

# Pair Programming Exercise, flow control, if/esle, Recursion

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If, else statements

Recursion

Loops

See discussion in Think Python

<https://allendowney.github.io/ThinkPython/chap05.html> - ifs and test conditions, recursion

<https://allendowney.github.io/ThinkPython/chap07.html>, Iteration, ie loops

## If

Python has an if statement, which executes a code block if it is true -code blocks are denoted by indentations, each level of a code block should be indented by 4 spaces 4 spaces is not strictly required, any consistent number will work, but for consistency use the default 4 spaces this will help a lot if someone else has to edit your code

## Elif

to go with the if statement, there is an elif ("else if") command which uses a second test condition. If will run the associated code when the if was false and the elif is true

## Else

this is the same as the else in R, it will run if the if and elif statements before it do not run

Simple if

```
In [1]: x=21
        if x<=21:
            age="juvenile"
            print(age)
```

juvenile

here is an if-else pairing

```
In [2]: x=22

if x<=21:
    age='juvenile'
else:
    age="adult"

print(age)
```

adult

## Question/Action

Alter the code above to produce the juvenile answer

```
In [3]: x=10

if x<=21:
    age='juvenile'
else:
    age="adult"

print(age)
```

juvenile

## Question/Action

write code that will test to see if the variable home\_state is "Ma" or not, and set y = 0 for "Ma" and y=1 otherwise

print out the value of y at the end

```
In [4]: home_state = "MA"

if home_state == "MA":
    y = 0
else:
    y = 1

print(y)
```

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## Using a chain of if, elif and else

Lets set y to be

1-for "Ma" 2-for "Ny" 3-for "Ct" 4 for all other states

```
In [5]: home_state="Ne"

if(home_state=="Ma"):
    y=1
elif(home_state=="Ny"):
    y=2
elif(home_state=="Ct"):
    y=3
else:
    y=4

print(y)
```

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## For Loop

when we use a for loop, we can loop through any iterable variable type, so a list, or tuple, but not a set

```
In [6]: x=[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]

for i in x:
    print(i, i**2)
```

```
1 1
2 4
3 9
4 16
5 25
6 36
7 49
8 64
9 81
10 100
```

```
In [7]: #Iterating on a numpy matrix

import numpy as np

z=np.arange(15).reshape(5,3)

z
```

```
Out[7]: array([[ 0,  1,  2],
               [ 3,  4,  5],
               [ 6,  7,  8],
               [ 9, 10, 11],
               [12, 13, 14]])
```

```
In [13]: #iterate on rows of a numpy matrix

nrows=z.shape[0]                                # shape gives use the dimension of the
```

```
for k in np.arange(nrows):
    print(z[k,:])
```

```
[0 1 2]
[3 4 5]
[6 7 8]
[ 9 10 11]
[12 13 14]
```

In [14]: *#iterate on columns of an numpy matrix*

```
ncols=z.shape[1] # shape gives use the dimension of the

for k in np.arange(ncols):
    print(z[:,k])
```

```
[ 0  3  6  9 12]
[ 1  4  7 10 13]
[ 2  5  8 11 14]
```

In [10]: `y={1:"Bob",2:"Shauna",3:"Seung",4:"Jose"}`

*#we cannot loop directly on a dictionary, but we can loop on the values*

```
for value in y.values():
    print(value)
```

*# we can iterate on both the key and the value, using the items function*

```
for key,value in y.items():
    print(key,value)
```

```
Bob
Shauna
Seung
Jose
1 Jose
2 Jose
3 Jose
4 Jose
```

## While Loop

Python also has a while loop, that continues until a max value is reached

In [11]:

```
x=[0]
n=1

while(n<13):
    x.append(n**2)
    n=n+2

print(x)
```

[0, 1, 9, 25, 49, 81, 121]

## Nested Loops

Given a list of values, which pairs of values in the list, if any, add up to a target sum?

Use two nested loops to compare the sums of all possible combinations in the list to the target sum value

```
In [15]: x=[1,2,4,6,9,10,15,17,20,23,24]
target_sum=27

nsteps_nested=0

for i in np.arange(len(x)):
    for j in np.arange(len(x)-1):
        nsteps_nested=nsteps_nested+1
        if ((x[i] != x[j+1]) & ((x[i] + x[j+1]) == target_sum)):
            print(x[i], x[j+1])

print()
print(nsteps_nested)
```

4 23

10 17

17 10

23 4

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## Hashed based method, allows us to use only one loop iteration

The python dictionary is hashed storage

So what will do is set up an entry dictionary,

then we will loop through x once,

For a given value in x, x[i], we will use vector operations to find if there is a value in x that sums with x[i] to the target\_sum, if there is, we will use x[i] as the key, and the value that with x[i] equals target\_sum as the value in the dictionary.

