

M259 Python, Logic, ADTs

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1 Agenda

- Introductions
- Programming — Paradigms and Step-by-Step Guide
- Programming and Python
- Complexity and Big-O/Big-Theta Notation
- ...with a little classical logic
- Abstract Data Type examples
- Implementing Lists in Lists
- A look towards the next topics

- Beware: some topics are included for interest only and are not part of M269
- These notes use recursion, explained at the time
- *Adobe Connect* — if you or I get cut off, wait till we reconnect (or send you an email)
- Time: about 1 hour
- Do ask questions or raise points.
- Slides/Notes [M269Tutorial20251123ProgPythonADTPrsntn2025J](#)

Introductions — Phil

- *Name* Phil Molyneux
- *Background*
 - Undergraduate: Physics and Maths (Sussex)
 - Postgraduate: Physics (Sussex), Operational Research (Brunel), Computer Science (University College, London)
 - Worked in Operational Research, Business IT, Web technologies, Functional Programming
- *First programming languages* [Fortran](#), [BASIC](#), [Pascal](#)
- *Favourite Software*
 - [Haskell](#) — pure functional programming language
 - Text editors [TextMate](#), [Sublime Text](#) — previously [Emacs](#)
 - Word processing in [L^AT_EX](#) — all these slides and notes
 - [Mac OS X](#)
- *Learning style* — I read the manual before using the software

Introductions — You

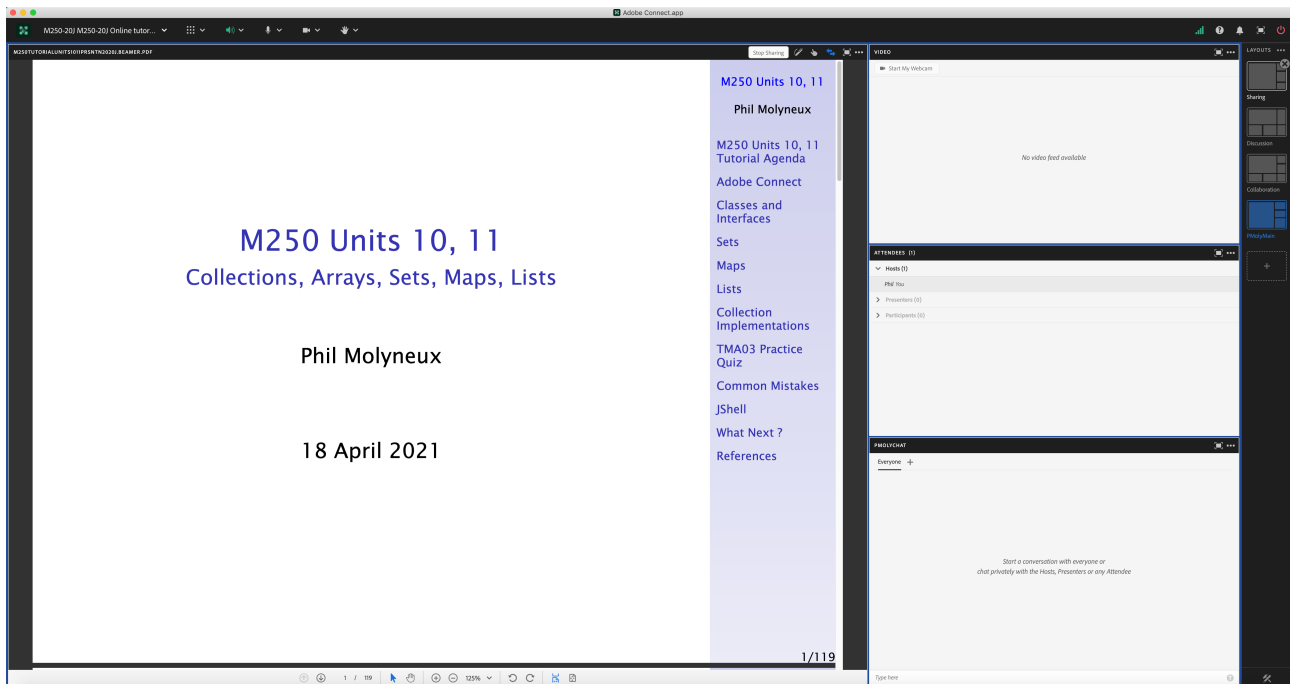
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- *Favourite software/Programming language ?*
- *Favourite [text editor](#) or [integrated development environment \(IDE\)](#)*
- [List of text editors](#), [Comparison of text editors](#) and [Comparison of integrated development environments](#)
- *Other OU courses ?*
- *Anything else ?*

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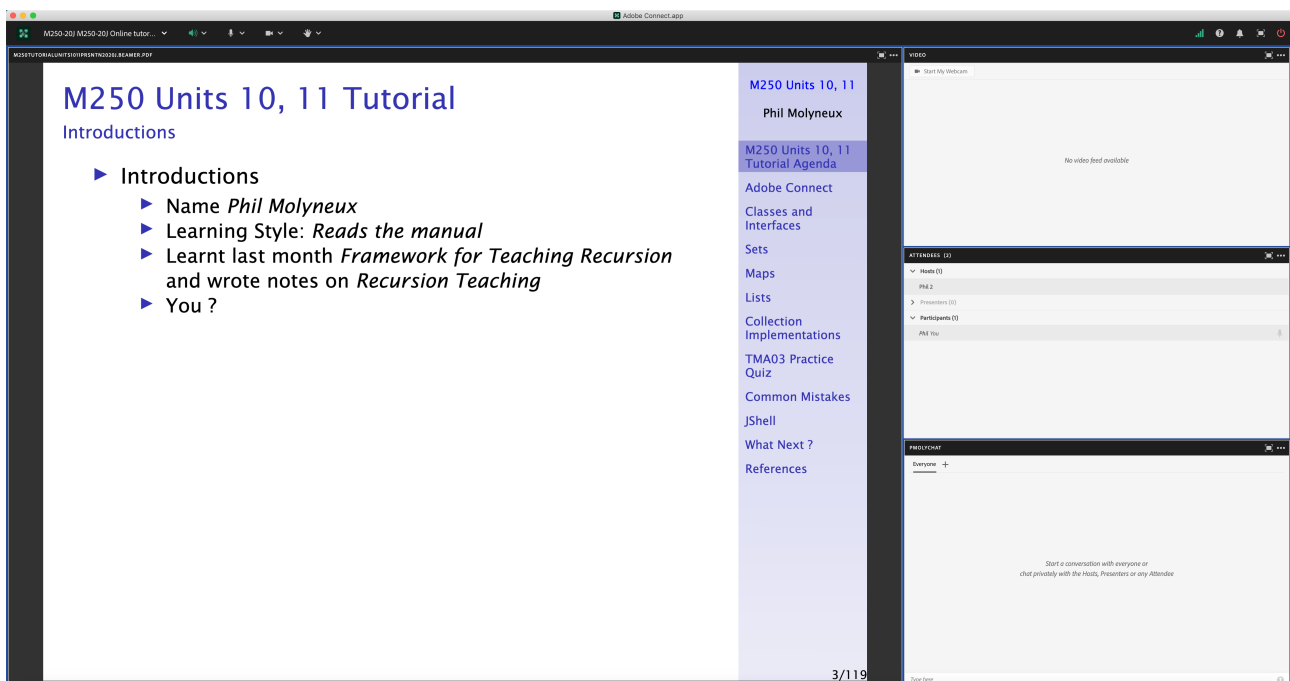
2 Adobe Connect Interface and Settings

2.1 Adobe Connect Interface

Adobe Connect Interface — Host View



Adobe Connect Interface — Participant View



2.2 Adobe Connect Settings

Adobe Connect — Settings

- Everybody **Menu bar** **Meeting** **Speaker & Microphone Setup**
- **Menu bar** **Microphone** **Allow Participants to Use Microphone** ✓

- Check Participants see the entire slide including slide numbers bottom right **Workaround**
 - *Disable Draw* **Share pod** **Menu bar** **Draw icon**
 - *Fit Width* **Share pod** **Bottom bar** **Fit Width icon** ✓
- **Meeting** **Preferences** **General** **Host Cursor** **Show to all attendees**
- **Menu bar** **Video** **Enable Webcam for Participants** ✓
- Do not *Enable single speaker mode*
- Cancel hand tool
- Do not enable green pointer
- **Recording** **Meeting** **Record Session** ✓
- **Documents** Upload PDF with drag and drop to share pod
- Delete **Meeting** **Manage Meeting Information** **Uploaded Content** and **check filename** **click on delete**

Adobe Connect — Access

• Tutor Access

TutorHome **M269 Website** **Tutorials**

Cluster Tutorials **M269 Online tutorial room**

Tutor Groups **M269 Online tutor group room**

Module-wide Tutorials **M269 Online module-wide room**

• Attendance

TutorHome **Students** **View your tutorial timetables**

• Beamer Slide Scaling 440% (422 x 563 mm)

• Clear Everyone's Status

Attendee Pod **Menu** **Clear Everyone's Status**

• Grant Access and send link via email

Meeting **Manage Access & Entry** **Invite Participants...**

• Presenter Only Area

Meeting **Enable/Disable Presenter Only Area**

Adobe Connect — Keystroke Shortcuts

- [Keyboard shortcuts in Adobe Connect](#)
- **Toggle Mic** **⌘** + **M** (Mac), **Ctrl** + **M** (Win) (On/Disconnect)
- **Toggle Raise-Hand status** **⌘** + **E**
- **Close dialog box** **⌘** (Mac), **Esc** (Win)
- **End meeting** **⌘** + ****

2.3 Adobe Connect — Sharing Screen & Applications

- **Share My Screen** > **Application tab** > **Terminal** for **Terminal**
- **Share menu** > **Change View** > **Zoom in** for mismatch of screen size/resolution (Participants)
- (Presenter) Change to 75% and back to 100% (solves participants with smaller screen image overlap)
- Leave the application on the original display
- Beware blue hatched rectangles — from other (hidden) windows or contextual menus
- Presenter screen pointer affects viewer display — beware of moving the pointer away from the application
- First time: **System Preferences** > **Security & Privacy** > **Privacy** > **Accessibility**

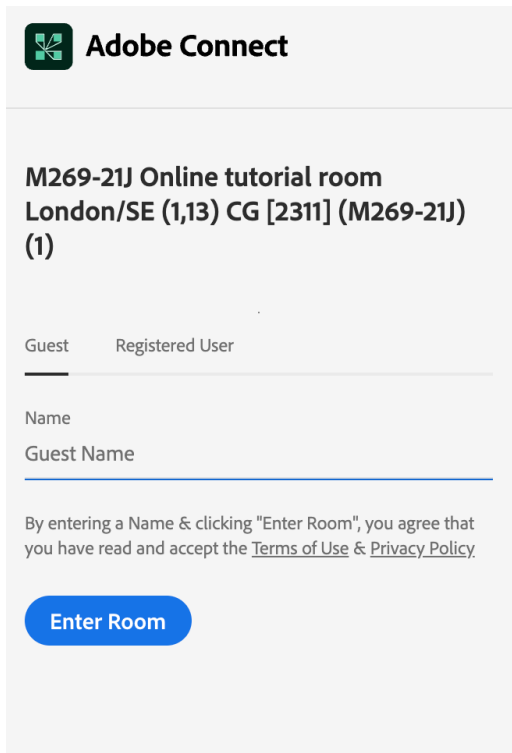
2.4 Adobe Connect — Ending a Meeting

- *Notes for the tutor only*
- **Student:** **Meeting** > **Exit Adobe Connect**
- **Tutor:**
- **Recording** **Meeting** > **Stop Recording** ✓
- **Remove Participants** **Meeting** > **End Meeting...** ✓
 - Dialog box allows for message with default message:
 - *The host has ended this meeting. Thank you for attending.*
- **Recording availability** In course Web site for joining the room, click on the eye icon in the list of recordings under your recording — edit description and name
- **Meeting Information** **Meeting** > **Manage Meeting Information** — can access a range of information in Web page.
- **Delete File Upload** **Meeting** > **Manage Meeting Information** > **Uploaded Content tab** select file(s) and click **Delete**
- **Attendance Report** see course Web site for joining room

2.5 Adobe Connect — Invite Attendees

- **Provide Meeting URL** **Menu** > **Meeting** > **Manage Access & Entry** > **Invite Participants...**
- **Allow Access without Dialog** **Menu** > **Meeting** > **Manage Meeting Information** provides new browser window with **Meeting Information** **Tab bar** > **Edit Information**
- Check *Anyone who has the URL for the meeting can enter the room*
- Default *Only registered users and accepted guests may enter the room*
- **Reverts to default next session but URL is fixed**
- Guests have blue icon top, registered participants have yellow icon top — same icon if URL is open

- See [Start, attend, and manage Adobe Connect meetings and sessions](#)
- Click on the link sent in email from the Host
- Get the following on a Web page
- As *Guest* enter your name and click on **Enter Room**



Adobe Connect

M269-21J Online tutorial room
London/SE (1,13) CG [2311] (M269-21J)
(1)

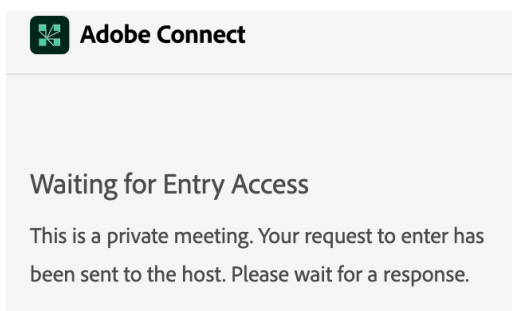
Guest Registered User

Name
 Guest Name

By entering a Name & clicking "Enter Room", you agree that you have read and accept the [Terms of Use](#) & [Privacy Policy](#).

Enter Room

- See the *Waiting for Entry Access* for *Host* to give permission

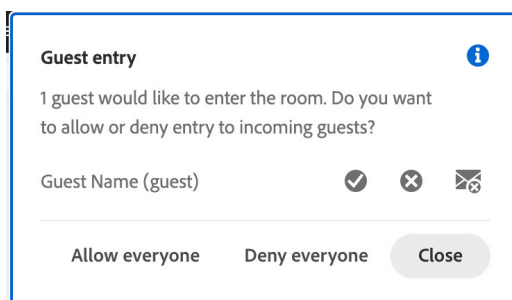


Adobe Connect

Waiting for Entry Access

This is a private meeting. Your request to enter has been sent to the host. Please wait for a response.

- *Host* sees the following dialog in *Adobe Connect* and grants access



Guest entry

1 guest would like to enter the room. Do you want to allow or deny entry to incoming guests?

Guest Name (guest) ✓ ✗ ✉

Allow everyone Deny everyone Close

2.6 Layouts

- **Creating new layouts** example *Sharing* layout

- **Menu** > **Layouts** > **Create New Layout...** > **Create a New Layout dialog** > **Create a new blank layout** and name it *PMolyMain*
- New layout has no Pods but does have Layouts Bar open (see Layouts menu)
- **Pods**
- **Menu** > **Pods** > **Share** > **Add New Share** and resize/position — initial name is *Share n* — rename *PMolyShare*
- **Rename Pod** **Menu** > **Pods** > **Manage Pods...** > **Manage Pods** > **Select** > **Rename** or **Double-click & rename**
- Add Video pod and resize/reposition
- Add Attendance pod and resize/reposition
- Add Chat pod — rename it *PMolyChat* — and resize/reposition
- Dimensions of **Sharing** layout (on 27-inch iMac)
 - Width of Video, Attendees, Chat column 14 cm
 - Height of Video pod 9 cm
 - Height of Attendees pod 12 cm
 - Height of Chat pod 8 cm
- **Duplicating Layouts** does *not* give new instances of the Pods and is probably not a good idea (apart from local use to avoid delay in reloading Pods)
- **Auxiliary Layouts** name *PMolyAuxOn*
 - Create new Share pod
 - Use existing Chat pod
 - Use same Video and Attendance pods

2.7 Chat Pods

- **Format Chat text**
- **Chat Pod** > **menu icon** > **My Chat Color**
- Choices: Red, Orange, Green, Brown, Purple, Pink, Blue, Black
- Note: Color reverts to Black if you switch layouts
- **Chat Pod** > **menu icon** > **Show Timestamps**

2.8 Graphics Conversion for Web

- Conversion of the screen snaps for the installation of Anaconda on 1 May 2020
- Using GraphicConverter 11
- **File** > **Convert & Modify** > **Conversion** > **Convert**
- Select files to convert and destination folder
- Click on **Start selected Function** or **⌘ + ↵**

2.9 Adobe Connect Recordings

- **Menu bar** > **Meeting** > **Preferences** > **Video**
- **Aspect ratio** > **Standard (4:3)** (not Wide screen (16:9) default)
- **Video quality** > **Full HD** (1080p not High default 480p)
- **Recording** **Menu bar** > **Meeting** > **Record Session** ✓
- **Export Recording**
- **Menu bar** > **Meeting** > **Manage Meeting Information**
- **New window** > **Recordings** > **check Tutorial** > **Access Type button**
- **check Public** > **check Allow viewers to download**
- **Download Recording**
- **New window** > **Recordings** > **check Tutorial** > **Actions** > **Download File**

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3 Programming — Computational Components

3.1 Computational Components

Computational Components — Imperative

Imperative or procedural programming has statements which can manipulate global memory, have explicit **control flow** and can be **organised** into procedures (or functions)

- **Sequence** of statements

```
stmt ; stmt
```

- **Iteration** to repeat statements

```
while expr :
    suite

for targetList in exprList :
    suite
```

- **Selection** choosing between statements

```
if expr : suite
elif expr : suite
else : suite
```

Functional programming treats computation as the evaluation of expressions and the definition of functions (in the mathematical sense)

- **Function composition** to combine the application of two or more functions — like sequence but from right to left (notation accident of history)

```
(f . g) x = f (g x)
```

- **Recursion** — function definition defined in terms of calls to itself (with *smaller* arguments) and base case(s) which do not call itself.

