

# Implementation assignment - MACD trading system specificaton

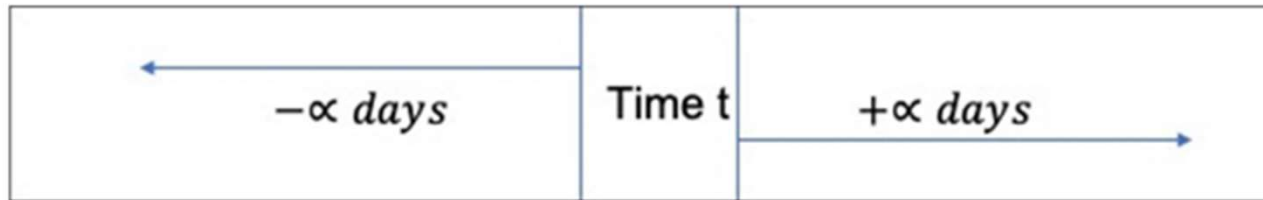
## Stock – S and P 500 daily closing price 2016 to 2021



# MACD Model

What is a moving average?

**This is the average of a time series over a specific window size which slides along as we move along the time series.**



$$SMA(t) = \frac{t_{-\alpha} + \dots t_{-1} + t + t_1 + \dots + t_{\alpha}}{2\alpha + 1}$$

where  $2\alpha + 1$  is the window size

## Standard Simple Moving Average

However, we are unable to have access to future value in a time series hence we look at simple moving average using past data.

A window  $\{t-T, t\}$  is now used as basis of the computation of SMA. This gives a lag to the actual movement average value. The computation with the  $(t-T, t)$  sliding window is effectively the MA at  $t-T/2$ . Essentially this is the arithmetic moving average computed by summing the values of the series over the window period and averaging this using the size of the window.

$$SSMA = (p(t-T) + p(t-T+1) + p(t-T+2) \dots + p(t-2) + p(t-1) + p(t))/(T+1)$$

# MACD Model

To address the lag due to lack of foresight data, an exponential moving average that weighs the more on recent data is used.

The formula for the Exponential moving average is:

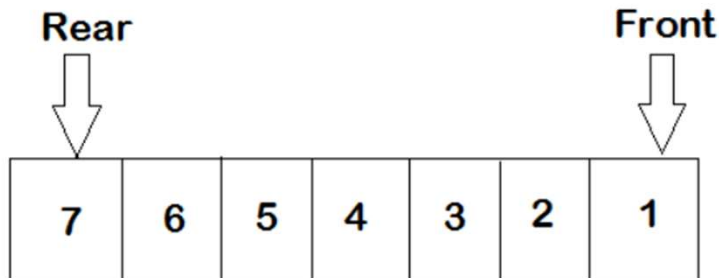
$$\text{EMA} = (\text{today's closing price} * K) + (\text{Previous EMA} * \underline{(1 - K)})$$

N = number of days in EMA

$$K (\text{Smoothing Factor}) = 2 / (N + 1)$$

**For a long EMA of 26 Days, N = 26 and for a short EMA of 12 Days, N=12.**

# Queue – special data structure that can be used as a FIFO queue or FILO - stack

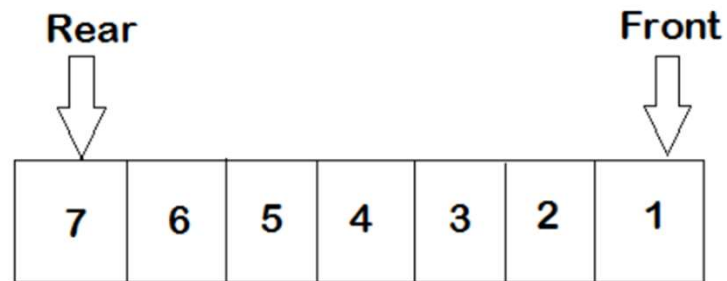


- **put(item):** This will put the item inside the queue.
- **get():** This will return you an item from the queue.
- **empty():** It will return true if the queue is empty and false if items are present.
- **qsize():** returns the size of the queue.
- **full():** returns true if the queue is full, otherwise false.

