

# Functions

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## Announcements

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Section 115 is now open.

Everyone(?) on the WL was added to 115.

You **must be enrolled in a lab** to be enrolled in the course.

Please contact [ds-enrollments@berkeley.edu](mailto:ds-enrollments@berkeley.edu) if you need help.

**My “Tea Hours”: Weds 3:30–4:30pm 784 Soda.**

Tea Hours → advising / general topics, more casual. Encouraged to bring your (legal) beverage of choice.

## This Week:

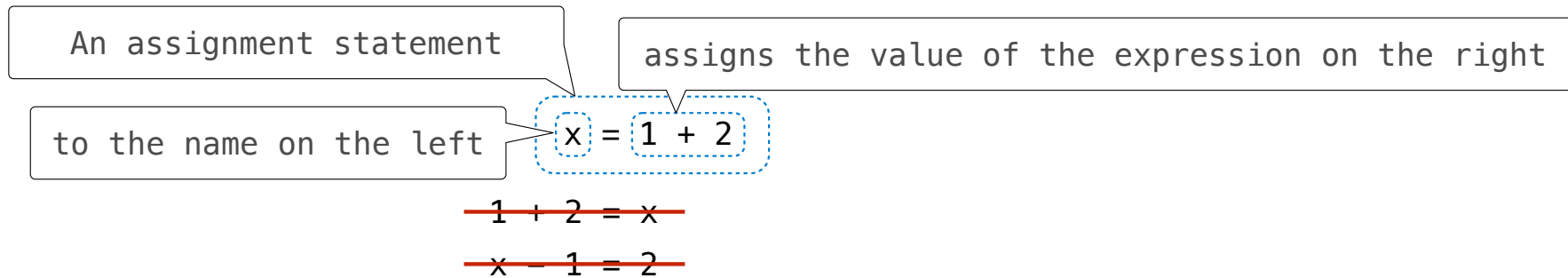
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Lab 0 and Lab 1 due Friday. Normally just 1 lab will be due.

Homework: Released on Tuesday, due the following Wednesday (8 days total)

## Assignment Statements

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The expression (right) is evaluated, and its value is assigned to the name (left).

```
>>> x = 2
>>> y = x + 1
>>> y
3
>>> x = 5
>>> y
3
```

(Demo)