- **Conditional expressions** choosing between alternatives expressions

```
if expr then expr else expr
```

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3.2 Computation, Programming, Programming Languages

- M269 is not a programming course but ...
- The course uses Python to illustrate various algorithms and data structures
- The final unit addresses the question:
- *What is an algorithm?* What is programming? What is a programming language?
- So it *is* a programming course (sort of)

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3.3 Example Algorithm Design

Searching

- Given an ordered list (*xs*) and a value (*val*), return
 - Position of *val* in *xs* or
 - Some indication if *val* is not present
- *Simple strategy*: check each value in the list in turn
- *Better strategy*: use the ordered property of the list to reduce the range of the list to be searched each turn
 - Set a range of the list
 - If *val* equals the mid point of the list, return the mid point
 - Otherwise half the range to search
 - If the range becomes negative, report not present (return some distinguished value)

Binary Search Iterative

```

1 def binarySearchIter(xs, val):
2     lo = 0
3     hi = len(xs) - 1
4
5     while lo <= hi:
6         mid = (lo + hi) // 2
7         guess = xs[mid]
8
9         if val == guess:
10            return mid
11        elif val < guess:
12            hi = mid - 1
13        else:
14            lo = mid + 1
15
16    return None

```

Binary Search Recursive

```

17 def binarySearchRec(xs, val, lo=0, hi=-1):
18     if (hi == -1):
19         hi = len(xs) - 1
20
21     mid = (lo + hi) // 2
22
23     if hi < lo:
24         return None
25     else:
26         guess = xs[mid]
27         if val == guess:
28             return mid
29         elif val < guess:
30             return binarySearchRec(xs, val, lo, mid-1)
31         else:
32             return binarySearchRec(xs, val, mid+1, hi)

```

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3.4 Binary Search — Exercise

Given the *Python* definition of `binarySearchRec` from above, trace an evaluation of `binarySearchRec(xs, 25)` where `xs` is

```
xs = [2, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 31, 37, 48, 57, 87, 95]
```

Binary Search — Solution

```

xs = [2, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 31, 37, 48, 57, 87, 95]
binarySearchRec(xs, 25)
xs = [2, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 31, 37, 48, 57, 87, 95]
binarySearchRec(xs, 25, 8, 14) by line 31
xs = [2, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 31, 37, 48, 57, 87, 95]
binarySearchRec(xs, 25, 8, 10) by line 31
xs = [2, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 31, 37, 48, 57, 87, 95]
binarySearchRec(xs, 25, 8, 8) by line 29
xs = [2, 5, 7, 15, 17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 31, 37, 48, 57, 87, 95]
binarySearchRec(xs, 25, 8, 7) by line 29
Return value: None by line 23

```

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3.5 Binary Search — Comparison

- Both forms compare the given value (`val`) to the mid-point value of the range of the list (`xs[mid]`)
- If not found, the range is adjusted via assignment in a `while` loop (iterative) or function call (recursive)
- The recursive version has *default parameter* values to initialise the function call (`evil`, should be a helper function)
- There are two base cases:
 - The value is found (`val == guess`)
 - The range becomes negative (`hi < lo`)

- The return value is either `mid` or `None`
- What is the *type* of the binary search function ?

Binary Search — Performance

- *Linear search* — number of comparisons
 - *Best case* 1 (first item in the list)
 - *Worst case* n (last item)
 - *Average case* $\frac{1}{2}n$
- *Binary search* — number of comparisons
 - *Best case* 1 (middle item in the list)
 - *Worst case* $\log_2 n$ (steps to see all)
 - *Average case* $\log_2 n - 1$ (steps to see half)

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3.6 Writing Programs & Thinking

The Steps

1. Invent a *name* for the program (or function)
2. What is the *type* of the function ? What sort of *input* does it take and what sort of *output* does it produce ? In Python a type is implicit; in other languages such as Haskell a type signature can be explicit.
3. Invent *names* for the input(s) to the function (*formal parameters*) — this can involve thinking about possible *patterns* or *data structures*
4. What restrictions are there on the input — state the preconditions.
5. What must be true of the output — state the postconditions.
6. *Think* of the definition of the function body.

The *Think* Step

- **How to Think**

1. Think of an example or two — what should the program/function do ?
2. Break the inputs into separate cases.
3. Deal with simple cases.
4. Think about the result — try your examples again.

- **Thinking Strategies**

1. Don't think too much at one go — break the problem down. Top down design, step-wise refinement.
2. What are the inputs — describe all the cases.

3. Investigate choices. What data structures ? What algorithms ?
4. Use common tools — bottom up synthesis.
5. Spot common function application patterns — generalise & then specialise.
6. Look for good *glue* — to combine functions together.

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4 Python

4.1 Learning Python

- [Python 3 Documentation](#)
- [Python Tutorial](#)
- [Python Language Reference](#)
- [Python Library Reference](#)
- [Hitchhiker's Guide to Python](#)
- [Stackoverflow on Python](#)
- [Martelli et al. \(2022\) *Python in a Nutshell*](#)
- [Lutz \(2025\) *Learning Python*](#)

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4.2 Basic Python

Python Usage

- How do you enter an interactive Python shell ?
- How do you exit Python in *Terminal* (Mac) or *Command prompt* (Windows) ?
- How do you get help in a shell ?
- How do you exit the *interactive help utility* ?
- How do you enter an interactive Python shell ?
[Windows PythonWin Shell from Toolbox](#); [Mac python3 in Terminal](#)
- How do you exit Python in *Terminal* (Mac) or *Command prompt* (Windows) ?
[quit\(\)](#)
- How do you get help in a shell ?
[help\(\)](#)
- How do you exit the *interactive help utility* ?
[quit](#)

Sequences Indexing, Slices

- `xs[i:j:k]` is defined to be the sequence of items from index `i` to `(j-1)` with step `k`.
- If `k` is omitted or `None`, it is treated as `1`.
- If `i` or `j` are negative then they are relative to the end.
- If `i` is omitted or `None` use `0`.
- If `j` is omitted or `None` use `len(xs)`

Python Quiz — Lists

Given the following definitions

```
xs = [10.9, 25, "Phil", 3.14, 42, 1985]
ys = [[5]] * 3
```

Evaluate

```
1 xs[1]
2 xs[0]
3 xs[5]
4 ys
5 xs[1:3]
6 xs[:2]
7 xs[1:-1]
8 xs[-3]
9 xs[:]
10 ys[0].append(4)
```

Python Quiz — Lists — Answers

Given the following definitions

```
xs = [10.9, 25, "Phil", 3.14, 42, 1985]
ys = [[5]] * 3
```

Evaluate

```
1 xs[1] == 25
2 xs[0] == 10.9
3 xs[5] == 1985
4 ys == [[5], [5], [5]]
5 xs[1:3] == [25, 'Phil']
6 xs[:2] == [10.9, 'Phil', 42]
7 xs[1:-1] == [25, 'Phil', 3.14, 42]
8 xs[-3] == 3.14
9 xs[:] == [10.9, 25, 'Phil', 3.14, 42, 1985]
10 ys[0].append(4) == [[5, 4], [5, 4], [5, 4]]
```

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4.3 Python Workflows

Komodo Python Workflow

1. Create *someProgram.py* with assignment statements defining variables and other data along with function definitions.
2. There may be auxiliary files with other definitions (for example, *Python Activity 2.2* has *Stack.py* with the *Stack* class definition) — this uses the *import* statement in *someProgram.py*

```
from someOtherDefinitions import someIdentifier
```

3. Load *someProgram.py* into *Komodo Edit* and use the *Run Python File* macro from the *Toolbox*
4. For further results, edit the file in *Komodo Edit* and use the *Save and Run* macro from the *Toolbox*

Standalone Python Workflow

1. Create *someDefinitions.py* with assignment statements defining variables and function definitions.
2. In *Terminal* (Mac) or *Command Prompt* (Windows), navigate to *someDefinitions.py* and invoke the *Python 3* interpreter
3. Load *someDefinitions.py* into *Python 3* with one of

```
from someDefinitions import *
```

```
import someDefinitions as sdf
```

The `as sdf` gives a shorter qualifier for the namespace — names in the file are now `sdf.x`

Note that the commands are executed — any print statement will execute

4. At the *Python 3* interpreter prompt, evaluate expressions (may have side effects and alter definitions)

Standalone Python Workflow 2

1. For further results, edit the file in *Your Favourite Editor* and use one of the following commands:

```
reload(sdf)

import imp
imp.reload(sdf)
```

Note the use of the name `sdf` as opposed to the original name.

Read the following references about the dangers of reloading as compared to re-cycling *Python 3*

- [How to re import an updated package while in Python Interpreter?](#)
- [How do I unload \(reload\) a Python module?](#)
- [Reloading Python modules](#)
- [How to dynamically import and reimport a file containing definition of a global variable which may change anytime](#)

5 Python Checking Tools

- M269 provides some Python checking tools: [ruff](#) and [allowed](#) — a description is in the M269 Book section 5.3.2 (these notes are based on Jason Clarke's notes)
- M269 software installation is documented at dsa-ou.github.io/m269-installer/
- [allowed](#) is documented at dsa-ou.github.io/allowed/ — it checks for permitted code
- [ruff](#) Web site is docs.astral.sh/ruff/ — Ruff is an extremely fast Python linter and code formatter, written in Rust
- Both [allowed](#) and [ruff](#) are installed in the standard M269 24J software install — they are in the [venvs](#) folder, wherever that was installed (in my case in my home folder)
- The intention is that [allowed](#) checks you are only using Python contained in the M269 Book and [ruff](#) comments on Python style issues such as the extent to which your code complies with [PEP 8 — Style Guide for Python Code](#)

5.1 allowed Code Checker

- [allowed](#) uses a data file [m269-24j.json](#) to determine if the code has allowed features only
- [JSON \(JavaScript Object Notation\)](#) is a lightweight data-exchange format — effectively it is one up from CSV (Comma Separated Values)
- JSON has a Web site json.org/json-en.html which contains the definitive standard — JSON is not part of M269 and you do not need to read the documentation for the course but since JSON is so widely used you may be interested
- An appendix to Douglas Crockford's book has more on JSON (Crockford was one of the original movers behind JSON) — see [Crockford \(2008, Appendix E\) *JavaScript: The Good Parts*](#)
- Activate [allowed](#) (and [ruff](#)) by running the cell that appears early on in your Jupyter Notebook which contains some [IPython Magic Commands](#) (see examples below)
- When you run any Python cells, you will see any output from [allowed](#) and [ruff](#) as well as your own output
- If all your usage is allowed you will see no output from [allowed](#)
- If you have used something outside the permitted code you may see a message from [allowed](#)
- Note that the [allowed](#) tool is not perfect and there are some differences between Windows, macOS and Linux users (see examples below)
- All the allowed code is described or listed in the *Summary* sections at the end of each chapter in the M269 Book (or you could read the [m269-24j.json](#) file if you are very relaxed)
- The TMA Jupyter Notebooks seem to have several versions of the software that activates [allowed](#) and [ruff](#) so this section of these notes may be subject to change
- From Section 5.3.2 of the M269 Book there are cells that has the following code

```
%load_ext algaesup.magics
%ruff on
```

```
import platform # allowed

if platform.system() in ('Linux', 'Darwin'):
    %allowed on --config m269-24j --unit 5 --method
else:
    %allowed on --config m269-24j --unit 5
```

- TMA01 has the following

```
%load_ext algaesup.magics
%allowed on
%ruff on
%run -i m269_test
```

- The first version activates `allowed` for code in the first 5 chapters and methods are checked in Linux and macOS
- The second activates for code in all chapters

5.2 Allowed Methods

- **Allowed Methods** a *method* is of the form

`objectName.methodName(args)`

- Examples

```
Python3>>> myList = [1,2,3]
Python3>>> myList.append(5) # using list append method
Python3>>> print(myList)
[1, 2, 3, 5]
Python3>>> myText = "abc"
Python3>>> myText.upper() # using string upper method
'ABC'
Python3>>> print(myText)
abc
```

- Some methods return values, others have side effects
- Read the Python documentation for the details
- From `m269-25j.json` we have the following allowed methods
- **List** insert, append, pop, sort
- **Dict** items, pop
- **Set** add, discard, union, intersection, difference, pop
- Note that **no string methods** are allowed

```
# List
myList = [1,2,3]

print(myList.count(2))
myList.extend([3,4])
myList.remove(2)
print(myList.index(1))
myList.reverse()
myList.clear()

1
0
```

allowed found issues

- 5: `list.count()`
- 6: `list.extend()`
- 7: `list.remove()`
- 8: `list.index()`
- 9: `list.reverse()`
- 10: `list.clear()`

```
# Anything on strings...

myText = "Hello"
print(myText.upper())
print(myText.find("e"))
print(myText.endswith("o"))
print(myText.isdigit())
sep = " "
print(sep.join(["A", "B", "C"]))

HELLO
1
True
False
A,B,C
```

allowed found issues

- 4: `str.upper()`
- 5: `str.find()`
- 6: `str.endswith()`
- 7: `str.isdigit()`
- 9: `str.join()`
- The above examples may not produce error messages on Windows platforms
- Expressions with literal object or literal arguments may be not-allowed but may not generate error messages
- Missing type hints for function definitions may result in non-allowed being missed
- The following are non-allowed but produce no messages

```
print([1,2,3].index(1)) # method on a literal

print("abc".upper()) # method on a literal
print(",".join(["A", "B", "C"])) # literal argument

def test(txt):
    return txt.isdigit() # Missing type hint cso missed

def anotherTest(txt : str):
    print(txt[0].upper()) # type hint - argument is an expression

0
ABC
A,B,C
```

- **User Defined Methods**

- **allowed** will not generate error messages to these

- So you can write methods (or functions) to replace the the functionality of some other methods

6 Complexity and Big O Notation

- Measuring program complexity introduced in section 4 of M269 Unit 2
- See also Miller and Ranum chapter 2 [Big-O Notation](#)
- See also [Wikipedia: Big O notation](#)
- See also [Big-O Cheat Sheet](#)
- Complexity of algorithm measured by using some surrogate to get rough idea
- In M269 mainly using assignment statements
- For *exact* measure we would have to have cost of each operation, knowledge of the implementation of the programming language and the operating system it runs under.
- But mainly interested in the following questions:
- (1) Is algorithm A more efficient than algorithm B for large inputs ?
- (2) Is there a lower bound on any possible algorithm for calculating this particular function ?
- (3) Is it always possible to find a polynomial time (n^k) algorithm for any function that is computable
- — the later questions are addressed in Unit 7

Orders of Common Functions

- $O(1)$ **constant** — [look-up table](#)
- $O(\log n)$ **logarithmic** — [binary search](#) of sorted array, binary search tree, binomial heap operations
- $O(n)$ **linear** — searching an unsorted list
- $O(n \log n)$ **loglinear** — [heapsort](#), [quicksort](#) (best and average), [merge sort](#)
- $O(n^2)$ **quadratic** — [bubble sort](#) (worst case or naive implementation), Shell sort, [quicksort](#) (worst case), [selection sort](#), [insertion sort](#)
- $O(n^c)$ **polynomial**
- $O(c^n)$ **exponential** — [travelling salesman problem](#) via [dynamic programming](#), determining if two logical statements are equivalent by brute force
- $O(n!)$ **factorial** — TSP via brute force.

