Plan For Python Lecture 2

- Imports
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Import Modules and Files

```python
>>> import math
>>> math.sqrt(9)
3.0

# BAD IDEA:
>>> from math import *
>>> sqrt(9)  # unclear where function defined

#hw1.py
def concatenate(seqs):
    return [seq for seq in seqs]  # This is wrong

# run python interactive interpreter (REPL) in directory with hw1.py
>>> import hw1
>>> assert hw1.concatenate([[1, 2], [3, 4]]) == [1, 2, 3, 4]
AssertionError
>>> reload(hw1)  #after fixing hw1
```
Functions

(Methods later)
Defining Functions

Function definition begins with `def` followed by the function name and its arguments. The first line with less indentation is considered to be outside of the function definition.

```python
def get_final_answer(filename):
    """Documentation String""
    line1
    line2
    return total_counter
```

The colon `:` signifies the beginning of the function body.

No declaration of types of arguments or result

'return' indicates the value to be sent back to the caller.
Function overloading? No.

- There is no function overloading in Python.
  - Unlike Java, a Python function is specified by its name alone.
  - Two different functions can’t have the same name, even if they have different numbers, order, or names of arguments.

- But operator overloading – overloading +, ==, -, etc. – is possible using special methods on various classes (see later slides).
Default Values for Arguments

- You can provide default values for a function’s arguments
- These arguments are optional when the function is called

```python
>>> def myfun(b, c=3, d="hello"): return b + c

>>> myfun(5,3,"bob")
8
>>> myfun(5,3)
8
>>> myfun(5)
8
```
Keyword Arguments

- Functions can be called with arguments out of order
- These arguments are specified in the call
- Keyword arguments can be used after all other arguments.

```python
>>> def myfun (a, b, c):
    return a-b
>>> myfun (2, 1, 43)
1
>>> myfun (c=43, b=1, a=2)
1
>>> myfun (2, c=43, b=1)
1
>>> myfun (a=2, b=3, 5)
SyntaxError: non-keyword arg after keyword arg
```
**args**

- Suppose you want to accept a variable number of non-keyword arguments to your function.

```python
def print_everything(*args):
    # args is a tuple of arguments passed to the fn
    for count, thing in enumerate(args):
        print '{0}. {1}'.format(count, thing)
```

```python
>>> lst = ['a', 'b', 'c']

>>> print_everything('a', 'b', 'c')
0. a
1. b
2. c

>>> print_everything(*lst)
```
**kwargs

- Suppose you want to accept a variable number of keyword arguments to your function.

```python
def print_keyword_args(**kwargs):
    # kwargs is a dict of the keyword args passed to the fn
    for key, value in kwargs.iteritems(): # .items() is list
        print "%s = %s" % (key, value)

>>> kwargs = {'first_name': 'Bobby', 'last_name': 'Smith'}

>>> print_keyword_args(**kwargs)
first_name = Bobby
last_name = Smith

>>> print_keyword_args(first_name="John", last_name="Doe")
```
Python uses dynamic scope

- Function sees the most current value of variables

```python
>>> i = 10
>>> def add(x):
    return x + i

>>> add(5)
15
>>> i = 20
>>> add(5)
25
```
Default Arguments & Memoization

- Default parameter values are evaluated only when the `def` statement they belong to is first executed.
- The function uses the same default object each call

```python
def fib(n, fibs={}):
    if n in fibs:
        return fibs[n]
    if n <= 1:
        fibs[n] = n  # Changes fibs!!
    else:
        fibs[n] = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
    return fibs[n]
```
Functions are “first-class” objects

- Functions are “first-class citizens”
  - Pass functions as arguments to other functions,
  - returning functions as the values from other functions,
  - Assign functions to variables or store them in data structures
- Higher order functions: take functions as input

```python
def compose (f, g, x):
    return f(g(x))

>>> compose(str, sum, [1,2,3])
'6'
```
Higher Order Functions: Map, Filter

```python
>>> [int(i) for i in ['1', '2']]
[1, 2]
>>> map(int, ['1', '2'])  # equivalent to above
[1, 2]

def is_even(x):
    return x % 2 == 0

>>> [i for i in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] if is_even(i)]
[2, 4]
>>> filter(is_even, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])  # equivalent
data Structure

>>> t1 = (0, 10)
>>> t2 = (100, 2)
>>> min([t1, t2], key=lambda x: x[1])
(100, 2)
```
from operator import itemgetter

def calc_ngram(inputstring, nlen):
    ngram_list = [inputstring[x:x+nlen] for x in xrange(len(inputstring)-nlen+1)]

    ngram_freq = {}  # dict for storing results
    for n in ngram_list:
        # collect the distinct n-grams and count
        if n in ngram_freq:
            ngram_freq[n] += 1
        else:
            ngram_freq[n] = 1  # human counting numbers start at 1

    # set reverse = False to change order of sort (ascending/descending)
    return sorted(ngram_freq.iteritems(), \\
                  key=itemgetter(1), reverse=True)

http://times.jayliew.com/2010/05/20/a-simple-n-gram-calculator-pyngram/
Classes and Inheritance
Creating a class

Class Student:

univ = "upenn" # class attribute

def __init__(self, name, dept):
    self.student_name = name
    self.student_dept = dept

def print_details(self):
    print "Name: " + self.student_name
    print "Dept: " + self.student_dept

student1 = Student("john", "cis")
student1.print_details()
Student.print_details(student1)
Student.univ

Called when an object is instantiated
Every method begins with the variable self
Another member method
Creating an instance, note no self
Calling methods of an object
Subclasses

- A class can extend the definition of another class
  - Allows use (or extension) of methods and attributes already defined in the previous one.
  - New class: subclass. Original: parent, ancestor or superclass

- To define a subclass, put the name of the superclass in parentheses after the subclass’s name on the first line of the definition.

  ```python
  class ai_student(student):
  ```

- Python has no ‘extends’ keyword like Java.
- Multiple inheritance is supported.
Redefining Methods

- Very similar to over-riding methods in Java

- To *redefine a method* of the parent class, include a new definition using the same name in the subclass.
  - The old code won’t get executed.

