Python

Basale koncepter

Grundlæggende input og output

Det traditionelle "Hej, verden" -program er meget enkelt i Python. Hvis du læser dette i JupyterNotebook, Kan du køre programmet ved at markere cellen med musen og trykke på kontrol-enter på tastaturet. Prøv at redigere strengen i citaterne og kør programmet igen.

```
In [3]: print("Hello world2!")
        Hello world2!
        På min macbook kan jeg taste følgende i Terminal:
            % python
            Python 3.7.6 (default, Jan 8 2020, 13:42:34)
            [Clang 4.0.1 (tags/RELEASE_401/final)] :: Anaconda, Inc. on darwin
            Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more
            information.
            >>>
        åbner interaktivt python. Her taster jeg:
            >>> print("Hello world1!")
        og får svaret:
            Hello world1!
            >>>
         Ctrl-D (eller exit()) går ud igen
            %
        Flere strenge kan udskrives. Som standard er de sammensat med et mellemrum:
```

```
In [4]: print("Hello,", "John!", "How are you?")

Hello, John! How are you?

I udskrivningsfunktionen evalueres først numerisk udtryk og konverteres derefter automatisk
```

```
In [5]: print(1, "plus", 2, "equals", 1+2)
```

til strenge. Efterfølgende er strengene forbundet med mellemrum:

```
1 plus 2 equals 3
```

Læsning af tekstinput fra brugeren kan opnås med input-funktionen. Inputfunktionen får en strengparameter, som udskrives og beder brugeren om at indtaste input. I eksemplet herunder gemmes den streng, som brugeren har indtastet, i variablen name. Prøv at køre programmet i den interaktive notesbog ved at trykke på kontrol-enter!

(Eller brug terminal-vinduet, hvis du ikke har JupyterNotes)

```
In [6]: name=input("Give me your name: ")
print("Hello,", name)
```

Hello, Søren

Indrykning

Gentagelse er laves med for -loop. Bemærk, at hoveddelen af for loop er indrykket med en tabulator eller fire mellemrum. I modsætning til på nogle andre sprog er krøllede-(tuborg)-parenteser ({ og }) ikke nødvendige for at betegne loopets krop.

Når indrykningen stopper, slutter loopets krop.

```
In [7]: for i in range(3):
        print("Hello")
    print("Bye!")

Hello
    Hello
    Hello
    Bye!

(der er selvfølgelig også en while .)
```

Indrykning gælder også for andre sammensatte udsagn, f.eks. Funktionslegemer, forskellige grene af en if -sætning og mens loops. Vi ser eksempler på disse senere.

Udtrykket range(3) i ovenstående resulterer i sekvensen (af hele tal): 0, 1, og 2. Så området er en halv-åbne interval med slutpunktet udelukket fra intervallet (i matematik: [0;3[). Generelt giver udtryksinterval range(n), heltal 0, 1, 2,..., n-1.

Rediger ovenstående program for at få det til også at udskrive værdien af variabel i ved hver iteration.

Kør koden igen med kontrol-enter.

Øvelse 1 (hej verden)

Øvelsen har en skabelon-fil eller en "stub". Den ligger i mappen exercises/part01/e01_hello_world Udfyld det manglende stykke i løsnings-stub-filen hello_world.py i undermappen src og få den til at udskrive følgende:

```
Hello, world!
```

Sørg for at bruge korrekt indrykning. Du kan køre det med kommando python3
src/hello_world.py . Hvis output ser godt ud, kan du teste det med kommando python
-m tmc . Hvis testene virker, skal du indsende din løsning til serveren med kommando tmc
submit .

Øvelse 2 (kompliment)

Udfyld stub-løsningen for at få programmet til at fungere som følger:

Programmet skal bede brugeren om et input, og udskrive et svar som eksemplerne herunder viser.

```
What country are you from? Sweden
I have heard that Sweden is a beautiful country.
What country are you from? Chile
I have heard that Chile is a beautiful country.
```

Øvelse 3 (multiplikation)

Lav et program, der giver følgende output.

Du skal bruge et for-loop i din løsning.

```
4 multiplied by 0 is 0
4 multiplied by 1 is 4
4 multiplied by 2 is 8
4 multiplied by 3 is 12
4 multiplied by 4 is 16
4 multiplied by 5 is 20
4 multiplied by 6 is 24
4 multiplied by 7 is 28
4 multiplied by 8 is 32
4 multiplied by 9 is 36
4 multiplied by 10 is 40
```

Variabler og datatyper

Vi så allerede tidligere, at tildeling af en værdi til variabel er meget enkel:

```
In [8]: a=1
    print(a)
```

Bemærk, at vi ikke behøvede at erklære variablen a på nogen måde. Der blev ikke angivet nogen type til variablen. Python registrerede automatisk, at typen askal være int (et helt tal). Vi kan forespørge om typen af en variabel med den indbyggede funktion type:

```
In [9]: type(a)
Out[9]: int
```

Bemærk også, at typen af en variabel ikke er fast:

```
In [10]: a="some text"
type(a)
```

```
Out[10]: str
```

I Python er typen af en variabel ikke knyttet til navnet på variablen, som f.eks. i *C*, men i stedet med den faktiske værdi. Dette kaldes dynamiske typer.

```
Etyping.svg
```

Vi siger, at en variabel er et navn, der *refererer* til en værdi eller et objekt, og tildelingsoperatoren (=) *binder* et variabelnavn til en værdi.

De grundlæggende datatyper i Python er: int , float , complex , str (en streng), bool (en boolsk variabel med værdien True eller False), og bytes. Nedenfor er få eksempler på deres anvendelse.

Result of the comparison: False Complex multiplication: (-4+0j) concatenation

Typernes navne fungerer også som konverteringsoperatorer mellem typer:

```
In [12]: print(int(-2.8))
    print(float(2))
    print(int("123"))
    print(bool(-2), bool(0)) # Zero is interpreted as False
    print(str(234))
```

```
-2
2.0
123
True False
234
```

En *byte* er en lagringsenhed, der kan repræsentere tal mellem 0 og 255. En byte består af 8 *bits* , som igen, hver især, kan repræsentere enten 0 eller 1. Alle data, der er gemt på diske eller transmitteret over internettet, er sekvenser af bytes.

Normalt behøver vi ikke bekymre os om bytes, da vores strenge og andre variabler automatisk konverteres til en bytesekvens, når det er nødvendigt.

Et eksempel på korrespondancen mellem de sædvanlige datatyper og bytes er tegnene i en streng. Et enkelt tegn er kodet som en sekvens på en eller flere bytes. For eksempel svarer tegnet c i den sædvanlige UTF-8-kodning, til en byte med heltalværdi 99 og tegnet ä svarer til sekvens af bytes [195, 164]. Et eksempel på konvertering mellem tegn og bytes:

```
In [13]: b="a".encode("utf-8")  # Convert character(s) to a sequence of bytes
    print(b)  # Prints bytes in hexadecimal notation
    print(list(b))  # Prints bytes in decimal notation

b'\xc3\xa4'
    [195, 164]

In [14]: bytes.decode(b, "utf-8") # convert sequence of bytes to character(s)
Out[14]: 'a'
```

I løbet af dette kursus behøver vi ikke bekymre os meget om bytes, men i nogle tilfælde, når vi indlæser datasæt, skal vi muligvis angive kodningen, hvis den afviger fra standarden.

Oprettelse af strenge

spanning over

En streng er en sekvens af tegn, der almindeligvis bruges til at gemme input- eller outputdata i et program. Tegnene i en streng angives enten mellem enkelt (') eller dobbelt (") anførselstegn. Denne valgmulighed er nyttig, hvis f.eks. En streng skal indeholde et anførselstegn: "I don't want to go!". Du kan også opnå dette ved at escape anførselstegnet med baglæns skråstreg: 'I don\'t want to go!'.