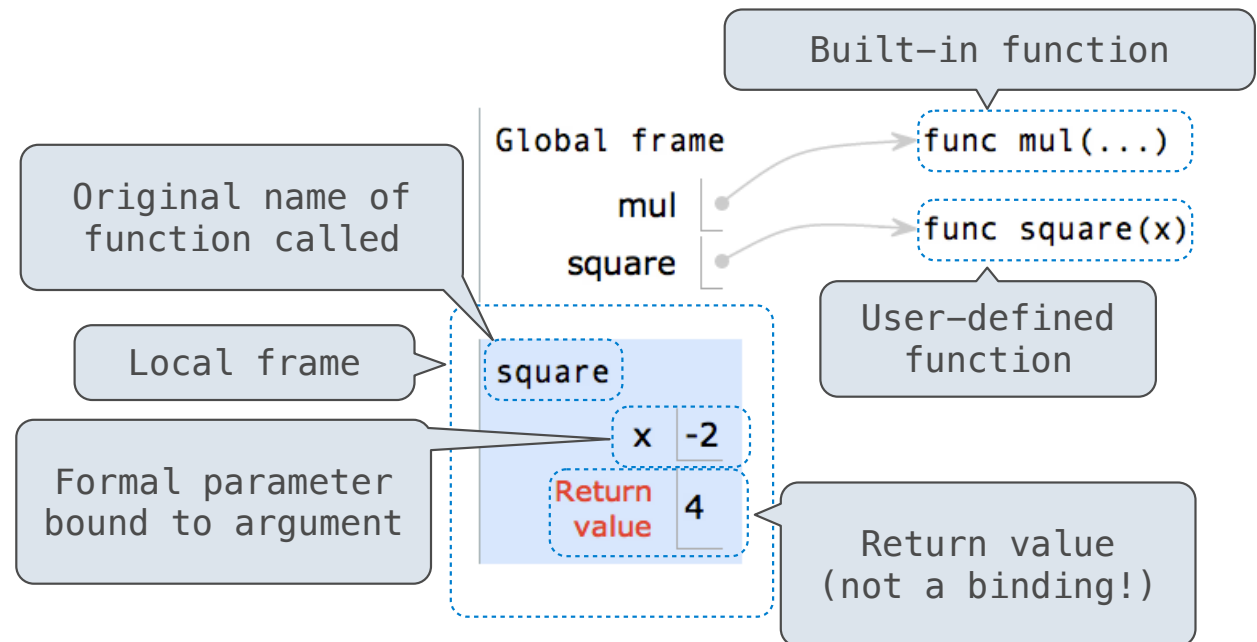
## Environment Diagrams

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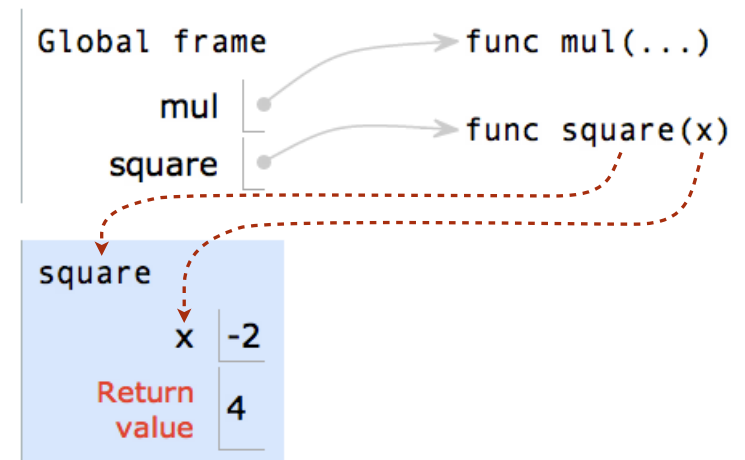
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A function's signature has all the information needed to create a local frame



## Looking Up Names In Environments

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Every expression is evaluated in the context of an environment.

So far, the current environment is either:

- The global frame alone, or
- A local frame, followed by the global frame.

*Most important two things I'll say all day:*

An environment is a sequence of frames.

A name evaluates to the value bound to that name in the earliest frame of the current environment in which that name is found.

E.g., to look up some name in the body of the square function:

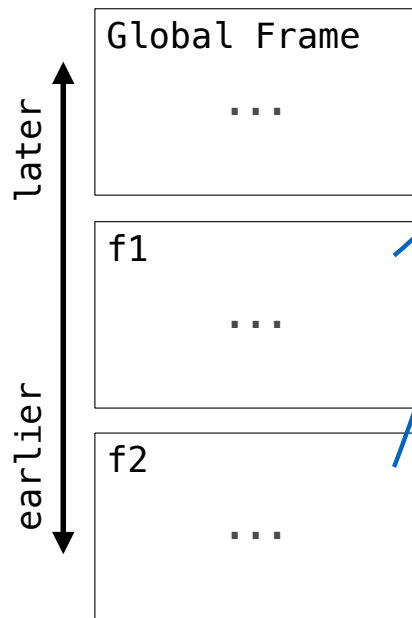
- Look for that name in the local frame.
- If not found, look for it in the global frame.  
(Built-in names like “max” are in the global frame too,  
but we don't draw them in environment diagrams.)

## A Sequence of Frames

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A sequence is a first frame and then the rest of the sequence

