
CS3:

Introduction to Symbolic Programming

Lecture 9:
More higher-order functions,
`lambda`, tic-tac-toe

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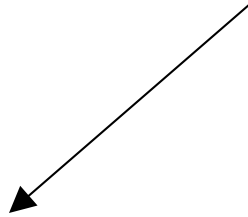
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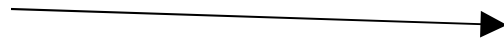
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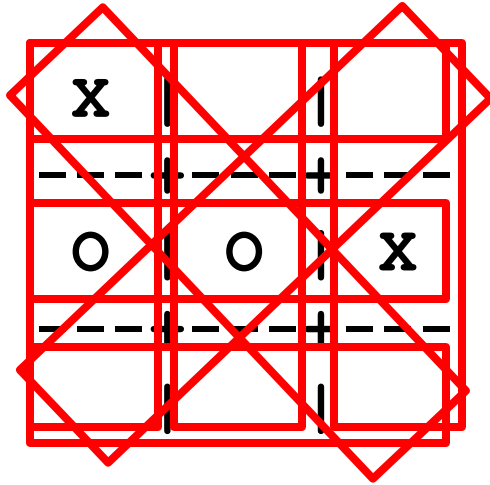
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Triples (another representation of a board)



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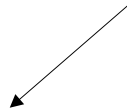
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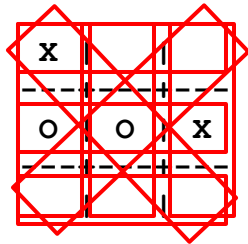
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```
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```

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In cs3, nope.

But, you will find a way to make recursive `lambda` (non-named) functions if you continue in CS. (You might google for "anonymous recursion" in scheme' or something like that).

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