

## Lecture 9: October 29, 2019

**Assignments:** Homework 3, due on November 8 at 11:59pm

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1. Tuples
  - (a) Used to group data
  - (b) Like lists, but immutable
2. `isinstance(obj, type)` function
  - (a) type is bool, float, int, list, str, tuple
3. Recursion
  - (a)  $n$  factorial [*nfact.py*]
4. Thinking recursively [*recfun.py*]
  - (a) First: think of the recursive case (write the problem in terms of something involving a smaller instance of the problem)
  - (b) Next: think of base case (when to stop)
  - (c) Example: Find the length of a string
  - (d) Example: Does the string only have alphabetic characters in it?
  - (e) Example: Find the maximum element of a list
  - (f) Example: Construct a string from a list of strings
  - (g) Example: Reverse a string
5. Recursion
  - (a) Palindromes [*palindrome.py*]
  - (b) Fibonacci numbers [*rfib.py*]
  - (c) Sum of digits [*sumdigits.py*]
  - (d) Greatest common divisor [*gcd.py*]
  - (e) Nested lists: is an item in a list? [*isinlist.py*]
  - (f) Tower of Hanoi [*hanoi.py*]