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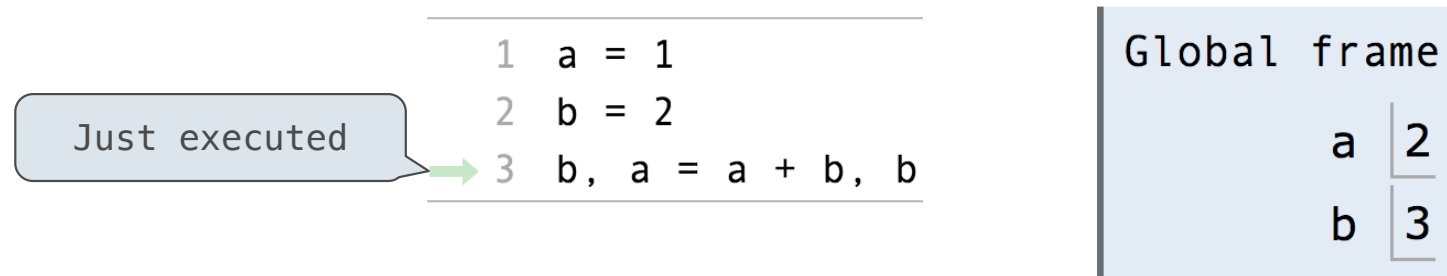
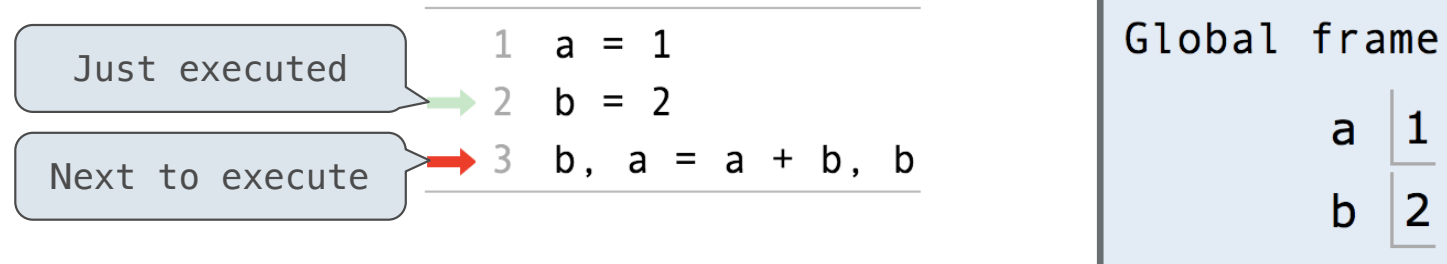
The global frame is always the last place you look

Even though all three frames are in the same **diagram**, they might not be in the same **environment**

(Demo)

## Multiple Assignment

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### Execution rule for assignment statements:

1. Evaluate all expressions to the right of = from left to right.
2. Bind all names to the left of = to those resulting values in the current frame.

( Demo )

## Print and None

(Demo)

## Small Expressions

## Problem Definition

### From Discussion 0:

Imagine you can call only the following three functions:

- $f(x)$ : Subtracts one from an integer  $x$
- $g(x)$ : Doubles an integer  $x$
- $h(x, y)$ : Concatenates the digits of two different positive integers  $x$  and  $y$ . For example,  $h(789, 12)$  evaluates to 78912 and  $h(12, 789)$  evaluates to 12789.

**Definition:** A *small expression* is a call expression that contains only  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $h$ , the number 5, and parentheses. All of these can be repeated. For example,  $h(g(5), f(f(5)))$  is a small expression that evaluates to 103.

What's the **shortest** *small expression* you can find that evaluates to 2024?

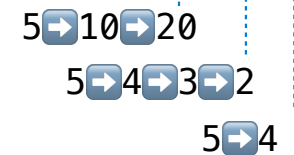
Fewest calls?  
Shortest length when written?

### A Simple Restatement:

You start with 5. You can:

- Subtract 1 from a number
- Double a number
- Glue two numbers together

How do you get to **2024**?

