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NanoQuiz #1 (R 13 Sep)

Solutions

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1. Write a procedure `comparer` that takes two procedures `f1` and `f2` (each of which takes a single argument `x`) as input and returns a new procedure that takes a single argument `x`. The new procedure should return -1, 1, or 0 if `f1(x)` is respectively less than, greater than, or equal to `f2(x)`.

```
def comparer(f1, f2):  
    def comp (x):  
        r1 = f1(x)  
        r2 = f2(x)  
        if ( r1 < r2 ):  
            return -1  
        elif ( r1 > r2 ):  
            return 1  
        else:  
            return 0  
    return comp
```

Note that you cannot return a lambda, since that is limited to a single expression in Python (as opposed to Scheme).

Several people wanted to end the function with
`return comp(x)`
but there is no `x` known when the function is defined

2. Write a procedure `sqSome` that takes a list of numbers as input and returns a list of the squares of those elements that are greater than 5, so that (for example)

`sqSome([0, 5, 6, 9])` \Rightarrow `[36, 81]`

and

`sqSome([1, 8, 5, 2, 7, 3, 10])` \Rightarrow `[64, 49, 100]`.

Use a list comprehension.

```
def sqSome(nums):  
    return [x*x for x in nums if x > 5]
```