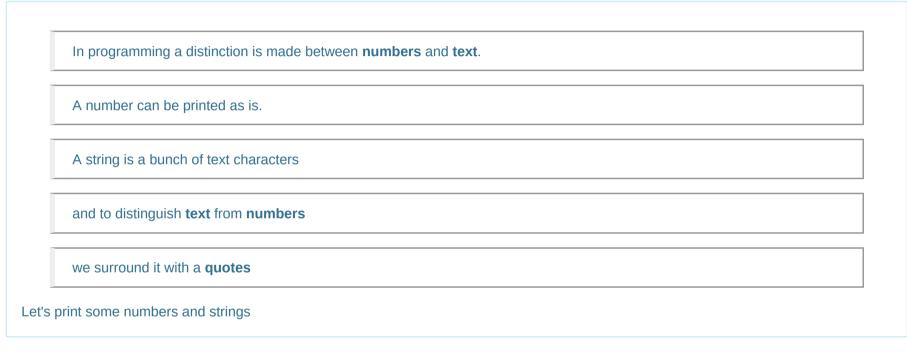
Working with Numbers and Strings



Out[25]: 9

Warning!!

Be careful what follows the "\"

Because there are also special characters, such as:

n = new line

 $\t = tab$

....etc.

This may make your code do someting you did not intend

Some Python operations include:

Task Performed	Symbol
Addition	+
Subtraction	-
division	1
modulo	%
multiplication	*
floor division	//
to the power of	**

Note that some of these can be used with strings and numbers

Other mathematical and statistical operations may be imported using Python libraries

```
In [28]: round (10/4)
Out[28]: 2
In [ ]: import Jamie Oliver library as JOL
         Jamie_Oliver_library.microwave(pasta)
         JOL.microwave(pasta)
         Jamie Oliver library.spoon(ice-cream)
In [29]: # we can also import a Math library
         # which gives us additional capabilities
         import math
         math.floor(10/4) # rounds down
Out[29]: 2
In [30]: math.ceil(10/4) #rounds up
Out[30]: 3
In [31]: # returns the remainder after division
         10\%4 # 10 / 4 = 8 , with a remainder of 2
Out[31]: 2
In [32]: 10\%3 # 10 / 3 = 9, with a remainder of 1
Out[32]: 1
```

Note that any decimal number is called a float

A non-decimal number is an integer

To convert between number types

You may use the built-in functions

int () and float()

```
In [35]: # e.g.
         # convert float to integer
         # convert 2.5 to 2
         # Using int ()
         int(2.5)
```

Out[35]: 2

```
In [36]: # convert integer to float
         # convert 2 to 2.0
         # Using float ( )
         float (2)
```

Out[36]: 2.0

But you can also turn numbers into text

Although its use might not be immediately apparent

```
In [37]: # note that no math is being done. This is now a string
          '1 + 5'
Out[37]: '1 + 5'
In [38]: #these two are not the same
          1 + 5
          str(1 + 5)
Out[38]: '6'
                   Although the above statement doesn't give an error
                   This only really works in this way in Jupyter
                   It's better to do it properly
                   Using the print function
 In [ ]: # print () is a function, which accepts an argument inside the brackets
          print()
In [39]: print ('1 + 5')
          1 + 5
```

Note that you have to use **BRACKETS** and you have to use **QUOTES**

```
In [40]: print (I am learning to code)
            File "<ipython-input-40-d9d24abb22ce>", line 1
               print (I am learning to code)
          SyntaxError: invalid syntax
In [41]: print ("I am learning to code") # this entire line is called a STATEMENT
          I am learning to code
In [42]: print ('I am learning to code') # to print strings, you may use single or double quotes
          I am learning to code
                   Normally we assign strings and numbers to variables
                   A variable is like a file or folder that hold your important information
                   Normally, you would name your file or folder in such a way
                   That is is easy for you to know what is kept inside it
                   By looking at the file or folder name
```

```
In [44]: first_number = 1
    second_number = 2
    add_two_numbers = first_number + second_number
# note that this last statement will NOT print
# unless you explicitly use the print function
```

In [45]: | print (add_two_numbers)

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Rules for Choosing Variable Names

- No spaces or tabs at the start of the variable name OR in between the variable name, e.g. first number
- Indentation matters in Python, so start at the start of the line
- You may use built-in Python words or booleans # e.g. print or True
- When you use a variable name twice, it takes the new value
- If you use # at the start of the line, the line will not be executed. It's a signal to say: "I just want to leave a comment."
- Use a meaningful names, so that your code is easy to read

