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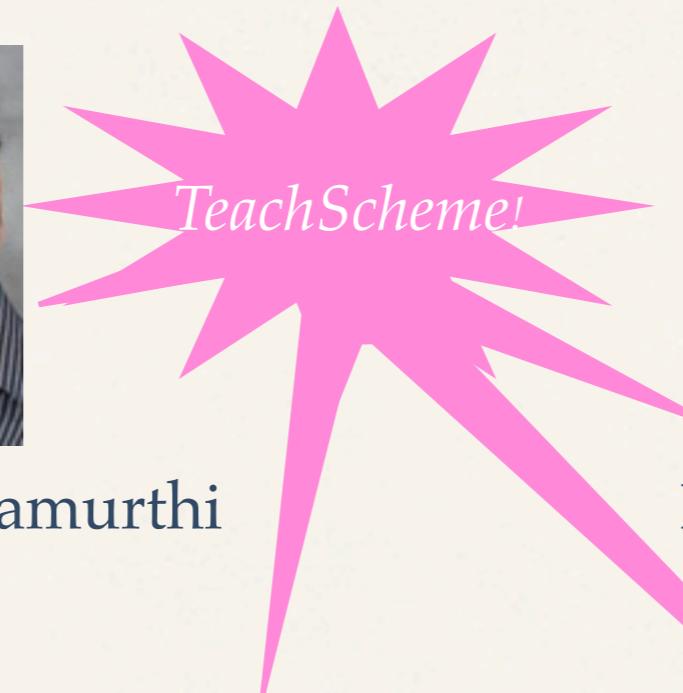
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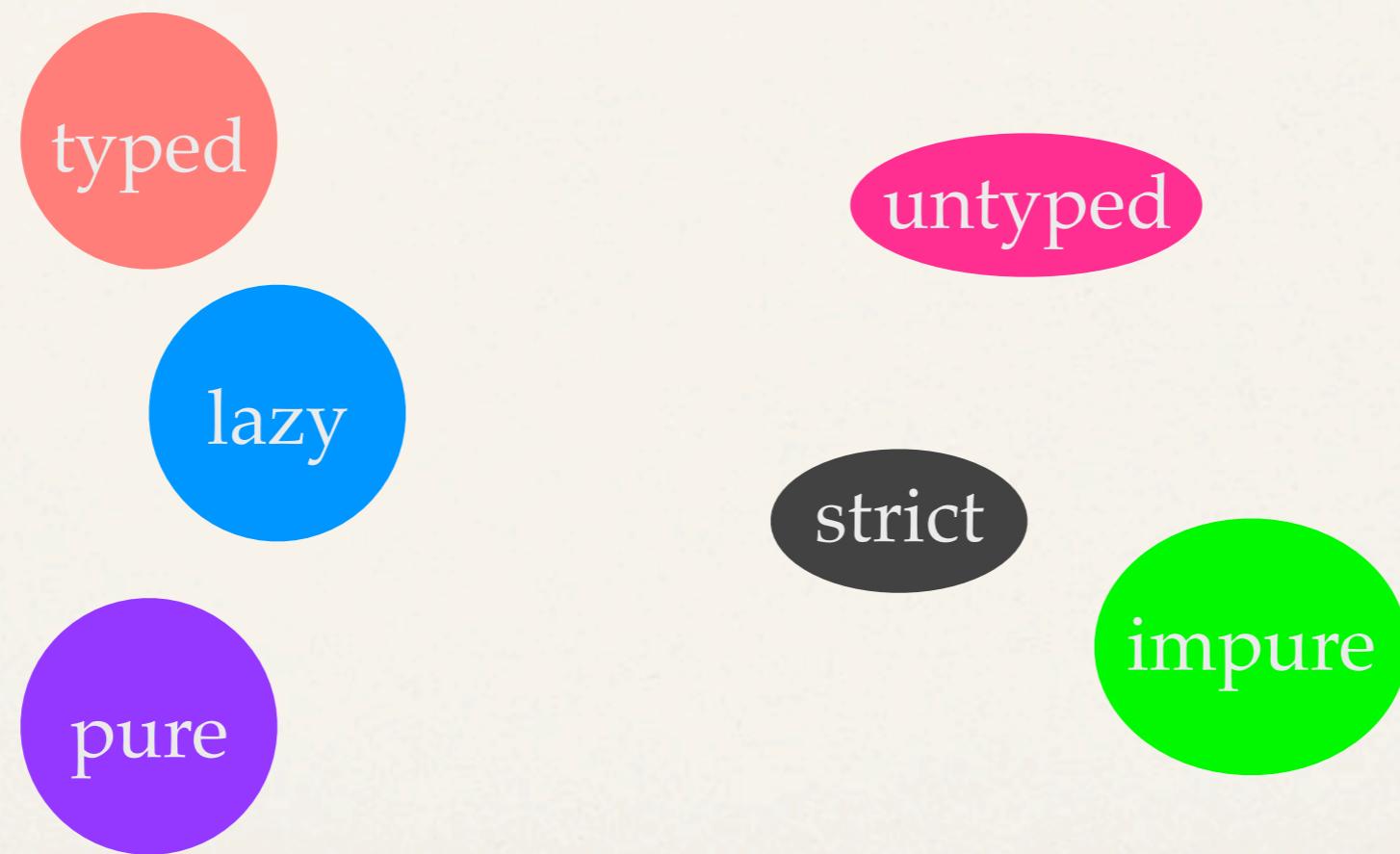
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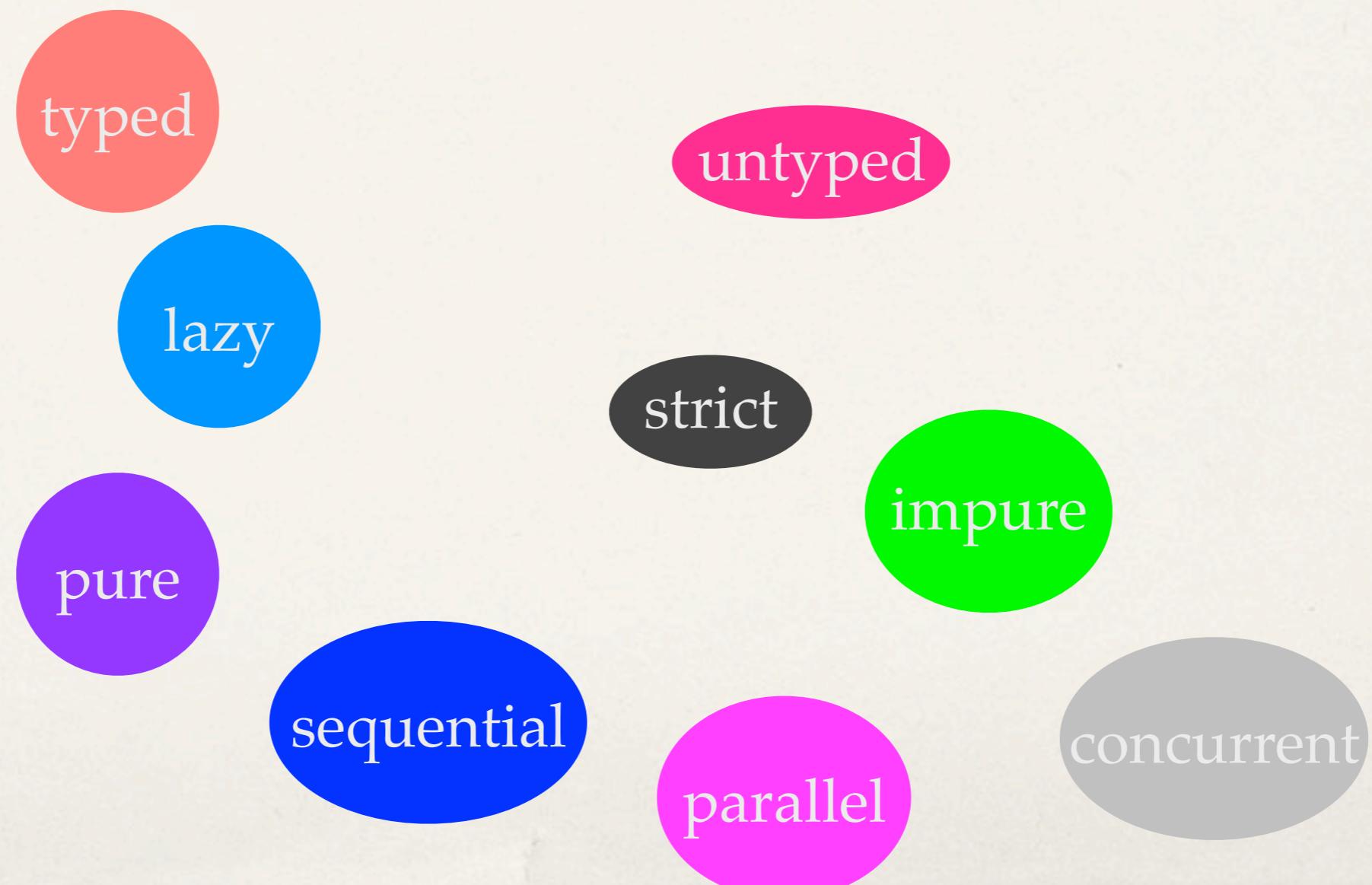
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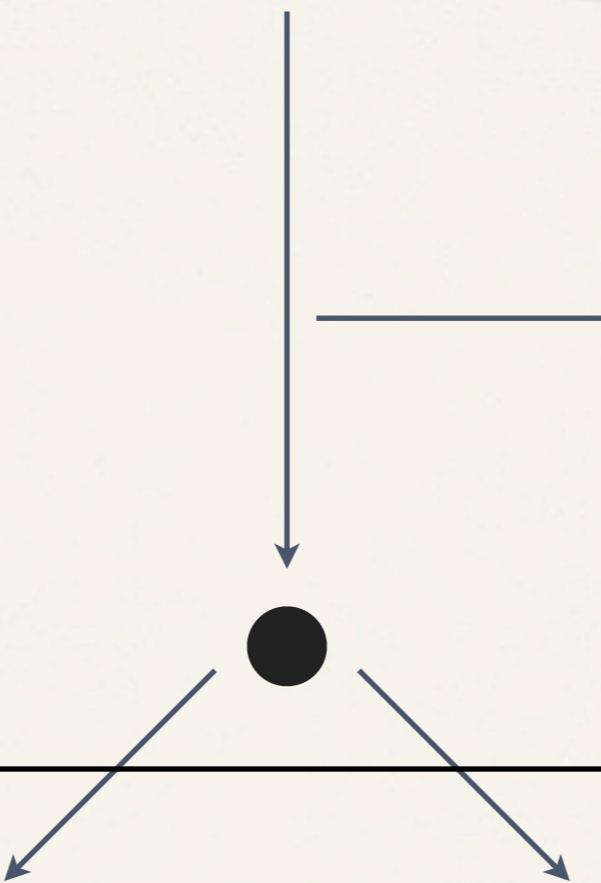
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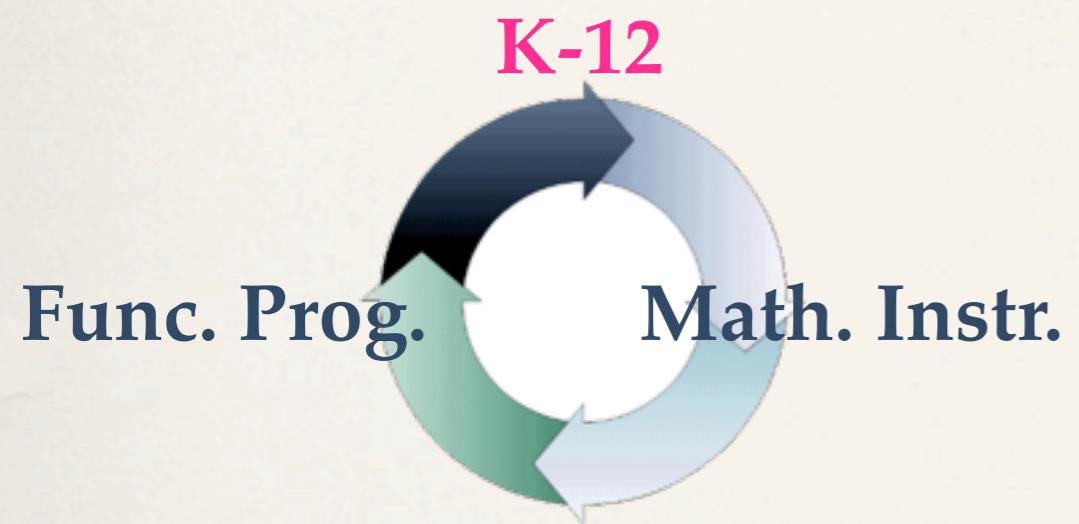
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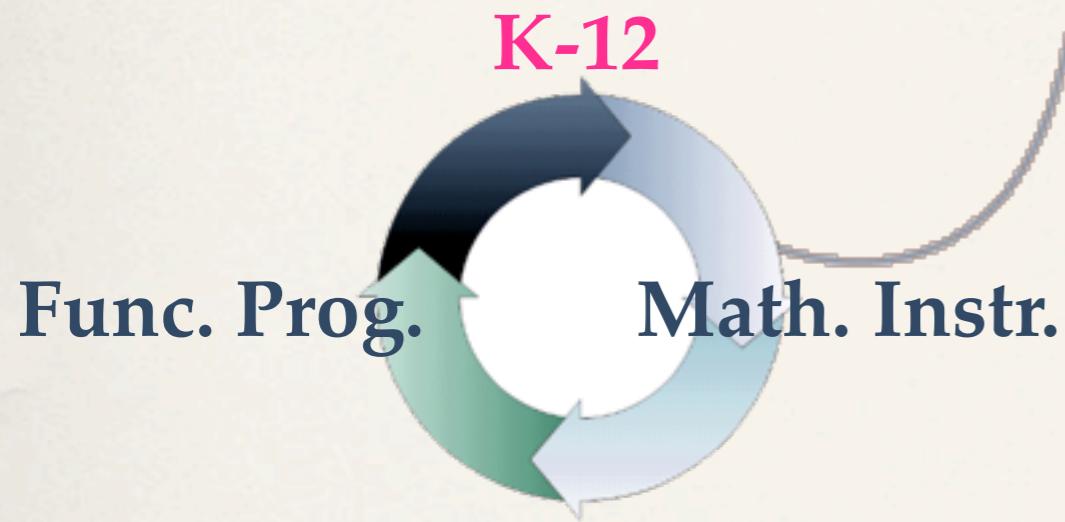
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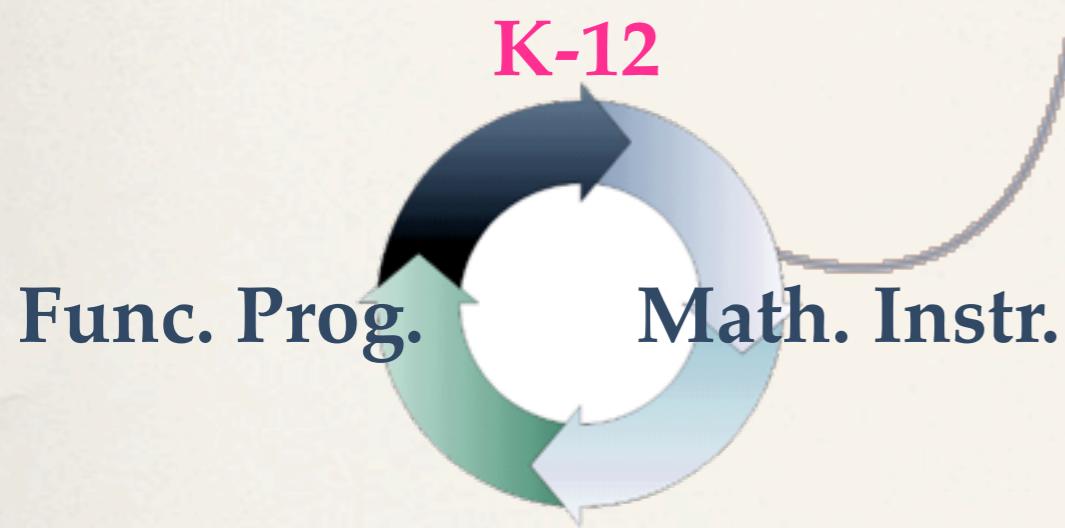


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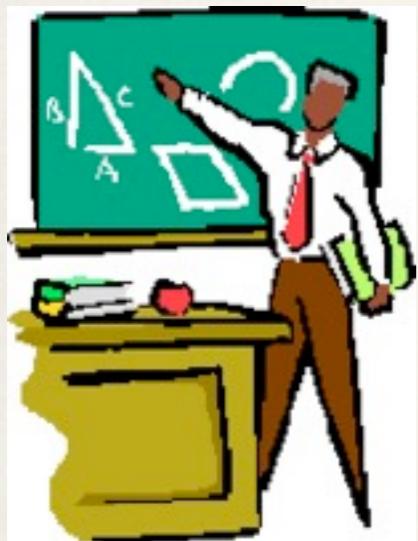
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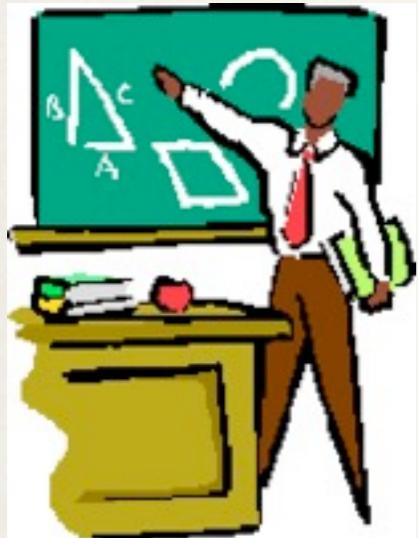
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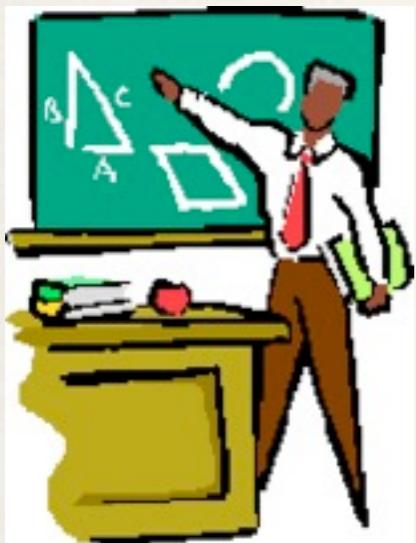
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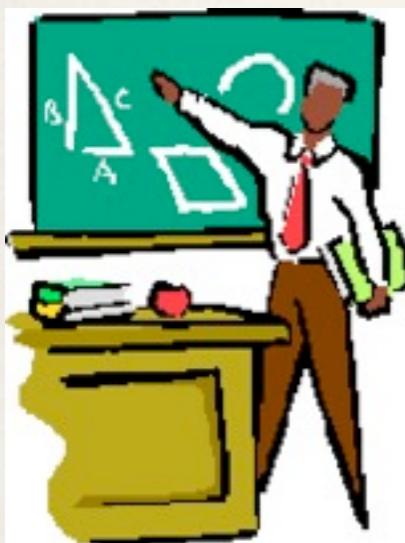
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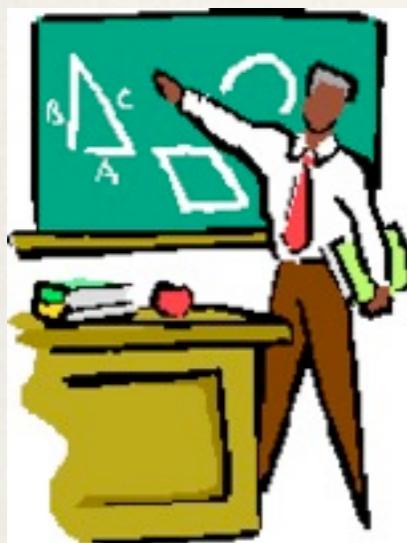
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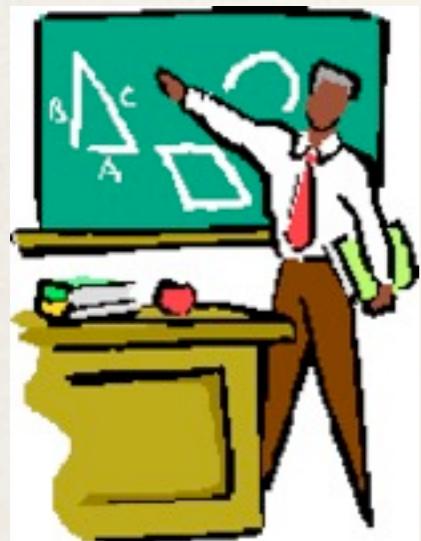
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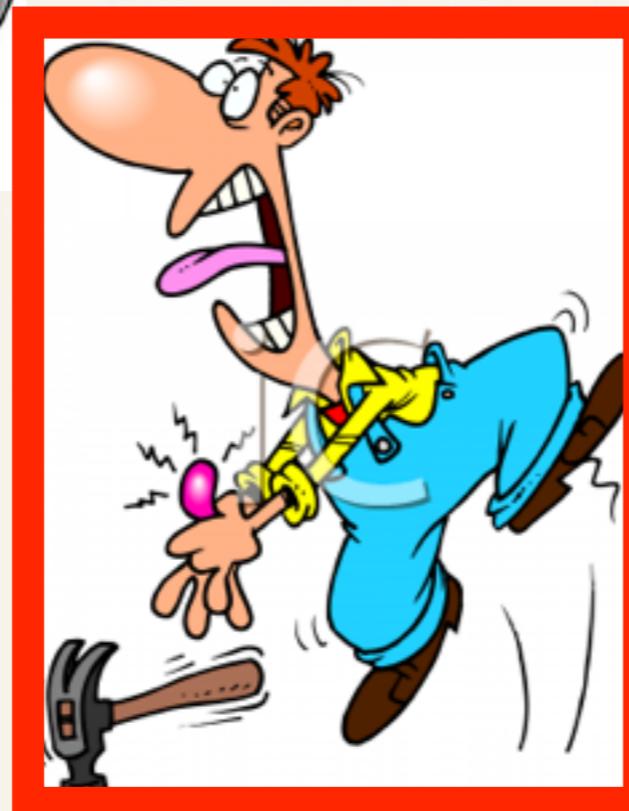
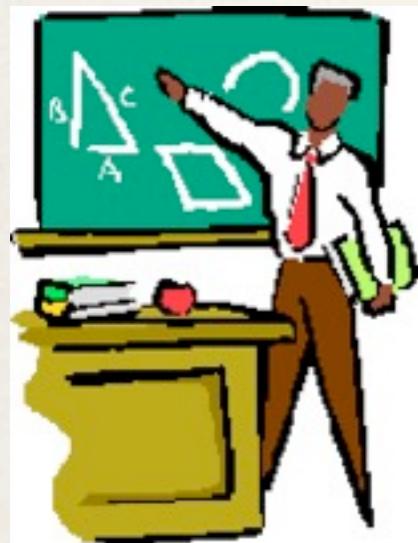
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Teaching features and tools doesn't work either.

But functional programming works, right?

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;; These structs are used to represent
;; shapes in the Cartesian plain:  
  
(struct rectangle (xmin xmax ymin ymax))
(struct circle (x y r))
(struct union (top bot))  
  
;; Design the function shape-in?, which
;; determines whether some Cartesian
;; point is within some given shape.
```

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;; A Shape is one of:  
;; -- (rectangle Int Int Int Int)  
;; -- (circle Int Int Int)  
;; -- (union Shape Shape)  
  
;; Shape Int Int -> Boolean  