Strengen kan også indeholde andre escape-sekvenser som f.eks. \n for newline og \t for en tabulator. Se literals for en liste over alle escape-tegnfølger.

```
In [15]: print("One\tTwo\nThree\tFour")
One    Two
Three    Four
En streng, der indeholder linjeskift (\n ) implicit, kan let angives inden for tredobbelte
enkelt (') eller dobbelt (") anførselstegn:
In [16]: s="""A string
```

```
several lines"""
```

Sammenkædning af strenge

Selvom vi kan sammenkæde strenge ved hjælp af + operatoren, bør vi af effektivitetsgrunde bruge join -metoden til at sammenkæde et større antal strenge:

```
In [17]: a="first"
b="second"
print(a+b)
print(" ".join([a, b, b, a])) # More about the join method Later
```

first second second first

Nogle gange kan udskrivning ved sammenkædning fra tekst-dele være uelegant:

```
In [18]: print(str(1) + " plus " + str(3) + " is equal to " + str(4))
# slightly better
print(1, "plus", 3, "is equal to", 4)

1 plus 3 is equal to 4
1 plus 3 is equal to 4
```

Formateret udskrivning

De flere sammenkædnings- og citattegn bryder tankestrømmen. *Streng-interpolation* giver noget lettere syntaks.

Der er flere måder at udføre strenginterpolation på:

- Python-formatstrenge
- format -metode
- f-strenge

Eksempler på disse kan ses herunder:

```
In [19]: print("%i plus %i is equal to %i" % (1, 3, 4))  # Format syntax

print("{} plus {} is equal to {}".format(1, 3, 4)) # Format method

print(f"{1} plus {3} is equal to {4}")  # f-string

1 plus 3 is equal to 4
1 plus 3 is equal to 4
1 plus 3 is equal to 4
Formateringsanvisningen i , i format-syntaks bruges til heltal og f bruges til kommatal

(52 t)
```

Når du bruger f-strenge eller formatmetoden, bruger heltal i d stedet. I formatstrenge kan specifikatorer normalt udelades og bruges generelt kun, når specifik formatering er

påkrævet. For eksempel i f-strenge f"{4:3d}"ville angive tallet 4 venstre polstret med mellemrum til 3 cifre.

Det er ofte nyttigt at angive antallet af decimaler, når man udskriver kommatal:

```
In [20]: print("%.1f %.2f %.3f %.4i" % (1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 42))  # Old style
    print("{:.1f} {:.2f} {:.3f} {:d}".format(1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 42))  # newer style
    print(f"{1.6:.1f} {1.7:.2f} {1.8:.3f} {42:d}")  # f-string
1.6 1.70 1.800 0042
1.6 1.70 1.800 42
1.6 1.70 1.800 42
```

Specifikatoren s bruges til strenge. F.eks.:

```
In [21]: print("%s concatenated with %s produces %s" % ("water", "melon", "water"+"melon"))
    print("{0} concatenated with {1} produces {0}{1}".format("water", "melon"))
    print(f"{'water'} concatenated with {'melon'} produces {'water' + 'melon'}")
```

```
water concatenated with melon produces watermelon water concatenated with melon produces watermelon water concatenated with melon produces watermelon
```

Se https://pyformat.info/#number for flere detaljer om formatspecifikationer og til sammenligning mellem den gamle og nye stil med strenginterpolation.

Forskellige måder til strenginterpolering har forskellige styrker og svagheder. Generelt er det et spørgsmål om personlig præference at vælge, hvilken der skal bruges. På dette kursus vil eksempler og modelløsninger overvejende bruge f -strenge og format -metoden.

Udtryk (Expressions)

Et *udtryk* er et stykke Python-kode, der resulterer i en værdi. Den består af værdier kombineret med *operatorer* . Værdier kan være konstanter, såsom 1, 1.2, "text" eller variable. Operatorer omfatter blandt andet aritmetikoperatorer, sammenligningsoperatorer, funktionskald, indeksering, attributreferencer. Nedenfor er der et par eksempler på udtryk:

```
1+2
7/(2+0.1)
a
cos(0)
mylist[1]
c > 0 and c !=1
(1,2,3)
a<5
obj.attr
(-1)**2 == 1
```

kommatals division (float). ** -operatoren er potensopløftning (\mathbf{x}^* betyder x^n). Disse operatorer kan opføre sig anderledes end på mange andre almindelige sprog.

Som et andet eksempel beregner følgende udtryk kinetisk energi for et ikke-roterende objekt: 0.5 * mass * velocity**2 $(0.5 \cdot mass \cdot velocity^2)$

Erklæringer

Udsagn er kommandoer, der har en form for side effekt. For eksempel er et funktionsopkald (der ikke er en del af et andet udtryk) en erklæring. Variabeltildelingen er også en erklæring:

```
In [ ]: setname("Søren")  # Call to funktion setname(), is a statement
    i = 5
    i = i+1  # This is a commong idiom to increment the value of i by one
    i += 1  # This is a short-hand for the above
```

Bemærk, at der i Python ikke er nogen operatorer ++ eller -- ulig på nogle andre sprog.

```
Til gengæld har, operatorerne + - * / // % & | ^ >> << ** tilsvarende udvidede tildelingsoperatorer + -= *= /= //= %= &= |= ^= >>= <<= **=
```

En anden vigtig mængde af udsagn er flow-control-udsagnene, f.eks. If-else, for og while løkker. Vi behandler disse i de næste afsnit.

Løkker til gentagne opgaver

I Python har vi to slags løkker: while og for . Vi så på for løkken tidligere. Lad os nu se på while løkken. En while loop gentager et sæt udsagn, mens en given betingelse holder. Et eksempel:

```
In [25]:
    while i*i < 100:
        print("Square of", i, "is", i*i)
        i = i + 1
    print("Finished printing all the squares below 100.")

Square of 1 is 1
Square of 2 is 4
Square of 3 is 9
Square of 4 is 16
Square of 5 is 25
Square of 6 is 36
Square of 7 is 49
Square of 8 is 64
Square of 9 is 81
Finished printing all the squares below 100.</pre>
```

Bemærk igen, at kroppen i while -sætningen var markeret med indrykning.

En anden måde at gentage udsagn på er med for -udsagnet. Et eksempel

```
In [26]: s=0
    for i in [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]:
        s = s + i
    print("The sum is", s)
```

The sum is 45

for -løkken udfører udsagnene i blokken så mange gange, som der er elementer i den givne liste. Ved hver iteration, refererer i -variablen til den næste værdi fra listen i rækkefølge. I stedet for at angive listen eksplicit som ovenfor, kunne vi have brugt generatoren, range (10) der returnerer værdier fra sekvensen 0,1, ..., 9, da for -løkken beder om en ny værdi. I den mest generelle form går forsløjfen gennem alle elementerne i en iterable . Udover lister og generatorer er der andre iterables. Vi vil tale om iterables og generatorer senere på ugen. The for loop executes the statements in the block as many times as there are elements in the given list. At each iteration the variable i refers to another value from the list in order. Instead of the giving the list explicitly as above, we could have used the generator range (10) which returns values from the sequence 0,1,...,9 as the for loop asks for a new value. In the most general form the for loop goes through all the elements in an iterable. Besides lists and generators there are other iterables. We will talk about iterables and generators later this week.

When one wants to iterate through all the elements in an iterable, then the for loop is a natural choice. But sometimes while loops offer cleaner solution. For instance, if we want to go through all Fibonacci numbers up till a given limit, then it is easier to do with a while loop.