The **Rear** represents the point where the items are inserted inside the queue. The **Front** represents the point where the items from the queue will be removed. This forms a FIFO queue

[Python Queue: FIFO, LIFO Example \(guru99.com\)](http://guru99.com)

# Queue – special data structure that can be used as a FIFO queue or FILO - stack



FILO/LIFO queue - last in the first out queue, the element that is entered last will be the first to come out. - STACK

# Sample Queue

## Add and item in a queue

```
import queue
q1 = queue.Queue(5) #The max size is 5.
q1.put(1)
q1.put(2)
q1.put(3)
q1.put(4)
q1.put(5)
print(q1.full()) # will return true.
```

## Remove an item from the queue

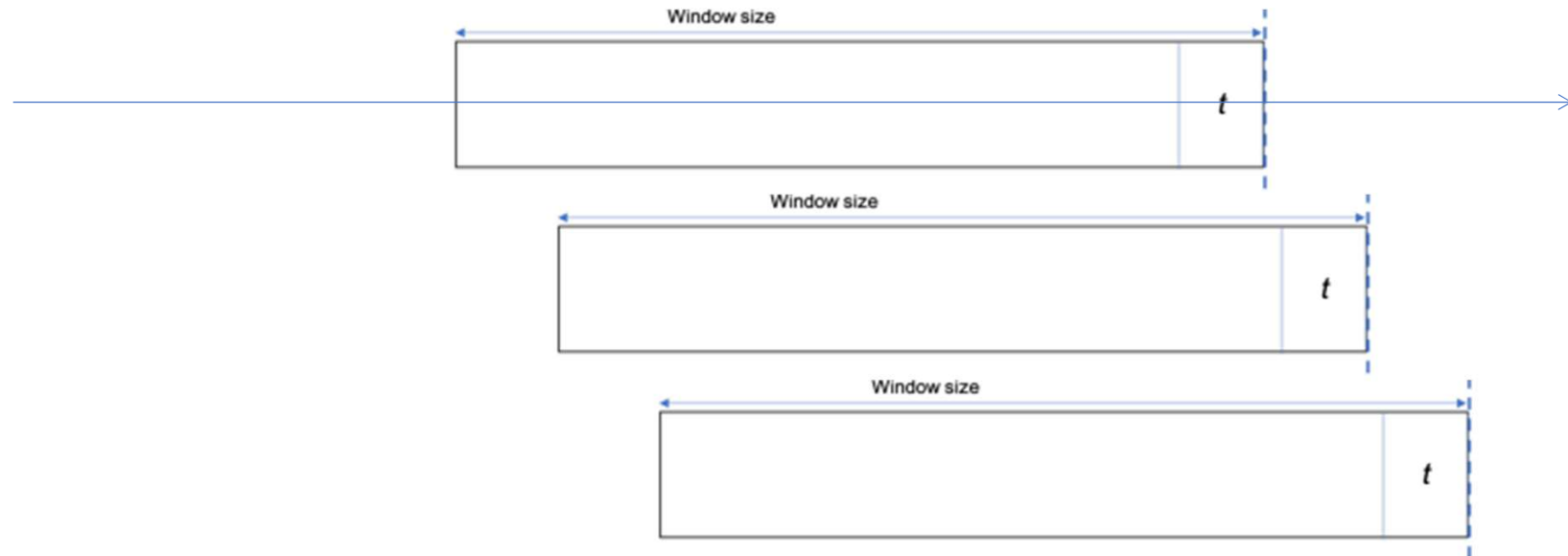
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import queue
q1 = queue.Queue()
q1.put(10)

item1 = q1.get()

print('The item removed from the queue is ', item1)
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# Standard Simple Moving Average

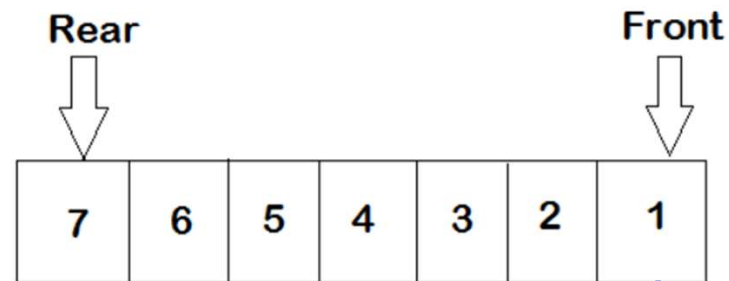


The MA window is shifted 1 day at a time and the MA is computed accordingly.  
How to use a queue to implement the SMA computation in each window frame?