;; is the point (x,y) within sh?  
(define (shape-in? sh x y)  
  (cond  
    [(rectangle? sh) (rectangle-in? sh x y)]  
    [(circle? sh) (circle-in? x y sh)]  
    [(union? sh)  
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Some might consider
this a better solution.

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Why is this *bad*?

```
;; Shape Int Int -> Boolean    How can we prevent this?  
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  (match sh  
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Why is this *BAD*?
How can we fail
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       (call/cc
        (lambda (exit)
          (or in-t?
              (exit true))
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Why is this *AWFUL*?

Why is it a 0/100?

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                     (absolute (rest lord))))]))
```

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(define (absolute.v2 lord0)
  ;; accumulator: so-far is distance
  ;; between lord0 and lord
  (define (absolute lord so-far)
    (cond
      [(empty? lord) '()]
      [else (let* ([f (first lord)][d (+ f so-far)])
              (cons d (absolute (rest lord) d)))])))
  ;; -- IN --
  (absolute lord 0))
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Why is this better?
How did we get here?

How do we get from the problem to the solution?

Can we get our students to repeat these thought processes on their own eventually?

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Structural Coding

- Tackle the base cases first (with example).
- Otherwise remind yourself what the template expressions compute.
- Combine these values.
Define auxiliaries if needed.



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;; EXERCISE:

;; Use structs to represent
;; shapes in the Cartesian plain:
;; * rectangles, * circles,
;; * combinations of two shapes.

;; Design the function shape-in?,
;; which determines whether some
;; coordinates are within a given
;; shape.

