#### Announcements

- ► Homework
  - ► Homework 7
    - Due on Friday
    - ► Make sure to at least be getting started on Problem 2
- Midterm 1 week from Friday
  - ▶ I'm going to try to get some study materials made up this weekend
  - ► I will also post last semester's test
  - ► No homework due next week so study up!
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### Review Question

What is the 2nd element (index 1) of the below list?

```
[(i-1)*j for i,j in enumerate('cow')]
```

- A) '
- B) 'w'
- C) 'o'
- D) This would give an error

Solution: ''

#### $\lambda$ functions

- ▶ Often need a quick, one use function
- Annoying to have to define an entire function for that
- Can write anonymous functions using lambda expressions
  - ► Anatomy: lambda <variables>: <expression>
  - Example:

```
xs = [1,2,3,4,5]
ys = [r for r in map(lambda x: x**2, xs)]
```

## **Understanding Check**

One of the below expressions returns something different from the others. Which is the odd one out?

- A) [x+3 for x in range(10)]
- B) [x for x in map(lambda y: y + 3, range(10))]
- C) [lambda x: x+3 for x in range(10)]
- D) [y-3 for y in map(lambda x: x + 6, range(10))]

Solution: [lambda x: x+3 for x in range(10)]

#### Define it

- ► A dictionary is an *unordered* set of objects
- ▶ Since unordered, we can't index them with a number
- Instead index them with keys
- Any Python dictionary is a set of key/value pairings
- Delimited with {} to denote an unordered set
- Pairings use a : between key and value

```
A = {'Jim':45, 'Bob':True, 34:'Betsy'}
```

# A Key Concept

- We still index dictionaries with square brackets
- Pass the desired key inside

```
print(A['Jim'])
print(A[34])
```

Keys need to be unique!!

## **Dictionary Operations**

- ► Append:
  - Just add a new entry
  - ► D['new key'] = 20
- Combine dictionaries:
  - ► This extends a dictionary in place!
  - ► {'A':1, 'B':2}.update({'C':3, 'D':4})
- Remove pairs:
  - ► Removes a particular key/value pair
  - ▶ del D['key to remove']
- Loop over dictionary:
  - ► Loops over the keys
  - ▶ for key in {'A':1, 'B':2, 'C':3}:

### Views

- Can also access keys or values from a dictionary with special methods:
  - ► Keys: D.keys()
  - Values: D.values()
- Both return a view object, which is dynamic!
  - ▶ Will change whenever the dictionary changes
- Can loop over or test if things are in view objects
  - Trying to change the size a dictionary while looping over it will result in an error

### Get it?

- Commonly might want to access a key from a dictionary, but may be unsure if it exists
  - ► Trying to access an invalid key will give an error
- ► Use the .get dictionary method, which allows you to provide a fallback option if the desired key is not in the dictionary
  - ▶ D.get('desired key', 'fallback value')