# Standard SMA

$$SSMA(t) = (p(t-T) + p(t-T+1) + p(t-T+2) \dots + p(t-2) + p(t-1) + p(t))/(T+1)$$

For a ( T+1 ) day moving average



$$SSMA(t+1) = (SSMA(t)*(T+1) - p(t-T) + p(t+1))/(T+1)$$

For a ( T+1 ) day moving average

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**What should you do first on the queue to implement the computation of SSMA at time  $(t+1)$ ?**

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# EMA – Initialisation - computation

1	Date	Close	
2	2016-01-04 00:00:00	201.02	
3	2016-01-05 00:00:00	201.36	
4	2016-01-06 00:00:00	198.82	
5	2016-01-07 00:00:00	194.05	
6	2016-01-08 00:00:00	191.92	
7	2016-01-11 00:00:00	192.11	
8	2016-01-12 00:00:00	193.66	
9	2016-01-13 00:00:00	188.83	
10	2016-01-14 00:00:00	191.93	
11	2016-01-15 00:00:00	187.81	
12	2016-01-19 00:00:00	188.06	
13	2016-01-20 00:00:00	185.65	192.935
14	2016-01-21 00:00:00	186.69	

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>12 -Day EMA of XOM</b>				
2	<a href="http://investexcel.net">http://investexcel.net</a>				
3					
4	Date	Close			
5	1/2/2013	42.42			
6	1/3/2013	43.27			
7	1/4/2013	43.66			
8	1/7/2013	43.4			
9	1/8/2013	43.4			
10	1/9/2013	44.27			
11	1/10/2013	45.01			
12	1/11/2013	44.48			
13	1/14/2013	44.34			
14	1/15/2013	44.44			
15	1/16/2013	44.08			
16	1/17/2013	44.16			
17	1/18/2013	44.04			

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43.91083

# EMA-D(t) computation – EMA-12/EMA26

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$$EMA(t) = (Price(t) * K) + (EMA(t - 1) * (1 - K))$$

$$where K = \frac{2}{Window Size + 1}$$

# MACD Model

**MACD line** =  $S\text{-MA} - L\text{-MA}$  (MA can be SMA or EMA of the time series)

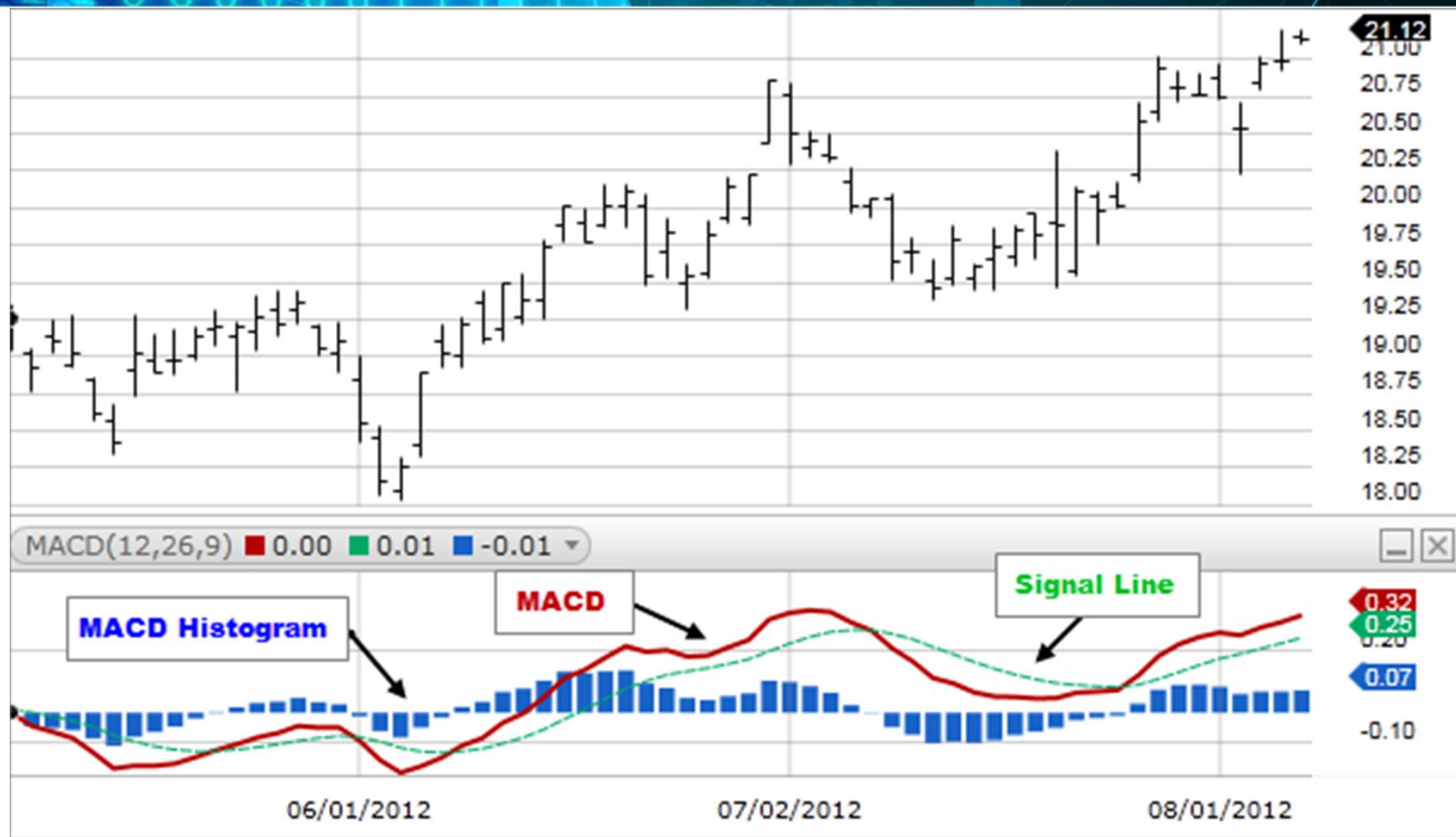
**9-MACD-MA** is the signal line (MA can be SMA or EMA of the MACD)