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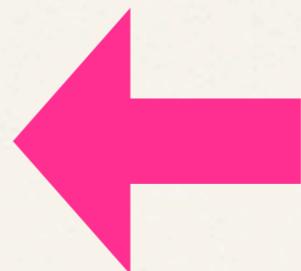
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  (in? (circle 0 0 5) 3 4) true)  
(check-expect  
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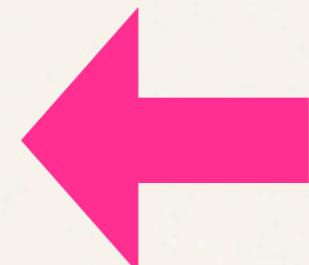
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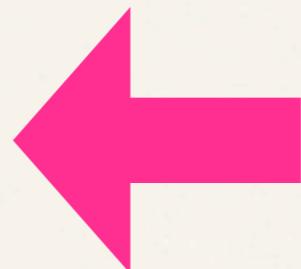


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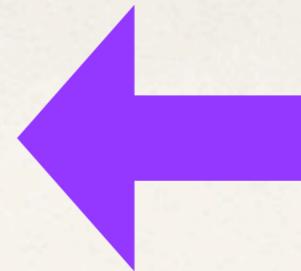


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The design process and principles
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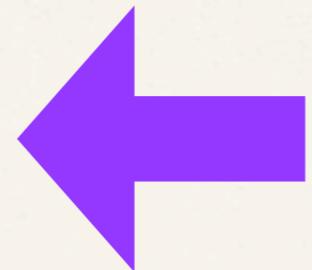
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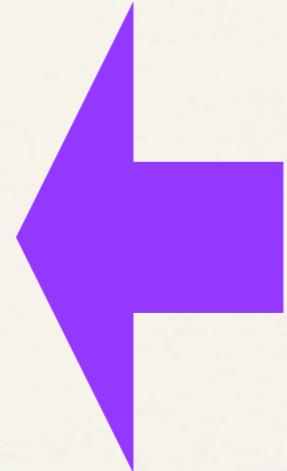
How the *Process* applies to abstract: the coding & testing

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;; [Listof X] [X -> Y] -> [Listof Y]
(define (map lon f)
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;; tests
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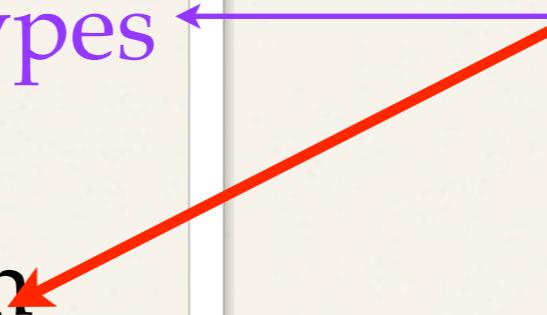
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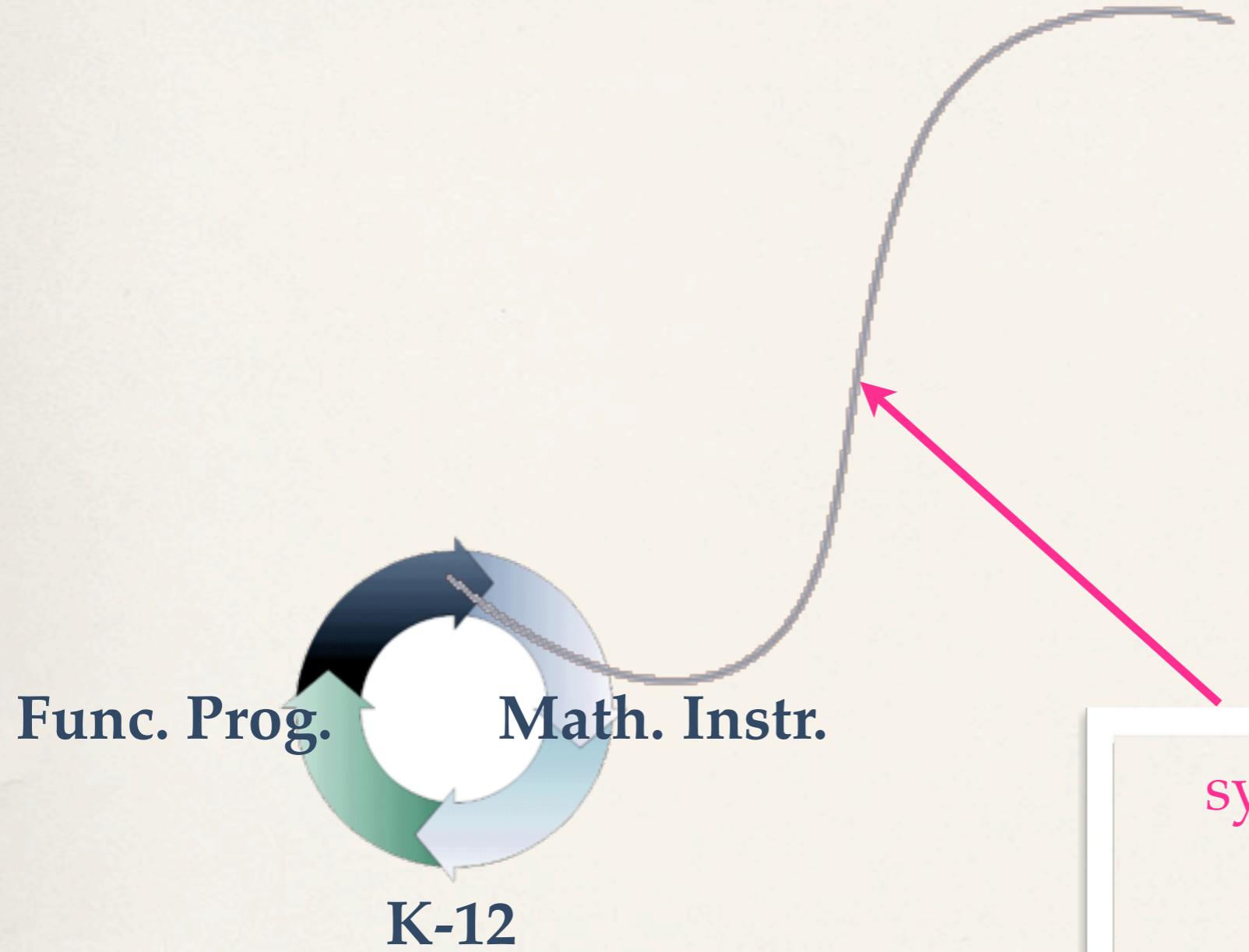
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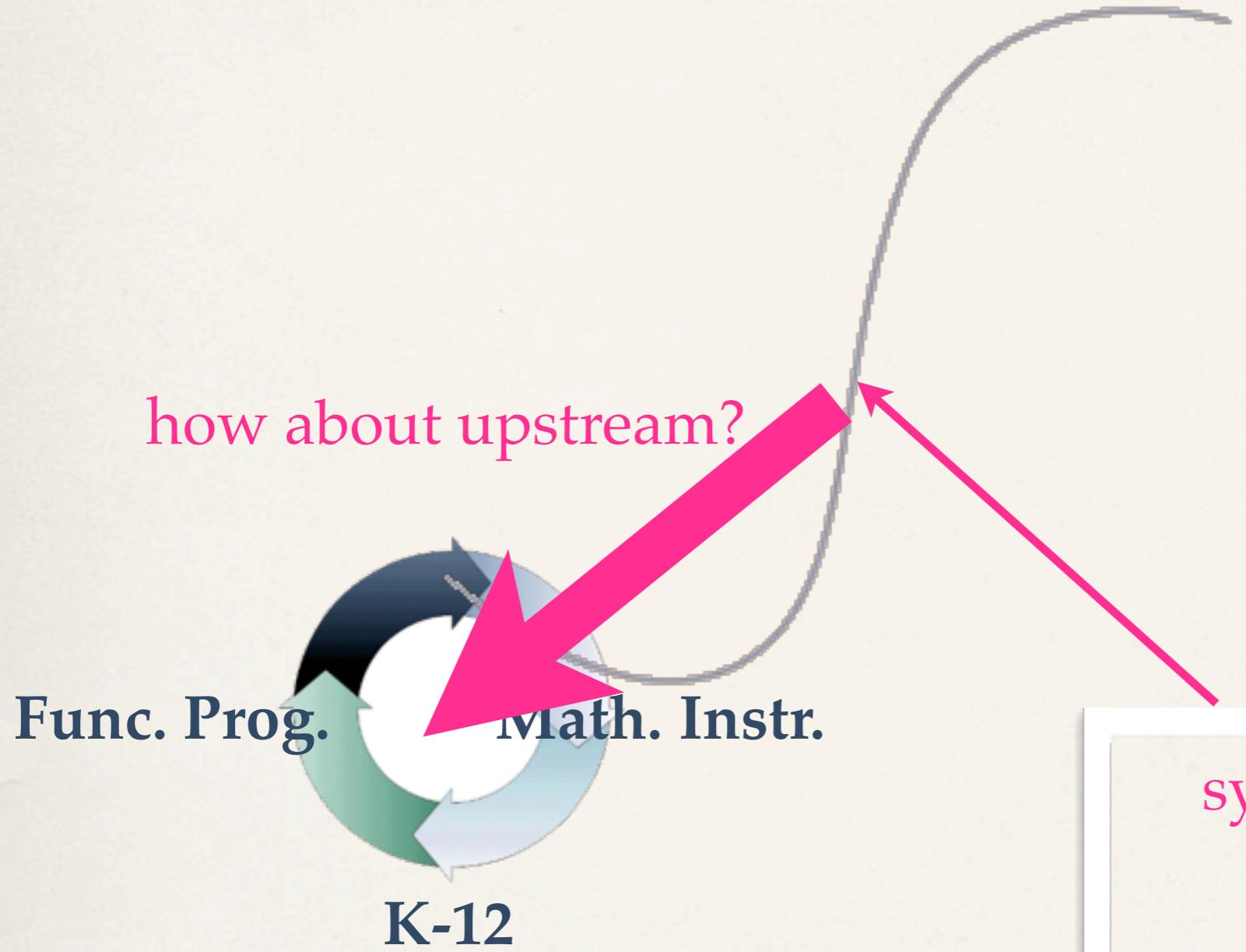
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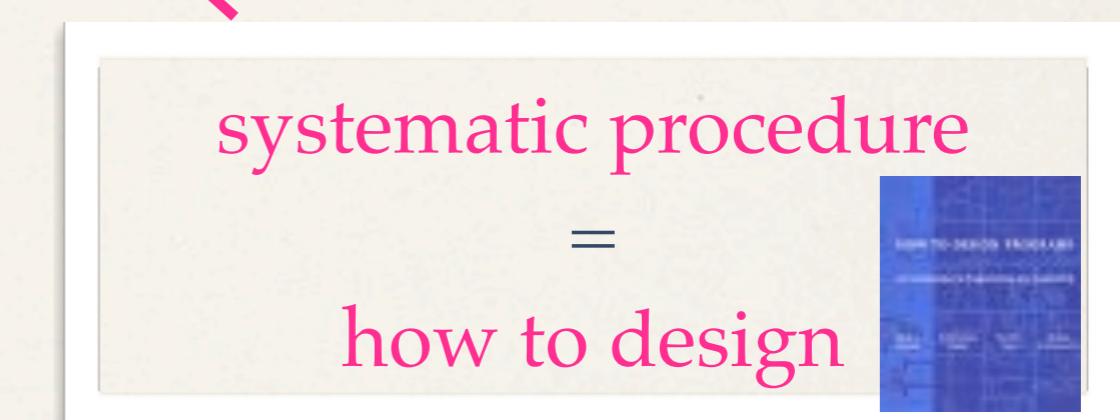
