

Dataprocessing Week 3: Questions

- Explain the difference between the `==` operator and the `===` operator.

When using `==` expressions like `0 == false` return true because of automatic type conversion. If you don't want this to happen you can use `===`, which means precisely equal to so `0 === false` returns false.

- Explain what a closure is. (Note that JavaScript programs use closures very often)

A function that references bindings from local scopes around it. This way you don't have to worry about a lot of bindings and makes sure you can use functions in various ways.

- Explain what higher order functions are.

Functions that operate on other functions, either by taking them as arguments or by returning them.

- Explain what a query selector is and give an example line of JavaScript that uses a query selector.

By using the method `.querySelector` you can specify which DOM element you want to use. It returns the first element it finds matching the argument.

```
<canvas></canvas>
<script>
  let cx = document.querySelector("canvas").getContext("2d");
  cx.beginPath();
  // center=(50,50) radius=40 angle=0 to 7
  cx.arc(50, 50, 40, 0, 7);
  // center=(150,50) radius=40 angle=0 to 1/2π
  cx.arc(150, 50, 40, 0, 0.5 * Math.PI);
  cx.stroke();
</script>
```

By using `.querySelector("canvas")` you create an object operating on the tag `canvas`. A canvas is a single DOM element that encapsulates a picture. Now if you specify `cx`, you will be operating on this DOM element.