

Lab A: Using Python as a Calculator  
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## Jupyter Notebooks

A1. **RUN** the following "code cell" (gray rectangle with `In[ ]` next to it), by CLICKING the code cell and pressing SHIFT+RETURN. Notice that only the last result will display.

```
In [1]: 1 + 2 + 3  
        50 - 3  
        100*5
```

Out[1]: 500

A2. **RUN** the following. As always, only the last result displays, but the last result has 2 parts because of the comma.

```
In [2]: 1 + 2 + 3  
        50 - 3, 1000*1000  
        100*5, 7*7
```

Out[2]: (500, 49)

A3. The "+" on the toolbar adds a code cell. The "scissors" deletes a cell.

## Python arithmetic + - \* / \*\*

A4. **RUN** the following.

```
In [3]: 3 + 10*5, 5**2, 27/10
```

Out[3]: (53, 25, 2.7)

A5. **EXERCISE.**

- a) What does each of the 5 arithmetic operations do?
- b) Do spaces around the 5 operations matter, or is it just style?

```
In [4]: # TYPE YOUR ANSWERS BELOW
#
# a) + is addition
# - is subtraction
# * is multiplication
# / is division
# ** is exponentiation
#
# b) No, spaces around + - * / ** don't matter
```

## Python # and =

A6. **RUN** the following. You will notice python ignores everything after #

```
In [5]: # This is a comment
1 + 1 # This is also a comment
```

Out[5]: 2

A7. **RUN** the following. Notice we assign variables using = Assignment itself does NOT produce output.

```
In [6]: a = 10
a
```

Out[6]: 10

```
In [7]: b = 20
```

```
In [8]: a = 18
b = 21
c = a - b
c
```

Out[8]: -3

A8. **RUN** the following. Notice you can assign multiple variables at once with a comma.

```
In [9]: x, y = 100, 500
x
```

Out[9]: 100

```
In [10]: a, b, c = 3, 4, 5
a + b/c
```

Out[10]: 3.8

A9. **RUN** the following. See that we can compute  $\frac{(2-3)*-3}{-1+2}$  all at once (1st cell below), or we can assign variables to help us (2nd cell below).

```
In [11]: (2 - 3)*-3/(-1 + 2)
```

```
Out[11]: 3.0
```

```
In [12]: top = (2 - 3)*-3
bottom = -1 + 2
top/bottom
```

```
Out[12]: 3.0
```

A10. **EXERCISE.** Assign variables to help you compute  $3 - \frac{3^2-2\cdot 3}{2\cdot 3-2}$

```
In [13]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

top = 3**2 - 2*3
bottom = 2*3 - 2
3 - top/bottom
```

```
Out[13]: 2.25
```

## Order of Operations

A11. **RUN** the following. Notice  $a - b * c = a - (b * c)$ , but they do not equal  $(a - b) * c$ .

```
In [14]: a,b,c = 3,4,5

a - b*c,  a - (b*c),  (a - b)*c
```

```
Out[14]: (-17, -17, -5)
```

A12. **EXERCISE.** In each row, identify NON-equivalent choice. For example, the answer to (1) is  $(a - b) * c$  because  $a - b * c = a - (b * c)$

- |      |                 |                 |                |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| (1)  | $a - b * c$     | $a - (b * c)$   | $(a - b) * c$  |
| (2)  | $a * (b - c)$   | $(a * b) - c$   | $a * b - c$    |
| (3)  | $a / b + c$     | $a / (b + c)$   | $(a / b) + c$  |
| (4)  | $(a + b) / c$   | $a + (b / c)$   | $a + b / c$    |
| (5)  | $a ** (b * c)$  | $(a ** b) * c$  | $a ** b * c$   |
| (6)  | $a * (b ** c)$  | $a * b ** c$    | $(a * b) ** c$ |
| (7)  | $a / b ** c$    | $(a / b) ** c$  | $a / (b ** c)$ |
| (8)  | $a ** b / c$    | $(a ** b) / c$  | $a ** (b / c)$ |
| (9)  | $(3 - 3) - 3$   | $3 - 3 - 3$     | $3 - (3 - 3)$  |
| (10) | $(2 ** 3) ** 2$ | $2 ** (3 ** 2)$ | $2 ** 3 ** 2$  |
| (11) | $6 / 3 / 2$     | $6 / (3 / 2)$   | $(6 / 3) / 2$  |

```
In [15]: # TYPE YOUR ANSWERS BELOW.
#
# (1)  (a - b)*c
# (2)  a*(b - c)
# (3)  a/(b + c)
# (4)  (a + b)/c
# (5)  a ** (b*c)
# (6)  (a*b) ** c
# (7)  (a/b) ** c
# (8)  a ** (b/c)
# (9)  3 - (3 - 3)
# (10) (2 ** 3) ** 2
# (11) 6/(3/2)
```