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(define (flying-soccer-ball t)  
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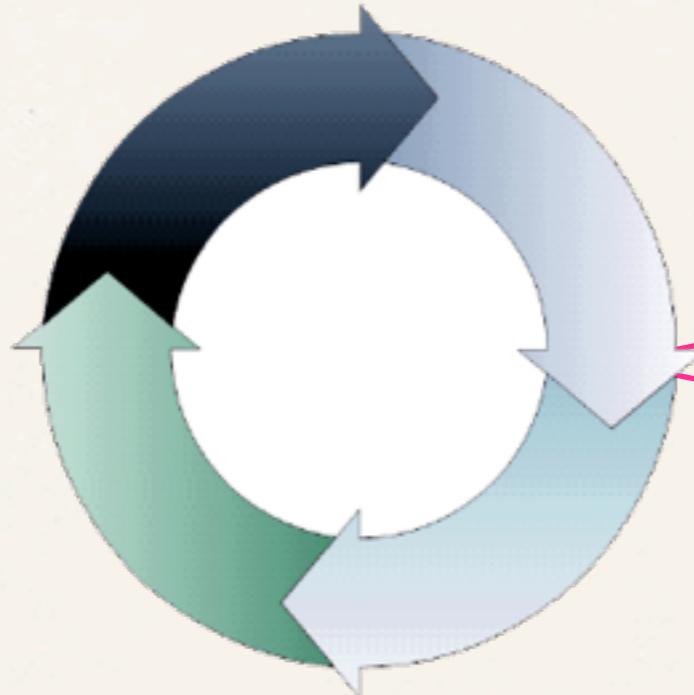
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(big-bang GameState0
  (to-draw ;; GameState -> Image
            render-state-as-image)
  (on-tick ;; GameState -> GameState
           handle-clock-tick)
  (on-key   ;; GameState KeyEvent -> GameState
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- images as a datatype
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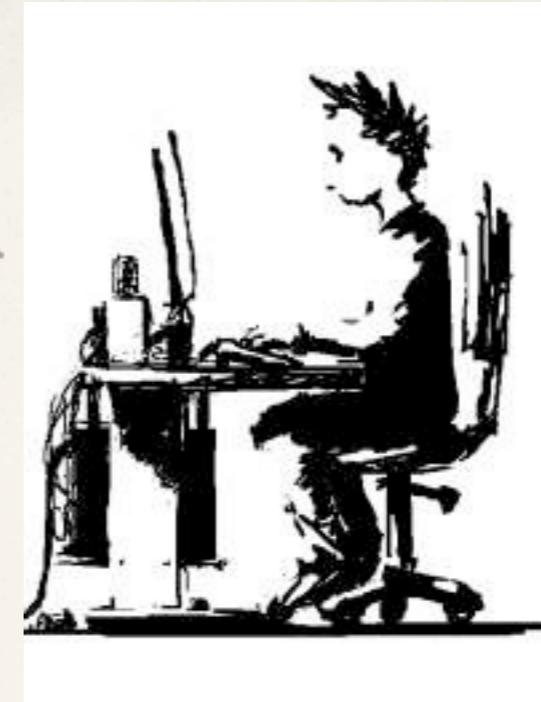
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Functional Programming & Design



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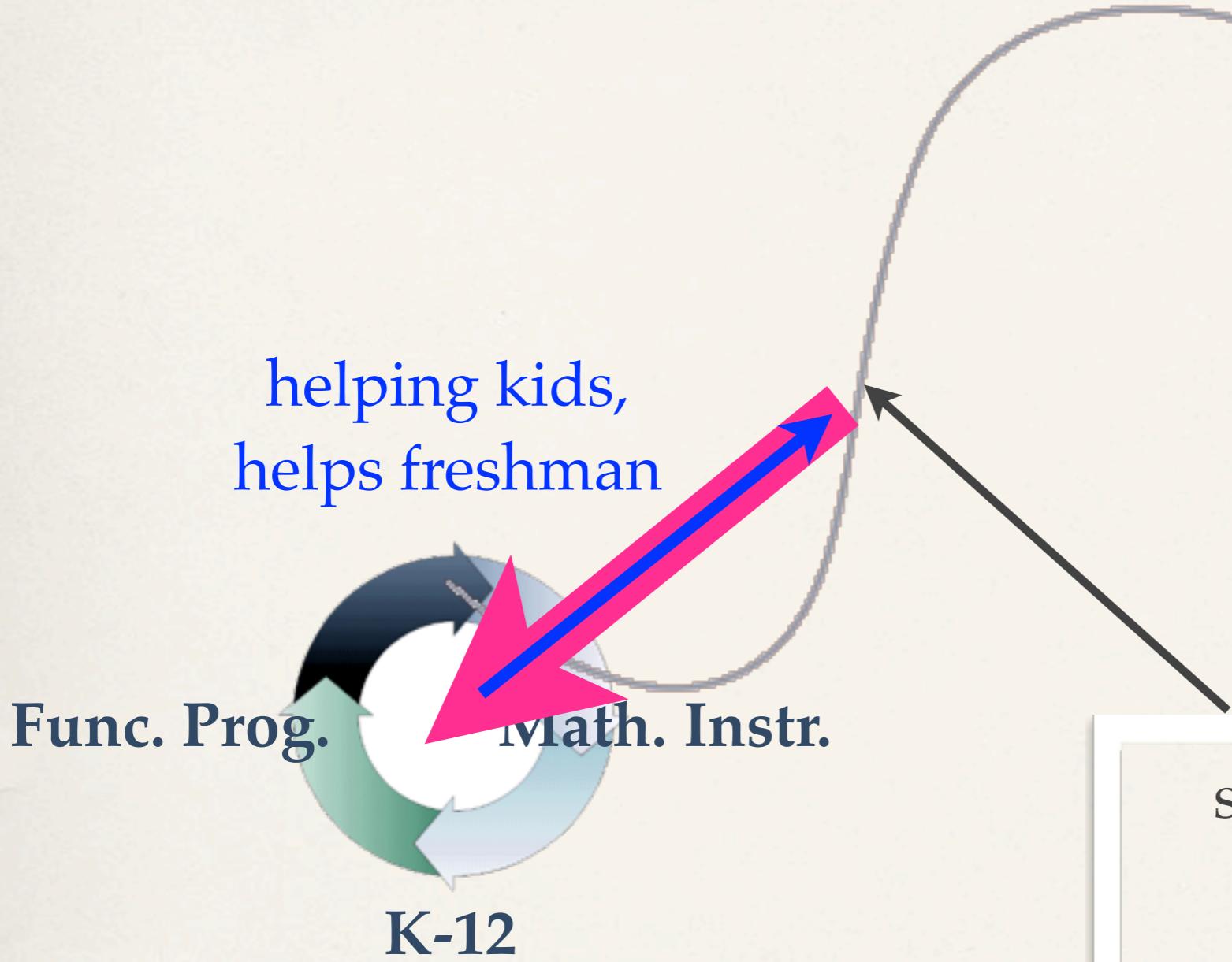
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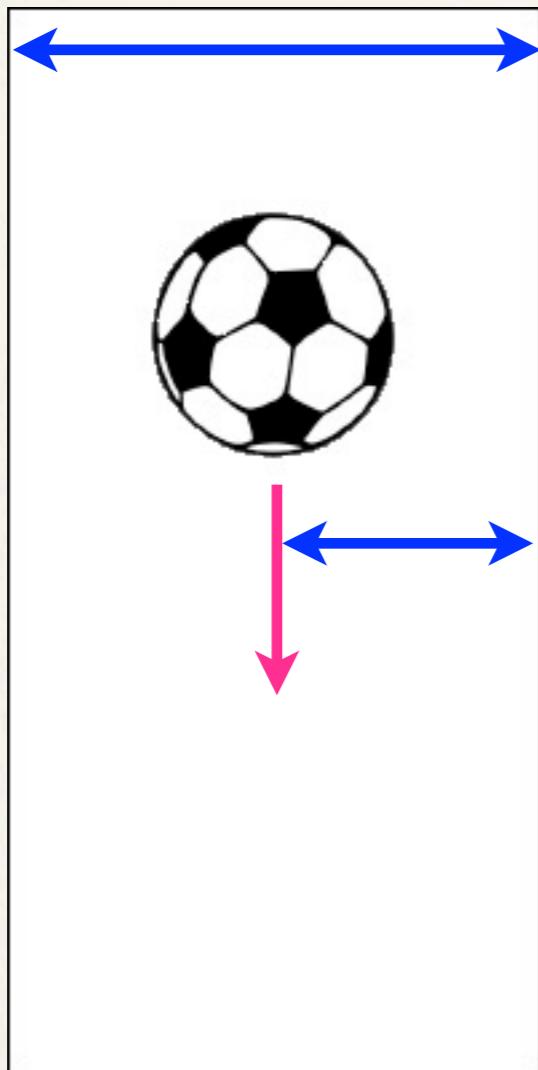


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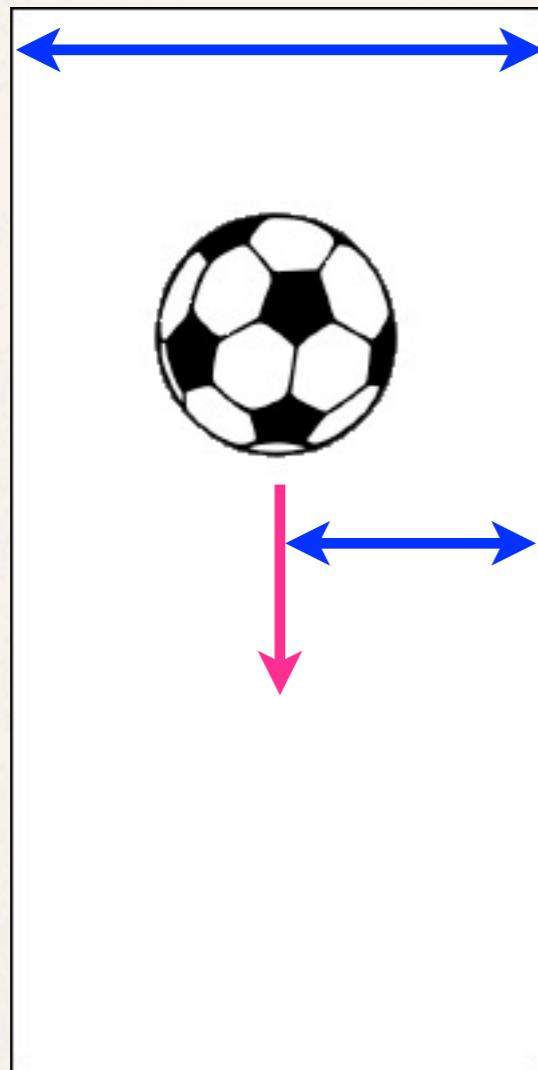


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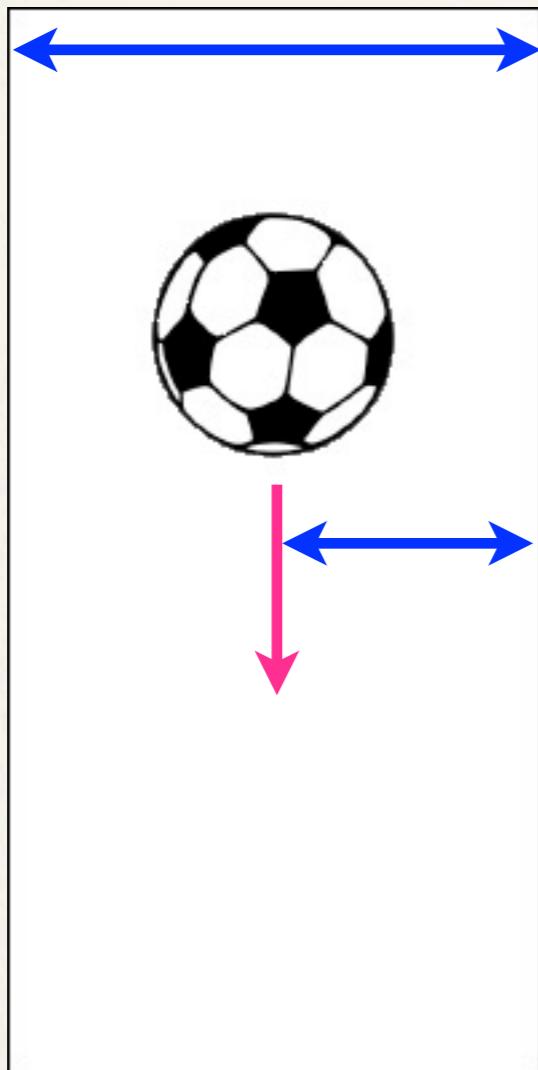


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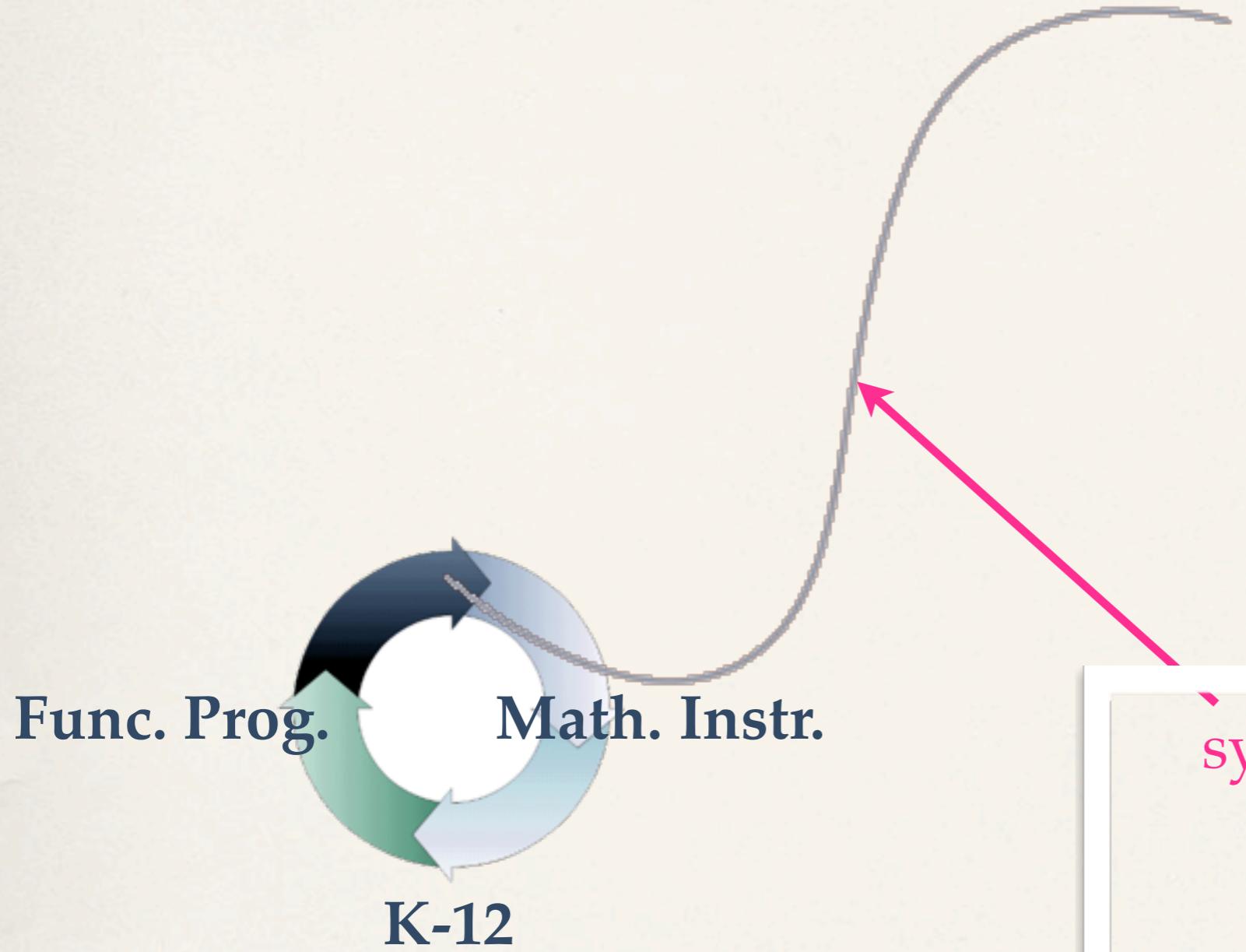


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3. Associate **game actions** (movement of ball) to world actions (**clock tick**, key handler, mouse event, etc).

