Inheritance, Linked Lists

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Linked Lists

A linked list is a Link object or Link.empty.

You can mutate a Link object s in two ways: - Change the first element with s.first = ... - Change the rest of the elements with s.rest = ...

You can make a new Link object by calling Link: -Link(4) makes a linked list of length 1 containing 4. -Link(4, s) makes a linked list that starts with 4 followed by the elements of linked list s.

```
class Link:
   """A linked list is either a Link object or Link.empty
   >>> s = Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))
   >>> s.rest
   Link(4, Link(5))
   >>> s.rest.rest.rest is Link.empty
   >>> s.rest.first * 2
   8
   >>> print(s)
   <3 4 5>
   0.00
   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_repr = ', ' + repr(self.rest)
        else:
            rest_repr = ''
        return 'Link(' + repr(self.first) + rest_repr + ')'
   def __str__(self):
       string = '<'
       while self.rest is not Link.empty:
            string += str(self.first) + ' '
            self = self.rest
        return string + str(self.first) + '>'
```

Q1: Sum Two Ways

Implement both sum_rec and sum_iter. Each one takes a linked list of numbers s and a non-negative integer k and returns the sum of the first k elements of s. If there are fewer than k elements in s, all of them are summed. If k is 0 or s is empty, the sum is 0.

Use recursion to implement sum_rec. Don't use recursion to implement sum_iter; use a while loop instead.

```
def sum_rec(s, k):
   """Return the sum of the first k elements in s.
   >>> a = Link(1, Link(6, Link(8)))
   >>> sum_rec(a, 2)
   7
   >>> sum_rec(a, 5)
   15
   >>> sum_rec(Link.empty, 1)
   0
   # Use a recursive call to sum_rec; don't call sum_iter
   "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
def sum_iter(s, k):
   """Return the sum of the first k elements in s.
   >>> a = Link(1, Link(6, Link(8)))
   >>> sum_iter(a, 2)
   7
   >>> sum iter(a, 5)
   15
   >>> sum_iter(Link.empty, 1)
   # Don't call sum_rec or sum_iter
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Discussion time: When adding up numbers, the intermediate sums depend on the order. (1 + 3) + 5 and 1 + (3 + 5) both equal 9, but the first one makes 4 along the way while the second makes 8 along the way. For the same linked list s and length k, will sum_rec and sum_iter both make the same intermediate sums along the way?

Q2: Every Other

Implement every_other, which takes a linked list s. It mutates s such that all of the odd-indexed elements (using 0-based indexing) are removed from the list. For example:

```
>>> s = Link('a', Link('b', Link('c', Link('d'))))
>>> every_other(s)
>>> s.first
'a'
>>> s.rest.first
>>> s.rest.rest is Link.empty
True
```

If ${\tt s}$ contains fewer than two elements, ${\tt s}$ remains unchanged.

Do not return anything! every_other should mutate the original list.

```
def every_other(s):
   """Mutates a linked list so that all the odd-indiced elements are removed
    (using 0-based indexing).
   >>> s = Link(1, Link(2, Link(3, Link(4))))
   >>> every_other(s)
   >>> s
   Link(1, Link(3))
   >>> odd_length = Link(5, Link(3, Link(1)))
   >>> every_other(odd_length)
   >>> odd_length
   Link(5, Link(1))
   >>> singleton = Link(4)
   >>> every_other(singleton)
   >>> singleton
   Link(4)
    "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
```

Inheritance

Q3: Cat

Below is the implementation of a Pet class. Each pet has two instance attributes (name and owner), as well as one instance method (talk).

```
class Pet:

def __init__(self, name, owner):
    self.name = name
    self.owner = owner

def talk(self):
    print(self.name)
```

Implement the Cat class, which inherits from the Pet class seen above. To complete the implementation, override or implement the following methods:

```
___init___
```

Set the Cat's name and owner attributes, and also add 2 new attributes:

- 1. is_hungry should be set to False
- 2. fullness should be set to whatever the fullness parameter is

Hint: You can call the __init__ method of Pet (the superclass of Cat) to set a cat's name and owner using super().

talk

Print out a cat's greeting, which is "<name of cat> says meow!".

get_hungry

Decrements a cat's fullness level by 1. When fullness reaches zero, is_hungry becomes True. If this is called after fullness has already reached zero, print the message "<name of cat> is hungry."

eat

This method is called when the cat eats some food.

If the cat is hungry, after calling this method both of the following should be true:

- 1. The cat's fullness value should be set to whatever Cat.default_fullness is.
- 2. The cat's is_hungry value should be False.

Also print out the food the cat ate. For example, if a cat named Thomas ate fish, print out 'Thomas ate a fish!'

Otherwise, if the cat wasn't hungry, print '<name of cat> is not hungry.'

```
class Cat(Pet):
    default_fullness = 5
    def __init__(self, name, owner, fullness=default_fullness):
        >>> cat = Cat('Thomas', 'Tammy')
        >>> cat.name
        'Thomas'
        >>> cat.owner
        'Tammy'
        >>> cat.fullness # use default fullness value
        >>> cat.is_hungry
        False
        >>> cat2 = Cat('Meow Meow', 'Yoobin', 3)
        >>> cat2.fullness # use fullness value that was passed in
        0.00
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
    def talk(self):
        >>> Cat('Thomas', 'Tammy').talk()
        Thomas says meow!
        >>> Cat('Meow Meow', 'ThuyAnh').talk()
        Meow Meow says meow!
        "*** YOUR CODE HERE ***"
    def get_hungry(self):
        >>> cat = Cat('Thomas', 'Tammy', 2)
        >>> cat.is_hungry
        False
        >>> cat.fullness
        >>> cat.get_hungry()
        >>> cat.is_hungry
        False
        >>> cat.fullness
        >>> cat.get_hungry()
Note: This worksheet is a problem bank in this TA's will not cover all the problems in discussion section.
        True
        >>> cat.fullness
```