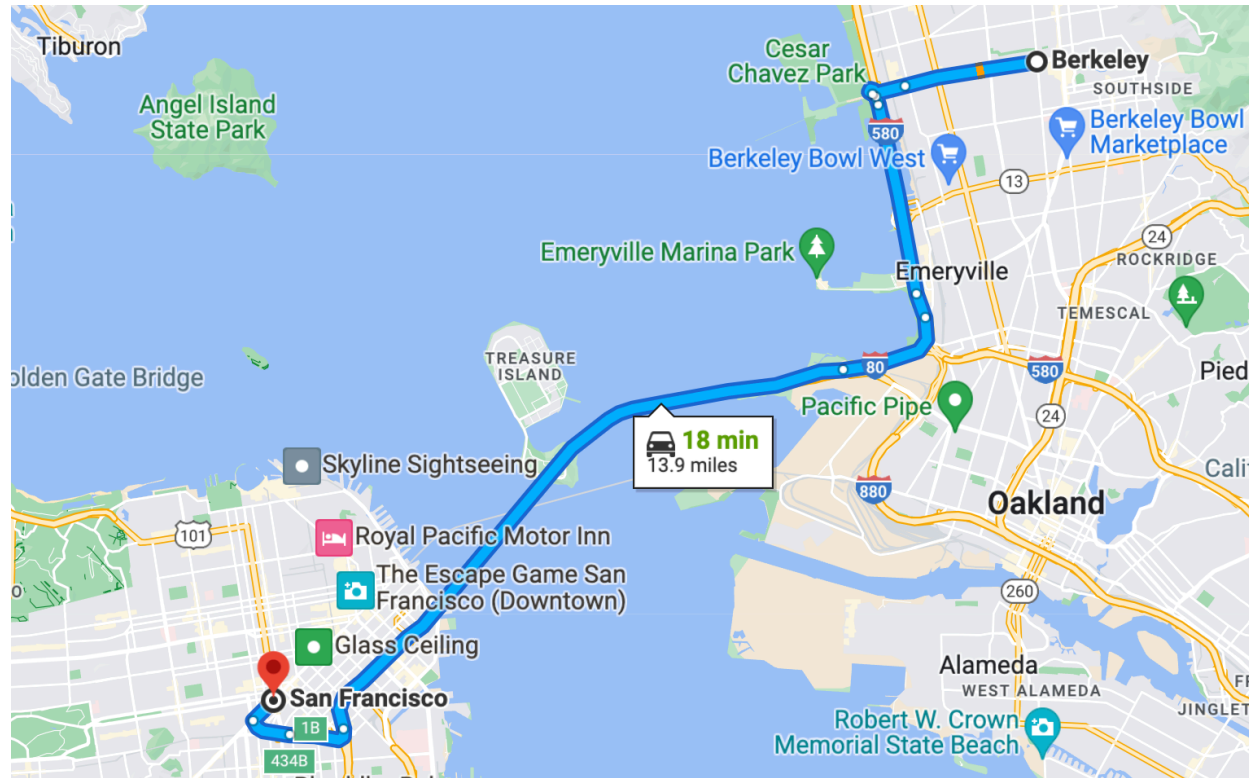
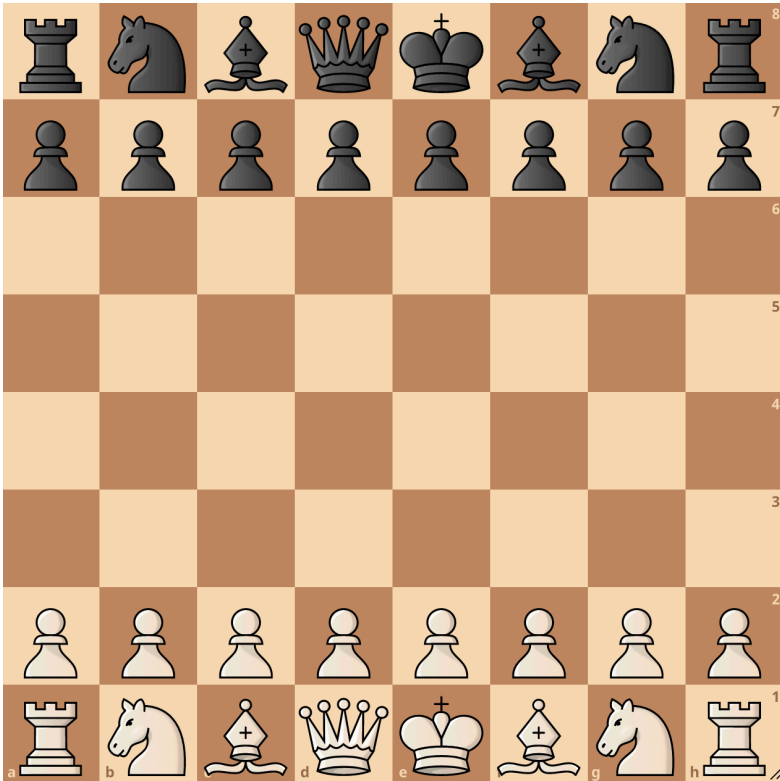


### Effective problem solving:

- Understand the problem
- Come up with ideas
- Turn those ideas into solutions



## Search



A common strategy: try a bunch of options to see which is best

Computer programs can evaluate many alternatives by repeating simple operations

## A Computational Approach

Try all the small expressions with 3 function calls, then 4 calls, then 5 calls, etc.

