# STREAMS AND REVIEW 12

COMPUTER SCIENCE 61A

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## 1 Streams

A *stream* is our third example of a lazy sequence. A stream is like a lazily evaluated Rlist. In other words, the stream's elements (except for the first element) are only evaluated when the values are needed.

Take a look at the following code:

```
class Stream:
    class empty:
        pass
    empty = empty()

    def __init__(self, first, compute_rest=lambda: Stream.empty):
        self.first = first
        self._compute_rest = compute_rest

    @property
    def rest(self):
        if self._compute_rest is not None:
            self._rest = self._compute_rest()
            self._compute_rest = None
        return self._rest
```

We represent Streams using Python objects, similar to the way we defined `Rlist`s. We nest streams inside one another, and compute one element of the sequence at a time.

Note that instead of specifying all of the elements in `__init__`, we provide a function, `compute_rest`, that encapsulates the code to calculate the remaining elements of the stream. Remember that the code in the function body is not evaluated until it is called, which lets us implement the desired evaluation behavior.

This implementation of streams also uses *memoization*. The first time a program asks a `Stream` for its `rest` field, the `Stream` code computes the required value using `compute_rest`, saves the resulting value, and then returns it. After that, every time the `rest` field is referenced, the stored value is simply returned.

Here is an example:

```
def make_integer_stream(first=1):
    def compute_rest():
        return make_integer_stream(first+1)
    return Stream(first, compute_rest)
```

Notice what is happening here. We start out with a stream whose first element is 1, and whose `compute_rest` function creates another stream. So when we do compute the `rest`, we get another stream whose first element is one greater than the previous element, and whose `compute_rest` creates another stream. Hence, we effectively get an infinite stream of integers, computed one at a time. This is almost like an infinite recursion, but one which can be viewed one step at a time, and so does not crash.

## 1.1 Questions

1. Write a procedure `make_fib_stream()` that creates an infinite stream of Fibonacci Numbers. Make the first two elements of the stream 0 and 1. *Hint:* Consider using a helper function that can take two arguments, then think about how to start calling that function. Alternatively, you can implement it using the `add_streams()` function that was introduced in lecture.

   ```
   def make_fib_stream():
   ```

2. Suppose one wants to define a random infinite stream of numbers via the recursive definition: "a random infinite stream consists of a first random number, followed by a remaining random infinite stream." Consider an attempt to implement this via the code. Are there any problems with this? How can we fix this?

   ```
   from random import random
   random_stream = Stream(random(), lambda: random_stream)
   ```

## 1.2 Higher Order Functions on Streams

Naturally, as the theme has always been in this class, we can abstract our stream procedures to be higher order. Take a look at `filter_stream`:

```
def filter_stream(filter_func, s):
    def make_filtered_rest():
        return filter_stream(filter_func, s.rest)

    if s is Stream.empty:
        return s
    elif filter_func(s.first):
        return Stream(s.first, make_filtered_rest)
    else:
        return filter_stream(filter_func, s.rest)
```

You can see how this function might be useful. Notice how the Stream we create has as its `compute_rest` function a procedure that "promises" to filter out the rest of the Stream when asked. So at any one point, the entire stream has not been filtered. Instead, only the part of the stream that has been referenced has been filtered, but the rest will be filtered when asked. We can model other higher order Stream procedures after this one, and we can combine our higher order Stream procedures to do incredible things!

## 1.3 Questions

1. What does the following Stream output? Try writing out the first few values of the stream to see the pattern.

```
def my_stream():
    def compute_rest():
        return add_streams(map_stream(double, my_stream()),
                           my_stream())
    return Stream(1, compute_rest)
```

2. (Summer 2012 Final) What are the first five values in the following stream?

```
def my_stream():
    def compute_rest():
        return add_streams(stream_filter(lambda x: x%2 == 0,
               my_stream()), stream_map(lambda x: x+2, my_stream()))
    return Stream(2, compute_rest)
```

3. In a similar model to `filter_stream`, let's recreate the procedure `map_stream` from lecture, that given a stream `stream` and a one-argument function `func`, returns a new stream that is the result of applying `func` on every element in `s`.

```
def stream_map(func, s):
```

## 2 Review

It's never to early to start reviewing for the final. Hurray!

1. (Fall 2011 Final) Implement a generator function, `unique`, that takes an iterable argument and returns an iterator over all the unique elements of its input in the order in which they first appear. Do not use any `def`, `for`, or `class` statements, or `lambda` expressions.

```
def unique(iterable):
    """
    >>> list(unique([1, 3, 2, 2, 5, 3, 4, 1]))
    [1, 3, 2, 5, 4]
    """
```

2. (Fall 2012 Final) Implement a `reversed` relationship in logic. You may assume that an `append-to-form` relationship exists.

```
logic> (fact (append-to-form () ?x ?x))
logic> (fact (append-to-form (?a . ?r) ?y (?a . ?z))
             (append-to-form ?r ?y ?z))
```

3. (Spring 2013 Final) Write a relation `sorted` that is true if the given list is sorted in increasing order. Assume that you have a <= relation that relates two items if the first is less than or equal to the second.

```
logic> (fact (<= a a))
logic> (fact (<= a b))
logic> (fact (<= b b))
logic> (query (sorted ()))
Success!
logic> (query (sorted (a b b)))
Success!
logic> (query (sorted (b a)))
Failed.
```

4. (Spring 2012 Final) A classic puzzle called the Towers of Hanoi is a game that consists of three rods, and a number of disks of different sizes which can slide onto any rod. The puzzle starts with the disks in a neat stack in ascending order of size on one rod, the smallest at the top, thus making a conical shape.

The objective of the puzzle is to move the entire stack to another rod, obeying the following rules:

- Only one disk may be moved at a time.
- Each move consists of taking the upper disk from one of the rods and sliding it onto another rod, on top of the other disks that may already be present on that rod.
- No disk may be placed on top of a smaller disk.

Complete the definition of `towers_of_hanoi` which prints out the steps to solve this puzzle for any number of `n` disks starting from the `start` rod and moving them to the `end` rod:

```
def move_disk(start, end):
    print("Move 1 disk from rod", start, "to rod", end)

def towers_of_hanoi(n, start, end):
    """Print the moves required to solve the towers of hanoi
    game if we start with n disks on the start pole and want
    to move them all to the end pole.
    The game is to assumed to have 3 poles.

    >>> towers_of_hanoi(1, 1, 3)
    Move 1 disk from rod 1 to rod 3
    >>> towers_of_hanoi(2, 1, 3)
    Move 1 disk from rod 1 to rod 2
    Move 1 disk from rod 1 to rod 3
    Move 1 disk from rod 2 to rod 3
    """
```