

Lecture 23:

Sorting with Lambda

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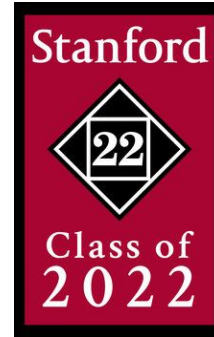
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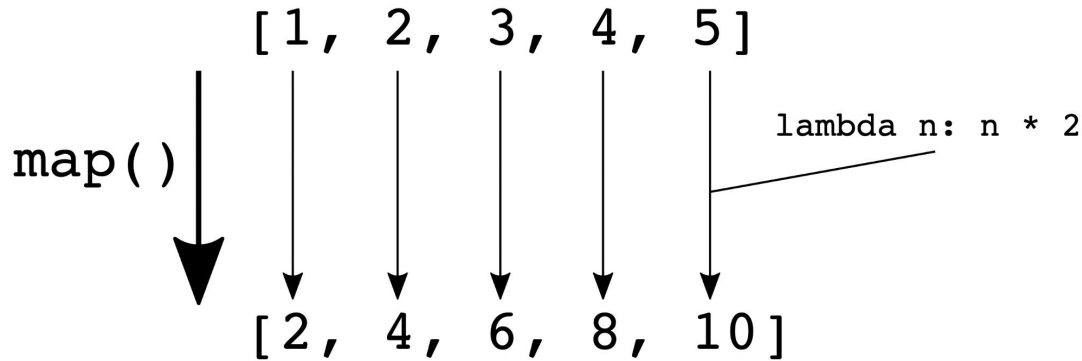
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Recap: Lambda

Recall Lambda - Super Powerful!

```
>>> list(map(lambda n: n * 2, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]))  
[2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```



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1, 2, 3... Lambda

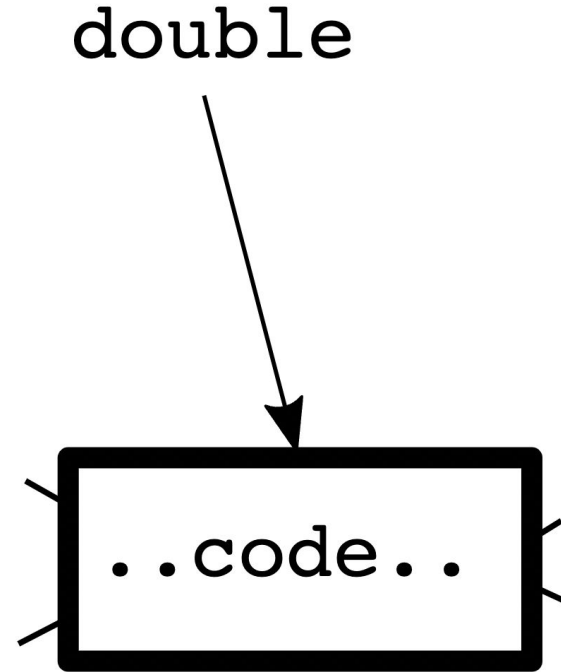
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1. The word “lambda”
2. What type of element? Choose a good parameter name.
3. **Expression to produce – no return needed.**

Def Functions

Gives a name to some code

```
def double(n):  
    return n * 2
```



Def vs. Lambda

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No.

Features of Def

def has room for real code features:

- Multiple lines
- If statements
- Variables
- Loops
- Doctests
- Inline comments

Lambda is best for short, one-off lines of code

Practice: map_parens(strs)

`['xx(hi)xx', 'abc(there)xyz', 'fish']`

`['hi', 'there', 'fish']`

Recap: Sorting

Sorting So Far

Use the `sorted()` function to sort lists:

```
>>> nums = [5, 7, 3, 4]
>>> sorted(nums)
[3, 4, 5, 7]
```

```
>>> strs = ['hi', 'bye', 'greetings', 'good day']
>>> sorted(strs)
['bye', 'good day', 'greetings', 'hi']
```

Sorting So Far

Use the `sorted()` function to sort lists:

```
>>> cities = [('tx', 'houston'), ('ca', 'palo alto'), ('ca',  
'san jose'), ('tx', 'austin'), ('ca', 'aardvark')]
```

```
>>> sorted(cities)  
[('ca', 'aardvark'), ('ca', 'palo alto'), ('ca', 'san  
jose'), ('tx', 'austin'), ('tx', 'houston')]
```

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```

What if I want to sort by city name? Or length of city name?

Custom Sorting

Custom Sorting Foods

```
>>> foods = [('radish', 2, 8), ('donut', 10, 1), ('apple',  
7, 9), ('broccoli', 6, 10)]
```

Each food is a length-3 food tuple: (name, tastiness 1-10, healthiness 1-10)

- food[0] = its name
- food[1] = how tasty it is 1-10
- food[2] = how healthy it is 1-10

Custom Sorting Foods

```
>>> t = ('radish', 2, 8)
```

```
>>> t[0]
```

```
'radish'
```

```
>>> foods = [('radish', 2, 8), ('donut', 10, 1), ('apple',  
7, 9), ('broccoli', 6, 10)]
```

```
>>> sorted(foods)
```

```
[('apple', 7, 9), ('broccoli', 6, 10), ('donut', 10, 1),  
(('radish', 2, 8))]
```

Custom Sorting Foods

What if I want to sort by tastiness?

- Control how `sorted()` looks at each food tuple
- It's like drawing a circle around tasty values - sort by these!

```
[('radish', 2, 8), ('donut', 10, 1), ('apple', 7, 9), ('broccoli', 6, 10)]
```

Custom Sorting Foods

- "Project out" a value from each item
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- Projected value is used for sorting comparisons

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`lambda food: food[1]`

1, 2 ... Custom Sort

>>>

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```
>>> sorted(foods, )
```

1. Call sorted with your list

1, 2 ... Custom Sort

```
>>> sorted(foods, key=lambda food: food[1])
```

1. Call `sorted` with your list
2. Provide `key = lambda` to project out the sorting value

1, 2 ... Custom Sort

```
>>> sorted(foods, key=lambda food: food[1], reverse=True)
```

1. Call sorted with your list
2. Provide key = lambda to project out the sorting value
3. Optionally, reverse

1, 2 ... Custom Sort

```
# ascending tastiness
>>> sorted(foods, key=lambda food: food[1])
[('radish', 2, 8), ('broccoli', 6, 10), ('apple', 7, 9), ('donut', 10, 1)]

# descending tastiness
>>> sorted(foods, key=lambda food: food[1], reverse=True)
[('donut', 10, 1), ('apple', 7, 9), ('broccoli', 6, 10), ('radish', 2, 8)]

# descending healthiness
>>> sorted(foods, key=lambda food: food[2], reverse=True)
[('broccoli', 6, 10), ('apple', 7, 9), ('radish', 2, 8), ('donut', 10, 1)]

# descending composite tastiness-healthiness score
>>> sorted(foods, key=lambda food: food[1] * food[2], reverse=True)
[('apple', 7, 9), ('broccoli', 6, 10), ('radish', 2, 8), ('donut', 10, 1)]
```

Sorted, Min, and Max

What if I just want the most tasty food? Or the least tasty?

- Sorting n things is kind of expensive
- Use `max()` or `min()` – takes a `key=lambda` just like `sorted()`
 - All we have to do is change "sorted" to "max" or "min"

Sorted, Min, and Max

```
# uses index 0 (name) by default - tragic!
```

```
>>> max(foods)
('radish', 2, 8)
```

```
# most tasty
```

```
>>> max(foods, key=lambda food: food[1])
('donut', 10, 1)
```

```
# least tasty
```

```
>>> min(foods, key=lambda food: food[1])
('radish', 2, 8)
```

Movie Sorting

```
movies = [('alien', 8, 1), ('titanic', 6, 9), ('parasite',  
10, 6), ('caddyshack', 4, 5)]
```

Each movie is a length-3 tuple: (name, score, date-score)

