

# ITI 1520

## Module 5: Listes

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### General Concepts:

1. Lists and loops
2. Chain of characters and loops

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**General Objectif:** Developp programs in Python using lists and character chains.

### Learning target:

1. Solve problems in Python with lists and loops.
2. Solve problems in Python with chains of characters and loops.

## *Theme 1. Lists and loops*

### *Subs-theme:* Probleme with simple variables

- Assume the module of an algorithm reads 5 integers and display them in reverse order:

Module:

i1 ☐ ReadInteger()

i2 ☐ ReadInteger()

i3 ☐ ReadInteger()

i4 ☐ ReadInteger()

i5 ☐ ReadInteger()

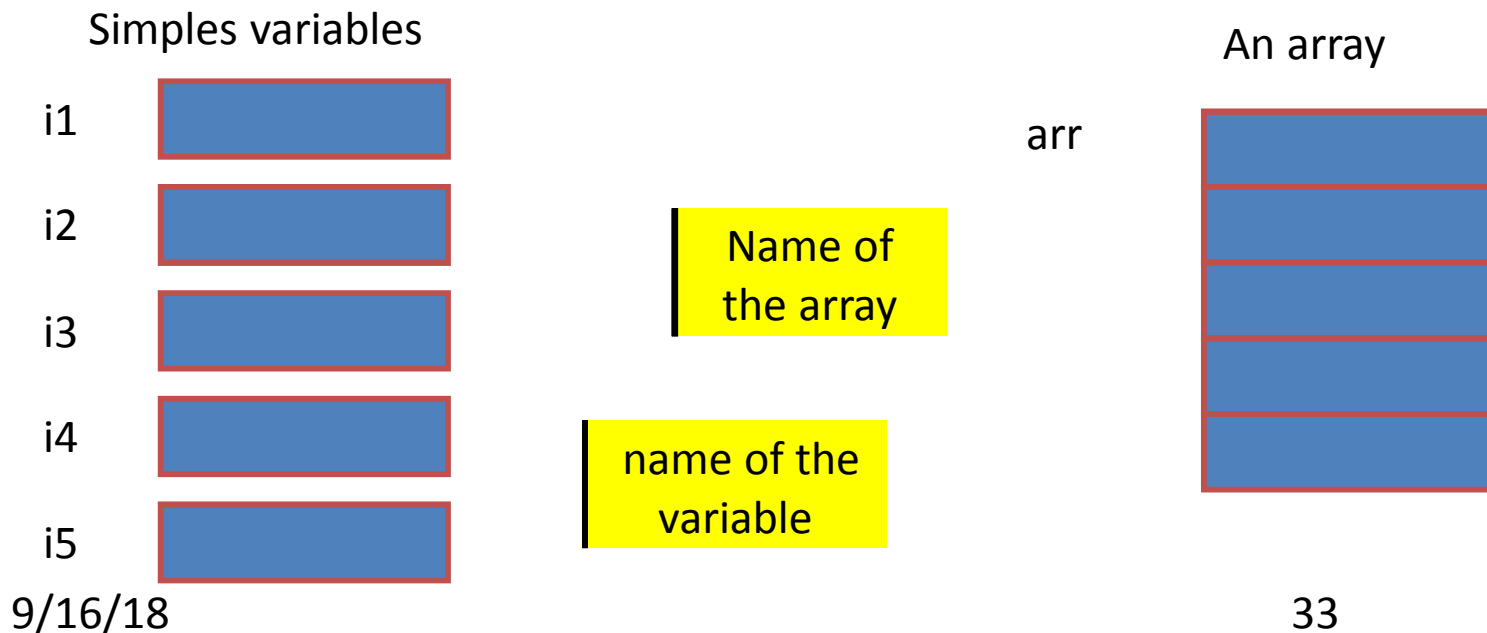
DisplayLine(i5)

DisplayLine(i4)

DisplayLine(i3)

# *Sub-theme: Computer* Computer Arrays

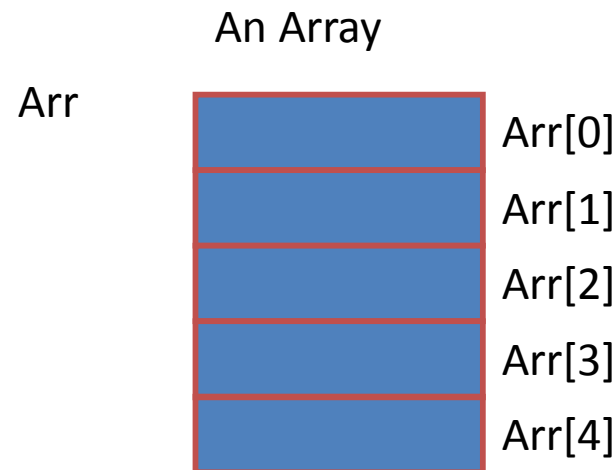
- Simple variables simply contain only one value.
- A computer array is made of several positions, each capable of containing a value.
- An array is essentially a collection of variables of the same type.



# Computer arrays (suite)

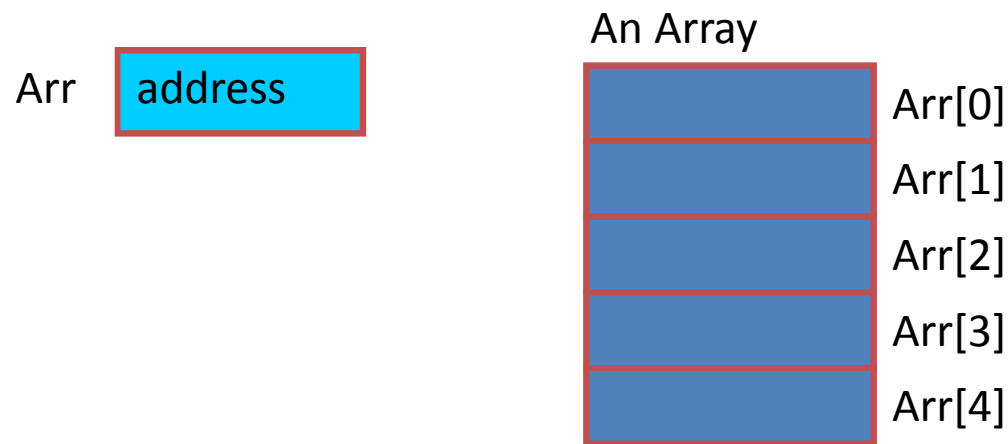
If an array **arr** has 5 positions, we can access them using **indexes**.

