Ch03-2-Functions-Library

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1 3 Python Standard Libraries

1.1 Topics

- Python standard libraries
- import and use libraries

1.2 3.1 Standard libraries

- Python has several standard libraries (modules) you can readily import
- one can use the names (functions and data/constants) defined in those imported modules
- list of all the Python standard libraries: https://docs.python.org/3/library/index.html
- syntax

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# first import library
import libraryName
import awesomeLibrary
import libraryName1 as mylib
from libraryName2 import func1, func2 # okay!

# use data and functions provided by the library
libraryName.data
libraryName.function()
func1()
mylib.someFunction()
func2()
```

- according to PEP 8 Guildelines, each import must be on each line
- importing comma separated multiple names from the same library is ok

1.3 3.2 math library

https://docs.python.org/3/library/math.html

- an important library that provides mathematical functions
- run help(moduleName) to get more information about the module

[1]: import math

[2]: help(math) Help on module math: NAME math MODULE REFERENCE https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/math The following documentation is automatically generated from the Python source files. It may be incomplete, incorrect or include features that are considered implementation detail and may vary between Python implementations. When in doubt, consult the module reference at the location listed above. DESCRIPTION This module is always available. It provides access to the mathematical functions defined by the C standard. **FUNCTIONS** acos(x, /)Return the arc cosine (measured in radians) of x. acosh(x, /)Return the inverse hyperbolic cosine of x. asin(x, /)Return the arc sine (measured in radians) of x. asinh(x, /)Return the inverse hyperbolic sine of x. atan(x, /)Return the arc tangent (measured in radians) of x. atan2(y, x, /)Return the arc tangent (measured in radians) of y/x. Unlike atan(y/x), the signs of both x and y are considered. atanh(x, /)Return the inverse hyperbolic tangent of x. ceil(x, /)Return the ceiling of x as an Integral.

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This is the smallest integer >= x.
    copysign(x, y, /)
        Return a float with the magnitude (absolute value) of x but the sign of
у.
        On platforms that support signed zeros, copysign(1.0, -0.0)
        returns -1.0.
    cos(x, /)
        Return the cosine of x (measured in radians).
    cosh(x, /)
        Return the hyperbolic cosine of x.
    degrees(x, /)
        Convert angle x from radians to degrees.
    erf(x, /)
        Error function at x.
    erfc(x, /)
        Complementary error function at x.
    exp(x, /)
        Return e raised to the power of x.
    expm1(x, /)
        Return exp(x)-1.
        This function avoids the loss of precision involved in the direct
evaluation of exp(x)-1 for small x.
    fabs(x, /)
        Return the absolute value of the float x.
    factorial(x, /)
        Find x!.
        Raise a ValueError if x is negative or non-integral.
    floor(x, /)
        Return the floor of x as an Integral.
        This is the largest integer <= x.
    fmod(x, y, /)
        Return fmod(x, y), according to platform C.
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x % y may differ.
   frexp(x, /)
       Return the mantissa and exponent of x, as pair (m, e).
       m is a float and e is an int, such that x = m * 2.**e.
        If x is 0, m and e are both 0. Else 0.5 \le abs(m) \le 1.0.
   fsum(seq, /)
        Return an accurate floating point sum of values in the iterable seq.
        Assumes IEEE-754 floating point arithmetic.
    gamma(x, /)
       Gamma function at x.
   gcd(x, y, /)
        greatest common divisor of x and y
   hypot(x, y, /)
        Return the Euclidean distance, sqrt(x*x + y*y).
    isclose(a, b, *, rel_tol=1e-09, abs_tol=0.0)
        Determine whether two floating point numbers are close in value.
          rel_tol
           maximum difference for being considered "close", relative to the
            magnitude of the input values
          abs_tol
           maximum difference for being considered "close", regardless of the
            magnitude of the input values
       Return True if a is close in value to b, and False otherwise.
        For the values to be considered close, the difference between them
        must be smaller than at least one of the tolerances.
        -inf, inf and NaN behave similarly to the IEEE 754 Standard. That
        is, NaN is not close to anything, even itself. inf and -inf are
        only close to themselves.
    isfinite(x, /)
        Return True if x is neither an infinity nor a NaN, and False otherwise.
    isinf(x, /)
        Return True if x is a positive or negative infinity, and False
otherwise.
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isnan(x, /)
    Return True if x is a NaN (not a number), and False otherwise.
ldexp(x, i, /)
    Return x * (2**i).
    This is essentially the inverse of frexp().
lgamma(x, /)
    Natural logarithm of absolute value of Gamma function at x.
log(...)
    log(x, [base=math.e])
    Return the logarithm of x to the given base.
    If the base not specified, returns the natural logarithm (base e) of x.
log10(x, /)
    Return the base 10 logarithm of x.
log1p(x, /)
    Return the natural logarithm of 1+x (base e).
    The result is computed in a way which is accurate for x near zero.
log2(x, /)
    Return the base 2 logarithm of x.
modf(x, /)
    Return the fractional and integer parts of x.
    Both results carry the sign of x and are floats.
pow(x, y, /)
    Return x**y (x to the power of y).
radians(x, /)
    Convert angle x from degrees to radians.
remainder(x, y, /)
    Difference between x and the closest integer multiple of y.
    Return x - n*y where n*y is the closest integer multiple of y.
    In the case where x is exactly halfway between two multiples of
    y, the nearest even value of n is used. The result is always exact.
sin(x, /)