In [49]: print (my_dna)

TGGTCCA

Concatenation and Multiplication

```
In [50]: dna_1 = "ATGCGTA"
    dna_2 = "TGGTCCA"

add_dna1_dna2 = dna_1 + dna_2

print (add_dna1_dna2)
```

ATGCGTATGGTCCA

```
In [51]: poly_A_tail = "AAA"*3
print (poly_A_tail)
```

AAAAAAAA

The len () Function

```
In [52]: # What is the length of your DNA sequence
          len(dna 1)
Out[52]: 7
In [53]: len(add dna1 dna2)
Out[53]: 14
In [123]: # this will give an error
          print ("The length of my 1st dna sequence" + dna 1 + "is:" + len(dna 1))
          # you cannot mix numbers and strings when printing
          # By using concatenation ("+"), you do not solve the problem of mixing the two
          # Also, contatenation leaves no spaces between the things you are trying to print
          # For an example, look at block 124 (two blocks down)
                                                    Traceback (most recent call last)
          TypeError
          <ipython-input-123-f09deba95adf> in <module>
                1 # this will give an error
          ----> 2 print ("The length of my 1st dna sequence" + dna 1 + "is:" + len(dna 1))
                3
          TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "int") to str
In [55]: # using a comma
          print ("The length of my dna sequence", dna_1, "is:", len(dna_1))
          The length of my dna sequence ATGCGTA is: 7
```

```
In [56]: # str() is another built in function to convert a number to a string
print ("The length of my dna sequence", dna_1, "is:" + str(len(dna_1)))
The length of my dna sequence ATGCGTA is:7
```

```
In [124]:
    string_of_length_dna_1 = str(len(dna_1))
    print ("The length of my dna sequence" + dna_1 + "is:" + string_of_length_dna_1)
# note that when using commas, a space is automatically inserted, but not when using a "+"
```

The length of my dna sequenceATGCGTAis:7

```
In [61]: # %s
print ("The length of my dna sequence", dna_1, "is: %s" %len(dna_1))
```

The length of my dna sequence ATGCGTA is: 7

There are many other such operators

But for now, just keep them in mind

- %s -> string
- %d -> Integer
- %f -> Float
- %o -> Octal
- %x -> Hexadecimal
- %e -> exponential

Changing case

To change between cases, we can two methods

A method is like a function, but it normally belongs to a certain data type in programming languages, and does not work with other data types

For example, you may use the print () function to print both numbers and strings, but you may not use the methods .upper() and .lower() with numbers.

Normally methods also use a . before the method name

And with methods, you usualy do not add an argument inside the brackets. That is, .lower() remains empty

```
In [63]: my_dna = "ATGC"
print (my_dna)
```

ATGC

```
In [66]: # print my_dna in lower case
    print(my_dna.lower()) # creating dna variable and changing to lower case
    lowercase_dna = my_dna.lower()
    print(lowercase_dna)

atgc
atgc
```

Also note, that with Methods, the variable name comes first and then the method is applied: my_dna.lower()

While with **Functions**, the **function name** comes **first**, and then the variable name: print(my_dna)

Replacement

The .replace() method takes two arguments

```
In [67]: old_boyfriend = "Jack"
print (old_boyfriend)
```

Jack

```
In [68]: # replace "ck" with "ke"
    new_boyfriend = old_boyfriend.replace("ck", "ke")
    print (new_boyfriend)

Jake

In [69]: # you may replace multiple characters
    # or even replace it with nothing, a.k.a. delete characters
    protein = "vlspadktnv"
    print(protein.replace("pad","")) # note that there is a difference between this and the above
```

Extracting part of a string

We also use square brackets [] to deal with sub-sections of the string (substring)

pad

vlsktnv vls ktnv

Warning!!

Note that the first position is counted as position zero and not as position 1

Aso note that the positions are inclusive at the start

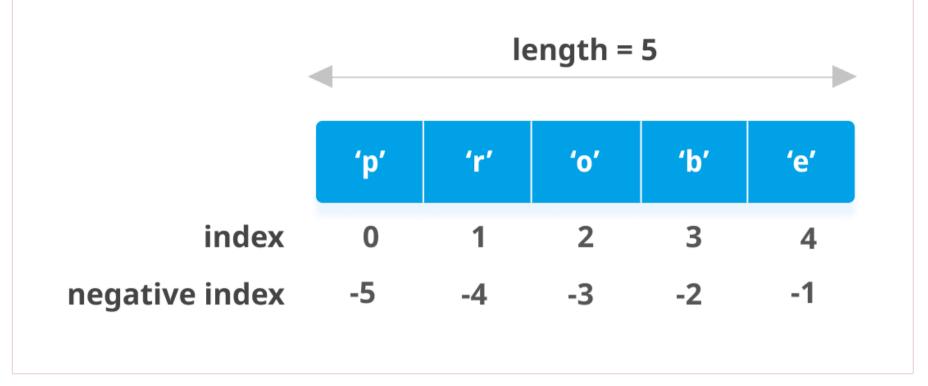
But exclusive at the stop

So you will see [3] that was actually the fourth amino acid p** **(proline). This position was included