- Ex: Arr[2] est la **troisième** position avec index 2.
- Note that Arr[2] is equivalent to a variable name and can be used anywhere a variable name is.



# The Array name

- What is in an Array name?
- It can represent a memory address where the Array is located.
  - Similar to a variable name, but treated differently.
  - Similar use in C, C++, Java, Python
  - Previous illustration reflect this representation.
- An Array name can also be a reference variable name – and thus our illustration becomes:



## *Sub-theme:* Lists in Python

- In Python, arrays are called lists.
- A list can be described as a collection of elements separated by commas, regrouped between brackets.
- Elements need not to be of the same type.
- Examples:

```
>>> jours = ['lundi', 'mardi', 'mercredi', 'jeudi']
```

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

```
>>> b = ['abc', 1, 'cde', 10.65, -3]
```

```
>>> len(jours)
```

## *Sub-theme:* Accessing element of a list

- Lists are *sequences of ordered collection objects*.
- Each element can be accessed through its list *index*.
- The index number starts at zero (not one), the last element is at index `len-1`

```
>>> jours[0]
```

```
'lundi'
```

```
>>> jours[2]
```

```
'mercredi'
```

```
>>> jours[len(jours)-1]
```

```
'jeudi'
```

## *Sub-theme:* How to modify a list

```
>>> jours = ['lundi', 'mardi', 'mercredi', 'jeudi']
```

```
>>> jours.append('vendredi') # added at the end
```

```
>>> print(jours)
```

```
['lundi', 'mardi', 'mercredi', 'jeudi', 'vendredi']
```

```
>>> jours.append('samedi') # added at the end
```

```
>>> print(jours)
```

```
['lundi', 'mardi', 'mercredi', 'jeudi', 'vendredi',  
'samedi']
```

```
>>> del(jours[3])
```

```
>>> print(jours)
```

```
['9/16/18lundi', 'mardi', 'mercredi', 'vendredi', 'samedi']
```



## *Sub-theme:* Loops in lists

- Lists are being searched using while or for loops.
- If a result comes early during the search, the loop is stopped otherwise it will loop until the last element.

# Exercises on loops (I)

- 1 Find the sum of a list values.
- 2 Let  $v$  be a value and a list. Check the sum values does not exceed  $V$ .
  - a) Use the algorithm of exercise 1.
  - b) improve the version by getting out once the sum exceeds  $v$  .
- 3 Count how many times  $K$  shows up in the list or not.
- 4 Given a list of values and a number  $K$ , check if  $K$  is in the list or not.
  - a) Use the algorithm of example 3.
  - b) Improve it by exiting the loop as soon as  $K$  is found.

# Exercises on loops (II)

5 Given a list of values and a number K, find the position of the first K occurrence. (if K is not in the list, returns -1 as the position.)

6 Find the maximum value in a list.

7 Find the position of the first occurrence of the maximum value in a list.

a) Use algorithm of example 6.

b) Use algorithm of any examples.

c) Version with a loop without any other algorithm.

8 Check if a list of values contain or not duplicats.

- Strategy?

# Exercise 1: *Solution*

## Sum of a list values

DATA: L      (*list of numbers*)

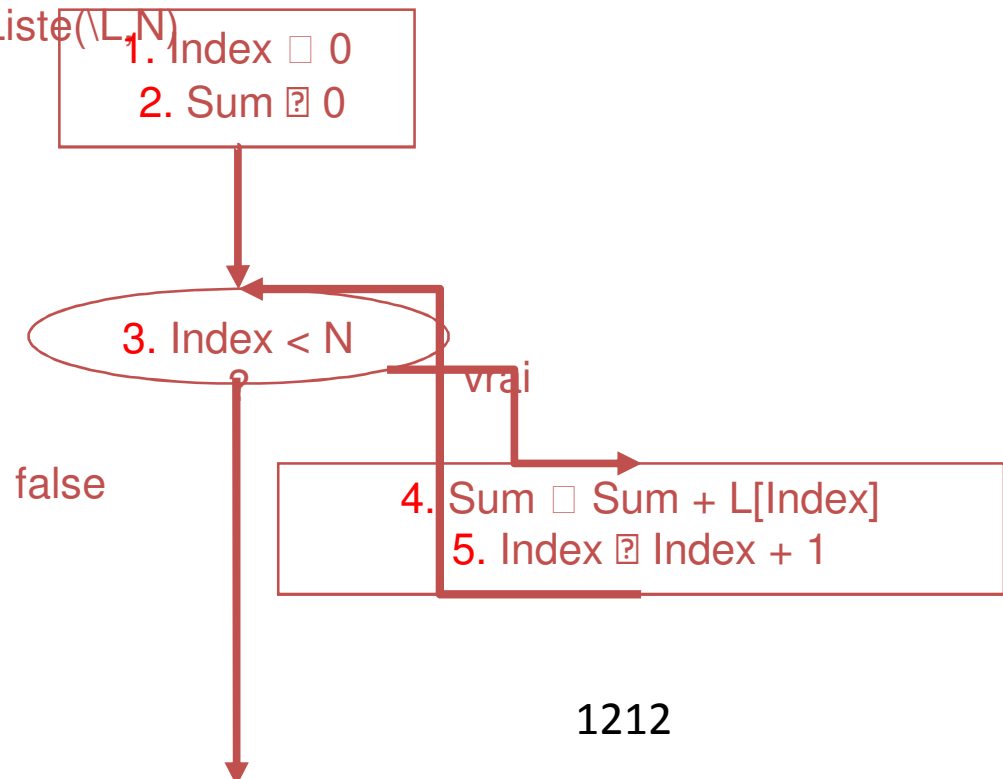
N      (*number of list element L*)