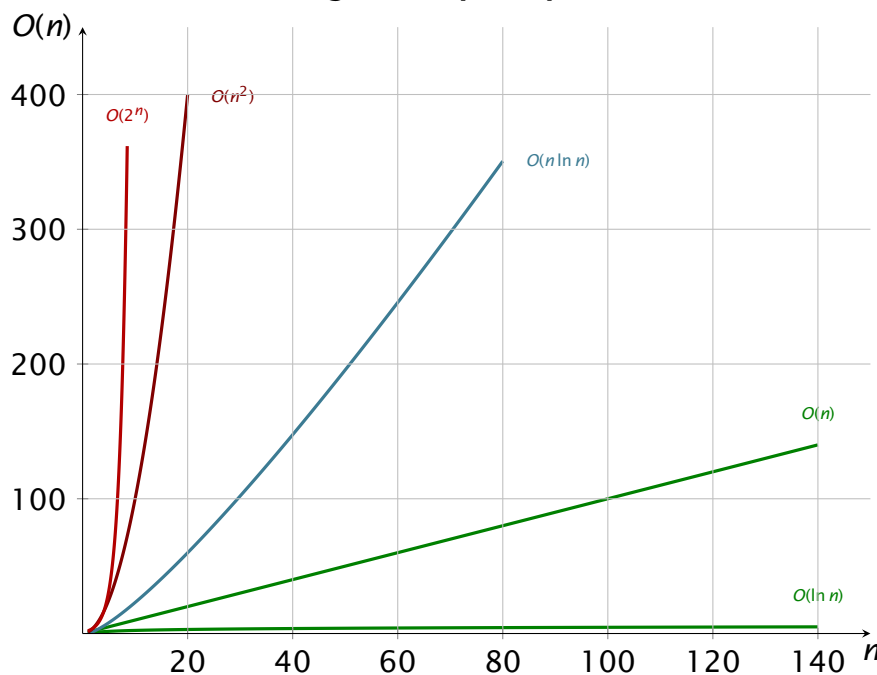
Tyranny of Asymptotics

- Table from [Bentley \(1984\)](#), page 868)
- Cubic algorithm on Cray-1 supercomputer with $\text{FORTRAN3.0}n^3$ nanoseconds

- Linear algorithm on TRS-80 micro with BASIC $19.5n \times 10^6$ nanoseconds

N	Cray-1	TRS-80
10	3.0 microsecs	200 millisecs
100	3.0 millisecs	2.0 secs
1000	3.0 secs	20 secs
10000	49 mins	3.2 mins
100000	35 days	32 mins
1000000	95 yrs	5.4 hrs

Big O Complexity Chart



Big O Notation

- Abuse of notation — we write $f(x) = O(g(x))$
- but $O(g(x))$ is the class of all functions $h(x)$ such that $|h(x)| \leq C|g(x)|$ for some constant C
- So we should write $f(x) \in O(g(x))$ (but we don't)
- We ought to use a notation that says that (informally) the function f is bounded both above and below by g asymptotically
- This would mean that for big enough x we have

$$k_1 g(x) \leq f(x) \leq k_2 g(x) \text{ for some } k_1, k_2$$
- This is Big Theta, $f(x) = \Theta(g(x))$
- But we use Big O to indicate an asymptotically tight bound where Big Theta might be more appropriate
- See [Wikipedia: Big O Notation](#)
- This could be Maths phobia generated confusion

6.1 Complexity Example

```

5 def someFunction(aList) :
6     n = len(aList)
7     best = 0
8     for i in range(n) :
9         for j in range(i + 1, n + 1) :
10             s = sum(aList[i:j])
11             best = max(best, s)
12     return best

```

- Example from M269 Unit 2 page 46
- Code in file [M269TutorialProgPythonADT.py](#)
- What does the code do ?
- (It was a *famous* problem from the late 1970s/early 1980s)
- Can we construct a more efficient algorithm for the same computational problem ?
- The code calculates the maximum subsegment of a list
- Described in [Bentley \(1984\)](#), [Bentley \(1986](#), column 7), [Bentley \(2000](#), column 8) Also in [Gries \(1989\)](#)
- These are all in a procedural programming style (as in C, Java, Python)
- Problem arose from medical image processing.
- A functional approach using Haskell is in [Bird \(1998](#), page 134), [Bird \(2014](#), page 127, 133) — a variant on this called the *Not the maximum segment sum* is given in [Bird \(2010](#), Page 73) — both of these *derive* a linear time program from the (n^3) initial specification
- See [Wikipedia: Maximum subarray problem](#)
- See [Rosetta Code: Greatest subsequential sum](#)
- Here is the same program but modified to allow lists that may only have negative numbers
- The complexity $T(n)$ function will be slightly different
- but the Big O complexity will be the same

```

14 def maxSubSeg01(xs) :
15     n = len(xs)
16     maxSoFar = xs[0]
17     for i in range(1,n) :
18         for j in range(i + 1, n + 1) :
19             s = sum(xs[i:j])
20             maxSoFar = max(maxSoFar, s)
21     return maxSoFar

```

- Complexity function $T(n)$ for [maxSubSeg01\(\)](#)
 - Two initial assignments
 - The outer loop will be executed $(n - 1)$ times,
 - Hence the inner loop is executed
- $$(n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 2 + 1 = \frac{(n - 1)}{2} \times n$$
- Assume [sum\(\)](#) takes n assignments

- Hence $T(n) = 2 + (n+2) \times \left(\frac{(n-1)}{2} \times n \right)$

$$= 2 + (n+2) \times \left(\frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \right)$$

$$= 2 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 - \frac{1}{2}n^2 + n^2 - n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 - n + 2$$

- Hence $O(n^3)$

- Developing a better algorithm**

- Assume we know the solution (`maxSoFar`) for `xs[0..(i - 1)]`
- We extend the solution to `xs[0..i]` as follows:
 - The maximum segment will be either `maxSoFar`
 - or the sum of a sublist ending at `i` (`maxToHere`) if it is bigger
- This reasoning is similar to divide and conquer in binary search or [Dynamic programming](#) (see Unit 5)
- Keep track of both `maxSoFar` and `maxToHere` — **the Eureka step**
- Developing a better algorithm `maxSubSeg02()`**

```

27 def maxSubSeg02(xs) :
28     maxToHere = xs[0]
29     maxSoFar = xs[0]
30     for x in xs[1:] :
31         # Invariant: maxToHere, maxSoFar OK for xs[0..(i-1)]
32         maxToHere = max(x, maxToHere + x)
33         maxSoFar = max(maxSoFar, maxToHere)
34     return maxSoFar

```

- Complexity function $T(n) = 2 + 2n$
- Hence $O(n)$
- What if we want more information ?
- Return the (or a) segment with max sum and position in list

```

38 def maxSubSeg03(xs) :
39     maxSoFar = maxToHere = xs[0]
40     startIdx, endIdx, startMaxToHere = 0, 0, 0
41     for i, x in enumerate(xs) :
42         if maxToHere + x < x :
43             maxToHere = x
44             startMaxToHere = i
45         else :
46             maxToHere = maxToHere + x
47
48         if maxSoFar < maxToHere :
49             maxSoFar = maxToHere
50             startIdx, endIdx = startMaxToHere, i
51
52     return (maxSoFar, xs[startIdx:endIdx+1], startIdx, endIdx)

```

- Developing a better algorithm `maxSubSeg03()`**
- Complexity function worst case $T(n) = 2 + 3 + (2 + 3)n$
- Hence still $O(n)$

- Note [Python assignments](#), `enumerate()` and `tuple`
- Sample data and output

```

56 egList = [-2,1,-3,4,-1,2,1,-5,4]
58 egList01 = [-1,-1,-1]
60 egList02 = [1,2,3]
62 assert maxSubSeg03(egList) == (6, [4, -1, 2, 1], 3, 6)
64 assert maxSubSeg03(egList01) == (-1, [-1], 0, 0)
66 assert maxSubSeg03(egList02) == (7, [1, 2, 3], 0, 2)

```

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6.2 Complexity & Python Data Types

Lists

Operation	Notation	Average	Amortized Worst
Get item	<code>x = xs[i]</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Set item	<code>xs[i] = x</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Append	<code>xs = xs + xs</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Copy	<code>xs = xs[:]</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Pop last	<code>xs.pop()</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Pop other	<code>xs.pop(i)</code>	$O(k)$	$O(k)$
Insert(i,x)	<code>xs[i:i] = [x]</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Delete item	<code>del xs[i:i+1]</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Get slice	<code>xs = xs[i:j]</code>	$O(k)$	$O(k)$
Set slice	<code>xs[i:j] = xs</code>	$O(k + n)$	$O(k + n)$
Delete slice	<code>xs[i:j] = []</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
Member	<code>x in xs</code>	$O(n)$	
Get length	<code>n = len(xs)</code>	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Count(x)	<code>n = xs.count(x)</code>	$O(n)$	$O(n)$

- Source <https://wiki.python.org/moin/TimeComplexity>
- See <https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#sequence-types-list-tuple-range>

Bags

```

5 class Bag:
7     def __init__(self):
8         self.list = []
10
11     def add(self, item):
12         self.list.append(item)
13
14     def remove(self, item):
15         self.list.remove(item)
16
17     def contains(self, item):
18         return item in self.list
19
20     def count(self, item):
21         return self.list.count(item)
22
23     def size(self):
24         return len(self.list)

```

```

25 def __str__(self):
26     return str(self.list)

```

Information Retrieval Functions

- **Term Frequency**, `tf`, takes a string, `term`, and a Bag, `document`
returns occurrences of `term` divided by total strings in `document`
- **Inverse Document Frequency**, `idf`, takes a string, `term`, and a list of Bags, `documents`
returns $\log(\text{total}/(1 + \text{containing}))$ — `total` is total number of Bags, `containing` is the number of Bags containing `term`
- **tf-idf**, `tf_idf`, takes a string, `term`, and a list of Bags, `documents`
returns a sequence $[r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}]$ such that $r_i = \text{tf}(\text{term}, d_i) \times \text{idf}(\text{term}, \text{documents})$

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6.3 Definitions and Rules for Complexity

6.3.1 Big-O and Big-Theta Definitions

- We compare the functions implementing algorithms by looking at the asymptotic behaviour of the functions for large inputs.
- If f and g are functions taking natural numbers as input (the problem size) and returning nonnegative results (the effort required in the calculations.)
- f is of *order* g and write $f = \Theta(g)$, if there are positive constants k_1 and k_2 and a natural number n_0 such that

$$k_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq k_2 g(n) \text{ for all } n > n_0$$

This means that some multipliers times $g(n)$ provide upper and lower bounds to $f(n)$

- If we only wanted an upper bound on the values of a function, then you can use Big- O notation.
- We say f is of *order at most* g and write $f = O(g)$, if there is a positive constant k and a natural number n_0 such that

$$f(n) \leq kg(n) \text{ for all } n > n_0$$

- Note that the notation is heavily abused:

Many authors use Big- O notation when they really mean Big- Θ notation

We really should define the Θ notation to say that $\Theta(g)$ denotes the set of all functions f with the stated property and write $f \in \Theta(g)$ — however the use of $f = \Theta(g)$ is traditional

- The next section gives some rules for manipulating the notation to calculate overall complexities of functions from their component parts — this also abuses the notation for equality

Based on [Bird and Gibbons \(2020, page 25\)](#) *Algorithm Design with Haskell* and [Graham et al. \(1994, page 450\)](#) *Concrete Mathematics: A Foundation for Computer Science*

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6.3.2 Big-O and Big-Theta Rules

- $n^p = O(n^q)$ where $p \leq q$

This has some surprising consequences — $n = O(n)$ and $n = O(n^2)$ — remember Big-O just gives upper bounds.

- $O(f(n)) + O(g(n)) = O(|f(n)| + |g(n)|)$
- $\Theta(n^p) + \Theta(n^q) = \Theta(n^q)$ where $p \leq q$
- $f(n) = \Theta(f(n))$
- $c \cdot \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(f(n))$ if c is constant
- $\Theta(\Theta(f(n))) = \Theta(f(n))$
- $\Theta(f(n))\Theta(g(n)) = \Theta(f(n)g(n))$
- $\Theta(f(n)g(n)) = f(n)\Theta(g(n))$

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6.3.3 Big-Theta Rules — Example

```

1 def numVowels(txt : str) -> int ;
2     """Find the number of vowels in text
3
4     """
5
6     vowelCount = 0
7     vowels = "aeiouAEIOU"
8
9     for ch in txt :
10         if ch in vowels :
11             vowelCount = vowelCount + 1
12     return vowelCount

```

- The rules give

$$\Theta(1) + \Theta(1) + \Theta(n) \times \Theta(|\text{vowels}|) \times \Theta(1)$$
 where $n = |\text{txt}|$
- Since $|\text{vowels}| = 10$ the overall complexity is $\Theta(n)$

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6.4 List Comprehensions

List Comprehensions — Python

- [List Comprehensions](#) (tutorial), [List Comprehensions](#) (reference) provide a concise way of performing calculations over lists (or other iterables)

- Example: Square the even numbers between 0 and 9

```
Python3>>> [x ** 2 for x in range(10) if x % 2 == 0]
[0, 4, 16, 36, 64]
```

- Example: List all pairs of integers (x, y) such that $x < 4$, $y < 4$ and x is divisible by 2 and y is divisible by 3

```
Python3>>> [(x,y) for x in range(4)
...           for y in range(4)
...           if x % 2 == 0
...           and y % 3 == 0]
[(0, 0), (0, 3), (2, 0), (2, 3)]
Python3>>>
```

- In general

```
[expr for target1 in iterable1 if cond1
     for target2 in iterable2 if cond2 ...
     for targetN in iterableN if condN ]
```

- Lots example usage in the algorithms below

List Comprehensions — Haskell

- **List Comprehensions** provide a concise way of performing calculations over lists
- Example: Square the even numbers between 0 and 9

```
GHCi> [x^2 | x <- [0..9], x `mod` 2 == 0]
[0,4,16,36,64]
GHCi>
```

- In general

```
[expr | qual1, qual2, ..., qualN]
```

- The qualifiers `qual` can be
 - Generators `pattern <- list`
 - Boolean guards — acting as filters
 - Local declarations with `let decls` for use in `expr` and later generators and boolean guards

Activity 1 (a) Stop Words Filter

- **Stop words** are the most common words that most search engines avoid: 'a', 'an', 'the', 'th
- Using list comprehensions, write a function `filterStopWords` that takes a list of words and filters out the stop words
- Here is the initial code

```
11 sentence \
12   = "the_quick_brown_fox_jumps_over_the_lazy_dog"
14 words = sentence.split()
16 wordsTest \
17   = (words == ['the', 'quick', 'brown'
18               , 'fox', 'jumps', 'over'
19               , 'the', 'lazy', 'dog'])
21 stopWords \
22   = ['a', 'an', 'the', 'that']
```

[Go to Answer](#)**Activity 1 (a) Stop Words Filter**

```

11 sentence \
12 = "the_quick_brown_fox_jumps_over_the_lazy_dog"
14 words = sentence.split()
16 wordsTest \
17 = (words == ['the', 'quick', 'brown'
18              , 'fox', 'jumps', 'over'
19              , 'the', 'lazy', 'dog'])
21 stopWords \
22 = ['a', 'an', 'the', 'that']

```

- Notice the [Python Explicit line joining](#) with (`\<n1>`) and [Python Implicit line joining](#) with (`(...)`)
- The [backslash](#) (`\`) must be followed by an [end of line character](#) (`<n1>`)
- The (`'_'`) symbol represents a space (see Unicode U+2423 Open Box)

[Go to Answer](#)**Activity 1 (b) Transpose Matrix**

- A matrix can be represented as a list of rows of numbers
- We *transpose* a matrix by swapping columns and rows
- Here is an example

```

38 matrixA \
39 = [[1, 2, 3, 4]
40    , [5, 6, 7, 8]
41    , [9, 10, 11, 12]]
43 matATr \
44 = [[1, 5, 9]
45    , [2, 6, 10]
46    , [3, 7, 11]
47    , [4, 8, 12]]

```

- Using list comprehensions, write a function [transMat](#), to transpose a matrix

[Go to Answer](#)**Activity 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Write a function which takes a pair of positive integers and outputs a list of all possible pairs in those ranges
- If we do this in the simplest way we get a bias to one argument
- Here is an example of a bias to the second argument

```

68 yBiasLstTest \
69 = (yBiasListing(5,5)
70    == [(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4)
71        , (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4)
72        , (2, 0), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4)
73        , (3, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)
74        , (4, 0), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4)])

```

[Go to Answer](#)**Activity 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Rewrite the function which takes a pair of positive integers and outputs a list of all possible pairs in those ranges
- The output should treat each argument *fairly* — any initial prefix should have roughly the same number of instances of each argument
- Here is an example output

```

81 fairLstTest \
82   = (fairListing(5,5)
83     == [(0, 0)
84         , (0, 1), (1, 0)
85         , (0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0)
86         , (0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)
87         , (0, 4), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 0)])

```

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Activity 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order

- Rewrite the function which takes a pair of positive integers and outputs a list of lists of all possible pairs in those ranges
- The output should treat each argument *fairly* — any initial prefix should have roughly the same number of instances of each argument — further, the output should be segment by each initial prefix (see example below)
- Here is an example output

```

94 fairLstATest \
95   = (fairListingA(5,5)
96     == [[(0, 0)]
97         , [(0, 1), (1, 0)]
98         , [(0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0)]
99         , [(0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)]
100        , [(0, 4), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 0)]]

```

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6.4.1 Complexity of List Comprehensions

- Note that list comprehensions are not in M269
- See [Complexity of a List Comprehension](#)

```
[f(e) for e in row for row in mat]
```

