CS 61A Programming Fall 2019

Nonlocal and Object Oriented

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1 Nonlocal

Until now, you've been able to access names in parent frames, but you have not been able to modify them. The nonlocal keyword can be used to modify a binding in a parent frame. For example, consider stepper, which uses nonlocal to modify num:

```
def stepper(num):
    def step():
        nonlocal num # declares num as a nonlocal name
        num = num + 1 # modifies num in the stepper frame
        return num
    return step
>>> step1 = stepper(10)
>>> step1()
                           # Modifies and returns num
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>>> step1()
                           # num is maintained across separate calls to step
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>>> step2 = stepper(10)
                           # Each returned step function keeps its own state
>>> step2()
```

As illustrated in this example, nonlocal is useful for maintaining state across different calls to the same function.

However, there are two important caveats with nonlocal names:

- Global names cannot be modified using the nonlocal keyword.
- Names in the current frame cannot be overridden using the nonlocal keyword. This means we cannot have both a local and nonlocal binding with the same name in a single frame.

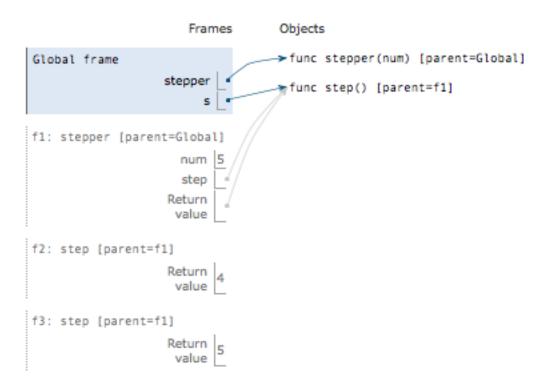
Because nonlocal lets you modify bindings in parent frames, we call functions that use it **mutable functions**.

Questions

1.1 Draw the environment diagram for the following code.

```
def stepper(num):
    def step():
        nonlocal num
        num = num + 1
        return num
    return step

s = stepper(3)
s()
s()
```



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1.2 Write a function that takes in no arguments and returns two functions, prepend and get, which represent the "add to front of list" and "get the ith item" operations, respectively. Do not use any python built-in data structures like lists or dictionaries. You do not necessarily need to use all the lines.

This question is more difficult than the average discussion problem; it is an exam level problem.

```
def nonlocalist():
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   >>> prepend, get = nonlocalist()
   >>> prepend(2)
   >>> prepend(3)
   >>> prepend(4)
   >>> get(0)
   >>> get(1)
   3
   >>> get(2)
   >>> prepend(8)
   >>> get(2)
   3
   .....
   get = lambda x: "Index out of range!"
   def prepend(value):
       def get(i):
           if i == 0:
               return value
           return _____(_____)
   return _____
     get = lambda x: "Index out of range!"
     def prepend(value):
         nonlocal get
         f = get
         def get(i):
             if i == 0:
                 return value
             return f(i - 1)
```

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return prepend, lambda x: get(x)

2 Object Oriented Programming

In a previous lecture, you were introduced to the programming paradigm known as Object-Oriented Programming (OOP). OOP allows us to treat data as objects - like we do in real life.

For example, consider the **class** Student. Each of you as individuals is an **instance** of this class. So, a student Angela would be an instance of the class Student.

Details that all CS 61A students have, such as name, year, and major, are called **instance attributes**. Every student has these attributes, but their values differ from student to student. An attribute that is shared among all instances of Student is known as a **class attribute**. An example would be the instructors attribute; the instructor for CS 61A, Professor DeNero, is the same for every student in CS 61A.

All students are able to do homework, attend lecture, and go to office hours. When functions belong to a specific object, they are said to be **methods**. In this case, these actions would be bound methods of Student objects.

Here is a recap of what we discussed above:

- class: a template for creating objects
- instance: a single object created from a class
- instance attribute: a property of an object, specific to an instance
- class attribute: a property of an object, shared by all instances of a class
- method: an action (function) that all instances of a class may perform

Questions

2.1 Below we have defined the classes Professor and Student, implementing some of what was described above. Remember that we pass the self argument implicitly to instance methods when using dot-notation. There are more questions on the next page.

```
class Student:
    students = 0 # this is a class attribute
    def __init__(self, name, ta):
        self.name = name # this is an instance attribute
        self.understanding = 0
        Student.students += 1
        print("There are now", Student.students, "students")
        ta.add_student(self)
    def visit_office_hours(self, staff):
        staff.assist(self)
        print("Thanks, " + staff.name)
class Professor:
    def __init__(self, name):
        self.name = name
        self.students = {}
    def add_student(self, student):
        self.students[student.name] = student
    def assist(self, student):
        student.understanding += 1
```

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What will the following lines output?
>>> snape = Professor("Snape")
>>> harry = Student("Harry", snape)
There are now 1 students
>>> harry.visit_office_hours(snape)
Thanks, Snape
>>> harry.visit_office_hours(Professor("Hagrid"))
Thanks, Hagrid
>>> harry.understanding
2
>>> [name for name in snape.students]
['Harry']
>>> x = Student("Hermione", Professor("McGonagall")).name
There are now 2 students
>>> x
'Hermione'
>>> [name for name in snape.students]
['Harry']
```

2.2 We now want to write three different classes, Server, Client, and Email to simulate email. Fill in the definitions below to finish the implementation! There are more methods to fill out on the next page.

We suggest that you approach this problem by first filling out the Email class, then fill out the register_client method of Server, then implement the Client class, and lastly fill out the send method of the Server class.

