

# CS 61A

# Discussion 1

Control and Higher Order Functions

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# Announcements

- Lab 01 due Friday
- Project 1 Hog is released. Due Thu 2/4
- Office Hours B6 Evans
  - Mon-Thur 11-6
  - Fri 11-4

# If Statements

- Execute different code based on different conditions
- Conditional expressions require expressions that return True/False
  - Boolean operators, comparing numbers ( $3 == 5$ )

```
if <conditional>:  
    <suite of statements>  
elif <conditional>:  
    <suite of statements>  
else:  
    <suite of statements>  
<rest of code>
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# Boolean Operators

- not: returns the opposite
  - always returns True or False
- and: returns the first False value (short-circuiting)
  - if all True -> evaluates the last value
- or: returns the first True value
  - if all False -> evaluates the last value

# Boolean Operators

- and/or uses the `bool(x)` function to determine True/False values
- do not have to return True/False
- False values: `False`, `0`, `None`, `""`, `[]`...
- True values: `True`, non-zero integers, almost everything else

# While loops

- As long as the conditional returns True, the body is executed
- Watch out for infinite loops!!!
- Within the body, the conditional needs to change after each iteration

```
while <conditional>:  
    <body>
```

```
i = 0  
while i < n:  
    <body>  
    ...  
    i = i + 1
```

# Higher Order Functions

- Function arguments can be other functions
- Pass in the name of the function
  - Don't make a function call (Demo)

# Higher Order Functions

- Functions can also return other functions
  - Usually returns the name
  - But can be a function call (in the next couple of weeks)