Exercise 4 (multiplication table)

In the main function print a multiplication table, which is shown below:

```
1
   2
       3
          4
             5
                6
                   7
                      8
                          9
                            10
                            20
2
   4 6
          8 10 12 14 16 18
3
   6 9 12 15 18 21 24 27
                            30
4
  8 12 16 20 24
                  28 32 36 40
  10 15 20 25
               30
                  35 40 45
                            50
 12 18 24 30 36 42 48 54 60
6
7
  14 21 28 35
               42 49 56 63 70
8
  16 24 32 40
               48
                  56 64 72 80
9
  18 27
         36 45
               54
                  63 72 81 90
                  70 80 90 100
10
  20 30 40 50
               60
```

For example at row 4 and column 9 we have 4*9=36.

Use two nested for loops to achive this. Note that you can use the following form to stop the print function from automatically starting a new line:

```
In [27]: print("text", end="")
    print("more text")
```

textmore text

Print the numbers in a field with width four, so that the numbers are nicely aligned. For instructions on how adjust the field width refer to pyformat.info.

Decision making with the if statement

The if-else statement works as can be expected. Try running the below cell by pressing control+enter.

```
In [28]: x=input("Give an integer: ")
    x=int(x)
    if x >= 0:
        a=x
    else:
        a=-x
    print("The absolute value of %i is %i" % (x, a))
```

The absolute value of 42 is 42

The general from of an if-else statement is

```
if condition1:
    statement1_1
    statement1_2
    ...
elif condition2:
    statement2_1
    statement2_2
    ...
else:
    statementn_1
    statementn_2
    ...
```

Another example:

```
In [29]: c=float(input("Give a number: "))
   if c > 0:
        print("c is positive")
   elif c<0:
        print("c is negative")
   else:
        print("c is zero")</pre>
```

c is positive

Breaking and continuing loop

Breaking the loop, when the wanted element is found, with the break statement:

```
In [30]: l=[1,3,65,3,-1,56,-10]
    for x in 1:
        if x < 0:
            break
    print("The first negative list element was", x)</pre>
```

The first negative list element was -1

Stopping current iteration and continuing to the next one with the continue statement:

```
In [31]: from math import sqrt, log
l=[1,3,65,3,-1,56,-10]
for x in 1:
    if x < 0:
        continue
    print(f"Square root of {x} is {sqrt(x):.3f}")
    print(f"Natural logarithm of {x} is {log(x):.4f}")</pre>
```

Square root of 1 is 1.000
Natural logarithm of 1 is 0.0000
Square root of 3 is 1.732
Natural logarithm of 3 is 1.0986
Square root of 65 is 8.062
Natural logarithm of 65 is 4.1744
Square root of 3 is 1.732
Natural logarithm of 3 is 1.0986
Square root of 56 is 7.483
Natural logarithm of 56 is 4.0254

Exercise 5 (two dice)

Let us consider throwing two dice. (A dice can give a value between 1 and 6.) Use two nested for loops in the main function to iterate through all possible combinations the pair of dice can give. There are 36 possible combinations. Print all those combinations as (ordered) pairs that sum to 5. For example, your printout should include the pair (2,3). Print one pair per line.

Functions

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A function is defined with the def statement. Let's do a doubling function.

```
In [32]: def double(x):
    "This function multiplies its argument by two."
    return x*2
print(double(4), double(1.2), double("abc")) # It even happens to work for strings!
```

The double function takes only one parameter. Notice the docstring on the second line. It

documents the purpose and usage of the function. Let's try to access it.

```
In [33]: print("The docstring is:", double.__doc__)
help(double) # Another way to access the docstring

The docstring is: This function multiplies its argument by two.
Help on function double in module __main__:

double(x)
    This function multiplies its argument by two.
```

Most of Python's builtin functions, classes, and modules should contain a docstring.

```
In [34]: help(print)

Help on built-in function print in module builtins:

print(*args, sep=' ', end='\n', file=None, flush=False)
    Prints the values to a stream, or to sys.stdout by default.

sep
    string inserted between values, default a space.
end
    string appended after the last value, default a newline.
file
    a file-like object (stream); defaults to the current sys.stdout.
flush
    whether to forcibly flush the stream.
```

Here's another example function:

```
In [35]: def sum_of_squares(a, b):
    "Computes the sum of arguments squared"
    return a**2 + b**2
print(sum_of_squares(3, 4))
```

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Note the terminology: in the function definition the names a and b are called **parameters** of the function; in the function call, however, 3 and 4 are called **arguments** to the function.

It would be nice that the number of arguments could be arbitrary, not just two. We could pass a list to the function as a parameter.

```
In [36]:

def sum_of_squares(lst):
    "Computes the sum of squares of elements in the list given as parameter"
    s=0
    for x in lst:
        s += x**2
    return s
```

```
print(sum_of_squares([-2]))
print(sum_of_squares([-2,4,5]))
```

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This works perfectly! There is however some extra typing with the brackets around the lists. Let's see if we can do better:

```
In [37]: def sum_of_squares(*t):
    "Computes the sum of squares of arbitrary number of arguments"
    s=0
    for x in t:
        s += x**2
    return s
    print(sum_of_squares(-2))
    print(sum_of_squares(-2,4,5))
```

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The strange looking argument notation (the star) is called *argument packing*. It packs all the given positional arguments into a tuple t. We will encounter tuples again later, but it suffices now to say that tuples are *immutable* lists. With the for loop we can iterate through all the elements in the tuple.

Conversely, there is also syntax for *argument unpacking*. It has confusingly exactly same notation as argument packing (star), but they are separated by the location where used. Packing happens in the parameter list of the functions definition, and unpacking happens where the function is called:

```
In [38]: lst=[1,5,8]
    print("With list unpacked as arguments to the functions:",
         sum_of_squares(*lst))
# print(sum_of_squares(lst)) # Does not work correctly
```

With list unpacked as arguments to the functions: 90

The second call failed because the function tried to raise the list of numbers to the second power. Inside the function body we have t=([1,5,8]), where the parentheses denote a tuple with one element, a list.

In addition to positional arguments we have seen so far, a function call can also have *named* arguments. An example will explain this concept best:

```
In [39]: def named(a, b, c):
    print("First:", a, "Second:", b, "Third:", c)
    named(5, c=7, b=8)
```

First: 5 Second: 8 Third: 7

Note that the named arguments didn't need to be in the same order as in the function

definition. The named arguments must come after the positional arguments. For example, the following function call is illegal named(a=5, 7, 8).

One can also specify an optional parameter by giving the parameter a default value. The parameters that have default values must come after those parameters that don't. We saw that the parameters of the print function were of form print(value, ..., sep=' ', end='\n', file=sys.stdout, flush=False). There were four parameters with default values. If some default values don't suit us, we can give them in the function call using the name of the parameter:

```
In [40]: print(1, 2, 3, end=' |', sep=' -*- ')
    print("first", "second", "third", end=' |', sep=' -*- ')

1 -*- 2 -*- 3 | first -*- second -*- third |
```

We did not need to specify all the parameters with default values, only those we wanted to change.

Let's go through another example of using parameters with default values:

```
In [ ]:

In [41]:

def length(*t, degree=2):
    """Computes the length of the vector given as parameter. By default, it compute
    the Euclidean distance (degree==2)"""
    s=0
    for x in t:
        s += abs(x)**degree
    return s**(1/degree)
    print(length(-4,3))
    print(length(-4,3, degree=3))

5.0
```

4.497941445275415

With the default parameter this is the Euclidean distance, and if $p \neq 2$ it is called p-norm.