Worlds provide a place to start, and a wish list to work off.

- ❖ Program design driven by wish lists.
- ❖ Functions organized around data (OO).
- ❖ Mostly structural designs.



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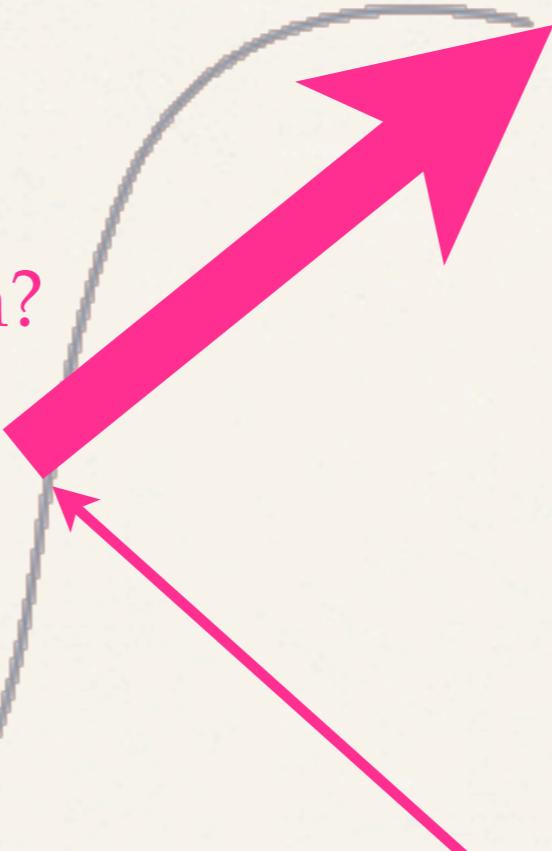
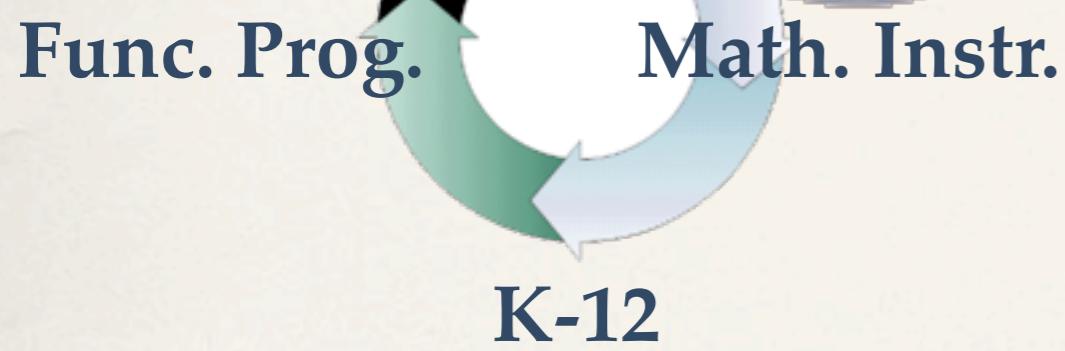
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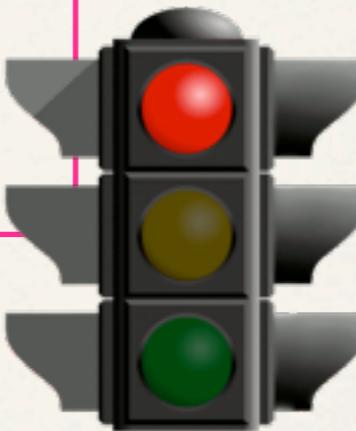


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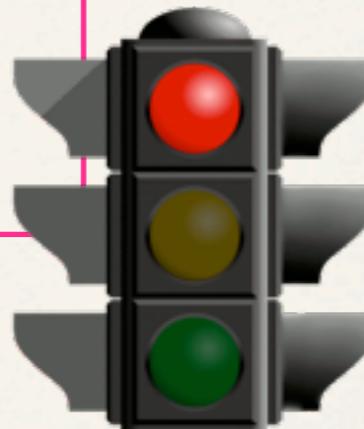
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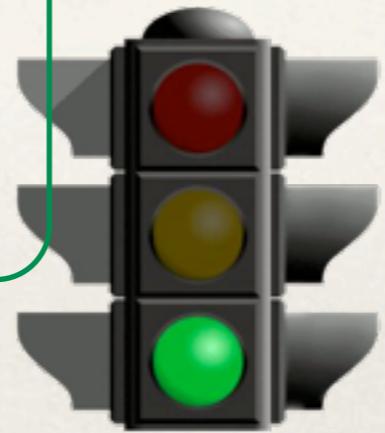


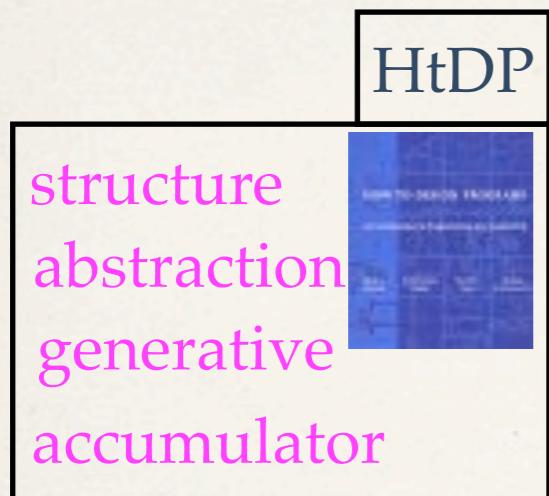