**MACD Histogram** =  $\text{MACD} - 9\text{-MACD-MA}$  (+ve = bullish and -ve = bearish)

1) When the signal line crosses over the MACD line (That is the histogram changes from +ve to -ve) it represents a trend reversal turning bearish

2) When the signal line crosses under the MACD line (that is the histogram changes from -ve to +ve) it represents a trend reversal turning bullish

# MACD and MACDH



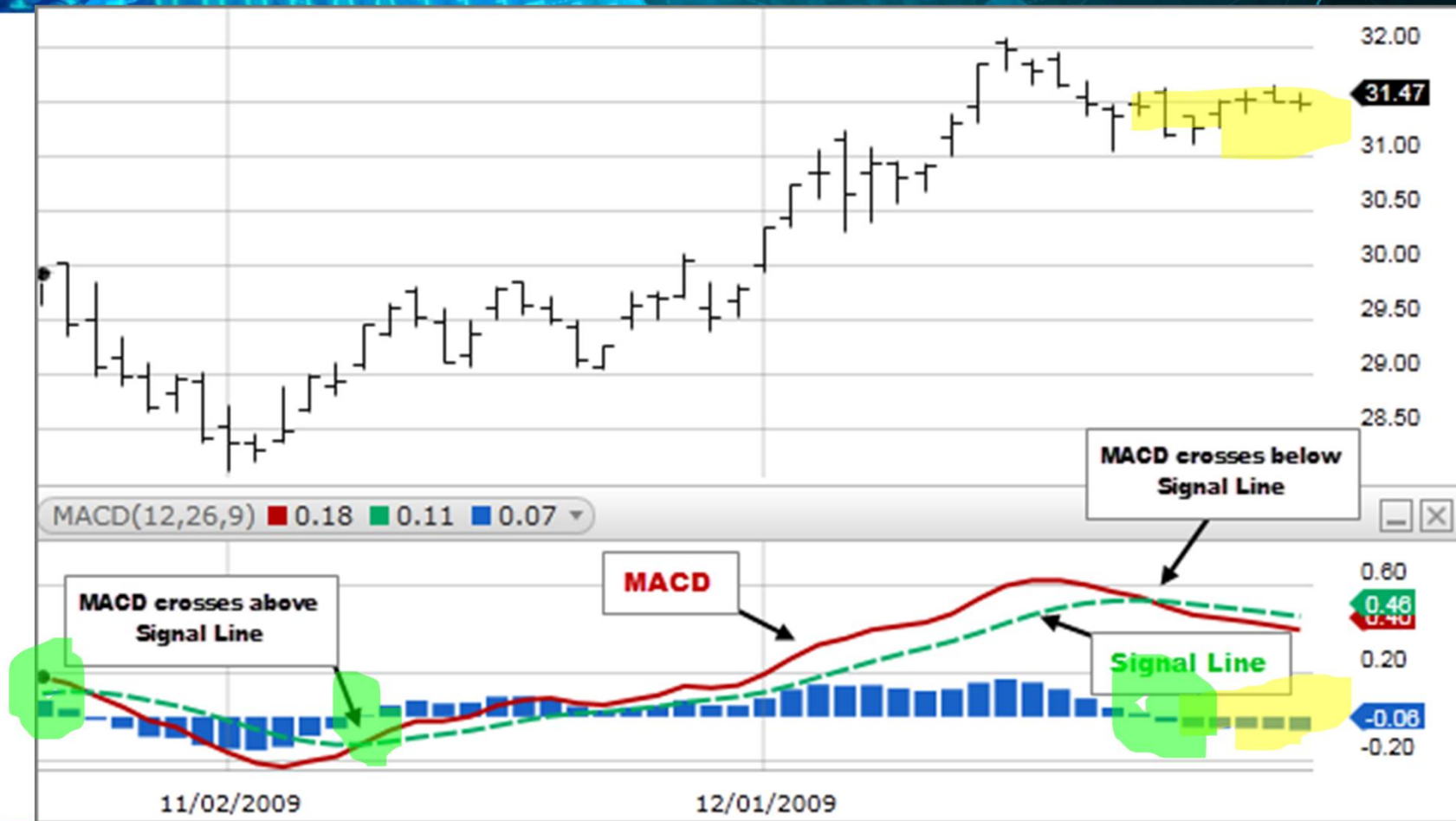
Each trend reversal can be accompanied by a Buy for Bullish market – condition 2 or a Sell for Bearish market – condition 1.