We saw that it was possible to use packing and unpacking of arguments with the * notation, when one wants to specify arbitrary number of *positional arguments*. This is also possible for arbitrary number of named arguments with the ** notation. We will talk about this more in the data structures section.

Visibility of variables

Function definition creates a new *namespace* (also called local scope). Variables created inside this scope are not available from outside the function definition. Also, the function parameters are only visible inside the function definition. Variables that are not defined inside any function are called global variables.

Global variable are readable also in local scopes, but an assignment creates a new local variable without rebinding the global variable. If we are inside a function, a local variable hides a global variable by the same name:

```
In [42]: i=2  # global variable
def f():
    i=3  # this creates a new variable, it does not rebind the global i
    print(i) # This will print 3
f()
print(i) # This will print 2
3
2
```

If you really need to rebind a global variable from a function, use the global statement. Example:

```
i=2
def f():
    global i
    i=5  # rebind the global i variable
    print(i) # This will print 5
f()
    print(i) # This will print 5
```

Unlike languages like C or C++, Python allows defining a function inside another function. This *nested* function will have nested scope:

```
In [44]: def f():  # outer function
    b=2
    def g():  # inner function
        #nonlocal b # Without this nonlocal statement,
        b=3  # this will create a new local variable
        print(b)
    g()
    print(b)
f()
```

3 2

Try first running the above cell and see the result. Then uncomment the nonlocal stamement and run the cell again. The <code>global</code> and <code>nonlocal</code> statements are similar. The first will force a variable refer to a global variable, and the second will force a variable to refer to the variable in the nearest outer scope (but not the global scope).

Exercise 6 (triple square)

Write two functions: triple and square . Function triple multiplies its parameter by three. Function square raises its parameter to the power of two. For example, we have equalities triple(5)==15 and square(5)==25.

Part 1.

In the main function write a for loop that iterates through values 1 to 10, and for each value prints its triple and its square. The output should be as follows:

```
triple(1)==3 square(1)==1
triple(2)==6 square(2)==4
```

Part 2.

Now modify this for loop so that it stops iteration when the square of a value is larger than the triple of the value, without printing anything in the last iteration.

Note that the test cases check that both functions triple and square are called exactly once per iteration.

Exercise 7 (areas of shapes)

Create a program that can compute the areas of three shapes, triangles, rectangles and circles, when their dimensions are given.

An endless loop should ask for which shape you want the area be calculated. An empty string as input will exit the loop. If the user gives a string that is none of the given shapes, the message "unknown shape!" should be printed. Then it will ask for dimensions for that particular shape. When all the necessary dimensions are given, it prints the area, and starts the loop all over again. Use format specifier f for the area.

What happens if you give incorrect dimensions, like giving string "aa" as radius? You don't have to check for errors in the input.

Example interaction:

```
Choose a shape (triangle, rectangle, circle): triangle Give base of the triangle: 20
Give height of the triangle: 5
The area is 50.000000
Choose a shape (triangle, rectangle, circle): rectangel Unknown shape!
Choose a shape (triangle, rectangle, circle): rectangle Give width of the rectangle: 20
Give height of the rectangle: 4
The area is 80.000000
```

```
Choose a shape (triangle, rectangle, circle): circle Give radius of the circle: 10
The area is 314.159265
Choose a shape (triangle, rectangle, circle):
```

Data structures

The main data structures in Python are strings, lists, tuples, dictionaries, and sets. We saw some examples of lists, when we discussed for loops. And we saw briefly tuples when we introduced argument packing and unpacking. Let's get into more details now.

Sequences

A *list* contains arbitrary number of elements (even zero) that are stored in sequential order. The elements are separated by commas and written between brackets. The elements don't need to be of the same type. An example of a list with four values:

```
In [45]: [2, 100, "hello", 1.0]
Out[45]: [2, 100, 'hello', 1.0]
```

A *tuple* is fixed length, immutable, and ordered container. Elements of tuple are separated by commas and written between parentheses. Examples of tuples:

```
In [46]: (3,)  # a singleton
      (1,3)  # a pair
      (1, "hello", 1.0); # a triple
```

Note the difference between `(3)` and `(3,)`. Because the parentheses can also be used to group expressions, the first one defines an integer, but the second one defines a tuple with single element.

As we can see, both lists and tuples can contain values of different type.

List, tuples, and strings are called sequences in Python, and they have several commonalities:

- their length can be queried with the len function
- min and max function find the minimum and maximum element of a sequence, and sum adds all the elements of numbers together
- Sequences can be concatenated with the + operator, and repeated with the * operator: "hi"*3=="hihihi"
- Since sequences are ordered, we can refer to the elements of a sequences by integers using the *indexing* notation: "abcd"[2] == "c"
- Note that the indexing begins from 0

• Negative integers start indexing from the end: -1 refers to the last element, -2 refers to the second last, and so on

Above we saw that we can access a single element of a sequence using *indexing*. If we want a subsequence of a sequence, we can use the *slicing* syntax. A slice consists of elements of the original sequence, and it is itself a sequence as well. A simple slice is a range of elements:

```
In [47]: s="abcdefg"
s[1:4]
```

Out[47]: 'bcd'

Note that Python ranges exclude the last index. The generic form of a slice is sequence[first:last:step]. If any of the three parameters are left out, they are set to default values as follows: first=0, last=len(L), step=1. So, for instance "abcde"[1:]=="bcde". The step parameter selects elements that are step distance apart from each other. For example:

```
In [48]: print([0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9][::3])
[0, 3, 6, 9]
```

Exercise 8 (solve quadratic)

In mathematics, the quadratic equation $ax^2+bx+c=0$ can be solved with the formula $x=rac{-b\pm\sqrt{b^2-4ac}}{2a}$

In code it might be usefull to declare a variable for a part of the formula, named $\, {
m d} \,$, defined by $\sqrt{b^2-4ac}.$ the formula then can be written as: $x=\frac{-b\pm d}{2a}$

We need both the positive and the negative version og the square root, becaurce all squareroots have to solutions, since both $2^2=4$ and $(-2)^2=4$ thus $\sqrt{4}$ has both 2 and -2 as solutions.

Remember the order of precedence are important, especially when you implement mathematical expressions.

Write a function solve_quadratic, that returns both solutions of a generic quadratic as a pair (2-tuple) when the coefficients are given as parameters. It should work like this:

```
print(solve_quadratic(1,-3,2))
(2.0,1.0)
print(solve_quadratic(1,2,1))
(-1.0,-1.0)
```

You may want to use the math.sqrt function from the math module in your solution. Test that your function works in the main function!

Modifying lists

We can assign values to elements of a list by indexing or by slicing. An example:

```
In [49]: L=[11,13,22,32]
L[2]=10  # Changes the third element
print(L)

[11, 13, 10, 32]
```

Or we can assign a list to a slice:

```
In [50]: L[1:3]=[4]
print(L)
[11, 4, 32]
```

We can also modify a list by using *mutating methods* of the list class, namely the methods append, extend, insert, remove, pop, reverse, and sort. Try Python's help functionality to find more about these methods: e.g. help(list.extend) or help(list).