A13. **RUN** the following example, where we add 2 sets of parentheses which show the order of the 2 operations.

```
In [16]: 1 + 3/5
```

```
Out[16]: 1.6
```

```
In [17]: (1 + (3/5))
```

```
Out[17]: 1.6
```

A14. **EXERCISE.** Add 4 sets of parentheses, which show the order of the 4 operations.

```
In [18]: 7 - 3 ** 2/9 + 4
```

```
Out[18]: 10.0
```

```
In [19]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
((7 - ((3 ** 2)/9)) + 4)
```

```
Out[19]: 10.0
```

A15. **EXERCISE.** Assign  $a, b, c = 4, 5, 8$  and then evaluate  $\frac{a^b - c/b}{c - a}, \frac{a^{c-b}}{c - b}, \frac{a^{3/2}}{b}, \frac{a - b(c - a)}{c - a}$

```
In [20]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
a,b,c = 4,5,8
```

```
(a**b - c/b)/(c-a), a**(c-b)/(c-b), a**(3/2)/b, (a - b*(c-a))/(c-a)
```

```
Out[20]: (255.6, 21.333333333333332, 1.6, -4.0)
```

## Making python functions

A16. **RUN** the following.

```
In [21]: def g(x):
```

```
    return x**2
```

```
g(7)
```

```
Out[21]: 49
```

```
In [22]: def h(n): return n + 100
```

```
h(7)
```

```
Out[22]: 107
```

A17. **EXERCISE.** Make the function  $P(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$  and find  $P(P(7))$ .

```
In [23]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
def P(x):
```

```
    return x**2 - 2*x + 1
```

```
P(P(7))
```

```
Out[23]: 1225
```

## Built-in %pylab functions

Python	Math notation	Meaning
<code>abs(x)</code>	$ x $	absolute value
<code>sqrt(x)</code>	$\sqrt{x}$	square root
<code>exp(x)</code>	$e^x$	exponential function
<code>log(x)</code>	$\ln x$	natural logarithm
<code>sin(x)</code>	$\sin x$	sine
<code>arcsin(x)</code>	$\sin^{-1} x$	inverse sine
<code>radians(x)</code>		converts degrees to radians

A18. **RUN** the code cells below. The command `%pylab` only needs to be run once per lab; it loads "built-in functions" (from python packages numpy and matplotlib).

```
In [24]: %pylab
```

```
sqrt(49)
```

```
Using matplotlib backend: MacOSX
```

```
Populating the interactive namespace from numpy and matplotlib
```

```
Out[24]: 7.0
```

```
In [25]: pi, exp(1), sin(pi/2)
```

```
Out[25]: (3.141592653589793, 2.718281828459045, 1.0)
```

A19. **EXERCISE.** Evaluate

1.  $\sin 40^\circ$
2.  $\sin^2 65^\circ$
3.  $e^{(10-8.5)/3}$
4.  $\arcsin(\sin(3\pi/4))$

Note. Python uses radians for all angle measurements, so you need to convert any degrees to radians.

```
In [26]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
```

```
sin(radians(40)), sin(radians(65))**2, exp((10-8.5)/3), arcsin(sin(3*pi/4))
```

```
Out[26]: (0.6427876096865393,  
          0.8213938048432696,  
          1.6487212707001282,  
          0.7853981633974484)
```

## Making an array with `r_[ ]`

A20. **RUN** the following. (If you get an error, go back and run [A17](#).) The function `r_[ ]` can make an array of numbers of your choice. We will need arrays for graphing (Lab B).

```
In [27]: x = r_[2,3,4,5,10]
         x**3
```

```
Out[27]: array([ 8, 27, 64, 125, 1000])
```

A21. **EXERCISE.** Use `r_[ ]` to store the numbers 2,3,5,7,11 in an array named `x`. Find `x*x`.

```
In [28]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

         x = r_[2,3,5,7,11]
         x*x
```

```
Out[28]: array([ 4, 9, 25, 49, 121])
```