After one loop iteration, the key and value pairs of the dictionary hold the paired values that add up to target\_sum

```
In [22]: x=np.array([1,2,4,6,9,10,15,17,20,23,24])
target_sum=27
```

```

nsteps_hash=0

h={}    # an empty dictionary

for i in np.arange(len(x)):
    nsteps_hash=nsteps_hash+1
    if any((x[i]+x)==target_sum)&(x[i]!=target_sum/2):
        h[x[i]]=(x[(x[i]+x)==target_sum])[0]

print(h.items())
print()
print(nsteps_hash)

# x[i] + x: This performs a vectorized addition. x[i] (a scalar) is added to
# every element of the array x, resulting in a new array of the same size as x.

# (x[i] + x) == target_sum: This performs a vectorized comparison. Each element
# of the resulting array from the addition is compared to target_sum, yielding a
# boolean array of the same size as x.

# any(...): This checks if at least one True value exists in the boolean array.

# x[(x[i] + x) == target_sum]: If any() is True, this uses the boolean array to
# index x, potentially creating a new array containing the element(s) that
# satisfy the condition.

# [0]: This accesses the first element of the potentially new array.

```

```
dict_items([(np.int64(4), np.int64(23)), (np.int64(10), np.int64(17)), (np.int64(17), np.int64(10)), (np.int64(23), np.int64(4))])
```

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Notice that the number of loop iterations for the nested loop was 110, and the number of loop operations in the hashed or dictionary version was 11.

In a large problem, this difference would really add up.

To figure out how to cover a nested loop to a single loop with a hash (dictionary)

- a.) Loop at the inner loop and figure out how to vectorize that operation
- b.) Set up an empty dictionary
- c.) set up the outer loop, and put the vectorized operation within the outer loop. For each step of the outer loop, store the key value pairing from your vectorized calculation into the dictionary. Use the value from the outer loop as the key, and other value, or the calculated value as the value in the dictionary.

```

In [23]: import numpy as np

x = np.array([1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 15, 17, 20, 23, 24])
target_sum = 27

```

```

nsteps_hash = 0
h = {} # an empty dictionary

for i in np.arange(len(x)):
    nsteps_hash += 1
    complement = target_sum - x[i]
    if complement in x and complement != x[i]: # Check if complement exists and is
        h[x[i]] = complement

print(h.items())
print()
print(nsteps_hash)

# complement = target_sum - x[i]: This is a single scalar subtraction.

# complement in x: This checks if the complement value exists within the x
# array. While this operation does involve searching, NumPy's implementation
# for checking membership in an array is generally more optimized than the
# vectorized operations and subsequent indexing in your original code,
# especially for larger arrays.

# Instead of explicitly looping through the rest of the array for each element
# (the nested loop), we leverage the efficient membership checking of the
# NumPy array (complement in x). This check, while still iterating internally,
# is highly optimized and performed at the C level by NumPy, making it significantly
# faster than a manual Python loop for large arrays.

```

```
dict_items([(np.int64(4), np.int64(23)), (np.int64(10), np.int64(17)), (np.int64(17), np.int64(10)), (np.int64(23), np.int64(4))])
```

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Basically:

Taking the first number, adding it to every other number in the list, and seeing if any sum is 27. Then taking the second number and doing the same, and so on.

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Taking the first number (say it's 10). You know you need 17 to reach 27, so then checking if 17 is anywhere else in the list. If it is, that's a pair. Then you move to the next number.

## Recursion

This is a method in which a function calls itself repeatedly

One classical example is to compute  $n!$  ( $n$  factorial) by repeatedly calling a function.

The function returns 1 when  $n=0$ ,  $0!$  is defined as 1.

For other values, it computes  $N \times (N-1)!$  by recursively calling the factorial function

Note: There is a lot of overhead involved in calling recursive functions

```
In [25]: def rec_factorial(n):  
         if n==0:  
             return(1)  
         else:  
             return(n*rec_factorial(n-1))
```

```
In [26]: rec_factorial(2)
```

```
Out[26]: 2
```

## Question/Action

Write a function that recursively counts down toward zero

If n is zero, it should print zero

Otherwise it should print n with a linefeed and then call itself again with an input of (n-1)

```
In [28]: def countdown_recursive(n):  
         """  
         Recursively counts down from n to zero and prints each number.  
  
         Args:  
             n: The starting number for the countdown.  
         """  
         if n == 0:  
             print(0)  
         else:  
             print(n)  
             countdown_recursive(n - 1)  
  
         # Example usage:  
         countdown_recursive(5)  
         print("BLAST OFF!")
```

```
5  
4  
3  
2  
1  
0  
BLAST OFF!
```

```
In [ ]:
```