manipulation and pattern matching
- Direct access to OS system facilities and external libraries
- Built-in support for high-level types
- Interpreted execution

Often "defined" by single official implementation

Python

- Invented ~1990 by Guido van Rossum
- Now one of the most widely used programming languages in the world
- Python 3.X (2008) is mildly backwardsincompatible version

Now used for new developments

But lots of Python 2.X code remains

We will only use 3.X in this course ...

• Our initial focus: procedural programming, but we will use it later for OOP too ...



Python 2.X: print x
Python 3.X: print(x)

TOP OOP to

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Python resources

• Numerous books and websites (but some for Python 2.X)



https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/

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http://greenteapress.com/wp/think-python-2e/

Prof. Wu-chang Feng's crash course on Python (I hour video) is available on media.pdx.edu (see link on D2L)

O'Reilly Python books @ humblebundle.com

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The Python REPL (Read-Eval-Print-Loop)

```
$ python3

Python 3.7.2 (default, Dec 27 2018, 07:35:45)

[Clang 9.0.0 (clang-900.0.39.2)] on darwin

Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or

"license" for more information.

>>> 2+2

evaluate an expression

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>>> x = 15 + 6

bind a variable to a value

>>> y = x * 2

>>> y

use the value of a variable

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>>> print('x + y = ', x+y)

x + y = 63

>>> ^D

print values of one or more expressions

$ 45
```

Python: Batch execution of programs

```
file containing
python statements

$ cat example.py
# same statements as we typed in before

2+2
x = 15+6
y = x * 2

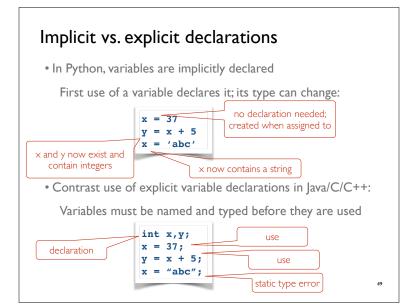
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print('x + y = ', x+y)
$ python3 example.py
x + y = 63
$ print() results go to stdout
```

Python values and types

- Every value is an object of some class
 Conceptually it lives in a box and is handled by reference
 No distinction between objects and primitive values
- Every value has a type.
- Built-in types include

 primitive types: integers, booleans, floats, strings, ...

 constructed types: lists, tuples, dictionaries, sets, ...
- You can define new classes, but many programs don't need to



Tradeoffs: Implicit vs. explicit declarations

Explicit declarations:

- More text to type
- Helps prevent typos

Implicit declarations:

- Less text to type
- Easy to mistype variable name
- Scope of variable can be complicated (more later)

```
only caught when this line actually runs — bug could be lurking for a long time

var = 37

if rare-condition:

y = vsr + 5

typo!
```

Dynamic typing

- Dynamic typing: check type consistency at execution time
 Variables do not themselves have types
 - · Often the variables are not even declared

Each run-time values carries its own type

Type is checked before use

Disallowed operations cause run-time exception

• Used in Python, Ruby, Javascript, Lisp/Scheme, ...

```
x = 3
x = "foo" perfectly OK
y = x+1 run-time type error
```

program may run

a long time before error is

discovered

Static typing

- Static typing: check type consistency before program runs
 Types of all variables and expressions are determined
 Usually, variable types are explicitly declared
 - Sometimes can be inferred by compiler based on use Disallowed operations cause compile-time error
- Used in C/C++, Java, C#, Haskell, ...

```
int x;
x = 37;
x = "foo";

program doesn't compile
explicit type declaration
not allowed
```

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Digging Deeper

How do you learn a new language?

How can you learn the **syntax**, **semantics**, and **idioms** of a new programming language?

- · Read a book or tutorial
- Take a class
- Study sample programs
- Talk to other programmers
- Write your own programs
- Practice!

Read the manual!

- Often very technical ...
- Rarely a great work of literature ... 😜
- But an authoritative source of information for understanding key details
- An essential resource for language implementors
- One of the goals of this class is to prepare you for reading this kind of documentation ...

The Python Language Reference

The Python Language Reference

This reference manual describes the syntax and "core semantics" of the language. It is terse, but attempts to be exact and complete. The semantics of non-essential built-in object types and of the built-in functions and modules are described in The Python Standard Library. For an informal introduction to the language, see The Python Tutorial. For C or C++ programmers, two additional manuals exist: Extending and Embedding the Python Interpreter describes the high-level picture of how to write a Python extension module, and the Python/C API Reference Manual describes the interfaces available to C/C++ programmers in detail.

1. Introduction

This reference manual describes the Python programming language. It is not intended as a tutorial.

While I am trying to be as precise as possible, I chose to use English rather than formal specifications for everything except syntax and lexical analysis. This should make the document more understandable to the average reader, but will leave room for ambiguities Consequently, if you were coming from Mars and tried to re-implement Python from this document alone, you might have to guess things and in fact you would probably end up implementing quite a different language. On the other hand, if you are using Python and wonder what the precise rules about a particular area of the language are, you should definitely be able to find them here. If you would like to see a more formal definition of the language, maybe you could volunteer your time — or invent a cloning machine :-).

