



# Computational Structures in Data Science

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## Lecture #3: Control Recap & Higher Order Functions



# Solutions for the Wandering Mind

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- **Could we build a complete computer that has no instructions, only data?**

Yes! A computer that only uses a single instruction doesn't have to distinguish between instructions. The program is a sequence of arguments to that instruction.

One Instruction Computer:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One\\_instruction\\_set\\_computer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_instruction_set_computer)

Generalization: Cellular Automaton (Rule F110)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cellular\\_automaton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cellular_automaton)

Is this how the universe works?



# Administrative issues

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- **Tutoring**
  - To help you prepare for exams, we will be hosting small group tutoring we will also be having guerrilla section.
  - Pay attention on Piazza and ask TAs for details.
- **Midterm Thursday 3/7. DSP and make-up details TBD.**



# Computational Concepts Toolbox

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- **Data type: values, literals, operations,**
  - e.g., int, float, string
- **Expressions, Call expression**
- **Variables**
- **Assignment Statement**
- **Sequences: tuple, list**
- **Data structures**
- **Tuple assignment**
- **Call Expressions**
- **Function Definition Statement**
- **Conditional Statement**

## Iteration:

- data-driven (list comprehension)
- control-driven (for statement)
- while statement





# Computational Concepts today

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- **Recap: Control structures**
- **Higher Order Functions**
- **Functions as Values**
- **Functions with functions as argument**
- **Assignment of function values**
- **Higher order function patterns**
  - Map, Filter, Reduce
- **Function factories – create and return functions**

Big Idea: Software Design Patterns





# for statement – iteration control

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- Repeat a block of statements for a structured sequence of variable bindings

<initialization statements>

**for** <variables> **in** <sequence expression>:  
    <body statements>

<rest of the program>

```
def cum_OR(lst):  
    """Return cumulative OR of entries in lst.  
    >>> cum_OR([True, False])  
    True  
    >>> cum_OR([False, False])  
    False  
    """  
    co = False  
    for item in lst:  
        co = co or item  
    return co
```



# while statement – iteration control

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- Repeat a block of statements until a predicate expression is satisfied

<initialization statements>

**while** <predicate expression>:  
    <body statements>

<rest of the program>

```
def first_primes(k):  
    """ Return the first k primes.  
    """  
    primes = []  
    num = 2  
    while len(primes) < k :  
        if prime(num):  
            primes = primes + [num]  
            num = num + 1  
    return primes
```



# Data-driven iteration

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- describe an expression to perform on each item in a sequence
- let the data dictate the control

```
[ <expr with loop var> for <loop var> in <sequence expr > ]
```

```
def dividers(n):  
    """Return list of whether numbers greater than 1 that divide n.
```

```
>>> dividers(6)
```

```
[True, True]
```

```
>>> dividers(9)
```

```
[False, True, False]
```

```
"""
```

```
    return [divides(n,i) for i in range(2,(n//2)+1) ]
```



# iClicker Fun

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- **My favorite color is?**

- A) Green
- B) Blue
- C) Red
- D) Yellow
- E) Pink

- **Hint: Go bears!**



**Solution:**  
**G) Gold**

# Control Structures Review

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- A *while* loop is superior to a *for* loop?

- A) Correct
- B) Wrong



**Solution:**

A) Everything that a *for* loop can do can be implemented with a *while* loop. But not everything that a *while* loop can do is implementable in a *for* loop. Example: *while not key\_pressed()*:

# Control Structures Review

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- List comprehension is superior to a *for* loop?

- A) Correct
- B) Wrong



**Solution:**

**B) No. They are just two different constructs.**



# Control Structures Review

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- A function should...
  - A) implement as many features as possible
  - B) have a short name (Occam's Razor)!
  - C) implement one thing well
  - D) A & B
  - E) B & C



**Solution:**

**C) Make the function as short as possible but not shorter to do one thing well.**

# Control Structures Review

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- The result of `range(0,10)` is...

- A) `[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]`
- B) `[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]`
- C) `[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]`
- D) `[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]`
- E) an error



## Solution:

**A)** `range(m,n)` creates a list with elements from `m` to `n-1`.

# Control Structures Review

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- The result of  $[i \text{ for } i \text{ in range}(3,9) \text{ if odd}(i)]$  is...

- A)  $[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]$
- B)  $[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]$
- C)  $[1, 3, 5, 7, 9]$
- D)  $[3, 5, 7, 9]$
- E)  $[3, 5, 7]$



**Solution:**

**E)  $[3, 5, 7]$**

# Control Structures Review

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- The result of  $\text{len}([i \text{ for } i \text{ in range}(1, 10) \text{ if even}(i)])$  is...

- A) 5
- B) 4
- C) 3
- D) 2
- E) 1



**Solution:**

**B)**  $\text{len}([2, 4, 6, 8])=4$

# Iteration Review

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- When should we use a *for* loop, rather than list comprehension?
  - A) Always
  - B) On the midterm/final
  - C) When the Prof/TA tells me so
  - D) When I am not creating a list
  - E) C & D



**Solution:**

**D) if no list is needed, a *for* loop is more efficient**





# Higher Order Functions

- Functions that operate on functions
- A function

```
def odd(x):  
    return (x%2==1)
```

```
>>> odd(3)  
True
```

Why is this  
not 'odd' ?

- A function that takes a function arg

```
def filter(fun, s):  
    return [x for x in s if fun(x)]
```

```
>>> filter(odd, [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7])  
[1, 3, 5, 7]
```



# Higher Order Functions (cont)

- A function that returns (makes) a function

```
def leq_maker(c):  
    def leq(val):  
        return val <= c  
    return leq
```

```
>>> leq_maker(3)  
<function leq_maker.<locals>.leq at 0x1019d8c80>
```

```
>>> leq_maker(3)(4)  
False
```

```
>>> filter(leq_maker(3), [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7])  
[0, 1, 2, 3]  
>>>
```



# One more example

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- What does this function do?

```
def split_fun(p, s):  
    """ Returns <you fill this in>."""  
    return [i for i in s if p(i)], [i for i in s if not p(i)]
```

```
>>> split_fun(leq_maker(3), [0,1,2,3,4,5,6])  
([0, 1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6])
```



# Three super important HOFs

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`map(function_to_apply, list_of_inputs)`

Applies function to each element of the list

`filter(condition, list_of_inputs)`

Returns a list of elements for which the condition is true

`reduce(function, list_of_inputs)`

Reduces the list to a result, given the function



# Function Factories

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```
def linemaker(m, b):  
    def linefun(x):  
        # Create a function that embeds the parameters of the line  
        return m*x + b  
    # Return that dynamically created function  
    return linefun
```

```
def make_decoder(code_map):  
    """Make a decoder function specified by a map"""  
    def decode(code):  
        for (code_num, desc) in code_map:  
            if code == code_num:  
                return desc  
        return "unknown"  
    return decode
```



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# Thoughts for the Wandering Mind (Holiday Edition)



- How many answers can be maximally responded to by 20 questions (how much data do I need on my game device)?
- How can a 20-questions game get away with less?
- How can you make a 20-questions game fail (adversarial attack)?

