61A Lecture 30

Monday, November 18
Announcements

• Homework 9 due Tuesday 11/19 @ 11:59pm
• Project 4 due Thursday 11/21 @ 11:59pm
• Extra reader office hours in 405 Soda this week
  • Monday: 5pm–6:30pm
  • Tuesday: 6pm–7:30pm
  • Wednesday: 5:30pm–7pm
  • Thursday: 5:30pm–7pm
Information Hiding
Attributes for Internal Use

An attribute name that starts with one underscore is not meant to be referenced externally.

```python
class FibIter:
    """An iterator over Fibonacci numbers."""
    def __init__(self):
        self._next = 0
        self._addend = 1
    def __next__(self):
        result = self._next
        self._addend, self._next = self._next, self._addend + self._next
        return result
```

This naming convention is not enforced, but is typically respected.

A programmer who designs and maintains a public module may change internal-use names.

Starting a name with `two underscores` enforces restricted access from outside the class.
Names in Local Scope

A name bound in a local frame is not accessible to other environments, except those that extend the frame.

```python
def fib_generator():
    """A generator function for Fibonacci numbers."

    >>> fibs = fib_generator()
    >>> [next(fibs) for _ in range(10)]
    [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34]
    """
    yield 0
    previous, current = 0, 1
    while True:
        yield current
        previous, current = current, previous + current
```

There is no way to access values bound to "previous" and "current" externally.
Singleton Objects

A singleton class is a class that only ever has one instance.

NoneType, the class of None, is a singleton class. None is its only instance.

For user-defined singletons, some programmers re-bind the class name to the instance.

class empty_iterator:
    """An iterator over no values."""
    def __next__(self):
        raise StopIteration
empty_iterator = empty_iterator()
Streams
Streams are Lazy Recursive Lists

A stream is a recursive list, but the rest of the list is computed on demand.

Rlist( __________ , __________ )
  First element can be anything
  Second element is an Rlist or Rlist.empty

Stream( __________ , __________ )
  First element can be anything
  Second element is a zero-argument function that returns a Stream or Stream.empty

Once created, Streams and Rlists can be used interchangeably using first and rest methods.

(Demo)
Integer Stream

An integer stream is a stream of consecutive integers.

An integer stream starting at `first` is constructed from `first` and a function `compute_rest` that returns the integer stream starting at `first+1`.

```python
def integer_stream(first=1):
    '''Return a stream of consecutive integers, starting with first.'''
    >>> s = integer_stream(3)
    >>> s.first
    3
    >>> s.rest.first
    4
    '''
    def compute_rest():
        return integer_stream(first+1)
    return Stream(first, compute_rest)
```

(Demo)
Stream Processing

(Demo)
Stream Implementation
Stream Implementation

A stream is a recursive list with an explicit first element and a rest-of-the-list that is computed lazily.

class Stream:
    """A lazily computed recursive list."""
    class empty:
        def __repr__(self):
            return 'Stream.empty'
    empty = empty()

def __init__(self, first, compute_rest=lambda: Stream.empty):
    assert callable(compute_rest), 'compute_rest must be callable.'
    self.first = first
    self._compute_rest = compute_rest

@property
def rest(self):
    """Return the rest of the stream, computing it if necessary."""
    if self._compute_rest is not None:
        self._rest = self._compute_rest()
        self._compute_rest = None
    return self._rest
Higher-Order Functions on Streams
Mapping a function over a stream applies a function only to the first element right away. The rest is computed lazily.

```python
def map_stream(fn, s):
    """Map a function fn over the elements of a stream s."""
    if s is Stream.empty:
        return s
    def compute_rest():
        return map_stream(fn, s.rest)
    return Stream(fn(s.first), compute_rest)
```

```python
>>> s = integer_stream(3)
>>> s
Stream(3, <...>)
>>> m = map_stream(lambda x: x*x, s)
>>> first_k(m, 5)
[9, 16, 25, 36, 49]
```
Filtering a Stream

When filtering a stream, processing continues until an element is kept in the output.

```python
def filter_stream(fn, s):
    """Filter stream s with predicate function fn."""
    if s is Stream.empty:
        return s
    def compute_rest():
        return filter_stream(fn, s.rest)
    if fn(s.first):
        return Stream(s.first, compute_rest)
    else:
        return compute_rest()
```

Actually compute the rest
A Stream of Primes

The stream of integers not divisible by any $k \leq n$ is:
- The stream of integers not divisible by any $k < n$,
- Filtered to remove any element divisible by $n$.
- This recurrence is called the Sieve of Eratosthenes.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

(Demo)