[301] Using Functions

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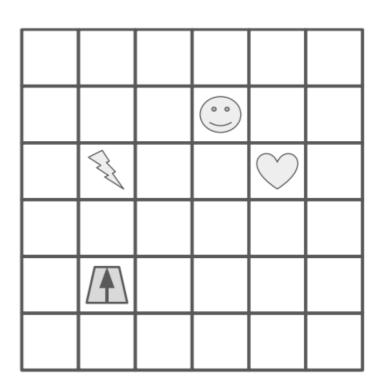
make a battleship game!

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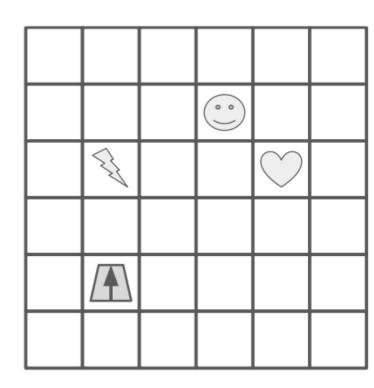
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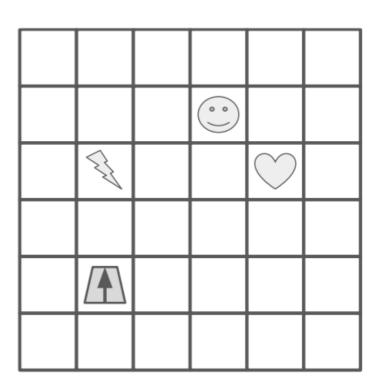