## Making an array with `r_[a:b:stride]`

A22. **RUN** the following. In general, `r_[a:b]` will list integers from *a* up to but *not* including *b*. A missing *a* is the same as 0.

```
In [29]: r_[5:10]
```

```
Out[29]: array([5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

```
In [30]: r_[ :5]
```

```
Out[30]: array([0, 1, 2, 3, 4])
```

A23. **EXERCISE.** Use `r_[a:b]` to make the array 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

```
In [31]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

         r_[1:10]
```

```
Out[31]: array([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

A24. **RUN** the following. In general, `r_[a:b:stride]` spaces out your numbers by the amount `stride`.

```
In [32]: r_[0:100:2]
```

```
Out[32]: array([ 0,  2,  4,  6,  8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32,
                34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66,
                68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98])
```

A25. **EXERCISE.** Use `r_[a:b:stride]` to make the array 1,3,5,...,99

```
In [33]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
r_[1:100:2]
```

```
Out[33]: array([ 1,  3,  5,  7,  9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33,
                35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67,
                69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99])
```

## Making an array with `linspace(a,b,n)`

A26. **RUN** the following. Observe that `linspace(a,b,n)` lists  $n$  numbers from  $a$  to  $b$  inclusive. This is useful for generating a lot of evenly-spaced numbers, such as when graphing (Lab B). Observe that `linspace(a,b)` lists 50 numbers from  $a$  to  $b$  inclusive.

```
In [34]: linspace(0,10,6)
```

```
Out[34]: array([ 0.,  2.,  4.,  6.,  8., 10.])
```

```
In [35]: linspace(0,10)
```

```
Out[35]: array([ 0.          ,  0.20408163,  0.40816327,  0.6122449 ,  0.81632653,
                1.02040816,  1.2244898 ,  1.42857143,  1.63265306,  1.83673469,
                2.04081633,  2.24489796,  2.44897959,  2.65306122,  2.85714286,
                3.06122449,  3.26530612,  3.46938776,  3.67346939,  3.87755102,
                4.08163265,  4.28571429,  4.48979592,  4.69387755,  4.89795918,
                5.10204082,  5.30612245,  5.51020408,  5.71428571,  5.91836735,
                6.12244898,  6.32653061,  6.53061224,  6.73469388,  6.93877551,
                7.14285714,  7.34693878,  7.55102041,  7.75510204,  7.95918367,
                8.16326531,  8.36734694,  8.57142857,  8.7755102 ,  8.97959184,
                9.18367347,  9.3877551 ,  9.59183673,  9.79591837, 10.          ])
```

A27. **EXERCISE.** Use `linspace(a,b,n)` to make the array 1,1.5,2,2.5,3,3.5,4

```
In [36]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
linspace(1,4,7)
```

```
Out[36]: array([1. , 1.5, 2. , 2.5, 3. , 3.5, 4. ])
```

A28. **EXERCISE.**

Convert average body temperature  $98.6^\circ F$  to Celsius using  $C = 5/9(F - 32)$ .

```
In [37]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER
5/9*(98.6 - 32)
```

```
Out[37]: 37.0
```



A29. **RUN** the following.

Notice that `x` and `y` are arrays,  
`c_[x,y]` puts them into a table.

```
In [38]: x = r_[:10]
         y = x**2
         c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[38]: array([[ 0,  0],
               [ 1,  1],
               [ 2,  4],
               [ 3,  9],
               [ 4, 16],
               [ 5, 25],
               [ 6, 36],
               [ 7, 49],
               [ 8, 64],
               [ 9, 81]])
```

A30. **EXERCISE.**

Use `r_` to make an array of Fahrenheit values `x = -100, -80, -60, ..., 100`.

Make the corresponding array of Celsius values `y`

Use `c_` to put `x` and `y` into a table.

```
In [39]: # Type your answer below and press SHIFT+ENTER

         x = r_[-100:101:20]
         y = 5/9*(x - 32)
         c_[x,y]
```

```
Out[39]: array([[ -100.      , -73.33333333],
               [  -80.      , -62.22222222],
               [  -60.      , -51.11111111],
               [  -40.      , -40.        ],
               [  -20.      , -28.88888889],
               [    0.      , -17.77777778],
               [   20.      ,  -6.66666667],
               [   40.      ,   4.44444444],
               [   60.      ,  15.55555556],
               [   80.      ,  26.66666667],
               [  100.      ,  37.77777778]])
```