INTERMEDIARY:      Index      (*0 to N-1*)

RESULT:      Sum      (*sum of list values*)

HEADER:      Sum  $\square$  SumListe(L, N)

MODULE:



## Exercise 1: Trace de SumListe({2,8,5},3)

| Instructions                       | L       | N | Index | Somme |
|------------------------------------|---------|---|-------|-------|
| <i>Init.</i>                       | {2,8,5} | 3 | ?     | ?     |
| 1. Index $\leftarrow 0$            |         |   | 0     |       |
| 2. Sum $\leftarrow 0$              |         |   |       | 0     |
| 3. Index < N ? <b>True</b>         |         |   |       |       |
| 4. Sum $\leftarrow$ Sum + L[Index] |         |   |       | 2     |
| 5. Index $\leftarrow$ Index + 1    |         |   | 1     |       |
| 3. Index < N ? <b>True</b>         |         |   |       |       |
| 4. Sum $\leftarrow$ Sum + L[Index] |         |   |       | 10    |
| 5. Index $\leftarrow$ Index + 1    |         |   | 2     |       |
| 3. Index < N ? <b>True</b>         |         |   |       |       |
| 4. Sum $\leftarrow$ Sum + L[Index] |         |   |       | 13    |
| 5. Index $\leftarrow$ Index + 1    |         |   | 3     |       |
| 3. Index < N ? <b>False</b>        |         |   |       |       |
| 6. return Sum                      |         |   |       | 15    |

DATA: L (list of numbers))

N (number of a list elements)

INTERMEDIARY: Index (N-1 to 0)

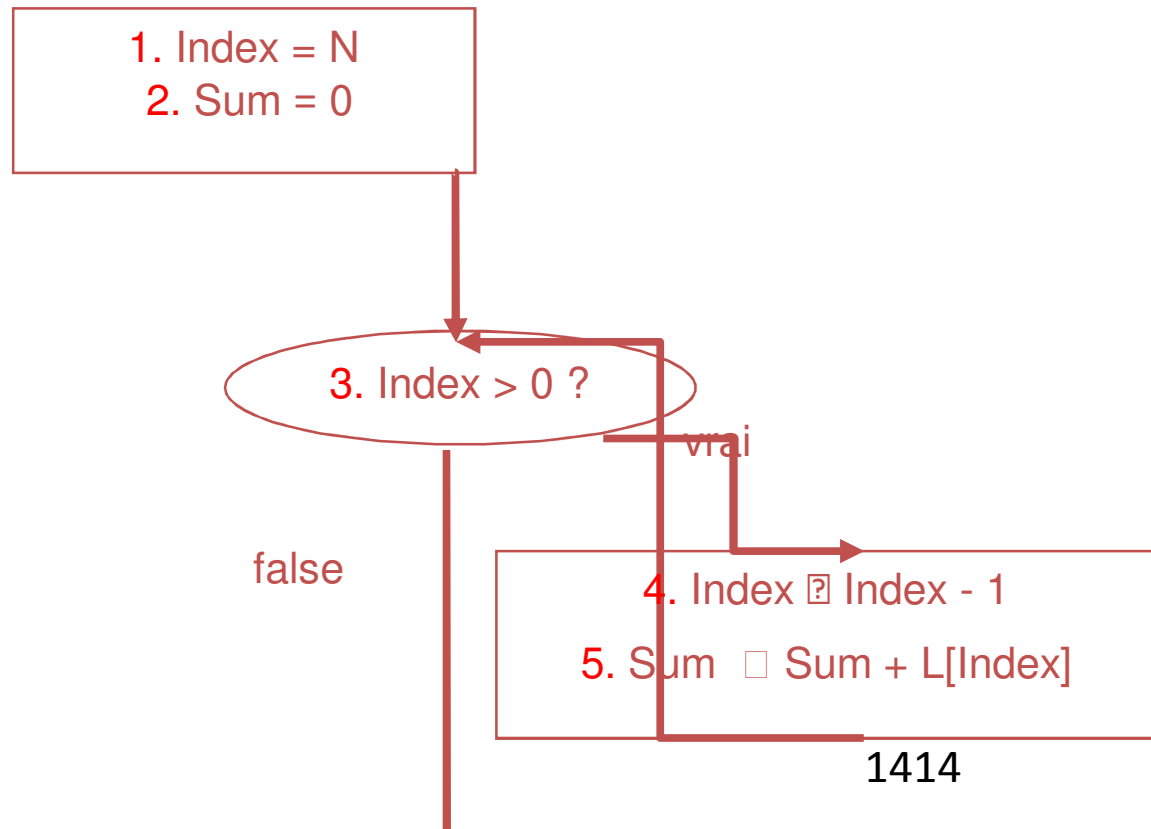
RESULT: Sum (sum of list values)

HEADER: Sum  $\square$  SumList(L,N)

MODULE:

## Exercise 1: A variance

Attention:  
Index used in L  
Must not be  $< 0$   
or supérieur or égal to N



# *Solution*: Exercise 1 in Python

```
def sumList(l):  
    sum = 0  
    index = 0  
    while index < len(l):  
        sum = sum + l[index]  
        index = index + 1  
    return sum  
  
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, -7, 20]
```

```
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print(sommeListe(a))
```

## Exercise 2 - *Solution*

a): Sum of a list values exceeds V?

