



Computational Structures in Data Science



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Lecture 4: Lambda & Environments Intro Recursion



Updates and Announcements

- **Midterm 2 Weeks!**
- **Oct 14, 7-9pm**
- **Room: 155 Dwinelle**
- **Will release samples soon**
- **HW Party: Tues 8-10pm, “Woz” (430 Soda)**
 - **Lab 4 and HW4 Help**
 - **Lab 5 and HW5 out then, to get a start!**
- **Python Tutor, use <https://tutor.cs61a.org>**



Computational Concepts Toolbox

- **Data type: values, literals, operations,**
 - e.g., int, float, string
- **Expressions, Call expression**
- **Variables**
- **Assignment Statement**
- **Sequences: tuple, list**
 - indexing
- **Data structures**
- **Tuple assignment**
- **Call Expressions**
- **Function Definition Statement**
- **Conditional Statement**
- **Iteration:**
 - data-driven (list comprehension)
 - control-driven (for statement)
 - while statement
- **Higher Order Functions**
 - Functions as Values
 - Functions with functions as argument
 - Assignment of function values
- **Lambda - function valued expressions**
- **Recursion**
 - Next week!



Universality

- **Everything that can be computed, can be computed with what you know now.**
- **Poorly or Well**





Today's Lecture

- **Review**
 - Higher Order Functions
 - Environments
- **Lambda**
- **Some recursion + HOFs**



What would Python Display?

```
def summation(n, func): # Sum from 1 to N.  
    total = 0  
    for i in range(1, n + 1):  
        total = total + func(i)  
    return total
```

```
def cube(x):  
    return x*x*x
```

```
def sum_cubes(n):  
    return summation(n, cube)
```

```
sum_cubes(3)
```

- **A) 6**
- **B) 9**
- **C) 27**
- **D) 36**
- **E) An Error Occurs**

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Names can be Bound to Functional Arguments

```
1 def apply_twice(f, x):
2     return f(f(x))
3
→ 4 def square(x):
5     return x * x
6
→ 7 result = apply_twice(square, 2)
```



Lambda Expressions

- **Function expression**
 - “anonymous” function creation
 - Expression, not a statement, no return or any other statement

`lambda <arg or arg_tuple> : <expression using args>`

```
add_one = lambda v : v + 1
```

```
def add_one(v):  
    return v + 1
```




Lambda Expressions

```
>>> x = 10
```

An expression: this one evaluates to a number

```
>>> square = x * x
```

Also an expression: evaluates to a function

```
>>> square = lambda x: x * x
```

Important: No "return" keyword!

A function

with formal parameter `x`

that returns the value of `"x * x"`

```
>>> square(4)  
16
```

Must be a single expression

Lambda expressions are not common in Python, but important in general



Lambdas

```
>>> def inc_maker(i):  
...     return lambda x:x+i  
...  
>>> inc_maker(3)  
<function inc_maker.<locals>.<lambda> at 0x10073c510>  
  
>>> inc_maker(3)(4)  
7  
>>> map(lambda x:x*x, [1,2,3,4])  
<map object at 0x1020950b8>  
  
>>> list(map(lambda x:x*x, [1,2,3,4]))  
[1, 4, 9, 16]  
>>>
```



What would Python Display?

```
high_ord_func = lambda x, func: x + func(x)
```

```
high_ord_func(2, lambda x: x + 3)
```

- **A) 5**
- **B) 7**
- **C) 8**
- **D) <function <lambda> at 0x10b859710>**
- **E) An Error Occurs**

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Demo

- **Acronym**
 - Filter
 - Map
 - Reduce
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