1.2. Notation

The descriptions of lexical analysis and syntax use a modified E following style of definition:

The first line says that a name is an lc_letter followed by a sequence of zero or more and underscores. An 1c_letter in turn is any of the single control actually adhered to for the names defined in lexical and gramm

Each rule begins with a name (which is the name defined by used to separate alternatives; it is the least binding operator \boldsymbol{i} more repetitions of the preceding item; likewise, a plus (+) phrase enclosed in square brackets ($[\]$) means zero or one o phrase is optional). The * and * operators bind as tightly grouping. Literal strings are enclosed in quotes. White space Rules are normally contained on a single line; rules with many tively with each line after the first beginning with a vertical bar

'Backus-Naur Form" (used by John Backus and Peter Naur in the definition of ALGOL 60)

_letters

"tokens" alt1 | alt2 zero or more* one or more+ [optional] (grouping)

2. Lexical analysis

A Python program is read by a parser. Input to the parser is a stream of tokens, generated by the lexical analyzer. This chapter describes how the lexical analyzer breaks a file into tokens

Python reads program text as Unicode code points; the encoding of a source file can be given by an encoding declaration and defaults to UTF-8, see PEP 3120 for details. If the source file cannot be decoded, a SyntaxError is raised.

2.3.1. Keywords

The following identifiers are used as reserved words, or keywords of the language, and cannot be used as ordinary identifiers. They must be spelled exactly as written here:





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2.4.5. Integer literals

Integer literals are described by the following lexical definitions:

```
bininteger :: " 0 ( D B ) [[ ] bininteger | 1: " 0 ( "D B ) [[ ] bininteger | 1: " 0 (" " 0") (" 1" | notidight) + octime | nonecodight :: " 0" ("x" | X") (["] | hexdight) + dight :: " 0" | "1..."9" | bindight :: " 0" | "1" | octdight :: " 0" | octdig
```

There is no limit for the length of integer literals apart from what can be stored in available memory

Underscores are ignored for determining the numeric value of the literal. They can be used to group digits for enhanced readability. One underscore can occur between digits, and after base specifiers like 0x.

Note that leading zeros in a non-zero decimal number are not allowed. This is for disambiguation with C-style octal literals, which Python used before version 3.0.

Some examples of integer literals:

```
2147483647
79228162514264337593543950336
100_000_000_000
                                                            0o377 0xdeadbeet
0b_1110_0101
```

2.4.6. Floating point literals

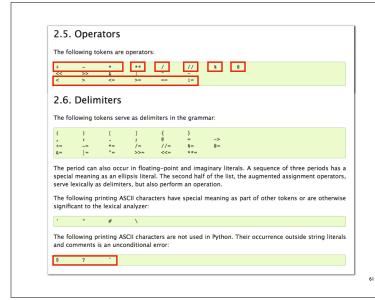
Floating point literals are described by the following lexical definitions:

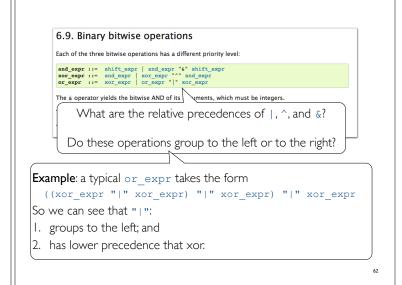
```
floatnumber ::= pointfloat | exponentfloat pointfloat ::= (digitpart) fraction | digitpart ".exponentfloat ::= (digitpart) pointfloat) exponent digitpart ::= digit ([".] digit)* fraction ::= "." digit ([".] digit)art exponent ::= ("e" | "E") ["+" | "-"] digitpart
```

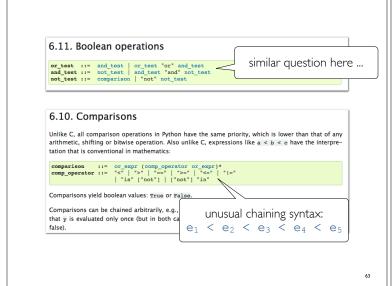
Note that the integer and exponent parts are always interpreted using radix 10. For example, 077e010 is legal, and denotes the same number as 77e10. The allowed range of floating point literals is imple mentation-dependent. As in integer literals, underscores are supported for digit grouping.

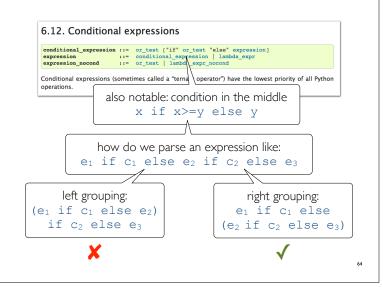
Some examples of floating point literals:

3.14 10. .001 1e100 3.14e-10 0e0 3.14_15_93









3.2. The standard type hierarchy

Below is a list of the types that are built into Python. Extension modules (written in C, Java, or other languages, depending on the implementation) can define additional types. Future versions of Python may add types to the type hierarchy (e.g., rational numbers, efficiently stored arrays of integers, etc.), although such additions will often be provided via the standard library instead.