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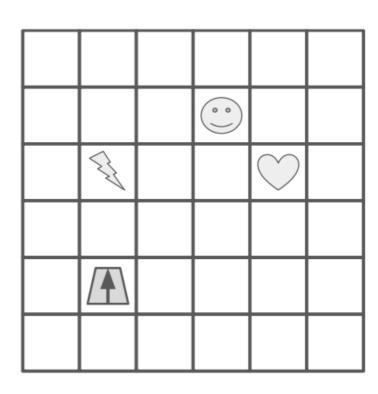
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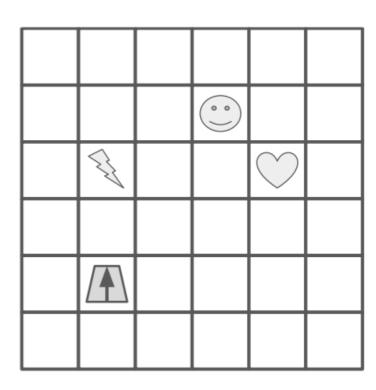
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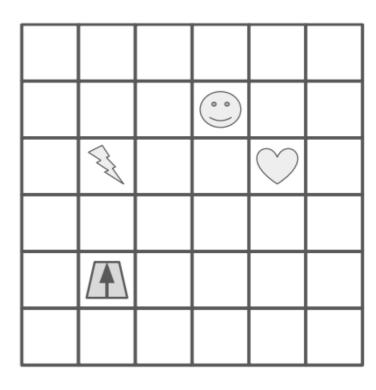