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Return the sine of x (measured in radians).
        sinh(x, /)
            Return the hyperbolic sine of x.
        sqrt(x, /)
            Return the square root of x.
        tan(x, /)
            Return the tangent of x (measured in radians).
        tanh(x, /)
            Return the hyperbolic tangent of x.
        trunc(x, /)
            Truncates the Real x to the nearest Integral toward 0.
            Uses the __trunc__ magic method.
    DATA
        e = 2.718281828459045
        inf = inf
        nan = nan
        pi = 3.141592653589793
        tau = 6.283185307179586
    FILE
        /Users/rbasnet/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/lib-
    dynload/math.cpython-37m-darwin.so
[3]: num = 10.5
     # math.ceil(x) - return the ceiling (or round up) of x,
     \# the smallest integer greater than or equal to x
     print(math.ceil(num))
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[4]: \# math.floor(x)
     # return the floor (or round down) of x, the largest integer less than or equal_
     \rightarrow to x
     print(math.floor(num))
    10
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[5]: \# math.qcd(a, b)
      # return the greatest common divisor of the integers a and b
      # if both and b are 0, returns 0
      print(math.gcd(0, 0))
      print(math.gcd(10, 20))
     0
     10
 [6]: \# math.pow(x, y)
      # returns x raised to the power y
      print(math.pow(2, 10))
     1024.0
 [7]: \# math.sqrt(x, y)
      \# returns the square root of x
      print(math.sqrt(100))
     10.0
 [8]: \# math.radians(x)
      # convert and return angle x in degrees to radians
      rad = math.radians(90)
 [9]: \# math.sin(x)
      # return the sine of x radians
      print(math.sin(rad))
     1.0
[10]: # Some constants/data defined in math module
      math.pi
[10]: 3.141592653589793
[11]: math.inf
[11]: inf
[12]: math.e
[12]: 2.718281828459045
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1.4 3.3 Other common libraries

- all Python libraries: https://docs.python.org/3/library/index.html
- some libraries we'll explore

- os operating system related
- **time** time access and conversion
- random generate pseudo-random numbers
- sys system specific data and functions
- string common string operations and data

[3]: import random

[4]: help(random)

Help on module random:

NAME

random - Random variable generators.

MODULE REFERENCE

https://docs.python.org/3.7/library/random

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DESCRIPTION

integers

uniform within range

sequences

pick random element
pick random sample
pick weighted random sample
generate random permutation

distributions on the real line:

uniform
triangular
normal (Gaussian)
lognormal
negative exponential
gamma
beta
pareto
Weibull

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distributions on the circle (angles 0 to 2pi)
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circular uniform
von Mises
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General notes on the underlying Mersenne Twister core generator:
   * The period is 2**19937-1.
    * It is one of the most extensively tested generators in existence.
    * The random() method is implemented in C, executes in a single Python step,
      and is, therefore, threadsafe.
CLASSES
    _random.Random(builtins.object)
        Random
            SystemRandom
    class Random(_random.Random)
       Random(x=None)
       Random number generator base class used by bound module functions.
       Used to instantiate instances of Random to get generators that don't
       share state.
       Class Random can also be subclassed if you want to use a different basic
       generator of your own devising: in that case, override the following
       methods: random(), seed(), getstate(), and setstate().
       Optionally, implement a getrandbits() method so that randrange()
       can cover arbitrarily large ranges.
       Method resolution order:
            Random
            _random.Random
            builtins.object
       Methods defined here:
       __getstate__(self)
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| # longer called; we leave it here because it has been here since
random was

rewritten back in 2001 and why risk breaking something.
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__init__(self, x=None)

Initialize an instance.

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Optional argument x controls seeding, as for Random.seed().
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       __reduce__(self)
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           Helper for pickle.
       __setstate__(self, state)
       betavariate(self, alpha, beta)
           Beta distribution.
           Conditions on the parameters are alpha > 0 and beta > 0.
           Returned values range between 0 and 1.
       choice(self, seq)
           Choose a random element from a non-empty sequence.
       choices(self, population, weights=None, *, cum_weights=None, k=1)
           Return a k sized list of population elements chosen with
replacement.
           If the relative weights or cumulative weights are not specified,
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           the selections are made with equal probability.
       expovariate(self, lambd)
           Exponential distribution.
           lambd is 1.0 divided by the desired mean. It should be
           nonzero. (The parameter would be called "lambda", but that is
           a reserved word in Python.) Returned values range from 0 to
           positive infinity if lambd is positive, and from negative
            infinity to 0 if lambd is negative.
       gammavariate(self, alpha, beta)
           Gamma distribution. Not the gamma function!
           Conditions on the parameters are alpha > 0 and beta > 0.
           The probability distribution function is:
                       x ** (alpha - 1) * math.exp(-x / beta)
             pdf(x) = -----
                         math.gamma(alpha) * beta ** alpha
       gauss(self, mu, sigma)
