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(ns anonymous-function.core
  (:gen-class))

(defn -main
  "I don't do a whole lot ... yet."
  [& args]
  (println "Hello, World!"))
```

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#'anonymous-function.core/-main
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; this is an anonymous function. It can only be
called where it is defined.
#(* % %)

(map #(* % %) (range 11))
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(0 1 4 9 16 25 36 49 64 81 100)
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; you can also define a function by just using (def
name #(anonymous-function %))
(def square #(* % %))

(square 2)
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; you can also declare an function by using (fn
[varname] expression)
(def square-fn (fn [x] (* x x)))

(square-fn 2)
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(square-fn 2)
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(defn square-defn
  "this function is defined by the defn macro, takes
  one number, and returns it's square."
  [num]
  (* num num))
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#'anonymous-function.core/square-defn
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(square-defn 2)
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;In clojure functions are "first class". That means they can be passed to other functions as arguments. Here we use that principle to test if all the previously defined squaring functions return the same correct answer.

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(map #(%1 %2) [#(* % %) square square-fn square-defn] (repeat 4 4))
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(16 16 16 16)
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; in the last expression we used an anonymous function to do a one to one mapping where each function is given the number 4 and returns 16. Let's break that expression down to learn more about multivariable anonymous functions.

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(map #(+ %1 %2) (range 1 10) (range 1 10))
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(2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18)
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; the above expression maps over two ranges and sums the nth element of each range and returns a new range of doubled numbers. The %1 %2 tags specify which nth element from a given list will be used. For example

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(map #(/ %1 %2) (range 2 10 2) (reverse (range 2 10 2)))  
(map #(/ %2 %1) (range 2 10 2) (reverse (range 2 10 2)))
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(1/4 2/3 3/2 4)
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(4 3/2 2/3 1/4)
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; both expressions above are almost identical except the arguments in the anonymous function are switched around. For a multiple-arity mapping over several lists each list is passed to the anonymous function. so there can be %1 %2 %3 ... %N numbers of input to an anonymous function.