Remembering previously-computed answer

Have we computed $f(x_1,x_2,...,x_k)$ before?

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Function arguments as a sequence

1) Capturing arguments of a call:

...

2) Using sequence to supply arguments:

$$result = f(*x)$$

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"Memoization"

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