



CS 61A SU26

# Lecture 04: Environments

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We'll begin at Berkeley time (10 minutes after), as per tradition!

# Potpourri

5 min

- Announcements
- Review: HOFs

- **Exam prep tutoring section** sign-ups (optional) are [released on Ed](#)
- Out of fairness to all students and to preserve Rebecca's work-life balance:
  - We will have a **cutoff for post-lecture questions at 7 pm**
  - **Please ask 1 question at a time**
  - If you didn't get a chance to ask your question, please come to OH (either instructor or regular), or ask on Ed instead!
- **Rebecca's instructor OH on Thursdays** occur right after lecture, so it will be a "**walk and talk**" until we arrive at Soda Hall
- For today, since we're doing environment diagrams I recommend **downloading a PDF and writing on the practice slides** if you have a tablet (or write on a piece of paper)

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## HOFs: What would Python display?



## Demo: On which line would the error occur?

Surprisingly, not at the line with `x += 1` even though it's the root cause!  
Instead, it errors at `print(x)`.

"This is because when you make an assignment to a variable in a scope, that variable becomes local to that scope and shadows any similarly named variable in the outer scope. Since the last statement in `foo` assigns a new value to `x`, the [compiler](#) recognizes it as a local variable. Consequently when the earlier `print(x)` attempts to print the uninitialized local variable and an error results." ([Python Docs](#))

# Environments

15 min

- Environment Diagram Rules
- WWPD Conventions
- Example: Nested lambdas from Lec 03

- An **environment** is a sequence of **frames**
- A **frame** is a set of bindings between names and values
- All Python programs begin in the special **global frame** (which has no parent)

## Recall: Environment Diagram Rules (2 of 4)

- A function's **parent frame** is the **frame in which the function is defined** (not the frame in which it's called)
- Each time we call a function, we open a new **local frame**
- When we try to retrieve the value of a name, we first look in the current frame
  - If it's not there, we recursively check if it exists in the **parent frame**
  - If we go all the way up to the global frame and it's still not there, throw a **NameError**
- **⚠ Caution:** You can't update a variable outside your local frame (results in **UnboundLocalError**)

### Defining functions

- Bind function name to function object
- For lambdas, use Greek letter  $\lambda$  `<line #>` instead of intrinsic name
  - Why track line number? You can have multiple lambdas
- Do not execute the body!

### Calling functions

- Call expression steps
  - Evaluate operator (check if function exists)
  - Evaluate operands from left to right (simplify arguments and bind them to parameters in new local frame)
  - Apply operator to operands (execute the body)
- Every function returns something, either explicitly or implicitly
- Immediately exit frame once **return** statement is reached

- **Tip:** Draw the environment diagram when doing WWPD questions
- If the expression would evaluate to a function object, write **Function**
- If the expression would cause an error, write **Error**
- If the expression would not cause anything to be displayed by the Python interpreter (ex: it evaluates to **None**), write **Nothing**

## Example: Nested lambdas from Lec 03

```
(lambda x, y: lambda z: x * y + z)(1, 2)(3)
```

```
def outer(x, y):  
    def inner(z):  
        return x * y + z  
    return inner  
outer(1, 2)(3)
```

**Tip:** Rewrite `lambda` into `def` if you're confused on what it's doing! Or do the opposite if we ask you to write a nested `lambda`.

# Practice

60 min

- Q1: Make Adder
- Q2: Too many letters!
- Q3: Statements Galore
- Q4: Sheep Detectives

## Q1: Make Adder

```
def make_adder(n):  
    def adder(k):  
        return n + k  
    return adder
```

```
>>> a = make_adder(2)
```

```
>>> a
```

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```
>>> a()
```

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```
>>> b = make_adder(3)
```

```
>>> a(1)
```

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```
>>> b(1)
```

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## Q1: Make Adder (Solution)

```
def make_adder(n):  
    def adder(k):  
        return n + k  
    return adder
```

```
>>> a = make_adder(2)
```

```
>>> a
```

**Function**

```
>>> a()
```

**Error**

```
>>> b = make_adder(3)
```

```
>>> a(1)
```

**3**

```
>>> b(1)
```

**4**

## Q2: Too many letters!

```
j = 3
def h(i):
    j = 4
    return lambda z: j * i(z)
h(lambda z: j + z)(j)
```

**5 min break**

### Q3: Statements Galore (not all blanks may be used) (1 of 2)

```
def f1(x, y):  
    if x > (x + y):  
        print(x)  
        y = x  
    if x > (x - y):  
        print(y)  
        x = y  
    x + y
```

```
def f2(a, b):  
    if a:  
        return b and a  
    else:  
        return a or b
```

```
>>> z = f1(3, -5)
```

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```
>>> z
```

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```
>>> f1(-4, 7)
```

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```
>>> f2(print('a'), 10 % 3)
```

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### Q3: Statements Galore (not all blanks may be used) (2 of 2)

```
def f1(x, y):  
    if x > (x + y):  
        print(x)  
        y = x  
    if x > (x - y):  
        print(y)  
        x = y  
    x + y
```

```
def f2(a, b):  
    if a:  
        return b and a  
    else:  
        return a or b
```

```
>>> z = f1(3, -5)
```

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```
>>> z
```

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```
>>> f1(-4, 7)
```

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```
>>> f2(print('a'), 10 % 3)
```

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## Q3: Statements Galore (Solution)

```
def f1(x, y):  
    if x > (x + y):  
        print(x)  
        y = x  
    if x > (x - y):  
        print(y)  
        x = y  
    x + y  
  
def f2(a, b):  
    if a:  
        return b and a  
    else:  
        return a or b
```

```
>>> z = f1(3, -5)
```

```
3
```

```
3
```

```
>>> z
```

```
Nothing
```

```
>>> f1(-4, 7)
```

```
7
```

```
>>> f2(print('a'), 10 % 3)
```

```
a
```

```
1
```

## Q4: Sheep Detectives (a great movie!)

```
winter_lamb = lambda george: 2 ** george
lily = lambda detective: lambda: detective
mopple = 3
def sebastian(f, g, h):
    return f(g(h))
sebastian(lily, winter_lamb, mopple)()
```