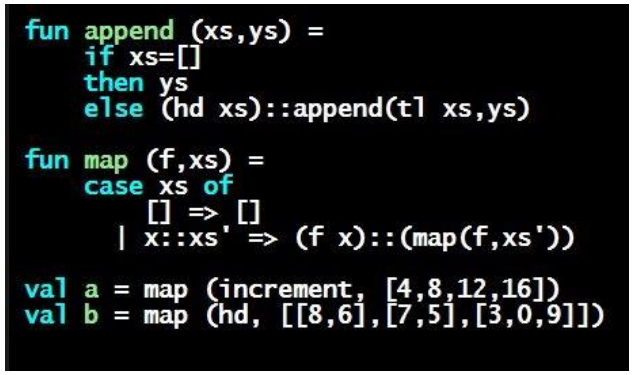

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Grading Policy

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- Everything in this video also detailed on Course Logistics / Policies page
  - So video is optional, but helps highlight key points

- Hope grades are not our focus, but clarity still valuable

Outline:

- What the policy is
- Why [optional]

The Key Difference

- Homework grading stricter than in most MOOCs
  - Auto-grading score average of first two submissions
    - But any submission getting a 0 “doesn’t count”
  - That is, at most one resubmission
  - After that, can still submit but won’t affect grade
- Coursera website will not always calculate grades correctly for our policies
  - End-of-course grade calculations will be done correctly

Top-down overview

- 7 homeworks worth 10% each (70% total)
  - For each 90% is auto-grading and 10% is peer-assessment
  - Note separate submission for peer-assessment

- Midterm exam and final exam worth 15% each (30% total)
  - Timed, one chance only, in web-browser
  - (More information and practice exams later)

- Statement-of-accomplishment for total 70% or above

Homework deadlines and details

- Each homework has a “soft” and “hard” deadline (2 days)
  - 30% auto-grading penalty for missing soft deadline
  - No peer-assessment penalty before hard deadline

- After hard deadline:
  - Auto-grader still works but will not affect grade
  - Cannot participate in peer assessment (infeasible)

- Detail: If first non-zero submission is before soft-deadline and second is after soft-deadline before hard-deadline, then no 30% penalty

Peer Assessment

- 3 peers will evaluate style and feature-usage on 1-5 scale
- General instructions plus problem-specific instructions
- Be kind, helpful, and not time-consuming
- Original motivation: Make sure style counts for something
- Revealed advantage: Super-helpful for reviewing and learning, both by grading and receiving feedback

Rationale: Why the strict policy?

- Deadlines: cohort in sync, motivation, peer assessment
- Separate turn-in: Platform limitation
- Average of only first two non-zero submissions
  - Thinking rather than random twiddling: learn more, save time
    - (Definitely advantages and disadvantages here)
  - Auto-grader feedback without making 100% trivial
  - More like a conventional challenging university course
  - Auto-grader still available for mastering, just not for grade
- There is no perfect grading policy, only trade-offs