

Mutability

Announcements

Lab 5

Two Ways to Find Berries

```
def berry_finder(t):  
    """Return whether tree t contains a node labeled 'berry'.
```

```
>>> sproul = tree('roots',  
...               [tree('branch1',  
...                   [tree('leaf'),  
...                     tree('berry')]),  
...               tree('branch2')])  
>>> berry_finder(sproul)
```

```
True  
"""
```

```
if label(t) == 'berry':  
    return True  
for b in branches(t):  
    if berry_finder(b):  
        return True  
return False
```

```
def berry_finder(t):  
    """Return whether tree t contains a node labeled 'berry'."""
```

```
return label(t) == 'berry' or any( [berry_finder(b) for b in branches(t)] )
```

From Lecture 12:
`sum`, `max`, `min`, `all`, `any`
are built-in functions
that aggregate a sequence

Using recursion to solve
tree problems:

Write down a recursive
call (usually on each
branch), then ask...

1. What kind of value is
returned from the call?
2. What does that value
mean?
3. How is that value
useful in implementing
the function?

Sameness and Change

- As long as we never modify objects, a compound object is just the totality of its pieces
- This view is no longer valid in the presence of change
- A compound data object has an "identity" in addition to the pieces of which it is composed
- A list is still "the same" list even if we change its contents
- Conversely, we could have two lists that happen to have the same contents, but are different

```
>>> a = [10]
>>> b = a
>>> a == b
True
>>> a.append(20)
>>> a
[10, 20]
>>> b
[10, 20]
>>> a == b
True
```

```
>>> a = [10]
>>> b = [10]
>>> a == b
True
>>> b.append(20)
>>> a
[10]
>>> b
[10, 20]
>>> a == b
False
```

Identity Operators

Identity

`<exp0> is <exp1>`

evaluates to `True` if both `<exp0>` and `<exp1>` evaluate to the same object

Equality

`<exp0> == <exp1>`

evaluates to `True` if both `<exp0>` and `<exp1>` evaluate to equal values

Identical objects are always equal values

(Demo)

Mutation and Names

If multiple names refer to the same mutable object (directly or indirectly), then a change to that object is reflected in the value of all of these names.

What numbers are printed (and how many of them)?

```
s = [2, 7, [1, 8]]
t = s[2]
t.append([2])
e = s + t
t[2].append(8)
print(e)
```

Tuples

(Demo)