DATA:                   X       *(list of numbers)*

N       *(number of a list elements)*

V       *(A limit value)*

INTERMEDIARY: Sum       *(Sum of values)*

RESULT:               Exceed       *(Boolean: True if Sum > V  
and false else)*

HEADER:               Exceed  $\square$  SumExceedV(X,N,V)

MODULE:               Sum  $\square$  SumList(X,N)

Exceed  $\square$  (Sum > V)



DATA: X (list of numbers)

N (number of a list elements)

V (a limit value)

INTERMEDIARY: Index (0 to N-1)

Sum (Sum of a list values)

RESULT: Exceed (Boolean: True if Sum > V and false else)

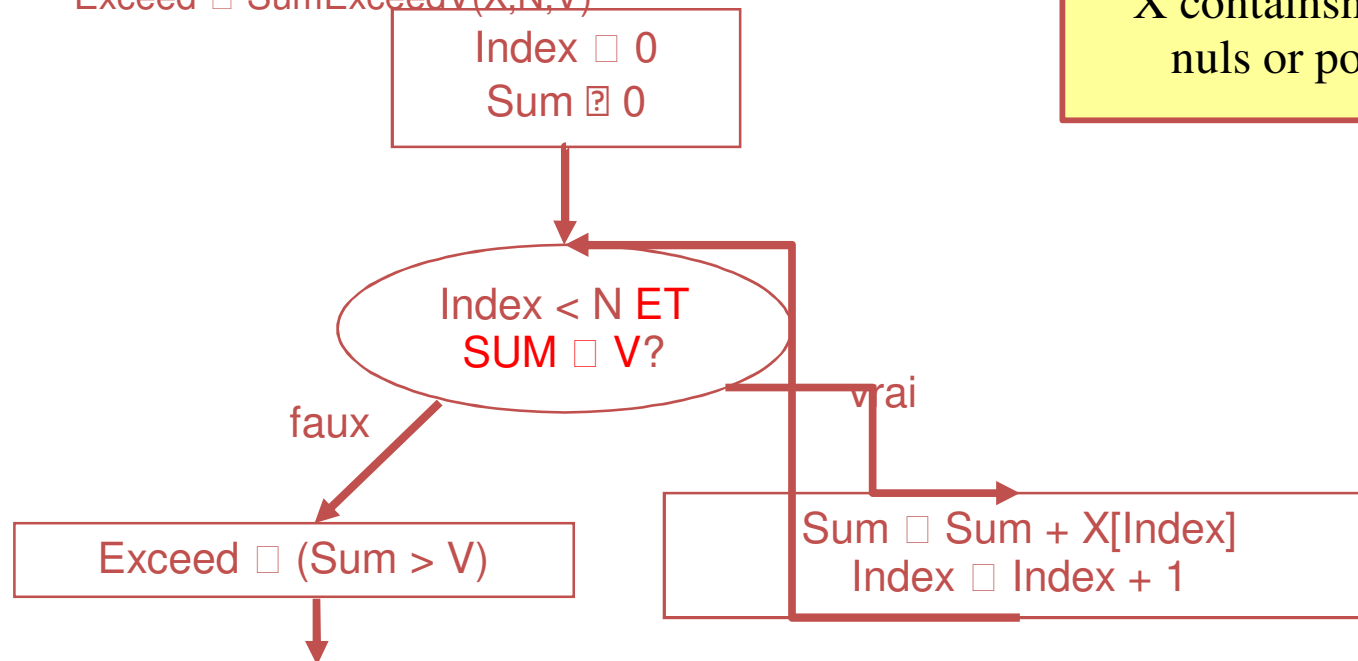
HEADER: Exceed  $\square$  SumExceedV(X,N,V)

MODULE:

## Exercise 2 - *Solution*

### b): SumExceedV, more efficient version

Hypothèse:  
X contains numbers  
nuls or positive



## *Solution:* Exercise 2a in Python

```
def exceed(x, v):  
    "Returns True if the sum of the list elements exceeds v"  
    return sumList(x) > v
```

```
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, -7]  
print(exceed(a, 100))
```

*Note: Compute more  
than necessary.*

## *Solution:* Exercise 2b in Python

```
def exceed(x, v):  
    "Returns True if the sum of the list elements exceed v"  
    sum = 0  
    index = 0  
    while (index < len(x)) and (sum <= v):  
        sum = sum + x[index]  
        index = index + 1  
    return sum > v  
  
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, -7]  
print(exceed(a, 100))
```

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aussi.*

DATA:  $X$  (list of numbers)

$N$  (number of the list elements)

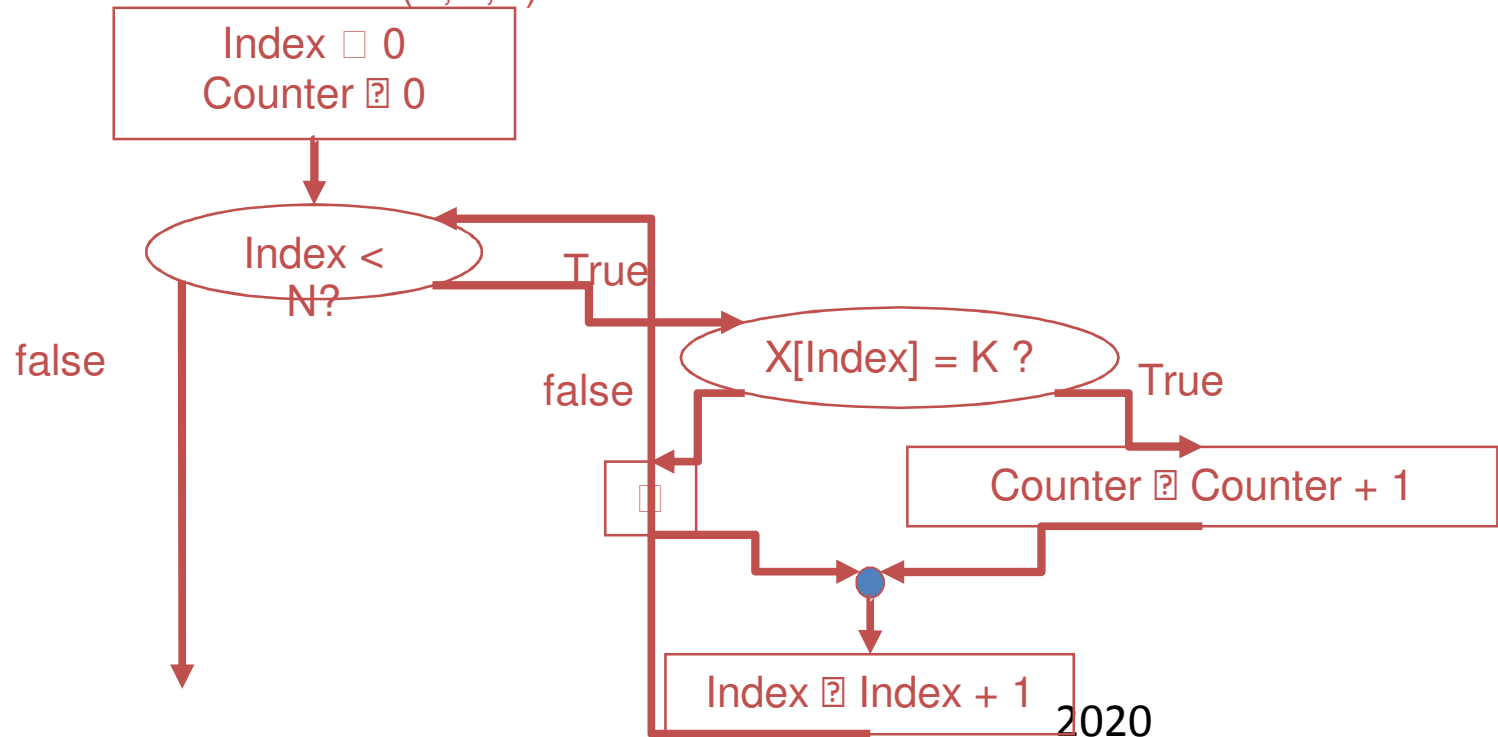
$K$  (value whose instances are counted)