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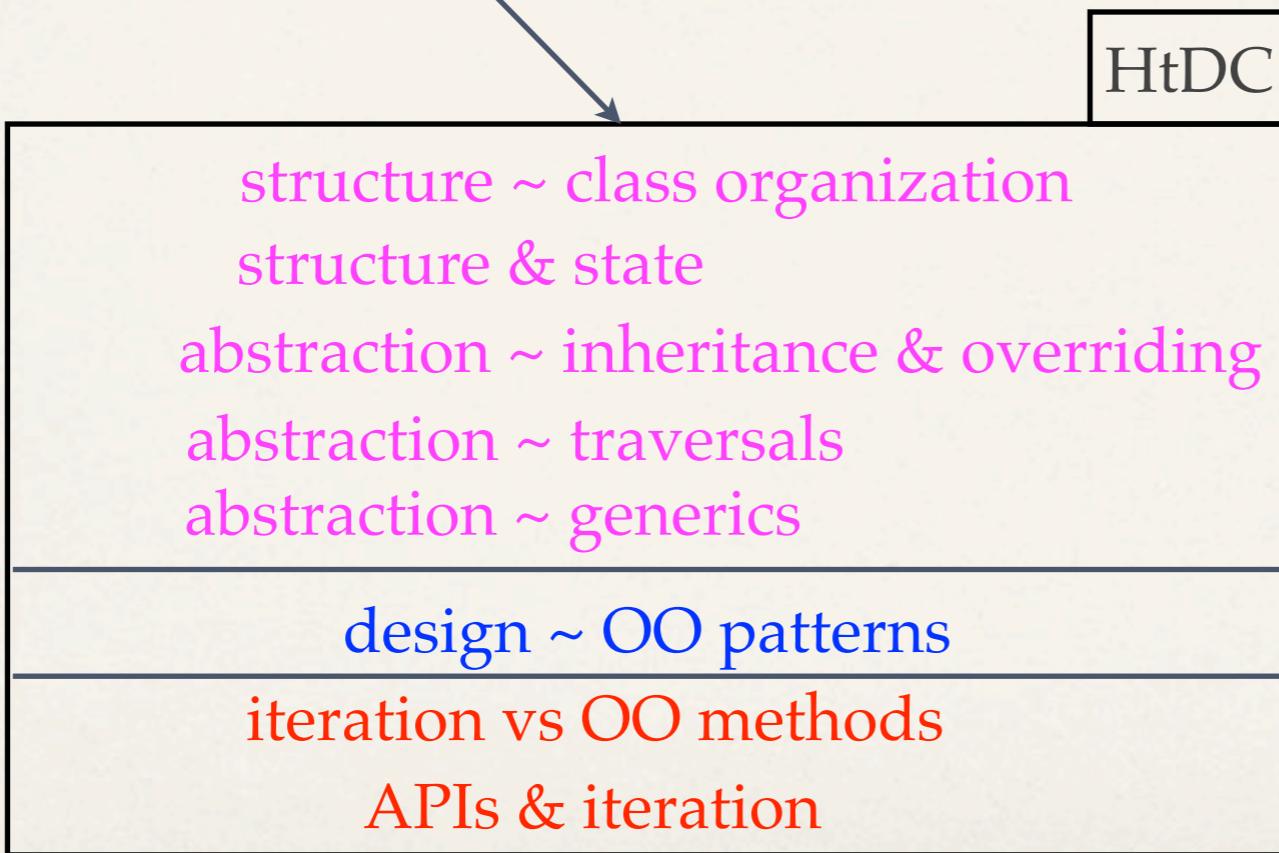


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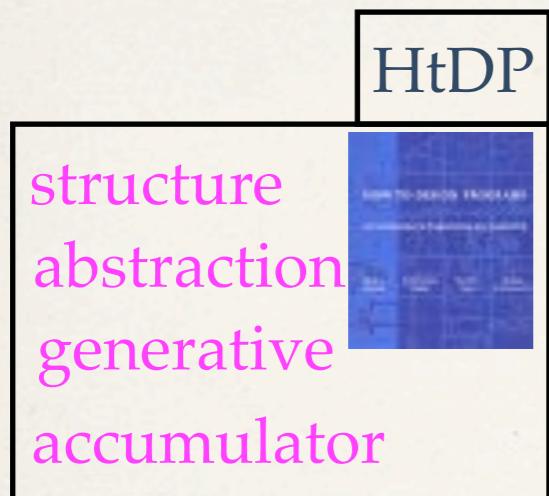




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Downstream:
how to connect
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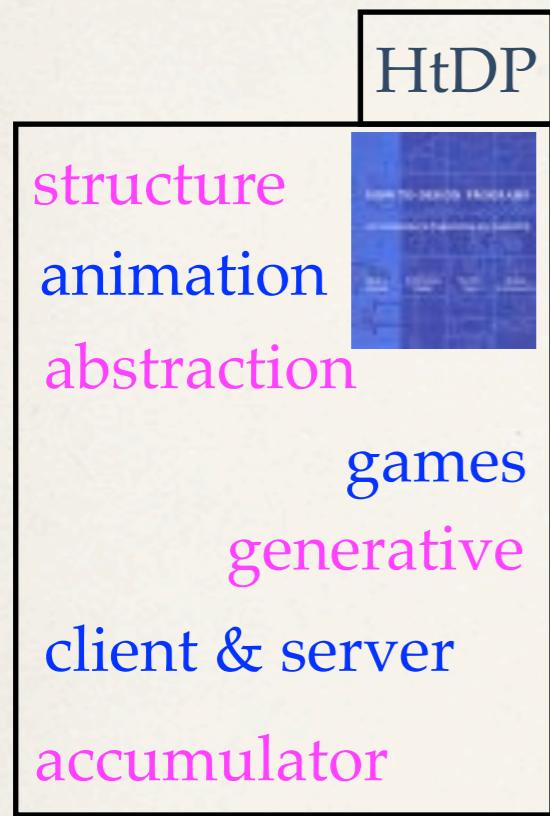
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iteration vs OO methods

APIs & iteration

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Problem isolated,
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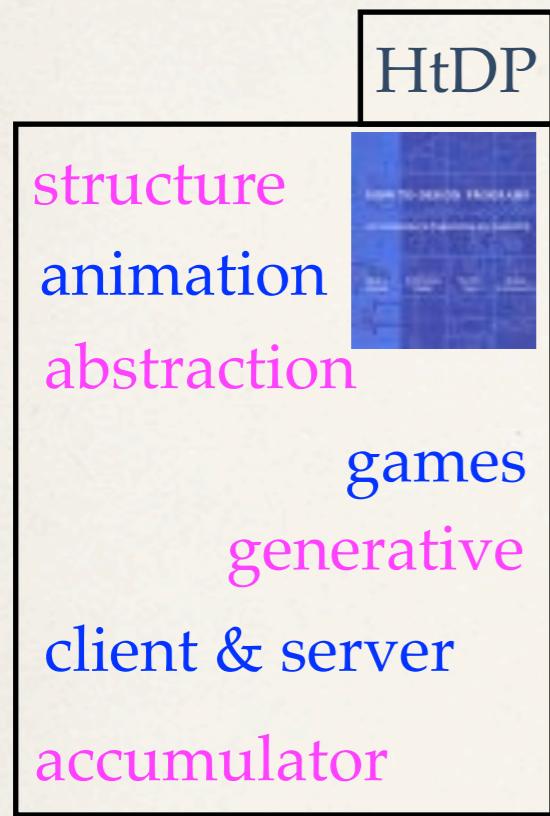