- `movie[0]` = its name
- `movie[1]` = how good it is 1-10
- `movie[2]` = how appropriate for a date it is 1-10

Practice: sort score(movies)

```
[('alien', 8, 1), ('titanic', 6, 9), ('parasite', 10, 6), ('caddyshack', 4, 5)]
```



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Practice: sort date(movies)

```
[('alien', 8, 1), ('titanic', 6, 9), ('parasite', 10, 6), ('caddyshack', 4, 5)]
```

↓
1

↓
9

↓
6

↓
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Sort 21

List of integers, want to sort by distance from 21

```
nums = [10, 20, 0, 51]
```

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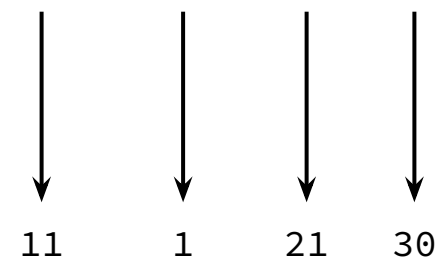
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*How do we “project out”
this distance?*

Sort 21

List of integers, want to sort by distance from 21

```
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```



				lambda n: ???
	↓	↓	↓	
	11	1	21	30

Practice: sort21(nums)

[10, 20, 0, 51]



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Practice: sort diff(tuples)

`[(1, 7), (5, 4), (0, 4), (5, 0)]`



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lambda t: ???

Remember wordcount.py?

- Reads in a text file
- Builds a counts dictionary for all words in the file
- Here's the [zip file](#)

```
$ python3 wordcount.py tale-of-two-cities.txt
a 2866
a-a-a-business 1
a-a-matter 1
a-buzz 1
a-tiptoe 1
aback 1
...
```

Let's implement print_top()

```
$ python3 wordcount.py -top 5 tale-of-two-cities.txt  
the 7838  
and 4833  
of 3933  
to 3397  
a 2866
```

Let's implement print_top()

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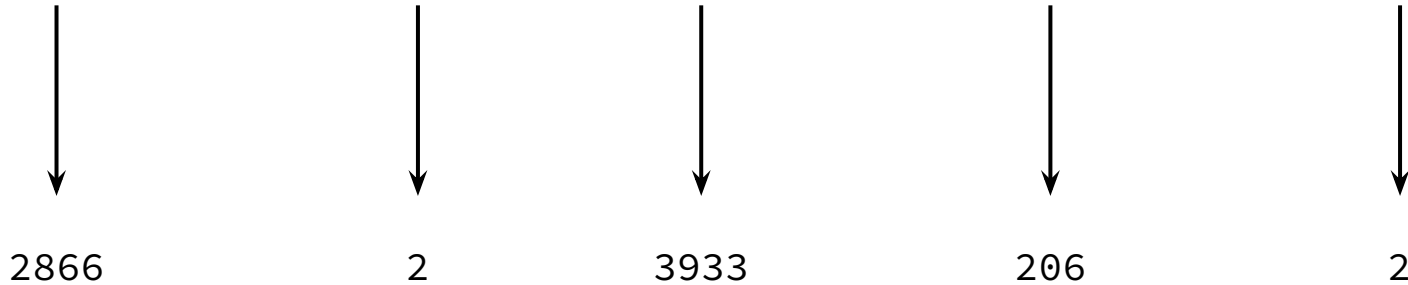
```
>>> counts.keys()    # list of keys
dict_keys(['a', 'tale', 'of', 'two', 'cities'])
```

```
>>> counts.values()  # list of values
dict_values([2866, 2, 3933, 206, 2])
```

```
>>> counts.items()   # list of key, value tuples
dict_items([('a', 2866), ('tale', 2), ('of', 3933), ('two',
206), ('cities', 2)])
```

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Solution

```
# 1. Sort largest count first
```

```
items = sorted(items, key=lambda pair: pair[1], reverse=True)
```

```
# 2. Print first n
```

```
for word, count in items[:n]:  
    print(word, count)
```

Thank you!