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# CS 61A      Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs

## Fall 2013

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MIDTERM 1 SOLUTIONS

### INSTRUCTIONS

- You have 2 hours to complete the exam.
- The exam is closed book, closed notes, closed computer, closed calculator, except one hand-written 8.5" × 11" crib sheet of your own creation and the official 61A midterm 1 study guide attached to the back of this exam.
- Mark your answers ON THE EXAM ITSELF. If you are not sure of your answer you may wish to provide a *brief* explanation.

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/12	/16	/14	/8	/50

### 1. (12 points) Dog Goes Woof

For each of the following call expressions, write the value to which it evaluates *and* what would be output by the interactive Python interpreter. The first two rows have been provided as examples.

Assume that you have started Python 3 and executed the following statements:

```
from operator import add, mul
def square(x):
    return mul(x, x)

def dog(bird):
    def cow(tweet, moo):
        woof = bird(tweet)
        print(moo)
        return woof
    return cow

cat = dog(square)
```

Expression	Evaluates to	Interactive Output
square(5)	25	25
1/0	ERROR	ERROR
add(square(2), mul(3, 4))	16	16
print(print(print(2)))	None	2 None None
cat(3, 4)	9	4 9
square(cat(5))	Error	Error
cat(square(2), print(5))	16	5 None 16
cat(print(square(3)), 8)	Error	9 Error

**2. (16 points) Frog Goes Croak**

(a) (6 pt) Fill in the environment diagram that results from executing the code below until the entire program is finished, an error occurs, or all frames are filled. *You may not need to use all of the spaces or frames.*

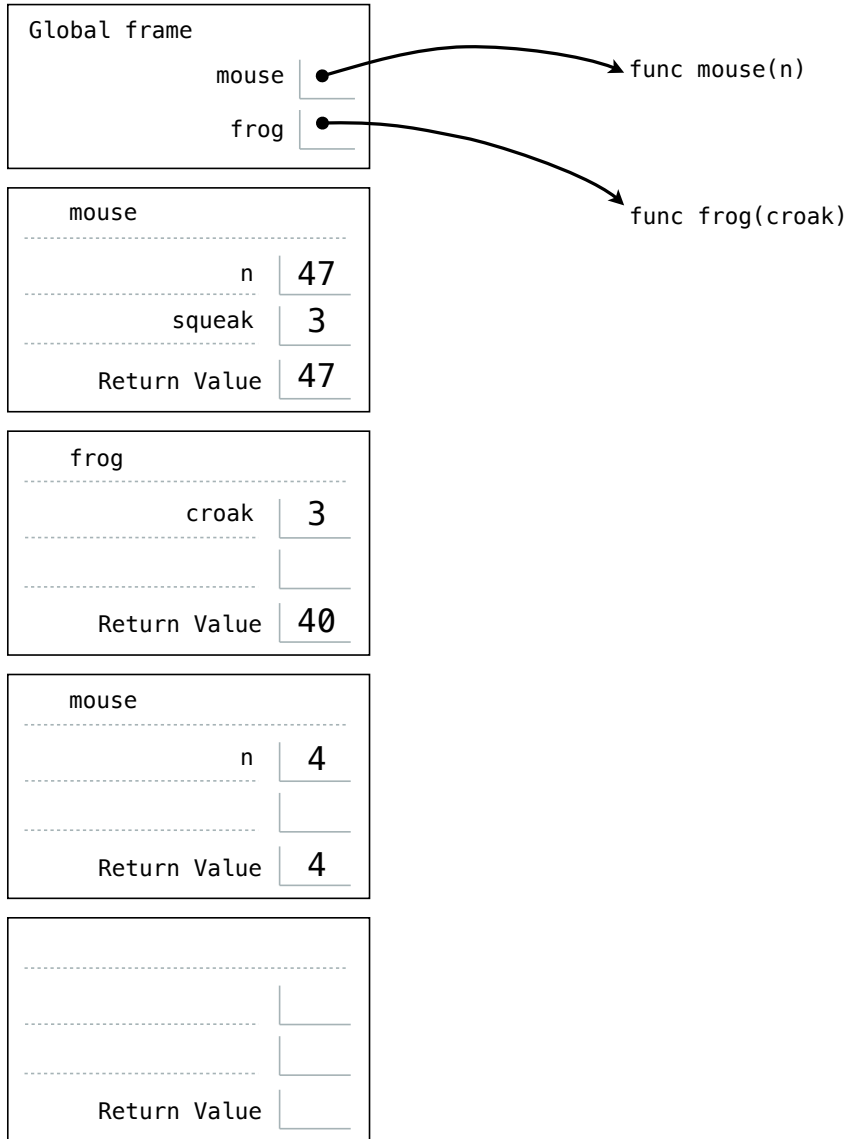
A complete answer will:

- Add all missing names, labels, and parent annotations to all local frames.
- Add all missing values created during execution.
- Show the return value for each local frame.

```
def mouse(n):
    if n >= 10:
        squeak = n // 100
        n = frog(squeak) + n % 10
    return n

def frog(croak):
    if croak == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return 10 * mouse(croak+1)

mouse(357)
```



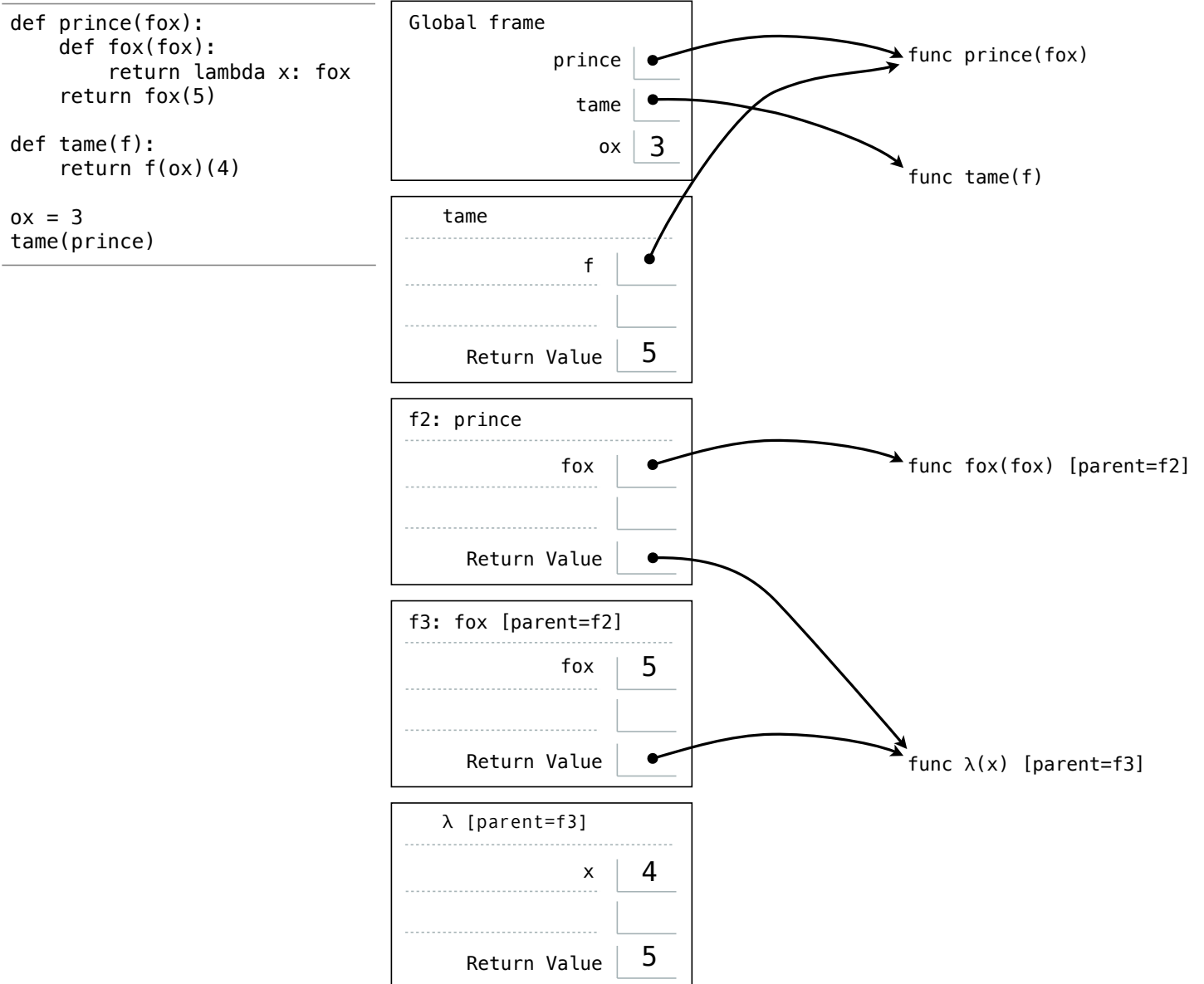
(b) (2 pt) **\*\*\*Question\*\*\*:** After executing the code above, to what value will `mouse(21023508479)` evaluate?

*“People have forgotten this truth,” the fox said. “But you mustn’t forget it. You become responsible forever for what you’ve tamed.” — Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, The Little Prince*

- (c) (8 pt) Fill in the environment diagram that results from executing the code below until the entire program is finished, an error occurs, or all frames are filled. *You may not need to use all of the spaces or frames.*

A complete answer will:

- Add all missing names, labels, and parent annotations to all local frames.
- Add all missing values created during execution.
- Show the return value for each local frame.