INTERMEDIARY: Index (0 to  $N-1$ )

RESULT: Counter (number of instances of  $K$  in  $X$ )

HEADER: Counter  $\square$  CountK( $X, N, K$ )

MODULE:



## *Solution:* Exercise 3 in Python

```
def countK(x, k):  
    "count the number of k in the list"  
    count = 0  
    for val in x:  
        if val == k:  
            count = count + 1  
    return count  
  
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, 10, -7, 10]  
print(countK(a, 10))
```

DATA:           X       *(list of numbers)*

          N       *(number of a list elements)*

          K       *(target value)*

INTERMEDIARY:     Counter *(number of K instances in X, example 3)*

RESULT:           Found *(Boolean: true if K is in X, else false)*

HEADER:           Found  $\square$  FoundK(X,N,K)

MODULE:

                  Counter  $\square$  CountK(X,N,K)

                  Found  $\square$  (Counter > 0)

DATA: X (list of numbers)

N (number of a list elements)

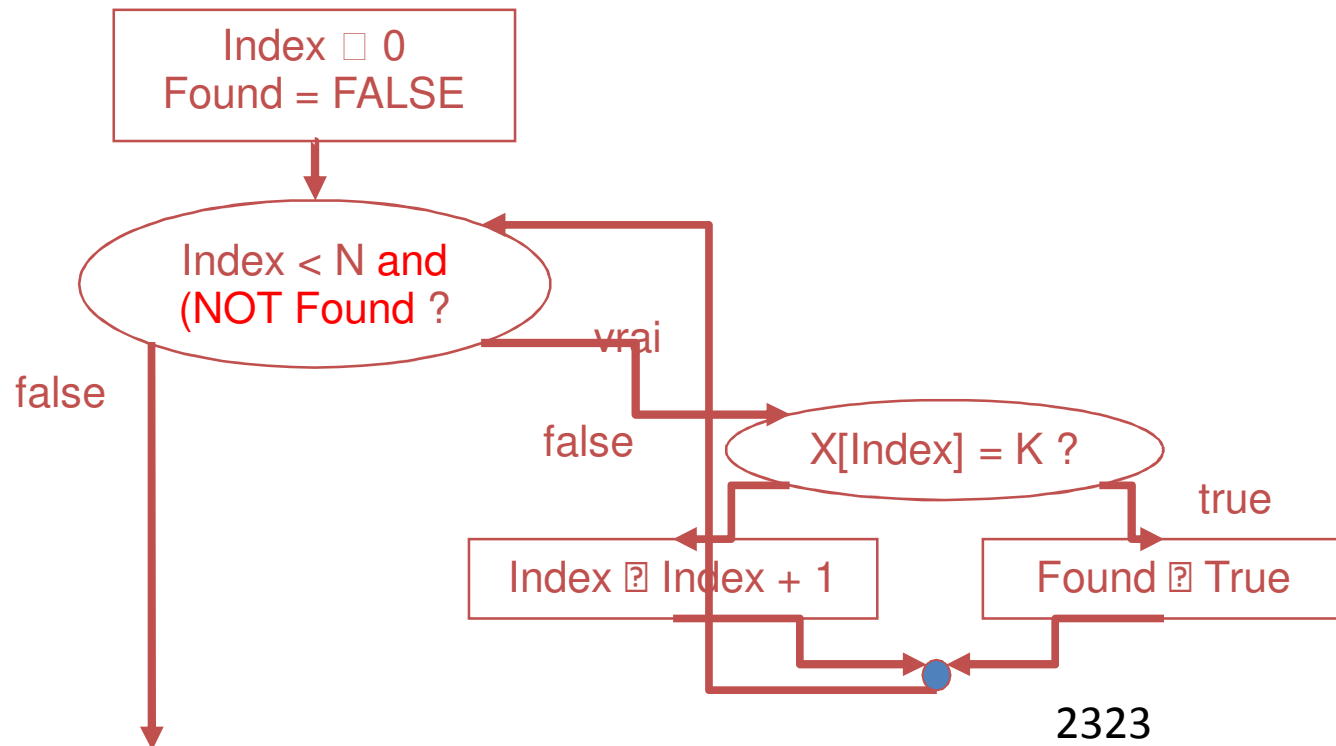
K (target value)

