[220 / 319] Using Functions

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Learning Objectives Today

How to call functions

- terminology
- input/output

Please read Ch 3 of Think Python

Function usage demos

make a battleship game!

Main Code:

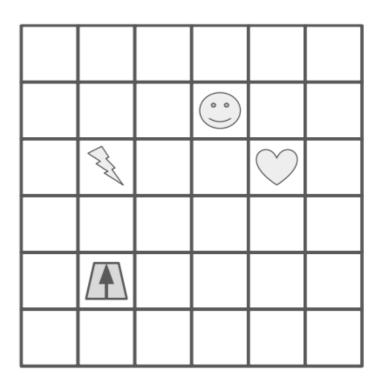
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- Rotate the robot 90 degrees to the right (so arrow points to right)
- Put 3 in the "moves" box
- 5. Perform the steps under "Move Code", then continue to step 6
- 6. Whatever symbol the robot is sitting on, write that symbol in the "resut" box

Move Code:

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- B. Move the robot forward one square, in the direction the arrow is pointing
- C. Decrease the value in "moves" by one
- D. Go back to step A

"Move Code" is a function

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we'll learn about how to give functions input by passing arguments (e.g., 2) to parameters (e.g., moves)

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today we'll learn how to use functions in Python

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we'll also learn how to ask functions

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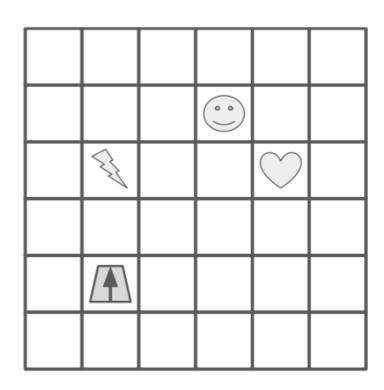
questions and get answers called return values

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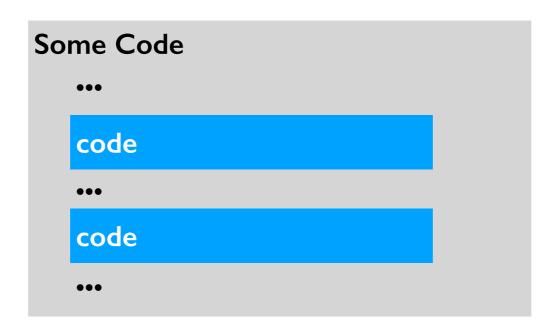
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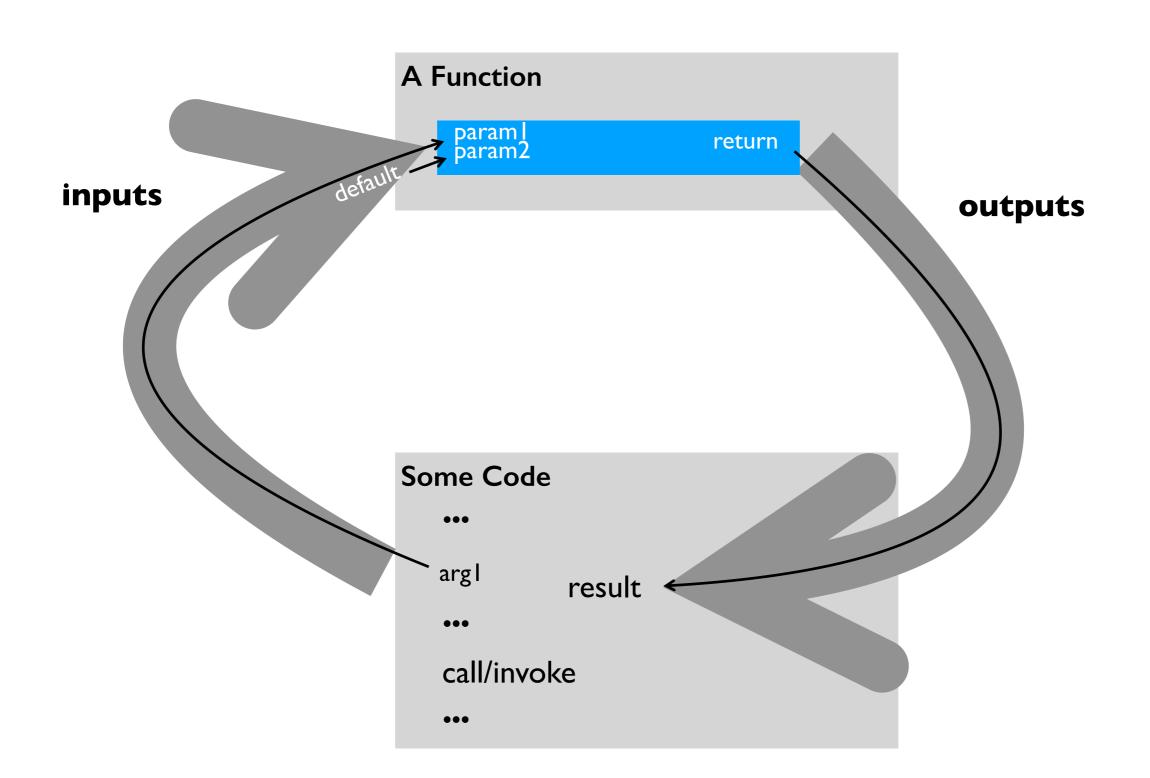
General Function Concepts