- Suppose $f = \Theta(g)$ with n elements in a row and m rows
- Then complexity is $\Theta(g(e)) \times \Theta(n) \times \Theta(m) = \Theta(m \times n \times g(e))$

```
[[e**2 for e in row] for row in mat]
```

- $\Theta(e * 2) = \Theta(1)$
- Suppose n is maximum length of a row and m rows
- Then complexity is $\Theta(1) \times \Theta(n) \times \Theta(m) = \Theta(n \times m)$

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Answer 1 (a) Stop Words Filter

- Answer 1 (a) Stop Words Filter

- Write here:

Answer 1 (a) Stop Words Filter

- Answer 1 (a) Stop Words Filter

```

24 def filterStopWords(words) :
25     nonStopWords \
26     = [word for word in words
27         if word not in stopWords]
28     return nonStopWords

31 filterStopWordsTest \
32 = filterStopWords(words) \
33 == ['quick', 'brown', 'fox'
34     , 'jumps', 'over', 'lazy', 'dog']

```

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Answer 1 (b) Transpose Matrix

- Answer 1 (b) Transpose Matrix
- Write here:

Answer 1 (b) Transpose Matrix

- Answer 1 (b) Transpose Matrix

```

49 def transMat(mat) :
50     rowLen = len(mat[0])
51     matTr \
52     = [[row[i] for row in mat] for i in range(rowLen)]
53     return matTr

55 transMatTestA \
56 = (transMat(matrixA)
57    == matATr)

```

- Note that a list comprehension is a valid expression as a target expression in a list comprehension
- The code assumes every row is of the same length

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Answer 1 (b) Transpose Matrix

- Note the differences in the list comprehensions below

```

38 matrixA \
39 = [[1, 2, 3, 4]
40     , [5, 6, 7, 8]
41     , [9, 10, 11, 12]]

```

```

Python3>>> [[row[i] for row in matrixA]
...           for i in range(4)]
[[1, 5, 9], [2, 6, 10], [3, 7, 11], [4, 8, 12]]
Python3>>> [row[i] for row in matrixA
...           for i in range(4)]
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]
Python3>>> [row[i] for i in range(4)
...           for row in matrixA]
[1, 5, 9, 2, 6, 10, 3, 7, 11, 4, 8, 12]
Python3>>> [[row[i] for i in range(4)]
...           for row in matrixA]
[[1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7, 8], [9, 10, 11, 12]]

```

[Go to Activity](#)**Answer 1 (b) Transpose Matrix**

- Answer 1 (b) Transpose Matrix
- The Python [NumPy](#) package provides functions for N-dimensional array objects
- For transpose see [numpy.ndarray.transpose](#)

```

Python3>>> import numpy as np
Python3>>> ar = np.array([[1,2],[3,4]])
Python3>>> ar
array([[1, 2],
       [3, 4]])
Python3>>> arT = ar.transpose()
Python3>>> arT
array([[1, 3],
       [2, 4]])
Python3>>> ar
array([[1, 2],
       [3, 4]])
Python3>>> ar.shape
(2, 2)

```

[Go to Activity](#)**Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order — first version
- Write here

```

69 yBiasLstTest \
70   = (yBiasListing(5,5)
71       == [(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4)
72           , (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4)
73           , (2, 0), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4)
74           , (3, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)
75           , (4, 0), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4)])

```

[Go to Activity](#)**Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order
- This is the *obvious* but biased version

```

63 def yBiasListing(xRng,yRng) :
64     yBiasLst \
65     = [(x,y) for x in range(xRng)
66         for y in range(yRng)]
67     return yBiasLst
69 yBiasLstTest \
70   = (yBiasListing(5,5)
71       == [(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4)
72           , (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4)
73           , (2, 0), (2, 1), (2, 2), (2, 3), (2, 4)
74           , (3, 0), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4)
75           , (4, 0), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3), (4, 4)])

```

[Go to Activity](#)**Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order — second version
- Write here

```

83 fairLstTest \
84   = (fairListing(5,5)
85     == [(0, 0)
86         , (0, 1), (1, 0)
87         , (0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0)
88         , (0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)
89         , (0, 4), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 0)])

```

[Go to Activity](#)**Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order — second version
- This works by making the sum of the coordinates the same for each prefix

```

77 def fairListing(xRng,yRng) :
78     fairLst \
79     = [(x,d-x) for d in range(yRng)
80         for x in range(d+1)]
81     return fairLst
82
83 fairLstTest \
84   = (fairListing(5,5)
85     == [(0, 0)
86         , (0, 1), (1, 0)
87         , (0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0)
88         , (0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)
89         , (0, 4), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 0)])

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[Go to Activity](#)**Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order — third version
- Write here

```

97 fairLstATest \
98   = (fairListingA(5,5)
99     == [[(0, 0)]
100         , [(0, 1), (1, 0)]
101         , [(0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0)]
102         , [(0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)]
103         , [(0, 4), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 0)]])

```

[Go to Activity](#)**Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order**

- Answer 1 (c) List Pairs in Fair Order — third version
- The *inner loop* is placed into its own list comprehension

```

91 def fairListingA(xRng,yRng) :
92     fairLstA \
93     = [[(x,d-x) for x in range(d+1)]
94         for d in range(yRng)]
95     return fairLstA
96
97 fairLstATest \
98   = (fairListingA(5,5)
99     == [[(0, 0)]
100         , [(0, 1), (1, 0)]
101         , [(0, 2), (1, 1), (2, 0)]
102         , [(0, 3), (1, 2), (2, 1), (3, 0)]
103         , [(0, 4), (1, 3), (2, 2), (3, 1), (4, 0)]])

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6.5 Master Theorem for Divide-and-Conquer Recurrences

- **The Divide-and-Conquer Method**

Many useful algorithms are recursive in structure and often follow a *divide-and-conquer method*

They break the problem into several subproblems similar to the original problem

- The time analysis is represented by a *recurrence system*

- **References**

- [Big O notation](#)
- [Master theorem](#)
- [Cormen et al. \(2022, chp 4\) Algorithms](#)
- These notes are partly based on *M261 Mathematics in Computing* and *M263 Building Blocks of Software* and are *not* part of *M269 Algorithms, Data Structures and Computability*

- **Recurrence System**

$$T(1) = b \quad (1)$$

$$T(n) = bn^\beta + cT\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \quad \{n = d^\alpha > 1\} \quad (2)$$

- **Typical Expansion**

n	T(n)
d^0	b
d^1	$bn^\beta + cb$
d^2	$bn^\beta + cb\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)^\beta + c^2b$

- **General Expansion**

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= bn^\beta + cT\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \\
 &= bn^\beta + cb\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)^\beta + c^2T\left(\frac{n}{d^2}\right) \\
 &= bn^\beta \left(1 + \frac{c}{d^\beta} + \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^2 + \cdots + \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^\alpha\right) \\
 T(n) &= bn^\beta \sum_{i=0}^{\log_d n} \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^i \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

- **Proof of Closed Form Equation (3)**

- For $n = 1$ equation (3) gives

$$T(1) = b1^\beta \sum_{i=0}^0 \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^i = b \text{ which is correct (same as (1))}$$

- Assume equation (3) holds for $n = d^\alpha$. Then for $n = d^{\alpha+1}$

$$T(d^{\alpha+1}) = cT(d^\alpha) + bn^\beta \quad \text{by equation (2)}$$

$$= cbd^{\alpha\beta} \sum_{i=0}^{\alpha} \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^i + bd^{(\alpha+1)\beta} \quad \text{by assumption}$$

$$= \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right) bd^{(\alpha+1)\beta} \sum_{i=0}^{\alpha} \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^i + bd^{(\alpha+1)\beta}$$

$$= bd^{(\alpha+1)\beta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\alpha+1} \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^i + 1 \right) \quad \text{by rearrangement}$$

$$= bd^{(\alpha+1)\beta} \sum_{i=0}^{\alpha+1} \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^i \quad \text{by rearrangement}$$

- Hence equation (3) holds for all $n = d^\alpha$ where $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$

1. If $c < d^\beta$ then the sum converges and $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^\beta)$
2. If $c = d^\beta$ then each term in the sum is 1 and $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^\beta \log_d n)$

3. If $c > d^\beta$ then use $\sum_{i=0}^p x^i = \frac{x^{p+1} - 1}{x - 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= bn^\beta \left[\frac{\left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^{\log_d n+1} - 1}{\left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right) - 1} \right] \\ &= \Theta\left(n^\beta \left(\frac{c}{d^\beta}\right)^{\log_d n}\right) \\ &= \Theta\left(c^{\log_d n}\right) \\ &= \Theta\left(n^{\log_d c}\right) \text{ since } d^{\log_b x} = x^{\log_b d} \end{aligned}$$

6.5.1 Master Theorem Example Usage

- **Algorithm**
- Find mid point and check
if not equal to target, recurse on half the data

- **Timing equations**

$$T(1) \leq 1$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$$

- Hence $c = 1$, $d = 2$, $\beta = 0 \rightarrow$ case (2)

$$T(n) = \Theta(\log_2 n)$$

- **Algorithm**

- Best case: splitting on **median** of data
- Recursively sort each half
- **Timing equations**

$$T(1) \leq k$$

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + kn$$

- Hence $c = 2$, $d = 2$, $\beta = 1 \rightarrow$ case (2)

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log_2 n)$$

- See [Averages/Median](#)

- **Matrix Multiplication**

- Let A, B be two square matrices over a **ring**, $\mathcal{R}$
- Informally, a *ring* is a set with two binary operations which look similar to addition and multiplication of integers
- The problem is to implement **matrix multiplication** to find the matrix product $C = AB$
- Without loss of generality, we may assume that A , and B have sizes which are powers of 2 — if A , and B were not of this size, they could be padded with rows or columns of zeroes
- The Strassen algorithm partitions A, B and C into equally sized blocks

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

with $A_{ij}, B_{ij}, C_{ij} \in \text{Mat}_{2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-1}}(\mathcal{R})$

- The usual (naive, standard) algorithm gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} \times B_{11} + A_{12} \times B_{21} & A_{11} \times B_{12} + A_{12} \times B_{22} \\ A_{21} \times B_{11} + A_{22} \times B_{21} & A_{21} \times B_{12} + A_{22} \times B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

- This as 8 multiplications and if we assume multiplication is more expensive than addition then the time complexity is $\Theta(n^3)$
- The Strassen algorithm rearranges the calculation

$$M_1 = (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$M_2 = (A_{21} + A_{22}) \times B_{11}$$

$$M_3 = A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$M_4 = A_{22} \times (B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$M_5 = (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$$

$$M_6 = (A_{21} - A_{11}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12})$$

$$M_7 = (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22})$$

- We now express the C_{ij} in terms of the M_k

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7 & M_3 + M_5 \\ M_2 + M_4 & M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Strassen Matrix Multiplication Timing Equations**

$$T(n) = 7T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{18}{4}n^2$$

$$T(1) \leq \frac{18}{4}$$

- This is derived from the 7 multiplications and 18 additions or subtractions
- $c = 7, d = 2, \beta = 2 \rightarrow$ case (3)

$$T(n) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_2 7}\right) = \Theta\left(n^{2.8}\right)$$

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7 Exponentials and Logarithms

7.1 Exponentials and Logarithms — Definitions

- **Exponential function** $y = a^x$ or $f(x) = a^x$
- $a^n = a \times a \times \dots \times a$ (n a terms)
- **Logarithm** reverses the operation of exponentiation
- $\log_a y = x$ means $a^x = y$
- $\log_a 1 = 0$
- $\log_a a = 1$
- Method of logarithms propounded by John Napier from 1614
- **Log Tables** from 1617 by Henry Briggs
- **Slide Rule** from about 1620–1630 by William Oughtred of Cambridge
- *Logarithm* from Greek *logos* ratio, and *arithmos* number [Chambers \(2014\)](#) *Chambers Dictionary*

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7.2 Rules of Indices

1. $a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}$
2. $a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}$
3. $a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}$
4. $a^{\frac{1}{m}} = \sqrt[m]{a}$
5. $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

6. $a^{\frac{n}{m}} = \sqrt[m]{a^n}$

7. $a^0 = 1$ where $a \neq 0$

- **Exercise** Justify the above rules
- What should 0^0 evaluate to ?
- See [Wikipedia: Exponentiation](#)
- The *justification* above probably only worked for whole or *rational* numbers — see later for exponents with *real* numbers (and the value of *logarithms*, *calculus*...)

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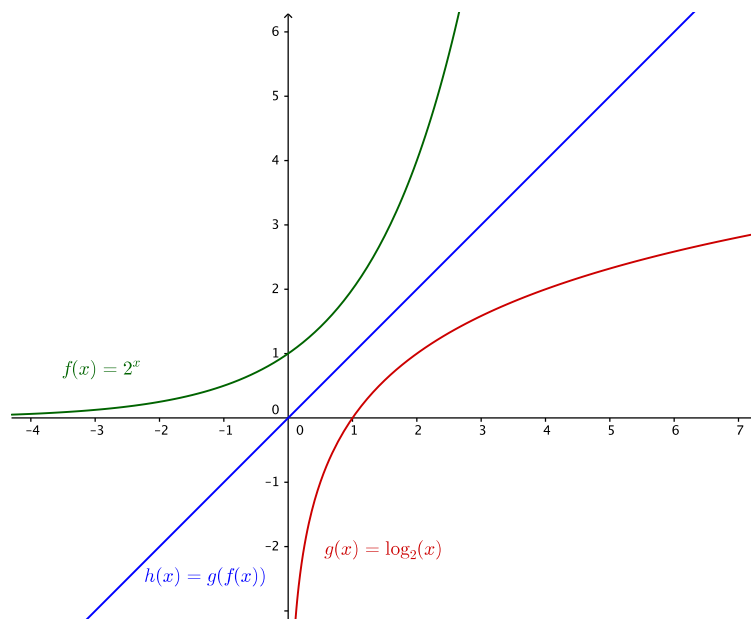
7.3 Logarithms — Motivation

- Make arithmetic easier — turns multiplication and division into addition and subtraction (see later)
- Complete the range of [elementary functions](#) for differentiation and integration
- An [elementary function](#) is a function of one variable which is the composition of a finite number of arithmetic operations ((+), (-), (×), (÷)), exponentials, logarithms, constants, and solutions of algebraic equations (a generalization of nth roots).
- The elementary functions include the trigonometric and hyperbolic functions and their inverses, as they are expressible with complex exponentials and logarithms.
- See A Level FP2 for Euler's relation $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$
- In A Level C3, C4 we get $\int \frac{1}{x} = \log_e |x| + C$
- e is [Euler's number](#) 2.71828...