INTERMEDIARY: Index (0 to N-1)

RESULT: Found (Boolean: true if K is in X and false else)

HEADER: Found  $\square$  FoundK(X,N,K)

MODULE:



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## *Solution:* Exercise 4a in Python

```
def found(x, k):  
    "Returns True if k is in the list, else it is False"  
    found = countK(x,k) > 0  
    return found  
  
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, 10, -7, 10]  
print(found(a, 10))  
print(found, 26))
```

*Note: More work than  
necessarily.*



## *Solution:* Exercise 4b in Python

```
def found(x, k):  
    "Returns True if k is in the list, False else"  
    found = False  
    for val in x:  
        if val == k:  
            found = True  
            break  
    return found  
  
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, 10, -7, 10]  
  
print(found(a, 10))  
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print(found(a, 26))
```

DATA: X (list of numbers)

N (number of list elements)

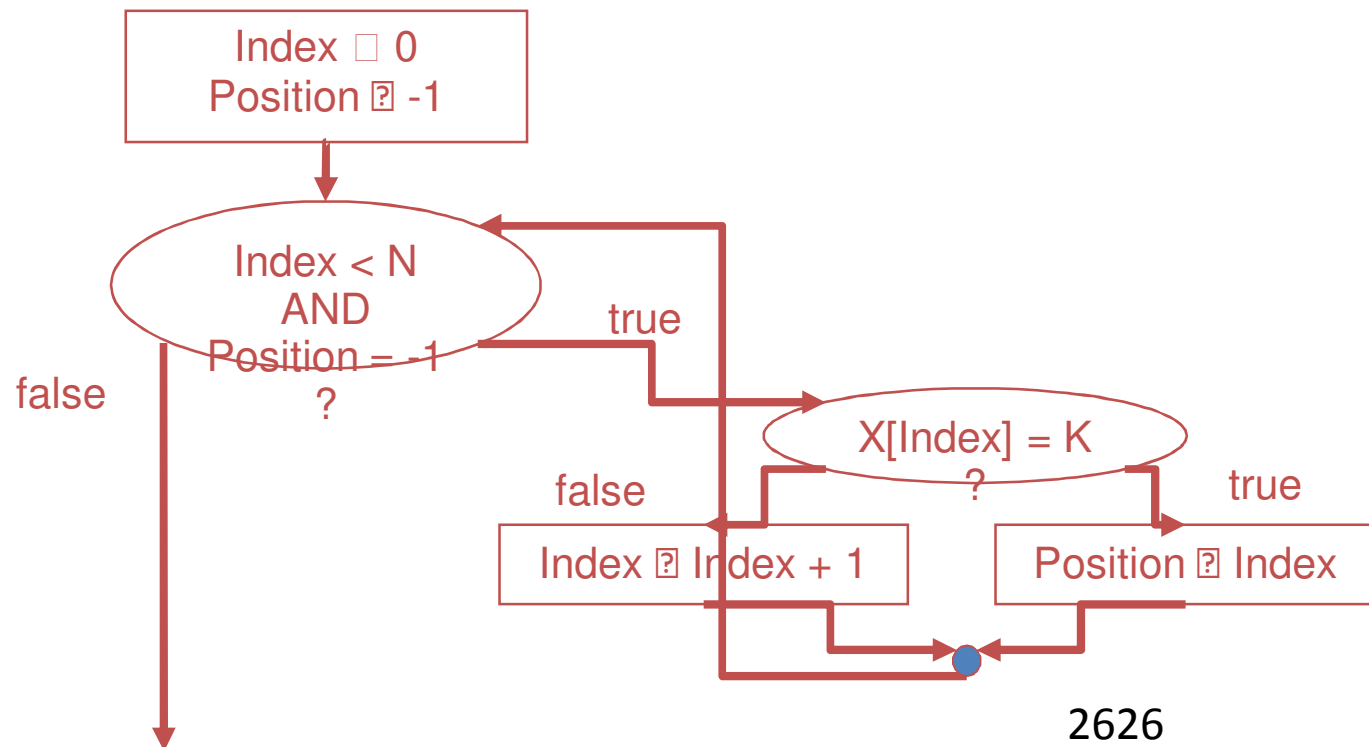
K (target value)

INTERMEDIARY: Index (0 to N-1)

RESULT: Position (position of K in X, or -1 if K is not in the list)

HEADER: Position  $\square$  WhereIsK(X,N,K)

MODULE:



# *Solution:* Exercise 5 in Python

```
def whereIsK(x, k):  
    "Returns the position of k in the list x, eand -1 if k  
    is not found"  
    position = -1  
    index = 0  
    while index < len(x) and (position == -1):  
        if x[index] == k:  
            position = index  
            # break  
        index = index + 1  
    return position
```

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~ - 1 0 0 5 6 21 25 10 7 101

# Exercise 6: Find the maximum element in the list

- Problem:

- Given a list of numbers, how to find the maximum value from the list?

## Idea:

- Strategy « explore and update ». Start by using the first element as a candidate to the max. value. Then, check the other elements of the list to possibly update the max. when a bigger number is met.

- We use a loop to check the list elements.

