

CS492: Probabilistic Programming

Basics of Clojure and

tiny bit of Anglican

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What are the cons and pros of such a lang.?

Clojure

- Re-design of Scheme for Java virtual machine, with concurrency in mind.
- Untyped.
- Highly expressive.
- Cousin language for Anglican, the probabilistic programming language used in this course.

Learning outcome

- Can write simple Clojure programs with recursion, loop, sequence, and map.
- Can write simple Anglican programs with no conditioning, and perform inference.
- All by copy-past-modify programming.

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Chaining in a nutshell

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(ns lecture2/g)
[user=> (load-file "sum.clj")]
#'lecture2/g
[user=> (lecture2/g 100)]
338350
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333833500
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StackOverflowError    clojure.lang.Numbers.equal
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(ns lecture2b)

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```
(ns lecture2b)

(defn sum-loop [n]
  (loop [acc 0]
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Exercise 2: Random Fibonacci sequence R_n

$$R_1 = 1, \quad R_2 = 1,$$

$$R_{n+2} = R_n + R_{n+1} \text{ or } R_{n+1} - R_n, \text{ each with prob. } 1/2$$

[Q] What does the distribution of R_n look like?

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- To move on, we need to understand map and sequence datatypes of Clojure.
- Two key questions:
 1. How to construct a datatype?
 2. How to destruct (or decompose) it?

Map in Clojure

1. Constructed using `{..}` or `assoc` typically.

```
{:a 0, :b 1, 3 10},
```

```
(assoc {:a 0, :b 1} 3 10)
```

2. Accessed (or destructured) by `get` & keyword.

```
(get {:a 0, :b 1, 3 10} 3)
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```
(get {:a 0, :b 1, 3 10} :a)
```

```
(:a {:a 0, :b 1, 3 10})
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Sequence in Clojure

1. Created using `list` and `conj` typically.

`(list 1 2 3)`, `(conj (list 2 3) 1)`

2. Destructured by `first`, `rest` and `reduce`.

`(first (list 1 2 3))`,

`(rest (list 1 2 3))`,

`(reduce + (list 1 2 3))`

Sequence in Clojure

3. Changed using map and filter.

```
(map inc (list 1 2 3)),  
(filter (fn [x] (>= x 2)) (list 1 2 3))
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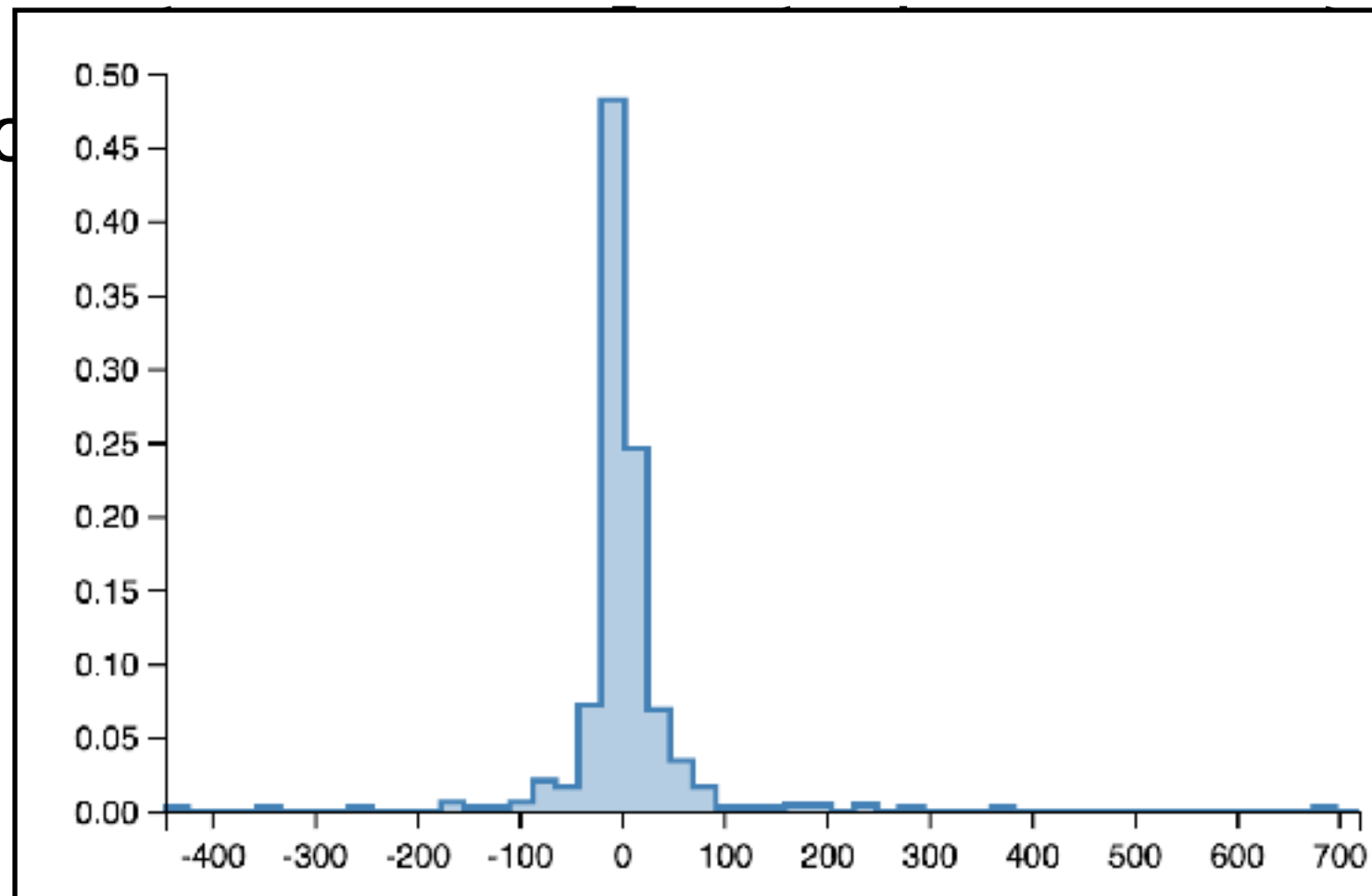
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  (/ (reduce + (map f r)) 1000))
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Topics covered

- Functions, recursion, loop, sequence, and map in Clojure.
- defquery, and doquery in Anglican.

Announcement

1. Homework 1 in the course web page.
 - It will teach you how to use Gorilla and to try examples in the web browser.
2. No lectures on 4 & 6 September 2017.
3. Form a group and tell us by the midnight of 11 September 2017.