Note that we cannot perform these modifications on tuples or strings since they are *immutable*

Generating numerical sequences

Trivial lists can be tedious to write: [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]. The function range creates numeric ranges automatically. The above sequence can be generated with the function call range(7). Note again that then end value is not included in the sequence. An example of using the range function:

```
In [51]: L=range(3)
    for i in L:
        print(i)
# Note that L is not a List!
    print(L)

0
    1
    2
    range(0, 3)

So L is not a list, but it is a sequence. We can for instace access its last element with
```

```
In [52]: L=range(10)
print(list(L))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

L[-1] . If really needed, then it can be converted to a list with the list constructor:

Note that using a range consumes less memory than the corresponding list. This is because in a list all the elements are stored in the memory, whereas the range generates the requested elements only when needed. For example, when the for loop asks for the next element from the range at each iteration, only a single element from the range exists in memory at the same time. This makes a big difference when using large ranges, like range(1000000).

The range function works in similar fashion as slices. So, for instance the step of the sequence can be given:

```
In [53]: print(list(range(0, 7, 2)))
[0, 2, 4, 6]
```

Sorting sequences

In Python there are two ways to sort sequences. The sort method modifies the original list, whereas the sorted function returns a new sorted list and leaves the original intact. A couple of examples will demonstrate this:

```
In [54]: L=[5,3,7,1]
L.sort() # here we call the sort method of the object L
print(L)
L2=[6,1,7,3,6]
print(sorted(L2))
print(L2)

[1, 3, 5, 7]
[1, 3, 6, 6, 7]
[6, 1, 7, 3, 6]
```

The parameter reverse=True can be given (both to sort and sorted) to get descending order of elements:

```
In [55]: L=[5,3,7,1]
print(sorted(L, reverse=True))

[7, 5, 3, 1]
```

Exercise 9 (merge)

Suppose we have two lists L1 and L2 that contain integers which are sorted in ascending order. Create a function merge that gets these lists as parameters and returns a new sorted list L that has all the elements of L1 and L2. So, len(L) should equal to len(L1)+len(L2). Do this using the fact that both lists are already sorted. You can't use the sorted function or the sort method in implementing the merge method. You can however use these sorted in the main function for creating inputs to the merge function. Test with a couple of examples in the main function that your solution works correctly.

Note: In Python argument lists are passed by reference to the function, they are not copied! Make sure you don't modify the original lists of the caller.

Exercise 10 (detect ranges)

Create a function named detect_ranges that gets a list of integers as a parameter. The function should then sort this list, and transform the list into another list where pairs are used for all the detected intervals. So 3,4,5,6 is replaced by the pair (3,7). Numbers that are not part of any interval result just single numbers. The resulting list consists of these numbers and pairs, separated by commas. An example of how this function works:

```
print(detect_ranges([2,5,4,8,12,6,7,10,13]))
[2,(4,9),10,(12,14)]
```

Note that the second element of the pair does not belong to the range. This is consistent with the way Python's range function works. You may assume that no element in the input list appears multiple times.

Zipping sequences

The zip function combines two (or more) sequences into one sequence. If, for example, two sequences are zipped together, the resulting sequence contains pairs. In general, if n sequences are zipped together, the elements of the resulting sequence contains n -tuples. An example of this:

```
In [56]: L1=[1,2,3]
L2=["first", "second", "third"]
print(zip(L1, L2))  # Note that zip does not return a list, like range
print(list(zip(L1, L2)))  # Convert to a list

<zip object at 0x000001EC00282480>
[(1, 'first'), (2, 'second'), (3, 'third')]

Here's another example of using the zip function.
```

```
In [57]: days="Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday".split()
    weathers="rainy rainy sunny cloudy rainy sunny sunny".split()
    temperatures=[10,12,12,9,9,11,11]
    for day, weather, temperature in zip(days,weathers,temperatures):
        print(f"On {day} it was {weather} and the temperature was {temperature} degrees

# Or equivalently:
#for t in zip(days,weathers,temperatures):
# print("On {} it was {} and the temperature was {} degrees celsius.".format(*t)
```

```
On Monday it was rainy and the temperature was 10 degrees celsius. On Tuesday it was rainy and the temperature was 12 degrees celsius. On Wednesday it was sunny and the temperature was 12 degrees celsius. On Thursday it was cloudy and the temperature was 9 degrees celsius. On Friday it was rainy and the temperature was 9 degrees celsius. On Saturday it was sunny and the temperature was 11 degrees celsius. On Sunday it was sunny and the temperature was 11 degrees celsius.
```

If the sequences are not of equal length, then the resulting sequence will be as long as the shortest input sequence is.

Exercise 11 (interleave)

Write function interleave that gets arbitrary number of lists as parameters. You may assume that all the lists have equal length. The function should return one list containing all the elements from the input lists interleaved. Test your function from the main function of the program.

```
Example: interleave([1,2,3], [20,30,40], ['a', 'b', 'c']) should return [1, 20, 'a', 2, 30, 'b', 3, 40, 'c']. Use the zip function to implement interleave. Remember the extend method of list objects.
```

Enumerating sequences

In some other programming languages one iterates through the elements using their indices (0,1, ...) in the sequence. In Python we normally don't need to think about indices when iterating, because the for loop allows simpler iteration through the elements. But sometimes you really need to know the index of the current element in the sequence. In this case one uses Python's enumerate function. In the next example we would like find the second occurrence of integer 5 in a list.

```
In [58]: L=[1,2,98,5,-1,2,0,5,10]
    counter = 0
    for i, x in enumerate(L):
        if x == 5:
            counter += 1
            if counter == 2:
                 break
print(i)
```

The enumerate(L) function call can be thought to be equivalent to zip(range(len(L)), L).

Dictionaries

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A *dictionary* is a dynamic, unordered container. Instead of using integers to access the elements of the container, the dictionary uses *keys* to access the stored *values*. The dictionary can be created by listing the comma separated key-value pairs in braces. Keys and values are separated by a colon. A tuple (key,value) is called an *item* of the dictionary.

Let's demonstrate the dictionary creation and usage:

```
In [59]: d={"key1":"value1", "key2":"value2"}
    print(d["key1"])
    print(d["key2"])
```

value1 value2

Keys can have different types even in the same container. So the following code is legal: d= {1:"a", "z":1}. The only restriction is that the keys must be *hashable*. That is, there has to be a mapping from keys to integers. Lists are *not* hashable, but tuples are!

There are alternative syntaxes for dictionary creation:

```
In [60]: dict([("key1", "value1"), ("key2", "value2"), ("key3", "value3")]) # list of items
dict(key1="value1", key2="value2", key3="value3");
```

If a key is not found in a dictionary, the indexing <code>d[key]</code> results in an error (*exception*KeyError). But an assignment with a non-existing key causes the key to be added in the dictionary associated with the corresponding value:

```
In [61]: d={}
    d[2]="value"
    print(d)
    {2: 'value'}
In [62]: # d[1] # This would cause an error
```

Dictionary object contains several non-mutating methods:

```
d.copy()
d.items()
d.keys()
d.values()
d.get(k[,x])
```

Some methods mutate the dictionary:

```
d.clear()
d.update(d1)
d.setdefault(k[,x])
d.pop(k[,x])
d.popitem()
```

Try out some of these in the below cell. You can find more info with help(dict) or help(dict.keys).