- To execute the method in the parent class *in addition to* new code for some method, explicitly call the parent’s version of the method.

```python
parentClass.methodName(self, a, b, c)
```

- The only time you ever explicitly pass `self` as an argument is when calling a method of an ancestor.

  ```python
  So: myOwnClass.methodName(a,b,c)
  ```
Constructors: __init__

- Very similar to Java
- Commonly, the ancestor’s __init__ method is executed in addition to new commands.
- Must be done explicitly
- You’ll often see something like this in the __init__ method of subclasses:
  
  ```python
  parentClass.__init__(self, x, y)
  
  where parentClass is the name of the parent’s class.
  ```
Multiple Inheritance (sigh....)

class A(object):
    def foo(self):
        print 'Foo!'

class B(object):
    def foo(self):
        print 'Foo?'
    def bar(self):
        print 'Bar!'

class C(A, B):
    def foobar(self):
        super(C, self).foo() # Foo!
        super(C, self).bar() # Bar!
Special Built-In
Methods and Attributes
Magic Methods and Duck Typing

- *Magic Methods* allow user-defined classes to behave like built in types

- *Duck typing* establishes suitability of an object by determining presence of methods
  - Does it swim like a duck and quack like a duck? It’s a duck
  - Not to be confused with ‘rubber duck debugging’
class student:
    ...
    def __repr__(self):
        return "I’m named " + self.full_name + " – age: ", ", ", self.age
    ...

>>> f = student("Bob Smith", 23)

>>> print f
I’m named Bob Smith – age: 23
Other “Magic” Methods

▪ Used to implement operator overloading
  ▪ Most operators trigger a special method, dependent on class

  __init__ : The constructor for the class.
  __len__ : Define how `len(obj)` works.
  __copy__ : Define how to copy a class.
  __cmp__ : Define how `==` works for class.
  __add__ : Define how `+` works for class.
  __neg__ : Define how unary negation works for class.

▪ Other built-in methods allow you to give a class the ability to use `[ ]` notation like an array or `( )` notation like a function call.
A directed graph class

```python
>>> d = DiGraph([(1,2),(1,3),(2,4),(4,3),(4,1)])
>>> print d
1 -> 2
1 -> 3
2 -> 4
4 -> 3
4 -> 1
```
A directed graph class

```python
>>> d = DiGraph([(1,2),(1,3),(2,4),(4,3),(4,1)])
>>> [v for v in d.search(1)]
[1, 2, 4, 3]
>>> [v for v in d.search(4)]
[4, 3, 1, 2]
>>> [v for v in d.search(2)]
[2, 4, 3, 1]
>>> [v for v in d.search(3)]
[3]
```

`search` method returns a `generator` for the nodes that can be reached from a given node by following arrows “from tail to head”
The constructor builds a dictionary (`self.adj`) mapping each node name to a list of node names that can be reached by following one edge (an “adjacency list”)

...
The search method

class DiGraph:

... 

def search(self, u, visited=set()):
    # If we haven't already visited this node...
    if u not in visited:
        # yield it
        yield u
        # and remember we've visited it now.
        visited.add(u)
    # Then, if there are any adjacent nodes...
    if u in self.adj:
        # for each adjacent node...
        for v in self.adj[u]:
            # search for all nodes reachable from *it*...
            for w in self.search(v, visited):
                # and yield each one.
                yield w
Profiling, function level

- **Rudimentary**
  ```python
  >>> import time
  >>> t0 = time.time()
  >>> code_block
  >>> t1 = time.time()
  >>> total = t1-t0
  ```

- **Timeit (more precise)**
  ```python
  >>> import timeit
  >>> t = timeit.Timer("<statement to time>",
                     "<setup code>")
  >>> t.timeit()
  ```
  - The second argument is usually an import that sets up a virtual environment for the statement
  - timeit calls the statement 1 million times and returns the total elapsed time
def get_number():
    for x in xrange(500000):
        yield x

def exp_fn():
    for x in get_number():
        i = x ^ x ^ x
    return 'some result!'

if __name__ == '__main__':
    exp_fn()
Profiling, script level 2

#python interactive interpreter (REPL)

$ python -m cProfile to_time.py

500004 function calls in 0.203 seconds

Ordered by: standard name

calls    tottime    percall    cumtime    percall    filename:lineno(function)
1        0.000    0.000    0.203    0.203    to_time.py:1(<module>)
500001  0.071    0.000    0.071    0.000    to_time.py:1(get_number)
1        0.133    0.133    0.203    0.203    to_time.py:5(exp_fn)
1        0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000    {method 'disable' of '_lsprof.Profiler' objects}

- For details see https://docs.python.org/2/library/profile.html
- If you need real speed (eg real time voice recognition), write C++
Idioms

- Many frequently-written tasks should be written Python-style even though you could write them Java-style in Python
- Remember beauty and readability!

- A list of anti-patterns: [http://lignos.org/py_antipatterns/](http://lignos.org/py_antipatterns/)