CS151.02 2010S *Functional Problem Solving*

Class 17: Exam 1 Discussion

Held: Monday, February 22, 2010

Summary: We consider some issues from the first exam.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.

Notes:

- Reading for tomorrow: Turtle Graphics.
- EC for Wednesday's panel on Open Information (4:15 pm Burling).
- EC for Thursday's convo.
- EC for Thursday's CS Extra (4:15 3821).
- EC for Friday's CS Table (noon, JRC PDR).
- Are there questions on Assignment 4?

Overview:

- General issues.
- What is functional programming?
- Issues with particular problems.
- Additional Q&A
- Lab (if time).

Some General Issues

- I don't reveal grade distributions as I see no point in doing so.
- Many of you need to work more on test-taking strategies.
    - *Read the exam first*: Almost everyone who tried the last question solved that question.
    - *Start early and take breaks*: In a few cases, it looked like you planned to do the whole exam in one four-hour stint (or two two-hour stints). You often do better if you think about questions for a little bit and then come back to them.
    - *Ask Sam for help*: I don't mind answering questions on the exam, and sometimes a quick suggestion from me can make things much faster.

What is Functional Programming?

- I saw lots of citation problems.
- Some of you had trouble understanding the definitions, which makes sense.
- What did you see as the most important aspects of functional programming?

Tips on Other Problems

- Problem 2: In the "how" part, we wanted you to say not just the steps in computation, but also why those steps resulted in the median.
- Problem 3: The result was supposed to include cents. It also reveals a problem with Scheme's representation of reals.
- Problem 5: Finding the points could be straightforward if you're clever.
- Problems 8 and 9: We'll go over these.

Lab

- If there's time, go back and do the lab on anonymous procedures.