Linked Lists, Trees

Summer 2020

Discussion 9: July 23, 2020 Solutions

1 Linked Lists

There are many different implementations of sequences in Python. Today, we'll explore the linked list implementation.

A linked list is either an empty linked list, or a Link object containing a first value and the rest of the linked list.

To check if a linked list is an empty linked list, compare it against the class attribute Link.empty:

```
if link is Link.empty:
    print('This linked list is empty!')
else:
    print('This linked list is not empty!')
```

Implementation

```
class Link:
    empty = ()
    def __init__(self, first, rest=empty):
        assert rest is Link.empty or isinstance(rest, Link)
        self.first = first
        self.rest = rest
    def __repr__(self):
        if self.rest:
            rest_str = ', ' + repr(self.rest)
        else:
            rest_str = ''
        return 'Link({0}{1})'.format(repr(self.first), rest_str)
    def __str__(self):
        string = '<'
        while self.rest is not Link.empty:
            string += str(self.first) + ' '
            self = self.rest
        return string + str(self.first) + '>'
```

A Brief Note on Str and Repr

There are two main ways to produce the "string" of an object in Python: str() and repr(). While the two are similar, they are used for different purposes. str() is used to describe the object to the end user while repr() is mainly used for debugging and development.

When we define a class in Python, str() and repr() are both built-in functions for the class. We can call an object's str() and repr() by using their respective functions. In addition, the print() function calls the str() function of the object, while simply calling the object in interactive mode calls the repr() function. Here's an example:

```
class Test:
    def __str__(self):
        return "str"
    def __repr__(self):
        return "repr"
>>> a = Test()
>>> str(a)
'str'
>>> repr(a)
'repr'
>>> print(a)
str
>>> a
repr
```

Questions

1.1 Write a function that takes in a a linked list and returns the sum of all its elements. You may assume all elements in 1nk are integers.

```
def sum_nums(lnk):
    """
    >>> a = Link(1, Link(6, Link(7)))
    >>> sum_nums(a)
    14
    """

if lnk == Link.empty:
    return 0
    return lnk.first + sum_nums(lnk.rest)
```

1.2 Write a function that takes in a Python list of linked lists and multiplies them element-wise. It should return a new linked list.

If not all of the Link objects are of equal length, return a linked list whose length is that of the shortest linked list given. You may assume the Link objects are shallow linked lists, and that lst_of_lnks contains at least one linked list.

```
def multiply_lnks(lst_of_lnks):
    """
    >>> a = Link(2, Link(3, Link(5)))
    >>> b = Link(6, Link(4, Link(2)))
    >>> c = Link(4, Link(1, Link(0, Link(2))))
    >>> p = multiply_lnks([a, b, c])
    >>> p.first
    48
    >>> p.rest.first
12
    >>> p.rest.rest is Link.empty
    True
    """
```

Recursive solution:

```
product = 1
for lnk in lst_of_lnks:
    if lnk is Link.empty:
        return Link.empty
    product *= lnk.first
lst_of_lnks_rests = [lnk.rest for lnk in lst_of_lnks]
return Link(product, multiply_lnks(lst_of_lnks_rests))
```

For our base case, if we detect that any of the lists in the list of Links is empty, we can return the empty linked list as we're not going to multiply anything.

4 Linked Lists, Trees

Otherwise, we compute the product of all the firsts in our list of Links. Then, the subproblem we use here is the rest of all the linked lists in our list of Links. Remember that the result of calling multiply_lnks will be a linked list! We'll use the product we've built so far as the first item in the returned Link, and then the result of the recursive call as the rest of that Link.

Iterative solution:

```
import operator
from functools import reduce
def prod(factors):
     return reduce(operator.mul, factors, 1)
head = Link.empty
tail = head
while Link.empty not in lst_of_lnks:
    all_prod = prod([l.first for l in lst_of_lnks])
    if head is Link.empty:
        head = Link(all_prod)
        tail = head
    else:
        tail.rest = Link(all_prod)
        tail = tail.rest
    lst_of_lnks = [l.rest for l in lst_of_lnks]
return head
```

The iterative solution is a bit more involved than the recursive solution. Instead of building the list "backwards" as in the recursive solution (because of the order that the recursive calls result in, the last item in our list will be finished first), we'll build the resulting linked list as we go along.

We use head and tail to track the front and end of the new linked list we're creating. Our stopping condition for the loop is if any of the Links in our list of Links runs out of items.

Finally, there's some special handling for the first item. We need to update both head and tail in that case. Otherwise, we just append to the end of our list using tail, and update tail.

1.3 Implement filter_link, which takes in a linked list link and a function f and returns a generator which yields the values of link for which f returns True.