Each pair forms a BUY-HOLD-SELL action and incur commission loss at the BUY and SELL position determined by the cross over of the signal line.

In a BUY and HOLD investment, the Long position is held over the duration of investment and no opportunistic BUY and SELL are considered during this investment holding period. Hence only 2 commission loss are incurred in standard BUY and HOLD strategy.



# MACD and MACDH



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**How effective is MACD trading during a fully bullish market with minor market correction?**

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# S and P 500



# Implementation Specification

MACD trend reversal model using the exponential Moving average for Long and Short can be used within the MACD trend reversal model.

Based on your design in assignment 1 implement the MACD trading model using the S and P 500 daily closed data set provided as an excel file.

The following are to be used:

S-MA = 12 days

L-MA = 26 days

Commission = 1/8 percent per trade.

Initial capital = US\$100,000.00

Consider cumulative investment at each trade where profit is reinvested in full.

Duration of trading is over the period of the whole S and P 500 dataset provided.

## Design Specification – cont'd

**At each trend reversal:**

- 1. The Signal line crossing under the MACD line - a buy signal is given to initiate a BUY and when**
- 2. The Signal line cross over the MACD line a sell signal is given to initiate a SELL**

**Compute the BUY and SELL pair through the trading cycle with a commission at each trade done during each of the trend reversal BUY/SELL position. Assume all the holdings are bought or sold with all the accumulated fund. The stock series is stored in a text or excel file.**

**Also in your design compare your profit/loses against a simple BUY-HOLD-SELL position over the entire period of the trend reversal trading**

# S and P 500



## Design Implementation – cont'd

**Prepare a report 5-6 pages on the design and implementation of such a trading system with block diagram using flow chart and pseudo code and highlighting key functions and data structures**

**Readability and maintainability of your code is a key component in the assessment**

**Include a script of the run of your code which allows one to select which financial excel data file to be used – generality of code.**

## Design Implementation – cont'd

It should include the following in the summary computed in the run :

- total number of trades made using MACD
- average return per trade using MACD
- relative gain/loss against the long term Buy-Hold-Sell strategy

using the MACD model with SSMA and EMA models.

### Optional:

If we intend to reduce unnecessary trade due to weak trend reversal what must be added to your design? Explain this with your result with this additional filter for unnecessary trades



## Submission:

Send design report to:

[computationalsc1003@gmail.com](mailto:computationalsc1003@gmail.com)

Report Filename: *name\_assign2.docx* or pdf # report

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# src code – this naming avoid the check via mail

Run-Script Filename: *name\_assign2-script.docx* or pdf.

Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 (3 weeks)

# Reading and Writing to an Excel file

How to read and write from/to a text file

<https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-basics/python-read-text-file/>

<https://www.pythontutorial.net/python-basics/python-write-text-file/>

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