# Exercise 6: Find the maximum element in the list

(point to a list of numbers)

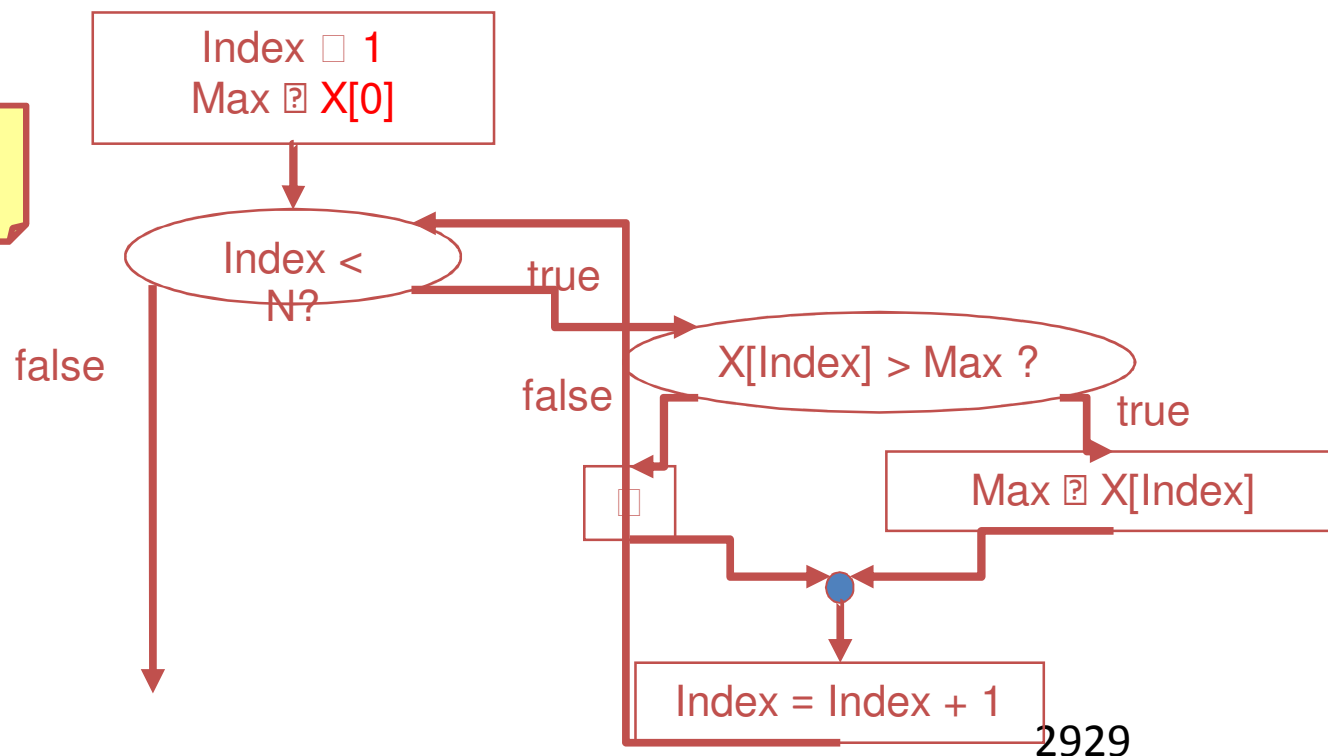
er of a list elements)

RY: Index (0 to N-1)

Max (maximum value in the list)

Max  $\square$  MaxInLlist(T,N)

Hypothesis:  
 $N > 0$



## *Solution:* Exercise 6 in Python

```
def maxInList(l):  
    "Returns the maximum value in a list"  
    max = l[0] # - float('Inf')  
    for val in l:  
        if val > max:  
            max = val  
    return max  
  
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, -7, 20]  
  
print(maxInList(a))
```

DATA:  $X$  (list of numbers)

$N$  (number of a list elements)

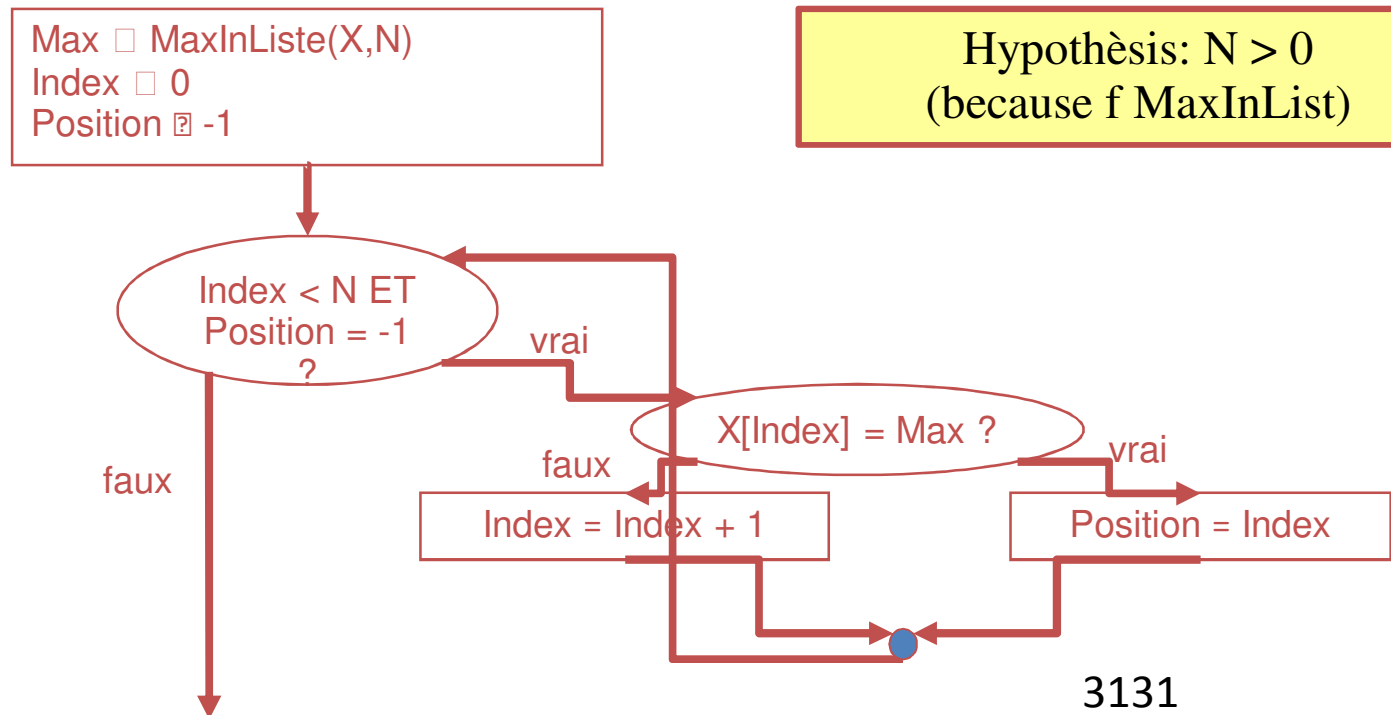
INTERMEDIARY: Index (0 to  $N-1$ )

