

Environments

Announcements

Twenty-One Reviewed — Why use HOFs?

We modeled the game by writing:

```
play(player_0_strategy_fn, player_1_strategy_fn)
```

- We can have many different strategies!
- **Returning a new function** allows us to make dynamic strategies.

```
def intelligent_ish_strategy(current_score):  
    if current_score < 18:  
        return three_strat  
    if current_score == 18:  
        return two_strat  
    if current_score == 19:  
        return one_strat  
    else:  
        return two_strat
```

Functions as Return Values

(Demo)

Locally Defined Functions

Functions defined within other function bodies are bound to names in a local frame

A function that
returns a function

```
def make_adder(n):  
    """Return a function that takes one argument k and returns k + n.  
  
    >>> add_three = make_adder(3)  
    >>> add_three(4)  
    7  
    """  
    def adder(k):  
        return k + n  
    return adder
```

The name add_three is bound
to a function

A def statement within
another def statement

Can refer to names in the
enclosing function

Environments for Higher-Order Functions

Names can be Bound to Functional Arguments

```
1 def apply_twice(f, x):  
2     return f(f(x))  
3  
→ 4 def square(x):  
5     return x * x  
6  
→ 7 result = apply_twice(square, 2)
```

```
Global frame  
apply_twice  
square
```

```
func apply_twice(f, x) [parent=Global]
```

```
func square(x) [parent=Global]
```

Applying a user-defined function:

- Create a new frame
- Bind formal parameters (f & x) to arguments
- Execute the body:
return f(f(x))

```
→ 1 def apply_twice(f, x):  
→ 2     return f(f(x))  
3  
4 def square(x):  
5     return x * x  
6  
7 result = apply_twice(square, 2)
```

```
2 Global frame
```

```
1 f1: apply_twice [parent=Global]
```

```
apply_twice  
square
```

```
func apply_twice(f, x) [parent=Global]
```

```
func square(x) [parent=Global]
```

```
f  
x 2
```


How to Draw an Environment Diagram

When a function is defined:

Create a function value: `func <name>(<formal parameters>) [parent=<label>]`

Its parent is the current frame.

f1: make_adder func adder(k) [parent=f1]

Bind <name> to the function value in the current frame

When a function is called:

1. Add a local frame, titled with the <name> of the function being called.
- ★ 2. Copy the parent of the function to the local frame: [parent=<label>]
3. Bind the <formal parameters> to the arguments in the local frame.
4. Execute the body of the function in the environment that starts with the local frame.

Currying

Function Currying

```
def make_adder(n):  
    return lambda k: n + k
```

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

There's a general
relationship between
these functions

(Demo)

Curry: Transform a multi-argument function into a single-argument, higher-order function

Optional:
Environment Diagram Practice