But even though **d**** **(aspartic acid) was at position **5**, the substring does not include that position, but stops at the position before

Hence, [3:5], really grabs everthing from position [3:4]

(see exaple of indexing below)



```
In [72]: # positions start at zero, not one
protein = "vlspadktnv"
print(protein[0:6])
```

vlspad

In [73]: # if we use a stop position beyond the end, it's the same as using the end
print(protein[0:60])

vlspadktnv

In [75]: # we can also leave the last position blank and it will print until the end
print(protein[3:])

padktnv

```
In [76]: # we can also leave the first position blank and it will print from the start
          print(protein[:5])
         vlspa
                  Can you figure out what will print if you leave both positions blank?
                  print(protein[:])
In [79]: # you may also print single characters
         protein = "vlspadktnv"
         first residue = protein[0]
          print(first residue)
         d
In [80]: # the positions are also numbered with negative numbers from the back
         # So you can either extract the last amino acid two ways
         protein = "vlspadktnv"
          last residue = protein[9]
          print(last_residue)
          last residue = protein[-1]
          print(last_residue)
```

```
In [81]: second last residue = protein[-2]
         print(second last residue)
         n
In [82]: # extract from the back
         protein = "vlspadktnv"
         print(protein[-4:-2])
         kt
In [83]: # What will this print?
         'MNKMDLVADVAEKTDLSKAKATEVIDAVFA' [4:-1]
Out[83]: 'DLVADVAEKTDLSKAKATEVIDAVF'
In [84]: # What will this print?
         'MNKMDLVADVAEKTDLSKAKATEVIDAVFA'[-5:-4]
Out[84]: 'D'
In [85]: # What will this print?
         'MNKMDLVADVAEKTDLSKAKATEVIDAVFA' [5:5]
Out[85]: ''
In [86]: # What will this print?
         'MNKMDLVADVAEKTDLSKAKATEVIDAVFA'[0:0]
Out[86]: ''
```

```
In [87]: # What will this print?
          'MNKMDLVADVAEKTDLSKAKATEVIDAVFA'[:]
Out[87]: 'MNKMDLVADVAEKTDLSKAKATEVIDAVFA'
In [88]: # you can also use the skip function
         # the default = 1, meaning no skipping
         money = "$5$8$6$7"
         money values = money[1::2]
         print(money values)
         5867
In [89]: money = "$5$8$6$7"
         money values = money[-1::-2] #you can also skip backwards. Be careful of your indexing
         print(money values)
         7685
In [90]: # how would you write this to create an acronym from the Big Mac Meal (BMM)
         order = "TheBigMacMeal"
         acronym = order[3:-1:3]
         print (acronym)
         BMM
```

Counting and finding substrings

In Biology it's very common to ascertain the amount of percentage of something. E.g. the **GC content** of a sequence in a

```
fastq report
```

We may use the .count() method to start this off

```
In [91]: protein = "vlspadktnv"

# count amino acid residues
valine_count = protein.count('v')
lsp_count = protein.count('lsp')
tryptophan_count = protein.count('w')

# now print the counts
# noticed that I used the three different methods that we saw before
print("valines: " + str(valine_count))
print("tryptophans: %s" % tryptophan_count)
print("lsp:", lsp_count)
```

valines: 2
tryptophans: 0
lsp: 1

If you wish to know at which position in your string

Where you first encounter something in you are specifically looking for

Then you use the .find() method

```
In [99]: protein = "vlspadktnv"
    print(str(protein.find('p')))
    print(str(protein.find('kt')))
    print(str(protein.find('w'))) # .find() gives "-1" as output if what you are looking for is not in the string a second contains the string are looking for in the string are looking are looking for in the string are looking are looking for in the string are looking are
```

String operators:

in and not in

Please Enter your DNA to see whether you are a superhuman:

```
If your name starts with A - G, your DNA is GATCA If your name starts with H - N, your DNA is CATT If your name starts with O - S, your DNA is AGAT If your name starts with T - Z, your DNA is TAAT TAAT
```

I'm sorry. Your DNA shows that you are NAUGHTY. Maybe try to be on Santa's good list next year.

