

# Higher Order Functions & Environment Diagrams

## • Environment Diagrams

- <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1i1Ojc8MJpNh195O-sf6ZDAf0urRYygdv0OZ7EYUWPYI/edit#slide=id.p>
- <http://albertwu.org/cs61a/notes/environments.html>

④ Always label parent frame (frame function was defined in)  
↳ all frames other than global have a parent frame

⑤ Be careful to look in correct scope for variable lookups  
↳ if you can't find a variable in the current frame, look in that frame's parent

## • Lambda Functions

- one line expressions that evaluate to functions (not evaluated until lambda is called)  
↳ create function values "on the fly" (no intermediate function name)

lambda x :  $(x * x) + 3$   
"A function that takes x and returns  $(x * x) + 3$ "

### • terminal example

```
>> a = lambda x: x + x
>> a
<function <lambda> at 0xf3f904>
>> a(3)
6
```

## • Higher Order Functions

- a function that returns a function or takes a function as an input  
↳ lots of practice with this in HOG!!
- lexical scope → locally defined functions also have access to the name bindings in the scope in which they are defined (parent frame)

## Practice Problems from Discussion Wksht

### Q2: Make Keeper

1.2 **Tutorial:** Write a function similar to `keep_ints` like before, but now it takes in a number `n` and returns a function that has one parameter `cond`.

The returned function prints out numbers from 1 to `n` where calling `cond` on that number returns `True`.

← HOF (returns a function)

← good strategy is to start by writing code for this

```
def make_keeper(n):
    """Returns a function which takes one parameter cond and prints out
    all integers 1..i..n where calling cond(i) returns True.

    >>> def is_even(x):
        ...     # Even numbers have remainder 0 when divided by 2.
        ...     return x % 2 == 0
    >>> make_keeper(5)(is_even)
2      remember this returns a function that takes another
4      function as a parameter
    """

```

① Individual work time → 5 min.

② Split into breakout rooms to discuss if want (open rooms) → last 3 min.

### Guided Walkthrough

① HOF general structure

```
def f(x):
    def g(y):
        return g
```

return g

② How can we iterate through all the numbers from 1 to `n`?  
counter variable & while loop

③ How can I put these pieces together?  
think about what our return value should be / look at given doctests!

### SOLUTION:

```
def make_keeper(n):
```

```
    def all_true(cond):
```

```
        i = 1
```

```
        while (i <= n):
```

```
            if (cond(i) == True):
```

```
                print(i)
```

```
            i = i + 1
```

```
    return all_true
```

} body of function  
just print all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$   
that satisfy the condition  $\text{cond}(i) = \text{True}$