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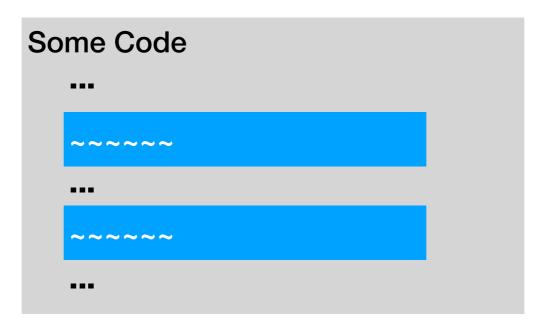
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next lecture, we'll learn how to write our own new functions



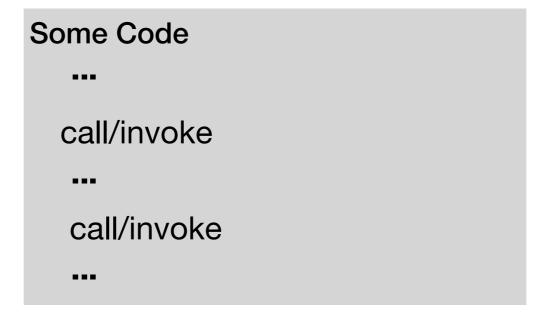
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General Function Concepts

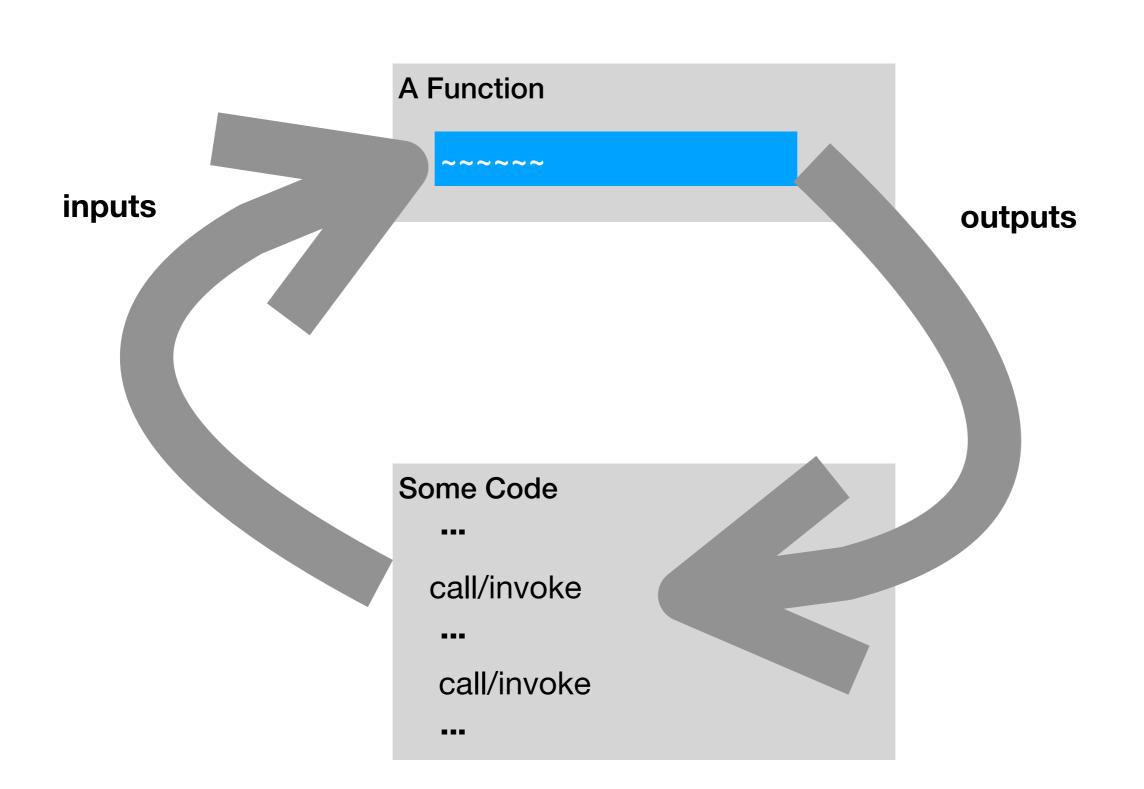


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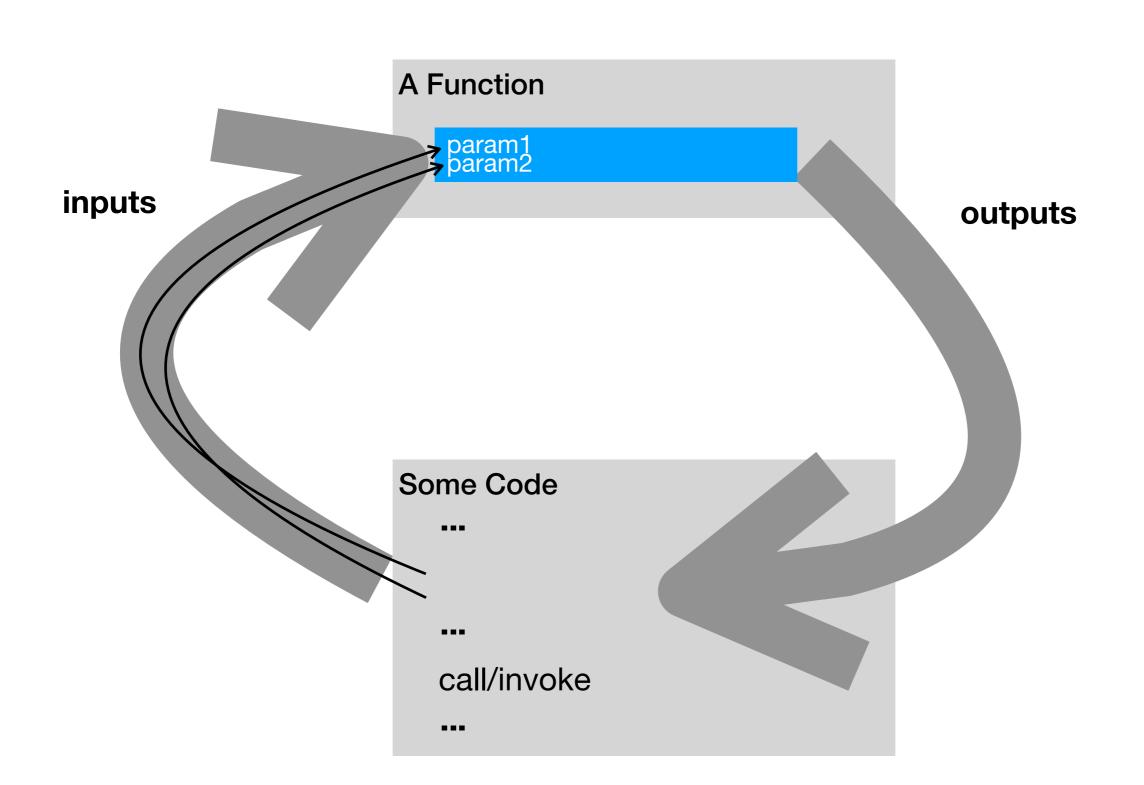




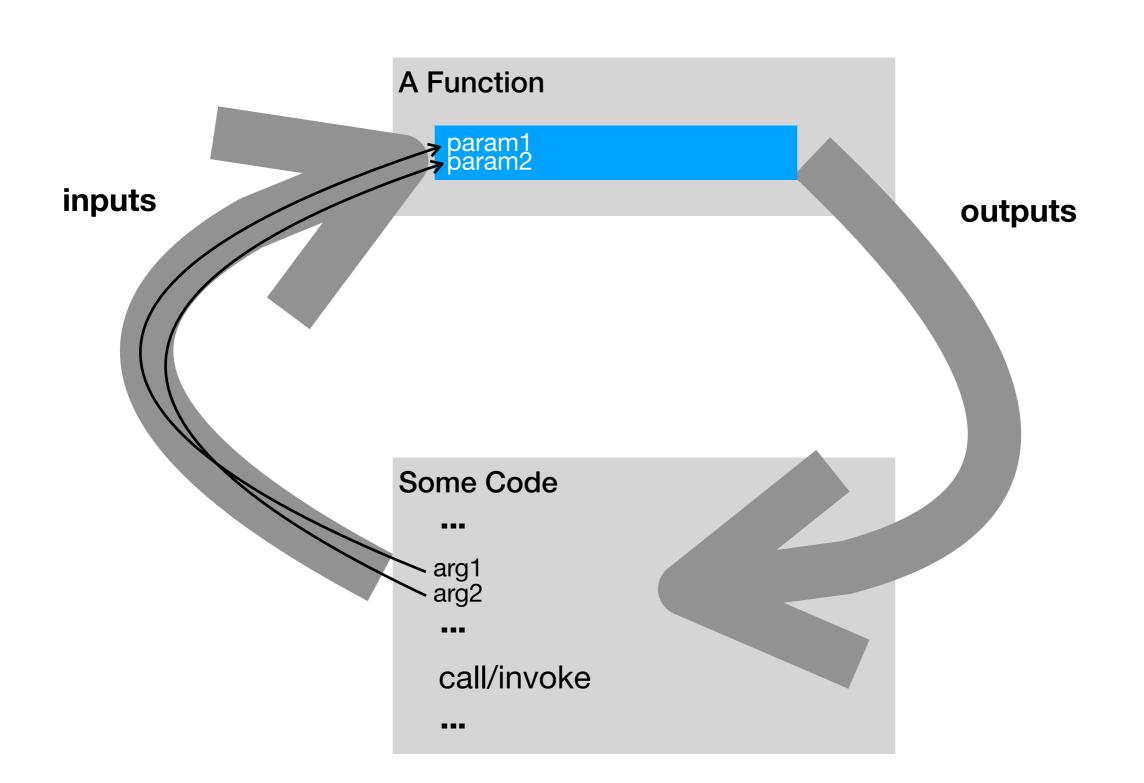
