

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, list, and map.
- Can write simple Anglican programs with no conditioning, and perform inference.
- All by copy-paste-modify programming.

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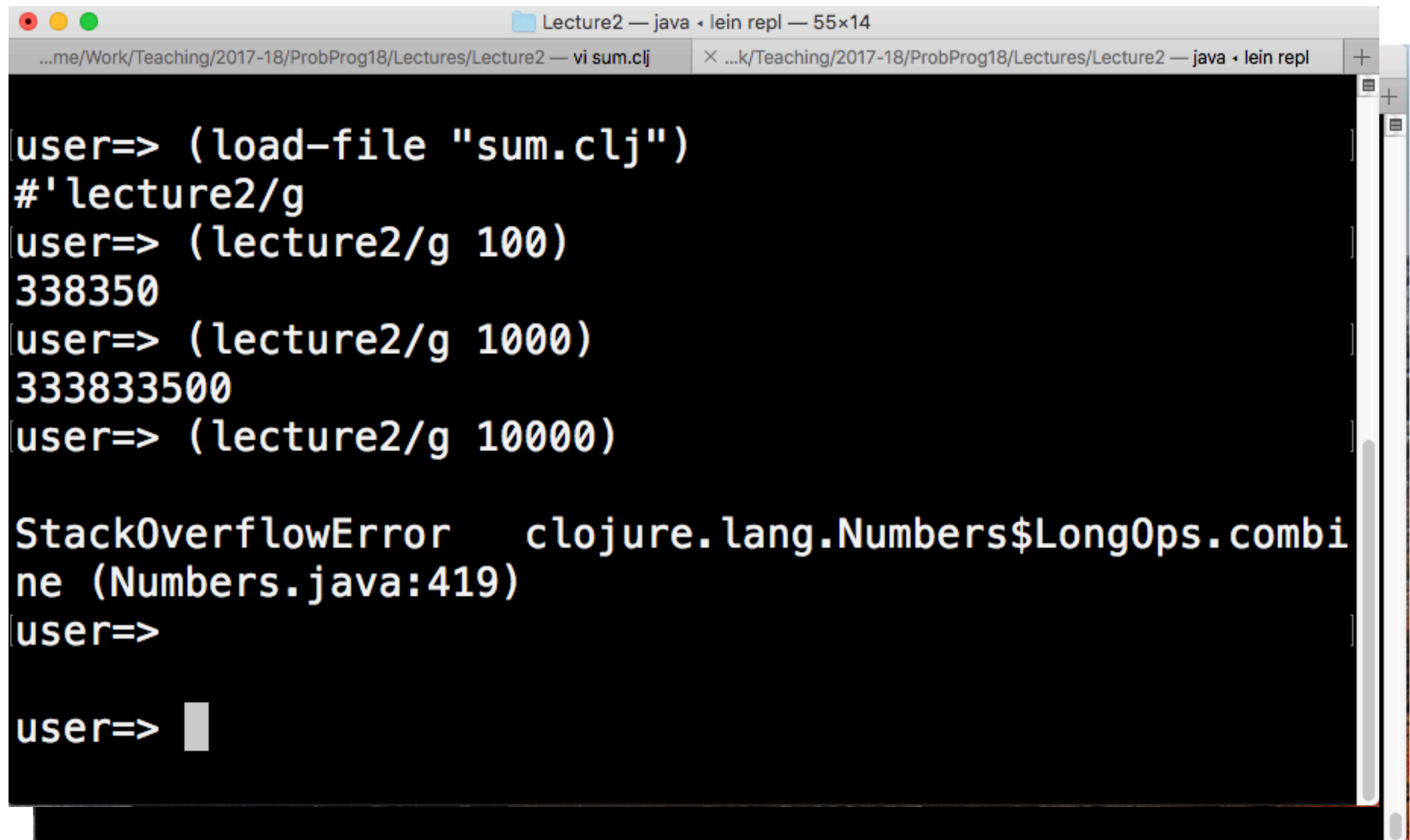
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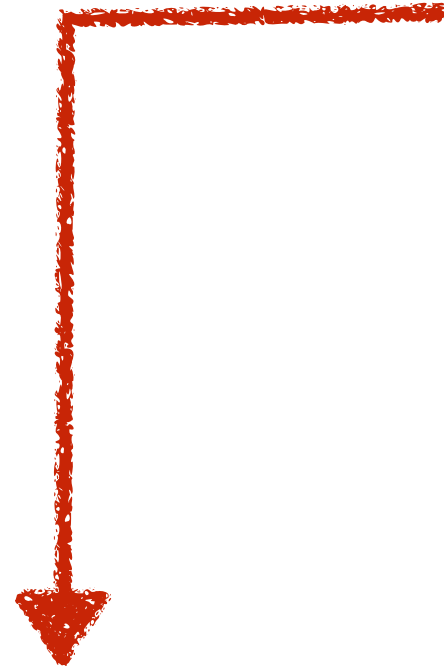
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- Two key questions:
 1. How to construct a datatype?
 2. How to destruct (or decompose) it?

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})
```

List in Clojure

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

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

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

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

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

`(take 2 (list 1 2 3))`

List in Clojure

3. Changed using map and filter.