← return a function that  
will then do all the work

## Q5 : HOF Diagram Practice

1.5 **Tutorial:** Draw the environment diagram that results from executing the code below.

```

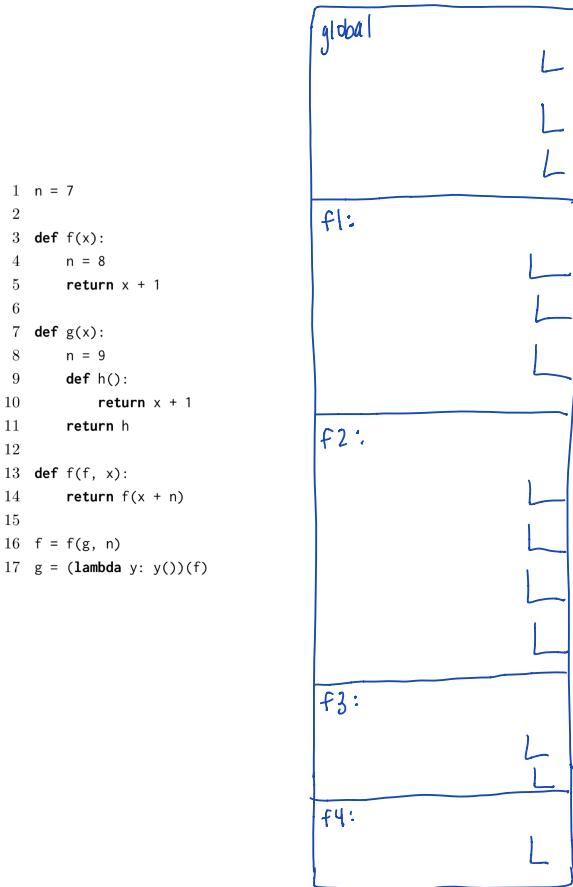
1 n = 7
2
3 def f(x):
4     n = 8
5     return x + 1
6
7 def g(x):
8     n = 9
9     def h():
10        return x + 1
11    return h
12
13 def f(f, x):
14     return f(x + n)
15
16 f = f(g, n)
17 g = (lambda y: y()(f))

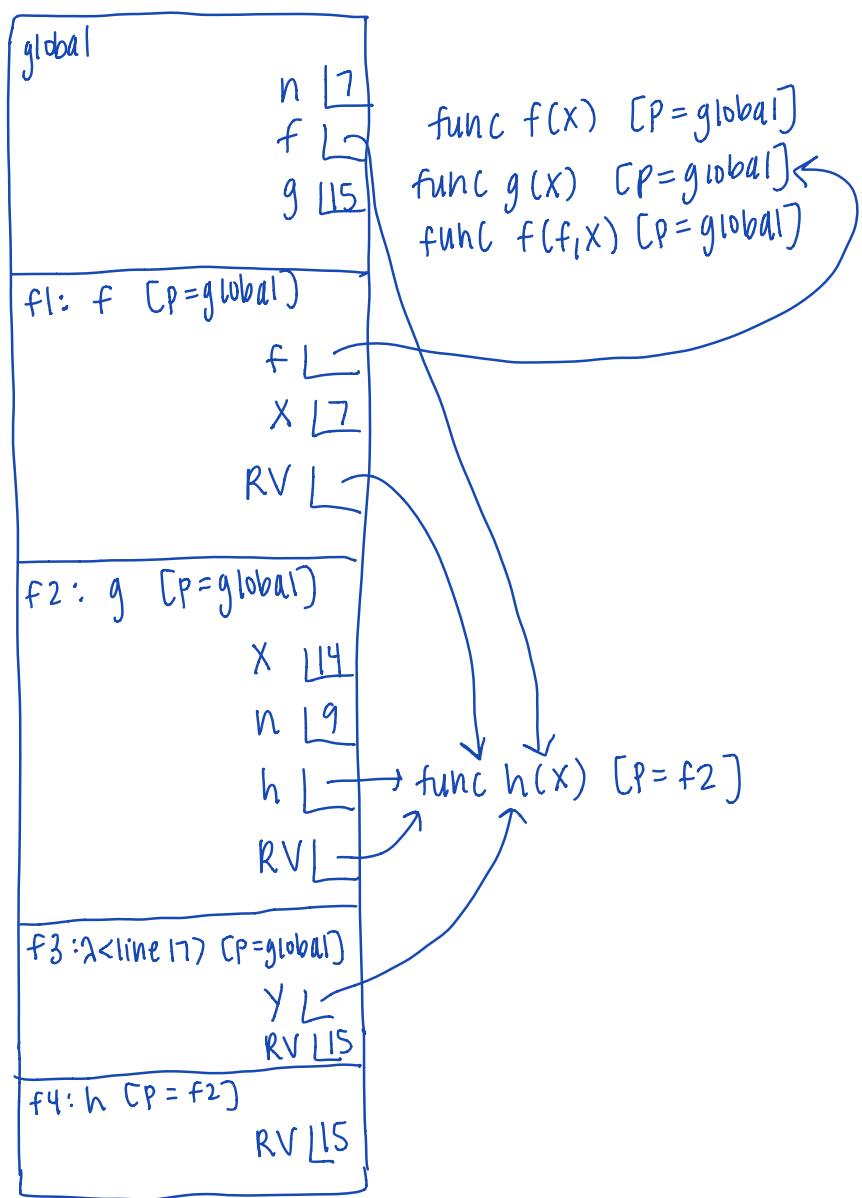
```

Please type in chat which option you prefer?