```
In [63]: d=dict(a=1, b=2, c=3, d=4, e=5)
    d.values()
```

```
Out[63]: dict_values([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
```

Sets

Set is a dynamic, unordered container. It works a bit like dictionary, but only the keys are stored. And each key can be stored only once. The set requires that the keys to be stored are hashable. Below are a few ways of creating a set:

```
In [64]: s={1,1,1}
    print(s)
    s=set([1,2,2,'a'])
    print(s)
    s=set() # empty set
    print(s)
    s.add(7) # add one element
    print(s)

{1}
    {1, 2, 'a'}
    set()
    {7}
```

A more useful example:

```
In [65]: s="mississippi"
    print(f"There are {len(set(s))} distinct characters in {s}")
```

There are 4 distinct characters in mississippi

The set provides the following non-mutating methods:

```
In [66]: s=set()
    s1=set()
    s.copy()
    s.issubset(s1)
    s.issuperset(s1)
    s.union(s1)
    s.intersection(s1)
    s.difference(s1)
    s.symmetric_difference(s1);
```

The last four operation can be tedious to write to create a more complicated expression. The alternative is to use the corresponding operator forms: | , & , - , and ^ . An example of these:

```
In [67]: s=set([1,2,7])
t=set([2,8,9])
```

```
print("Union:", s|t)
print("Intersection:", s&t)
print("Difference:", s-t)
print("Symmetric difference", s^t)

Union: {1, 2, 7, 8, 9}
Intersection: {2}
Difference: {1, 7}
```

There are also the following mutating methods:

Symmetric difference {1, 7, 8, 9}

```
s.add(x)
s.clear()
s.discard()
s.pop()
s.remove(x)
```

And the set operators | , & , - , and ^ have the corresponding mutating, augmented assignment forms: | = , &= , -= , and ^= .

Exercise 12 (distinct characters)

Write function distinct_characters that gets a list of strings as a parameter. It should return a dictionary whose keys are the strings of the input list and the corresponding values are the numbers of distinct characters in the key.

```
Use the set container to temporarily store the distinct characters in a string. Example of usage: distinct_characters(["check", "look", "try", "pop"]) should return { "check" : 4, "look" : 3, "try" : 3, "pop" : 2} .
```

Miscellaneous stuff

To find out whether a container includes an element, the in operator can be used. The operator returns a truth value. Some examples of the usage:

As a special case, for strings the in operator can be used to check whether a string is part of another string:

```
In [69]: print("issi" in "mississippi")
   print("issp" in "mississippi")
```

True False

Elements of a container can be unpacked into variables:

```
In [70]: first, second = [4,5]
a,b,c = "bye"
print(c)
d=dict(a=1, b=3)
key1, key2 = d
print(key1, key2)
```

e a b

In membership testing and unpacking only the keys of a dictionary are used, unless either values or items (like below) are explicitly asked.

```
In [71]: for key, value in d.items():
    print(f"For key '{key}' value {value} was stored")

For key 'a' value 1 was stored
For key 'b' value 3 was stored
```

To remove the binding of a variable, use the del statement. For example:

```
In [72]: s="hello"
    del s
    # print(s)  # This would cause an error
```

To delete an item from a container, the del statement can again be applied:

```
In [73]: L=[13,23,40,100]
    del L[1]
    print(L)
```

[13, 40, 100]

In similar fashion del can be used to delete a slice. Later we will see that del can delete attributes from an object.

Exercise 13 (reverse dictionary)

Let d be a dictionary that has English words as keys and a list of Finnish words as values. So, the dictionary can be used to find out the Finnish equivalents of an English word in the following way:

```
d["move"]
["liikuttaa"]
d["hide"]
["piilottaa", "salata"]
```

Make a function reverse_dictionary that creates a Finnish to English dictionary based on a English to Finnish dictionary given as a parameter. The values of the created dictionary should be lists of words. It should work like this:

```
d={'move': ['liikuttaa'], 'hide': ['piilottaa', 'salata'], 'six':
['kuusi'], 'fir': ['kuusi']}
reverse_dictionary(d)
{'liikuttaa': ['move'], 'piilottaa': ['hide'], 'salata': ['hide'],
'kuusi': ['six', 'fir']}
```

Be careful with synonyms and homonyms!

Exercise 14 (find matching)

Write function find_matching that gets a list of strings and a search string as parameters. The function should return the indices to those elements in the input list that contain the search string. Use the function enumerate.

```
An example: find_matching(["sensitive", "engine", "rubbish", "comment"], "en") should return the list [0, 1, 3].
```

Compact way of creating data structures

We can now easily create complicated data structures using for loops:

```
In [74]: L=[]
    for i in range(10):
        L.append(i**2)
    print(L)

[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

Because this kind of pattern is often used, Python offers a short-hand for this. A *list* comprehension is an expression that allows creating complicated lists on one line. The notation is familiar from mathematics:

```
\{a^3:a\in\{1,2,\ldots,10\}\}
```

The same written in Python as a list comprehension:

```
In [75]: L=[ a**3 for a in range(1,11)]
```

```
print(L)
```

```
[1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729, 1000]
```

The generic form of a list comprehension is: [expression for element in iterable lc-clauses]. Let's break this syntax into pieces. The iterable can be any sequence (or something more general). The lc-clauses consists of zero or more of the following clauses:

- for elem in iterable
- if expression

A more complicated example. How would you describe these numbers?

[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 55, 56, 57, 5 8, 59, 66, 67, 68, 69, 77, 78, 79, 88, 89, 99, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 13 9, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 166, 167, 168, 169, 177, 178, 179, 188, 189, 199, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 233, 234, 235, 23 6, 237, 238, 239, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 266, 267, 268, 269, 277, 278, 279, 288, 289, 299, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 344, 34 5, 346, 347, 348, 349, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 366, 367, 368, 369, 377, 378, 379, 388, 389, 399, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 466, 467, 46 8, 469, 477, 478, 479, 488, 489, 499, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 566, 567, 568, 569, 577, 578, 579, 588, 589, 599, 666, 667, 668, 669, 677, 678, 679, 688, 689, 699, 77 7, 778, 779, 788, 789, 799, 888, 889, 899, 999]

If one needs only to iterate through the list once, it is more memory efficient to use a *generator expression* instead. The only thing that changes syntactically is that the surrounding brackets are replaced by parentheses:

Note above that one can only iterate through the generator once.

Similary a dictionary comprehension creates a dictionary:

```
In [78]: d={ k : k**2 for k in range(10)}
print(d)
```

```
{0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16, 5: 25, 6: 36, 7: 49, 8: 64, 9: 81}
```

And a set comprehension creates a set:

```
In [79]: s={ i*j for i in range(10) for j in range(10)}
print(s)

{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32, 35, 36, 40, 42, 45, 48, 49, 54, 56, 63, 64, 72, 81}
```

```
Exercise 15 (two dice comprehension)
```

Redo the earlier exercise which printed all the pairs of two dice results that sum to 5. But this time use a list comprehension. Print one pair per line.

Processing sequences

In this section we will go through some useful tools, that are maybe familiar to you from some functional programming language like *lisp* or *haskell*. These functions rely on functions being first-class objects in Python, that is, you can

- pass a function as a parameter to another function
- return a function as a return value from some function
- store a function in a data structure or a variable

We will talk about map, filter, and reduce functions. We will also cover how to create functions with no name using the *lambda* expressions.

Map and lambda functions

The map function gets a list and a function as parameters, and it returns a new list whose elements are elements of the original list transformed by the parameter function. For this to work the parameter function must take exactly one value in and return a value out. An example will clarify this concept:

```
In [80]: def double(x):
    return 2*x
L=[12,4,-1]
print(map(double, L))
```

<map object at 0x000001EC7FE70130>

The map function returns a map object for efficiency reasons. However, since we only want print the contents, we first convert it to a list and then print it:

```
In [81]: print(list(map(double,L)))
[24, 8, -2]
```

When one reads numeric data from a file or from the internet, the numbers are usually in string form. Before they can be used in computations, they must first be converted to ints or floats. A simple example will showcase this.