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7.4 Exponentials and Logarithms — Graphs

- See GeoGebra file [expLog.ggb](#)


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7.5 Laws of Logarithms

- **Multiplication law** $\log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$
- **Division law** $\log_a \left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_a x - \log_a y$
- **Power law** $\log_a x^k = k \log_a x$
- **Proof of Multiplication Law**

$$x = a^{\log_a x}$$

$$y = a^{\log_a y}$$

$$xy = a^{\log_a x} \times a^{\log_a y}$$

$$= a^{\log_a x + \log_a y}$$

$$\text{Hence } \log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

by definition of log

by laws of indices
by definition of log

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7.6 Arithmetic and Inverses

- *Notation helps or maybe not ?*
- **Addition** $\text{add}(b, x) = x + b$
- **Subtraction** $\text{sub}(b, x) = x - b$
- Inverse $\text{sub}(b, \text{add}(b, x)) = (x + b) - b = x$
- **Multiplication** $\text{mul}(b, x) = x \times b$
- **Division** $\text{div}(b, x) = x \div b = \frac{x}{b} = x/b$

- Inverse $\text{div}(b, \text{mul}(b, x)) = (x \times b) \div b = \frac{(x \times b)}{b} = x$
- **Exponentiation** $\text{exp}(b, x) = b^x$
- **Logarithm** $\log(b, x) = \log_b x$
- Inverse $\log(b, \text{exp}(b, x)) = \log_b(b^x) = x$
- *What properties do the operations have that work (or not) with the notation ?*

Arithmetic Operations — Commutativity and Associativity

- **Commutativity** $x \circledast y = y \circledast x$
- **Associativity** $(x \circledast y) \circledast z = x \circledast (y \circledast z)$
- (+) and (×) are *semantically* commutative and associative — so we can leave the brackets out
- (−) and (÷) are not
- Evaluate $(3 - (2 - 1))$ and $((3 - 2) - 1)$
- Evaluate $(3/(2/2))$ and $((3/2)/2)$
- We have the *syntactic* ideas of left (and right) associativity
- We choose (−) and (÷) to be left associative
- $3 - 2 - 1$ means $((3 - 2) - 1)$
- $3/2/2$ means $((3/2)/2)$
- **Operator precedence** is also a choice (remember BIDMAS or BODMAS ?)
- If in doubt, put the brackets in

Exponentials and Logarithm — Associativity

- What should 2^{3^4} mean ?
- Let $b \wedge x \equiv b^x$
- Evaluate $(2 \wedge 3) \wedge 4$ and $2 \wedge (3 \wedge 4)$
- Evaluate $c = \log_b(\log_b((b \wedge b) \wedge x))$
- Evaluate $d = \log_b(\log_b(b \wedge (b \wedge x)))$
- Beware spreadsheets Excel and LibreOffice here
- $(2^3)^4 = 2^{12}$ and $2^{3^4} = 2^{81}$
- Exponentiation is not semantically associative
- We *choose* the syntactic left or right associativity to make the syntax nicer.
- Evaluate $c = \log_b(\log_b((b \wedge b) \wedge x))$
- $c = \log_b(x \log_b(b^b)) = \log_b(x \cdot (b \log_b b)) = \log_b(x \cdot b \cdot 1)$
- Hence $c = \log_b x + \log_b b = \log_b x + 1$
- Not symmetrical (unless b and x are both 2)

- Evaluate $d = \log_b(\log_b(b \wedge (b \wedge x)))$
- $d = \log_b((b \wedge x)(\log_b b)) = \log_b((b \wedge x) \times 1)$
- Hence $d = \log_b(b \wedge x) = x(\log_b b) = x$
- Which is what we want — so exponentiation is *chosen* to be right associative

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7.7 Change of Base

- Change of base

$$\log_a x = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

Proof: Let $y = \log_a x$

$$a^y = x$$

$$\log_b a^y = \log_b x$$

$$y \log_b a = \log_b x$$

$$y = \frac{\log_b x}{\log_b a}$$

- Given x , $\log_b x$, find the base b

$$- b = x^{\frac{1}{\log_b x}}$$

- $\log_a b = \frac{1}{\log_b a}$

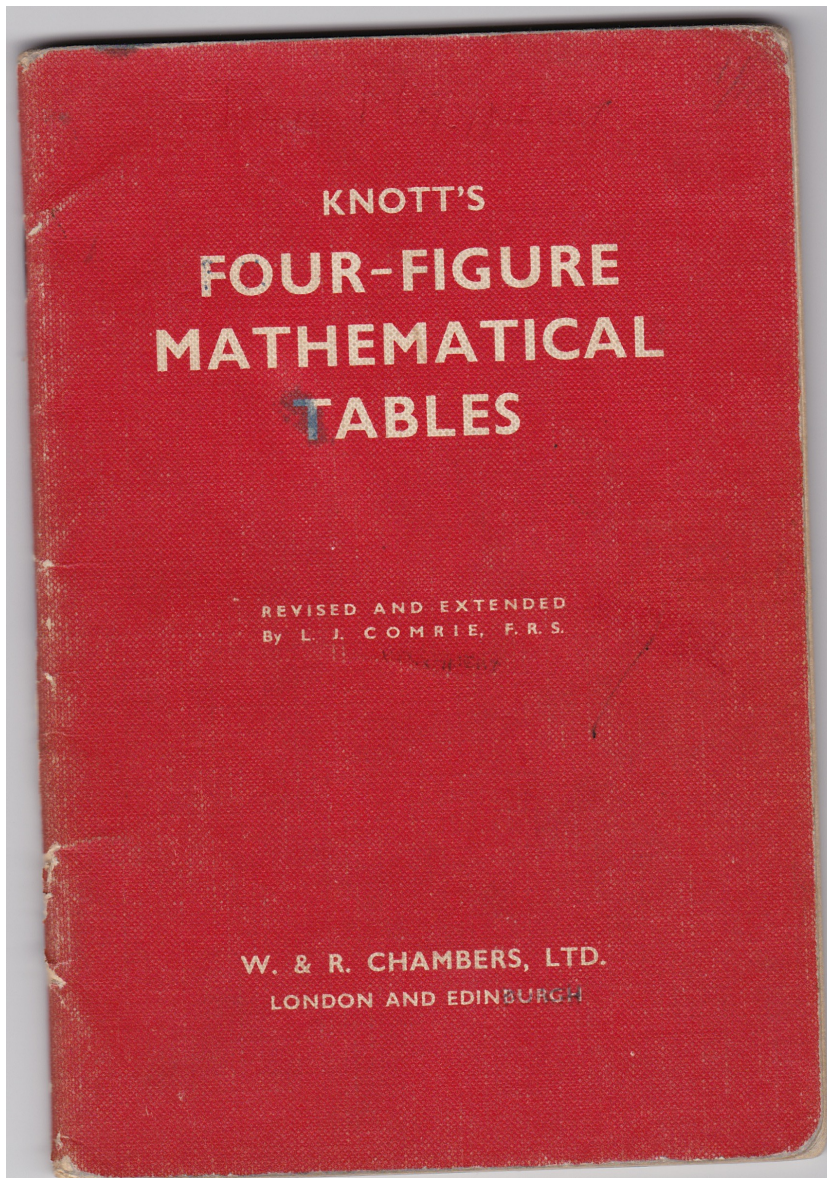
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8 Before Calculators and Computers

- We had computers before 1950 — they were *humans* with pencil, paper and some further aids:
- **Slide rule** invented by [William Oughtred](#) in the 1620s — major calculating tool until [pocket calculators](#) in 1970s
- **Log tables** in use from early 1600s — method of logarithms propounded by [John Napier](#)
- **Logarithm** from Greek *logos* ratio, and *arithmos* number

8.1 Log Tables

Knott's Four-Figure Mathematical Tables



Logarithms of Numbers

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LOGARITHMS OF NUMBERS

x	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Δ	ADD	Δ										
			1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9											
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USEFUL CONSTANTS WITH THEIR LOGARITHMS

No.	Log.	No.	Log.	No.	Log.		
π	3.14159	0.4971	$\frac{1}{2}$	1.7581	$\frac{1}{e}$	0.4343	
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.3183	$\frac{1}{10}$	0.5029	1 radian	0.4343	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.6931
$\frac{1}{3}$	0.8686	0.9943	$\arcsin 1^\circ$	0.01 453 293	2.2419	$\frac{1}{2}$	0.3622
$\sqrt{e}$	1.7725	0.2486	$\arcsin 1'$	0.000 290 888	7.4637	$\log_{10} e = \frac{1}{M}$	
$\frac{4}{3}$	4.1888	0.6221	$\arcsin 1''$	0.000 004 848	6.6856	$\log_{10} x = M \cdot \log x$	

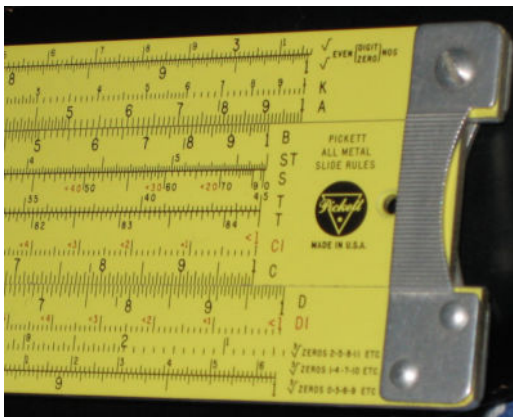
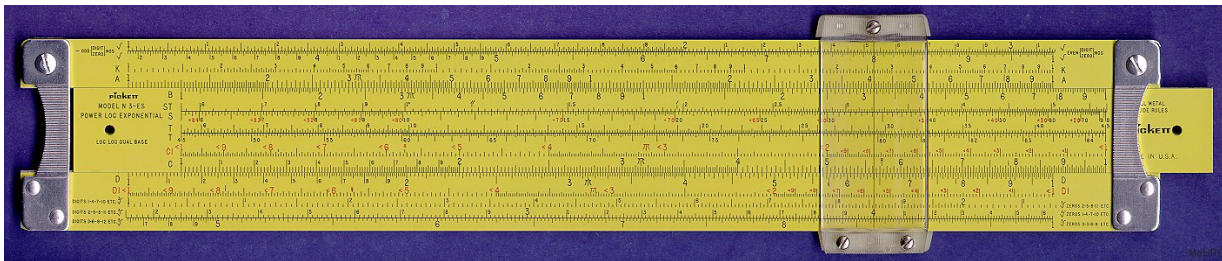
LOGARITHMS OF NUMBERS

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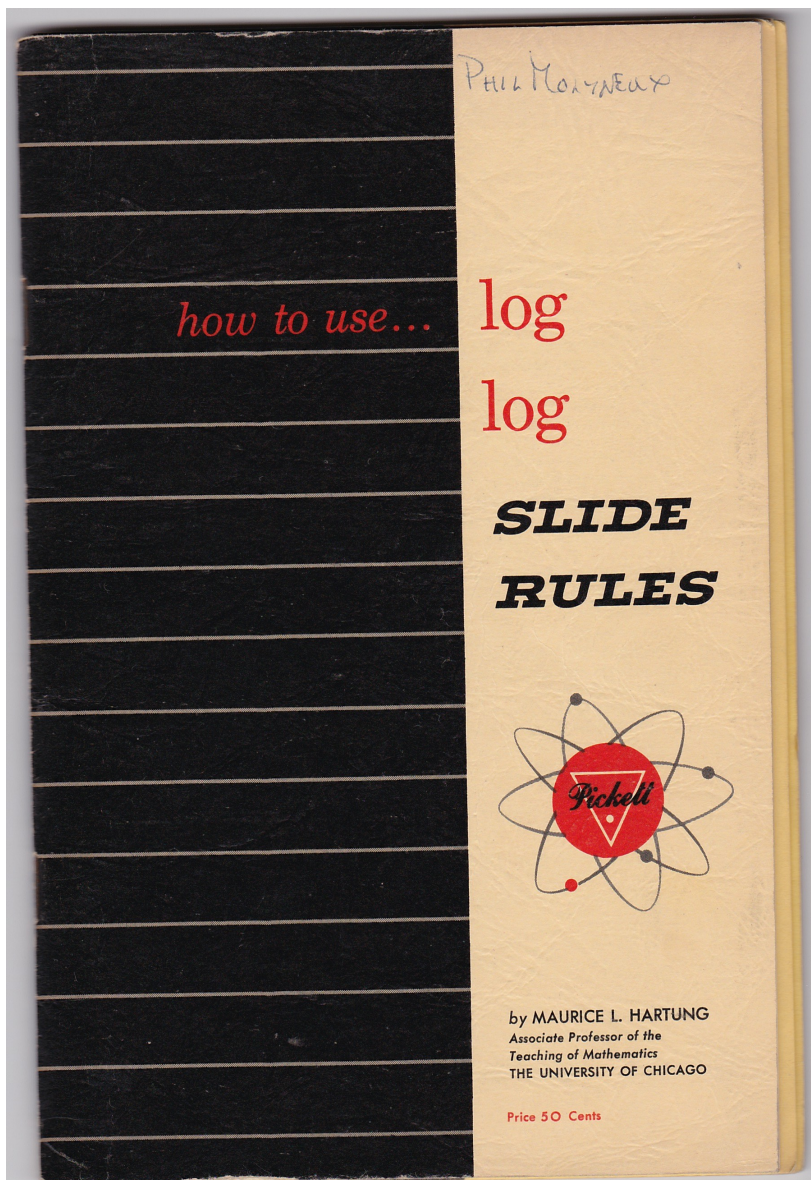
8.2 Slide Rules

Pickett N 3-ES from 1967



- See [Oughtred Society](#)
- [UKSRC](#)
- [Rod Lovett's Slide Rules](#)
- [Slide Rule Museum](#)

Pickett log log Slide Rules Manual 1953

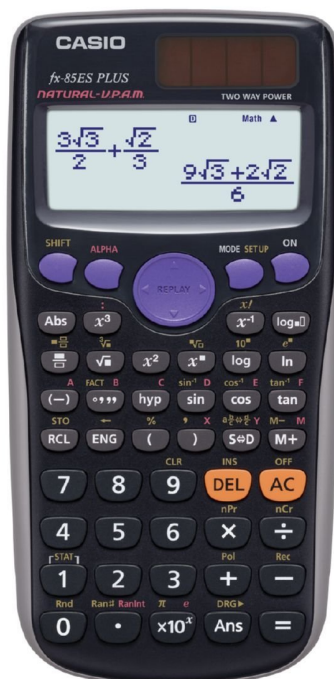
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8.3 Calculators

HP HP-21 Calculator from 1975 £69



Casio fx-85GT PLUS Calculator from 2013 £10



Calculator links

- HP Calculator Museum <http://www.hpmuseum.org>

- **HP Calculator Emulators** <http://nonpareil.brouhaha.com>
- **HP Calculator Emulators for OS X** <http://www.bartosiak.org/nonpareil/>
- **Vintage Calculators Web Museum** <http://www.vintagecalculators.com>

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8.4 Example Calculation

- Evaluate 89.7×597
- **Knott's Tables**
- $\log_{10} 89.7 = 1.9528$ and $\log_{10} 597 = 2.7760$
- Shows *mantissa* (decimal) & *characteristic* (integral)
- Add 4.7288, take *antilog* to get $5346 + 10 = 5.356 \times 10^4$
- **HP-21 Calculator** — set display to 4 decimal places
- $89.7 \log = 1.9528$ and $597 \log = 2.7760$
- $+$ displays 4.7288
- $10 \text{ ENTER}, x \Rightarrow y$ and y^x displays 53550.9000
- **Casio fx-85GT PLUS**
- $\log 89.7) = 1.952792443 + \log 597) = 2.775974331 =$
- $4.728766774 \text{ Ans} + 10^x$ gives 53550.9

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9 Logic and Truth Tables

9.1 Boolean Expressions and Truth Tables

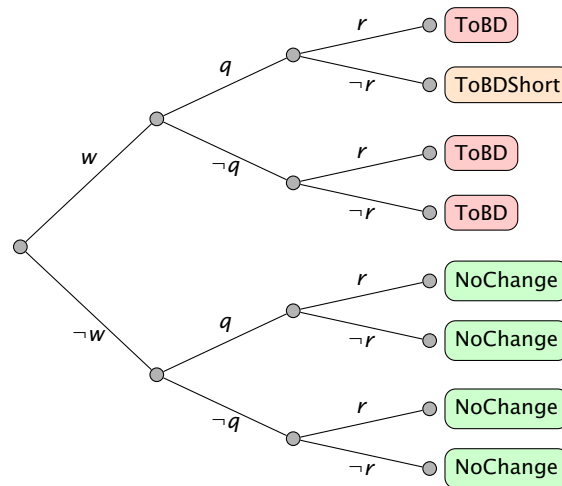
Traffic Lights Example

- Consider traffic light at the intersection of roads *AC* and *BD* with the following rules for the *AC* controller
- Vehicles should not wait on red on *BD* for too long.
- If there is a long queue on *AC* then *BD* is only given a green for a short interval.
- If both queues are long the usual flow times are used.
- We use the following propositions:
 - *w* Vehicles have been waiting on red on *BD* for too long
 - *q* Queue on *AC* is too long
 - *r* Queue on *BD* is too long
- Given the following events:
 - *ToBD* Change flow to *BD*

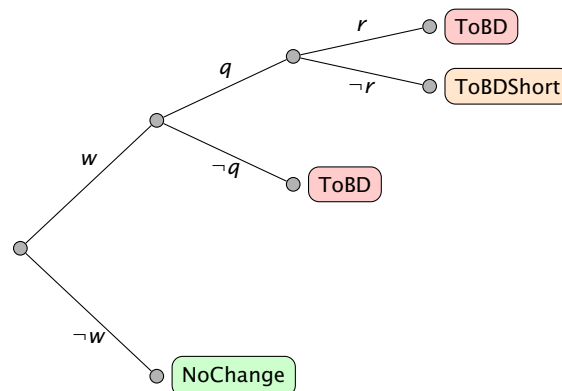
- **ToBDShort** Change flow to *BD* for short time
- **NoChange** No Change to lights
- Express above as truth table, outcome tree, boolean expression
- **Traffic Lights outcome table**

<i>w</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>r</i>	Event
T	T	T	ToBD
T	T	F	ToBDShort
T	F	T	ToBD
T	F	F	ToBD
F	T	T	NoChange
F	T	F	NoChange
F	F	T	NoChange
F	F	F	NoChange

- **Traffic lights outcome tree**



- **Traffic lights outcome tree simplified**



- **Traffic Lights code 01**

- See [M269TutorialProgPythonADT01.py](#)

```

3 def trafficLights01(w,q,r) :
4     """
5     Input 3 Booleans
6     Return Event string
7     """
8     if w :
```

```

9  if q :
10     if r :
11         evnt = "ToBD"
12     else :
13         evnt = "ToBDShort"
14     else :
15         evnt = "ToBD"
16 else :
17     evnt = "NoChange"
18 return evnt

```

• Traffic Lights test code 01

```

22 trafficLights01Evnts = [(w,q,r), trafficLights01(w,q,r))
23                         for w in [True,False]
24                         for q in [True,False]
25                         for r in [True,False]]
26
27 assert trafficLights01Evnts \
28 == [((True, True, True), 'ToBD')
29      ,((True, True, False), 'ToBDShort')
30      ,((True, False, True), 'ToBD')
31      ,((True, False, False), 'ToBD')
32      ,((False, True, True), 'NoChange')
33      ,((False, True, False), 'NoChange')
34      ,((False, False, True), 'NoChange')
35      ,((False, False, False), 'NoChange')]

```

• Traffic Lights code 02 compound Boolean conditions

```

37 def trafficLights02(w,q,r) :
38     """
39     Input 3 Booleans
40     Return Event string
41     """
42     if ((w and q and r) or (w and not q)) :
43         evnt = "ToBD"
44     elif (w and q and not r) :
45         evnt = "ToBDShort"
46     else :
47         evnt = "NoChange"
48     return evnt

```

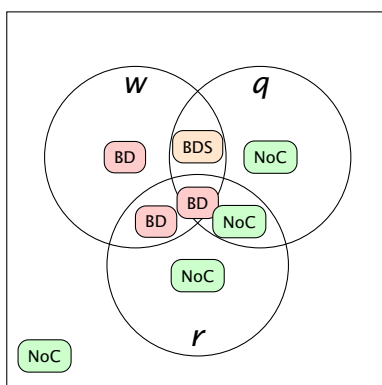
• What objectives do we have for our code ?