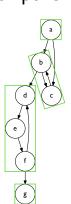
None Set types Numbers Sets (mutable) Integral Frozen sets (immutable) Mappings bool Dictionaries real Callable types complex User-defined functions Sequences Instance methods Immutable sequences Generator functions Strings Tuples Classes Modules Bytes Mutable sequences Class instances I/O objects Byte arrays

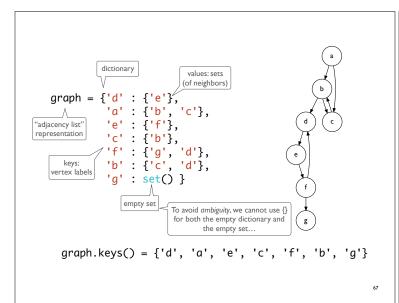
Case study: Strongly connected components

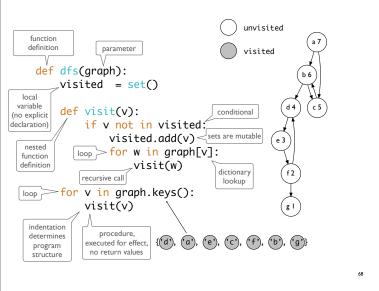
- Python's high-level collection types (lists, sets, dictionaries) and concise syntax make it easy to implement standard algorithms; the results almost look like pseudo code!
- In a directed graph:

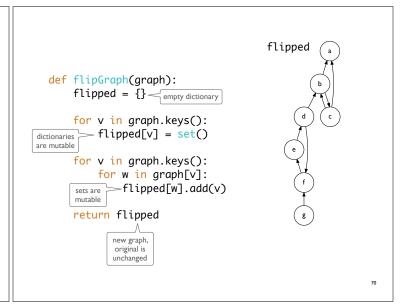
A **strongly connected component** (scc) is a set of vertices in which you can move between any pair of elements by following a path in the graph

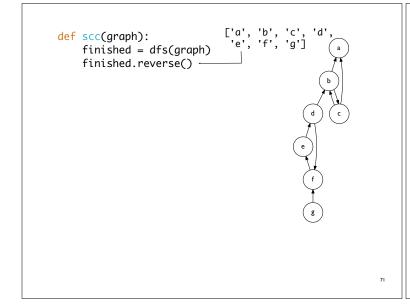
 Many practical applications, including numerous examples in programming language analysis and implementation

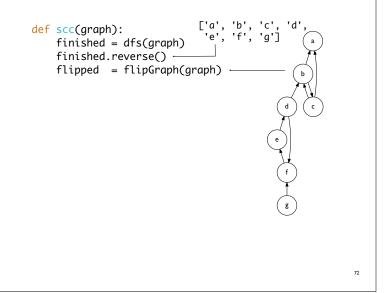












```
['a', 'b', 'c', 'e', 'f', 'g']
                                          'd'
def scc(graph):
    finished = dfs(graph)
    finished.reverse()
    flipped = flipGraph(graph)
    visited = set()
    def visit(v, scc):
       visited.add(v)
        scc.append(v)
        for w in flipped[v]:
            if w not in visited:
                visit(w, scc)
    sccs = []
    for v in finished:
        if v not in visited:
           scc = []
                                 visit(v, scc)
            sccs.append(scc)
   return sccs
                                         ['g']]
```

Dynamic typing is flexible

- Our implementation works seamlessly with adjacency lists and adjacency sets (and other "sequence" types too)
- These can be arbitrarily mixed together in a single dictionary representing a graph
- The implementation provides a high degree of polymorphism!

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Dynamic typing is dangerous!

```
dictionary
                                    oops!
scc({'a': {'b'}, 'b':3, 'c':[] })
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "scc.py", line 83, in <module>
testScc({'a': {'b'}, 'b':{3}, 'c':[]})

File "scc.py", line 66, in testScc
print('are', scc(graph))

File "scc.py", line 40, in scc
vertices = dfs(g)
  File "scc.py", line 33, in dfs
                                                       Errors like this are not
     visit(v)
  File "scc.py", line 30, in visit
                                                       caught until the relevant
                                                       part of the program is
  File "scc.py", line 30, in visit
     visit(w)
                                                       executed ...
  File "scc.py", line 29, in visit
     for w in g[v]:
KeyError: 3
```

Summary: Language paradigms

- Languages can be (partially) classified according to paradigms such as functional, procedural, object-oriented, ...
- Functional programming emphasizes the evaluation of expressions and the use of functions as first-class values
- Procedural programming views programs as collections of procedures with associated state
- Object-oriented programming views programs as collections of stateful objects that interact by sending messages
- There are no firm boundaries: for example, you can do functional programming in a procedural language
- Many modern language designs are multi-paradigm