

CSC148 winter 2018

functional programming, top-down
week 5

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Outline

idiomatic python



going with the (pep) tide

Python is more flexible than the community you are coding in.
Try to figure out what the python way is.
good read on python customs...

- ▶ don't re-invent the wheel (except for academic exercises),
e.g. sum, set *→ data type*
↳ built-in functions
- ▶ use comprehensions when you mean to produce a new list
(tuple, dictionary, set, ...) *— clearer than alternative*
- ▶ any $\approx \exists$ all $\approx \forall$
- ▶ use ternary if when you want an expression that evaluates in different ways, depending on a condition



example: add (cubes of) first 10 natural numbers

- ▶ You'll be generating a new list from `range(1, 11)`, so use a comprehension

- ▶ You want to add all the numbers in the resulting list, so use `sum`

try `sum of cubes 0...n`



euclidean distance in 3 dimensions... or more

works for dimensions > 3 !

Suppose $L = [x, y, z]$, using L , compute:

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$



average string length

Try a really large list
of words...



Suppose $L = ["my", "dog", "has", "fancy", "fleas"]$,
compute the average string length using L



try **big** list with **any/all**

```
with open("/usr/share/dict/words", "r") as words_file:  
    word_list = words_file.read().split("\n")
```

- what's average length?
- do any contain "yx"?



list differences, lists without duplicates

- ▶ python lists allow duplicates, python sets don't

list(set(my-list))

- ▶ python sets have a set-difference operator

$\{1, 2, 3\} - \{2, 3, 4\}$

- ▶ python built-in functions `list()` and `set()` convert types



possible test topics

include...

- ▶ class design
- ▶ special methods
- ▶ subclasses
- ▶ inheritance
- ▶ testing, exceptions
- ▶ ADTs, stacks, queues, sacks
- ▶ linked lists



valid sudoku

what makes a sudoku square valid?

5	3	4	6	7	8	9	1	2
6	7	2	1	9	5	3	4	8
1	9	8	3	4	2	5	6	7
8	5	9	7	6	1	4	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	7	9	1
7	1	3	9	2	4	8	5	6
9	6	1	5	3	7	2	8	4
2	8	7	4	1	9	6	3	5
3	4	5	2	8	6	1	7	9

- ▶ valid rows
- ▶ valid columns
- ▶ valid subsquares

Write a simple
top-level function
with these 3
ideas



code it!

use thoughtful wishing ---

```
def valid_sudoku(grid, digit_set: set) -> bool:
    """
    Return whether grid represents a valid, complete sudoku.
    """
    assert all([len(r) == len(grid) for r in grid])
    assert len(grid) == len(digit_set)
    return (_all_rows_valid(grid, digit_set) and
            _all_columns_valid(grid, digit_set) and
            _all_subsquares_valid(grid, digit_set))
```

technical detail: these don't exist (yet)



code those non-existent helpers!

```
def _all_rows_valid(grid, digit_set: set) -> bool:
    """
    Return whether all rows in grid are valid and complete.

    Assume grid has same number of rows as elements of digit_set
    and grid has same number of columns as rows.
    """
    assert all([len(r) == len(grid) for r in grid])
    assert len(grid) == len(digit_set)
    return all([_list_valid(r, digit_set) for r in grid])
```

↑
doesn't exist yet



code the helpers' helpers...

```
def _list_valid(r, digit_set: set) -> bool:
    """
    Return whether r contains each element of digit_set
    exactly once.

    Assume r has same number of elements as digit_set.
    """
    assert len(r) == len(digit_set)
    return set(r) == digit_set
```

we've bottomed out ...