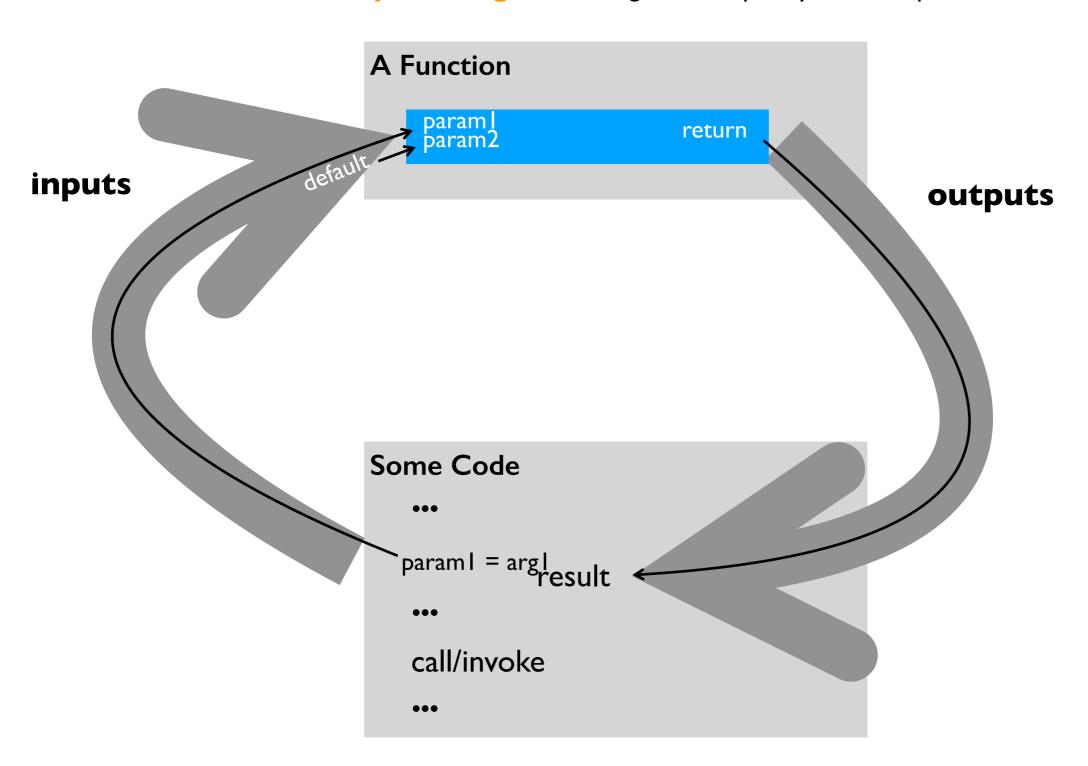
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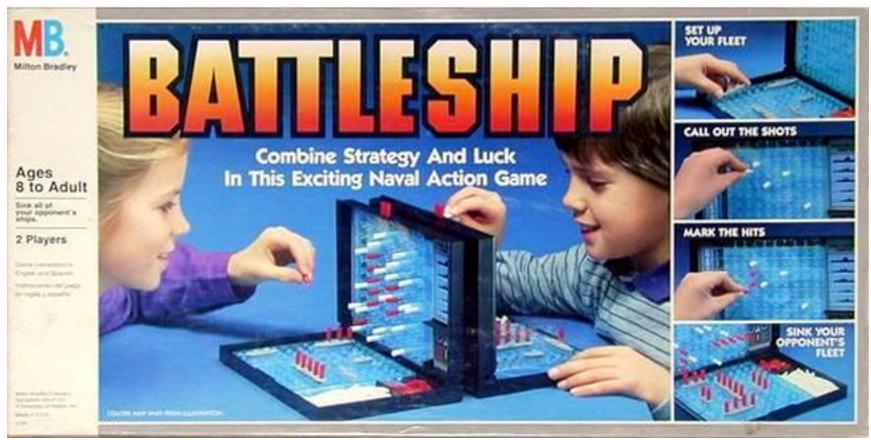
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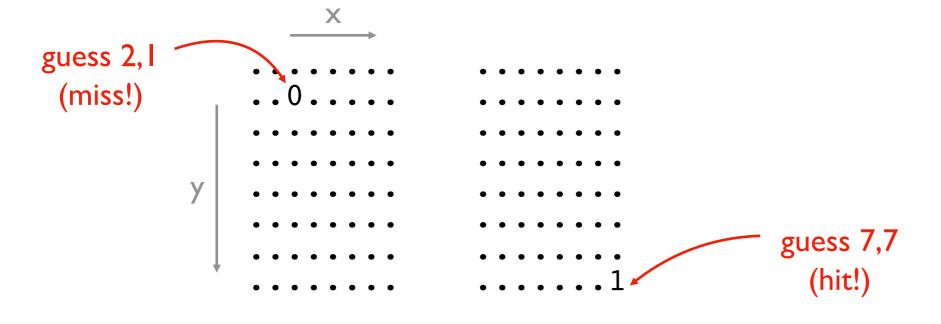
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demos

