Dictionaries

61A Lecture 12

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Restrictions on Dictionaries

Dictionaries are unordered collections of key-value pairs.

Dictionary keys do have two restrictions:

- A key of a dictionary cannot be an object of a mutable built-in type.
- Two **keys cannot be equal.** There can be at most one value for a given key.

This first restriction is tied to Python's underlying implementation of dictionaries.

The second restriction is an intentional consequence of the dictionary abstraction.

Sharing and Identity

demo = []

{'Dem': 0}

What Would Python Print?

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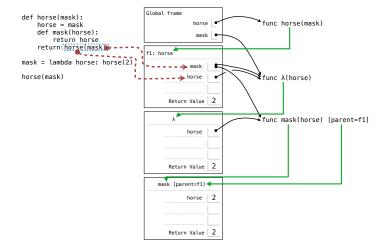
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from operator import add, mul
def square(x):
                                         print(add(3, 4), print(5))
                                                               None
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    return mul(x,
                  A function that takes
                     any argument and
                  returns a function that
                     returns that arg
def (delay(arg);
print('delayed')
                                                 (delay(delay)()(6)()
    def g():
    return(arg)
    return g
                 Names in nested def
               statements can refer to
                                               print(delay(print)())
                their enclosing scope
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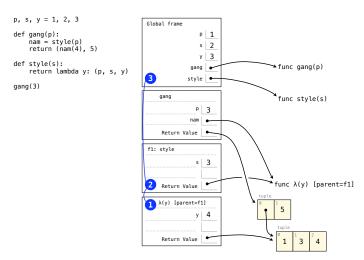
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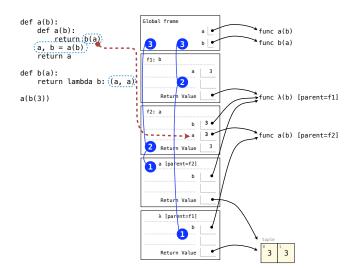
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A name evaluates to the value bound to that name in the earliest frame of the current environment in which that name is found.







Inverse Functions

If g is the inverse of invertible f, then x = f(g(x))

Key equation: g(x) is the value y, such that f(y) = x

Rearrange to use Newton's method: f(y) - x = 0