(#1) Attempt on your own ( $\approx 3-4$  mins) and then walk through solutions together

(#2) Directed walk-through written first and then using **pythontutor** (screen share)  
 ↳ collaboratively guessing/sharing ideas as we go





## Q9: Print N

1.8 **Tutorial:** Write a function `print_n` that can take in an integer `n` and returns a repeatable print function that can print the next `n` parameters. After the `n`th parameter, it just prints "done".

```
def print_n(n):
    """
        ↗ some
        ↗ "final"
        ↗ condition
        ↗ integer input
    >>> f = print_n(2) ↗ returns a function
    >>> f = f("hi") ← now f is the print function
    hi
        ↗ first parameter ✓

    >>> f = f("hello")
    hello
        ↗ second parameter ✓

    >>> f = f("bye")
    done
        ↗ third parameter => should print "done"
        ↗ since initial parameter
        ↗ n=2

    >>> g = print_n(1)
    >>> g("first")("second")("third")
    first
    done
    done
    <function inner_print>
    """

    def inner_print(x):
        if _____
            print("done")
        else:
            print(x)
        return _____
    return _____
```

need some way to keep track  
of which one we are  
currently on

- (2 min) Individual work / ideas for approach
- (5 min) Discuss / walkthrough

## SOLUTION:

```
def inner_print(x):
    if _____
        print("done")
    else:
        print(x)
    return _____
return _____
```

the "easy check": when do we want to return "done"?  
(has to be  $\leq$  because we see in the second doctest that  
all inputs after nth input should print ("done"))

this is the self-referential part! Way to have repeatable print function &  
to update/keep track of n properly!

general structure of HOFs (more intuitively we need some  
way to reach the inner function  
but on the first pass through `print_n`  
we only define `inner` & then return `inner`)  
↳ draw out env. diagram (Pythontutor)  
to see this!

## Q7: Make Keeper Redux

### Q7: (Tutorial) Warm Up: Make Keeper Redux

These exercises are meant to help refresh your memory of topics covered in lecture and/or lab this week before tackling more challenging problems.

In this question, we will explore the execution of a self-reference function, `make_keeper_redux`, based off Question 2, `make_keeper`. The function `make_keeper_redux` is similar to `make_keeper`, but now the returned function also returns another function with the same behavior. Feel free to paste and modify your code for `make_keeper` below.

(Hint: you only need to add one line to your `make_keeper` solution. What is currently missing from `make_keeper_redux`?)

```
1 def make_keeper_redux(n):
2     """Returns a function. This function takes one parameter <cond> and prints out
3         all integers 1..i..n where calling cond(i) returns True. The returned
4         function returns another function with the exact same behavior.
5
6         >>> def multiple_of_4(x):
7             ...     return x % 4 == 0
8         >>> def ends_with_1(x):
9             ...     return x % 10 == 1
10        >>> k = make_keeper_redux(11)(multiple_of_4)
11        4
12        8
13        >>> k = k(ends_with_1)
14        1
15        11
16        >>> k
17        <function do_keep>
18
19 # Paste your code for make_keeper here!
20
21
```

```
def all_true(cond):
    i = 1
    while (i <= n):
        if (cond(i) == True):
            print(i)
        i = i + 1
    return all_true
```

} copied from  
make\_keeper

↳ what can we do to make  
'inner' function also return  
a function that essentially  
does this all over again?

## SOLUTION:

```
def make_keeper_redux(n):
    def all_true(cond):
        i = 1
        while (i <= n):
            if (cond(i) == True):
                print(i)
            i = i + 1
        return make_keeper_redux(n)
    return all_true
```