           Gaussian distribution.
           mu is the mean, and sigma is the standard deviation. This is
           slightly faster than the normal variate() function.
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Not thread-safe without a lock around calls.
getstate(self)
    Return internal state; can be passed to setstate() later.
lognormvariate(self, mu, sigma)
    Log normal distribution.
    If you take the natural logarithm of this distribution, you'll get a
    normal distribution with mean mu and standard deviation sigma.
    mu can have any value, and sigma must be greater than zero.
normalvariate(self, mu, sigma)
    Normal distribution.
    mu is the mean, and sigma is the standard deviation.
paretovariate(self, alpha)
    Pareto distribution. alpha is the shape parameter.
randint(self, a, b)
    Return random integer in range [a, b], including both end points.
randrange(self, start, stop=None, step=1, _int=<class 'int'>)
    Choose a random item from range(start, stop[, step]).
    This fixes the problem with randint() which includes the
    endpoint; in Python this is usually not what you want.
sample(self, population, k)
    Chooses k unique random elements from a population sequence or set.
    Returns a new list containing elements from the population while
    leaving the original population unchanged. The resulting list is
    in selection order so that all sub-slices will also be valid random
    samples. This allows raffle winners (the sample) to be partitioned
    into grand prize and second place winners (the subslices).
    Members of the population need not be hashable or unique. If the
    population contains repeats, then each occurrence is a possible
    selection in the sample.
    To choose a sample in a range of integers, use range as an argument.
    This is especially fast and space efficient for sampling from a
    large population:
                        sample(range(10000000), 60)
seed(self, a=None, version=2)
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Initialize internal state from hashable object.
            None or no argument seeds from current time or from an operating
            system specific randomness source if available.
            If *a* is an int, all bits are used.
           For version 2 (the default), all of the bits are used if *a* is a
str,
           bytes, or bytearray. For version 1 (provided for reproducing random
            sequences from older versions of Python), the algorithm for str and
            bytes generates a narrower range of seeds.
        setstate(self, state)
            Restore internal state from object returned by getstate().
        shuffle(self, x, random=None)
            Shuffle list x in place, and return None.
            Optional argument random is a 0-argument function returning a
            random float in [0.0, 1.0); if it is the default None, the
            standard random.random will be used.
       triangular(self, low=0.0, high=1.0, mode=None)
            Triangular distribution.
            Continuous distribution bounded by given lower and upper limits,
            and having a given mode value in-between.
           http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Triangular_distribution
       uniform(self, a, b)
            Get a random number in the range [a, b) or [a, b] depending on
rounding.
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       vonmisesvariate(self, mu, kappa)
            Circular data distribution.
           mu is the mean angle, expressed in radians between 0 and 2*pi, and
           kappa is the concentration parameter, which must be greater than or
            equal to zero. If kappa is equal to zero, this distribution reduces
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Data descriptors defined here:
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            dictionary for instance variables (if defined)
        __weakref__
            list of weak references to the object (if defined)
        Data and other attributes defined here:
       VERSION = 3
       Methods inherited from _random.Random:
        __getattribute__(self, name, /)
            Return getattr(self, name).
       getrandbits(...)
            getrandbits(k) -> x. Generates an int with k random bits.
       random(...)
            random() \rightarrow x in the interval [0, 1).
       Static methods inherited from _random.Random:
        __new__(*args, **kwargs) from builtins.type
            Create and return a new object. See help(type) for accurate
signature.
    class SystemRandom(Random)
     | SystemRandom(x=None)
     | Alternate random number generator using sources provided
       by the operating system (such as /dev/urandom on Unix or
       CryptGenRandom on Windows).
         Not available on all systems (see os.urandom() for details).
       Method resolution order:
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Methods defined here:
       getrandbits(self, k)
           getrandbits(k) -> x. Generates an int with k random bits.
       getstate = _notimplemented(self, *args, **kwds)
       random(self)
           Get the next random number in the range [0.0, 1.0).
       seed(self, *args, **kwds)
           Stub method. Not used for a system random number generator.
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 random() -> x in the interval [0, 1).

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seed(a=None, version=2) method of Random instance
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None or no argument seeds from current time or from an operating system specific randomness source if available.

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DATA

```
__all__ = ['Random', 'seed', 'random', 'uniform', 'randint', 'choice',...
```

FILE

/Users/rbasnet/anaconda3/lib/python3.7/random.py

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[5]: from random import randint
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[8]: randint(0, 20) # Return a random integer between (a, b) inclusive
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