CS3: Introduction to Symbolic Programming

Lecture 15: Summary, Exam problems

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 - Common topics
 - Pre-recursion
 - Recursion
 - Higher order procedures
 - Lists
 - Case studies
 - Working with large programs

Another list...

- 2. Functional programming
- 3. Functions as data
- 4. Recursion
- 5. Abstraction
- 6. Managing large programs

(1) Functional Programming

- All that can matter to a procedure is what it returns.
- Small functions can be easily tested (isolated)
- In other languages, you typically:
 - Perform several actions in a sequence
 - Set the value of a global or local variable.
 - Print, write files, draw pictures, connect to the internet, etc.
- Other "paradigms": sequential, object-oriented, declarative

(2) Functions as data

Higher order procedures take functions as parameters.

It is useful to return functions at times

 lambda is quite useful, and sometimes necessary.

(3) Recursion

- Linear (simple) to quite advanced
- In contrast to iteration and looping (where counters or state define looping constraints)
 - Knowledge of recursion will help these simpler cases.

(4) Abstraction

- The big idea that is related to everything!
- A design practice that makes it possible to carve up a problem, and therefore focus on only part of it.
 - Makes working collaboratively more efficient

(5) Managing large programs

- Style: commenting, naming conventions, etc.
- Abstraction: for maintenance and collaboration
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