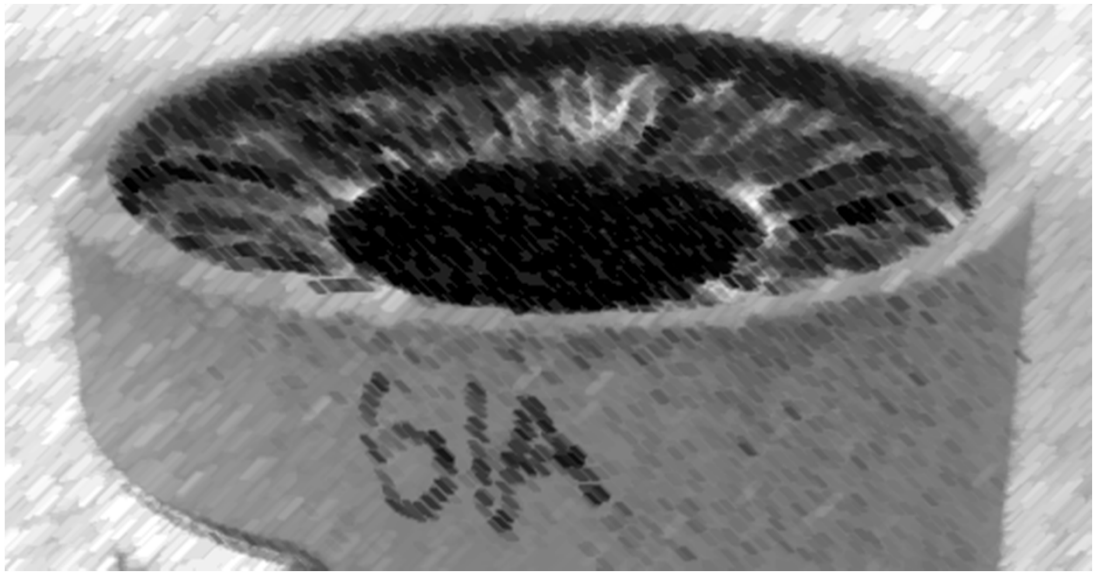

CS61A Lecture 36

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Announcements

- HW11 due Wednesday

- Scheme project, contest out

Our Sequence Abstraction

Recall our previous sequence interface:

- A sequence has a finite, known length
- A sequence allows element selection for any element

In most cases, satisfying the sequence interface requires storing the entire sequence in a computer's memory

Problems?

- Infinite sequences- primes, positive integers
- Really large sequences- all Twitter posts, votes in a presidential election

The Sequence of Primes

Think about the sequence of prime numbers:

- What's the first one?
- The next one?
- The next one?
- How about the next two?
- How about the 105^{th} prime?
  - Our sequence abstraction would give an instant answer

Implicit Sequences

- We compute each of the elements on demand.
- Don’t explicitly store each element
- Called an **implicit sequence.**

A Python Example

Example: The **`range`** class represents a regular sequence of integers

- The range is represented by three values: *start*, *end*, and *step*
- The length and elements are computed on demand
- Constant space for arbitrarily long sequences

$$length = max\left(\left\lceil \frac{end - start}{step} \right\rceil, 0\right)$$

$$elem(k) = start + k \cdot step \quad (\text{for } k \in [0, length))$$

A Range Class

```
class Range(object):
    def __init__(self, start, end=None, step=1):
        if end is None:
            start, end = 0, start
        self.start = start
        self.end = end
        self.step = step

    def __len__(self):
        return max(0, ceil((self.end - self.start) /
                           self.step))

    def __getitem__(self, k):
        if k < 0:
            k = len(self) + k
        if k < 0 or k >= len(self):
            raise IndexError('index out of range')
        return self.start + k * self.step
```

The Iterator Interface

An iterator is an object that can provide the next element of a (possibly implicit) sequence

The iterator interface has two methods:

- **`__iter__(self)`** returns an equivalent iterator.
  - Recite prime numbers.
- **`__next__(self)`** returns the next element in the sequence
  - Next prime, etc.
  - If no next, raises **`StopIteration`** exception.

RangeIter

```
class RangeIter(object):
    def __init__(self, start, end, step):
        self.current = start
        self.end = end
        self.step = step
        self.sign = 1 if step > 0 else -1

    def __next__(self):
        if self.current * self.sign >= self.end * self.sign:
            raise StopIteration
        result = self.current
        self.current += self.step
        return result

    def __iter__(self):
        return self
```

Fibonacci

```
class FibIter(object):
    def __init__(self):
        self.prev = -1
        self.current = 1

    def __next__(self):
        self.prev, self.current = (self.current,
                                   self.prev + self.current)
        return self.current

    def __iter__(self):
        return self
```

The For Statement

```
for <name> in <expression>:
    <suite>
```

1. Evaluate the header **<expression>**, which yields an iterable object.
2. For each element in that sequence, in order:
   A. Bind **<name>** to that element in the first frame of the current environment.
   B. Execute the **<suite>**

An iterable object has a method **__iter__** that returns an iterator

```
>>> nums, sum = [1, 2, 3], 0
>>> for item in nums:
        sum += item
>>> sum
6
```

```
>>> nums, sum = [1, 2, 3], 0
>>> items = nums.__iter__()
>>> try:
        while True:
            item = items.__next__()
            sum += item
    except StopIteration:
        pass
>>> sum
6
```

Generators and Generator Functions

Generators:

- An iterator backed by a function, called a **generator function**.

Generator Functions:

- A function that returns a generator.
- Can tell by looking for the **yield** keyword.
- Another example of a *continuation*

Fibonacci Generator

A generator function that lazily computes the Fibonacci sequence:

```
def fib_generator():
    yield 0
    prev, current = 0, 1
    while True:
        yield current
        prev, current = current, prev + current
```

A generator expression is like a list comprehension, but it produces a lazy generator rather than a list:

```
double_fibs = (fib * 2 for fib in fib_generator())
```

Generator Semantics

```
def fib_generator():
    yield 0
    prev, current = 0, 1
    while True:
        yield current
        prev, current = current, prev + current
```

Calling a generator function returns an iterator that stores a frame for the function, its body, and the current location in the body

Calling **`next`** on the iterator resumes execution of the body at the current location, until a **`yield`** is reached

The yielded value is returned by **`next`**, and execution of the body is halted until the next call to **`next`**

When execution reaches the end of the body, a **`StopIteration`** is raised

Map and Filter

```
def map_gen(fn, iterable):
    iterator = iter(iterable)
    while True:
        yield fn(next(iterator))

def filter_gen(fn, iterable):
    iterator = iter(iterable)
    while True:
        item = next(iterator)
        if fn(item):
            yield item
```

Bitstring Generator

```
from itertools import product

def bitstrings():
    """Generate bitstrings in order of increasing
    size.

    >>> bs = bitstrings()
    >>> [next(bs) for _ in range(0, 8)]
    ['', '0', '1', '00', '01', '10', '11', '000']
    """
    size = 0
    while True:
        tuples = product(('0', '1'), repeat=size)
        for elem in tuples:
            yield ''.join(elem)
        size += 1
```