

CS61A Lecture 13

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Converting Recursion to Iteration



Can be tricky! Iteration is a special case of recursion

Idea: Figure out what state must be maintained by the function

```
def summation(n, term):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 0  
    return summation(n - 1, term) + term(n)
```

Termination condition

Initial value

What's summed so far?

How to get each incremental piece

```
def summation_iter(n, term):  
    total = 0  
    while n > 0:  
        total, n = total + term(n), n - 1  
    return total
```

Converting Iteration to Recursion



More formulaic: Iteration is a special case of recursion

Idea: The state of iteration can be passed as parameters

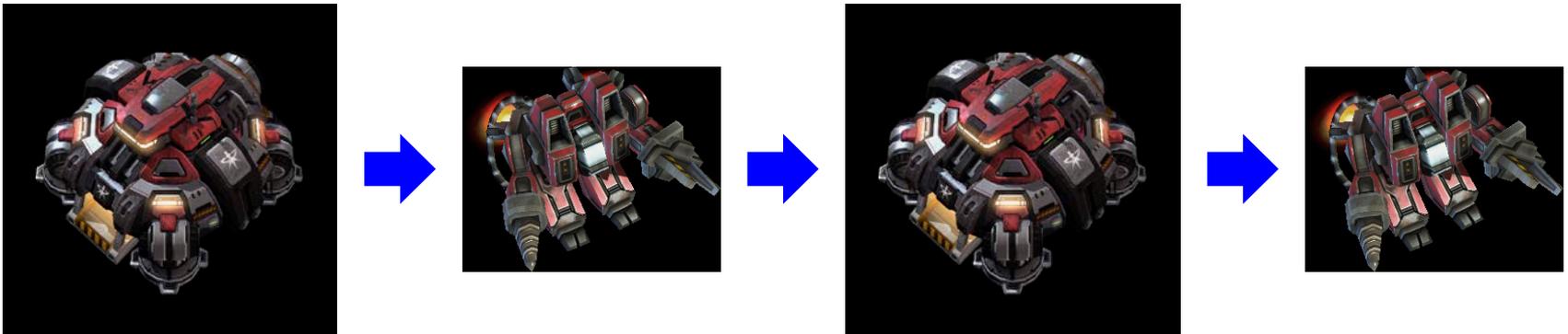
```
def fib_iter(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 0  
    fib_n, fib_n_1, k = 1, 0, 1  
    while k < n:  
        fib_n, fib_n_1 = fib_n + fib_n_1, fib_n  
        k = k + 1  
    return fib_n  
  
def fib_rec(n, fib_n, fib_n_1, k):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 0  
    if k >= n:  
        return fib_n  
    return fib_rec(n, fib_n + fib_n_1, fib_n, k + 1)
```

Local names become...

Parameters in a recursive function

Mutual Recursion

Mutual recursion is when the recursive process is split across multiple functions



Decorating a recursive function generally results in mutual recursion

```
@trace1
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    return n * factorial(n-1)
```

Example: <http://goo.gl/4LZZv>

Currying



We have used higher-order functions to produce a function to add a constant to its argument

What if we wanted to do the same for multiplication?

```
def make_adder(n):  
    def adder(k):  
        return add(n, k)  
    return adder
```

```
def make_multiplier(n):  
    def multiplier(k):  
        return mul(n, k)  
    return multiplier
```

```
>>> make_adder(2)(3)  
5  
>>> add(2, 3)  
5
```

```
>>> make_multiplier(2)(3)  
6  
>>> mul(2, 3)  
6
```

Same relationship
between functions

How can we do this in general without repeating ourselves?

Currying



First, identify common structure.

Then define a function that generalizes the procedure.

```
def make_adder(n):
    def adder(k):
        return add(n, k)
    return adder

def curry2(f):
    def outer(n):
        def inner(k):
            return f(n, k)
        return inner
    return outer

>>> make_adder(2)(3)
5
>>> add(2, 3)
5

def curry2(f):
    def outer(n):
        def inner(k):
            return f(n, k)
        return inner
    return outer

>>> curry2(mul)(2)(3)
6
>>> mul(2, 3)
6
```

This process of converting a multi-argument function to consecutive single-argument functions is called *currying*.

Functional Abstractions



```
def square(x):  
    return mul(x, x)  
  
def sum_squares(x, y):  
    return square(x) + square(y)
```

What does **sum_squares** need to know about **square**?

