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Advanced Numbers

In this lecture we will learn about a few more representations of numbers in Python.

Hexadecimal

Using the function hex() you can convert numbers into a hexadecimal format:

```
In [1]: hex(246)
Out[1]: '0xf6'
In [2]: hex(512)
Out[2]: '0x200'
```

Binary

Using the function bin() you can convert numbers into their binary format.

```
In [3]: bin(1234)
Out[3]: '0b10011010010'
In [4]: bin(128)
Out[4]: '0b100000000'
In [5]: bin(512)
Out[5]: '0b1000000000'
```

Exponentials

The function pow() takes two arguments, equivalent to x^y . With three arguments it is equivalent to $(x^y)^z$, but may be more efficient for long integers.

```
In [6]: pow(3,4)
Out[6]: 81
In [7]: pow(3,4,5)
Out[7]: 1
```

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Absolute Value

The function <code>abs()</code> returns the absolute value of a number. The argument may be an integer or a floating point number. If the argument is a complex number, its magnitude is returned.

```
In [8]: abs(-3.14)
Out[8]: 3.14
In [9]: abs(3)
Out[9]: 3
```

Round

The function round() will round a number to a given precision in decimal digits (default 0 digits). It does not convert integers to floats.

```
In [10]: round(3,2)
Out[10]: 3
In [11]: round(395,-2)
Out[11]: 400
In [12]: round(3.1415926535,2)
Out[12]: 3.14
```

Python has a built-in math library that is also useful to play around with in case you are ever in need of some mathematical operations. Explore the documentation here!

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