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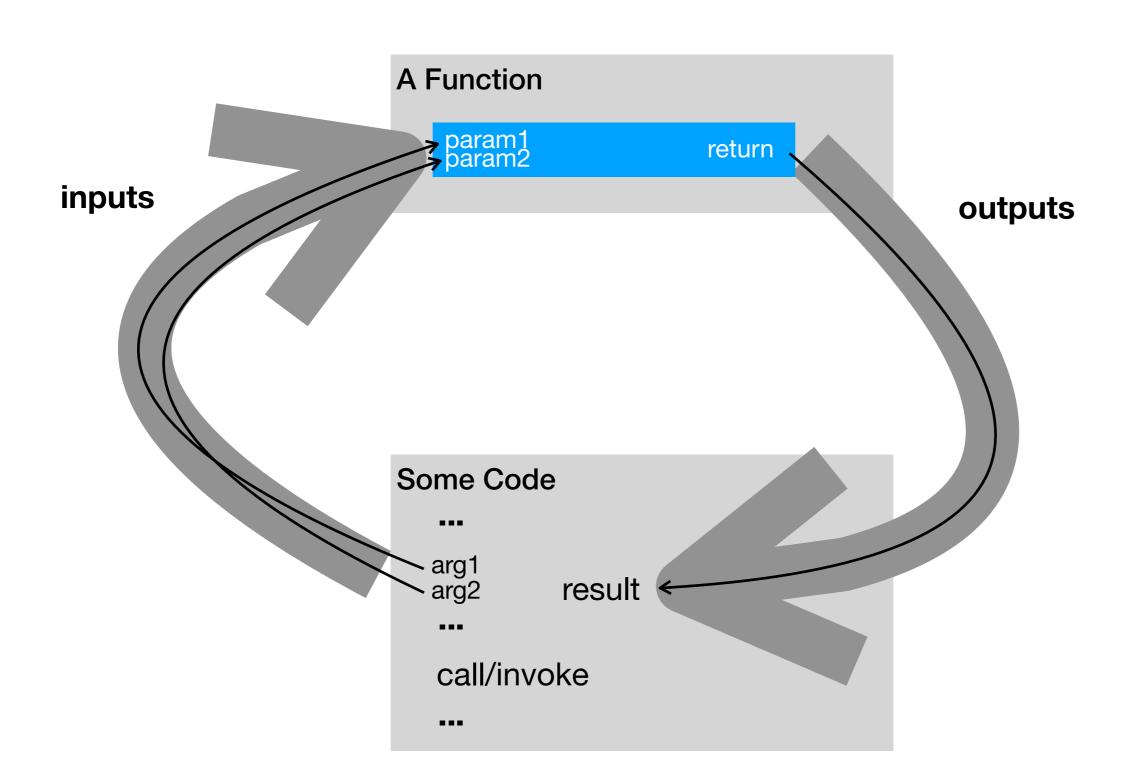
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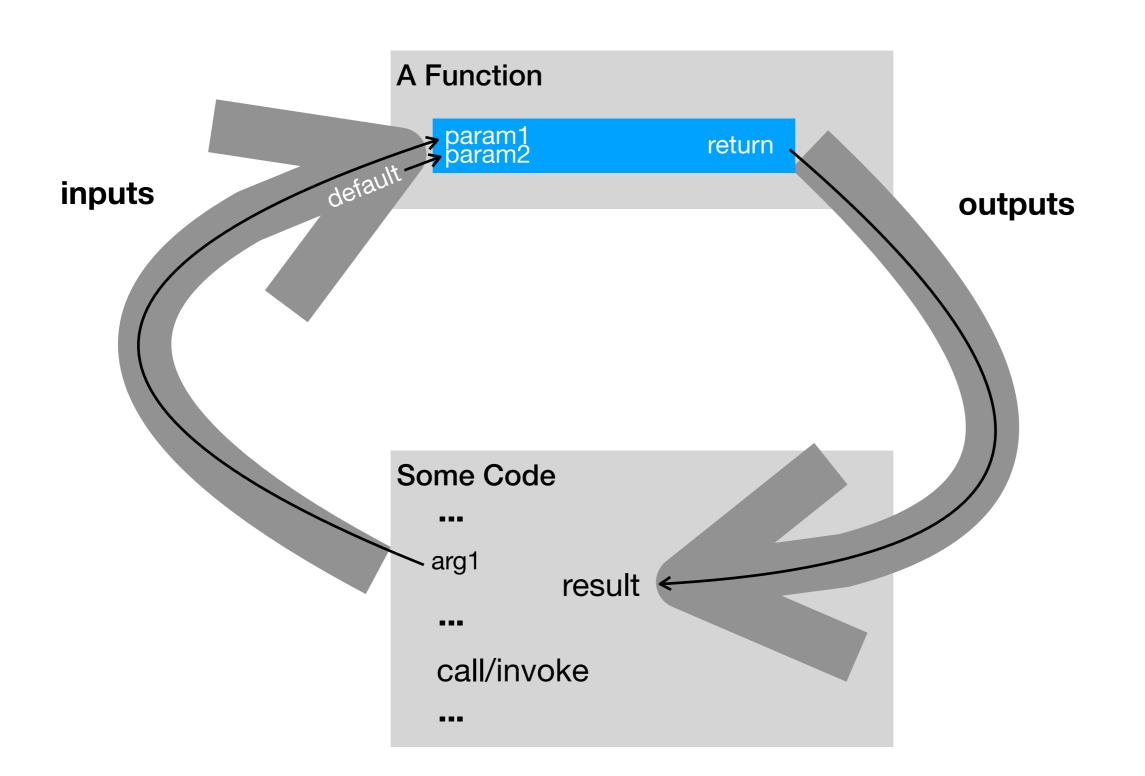
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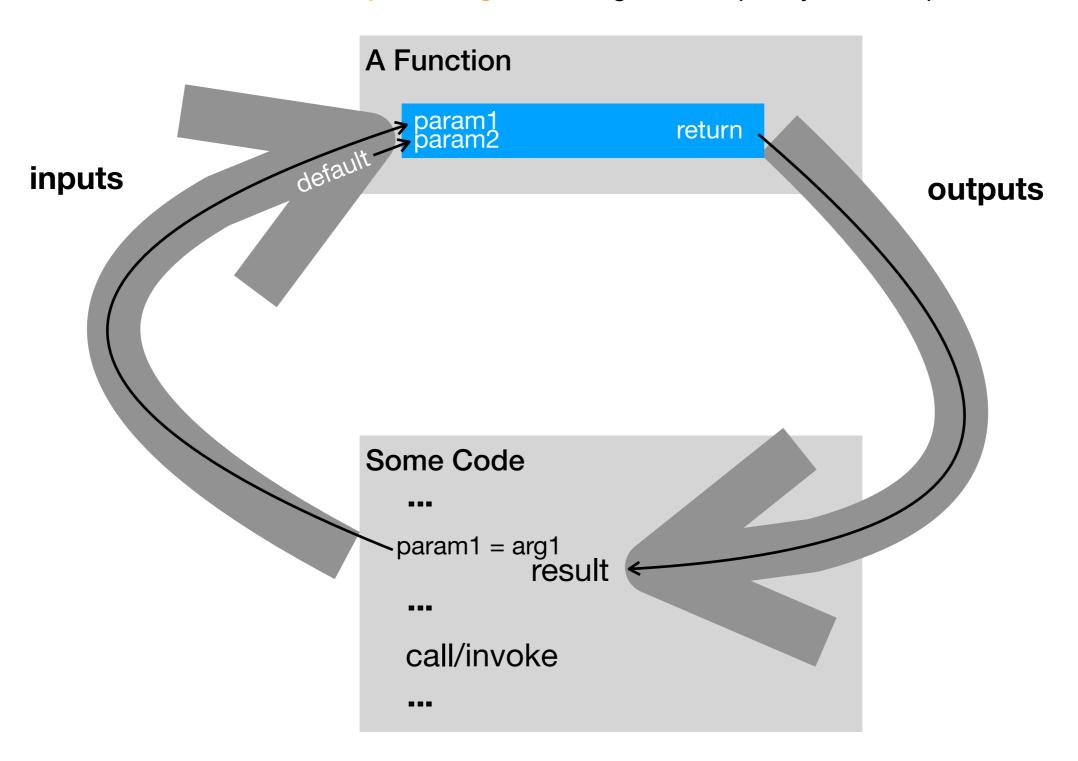
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