• Traffic Lights test code 02

```

52 trafficLights02Evnts = [(w,q,r), trafficLights02(w,q,r))
53                         for w in [True,False]
54                         for q in [True,False]
55                         for r in [True,False]]
56
57 assert trafficLights02Evnts == trafficLights01Evnts

```



• Traffic Lights Venn diagram

- OK using a fill colour would look better but didn't have the time to hack the package

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9.2 Conditional Expressions and Validity

- **Validity** of Boolean expressions
- **Complete** every outcome returns an event (or error message, raises an exception)
- **Consistent** — we do not want two nested **if** statements or expressions resulting in different events
- We check this by ensuring that the events form a disjoint partition of the set of outcomes — see the Venn diagram
- We would quite like the programming language processor to warn us otherwise — not always possible

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9.3 Boolean Expressions Exercise

Rail Ticket Exercise

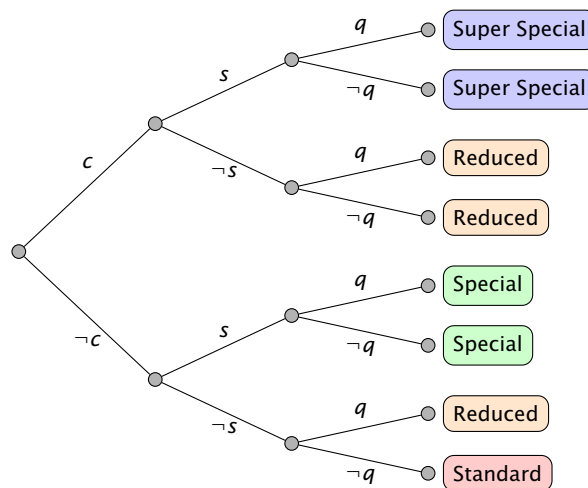
- Rail ticket discounts for:
 - c Rail card
 - q Off-peak time
 - s Special offer
- 4 fares: Standard, Reduced, Special, Super Special
- Rules:
 1. Reduced fare if rail card or at off-peak time
 2. Without rail card no reduction for both special offer and off-peak.
 3. Rail card always has reduced fare but cannot get off-peak discount as well.
 4. Rail card gets super special discount for journey with special offer
- Draw up truth table, outcome tree, Venn diagram and conditional statement (or expression) for this
- Rail ticket outcome table

c	q	s	Event
T	T	T	Super Special
T	T	F	Reduced
T	F	T	Super Special
T	F	F	Reduced
F	T	T	Special
F	T	F	Reduced
F	F	T	Special
F	F	F	Standard

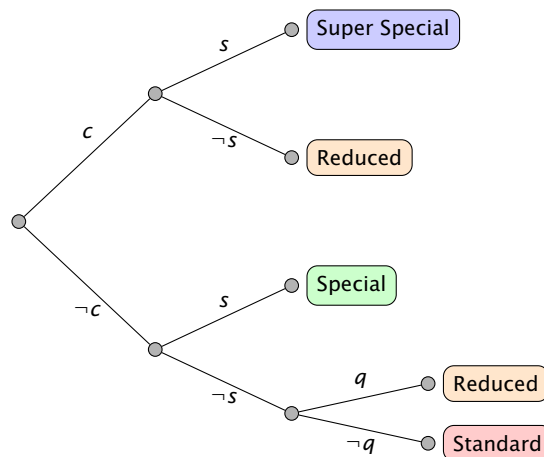
- Rail ticket outcome table
- Note that it may be more convenient to change columns

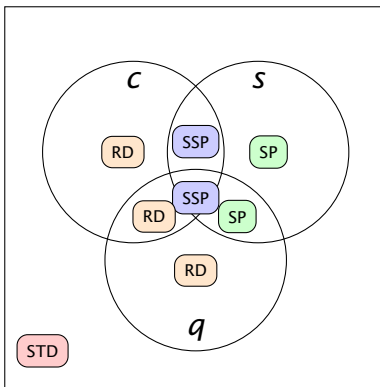
c	s	q	Event
T	T	T	Super Special
T	T	F	Super Special
T	F	T	Reduced
T	F	F	Reduced
F	T	T	Special
F	T	F	Special
F	F	T	Reduced
F	F	F	Standard

- Real fares are a little more complex — see brfares.com
- Rail Ticket outcome tree



- Rail Ticket outcome tree simplified





- Rail Ticket Venn diagram

- Rail Ticket code 01

```

61 def railTicket01(c,s,q) :
62     """
63     Input 3 Booleans
64     Return Event string
65     """
66     if c :
67         if s :
68             evnt = "SSP"
69         else :
70             evnt = "RD"
71     else :
72         if s :
73             evnt = "SP"
74         else :
75             if q :
76                 evnt = "RD"
77             else :
78                 evnt = "STD"
79     return evnt

```

- Rail Ticket test code 01

```

83 railTicket01Evnts = [((c,s,q), railTicket01(c,s,q))
84                       for c in [True,False]
85                       for s in [True,False]
86                       for q in [True,False]]
87
88 assert railTicket01Evnts \
89 == [((True, True, True), 'SSP')
90      ,((True, True, False), 'SSP')
91      ,((True, False, True), 'RD')
92      ,((True, False, False), 'RD')
93      ,((False, True, True), 'SP')
94      ,((False, True, False), 'SP')
95      ,((False, False, True), 'RD')
96      ,((False, False, False), 'STD')]

```

- Rail Ticket code 02 compound Boolean expressions

```

98 def railTicket02(c,s,q) :
99     """
100     Input 3 Booleans
101     Return Event string
102     """
103     if (c and s) :
104         evnt = "SSP"
105     elif ((c and not s) or (not c and not s and q)) :
106         evnt = "RD"
107     elif (not c and s) :
108         evnt = "SP"
109     else :
110         evnt = "STD"
111     return evnt

```

• Rail Ticket test code 02

```

115 railTicket02Evnts = [((c,s,q), railTicket02(c,s,q))
116                       for c in [True,False]
117                       for s in [True,False]
118                       for q in [True,False]]
120 assert railTicket02Evnts == railTicket01Evnts

```

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9.4 Propositional Calculus

- Unit 2 section 3.2 *A taste of formal logic* introduces [Propositional calculus](#)
- A language for calculating about Booleans — *truth values*
- Gives operators (connectives) [conjunction \(\$\wedge\$ \) AND](#), [disjunction \(\$\vee\$ \) OR](#), [negation \(\$\neg\$ \) NOT](#), [implication \(\$\Rightarrow\$ \) IF](#)
- There are 16 possible functions $(\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B}) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ — see below — defined by their truth tables
- **Discussion** Did you find the truth table for implication weird or surprising?
- **Implication** has a **negative** definition — we accept its truth unless we have contrary evidence
- $T \Rightarrow T == T$ and $T \Rightarrow F == F$
- Hence 4 possibilities for truth table

		$\uparrow$		$\updownarrow$	
p	q	p	q	p	q
T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	F

- $(\Rightarrow)$ must have the entry shown — the others are taken
- Do not think of p *causing* q
- **Functionally complete** set of connectives is one which can be used to express all possible connectives
- $p \Rightarrow q \equiv \neg p \vee q$ so we could just use $\{\neg, \wedge, \vee\}$
- **Boolean programming** — we have to have a functionally complete set but choose more to make the programming easier
- *Expressiveness* is an issue in programming language design
- **NAND** $p \overline{\wedge} q$, $p \uparrow q$, Sheffer stroke
- **NOR** $p \overline{\vee} q$, $p \downarrow q$, Pierce's arrow
- See truth tables below — both $\{\uparrow\}, \{\downarrow\}$ are functionally complete
- **Exercise** verify

- $\neg p \equiv p \uparrow p$
- $p \wedge q \equiv \neg(p \uparrow q) = (p \uparrow q) \uparrow (p \uparrow q)$
- $p \vee q \equiv (p \uparrow p) \uparrow (q \uparrow q)$
- $\neg p \equiv p \downarrow p$
- $p \wedge q \equiv (p \downarrow p) \downarrow (q \downarrow q)$
- $p \vee q \equiv \neg(p \downarrow q) = (p \downarrow q) \downarrow (p \downarrow q)$

- Not a novelty — the [Apollo Guidance Computer](#) was implemented in [NOR](#) gates alone.

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9.5 Truth Function

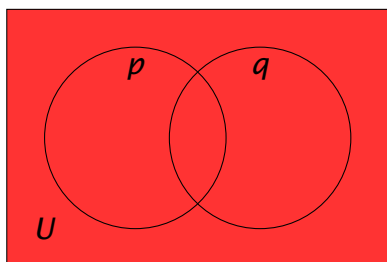
- The following appendix notes illustrate the 16 binary functions of two Boolean variables
- See [Truth function](#)
- See [Functional completeness](#)
- See [Sheffer stroke](#)
- See [Logical NOR](#)

Table of Binary Truth Functions

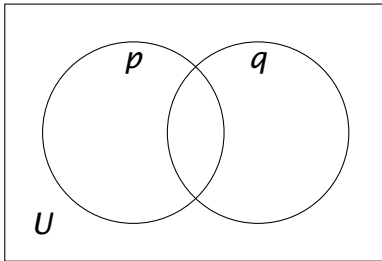
p	q	$\top$	$p \vee q$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$	p	$p \Uparrow q$	q	$p \Leftrightarrow q$	$p \wedge q$
T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	T	F	T	F	F	F	F
F	T	T	T	F	F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	F	F	F	T	F

p	q	$\perp$	$p \vee q$	$p \Leftrightarrow q$	$\neg p$	$p \neq q$	$\neg q$	$p \neq q$	$p \wedge q$
T	T	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
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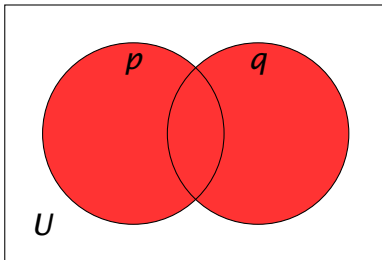
- **Tautology** True, $\top$, *Top*



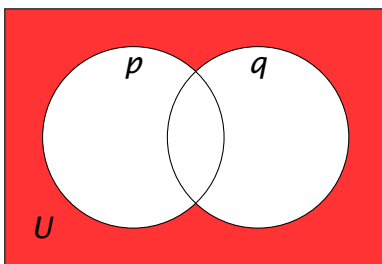
- **Contradiction** False, $\perp$, *Bottom*



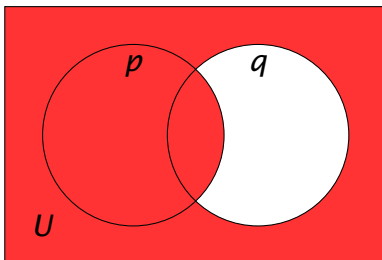
- **Disjunction** OR, $p \vee q$



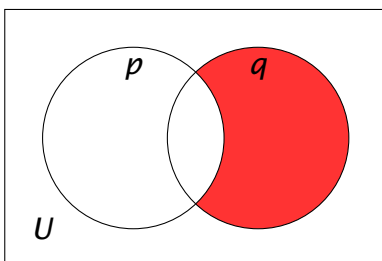
- **Joint Denial** NOR, $p \overline{\vee} q$, $p \downarrow q$, *Pierce's arrow*



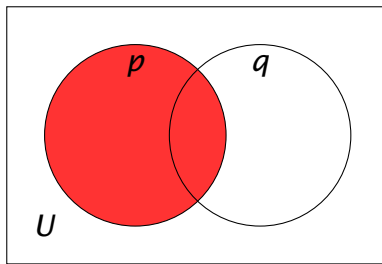
- **Converse Implication** $p \Leftarrow q$



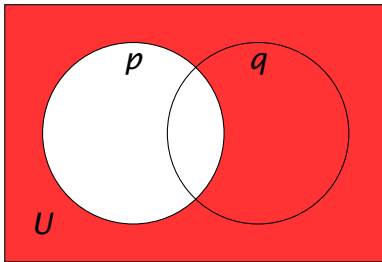
- **Converse Nonimplication** $p \nLeftarrow q$



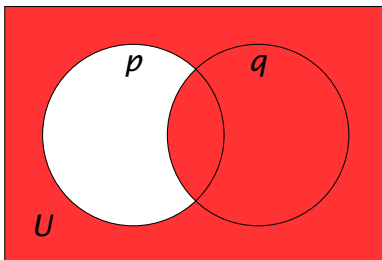
- **Proposition** p



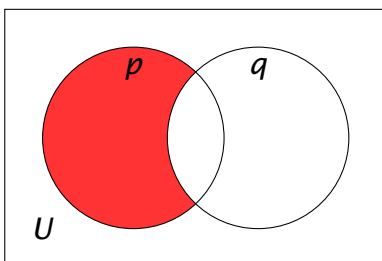
- Negation of p



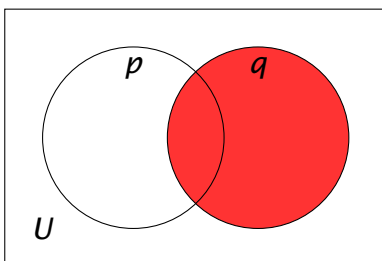
- Material Implication $p \Rightarrow q$



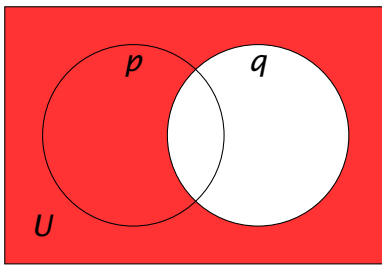
- Material Nonimplication $p \nRightarrow q$



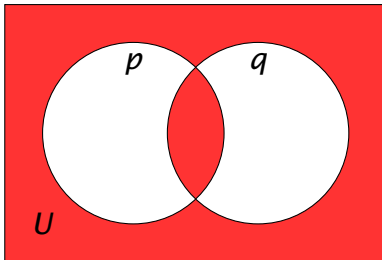
- Proposition q



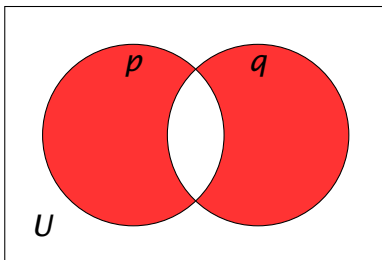
- Negation of q $\neg q$



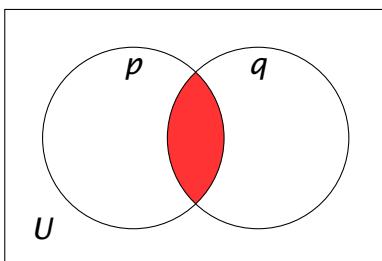
- **Biconditional** If and only if, IFF, $p \Leftrightarrow q$



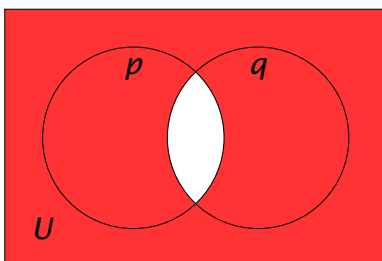
- **Exclusive disjunction** XOR, $p \oplus q$



- **Conjunction** AND, $p \wedge q$



- **Alternative denial** NAND, $p \bar{\wedge} q$, $p \uparrow q$, *Sheffer stroke*



10 Abstract Data Types

10.1 Abstract Data Types — Overview

- **Abstract data type** is a type with associated operations, but whose representation

is hidden (or not accessible)