Use help() to find all the methods you can use when you are working with strings

You can try it now to see the methods we have already used

And which may be useful to you

```
In [104]: help(str)
         Help on class str in module builtins:
         class str(object)
             str(object='') -> str
             str(bytes or buffer[, encoding[, errors]]) -> str
             Create a new string object from the given object. If encoding or
             errors is specified, then the object must expose a data buffer
             that will be decoded using the given encoding and error handler.
             Otherwise, returns the result of object. str () (if defined)
             or repr(object).
             encoding defaults to sys.getdefaultencoding().
             errors defaults to 'strict'.
             Methods defined here:
             add (self, value, /)
                 Return self+value.
```

EXERCISES

1. Calculating AT content

Write a program that will print out the AT content of this DNA sequence. Hint: you can use normal mathematical symbols like add (+), subtract (-), multiply (*), divide (/) and parentheses to carry out calculations on numbers in Python.

```
In [105]: my_sequence = "ACTGATCGATTACGTATAGTATTTGCTATCATACATATATCGATGCGTTCAT"

    count_As = my_sequence.count("A")
    count_Ts = my_sequence.count("T")
    #AT_count = count_As + count_Ts
    length_seq = len(my_sequence)

# To know the ratio of the combined As and Ts in your sequence:

AT_perc = ((count_As + count_Ts)/length_seq)*100

print (AT_perc)
```

68.51851851851852

2. Complementing DNA

Write a program that will print the complement of this sequence.

3. Restriction fragment lengths

The sequence contains a recognition site for the EcoRI restriction enzyme, which cuts at the motif G*AATTC (the position of the cut is indicated by an asterisk). Write a program which will calculate the size of the two fragments that will be produced when the DNA sequence is digested with EcoRI.

```
In [108]:
          # I like to first start with a tester
          # What are my steps?:
          # 1. I need to be able to find this sequence,
          # and its position in the dna:
                                                                           .find()
          # 2. In order to know the length of 2nd fragments,
               I need to know the length of the entire DNA sequence
                                                                           .len()
          test sequence = "TAGAATTCTA"
          position 1st fragm = test sequence.find("GAATTC")
          print(position 1st fragm)
          2
In [109]: # note that becaue the positions start at 0,
          # you have to add "1" to make sure the math is correct
          len 1st fragment = position 1st fragm + 1
          print(len 1st fragment)
          3
In [111]:
          len test seq = len(test sequence)
          print(len test seg)
          len_2nd_fragment = len_test_seq - len_1st fragment
          print(len 2nd fragment)
          # Now that I know this is working, I just apply it to my real sequence
          10
```

```
In [ ]: my_sequence = "ACTGATCGATTACGTATAGTAGAATTCTATCATACATATATCGATGCGTTCAT"

    position_lst_fragm = my_sequence.find("GAATTC")
    len_lst_fragment = position_lst_fragm + 1
    print(len_lst_fragment)

    length_my_sequence = len(my_sequence)
    print(length_my_sequence)

    len_2nd_fragment = length_my_sequence - len_lst_fragment
    print(len_2nd_fragment)
```

4. Splicing out introns, part one

Here's a short section of genomic DNA:

It comprises two exons and an intron. The first exon runs from the start of the sequence to the sixty-third character, and the second exon runs from the ninety-first character to the end of the sequence. Write a program that will print just the coding regions of the DNA sequence.

```
In [112]: # to make sure that I don't get confused about the positions of the characters
# I'm going to create a test sequence
# If this question had said that the first exon was from the start to the 4th character,
# what would that look like?
# Make sure that you understand whether they mean the 4th character from a coder's view
# or from a non-programmer's view
# Here they mean up until, but NOT INCLUDING the 4th character (coder's view)
# In other words, print the first three characters from a non-coder's view

test_seq = "ATCGAAAACTTT"

# length_test_seq = len(test_seq)
# print(length_test_seq)

test_first_exon = test_seq[:3]
print(test_first_exon)
```

ATC

So how will I slice from the start and **UP to and EXCLUDING** character 4?