```
(map inc (list 1 2 3)),
```

```
(map + (list 1 2 3) (list 10 11 12))
```

```
(filter (fn [x] (>= x 2)) (list 1 2 3))
```

4. reduce.

```
(reduce + 0.0 (list 1 2 3 4))
```

5. drop, empty?, many other functions. Google.

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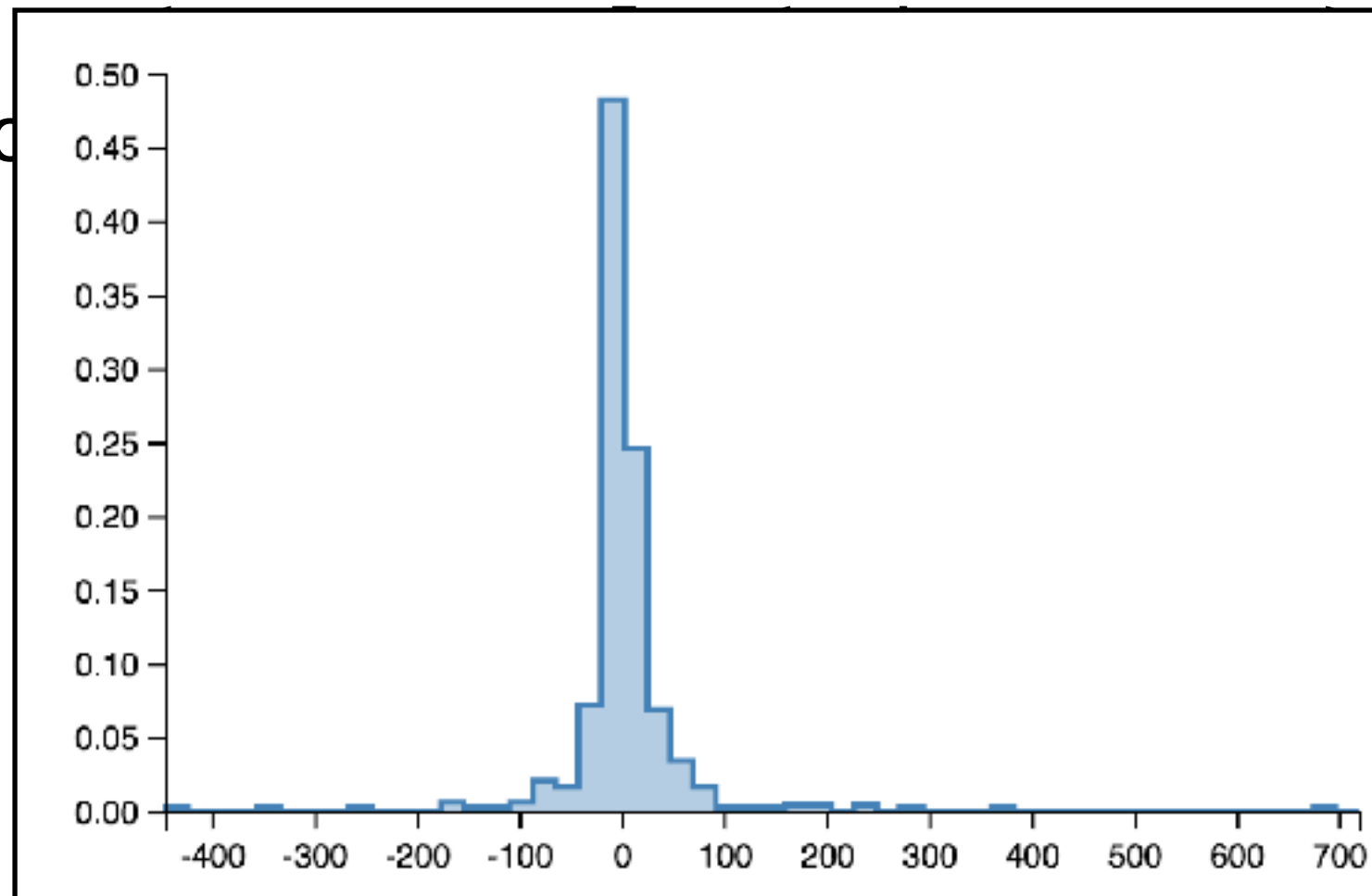
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Part I

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(defn fib [n]
  (loop [i 2 s (list 1 1)]
    (if (= i n)
      (rev s)
      (recur (+ i 1)
              (conj s (+ (first s)
                          (second s)))))))
```

Part 2

```
(defn ck [fibn-and-i]
  (let [fibn (first fibn-and-i)
        i    (second fibn-and-i)]
    (= (reduce + 0 (get-digits fibn))
       i)))
```

```
(def idx-fib-seq
  (map (fn [s i] (list s i))
       (fib 10000)
       (range 1 10001)))
```

```
(def indices
  (map second (filter ck idx-fib-seq)))
```

Topics covered

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

Announcement

1. Homework 0 in the course webpage.
 - It will teach you how to use Gorilla and to try examples in the web browser.
2. Form a group and tell us by the midnight of 13 March 2018 (Tuesday).