Battleship Demo (Version I)



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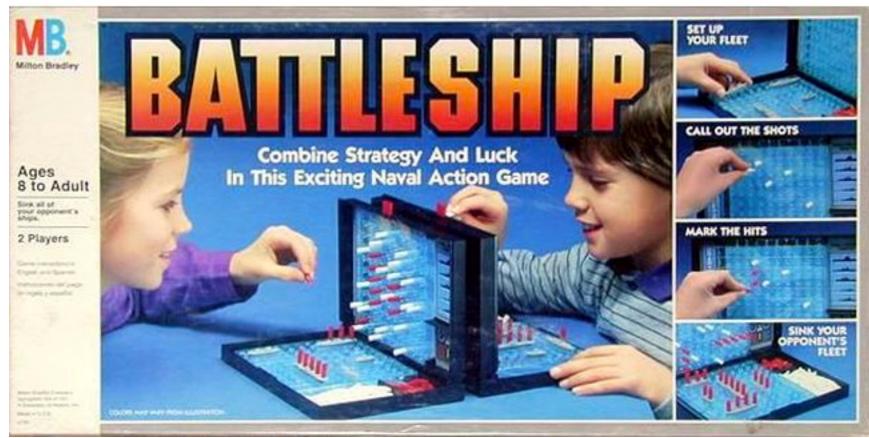


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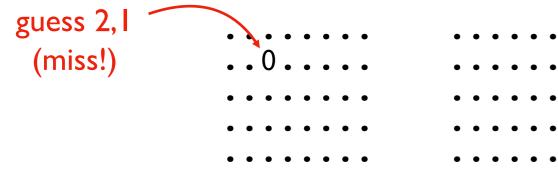
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practice demos

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guess 7,7 (hit!)

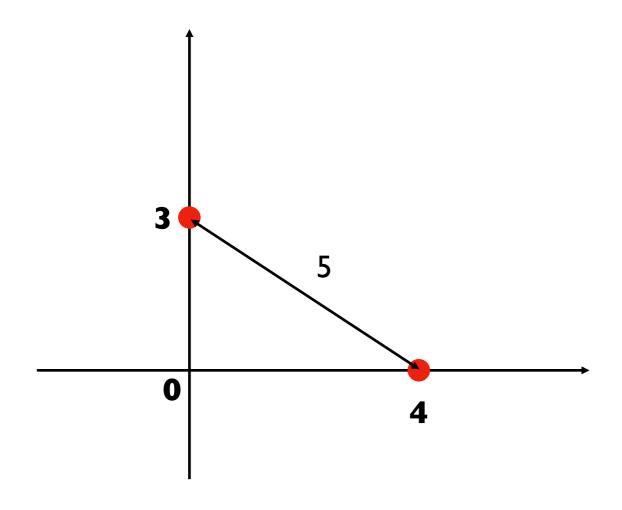
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Version 2

- larger ship
- multiple ships
- random locations

Demo: Polar Coords Distance



point I: distance 3 at angle 90°

point 2: distance 4 at angle 0°

