#### PPL - Recitation Five

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## Goals for this Recitation

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- The biggest motivation here is that functional languages are just not the same

#### Let's do this

- ▶ So...I know we were mean to the alligators last time but
- ▶ I talked to Jeff, understand the example, we are going to go through it

#### Lambda Booleans

#### Facts of Life

- $\lambda x.\lambda.y.x \equiv \text{true (pick first)}$
- $\lambda x.\lambda.y.y \equiv \text{false (pick second)}$

## **Operators**

▶ If we want to simulate not...

Let's get scheme-ing

#### I hate myself

- Everywhere you look, parenthesis
- ▶ Most operations are done in scheme through lists
- ▶ Do you like recursion? haha it doesn't matter bc you will need to :)

#### Some fundamentals

- car
- ▶ cdr
- cons