**3. (14 points) Elephant Goes Toot**

- (a) (4 pt) Fill in the blanks of the implementation of `differs_by_one_digit` below, a function that takes two positive integers `m` and `n` and returns whether `m` and `n` differ in exactly one digit. If `m` and `n` have different numbers of digits, then `differs_by_one_digit(m, n)` always returns `False`.

```
def differs_by_one_digit(m, n):  
    """Return True if and only if m and n have the same number of digits,  
    and they differ by exactly one digit.
```

You may assume that `m` and `n` are positive integers.

```
>>> differs_by_one_digit(3467, 3427) # 3rd digit differs  
True  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(2013, 2011) # Last digit differs  
True  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(1013, 2013) # First digit differs  
True  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(5, 2)      # Only digit differs  
True  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(2013, 2013) # No digit differs  
False  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(1013, 2011) # Both first and last differ  
False  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(3102, 2013) # All digits differ  
False  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(1, 21)     # Different digit count  
False  
>>> differs_by_one_digit(21, 1)     # Different digit count  
False  
"""  
diffs = 0  
while m > 0:  
    if n == 0:  
        return False  
    m, t = m // 10, m % 10  
    n, v = n // 10, n % 10  
    if t != v:  
        diffs = diffs + 1  
return diffs == 1 and n == 0
```

- (b) (3 pt) Using only the numeral 5, the numeral 2, the name `mul`, commas, and parentheses, complete the final expression below so that it evaluates to 15.

```
from operator import add, mul
def f(x):
    def g(y):
        def h(f):
            return f(add(1, x), y)
        return h
    return g

f(2)(5)(mul)
```

- (c) (3 pt) Fill in the blanks below with expressions so that the final expression evaluates to the string "onetwothree".  
*Reminder:* The expression `'a' + 'bc'` evaluates to `'abc'`.

```
ring = lambda ding: ding(lambda: "one")("three")

ring(lambda x: lambda y: x() + "two" + y)
```

- (d) (4 pt) The CS61A staff has developed a formula for determining what a fox might say. Given three strings, a start, a middle, and an end, a fox will say the start string, followed by the middle string repeated a number of times, followed by the end string. These parts are all separated by single hyphens. Complete the definition of `fox_says`, which takes the three string parts of the fox's statement (`start`, `middle`, and `end`) and a positive integer `num` indicating how many times to repeat `middle`. It returns a string. You **cannot** use any `for` or `while` statements. Use recursion in `repeat`. Moreover, you **cannot** use string operations other than the `+` operator to concatenate strings together.

```
def fox_says(start, middle, end, num):
    """
    >>> fox_says('wa', 'pa', 'pow', 3)
    'wa-pa-pa-pa-pow'
    >>> fox_says('fraka', 'kaka', 'kow', 4)
    'fraka-kaka-kaka-kaka-kaka-kow'
    """
    def repeat(k):
        if k == 1:
            return middle
        else:
            return middle + '-' + repeat(k-1)

    return start + '-' + repeat(num) + '-' + end
```

**4. (8 points) What Does Newton Say?**

Your partner has implemented a function `derivative` that takes a single-argument differentiable real-valued function `f` and a real number `x` and returns the derivative of `f` evaluated at `x`. You don't know how she did it, but you find that it works perfectly.

```
def derivative(f, x):
    """Return f'(x), the derivative of f at x.

    >>> derivative(lambda x: x*x, 4)      # derivative of x*x is 2*x
    8
    >>> derivative(lambda x: x*x*x, 4)   # derivative of x*x*x is 3*x*x
    48
    """
    # Mystery implementation!
```

- (a) (4 pt) Complete a new implementation of `find_zero` below so that it takes only one argument, a differentiable function `f`. You may use `derivative` above, along with `newton_update` and `improve` from your study guide. You **cannot** use any assignment (`=`), conditional (`if`), `for`, or `while` statements.

```
def find_zero(f):
    """Return a zero of the function f.

    >>> def cube_root(a):
    ...     return find_zero(lambda x: x*x*x - a)
    ...
    >>> cube_root(729)
    9.0
    """
    def near_zero(x):
        return approx_eq(f(x), 0)

    def df(x):
        return derivative(f, x)
    return improve(newton_update(f, df), near_zero)
```

- (b) (4 pt) The function `equal` takes two differentiable single-argument functions `f` and `g` and returns an `x` for which `f(x)` is equal to `g(x)`. Implement the support function `equal_update` that completes the implementation. You may use `derivative` above, along with `newton_update` from your study guide. You **cannot** use any assignment (`=`), conditional (`if`), `for`, or `while` statements.

```
def equal(f, g):
    """Return an x for which f(x) == g(x).

    >>> def cube(x):
    ...     return x * x * x
    ...
    >>> def plus_six(x):
    ...     return x + 6
    ...
    >>> equal(cube, plus_six)
    2.0
    """
    def close(x):
        return approx_eq(f(x), g(x))
    return improve(equal_update(f, g), close)

def equal_update(f, g):
    """Return an update function that completes the implementation of equal."""

    def h(x):
        return f(x) - g(x)
    def dh(x):
        return derivative(h, x)
    return newton_update(h, dh)
```