- Common examples in most programming languages are Integer and Characters and other built in types such as tuples and lists
- [Abstract data types](#) are modeled on [Algebraic structures](#)
 - A set of values
 - Collection of operations on the values
 - Axioms for the operations may be specified as equations or pre and post conditions
- **Health Warning** different languages provide different ways of doing data abstraction with similar names that may mean subtly different things
- **Abstract Data Types and Object-Oriented Programming**
- Example: [Shape](#) with [Circles](#), [Squares](#), ... and operations [draw](#), [moveTo](#), ...
- ADT approach centres on the data type — that tells you what shapes exist
- For each operation on shapes, you describe what they do for different shapes.
- OO you declare that to be a shape, you have to have some operations ([draw](#), [moveTo](#))
- For each kind of shape you provide an implementation of the operations
- OO easier to answer *What is a circle?* and add new shapes
- ADT easier to answer *How do you draw a shape?* and add new operations
- **Health Warning and Optional Material** Discussions about the merits of [Functional programming](#) and [Object-oriented programming](#) tend to look like the disputes between [Lilliput](#) and [Blefuscu](#)
- [Abstract data type](#) article contrasts ADT and OO as algebra compared to co-algebra
- [What does coalgebra mean in the context of programming?](#) is a fairly technical but accessible article.
- [What does the forall keyword in Haskell do?](#) — is an accessible article on *Existential Quantification*
- [Bart Jacobs Coalgebra](#)
- [nLab Coalgebra](#)
- Beware the distinction between *concepts* and *features* in programming languages — see [OOP Disaster](#)
- **Not for this session** — this slide is here just in case

Further Links on ADT/OOP

- [Object Oriented Programming in Haskell](#) (15 October 2018)
- [Object-Oriented Haskell](#) (15 October 2018)

```
1 data Shape
2   = Circle Point Radius
3   | Square Point Size
```

```

5 draw :: Shape -> Pict
6 draw (Circle p r) = drawCircle p r
7 draw (Square p s) = drawRectangle p s s

9 moveTo :: Point -> Shape -> Shape
10 moveTo p2 (Circle p1 r) = Circle p2 r
11 moveTo p2 (Square p1 s) = Square p2 s

13 shapes :: [Shape]
14 shapes = [Circle (0,0) 1, Square (1,1) 2]

16 shapes01 :: [Shape]
17 shapes01 = map (moveTo (2,2)) shapes

```

- Example based on Lennart Augustsson email of 23 June 2005 on Haskell list

```

1 class IsShape shape where
2   draw :: shape -> Pict
3   moveTo :: Point -> shape -> shape

5 data Shape = forall aTVar . (IsShape aTVar) => Shape aTVar

7 data Circle = Circle Point Radius
8 instance IsShape Circle where
9   draw (Circle p r) = drawCircle p r
10  moveTo p2 (Circle p1 r) = Circle p2 r

12 data Square = Square Point Size
13 instance IsShape Square where
14   draw (Square p s) = drawRectangle p s s
15   moveTo p2 (Square p1 s) = Square p2 s

17 shapes :: [Shape]
18 shapes = [Shape (Circle (0,0) 10), Shape (Square (1,1) 2)]

20 shapes01 :: [Shape]
21 shapes01 = map (moveShapeTo (2,2)) shapes
22           where
23             moveShapeTo p (Shape s) = Shape (moveTo p s)

```

10.1.1 Haskell Code — Commentary

- The following is a *very* brief commentary on the Haskell code

```

1 data Shape
2   = Circle Point Radius
3   | Square Point Size

```

- **data** defines an **algebraic datatype** with two constructors (**Circle**, **Square**) which each take two arguments of types assumed to be defined elsewhere (*Point*, *Radius*, *Size*)

```

5 draw :: Shape -> Pict
6 draw (Circle p r) = drawCircle p r
7 draw (Square p s) = drawRectangle p s s

9 moveTo :: Point -> Shape -> Shape
10 moveTo p2 (Circle p1 r) = Circle p2 r
11 moveTo p2 (Square p1 s) = Square p2 s

```

- The lines starting **draw** :: and **moveTo** :: are *type signatures* which specify types for the functions **draw** and **moveTo**
- In each case the next couple of lines define the function
- Note that function and constructor application is denoted by juxtaposition, is left associative and is more binding than (almost) anything else

- $(f \ x \ y)$ means $((f \ x) \ y)$

```
1 class IsShape shape where
2   draw :: shape -> Pict
3   moveTo :: Point -> shape -> shape
```

- The above declares the type class **IsShape** which includes the type signatures of the functions which must be defined in any instance declaration

```
8 instance IsShape Circle where
9   draw (Circle p r) = drawCircle p r
10  moveTo p2 (Circle p1 r) = Circle p2 r
```

- The above is an instance declaration for the type **Circle** to be a member of the type class **IsShape**

```
5 data Shape = forall aTVar . (IsShape aTVar) => Shape aTVar
```

- The above declares **Shape** to have the constructor **Shape** which takes a type variable **aTVar** which is a member of the type class **IsShape**
- See [What does the forall keyword do ?](#)
- Understanding **forall** requires some knowledge of [first-order logic](#) so initially may appear a bit subtle.
- Norman Ramsey in the above StackOverflow article recommends [Launchbury and Peyton Jones \(1994\) Lazy Functional State Threads](#)
- Also see [HaskellWiki: Existential type](#)
- Note that in Haskell reserved words and variable names (including functions) and type variables start with a lower case letter while names for particular values or types start with an upper case letter (with a few exceptions)

- **Default: Language Main Constructs**

data map class where forall instance (Haskell)

- **Language Builtin other**

upper find count (Python)

- **User Defined**

Shape Circle Square IsShape draw moveTo (Haskell)

- **Meta**

decls, decl1, decl2, declK, expr, alts

- **Special**

GHCi> (Haskell GHCi)

- **Meta Builtin**

shape aTVar type variables (Haskell)

- **Meta User Defined**

Pict Point Radius drawCircle drawRectangle Haskell

The Expression Problem

- The *Expression Problem* describes a dual problem that neither Object Oriented Programming nor Functional Programming fully addresses.
- If you want to add a new thing, Object Oriented Programming makes it easy (since you can simply create a new class) but Functional Programming makes it harder (since you have to edit every function that accepts a thing of that type)
- If you want to add a new function, Functional Programming makes it easy (simply add a new function) while Object Oriented Programming makes it harder (since you have to edit every class to add the function)
- [Wikipedia: Expression problem](#)
- [Bendersky: The Expression Problem](#) and [More thoughts](#)
- [C2 Wiki: Expression Problem](#)
- [What is the 'expression problem'?](#)
- [Philip Wadler: The Expression Problem](#)
- [Debidda: Expression Problem](#)

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10.2 Abstract Data Type — Queue

- [Queue Abstract Data Type](#) — operations
- [makeEmptyQ](#) returns empty queue
- [isEmptyQ](#) takes queue, returns Boolean
- [addToQ](#) takes queue, item, returns queue with item added at back
- [headOfQ](#) takes queue, returns item at front
- [tailOfQ](#) takes queue, returns queue without front item
- Other operations
- [removeFrontQ](#) takes queue, returns pair of item on the front and queue with item removed
- [sizeQ](#) to save calculating it
- [isFullQ](#) for a bounded queue
- **Pre, Post Conditions, Axioms** should be **complete**
- They define all permissible inputs to the functions (or methods)
- They define the outcome of all applications of the functions
- Composition of the functions constructs all possible members of the ADT set
- **Pre-conditions, Post-conditions, Axioms**
- [makeEmptyQ\(\)](#)
- [Pre True](#)

- **Post** Return value `q` is an empty queue
- **Axiom** `makeEmptyQ() == EmptyQ`
- `isEmptyQ()`
- **Pre** `True`
- **Post** Returns `True` if `q` is empty, otherwise `False`
- **Axiom** `isEmptyQ(makeEmptyQ()) == True`
- `isEmptyQ(addToQ(q,x)) == False`
- **Exercise** complete this for the other operations
- **Pre-conditions, Post-conditions, Axioms**
- `addToQ()`
- **Pre** `True`
- **Post** Returns queue with `x` at back, front part is input queue
- `headOfQ()`
- **Pre** Argument `q` is non-empty
- **Post** Return value is item at the front (queue is unchanged)
- **Axioms** `headOfQ(makeEmptyQ()) == error`
- `headOfQ(addToQ(makeEmptyQ(),x)) == x`
- `headOfQ(addToQ(q,x)) == headOfQ(q)`
- **Pre-conditions, Post-conditions, Axioms**
- `tailOfQ()`
- **Pre** `True`
- **Post** Returns queue without first item
- **Axioms** `tailOfQ(makeEmptyQ()) == error`
- `tailOfQ(addToQ(makeEmptyQ(),x)) == EmptyQ`
- `tailOfQ(addToQ(q,x)) == addToQ(tailOfQ(q),x)`
- **Queue Implementation**
- **Using Lists as Queues** section 5.1.2 of the *Tutorial*
- **Quote:** It is also possible to use a list as a queue, where the first element added is the first element retrieved (first-in, first-out); however, lists are not efficient for this purpose. While appends and pops from the end of list are fast, doing inserts or pops from the beginning of a list is slow (because all of the other elements have to be shifted by one).
- Could use `collections.deque` but we will use a pair of lists — See (Okasaki, 1998, page 42)
- **Queue Implementation 1**
- Using a `namedtuple()`
- A factory function for creating tuple subclasses with named fields

```

5 from collections import namedtuple
7 Qp1 = namedtuple('Qp1', ['frs', 'rbks'])

```

- Queue Implementation 1 main operations

```

9 def makeEmptyQp1():
10     return Qp1([], [])
12 def isEmptyQp1(q):
13     return q.frs == []
15 def addToQp1(q, x):
16     return checkQp1(q.frs, [x] + q.rbks[:])
18 def headOfQp1(q):
19     if q.frs == [] :
20         RuntimeError("headOfQp1_applied_to_empty_queue")
21     else:
22         return q.frs[0]
24 def tailOfQp1(q):
25     if q.frs == [] :
26         RuntimeError("tailOfQp1_applied_to_empty_queue")
27     else:
28         return checkQp1(q.frs[1:], q.rbks[:])

```

- Queue Implementation 1 `checkQp1()`

```

30 def checkQp1(frs, rbks):
31     if frs == [] :
32         bks = rbks[:]
33         bks.reverse()
34         return Qp1(bks, [])
35     else :
36         return Qp1(frs, rbks)

```

- Note copying of arguments — see below for reason
- Note also in `stringQp1Items` below at line 47 on page 62
- `implicit line joining` using `()` (why is this needed ??)
- Note use of recursion

Python Argument Passing

- Functions, Immutable and Mutable Arguments
- Immutable arguments are passed by value
- Mutable arguments are passed by reference
- Immutable: numbers, strings, tuples
- Mutable: Lists, dictionaries, sets, and most objects in user classes

```

>>> def changer (a,b) :
...     a = 2
...     b[0] = 'spam'
...
>>> n = 1
>>> xs = [1,2]
>>> changer(n, xs)
>>> (n,xs)
(1, ['spam', 2])

```

- Queue Implementation 1 conversion operations

```

38 def stringQp1(q) :
39     return ("<" + stringQp1Items(q) + ">")
41
42 def stringQp1Items(q) :
43     if isEmptyQp1(q) :
44         return ""
45     elif isEmptyQp1(tailOfQp1(q)) :
46         return str(headOfQp1(q))
47     else :
48         return ( str(headOfQp1(q))
49                 + ",_" + stringQp1Items(tailOfQp1(q)) )
50
51 def buildQp1(xs,q) :
52     if xs == [] :
53         return q
54     else :
55         return buildQp1(xs[1:],addToQp1(q,xs[0]))
56
57 def listToQp1(xs) :
58     return buildQp1(xs, makeEmptyQp1())

```

• Queue Implementation 1 test code

```

61 q11 = listToQp1([1,2,3,1])
62
63 q12 = tailOfQp1(q11)
64
65 assert q11 == Qp1(frs=[1], rbks=[1, 3, 2])
66
67 assert stringQp1(q11) == '<1,_,3,_,1>'
68
69 assert q12 == Qp1(frs=[2, 3, 1], rbks=[])
70
71 assert stringQp1(q12) == '<2,_,3,_,1>'

```

• Queue Implementation 2

- Modify to add **size**
- Store in tuple to save calculating each time

```

75 Qp2 = namedtuple('Qp2', ['frs', 'rbks', 'sz'])

```

• Exercise Add **size()** operation and other modifications

• Queue Implementation 2 main operations

```

77 def makeEmptyQp2():
78     return Qp2([], [], 0)
79
80 def isEmptyQp2(q):
81     return q.frs == []
82
83 def addToQp2(q,x):
84     return checkQp2(q.frs, [x] + q.rbks[:], q.sz + 1)
85
86 def headOfQp2(q):
87     if q.frs == [] :
88         RuntimeError("headOfQp2_applied_to_empty_queue")
89     else:
90         return q.frs[0]
91
92 def tailOfQp2(q):
93     if q.frs == [] :
94         RuntimeError("tailOfQp2_applied_to_empty_queue")
95     else:
96         return checkQp2(q.frs[1:], q.rbks[:], q.sz - 1)

```

• Queue Implementation 2 **sizeQp2()**, **checkOp1()**

```

98 def sizeOfQp2(q) :
99     return q.sz

101 def checkQp2(frs, rbks, sz):
102     if frs == [] :
103         bks = rbks[:]
104         bks.reverse()
105         return Qp2(bks, [], sz)
106     else :
107         return Qp2(frs, rbks, sz)

```

- Note also in `stringQp2Items` below at line 118 on page 63
- `implicit line joining` using `()` (why is this needed ??)
- Note use of recursion
- **Queue Implementation 2** conversion operations

```

109 def stringQp2(q) :
110     return "<" + stringQp2Items(q) + ">"

112 def stringQp2Items(q) :
113     if isEmptyQp2(q) :
114         return ""
115     elif isEmptyQp2(tailOfQp2(q)) :
116         return str(headOfQp2(q))
117     else :
118         return ( str(headOfQp2(q))
119                 + ",_" + stringQp2Items(tailOfQp2(q)) )

121 def buildQp2(xs,q) :
122     if xs == [] :
123         return q
124     else :
125         return buildQp2(xs[1:],addToQp2(q,xs[0]))

127 def listToQp2(xs) :
128     return buildQp2(xs, makeEmptyQp2())

```

- **Queue Implementation 2** test code

```

132 q21 = listToQp2([1,2,3,1])
134 q22 = tailOfQp2(q21)
136 assert q21 == Qp2(frs=[1], rbks=[1, 3, 2], sz=4)
138 assert stringQp2(q21) == '<1,_2,_3,_1>'
140 assert q22 == Qp2(frs=[2, 3, 1], rbks=[], sz=3)
142 assert stringQp2(q22) == '<2,_3,_1>'

```

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10.3 ADT Lists in Lists

- Lists implemented naively as linked lists have some operations that take constant time and some that are linear in the length of the list
- Adding an element to the front of a list takes constant time while adding an element to the rear takes linear time
- This section reimplements lists using a pair of lists that overcomes this asymmetry in efficiency giving constant time for all operations.

