CS61A Lecture 37

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Announcements

- □ HW11 due tonight

- □ Scheme project, contest out

- □ Git help session tonight, 7-9pm in 310 Soda

Iterators and Iterables

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

An *iterable* is a container that provides an **__iter__** method

- **__iter__(self)** returns an iterator over the elements in the container

Generator Functions

```python
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

Iterating over an Rlist

We can iterate over a sequence even if it has no **__iter__** method

Python uses **__getitem__** instead, iterating until **IndexError** is raised

```python
class Rlist(object):
    def __init__(self, first, rest=empty):
        self.first, self.rest = first, rest

    def __getitem__(self, k):
        if k == 0:
            return self.first
        if self.rest is Rlist.empty:
            raise IndexError('index out of range')
        return self.rest[k - 1]
```

How long does it take to iterate over an **Rlist** of *n* items? $\Theta(n^2)$

Iterating over an Rlist

We can define an iterator for **Rlist**s using a generator function

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class Rlist(object):
    def __init__(self, first, rest=empty):
        self.first, self.rest = first, rest

    def __getitem__(self, k):
        if k == 0:
            return self.first
        if self.rest is Rlist.empty:
            raise IndexError('index out of range')
        return self.rest[k - 1]

    def __iter__(self):
        current = self
        while current is not Rlist.empty:
            yield current.first
            current = current.rest
```

How long does it take to iterate over an **Rlist** of *n* items? $\Theta(n)$

Infinite Sequences with Selection

We now have implicit sequences in the form of iterators

Such sequences may be infinite, and they might be lazily evaluated

What if we want to support element selection on infinite sequences?

Let's try creating a `list` out of an infinite sequence

```
>>> list(fib_generator())
```

Oops! Infinite loop!

A `list` provides immediate access to all elements

But an `Rlist` only provides immediate access to its *first* element

The rest can be computed lazily!

Streams

A stream is a recursive list with an *explicit* first element and a *lazily computed* rest-of-the-list

```python
class Stream(Rlist):
    """A lazily computed recursive list."""
    def __init__(self, first,
                 compute_rest=lambda: Stream.empty):
        assert callable(compute_rest)
        self.first = first
        self._compute_rest = compute_rest
        self._rest = None

    @property                    "Please don't reference directly"
    def rest(self):
        """Return the rest of the stream, computing it if
        necessary."""
        if self._compute_rest is not None:
            self._rest = self._compute_rest()
            self._compute_rest = None
        return self._rest
```

Integer Streams

An integer stream is a stream of consecutive integers

An integer stream starting at *k* consists of *k* and a function that returns the integer stream starting at *k+1*

```python
def integer_stream(first=1):
    """Return a stream of consecutive integers, starting
    with first.

    >>> s = integer_stream(3)
    >>> s.first
    3
    >>> s.rest.first
    4
    """
    def compute_rest():
        return integer_stream(first+1)
    return Stream(first, compute_rest)
```

Mapping a Function over a Stream

Mapping a function over a stream applies a function only to the first element right away

The rest is computed lazily

```python
def map_stream(fn, s):
    """Map fn over the elements of stream s."""
    if s is Stream.empty:
        return s
                              This body is not executed until
                              compute_rest is called
    def compute_rest():
        return map_stream(fn, s.rest)

    return Stream(fn(s.first), compute_rest)
```

Not called yet

Filtering a Stream

When filtering a stream, processing continues until an element is kept in the output

```python
def filter_stream(fn, s):
    """Filter stream s with predicate function fn."""
    if s is Stream.empty:
        return s

    def compute_rest():
        return filter_stream(fn, s.rest)

    if fn(s.first):
        return Stream(s.first, compute_rest)
    else:
        return compute_rest()
```

Find an element in the rest of the stream

A Stream of Primes

The stream of integers not divisible by any *k <= n* is:
- The stream of integers not divisible by any *k < n*,
- Filtered to remove any element divisible by *n*
- This recurrence is called the *Sieve of Eratosthenes*

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

```python
def primes(istream):
    """Return a stream of primes, given a stream of
    consecutive integers."""
    def compute_rest():
        not_divisible = lambda x: x % istream.first != 0
        return primes(filter_stream(not_divisible,
                                    istream.rest))
    return Stream(istream.first, compute_rest)
```

Function Streams

Given a stream of 1-argument functions, we can construct a function that is
not in the stream, *assuming that all functions in the stream terminate*

```python
def func_not_in_stream(s):
    return lambda n: not s[n](n)
```

Inputs

```
          [F]  T   T   T   T   F   T   F   T   F  . . .
           T  [T]  F   F   F   F   T   F   T  . . .
           T   F  [T]  F   T   F   T   F   T   T  . . .
           T   F   F  [T]  T   F   F   T   F   T  . . .
           T   F   T   T  [F]  T   F   T   F   T  . . .
           F   F   F   F   T  [F]  F   T   T   T  . . .
           T   F   T   F   F  [F]  T   T   T  . . .
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