

STREAMS, ITERATORS, AND GENERATORS

COMPUTER SCIENCE MENTORS 61A

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1 Iterators

1. What is difference between an iterable and an iterator?
2. **Accumulator** Write an iterator class that takes in a list and calculates the sum of the list thus far.

```
>>> accu = Accumulator([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6])
>>> for a in accu:
    print(a)
1
3
6
10
15
21
```

3. Is this an iterator or an iterable or both?
4. (Optional) Write `Accumulator` so it works if it takes in any iterable, not just a list

2 Generators

5. What does the following code block output?

```
def foo():
    a = 0
    if a < 10:
        print("Hello")
        yield a
        print("World")

for i in foo():
    print(i)
```

6. How can we modify `foo` so that `list(foo()) == [1, 2, 3, . . . , 10]`? (You do not need to care about what gets printed)

7. Define `hailstone_sequence` a generator that yields the hailstone sequence. Remember, for the hailstone sequence, if `n` is even, we need to divide by two, otherwise, we will multiply by 3 and add by 1.

```
; Doctests:
>>> hs_gen = hailstone_sequence(10)
>>> hs_gen.__next__()
10
>>> next(hs_gen) #equivalent to previous
5
>>> for i in hs_gen:
>>>     print(i)
16
8
4
2
1
```

8. (Optional) Define `tree_sequence` a generator that iterates through a tree by first yielding the root value and then yield each branch.

```
>>> tree = Tree(1, [Tree(2, [Tree(5)]), Tree(3, [Tree(4)])])
>>> print(list(tree_sequence(tree)))
[1, 2, 5, 3, 4]
```

3 Streams

9. Whats the advantage of using a stream over a linked list?
10. Whats the maximum size of a stream?
11. Whats stored in first and rest? What are their types?
12. When is the next element actually calculated?

4 What Would Scheme Print?

13. For each of the following lines of code, write what scheme would output.

```
scm> (define x 1)
```

```
scm> (if 2 3 4)
```

```
scm> (delay (+ x 1))
```

```
scm> (define (foo x) (+ x 10))
```

```
scm> (define bar (cons-stream (foo 1) (cons-stream (foo 2)  
bar)))
```

```
scm> (car bar)
```

```
scm> (cdr bar)
```

```
scm> (define (foo x) (+ x 1))
```

```
scm> (cdr-stream bar)
```

```
scm> (define (foo x) (+ x 5))
```

```
scm> (car bar)
```

```
scm> (cdr-stream bar)
```

5 Code Writing for Streams

14. Write out `double_naturals`, which is a stream that evaluates to the sequence 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, etc.

```
(define (double_naturals)
  (double_naturals_helper 1 0)
)

(define (double_naturals_helper first flag)
```

```
)
```

15. Write out `interleave`, which returns a stream that alternates between the values in `stream1` and `stream2`. Assume that the streams are infinitely long.

```
(define (interleave stream1 stream2)
```

```
)
```