```
class Email:
    """Every email object has 3 instance attributes: the
    message, the sender name, and the recipient name.
    def __init__(self, msg, sender_name, recipient_name):
        self.msg = msg
        self.sender_name = sender_name
        self.recipient_name = recipient_name
class Server:
    """Each Server has an instance attribute clients, which
    is a dictionary that associates client names with
    client objects.
    def __init__(self):
        self.clients = {}
    def send(self, email):
        """Take an email and put it in the inbox of the client
        it is addressed to.
        .....
        client = self.clients[email.recipient_name]
        client.receive(email)
    def register_client(self, client, client_name):
        """Takes a client object and client_name and adds it
        to the clients instance attribute.
        .....
        self.clients[client_name] = client
```

```
class Client:
    """Every Client has instance attributes name (which is
    used for addressing emails to the client), server
    (which is used to send emails out to other clients), and
    inbox (a list of all emails the client has received).
    def __init__(self, server, name):
        self.inbox = []
        self.server = server
        self.name = name
        self.server.register_client(self, self.name)
    def compose(self, msg, recipient_name):
        """Send an email with the given message msg to the
        given recipient client.
        .....
        email = Email(msg, self.name, recipient_name)
        self.server.send(email)
    def receive(self, email):
        """Take an email and add it to the inbox of this
        client.
        11 11 11
```

self.inbox.append(email)

3 Inheritance

Python classes can implement a useful abstraction technique known as **inheritance**. To illustrate this concept, consider the following Dog and Cat classes.

```
class Dog():
    def __init__(self, name, owner):
        self.is_alive = True
        self.name = name
        self.owner = owner
    def eat(self, thing):
        print(self.name + " ate a " + str(thing) + "!")
    def talk(self):
        print(self.name + " says woof!")
class Cat():
    def __init__(self, name, owner, lives=9):
        self.is_alive = True
        self.name = name
        self.owner = owner
        self.lives = lives
    def eat(self, thing):
        print(self.name + " ate a " + str(thing) + "!")
    def talk(self):
        print(self.name + " says meow!")
```

Notice that because dogs and cats share a lot of similar qualities, there is a lot of repeated code! To avoid redefining attributes and methods for similar classes, we can write a single **superclass** from which the similar classes **inherit**. For example, we can write a class called Pet and redefine Dog as a **subclass** of Pet:

```
class Pet():
    def __init__(self, name, owner):
        self.is_alive = True  # It's alive!!!
        self.name = name
        self.owner = owner

    def eat(self, thing):
        print(self.name + " ate a " + str(thing) + "!")

    def talk(self):
        print(self.name)

class Dog(Pet):
    def talk(self):
        print(self.name + ' says woof!')
```

Inheritance represents a hierarchical relationship between two or more classes where one class is a more specific version of the other, e.g. a dog is a pet. Because Dog inherits from Pet, we didn't have to redefine __init__ or eat. However, since we want Dog to talk in a way that is unique to dogs, we did override the talk method.

Questions

3.1 Below is a skeleton for the Cat class, which inherits from the Pet class. To complete the implementation, override the __init__ and talk methods and add a new lose_life method.

```
Hint: You can call the __init__ method of Pet to set a cat's name and owner.
class Cat(Pet):
    def __init__(self, name, owner, lives=9):
        Pet.__init__(self, name, owner)
        self.lives = lives
    def talk(self):
        """ Print out a cat's greeting.
        >>> Cat('Thomas', 'Tammy').talk()
        Thomas says meow!
        11 11 11
        print(self.name + ' says meow!')
    def lose_life(self):
        """Decrements a cat's life by 1. When lives reaches zero, 'is_alive'
        becomes False.
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        if self.lives > 0:
            self.lives -= 1
            if self.lives == 0:
                self.is_alive = False
        else:
            print("This cat has no more lives to lose :(")
```

12 Nonlocal and Object Oriented Programming More cats! Fill in this implemention of a class called NoisyCat, which is just like a normal Cat. However, NoisyCat talks a lot - twice as much as a regular Cat! class _____: # Fill me in! class NoisyCat(Cat): """A Cat that repeats things twice.""" def __init__(self, name, owner, lives=9): # Is this method necessary? Why or why not? Cat.__init__(self, name, owner, lives) No, this method is not necessary because NoisyCat already inherits Cat's __init__ method def talk(self): """Talks twice as much as a regular cat. >>> NoisyCat('Magic', 'James').talk() Magic says meow! Magic says meow! 11 11 11 Cat.talk(self) Cat.talk(self) Video walkthrough Extra Questions (Summer 2013 Final) What would Python display? class A: def f(self): return 2 def g(self, obj, x): **if** x == 0: return A.f(obj)

return obj.f() + self.g(self, x - 1)

class B(A):

def f(self):
 return 4

```
>>> x, y = A(), B()
>>> x.f()
>>> B.f()
Error (missing self argument)
>>> x.g(x, 1)
>>> y.g(x, 2)
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```

3.4 (Summer 2013 Final) Implement the Foo class so that the following interpreter session works as expected.

```
>>> x = Foo(1)
>>> x.g(3)
>>> x.g(5)
>>> x.bar = 5
>>> x.g(5)
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class Foo:
    def __init__(self, bar):
        self.bar = bar
    def g(self, n):
        return self.bar + n
```