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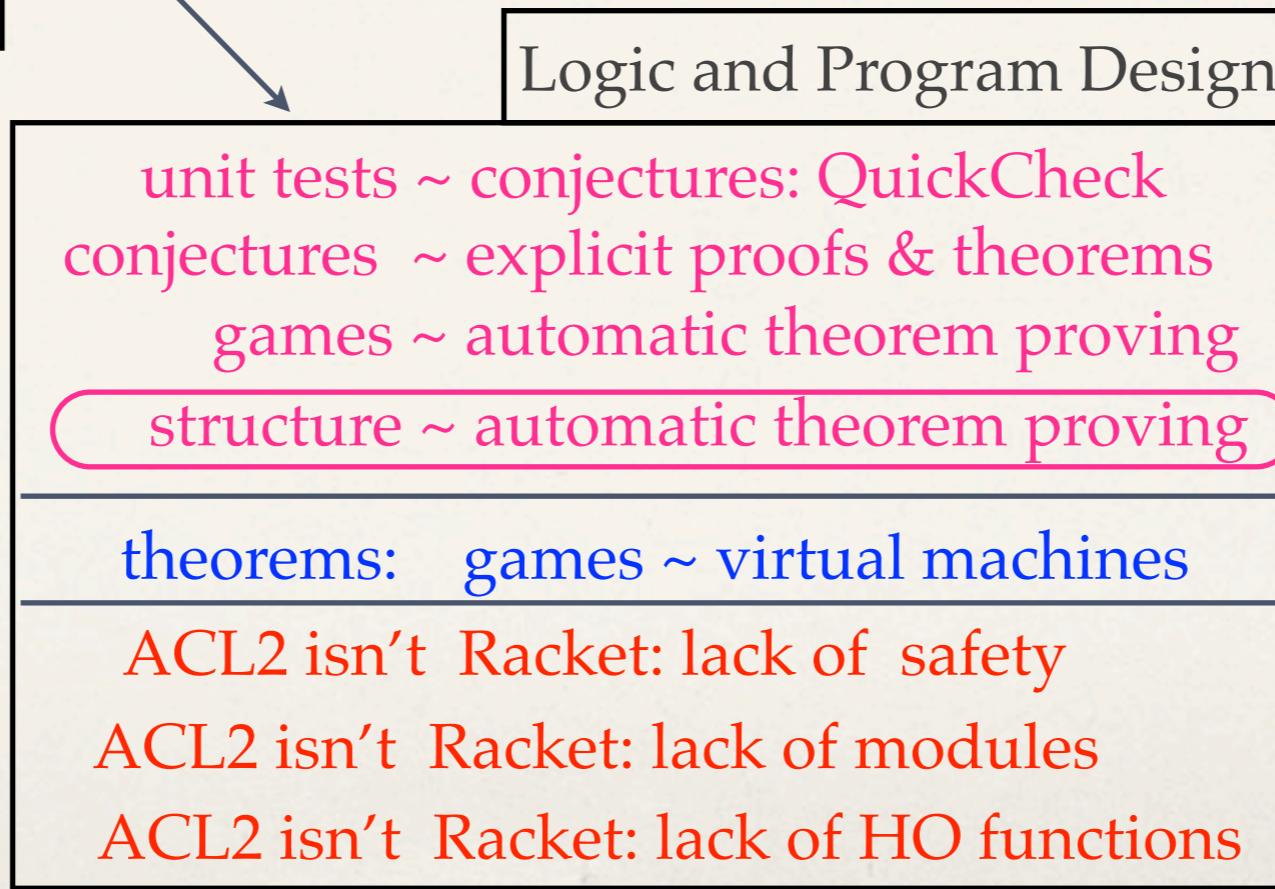
unit tests ~ conjectures: QuickCheck
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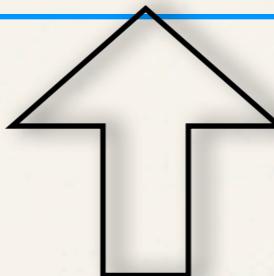
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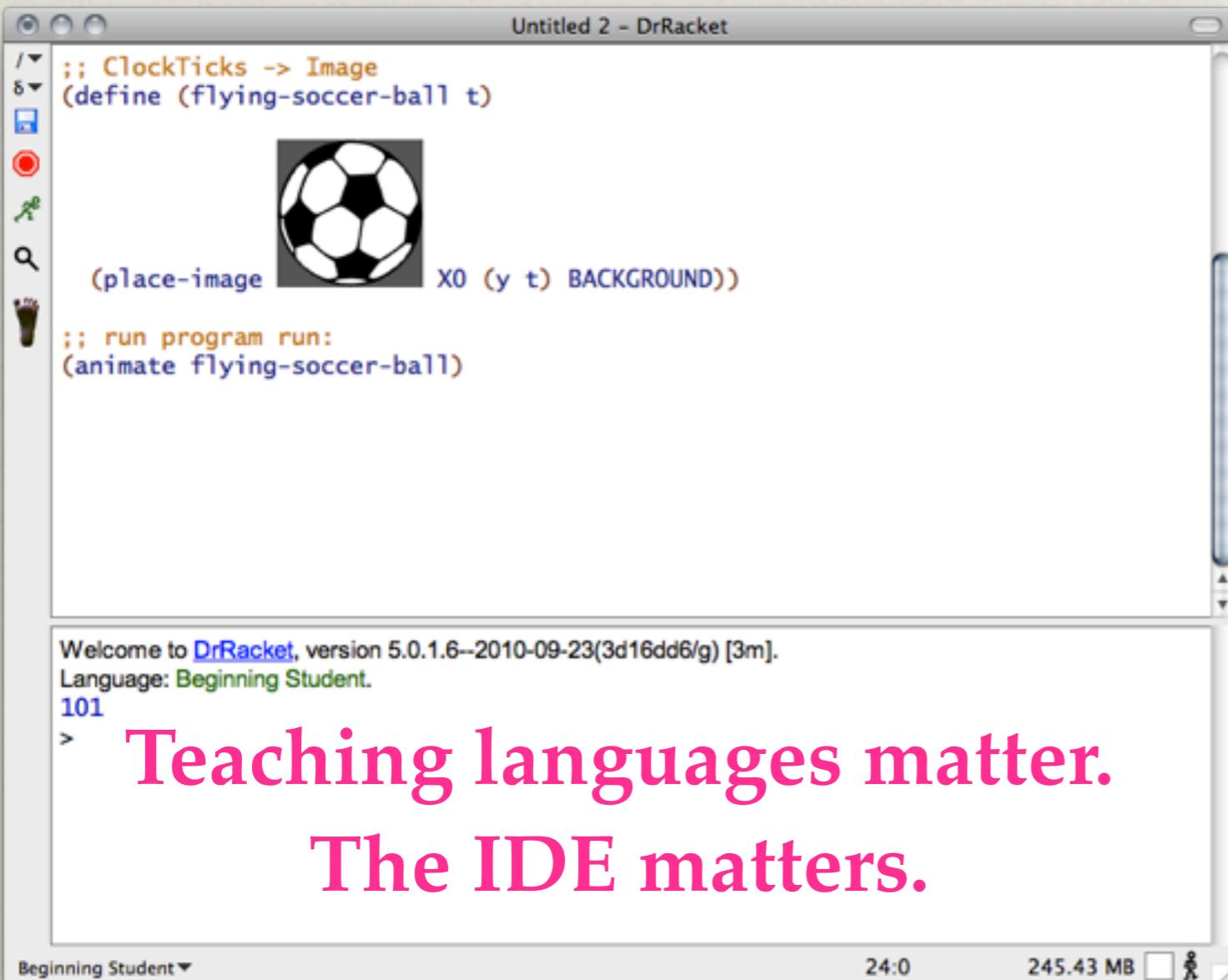
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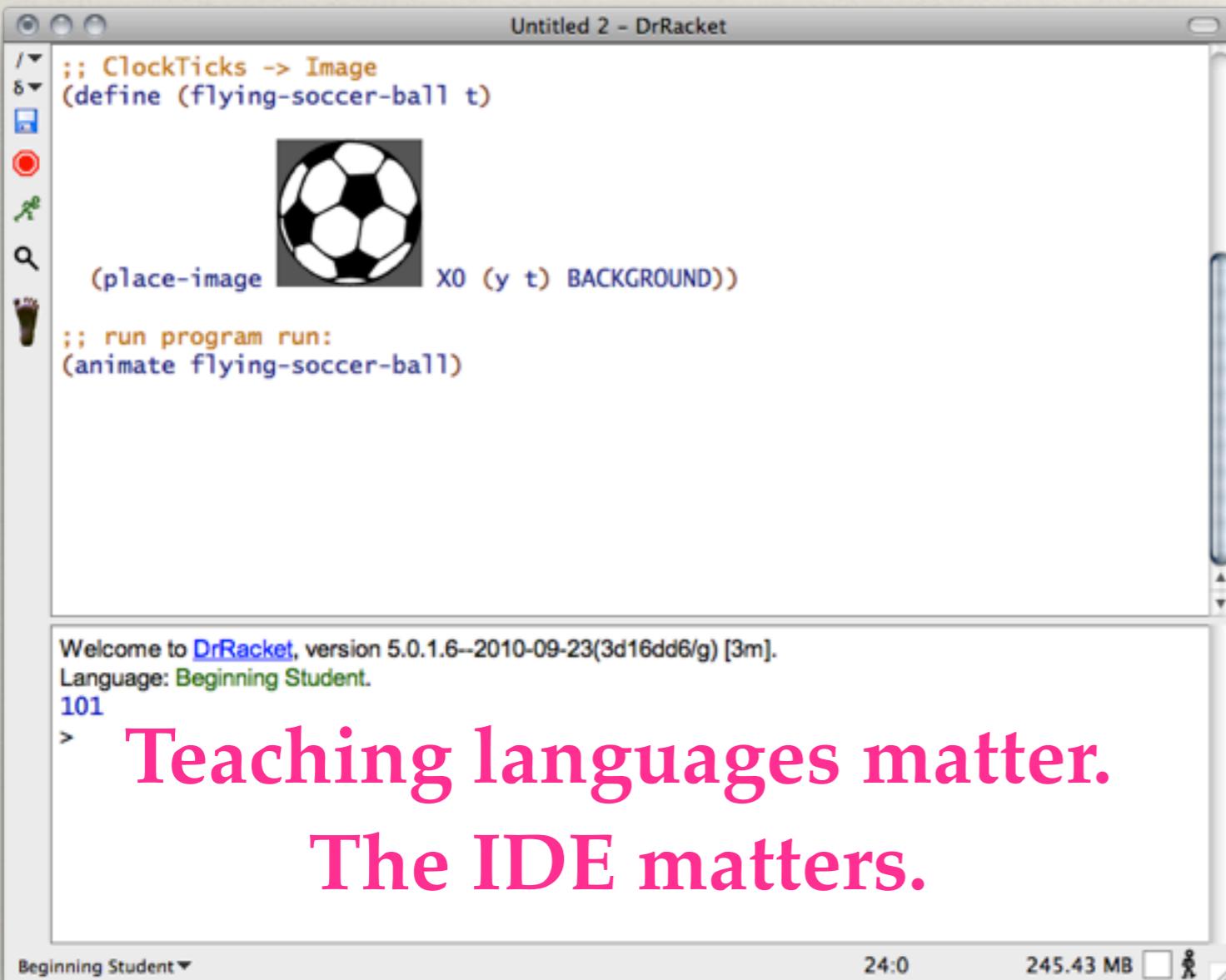
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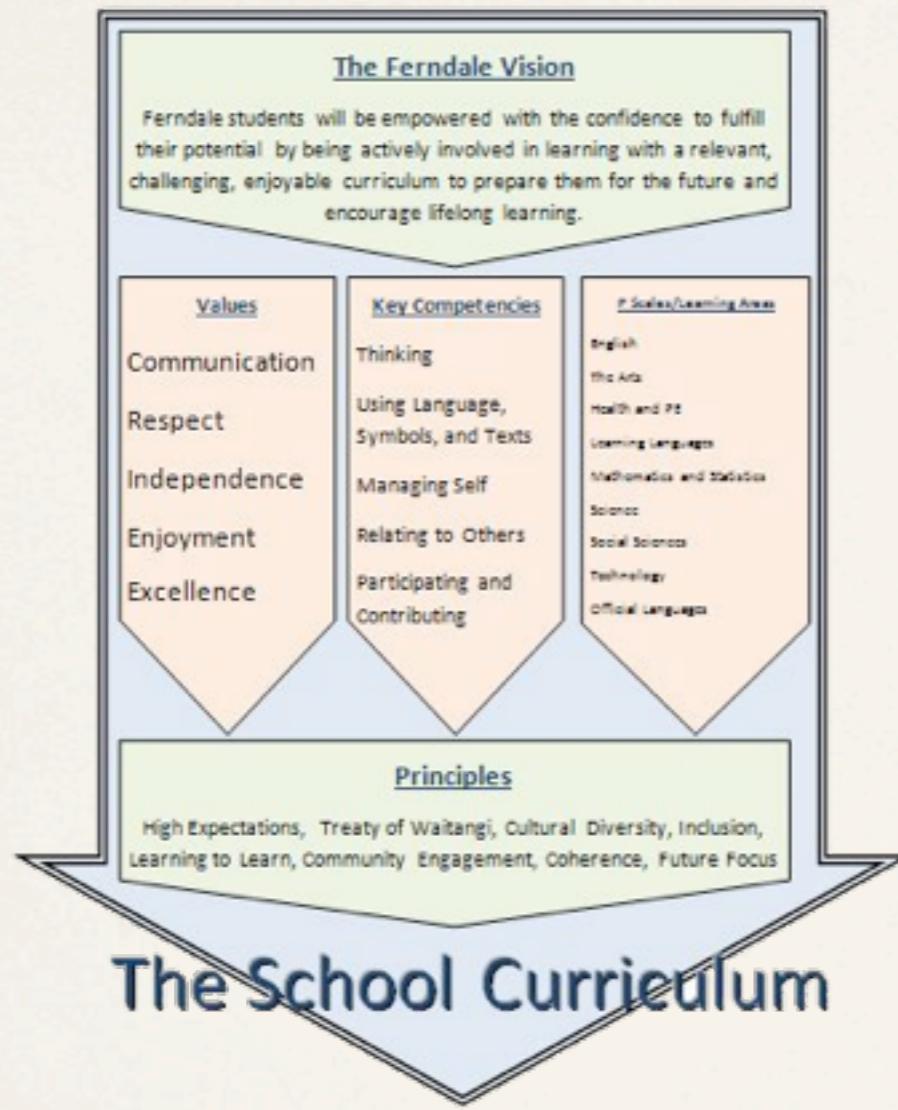
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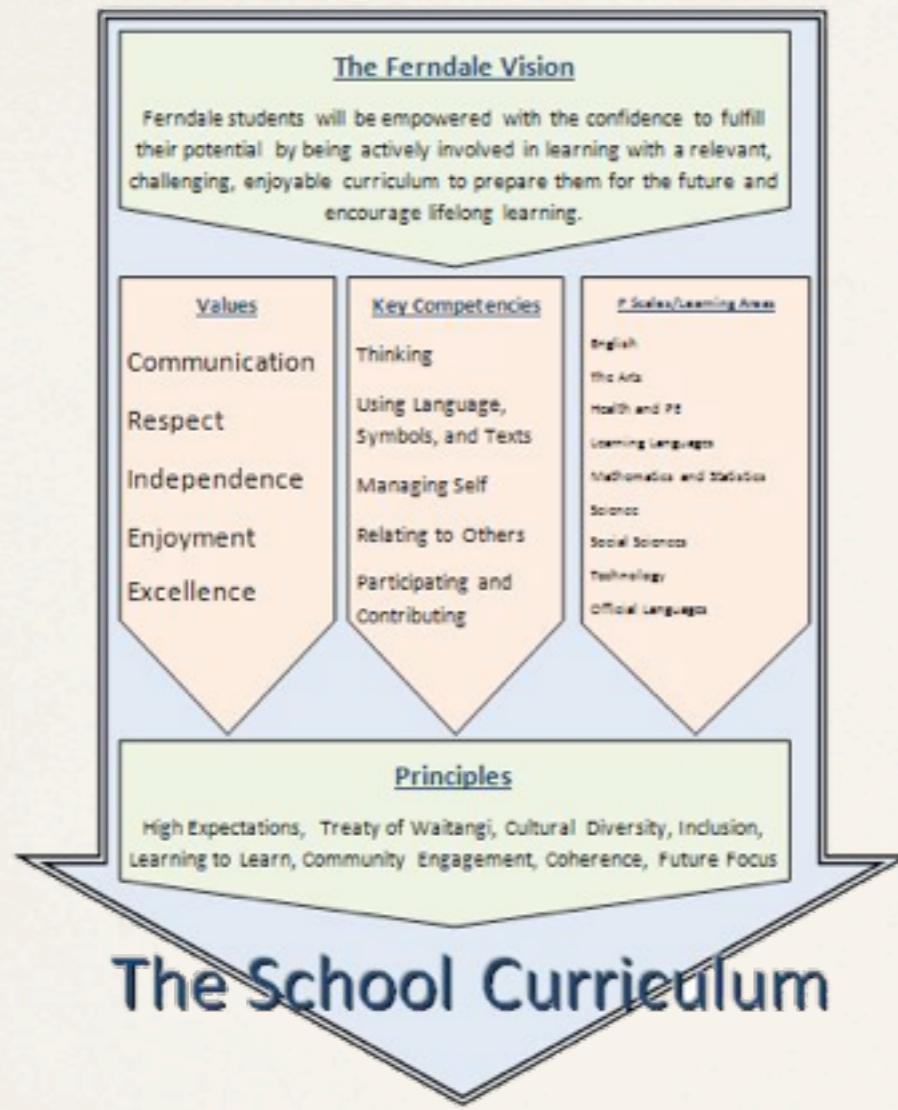
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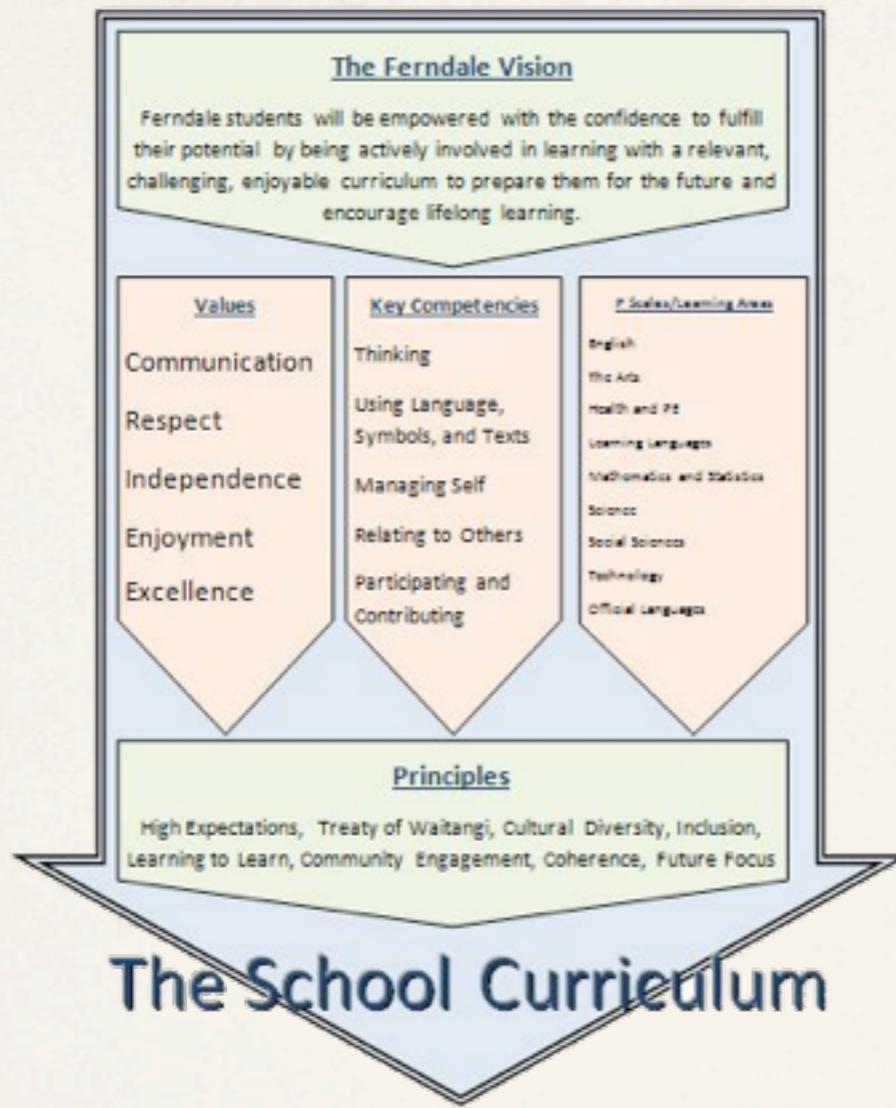