- **square** takes one argument. Yes
- **square** has the intrinsic name square. No
- **square** computes the square of a number. Yes
- **square** computes the square by calling mul. No

```
def square(x):  
    return pow(x, 2)  
  
def square(x):  
    return mul(x, x-1) + x
```

If the name “square” were bound to a built-in function, sum_squares would still work identically

What is Data?



Data: the things that programs fiddle with

Primitive values are the simplest type of data

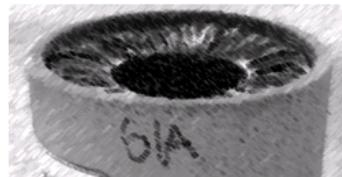
Integers: 2, 3, 2013, -837592010

Floating point (decimal) values: -4.5, 98.6

Booleans: True, False

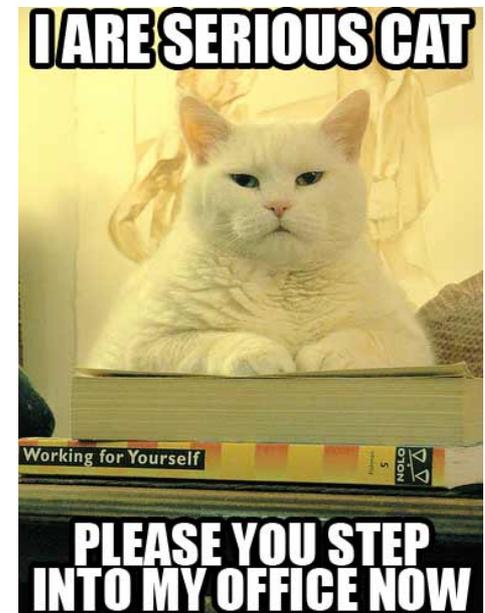
How do we represent more complex data?

We need data abstractions!



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Data Abstraction



Compound data combine smaller pieces of data together

- A date: a year, month, and day
- A geographic position: latitude and longitude

An abstract data type lets us manipulate compound data as a unit

Isolate two parts of any program that uses data

- How data are represented (as parts)
- How data are manipulated (as units)

Data abstraction: A methodology by which functions enforce an abstraction barrier between representation and use

Programmers
All

Programmers
Great

Rational Numbers



$$\frac{\text{numerator}}{\text{denominator}}$$

Exact representation of fractions

A pair of integers

As soon as division occurs, the exact representation is lost!

Assume we can compose and decompose rational numbers:

Constructor **rational(n, d)** returns a rational number x

Selectors

• **numer(x)** returns the numerator of x

• **denom(x)** returns the denominator of x

Rational Number Arithmetic



Example:

$$\frac{3}{2} * \frac{3}{5} = \frac{9}{10}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{5} = \frac{21}{10}$$

General Form:

$$\frac{nx}{dx} * \frac{ny}{dy} = \frac{nx*ny}{dx*dy}$$

$$\frac{nx}{dx} + \frac{ny}{dy} = \frac{nx*dy + ny*dx}{dx*dy}$$

Rational Number Arithmetic Code



```
def mul_rational(x, y):  
    return rational( numer(x) * numer(y),  
                   denom(x) * denom(y) )
```

Constructor

Selectors

```
def add_rational(x, y):  
    nx, dx = numer(x), denom(x)  
    ny, dy = numer(y), denom(y)  
    return rational( nx * dy + ny * dx, dx * dy )
```

```
def eq_rational(x, y):  
    return numer(x) * denom(y) == numer(y) * denom(x)
```

Wishful
thinking

- `rational(n, d)` returns a rational number `x`
- `numer(x)` returns the numerator of `x`
- `denom(x)` returns the denominator of `x`

Tuples



```
>>> pair = (1, 2)
>>> pair
(1, 2)
```

A tuple literal:
Comma-separated expression

```
>>> x, y = pair
>>> x
1
>>> y
2
```

"Unpacking" a tuple

```
>>> pair[0]
1
>>> pair[1]
2
>>> from operator import getitem
>>> getitem(pair, 0)
1
>>> getitem(pair, 1)
2
```

Element selection

More tuples next lecture

Representing Rational Numbers



```
def rational(n, d):  
    """Construct a rational number x that represents  
    n/d."""  
    return (n, d)
```

Construct a tuple

```
from operator import getitem
```

```
def numer(x):  
    """Return the numerator of rational number x."""  
    return getitem(x, 0)
```

```
def denom(x):  
    """Return the denominator of rational number  
    x."""  
    return getitem(x, 1)
```

Select from a tuple