Try to implement this both using a while loop and without using any form of iteration.

```
def filter_link(link, f):
   >>> link = Link(1, Link(2, Link(3)))
   >>> g = filter_link(link, lambda x: x % 2 == 0)
   >>> next(g)
   2
   >>> next(g)
   StopIteration
   >>> list(filter_link(link, lambda x: x % 2 != 0))
   [1, 3]
   .....
   while _____:
       if _____:
def filter_link(link, f):
   while link is not Link.empty:
       if f(link.first):
          yield link.first
       link = link.rest
def filter_no_iter(link, f):
   >>> link = Link(1, Link(2, Link(3)))
   >>> list(filter_no_iter(link, lambda x: x % 2 != 0))
   [1, 3]
   .....
       return
   elif _____:
```

```
def filter_no_iter(link, f):
    if link is Link.empty:
        return
   elif f(link.first):
       yield link.first
   yield from filter_no_iter(link.rest, f)
```

2 Trees

Recall the tree abstract data type: a tree is defined as having a label and some branches. Previously, we implemented the tree abstraction using Python lists. Let's look at another implementation using objects instead:

```
class Tree:
    def __init__(self, label, branches=[]):
        for b in branches:
            assert isinstance(b, Tree)
        self.label = label
        self.branches = branches

def is_leaf(self):
    return not self.branches
```

Notice that with this implementation we can mutate a tree using attribute assignment, which wasn't possible in the previous implementation using lists.

```
>>> t = Tree(3, [Tree(4), Tree(5)])
>>> t.label = 5
>>> t.label
5
```

Questions

2.1 Define a function make_even which takes in a tree t whose values are integers, and mutates the tree such that all the odd integers are increased by 1 and all the even integers remain the same.

```
def make_even(t):
    """
    >>> t = Tree(1, [Tree(2, [Tree(3)]), Tree(4), Tree(5)])
    >>> make_even(t)
    >>> t.label
    2
    >>> t.branches[0].branches[0].label
    4
    """

    if t.label % 2 != 0:
        t.label += 1
    for branch in t.branches:
        make_even(branch)
```

return False

2.2 Define a function square_tree(t) that squares every value in the non-empty tree t. You can assume that every value is a number.

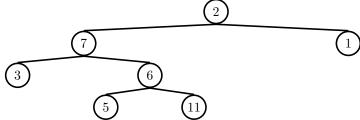
```
def square_tree(t):
    """Mutates a Tree t by squaring all its elements."""

    t.label = t.label ** 2
    for branch in t.branches:
        square_tree(branch)
```

2.3 Define the procedure find_path that, given a Tree t and an entry, returns a list containing the nodes along the path required to get from the root of t to entry. If entry is not present in t, return False.

Assume that the elements in t are unique. Find the path to an element.

For instance, for the following tree tree_ex, find_path should return:



Assuming that every value in t is a number, define average(t), which returns the average of all the values in t. You may not need to use all the provided lines.

```
def average(t):
   .. .. ..
  Returns the average value of all the nodes in t.
  >>> t0 = Tree(0, [Tree(1), Tree(2, [Tree(3)])])
  >>> average(t0)
  1.5
  >>> t1 = Tree(8, [t0, Tree(4)])
  >>> average(t1)
  3.0
  def sum_helper(t):
      total, count = ______
      for _____:
      return total, count
   total, count = ______
   return total / count
   def sum_helper(t):
      total, count = t.label, 1
      for b in t.branches:
        b_total, b_count = sum_helper(b)
        total += b_total
        count += b_count
      return total, count
   total, count = sum_helper(t)
   return total / count
```

Video walkthrough

2.5 Write a function that combines the values of two trees t1 and t2 together with the combiner function. Assume that t1 and t2 have identical structure. This function should return a new tree.

Hint: consider using the zip() function, which returns an iterator of tuples where the first items of each iterable object passed in form the first tuple, the second items are paired together and form the second tuple, and so on and so forth.

2.6 Implement the alt_tree_map function that, given a function and a Tree, applies the function to all of the data at every other level of the tree, starting at the root.

```
def alt_tree_map(t, map_fn):
   .. .. ..
   >>> t = Tree(1, [Tree(2, [Tree(3)]), Tree(4)])
   >>> negate = lambda x: -x
   >>> alt_tree_map(t, negate)
   Tree(-1, [Tree(2, [Tree(-3)]), Tree(4)])
   def helper(t, depth):
       if depth % 2 == 0:
           label = map_fn(t.label)
       else:
           label = t.label
       branches = [helper(b, depth + 1) for b in t.branches]
       return Tree(label, branches)
   return helper(t, 0)
Alternate solution without a helper function:
def alt_tree_map(t, map_fn):
    label = map_fn(t.label)
```

branches = []

for b in t.branches: