

Goals for today: look at things  
you can do, when functions are data  
(you can pass functions to/from  
functions!)

"partially run a function on  
only some of its parameters,  
and finish later."

$f(\_, \_, \_, \_)$

lots of work happens based on first  
3 parameters, it might be  
nice to get that done if I  
don't know yet what 4th  
parameter is

↳ fake this with a trick

# Currying (Haskell Curry)

idea is to have "nested"  
functions of one parameter each

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;; redo it in a curried fashion
(define mult
  (lambda (a)
    ;; return another function of one parameter
    ;; that will multiply the two numbers
    (lambda (b)
      (* a b))
  )
)
```

(define partial (mult 3))

(partial 7) → 21

(partial 4) → 12

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Curried function - a function of  
one parameter that returns another  
function

Late - you need to be here on time

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Use of online resources and/or AIs

Goal of <sup>this part of</sup> course is to learn how to do functional programming.

Goal is not for you to find code elsewhere that solves problems and submit them to me.

You may not search/ask/let of tools "how do I <do the assignment>?"

"imp binary search trees  
in Scheme"

You may ask

"How do I get the second item  
in a list in Scheme?"

(car (cdr lst))

What about 4 params?  
(+ 2 3 4 5)

(define plus4

(lambda (c)

(lambda (b)

(lambda (a)

(lambda (d)

(+ a b c d) ~~scribble~~

(define my-ans (plus4 2 3 4))

(my-ans 5)

# Higher order functions

- a higher order function is a function that takes a function as a parameter

Applications - Google does a lot of work with tasks that occur on multiple computers, and the results get combined

e.g. "find all web pages w/  
the word 'apple' in them"

Google found themselves reinventing,  
over and over, code that does:

"do a task on multiple machines"

"combine together"



$(+ \ 0 \ 1) \rightarrow 1$

↑  
"last answer",  
i.e. init value

↑  
first value

$(+ \ 1 \ 2) \rightarrow 3$

$(+ \ 3 \ 3) \rightarrow 6$