This means, we need to stop at the first 'C'

So in the real problem, they want to print 63 characters. Since we start at position 0,

I know that I'm going to use "62" in the real problem

Because it will print from position 0 -> 61, which is 62 characters

```
In [113]:
    # so if the second exon ran from the 9th position to the end, how will I slice that?
    # it looks like the last "C" is the 9th character, and it lies at position "8"
    # which makes sense, because again, we start indexing at 0

test_seq = "ATCGAAAACTTT"
    test_last_exon = test_seq[8:]

# so now I know that I will have to use the "90th" position
# in the real problem

# Can you see why it's good to start with a test set??

print(test_last_exon)
```

CTTT

```
# Again, the person mentions up until, but not including, the 63rd character
        # They mean that they only want 62 characters to be PRINTED.
        # At least this is how a non-programmer would say it
        # Since indexing starts at 0
        # 0 to 61 will be 62 characters
        # Don't be alarmed if you got confused here.
        # This is just an example of how you need to make sure,
        # That you and the other person are on the same page
        first exon = my dna[:62] # this is index 0 - 61
        #print (len(first exon))
        last exon = my dna[90:] # this is index 90 - infinity
        #print (len(last exon))
        #finally I must concatenate the exons
         combined exons = first exon + last exon
         print(combined exons)
         print(len(combined exons))
```

5. Splicing out introns, part two

Using the data from part one, write a program that will calculate what percentage of the DNA sequence is coding.

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6. Splicing out introns, part three

Using the data from part one, write a program that will print out the original genomic DNA sequence with coding bases in uppercase and non-coding bases in lowercase.

```
In [118]: # let's go back to testing with my test sequence first
# The intron lies from the 5th character to the 8th character
# In splicing terms it will start at index 4, which is position 5,
# up until the index before 8, which is the 8th character,
# if we start from zero

intron = (test_seq[4:8]).lower()
print(intron)

comb_exons_introns = test_first_exon + intron + test_last_exon
print(comb_exons_introns)

# now I can apply it to mine
```

aaaa ATCaaaaCTTT

You need to **PRACTICE** to get the hang of this.

Don't be alarmed if it's confusing at the start.

Have a look at the picture again at the beginning that shows the indexing.

```
In [117]: intron = (my_dna[62:90]).lower() # this is from index/position 62 - 89
    modified_dna = first_exon + intron + last_exon
    print(modified_dna)
```

BioPython

We can use BioPython to do some of the tasks that we did manually

Find the [Link to the BioPython tutorial and cookbook below]
BioPython Tutorial (http://biopython.org/DIST/docs/tutorial/Tutorial.html)

```
In [119]: # There is a BioPython library for calculating GC content..
# Since it's pretty common task for Biologist

from Bio.Seq import Seq
    from Bio.SeqUtils import GC
    my_seq = Seq("GATCGATGGGCCTATATAGGATCGAAAATCGC")
    GC(my_seq)
```

Out[119]: 46.875

```
In [120]: # Get the complement of a DNA sequence
          from Bio.Seg import Seg
          my seg = Seg("GATCGATGGGCCTATATAGGATCGAAAATCGC")
          my seq.complement()
Out[120]: Seg('CTAGCTACCCGGATATATCCTAGCTTTTAGCG')
In [121]: my seq.reverse complement()
Out[121]: Seq('GCGATTTTCGATCCTATATAGGCCCATCGATC')
In [95]: # Reverse complement coding sequences (CDS)
          from Bio.Seq import Seq
          coding dna = Seg("ATGGCCATTGTAATGGGCCGCTGAAAGGGTGCCCGATAG")
          template dna = coding dna.reverse complement()
          template dna
Out[95]: Seq('CTATCGGGCACCCTTTCAGCGGCCCATTACAATGGCCAT')
In [122]: # Transcribe CDS
          messenger rna = coding dna.transcribe()
          messenger rna
Out[122]: Seq('AUGGCCAUUGUAAUGGGCCGCUGAAAGGGUGCCCGAUAG')
In [96]: # Translate mRNA
          messenger_rna = Seq("AUGGCCAUUGUAAUGGGCCGCUGAAAGGGUGCCCGAUAG")
          translated mRNA = messenger rna.translate()
          translated mRNA
Out[96]: Seg('MAIVMGR*KGAR*')
```

```
In [97]: # some translations are unresolved
# So you might need to specify the use of the correct Translation table

translated_mRNA = coding_dna.translate(table="Vertebrate Mitochondrial")

translated_mRNA

Out[97]: Seq('MAIVMGRWKGAR*')

In [98]: # Now, you may want to translate the nucleotides
# up to the first in frame stop codon
# and then stop (as happens in nature)

translated_mRNA = coding_dna.translate(table = "Vertebrate Mitochondrial", to_stop=True)

translated_mRNA
Out[98]: Seq('MAIVMGRWKGAR')
```

THE END