Sometimes it feels unnecessary to write a function is you are only going to use it in one map function call. For example the function

```
In [83]: def add_double_and_square(x):
    return 2*x+x**2
```

It is not likely that you will need it elsewhere in your program. The solution is to use an *expression* called *lambda* to define a function with no name. Because it is an expression, we can put it, for instance, in an argument list of a function call. The lambda expression has the form lambda paraml, paraml, ...: expression, where after the lambda keyword you list the parameters of the function, and after the colon is the expression that uses the parameters to compute the return value of the function. Let's replace the above add_double_and_square function with a lambda function and apply it to a list using the map function.

```
In [84]: L=[2,3,5]
print(list(map(lambda x : 2*x+x**2, L)))
[8, 15, 35]
```

Exercise 16 (transform)

Write a function transform that gets two strings as parameters and returns a list of integers. The function should split the strings into words, and convert these words to integers. This should give two lists of integers. Then the function should return a list whose elements are multiplication of two integers in the respective positions in the lists. For example transform("1 5 3", "2 6 -1") should return the list of integers [2, 30, -3].

You **have** to use split , map , and zip functions/methods. You may assume that the two input strings are in correct format.

Filter function

The filter function takes a function and a list as parameters. But unlike with the map construct, now the parameter function must take exactly one parameter and return a truth value (True or False). The filter function then creates a new list with only those elements from the original list for which the parameter function returns True. The elements for which the parameter function returns False are filtered out. An example will demonstrate the filter function:

```
In [85]: def is_odd(x):
    """Returns True if x is odd and False if x is even"""
    return x % 2 == 1  # The % operator returns the remainder of integer div
L=[1, 4, 5, 9, 10]
    print(list(filter(is_odd, L)))
[1, 5, 9]
```

The even elements of the list were filtered out.

Note that the filter function is rarely used in modern python since list comprehensions can do the same thing while also doing whatever we want to do with the filtered values.

```
In [86]: [1**2 for 1 in L if is_odd(1)] # squares of odd values
Out[86]: [1, 25, 81]
```

That said, filter is a useful function to know.

Exercise 17 (positive list)

Write a function positive_list that gets a list of numbers as a parameter, and returns a list with the negative numbers and zero filtered out using the filter function.

The function call positive_list([2,-2,0,1,-7]) should return the list [2,1]. Test your function in the main function.

The reduce function

The sum function that returns the sum of a numeric list, can be though to reduce a list to a single element. It does this reduction by repeatedly applying the + operator until all the list elements are consumed. For instance, the list [1,2,3,4] is reduced by the expression (((0+1)+2)+3)+4 of repeated applications of the + operator. We could implement this with the following function:

Because this is a common pattern, the reduce function is a common inclusion in functional programming languages. In Python reduce is included in the functools module. You give the operator you want to use as a parameter to reduce (addition in the above example). You may also give a starting value of the computation (starting value 0 was used above).

If no starting value is used, the first element of the iterable is used as the starting value.

We can now get rid of the separate function sumreduce by using the reduce function:

```
In [88]: L=[1,2,3,4]
    from functools import reduce  # import the reduce function from the functools modu
    reduce(lambda x,y:x+y, L, 0)
```

Out[88]: 10

If we wanted to get a product of all numbers in a sequence, we would use

```
In [89]: reduce(lambda x,y:x*y, L, 1)
Out[89]: 24
```

This corresponds to the sequence (((1*1)*2)*3)*4 of application of operator *.

Note that use of the starting value is necessary, because we want to be able to reduce lists of length 0 as well. If no starting value is specified when run on an empty list, reduce will raise an exception.

String handling

We have already seen how to index, slice, concatenate, and repeat strings. Let's now look into what methods the str class offers. In Python strings are immutable. This means that for instance the following assignment is not legal:

```
In [90]: s="text"
# s[0] = "a"  # This is not Legal in Python
```

Because of the immutability of the strings, the string methods work by returning a value; they don't have any side-effects. In the rest of this section we briefly describe several of these methods. The methods are here divided into five groups.

Classification of strings

All the following methods will take no parameters and return a truth value. An empty string will always result in False .

s.isalnum() True if all characters are letters or digits

- s.isalpha() True if all characters are letters
- s.isdigit() True if all characters are digits
- s.islower() True if contains letters, and all are lowercase
- s.isupper() True if contains letters, and all are uppercase
- s.isspace() True if all characters are whitespace
- s.istitle() True if uppercase in the beginning of word, elsewhere lowercase

String transformations

The following methods do conversions between lower and uppercase characters in the string. All these methods return a new string.

- s.lower() Change all letters to lowercase
- s.upper() Change all letters to uppercase
- s.capitalize() Change all letters to capitalcase
- s.title() Change to titlecase
- s.swapcase() Change all uppercase letters to lowercase, and vice versa

Searching for substrings

All the following methods get the wanted substring as the parameter, except the replace method, which also gets the replacing string as a parameter

- s.count(substr) Counts the number of occurences of a substring
- s.find(substr) Finds index of the first occurence of a substring, or -1
- s.rfind(substr) Finds index of the last occurence of a substring, or -1
- s.index(substr) Like find, except ValueError is raised if not found
- s.rindex(substr) Like rfind, except ValueError is raised if not found
- s.startswith(substr) Returns True if string starts with a given substring
- s.endswith(substr) Returns True if string ends with a given substring
- s.replace(substr, replacement) Returns a string where occurences of one string

are replaced by another

Keep also in mind that the expression "issi" in "mississippi" returns a truth value of whether the first string occurs in the second string.

Trimming and adjusting

- s.strip(x) Removes leading and trailing whitespace by default, or characters found in string x
- s.lstrip(x) Same as strip but only leading characters are removed
- s.rstrip(x) Same as strip but only trailing characters are removed
- s.ljust(n) Left justifies string inside a field of length n
- s.rjust(n) Right justifies string inside a field of length n

• s.center(n) Centers string inside a field of length n

An example of using the center method and string repetition:

Joining and splitting

The join(seq) method joins the strings of the sequence seq . The string itself is used as a delimitter. An example:

```
In [92]: "--".join(["abc", "def", "ghi"])
Out[92]: 'abc--def--ghi'
In [93]: L=[str(x) for x in range(100)]
         s=""
         for x in L:
             s += " " + x  # Avoid doing this, it creates a new string at every iteration
         print(s)
                           # Note the redundant initial space
         print(" ".join(L)) # This is the correct way of building a string out of smaller s
          0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 3
         0 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
         58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 8
         5 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99
         0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
         31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 5
         8 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85
         86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99
```

If you want to build a string out of smaller strings, then first put the small strings into a list, and then use the 'join' method to catenate the pieces together. It is much more efficient this way. Use the + catenation operator only if you have very few short strings that you want to catenate.

Below we can see that for our small (100 element) list, execution is an order of magnitude

faster using the join method.

8.12 μ s \pm 285 ns per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs, 100,000 loops each)

858 ns \pm 24.3 ns per loop (mean \pm std. dev. of 7 runs, 1,000,000 loops each)

%%timeit is an IPython cell magic command, that is useful for timing execution in notebooks.

The method split(sep=None) divides a string into pieces that are separated by the string sep . The pieces are returned in a list. For instance, the call 'abc--def--ghi'.split("--") will result in

```
In [96]: 'abc--def--ghi'.split("--")
Out[96]: ['abc', 'def', 'ghi']
```

If no parameters are given to the split method, then it splits at any sequence of white space.

Exercise 18 (acronyms)

Write function acronyms which takes a string as a parameter and returns a list of acronyms. A word is an acronym if it has length at least two, and all its characters are in uppercase. Before acronym detection, delete punctuation with the strip method.