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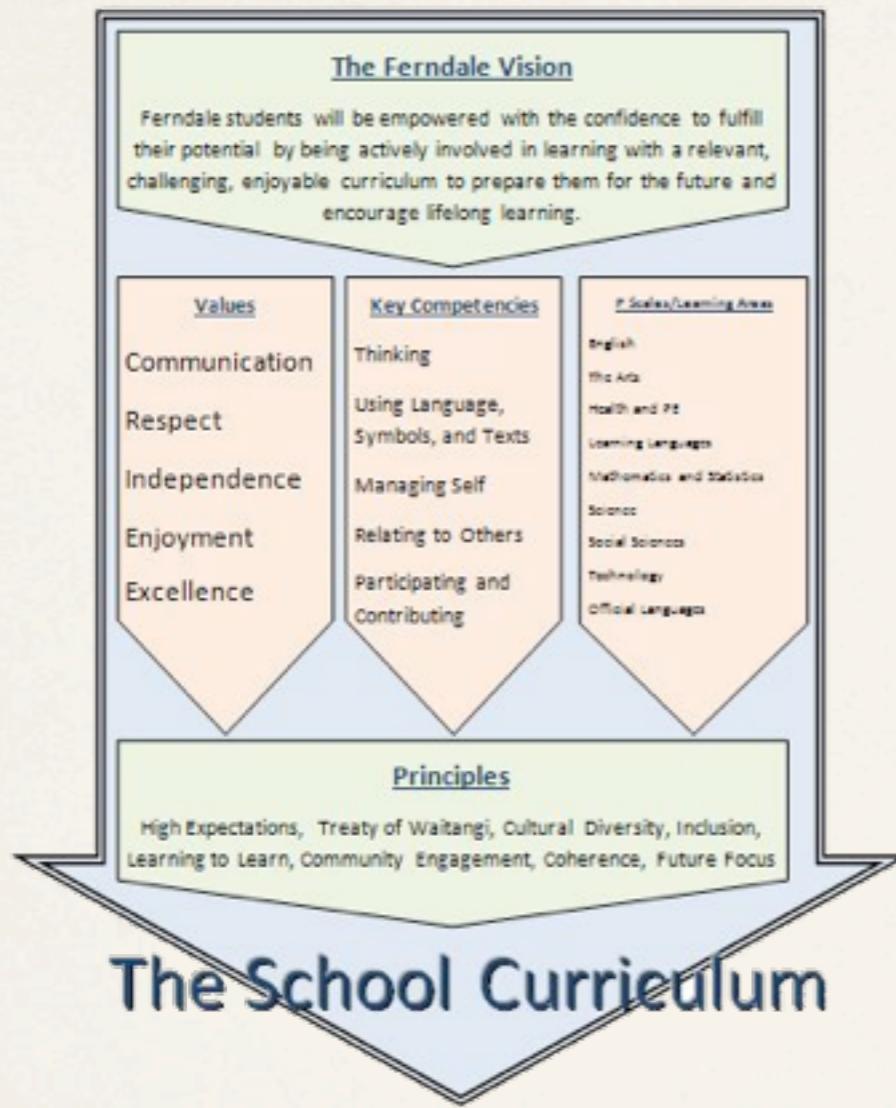
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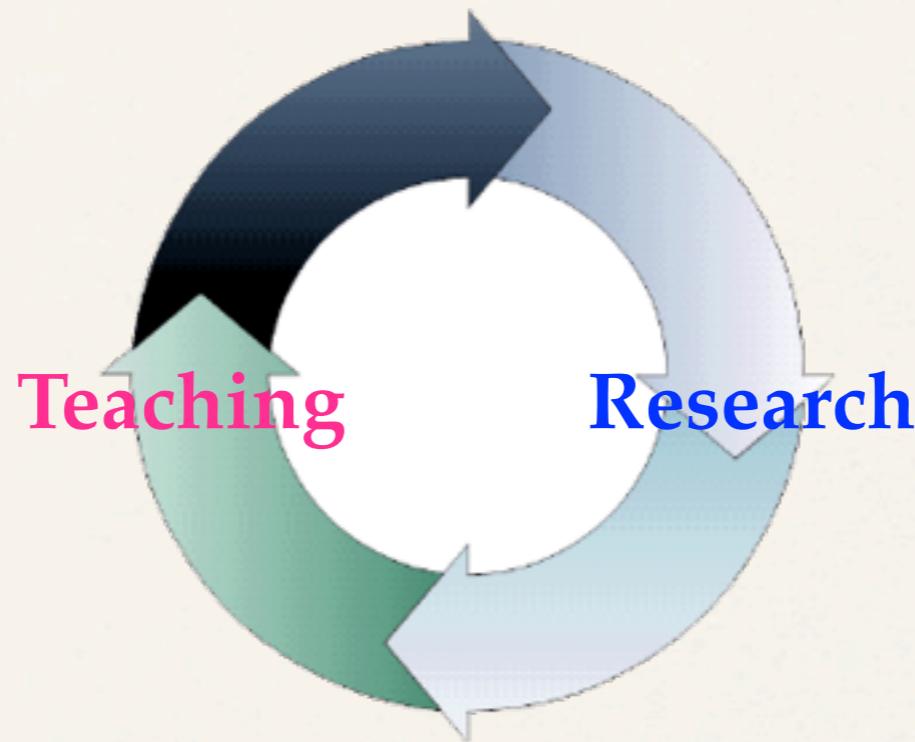
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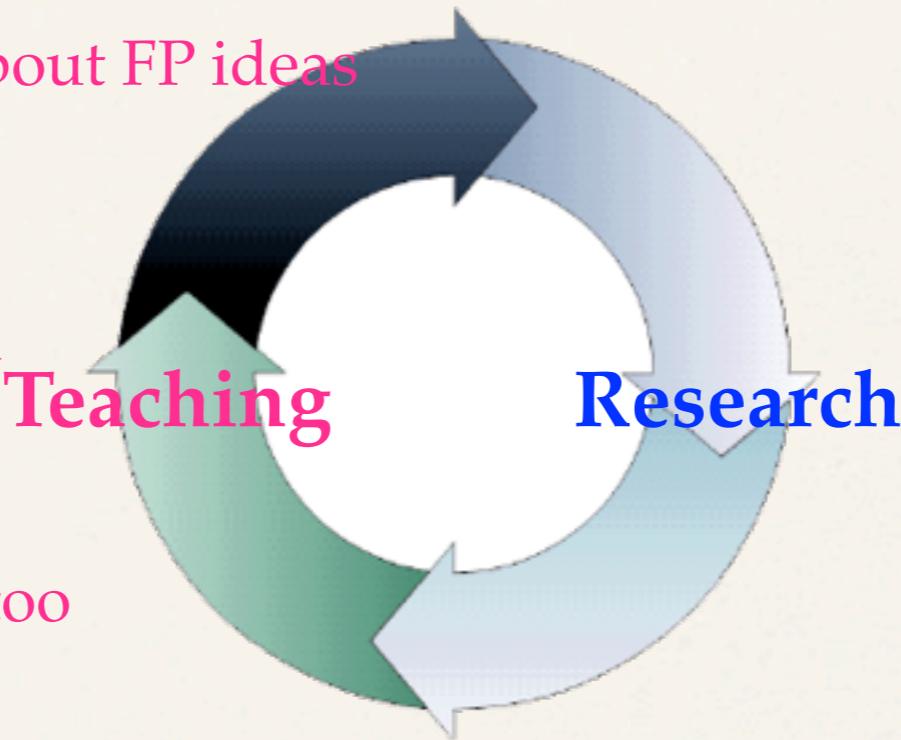


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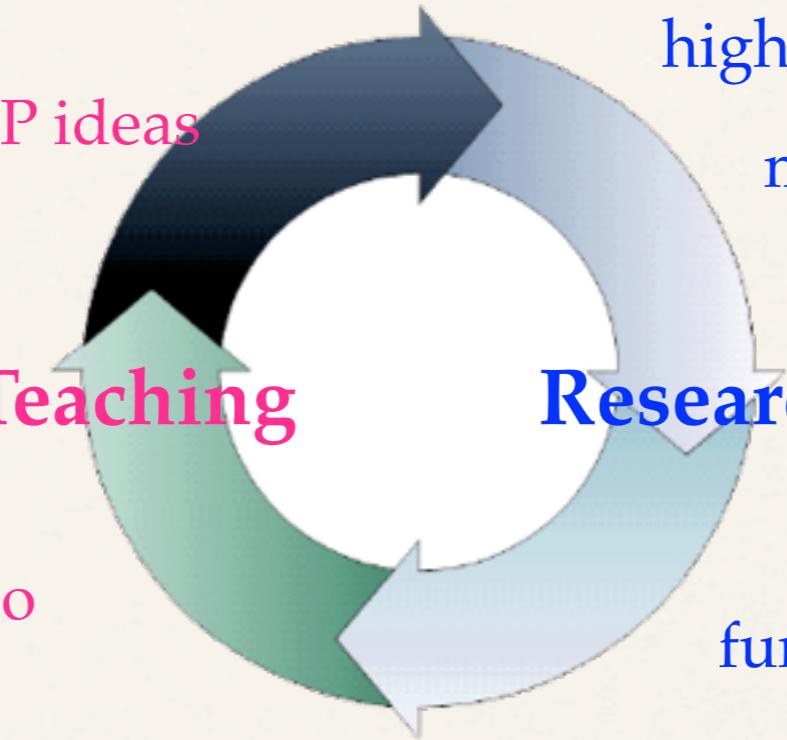


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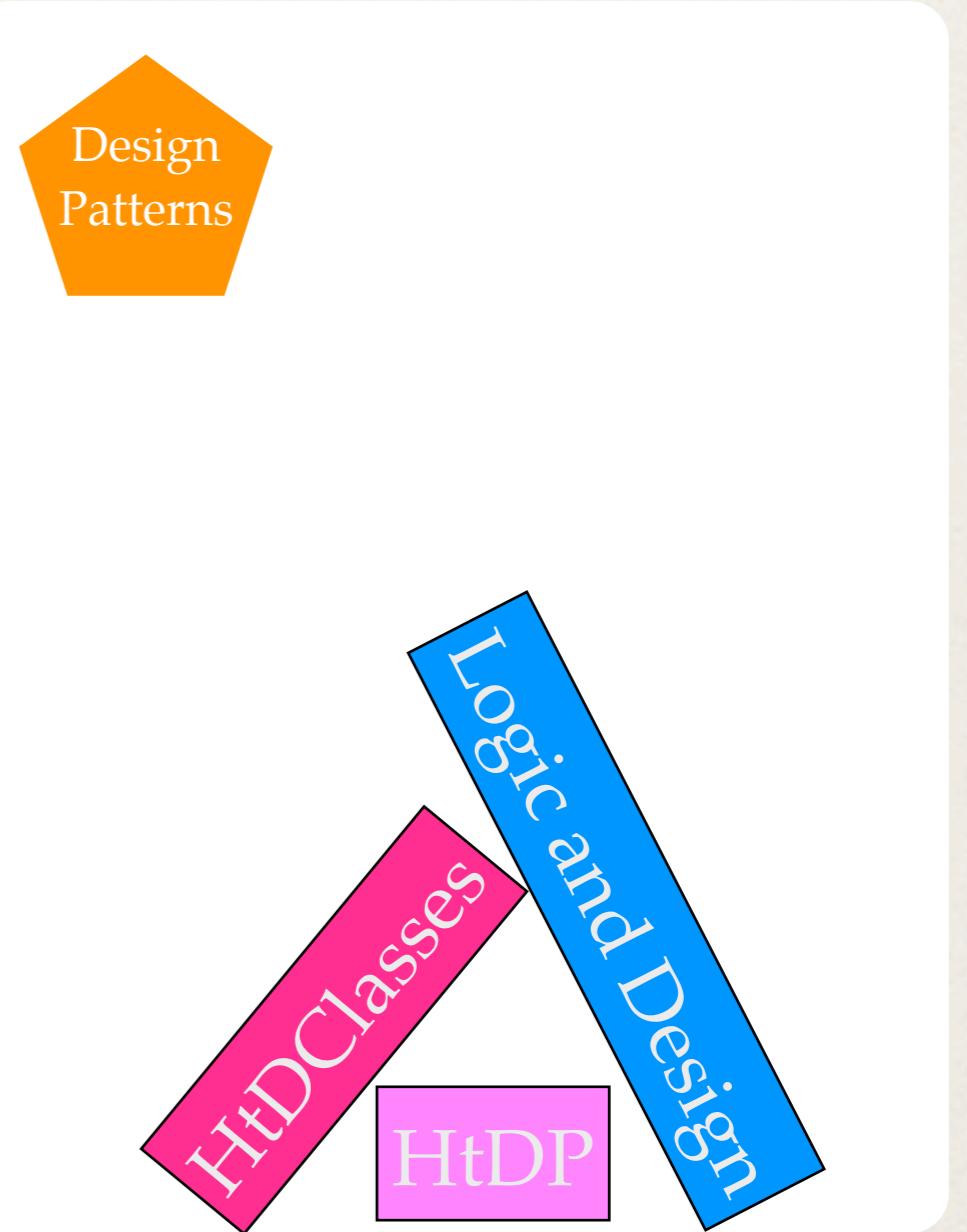
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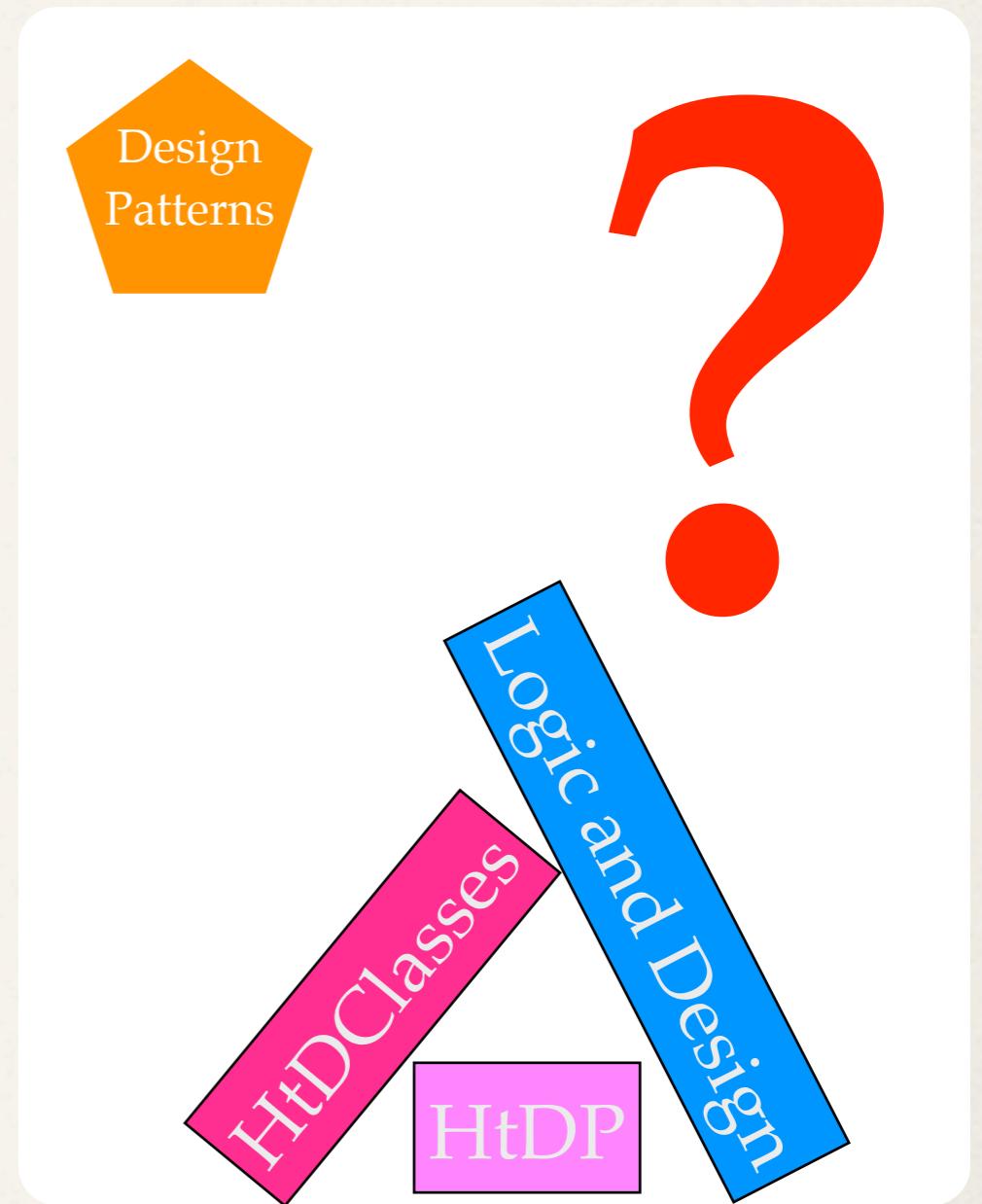
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