$f(f(f(5))) \rightarrow 2$	$f(f(h(5,5))) \rightarrow 53$	$h(5,f(f(5))) \rightarrow 53$	$h(g(5),f(5)) \rightarrow 104$
$g(f(f(5))) \rightarrow 6$	$g(f(h(5,5))) \rightarrow 108$	$h(5,g(f(5))) \rightarrow 58$	$h(g(5),g(5)) \rightarrow 1010$
$f(g(f(5))) \rightarrow 7$	$f(g(h(5,5))) \rightarrow 109$	$h(5,f(g(5))) \rightarrow 59$	$h(g(5),h(5,5)) \rightarrow 1055$
$g(g(f(5))) \rightarrow 16$	$g(g(h(5,5))) \rightarrow 220$	$h(5,g(g(5))) \rightarrow 520$	$h(h(5,5),f(5)) \rightarrow 554$
$f(f(g(5))) \rightarrow 8$	$f(h(5,f(5))) \rightarrow 53$	$h(5,f(h(5,5))) \rightarrow 554$	$h(h(5,5),g(5)) \rightarrow 5510$
$g(f(g(5))) \rightarrow 18$	$g(h(5,f(5))) \rightarrow 108$	$h(5,g(h(5,5))) \rightarrow 5110$	$h(h(5,5),h(5,5)) \rightarrow 5555$
$f(g(g(5))) \rightarrow 19$	$f(h(5,g(5))) \rightarrow 509$	$h(5,h(5,f(5))) \rightarrow 554$	$h(f(f(5)),5) \rightarrow 35$
$g(g(g(5))) \rightarrow 40$	$g(h(5,g(5))) \rightarrow 1020$	$h(5,h(5,g(5))) \rightarrow 5510$	$h(g(f(5)),5) \rightarrow 85$
	$f(h(5,h(5,5))) \rightarrow 554$	$h(5,h(5,h(5,5))) \rightarrow 5555$	$h(f(g(5)),5) \rightarrow 95$
	$g(h(5,h(5,5))) \rightarrow 1110$	$h(5,h(f(5),5)) \rightarrow 545$	$h(g(g(5)),5) \rightarrow 205$
	$f(h(f(5),5)) \rightarrow 44$	$h(5,h(g(5),5)) \rightarrow 5105$	$h(f(h(5,5)),5) \rightarrow 545$
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	$g(h(g(5),5)) \rightarrow 210$	$h(f(5),g(5)) \rightarrow 410$	$h(h(5,g(5)),5) \rightarrow 5105$
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```
def f(x):  
    return x - 1
```

2: Functions

```
def g(x):  
    return 2 * x
```

```
def h(x, y):  
    return int(str(x) + str(y))
```

10: Containers

```
class Number:  
    def __init__(self, value):  
        self.value = value
```

12: Objects

```
    def calls(self):  
        return 0
```

13: Attributes

```
    def __str__(self):  
        return str(self.value)
```

```
class Call:  
    """A call expression."""  
    def __init__(self, f, operands):  
        self.f = f  
        self.operands = operands  
        self.value = f(*[e.value for e in operands])
```

```
    def calls(self):  
        return 1 + sum(o.calls() for o in self.operands)
```

```
    def __str__(self):  
        return f'{self.f.__name__}({",".join([str(o) for o in self.operands])})'
```

9: Sequences

```
def smalls(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return [Number(5)]  
    else:
```

7: Recursion

```
        results = []  
        for operand in smalls(n-1):  
            results.append(Call(f, [operand]))  
            results.append(Call(g, [operand]))  
        for k in range(n):  
            for first in smalls(k):  
                for second in smalls(n-k-1):  
                    if first.value > 0 and second.value > 0:  
                        results.append(Call(h, [first, second]))  
    return results
```

11: Mutability

8: Tree Recursion

3: Control

```
def print_smallest():  
    result = []  
    for i in range(9):  
        result.extend([e for e in smalls(i) if e.value == 2024])
```

By the Midterm, you can do this.