Test this function in the main function with the following call:

print(acronyms("""For the purposes of the EU General Data Protection
Regulation (GDPR), the controller of your personal information is
International Business Machines Corporation (IBM Corp.), 1 New Orchard
Road, Armonk, New York, United States, unless indicated otherwise. Where
IBM Corp. or a subsidiary it controls (not established in the European
Economic Area (EEA)) is required to appoint a legal representative in the
EEA, the representative for all such cases is IBM United Kingdom Limited,
PO Box 41, North Harbour, Portsmouth, Hampshire, United Kingdom PO6
3AU."""))

```
This should return ['EU', 'GDPR', 'IBM', 'IBM', 'EEA', 'EEA', 'IBM', 'PO', 'PO6', '3AU']
```

Exercise 19 (sum equation)

Write a function sum_equation which takes a list of positive integers as parameters and returns a string with an equation of the sum of the elements.

Example: $sum_{equation([1,5,7])}$ returns "1 + 5 + 7 = 13" Observe, the spaces should be exactly as shown above. For an empty list the function should return the string "0 = 0".

Modules

To ease management of large programs, software is divided into smaller pieces. In Python these pieces are called *modules*. A module should be a unit that is as independent from other modules as possible. Each file in Python corresponds to a module. Modules can contain classes, objects, functions, ... For example, functions to handle regular expressions are in module re

The standard library of Python consists of hundreds of modules. Some of the most common standard modules include

- re
- math
- random
- os
- sys

Any file with extension .py that contains Python source code is a module. So, no special notation is needed to create a module.

Using modules

Let's say that we need to use the cosine function. This function, and many other mathematical functions are located in the math module. To tell Python that we want to access the features offered by this module, we can give the statement import math. Now the module is loaded into memory. We can now call the function like this:

```
math.cos(0)
1.0
```

Note that we need to include the module name where the cos function is found. This is because other modules may have a function (or other attribute of a module) with the same name. This usage of different namespace for each module prevents name clashes. For example, functions gzip.open, os.open are not to be confused with the builtin open function.

Breaking the namespace

If the cosine is needed a lot, then it might be tedious to always specify the namespace, especially if the name of the namespace/module is long. For these cases there is another way of importing modules. Bring a name to the current scope with from math import cos statement. Now we can use it without the namespace specifier: cos(1).

Several names can be imported to the current scope with from math import name1, name2, ... Or even all names of the module with from math import * The last form is sensible only in few cases, normally it just confuses things since the user may have no idea what names will be imported.

Module lookup

When we try to import a module mod with the import statement, the lookup proceeds in the following order:

- Check if it is a builtin module
- Check if the file mod.py is found in any of the folders in

the list sys.path. The first item in this list is the current folder

When Python is started, the sys.path list is initialised with the contents of the PYTHONPATH environment variable

Module hierarchy

The standard library contains hundreds of modules. Hence, it is hard to comprehend what the library includes. The modules therefore need to be organised somehow. In Python the modules can be organised into hierarchies using *packages*. A package is a module that can contain other packages and modules. For example, the numpy package contains subpackages core, distutils, f2py, fft, lib, linalg, ma, numarray, oldnumeric, random, and testing. And package numpy.linalg in turn contains modules linalg, lapack_lite and info.

Importing from packages

The statement import numpy imports the top-level package numpy and its subpackages.

- import numpy.linalg imports the subpackage only, and
- import numpy.linalg.linalg imports the module only

If we want to skip the long namespace specification, we can use the form

```
from numpy.linalg import linalg
```

from numpy.linalg import linalg as lin
if we want to use a different name for the module.

The following command imports the function det (computes the determinant of a matrix) from the module linalg, which is contained in a subpackage linalg, which belongs to package numpy:

```
from numpy.linalg.linalg import det
Had we only imported the top-level package numpy we would have to refer to the det
function with the full name numpy.linalg.linalg.det .
```

Here's a recap of the module hierarchy:

```
numpy package
.
linalg subpackage
.
linalg module
.
det function
```

Correspondence between folder and module hierarchies

The packages are represented by folders in the filesystem. The folder should contain a file named __init__.py that makes up the package body. This handles the initialisation of the package. The folder may contain also further folders (subpackages) or Python files (normal modules).

```
a/
__init__.py
b.py
c/
__init__.py
d.py
e.py
```



In Python it is possible to put statements on the top-level of our module mod so that they don't belong to any function. For instance like this:

```
for _ in range(3):
    print("Hello")
```

But if somebody imports our module with <code>import mod</code>, then all the statements at the top-level will be executed. This may be surprising to the user who imported the module. The user will usually say, explicitly when he/she wants to execute some code from the imported module.

It is better style to put these statements inside some function. If they don't fit in any other function, then you can use, for example, the function named main, like this:

```
def main():
    for _ in range(3):
        print("Hello")

if __name__ == "__main__":  # We call main only when this module is not being imported, but directly executed
        main()  # for example with 'python3 mod.py'

You probably have seen this mechanism used in the exercise stubs. Note that in Python the
```

You probably have seen this mechanism used in the exercise stubs. Note that in Python the main has no special meaning, it is just our convention to use it here. Now if somebody imports mod, the for loop won't be automatically executed. If we want, we can call it explicitly with mod.main().

Contents of a module

Suppose we have a module named <code>mod.py</code> . All the assignments, class definitions with the <code>class</code> statement, and function definitions with <code>def</code> statement will create new attributes to this module. Let's import this module from another Python file using the <code>import mod</code> statement. After the import we can access the attributes of the module object using the normal dot notation: <code>mod.f()</code> , <code>mod.myclass()</code> , <code>mod.a</code> , etc. Note that Python doesn't really have global variables that are visible to all modules. All variables belong to some module namespace.

One can query the attributes of an object using the dir function. With no parameters, it shows the attributes of the current module. Try executing dir() in an IPython shell or in a Jupyter notebook! After that, define the following attributes, and try running dir() again:

```
a=5
def f(i):
    return i + 1
```

The above definitions created a *data attribute* called a and a *function attribute* called f. We will talk more about attributes next week when we will talk about objects.

Just like other objects, the module object contains its attributes in the dictionary modulename.__dict__ Usually a module contains at least the attributes __name__ and __file__ . Other common attributes are __version__ , __author__ and __doc__ , which contains the docstring of the module. If the first statement of a file is a string, this is taken as the docstring for that module. Note that the docstring of the module really must be the first non-empty non-comment line. The attribute __file__ is always the filename of the module.

The module attribute __name__ has value "__main__" if we in are the main program, otherwise some other module has imported us and name equals __file__ .

```
for _ in range(3):
```

Exercise 20 (usemodule)

Create your own module as file triangle.py in the src folder. The module should contain two functions:

- hypothenuse which returns the length of the hypothenuse when given the lengths of two other sides of a right-angled triangle
- area which returns the area of the right-angled triangle, when two sides, perpendicular to each other, are given as parameters.

Make sure both the functions and the module have descriptive docstrings. Add also the __version__ and __author__ attributes to the module. Call both your functions from the main function (which is in file _usemodule.py).

Summary

- We have learned that Python's code blocks are denoted by consistent indenting, with spaces or tabs, unlike in many other languages
- Python's for loops goes through all the elements of a container without the need of worrying about the positions (indices) of the elements in the container
- More generally, an iterable is an object whose elements can be gone through one by one using a for loop. Such as range(1,7)
- Python has dynamic typing: the type of a name is known only when we run the program. The type might not be fixed, that is, if a name is created, for example, in a loop, then its type might change at each iteration.
- Visibility of a name: a name that refers to a variable can disappear in the middle of a code block, if a del statement is issued!
- Python is good at string handling, but remember that if you want to concatenate large number of strings, use the join method. Concatenating by the + operator multiple times is very inefficient
- Several useful tools exist to process sequences: map, reduce, filter, zip, enumerate, and range. The unnamed lambda function can be helpful with these tools. Note that these tools (except the reduce) don't return lists, but iterables, for efficiency reasons: Most often we don't want to store the result from these tools to a container (such as a list), we may only want to iterate through the result!