Outline for November 30, 2012

Reading: §18  Due Date Changed! Assignment due: Friday, November 30, 2012 at 11:59 PM

1. Dictionary
   a. Collection of key-value pairs

2. Creating dictionaries
   a. Using `d = {}`
   b. Using `d = dict()`

3. Methods for dictionaries
   a. `k in D`: True if dictionary D has key k; else False
   b. `D.keys()`: list of keys in D
   c. `D.values()`: list of values in D
   d. `D.items()`: list of tuples (key, value) in D
   e. `D.get(k, d)`: if key k in D, return associated value; else return d
   f. `del D[k]`: delete tuple with key k from D
   g. `D.clear()`: delete all entries in D

4. Example: memos
   a. Remember how slowly the recursive Fibonacci number program [rfib.py] ran? Here is a faster recursive Fibonacci [rfibmemo.py]

5. Sorting the dictionary
   a. sorted sorts based on keys

6. Example: word frequency count
   a. Unsorted [wfc-1.py]
   b. Sorted alphabetically [wfc-2.py]
   c. Sorted alphabetically, but dictionary order (note key=str.lower() in sorted [wfc-2a.py]
   d. Sorted by frequency (treat lambda x: x[1] as an idiom to reference the value of the dictionary entry, not the key—to go from highest to lowest, replace x[1] with -x[1]) [wfc-3.py]
   e. Sorted by frequency first, then alphabetically—note use of function alphafreq(x); you can use any function here, and the parameter is the item [wfc-4.py]