

CodeGrade Practice Problem

How to properly test and submit your codes



Overview

- Practice problem (change.py)
- How to test without using sys
- How to convert then test using sys
- Different ways to load in sys.argv
 - The difference between:
 - `sys.argv[1:]` vs. `sys.argv[1]`, `sys.argv[2]`, `sys.argv[3]` and so on...

Practice Problem (change.py)

- Create a program, `change.py`, that has a function that takes 5 arguments that correspond to the number of \$1 dollar bills, quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies, respectively.
- Calculate the total value of that change, and print "The total value of your change is \$x" where x is equal to the total value.

How to test without using sys



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```
C:\CodeGrade\change.py
change.py x
1  #import sys
2
3  dollars = 1
4  quarters = 1
5  dimes = 1
6  nickels = 1
7  pennies = 1
8
9  def change(do, qu, di, ni, pe):
10     total = (1 * do) + (0.25 * qu) + (0.1 * di) + (0.05 * ni) + (0.01 * pe)
11     print(f"The total value of your change is ${total:.2f}")
12
13
14 change(dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies)
15
```

```
Console 1/A x
In [8]: runfile('C:/CodeGrade/change.py', wdir='C:/CodeGrade')
The total value of your change is $1.41

In [9]:
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- If we were to use our IDE to test without using sys, it would look something like this.
 - You can see your result within the console, depending on your IDE.
 - This is NOT the format you should be submitting to the CodeGrade.
 - This is a very quick way to see if your code is working as intended.

How to convert then test using sys (1)

```
C:\CodeGrade\change.py
change.py* x
1 import sys
2
3 dollars = int(sys.argv[1])
4 quarters = int(sys.argv[2])
5 dimes = int(sys.argv[3])
6 nickels = int(sys.argv[4])
7 pennies = int(sys.argv[5])
8
9 def change(do, qu, di, ni, pe):
10     total = (1 * do) + (0.25 * qu) + (0.1 * di) + (0.05 * ni) + (0.01 * pe)
11     print(f"The total value of your change is ${total:.2f}")
12
13
14 change(dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies)
15
```

```
Console 1/A x
In [10]: runfile('C:/CodeGrade/change.py', wdir='C:/CodeGrade')
Traceback (most recent call last):

  File "C:\CodeGrade\change.py", line 3, in <module>
    dollars = sys.argv[1]

IndexError: list index out of range

In [11]:
```

- We can convert those variables to take in sys.argvs like shown above.
 - But as you can see, the test runs into an IndexError.
 - Remember! Individual sys.argv is always in the string-type, hence why we are making it into the integer-type.



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How to convert then test using sys (2)

```
C:\CodeGrade\change.py
change.py
1 import sys
2
3 dollars = int(sys.argv[1])
4 quarters = int(sys.argv[2])
5 dimes = int(sys.argv[3])
6 nickels = int(sys.argv[4])
7 pennies = int(sys.argv[5])
8
9 def change(do, qu, di, ni, pe):
10     total = (1 * do) + (0.25 * qu) + (0.1 * di) + (0.05 * ni) + (0.01 * pe)
11     print(f"The total value of your change is ${total:.2f}")
12
13
14 change(dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies)
```

```
In [10]: runfile('C:/CodeGrade/change.py', wdir='C:/CodeGrade')
Traceback (most recent call last):

  File "C:\CodeGrade\change.py", line 3, in <module>
    dollars = sys.argv[1]
IndexError: list index out of range
```

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Anaconda Powershell Prompt (anaconda3)
(base) PS C:\CodeGrade> python change.py 1 1 1 1 1
The total value of your change is $1.41
(base) PS C:\CodeGrade> python change.py "1" "1" "1" "1" "1"
The total value of your change is $1.41
(base) PS C:\CodeGrade>
```

- We have to open a separate terminal to test this file. In my case, I'm using Anaconda Powershell Prompt (For Windows users, I strongly recommend NOT using the default Windows terminal).
 - Depending on the version, you might have to do either:
python change.py or python3 change.py
 - There is no difference between 1 1 1 1 1 and "1" "1" "1" "1" "1" (If using Windows, always use double-quotations in your terminal instead of single-quotation).

Sys.argv[1:]

```
C:\CodeGrade\list_sysargv.py
change.py x list_sysargv.py x

1 import sys
2
3 variables = sys.argv[1:]
4
5 print("My sys.argvs are:", variables)
6 print("The sys.argvs are in the format of ", type(variables))
7

Anaconda Powershell Prompt (anaconda3)

(base) PS C:\CodeGrade> python list_sysargv.py 1 2 3 4 5
My sys.argvs are: ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5']
The sys.argvs are in the format of <class 'list'>
(base) PS C:\CodeGrade> python list_sysargv.py 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
My sys.argvs are: ['1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9', '10', '11', '12']
The sys.argvs are in the format of <class 'list'>
(base) PS C:\CodeGrade>
```

- Alternate way of loading in your sys.argvs are like shown above (sys.argv[1:])
- This grabs ALL arguments and puts them into a list-type.
- As you can see though, the numbers within the list are all string-type.

How would change.py look using `sys.argv[1:]` ?



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```
C:\CodeGrade\change.py
change.py x

1  import sys
2
3  my_list = sys.argv[1:]
4
5  # This list comprehension converts all strings in the list to integer type
6  my_list = [int(num) for num in my_list]
7
8  # This list comprehension above as same as:
9  """for index, num in enumerate(my_list):
10     my_list[index] = int(num)
11  """
12
13  dollars = my_list[0]
14  quarters = my_list[1]
15  dimes = my_list[2]
16  nickels = my_list[3]
17  pennies = my_list[4]
18
19  def change(do, qu, di, ni, pe):
20      total = (1 * do) + (0.25 * qu) + (0.1 * di) + (0.05 * ni) + (0.01 * pe)
21      print(f"The total value of your change is ${total:.2f}")
22
23
24  change(dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies)
25
```

```
Console 1/A x

In [12]:

Anaconda Powershell Prompt (anaconda3)

(base) PS C:\CodeGrade> python change.py 1 1 1 1 1
The total value of your change is $1.41
(base) PS C:\CodeGrade>
```