61A Lecture 4

Monday, September 8

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Iteration Example



































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```
def pyramid(n):
    a, b, total = 0, n, 0
    while b:
        a, b = a+1, b-1
        total = total + a + b
    return total
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Designing Functions

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Generalization









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Area:














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Finding common structure allows for shared implementation



Higher-Order Functions

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Functions as Return Values

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The Game of Hog

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