

# Higher Order Functions

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# Opening Discussion

- Let's look at solutions to the interclass problem.
- Minute Essay Comments:
  - Using two terminal windows.
  - Functions that don't use math.
  - Difference between printing and returning.
  - What does  $a*3+b*4$  do?
  - How long can functions be before it is bad?
  - The `()` on `collectData`.
  - Ending a function with an expression.

# More

- What should you ask if you don't have questions?
- What is the benefit of functions when they aren't “needed”?

# Higher Order Functions

- This is the reason function literals exist. These are functions that take other functions as arguments or return other functions.
- The compose method is higher order.
- We could write our own compose function that is a higher order function.
- We will see a lot more higher order functions in chapter 7.

# Code

- We'll spend any time we have left working on writing the code we started for calculating wages with functions.

# Minute Essay

- Write a function to evaluate a polynomial given the coefficients  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .
- Quiz #2 is next class.