- The basic idea is quite simple: break the list in two and reverse the second half
- This means that the last element is the first element of the second list
- A problem arises when one attempts to remove an element — in some cases the list has to be reorganised into two halves
- The criteria for reorganising gives the clue in how to write the code
- This implementation is based on [Bird and Gibbons \(2020, chp 3\)](#)
- The idea is attributed to [Gries \(1981, page 250\)](#) and [Hood and Melville \(1980\)](#)
- See also [Hoogerwoord \(1992\)](#)
- We give the code in Python from [SymmetricLists.py](#) with Haskell type specifications and declarations given as comments
- Here is the type alias declaration as a comment along with [fromSL](#) which converts back from symmetric lists to standard lists — this is known as the *abstraction function*

```

12 # type SymList a = ([a],[a])
14 # Abstraction function
16 # fromSL :: SymList a -> [a]
18 def fromSL (pr) :
19     xs = pr[0]
20     ys = pr[1]
21     return xs + reverseF (ys)
23 def reverseF (xs) :
24     ys = xs[:]
25     ys.reverse()
26     return ys

```

- The [abstraction function](#) captures the relationship between the implementation of an operation on the representing type and its abstract type with an equation
- The *Eureka* bit of the implementation is spotting the *representation invariant* that our definitions both exploit and maintain

```

28 # repInvSL :: SymList a -> Bool
30 def repInvSL (pr) :
31     xs = pr[0]
32     ys = pr[1]
33     xsTest = ((not isEmpty (xs))
34              or (isEmpty (ys) or singleton (ys)))
35     ysTest = ((not isEmpty (ys))
36              or (isEmpty (xs) or singleton (xs)))
37     return (xsTest and ysTest)

```

- This says if one list is empty then the other must be either empty or a singleton
- This tells us when we need to reorganise the lists
- Here are the service operations for empty lists and singletons

```

39 # isEmpty :: [a] -> Bool
41 def isEmpty (xs) :
42     return (xs == [])
44 # isEmptySL :: SymList a -> Bool
46 def isEmptySL (pr) :

```

```

47  xs = pr[0]
48  ys = pr[1]
49  return (isEmpty (xs) and isEmpty (ys))

51  def makeEmptySL() :
52  return ([],[])

54  # singleton :: [a] -> Bool

56  def singleton (xs) :
57  return (len(xs) == 1)

59  # singletonSL :: SymList a -> Bool

61  def singletonSL (pr) :
62  xs = pr[0]
63  ys = pr[1]
64  return ((isEmpty (xs) and singleton (ys))
65          or (isEmpty (ys) and singleton (xs)))

```

- Constructor operations
- Both of these definitions make use of the representation invariant

```

67  # Constructor functions

69  # consSL :: a -> SymList a -> SymList a

71  def consSL (x, pr) :
72  xs = pr[0]
73  ys = pr[1]
74  if isEmpty (ys) :
75  return ([x],xs)
76  else :
77  return ([x] + xs, ys)

79  # snocSL :: a -> SymList a -> SymList a

81  def snocSL (x, pr) :
82  xs = pr[0]
83  ys = pr[1]
84  if isEmpty (xs) :
85  return (ys,[x])
86  else :
87  return (xs, [x] + ys)

```

- Inspectors

```

91  # headSL :: SymList a -> a

93  def headSL (pr) :
94  xs = pr[0]
95  ys = pr[1]
96  if isEmpty (xs) :
97  if isEmpty (ys) :
98  raise RuntimeError("headSL_([],[])")
99  else :
100  return ys[0]
101  else :
102  return xs[0]

104  # lastSL :: SymList a -> a

106  def lastSL (pr) :
107  xs = pr[0]
108  ys = pr[1]
109  if isEmpty (ys) :
110  if isEmpty (xs) :
111  raise RuntimeError("tailSL_([],[])")
112  else :
113  return xs[0]
114  else :
115  return ys[0]

```

- `tailSL`
- Notice how the representation invariant is maintained

```

118 # tailSL :: SymList a -> SymList a
120 def tailSL (pr) :
121     xs = pr[0]
122     ys = pr[1]
123     if isEmpty (xs) :
124         if isEmpty (ys):
125             raise RuntimeError("tailSL_([],[])")
126         else:
127             return ([],[])
128     elif singleton (xs) :
129         splitPt = len(ys) // 2
130         (us,vs) = (ys[:splitPt],ys[splitPt:])
131         return (reverseF (vs), us)
132     else :
133         return (xs[1:],ys)

```

- `initSL`

```

135 # initSL :: SymList a -> SymList a
137 def initSL (pr) :
138     xs = pr[0]
139     ys = pr[1]
140     if isEmpty (ys) :
141         if isEmpty (xs):
142             raise RuntimeError("initSL_([],[])")
143         else:
144             return ([],[])
145     elif singleton (ys) :
146         splitPt = len(xs) // 2
147         (us,vs) = (xs[:splitPt],xs[splitPt:])
148         return (us, reverseF (vs))
149     else :
150         return (xs,ys[1:])

```

- The implementations are designed to satisfy the six equations:
- The equations are expressed here in Haskell notation

```

1  # -- The implementation satisfies the following
2  # --
3  # -- (cons x . fromSL) ps == (fromSL . consSL x) ps
4  # -- (snoc x . fromSL) ps == (fromSL . snocSL x) ps
5  # -- (tail . fromSL) ps == (fromSL . tailSL) ps
6  # -- (init . fromSL) ps == (fromSL . initSL) ps
7  # -- (head . fromSL) ps == headSL ps
8  # -- (last . fromSL) ps == lastSL ps

```

- Each of the operations apart from `tailSL` and `initSL` take constant time
- `tailSL` and `initSL` can take linear time in the worst case but they take amortised constant time — see the references for derivation
- Note that Haskell `Data.Sequence` uses 2-3 Finger Trees for better performance
- Ex (1) Write down all the ways "abcd" can be represented as a symmetric list.
Give examples to show how each of these representations can be generated.
- Ex (2) Define `lengthSL`
- Ex (3) Implement `dropWhileSL` so that

```
# dropWhile . fromSL = fromSL . dropWhileSL
```

- **Ex (4)** Define `initsSL` with the type

```
# initsSL :: SymList a -> SymList (SymList a)
```

Write down the equation which expresses the relationship between `fromSL`, `initsSL`, and `inits`.

- Note Exs (3) and (4) use Python beyond M269
- **Ans (1)** There are three ways:

```
("a", "dcb"), ("ab", "dc"), ("abc", "d")
```

```
Python3>>> prs1 = consSL('a', ([], []))
Python3>>> prs1
(['a'], [])
Python3>>> prs2 = snocSL('b', prs1)
Python3>>> prs2
(['a'], ['b'])
Python3>>> prs3 = snocSL('c', prs2)
Python3>>> prs3
(['a'], ['c', 'b'])
Python3>>> prs4 = snocSL('d', prs3)
Python3>>> prs4
(['a'], ['d', 'c', 'b'])

Python3>>> prs1a = snocSL('a', ([], []))
Python3>>> prs1a
([], ['a'])
Python3>>> prs2a = snocSL('b', prs1a)
Python3>>> prs2a
(['a'], ['b'])
```

- **Ans (1)** There are three ways:

```
("a", "dcb"), ("ab", "dc"), ("abc", "d")
```

```
Python3>>> prs1 = consSL('d', ([], []))
Python3>>> prs1
(['d'], [])
Python3>>> prs2 = consSL('c', prs1)
Python3>>> prs2
(['c'], ['d'])
Python3>>> prs3 = consSL('b', prs2)
Python3>>> prs3
(['b', 'c'], ['d'])
Python3>>> prs4 = consSL('a', prs3)
Python3>>> prs4
(['a', 'b', 'c'], ['d'])
```

- Functional programmers will spot that the first is an instance of a `foldl` while the third is an instance of a `foldr`
- **Ans (2)** Define `lengthSL`

```
# lengthSL :: SymList -> Int

def lengthSL (pr) :
    xs = pr[0]
    ys = pr[1]
    return len(xs) + len(ys)
```

- Note that we have made `lengthSL` a function in the SymmetricList ADT that has access to the underlying implementation
- We could have done that without giving it access but that would have a cost
- Since `lengthSL` is used a lot we give it access

- **Ans (3)** Implement `dropWhileSL`

```
def dropWhileSL(pred, xs) :
    if isEmptySL(xs) :
        return makeEmptySL
    elif pred(headSL(xs)) :
        return dropWhileSL(pred, (tailSL(xs)))
    else :
        return xs
```

- Note `pred` is a function object, defining a function that takes one argument and returns a Boolean
- `dropWhileSL` is an example of a *higher order function* — a function that can take or receive a function as an argument

- **Ans (3)** Test code

```
def greaterThan5 (x) :
    return x > 5

testList3 = [25, 35, 4, 45]
testList3SL = toSL(testList3)

test3A = (testList3SL == ([25, 35], [45, 4]))
test3B = (fromSL(dropWhileSL(greaterThan5, testList3SL)) == [4, 45])
```

- **Ans (4)** Implement `initsSL(xs)`

```
def initsSL(xs) :
    if isEmptySL(xs) :
        return (snocSL(xs, makeEmptySL()))
    else :
        return (snocSL(xs, (initsSL(initSL(xs)))))
```

- **Ans (4)** Test code

```
test4inits = initsSL(testList3SL)
test4initsFromSL = fromSL (test4inits)

def fromSLs(prs) :
    if prs == [] :
        return []
    else :
        return [fromSL(prs[0])] + fromSLs(prs[1:])

def displayInitsSL(xs) :
    return fromSLs(fromSL(initsSL(xs)))

test4Display = displayInitsSL(testList3SL)
```

```
Python3>>> testList3
[25, 35, 4, 45]
Python3>>> testList3SL
([25, 35], [45, 4])
Python3>>> test4Display
[[], [25], [25, 35], [25, 35, 4], [25, 35, 4, 45]]
```

- **Ans (4)** Relationship between `fromSL`, `initsSL`, and `inits`.
- In Haskell first, followed by Python
- Why that way round ? Haskell makes it more obvious what is going on

```
(inits . fromSL) prs = (map fromSL . fromSL . initsSL) prs
```

- `(.)` is the Haskell function composition operator

```
inits(fromSL(prs)) = map(fromSL, fromSL(initsSL(prs)))
```

- `map` in Python does (roughly) the same as Haskell `map`
- However, in Python `map` returns an `iterator`, which represents a stream of data
- This means we need some extra code to print the result — maybe using the type constructor `list(iterable)`
or the alternative `fromSLs` and `displayInitsSL`
- **Ans (4)** Using a list comprehension instead of an explicit `map`

```
def displayInitsSL01(symList) :  
    return [fromSL(pr) for pr in fromSL(initsSL(symList))]
```

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11 Future Work

Programming, Debugging, Psychology

Although programming techniques have improved immensely since the early days, the process of finding and correcting errors in programming — known graphically if inelegantly as *debugging* — still remains a most difficult, confused and unsatisfactory operation. The chief impact of this state of affairs is psychological. Although we are happy to pay lip-service to the adage that to err is human, most of us like to make a small private reservation about our own performance on special occasions when we really try. It is somewhat deflating to be shown publicly and incontrovertibly by a machine that even when we do try, we in fact make just as many mistakes as other people. If your pride cannot recover from this blow, you will never make a programmer.

Christopher Strachey, Scientific American 1966 vol 215 (3) September pp112-124

- To err is human, to really foul things up requires a computer.
- Attributed to [Paul R. Ehrlich](#) in [101 Great Programming Quotes](#)
- Attributed to [Bill Vaughn](#) in [Quote Investigator](#)
- Derived from [Alexander Pope](#) (1711, [An Essay on Criticism](#))
- *To Err is Humane; to Forgive, Divine*
- This also contains
*A little learning is a dangerous thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the [Pierian Spring](#)*
- In programming, this means you have to *read the fabulous manual* ([RTFM](#))

Sorting, Searching, Binary Trees

- Recursive function definitions
- Inductive data type definitions
 - A *list* is either an empty list or a first item followed by the rest of the list

– A *binary tree* is either an empty tree or a node with an item and two sub-trees

- Recursive definitions often easier to find than iterative
- Sorting
- Searching
- Both use binary tree structure
- TMA01 Tuesday 16 December 2025 TMA01
- Sunday 4 January 2026 Tutorial Online Sorting
- Sunday 11 January 2026 Tutorial Online Binary Trees
- Sunday 8 February 2026 Tutorial Online Binary Trees
- Sunday 8 March 2026 Tutorial Online Graphs, Greed
- TMA02 Tuesday 10 March 2026 TMA02

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12 Example Algorithm Design — Haskell

Binary Search — Haskell

- The notes following give two implementations of *Binary Search* in [Haskell](#)
- **Note: these are not part of M269 and are purely for comparison for those interested**
- The first is a direct translation of the recursive Python version
- The second is derived from http://rosettacode.org/wiki/Binary_search and is more idiomatic Haskell
- The code for both implementations is in the file [M269BinarySearch.hs](#) (which should be near the file of these slides)

12.1 Binary Search — Haskell — version 1

Binary Search — Haskell — 1 (a)

```
1 module M269BinarySearch where
3 import Data.Array
4 import Data.List
```

- A Haskell script starts with a module header which starts with the reserved identifier, `module` followed by the module name, `M269BinarySearch`
- The module name must start with an upper case letter and is the same as the file name (without its extension of `.hs` or `.lhs`)
- Haskell uses *layout* (or the *off-side rule*) to determine scope of definitions, similar to Python
- The body of the module follows the reserved identifier `where` and starts with `import` declarations

- This imports the libraries `Data.List`, `Data.Array`

Binary Search — Haskell — 1 (b)

```

6  binarySearch :: Ord a => [a] -> a -> Maybe Int
8  binarySearch xs val
9    = binarySearch01 xs val (lo,hi)
10     where
11       lo = 0
12       hi = length xs - 1

```

- Line 8 is the definition of `binarySearch`
- The preceding line, 6, is the *type signature*
- `binarySearch` takes a list and a value of type `a` (in the class `Ord` for ordering) and returns a `Maybe Int` — `a` is a *type variable*
- The `Maybe a` type is an *algebraic data type* which is the union of the *data constructors* `Nothing` and `Just a`

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

Code Description 1

- `f :: t` is a *type signature* for variable `f` that reads *f is of type t*
- `f :: t1 -> t2` means that `f` has the type of a function that takes elements of type `t1` and returns elements of type `t2`
- The *function type arrow* `->` associates to the right
 - `f :: t1 -> t2 -> t3` means
 - `f :: t1 -> (t2 -> t3)`
- `f x` — function application is denoted by juxtaposition and is more binding than (almost) any other operation.
- *Function application* is left associative
 - `f x y` means
 - `(f x) y`

Binary Search — Haskell — 1 (c)

```

14  binarySearch01 :: Ord a
15    => [a] -> a -> (Int, Int) -> Maybe Int
17  binarySearch01 xs val (lo,hi)
18    = if hi < lo then Nothing
19      else
20        let mid = (lo + hi) `div` 2
21            guess = xs !! mid
22        in
23          if val == guess
24          then Just mid
25          else if val < guess
26              then binarySearch01 xs val (lo,mid-1)
27              else binarySearch01 xs val (mid + 1, hi)

```

Code Description 2

- A `let` expression has the form

```
let decls in expr
```

- `decls` is a number of *declarations*
- `expr` is an expression (which is the scope of the declarations)
- `div` is the integer division function
- In ``div``, the grave accents (```) make a function into an infix operator (OK, that is syntactic sugar I need not have introduced — and my formatting program has coerced the grave accent to a left single quotation mark Unicode U+2018, not the grave accent U+0060)
- `(!!)` is the list index operator — first item has index 0

12.2 Binary Search — Haskell — version 2

Binary Search — Haskell — 2 (a)

```

29 binarySearchGen :: Integral a
30   => (a -> Ordering) -> (a, a) -> Maybe a
31 binarySearchGen p (lo,hi)
32   | hi < lo = Nothing
33   | otherwise =
34     let mid = (lo + hi) `div` 2 in
35     case p mid of
36       LT -> binarySearchGen p (lo, mid - 1)
37       GT -> binarySearchGen p (mid + 1, hi)
38       EQ -> Just mid

```

Code Description 3

- A `case` expression has the form

```
case expr of alts
```

`expr` is evaluated and whichever alternative of `alts` matches is the result

- The lines starting with `(|)` are *guarded* definitions — if the boolean expression to the right is `True` then the following expression is used
- `otherwise` is a synonym for `True`
- A *conditional* expression has the form

```
if expr then expr else expr
```

The first `expr` must be of type `Bool`

- *Guards* and *conditionals* are alternative styles in programming

Binary Search — Haskell — 2 (b)

```

40 binarySearchArray :: (Ix i, Integral i, Ord a)
41   => Array i a -> a -> Maybe i
42 binarySearchArray ary x
43   = binarySearchGen p (bounds ary)
44   where
45     p m = x `compare` (ary ! m)

```

```

47 binarySearchList :: Ord a
48                 => [a] -> a -> Maybe Int
49 binarySearchList xs val
50   = binarySearchGen p (0, length xs - 1)
51   where
52     p m = val 'compare' (xs !! m)

```

Code Description 4

- `compare` is a method of the `Ord` class, for *ordering*, defined in the standard *Prelude*

```

class (Eq a) => Ord a where
  compare :: a -> a -> Ordering
  (<), (<=), (>=), (>) :: a -> a -> Bool
  max, min :: a -> a -> a

  compare x y
    | x == y    = EQ
    | x <= y    = LT
    | otherwise = GT

data Ordering = LT | EQ | GT
  deriving (Eq, Ord, Enum, Read, Show, Bounded)

```

- Minimal type-specific definitions required are `compare` or `(==)` and `(<=)`
- `!` and `!!` are the array and list indexing operators

12.3 Binary Search — Haskell — Comparison

- The first version with `binarySearch` and `binarySearch01` is very similar to the *Python* recursive version `binarySearchRec`
- In the *Haskell* case an explicit helper function is used
- The second version is more general: `binarySearchGen` can be used with any type that is indexed by a data type in the `Integral` class
- `binarySearchArray` and `binarySearchList` specialise the function to arrays or lists.
- For the Haskell `Array` data type see the [Haskell Report](#)
- Idiomatic Haskell tends to be more general and make use of higher order functions, type classes and advanced features.

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13 Web Links & References

- Python Online IDEs
 - **Repl.it** <https://repl.it/languages/python3> (Read-eval-print loop)
 - **TutorialsPoint CodingGround** Python 3 https://www.tutorialspoint.com/execute_python3_online.php
 - **TutorialsPoint CodingGround** Haskell ghci https://www.tutorialspoint.com/compile_haskell_online.php

- The *offside rule* (using layout to determine the start and end of code blocks) comes originally from [Landin \(1966\)](#) — see [Off-side rule](#) for other programming languages that use this.
- The *step-by-step* approach to writing programs is described in [Glaser et al. \(2000\)](#)
- The difficulty in learning programs is described in many articles — see, for example, [Dehnadi and Bornat \(2006\)](#)
- **Inductive data type**
 - [Algebraic data type](#) composite type — possibly recursive [sum type](#) of [product types](#) — common in modern functional languages.
 - [Recursive data type](#) from [Type theory](#)

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