Max (max. value in  $X$ )

RESULT: Position (position of the first max in  $X$ )

-HEADER: Position = MaxPosInList( $X, N$ )

MODULE:



## Exercise 7 b): Find the position of the list max. value

DATA:  $X$       (*list of numbers*)

$N$       (*number of a list elements*)

INTERMEDIARY:      Index      (*0 to  $N-1$* )

Max      (*max. value in  $X$* )

Hypothesis:  $N > 0$   
(because of MaxInList)

RESULT:      Position      (*position of the first max in  $X$* )

-HEADER:      Position = MaxPosInList( $X, N$ )

MODULE:

Max  $\square$  MaxInList( $X, N$ )

Position  $\square$  whereIsK( $X, N, \text{Max}$ )



DATA:  $X$  (list of numbers)  
 $N$  (number of the list elements)

INTERMEDIARY: Index (0 to  $N-1$ )

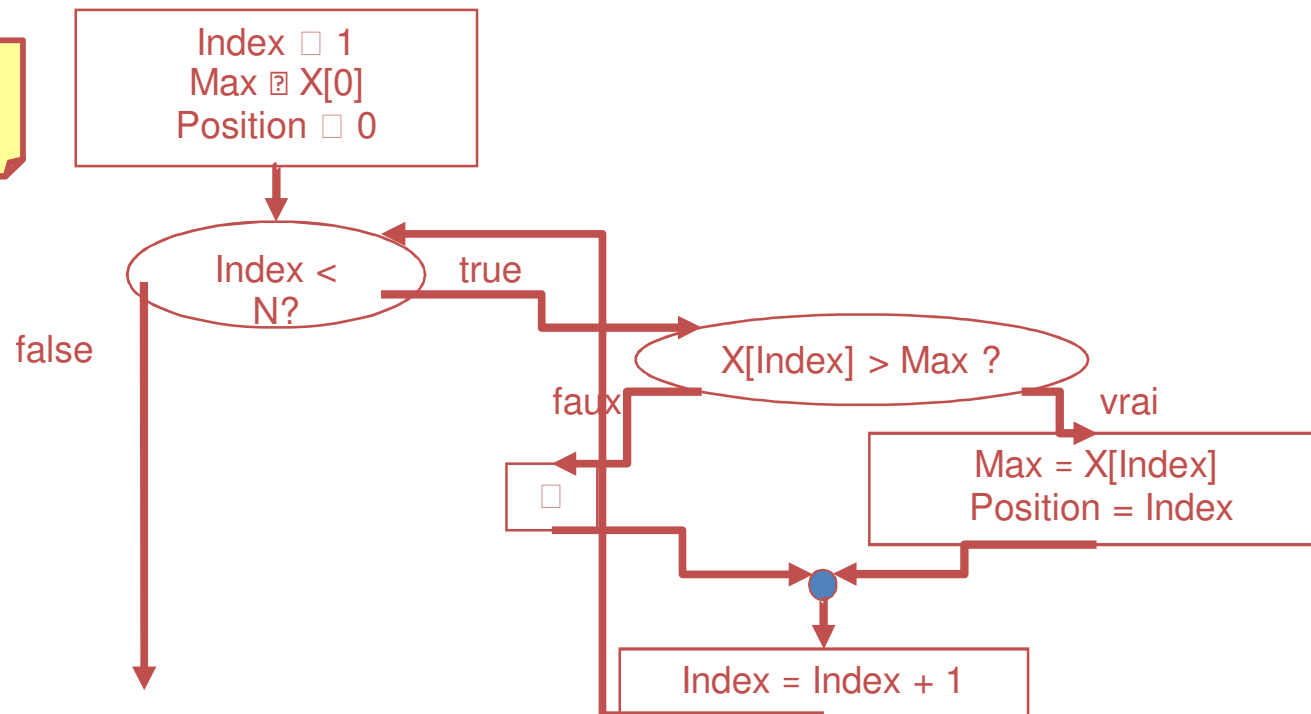
Max (max. value in  $X$ )

RESULTA Position (position of first max. value in  $X$ )

HEADER: Position  $\square$  MaxPosInList( $X, N$ )

MODULE:

Hypothesis:  
 $N > 0$



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## Exercice 7 c): Trouver la position de la valeur maximale d'une liste

## *Solution:* Exercise 7a in Python

```
def maxPosInList(x):  
    "Returns the position of the max. element in list"  
    index = 0  
    position = -1  
    max = maxInList(x)  
    while index < len(x) and position == -1:  
        if x[index] == max:  
            position = index  
        index = index + 1  
    return position
```

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```
a = [10. 28. -5. 6. 31. 25. -7. 20]
```

## *Solution:* Exercise 7b in Python

```
def maxPosInList(x):  
    "Returns the position of the max. element in list"  
    max = maxInList(x)  
    position = whereIsK(x, max)  
    return position  
  
a = [10, 28, -5, 6, 31, 25, -7, 20]  
print(maxPosInList(a))
```

# *Solution:* Exercise 7c in Python

```
def maxPosInList(x):  
    "Returns the position of the max. element in list"  
    index = 0  
    position = -1  
    max = x[0]  
    while index < len(x):  
        if x[index] > max:  
            max = x[index]  
            position = index  
        index = index + 1  
    return position
```

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2 1 10 22 15 6 21 25 17 201

## Exercise 8: Are there duplicates in the list?

DATA:           X       *(liste of numbers)*

                  N       *(number of elements in the)*

INTERMÉDIARY:   IndexElem *(index of courant element)*  
                  IndexDup       *(index to look for a duplicate to the courant element)*

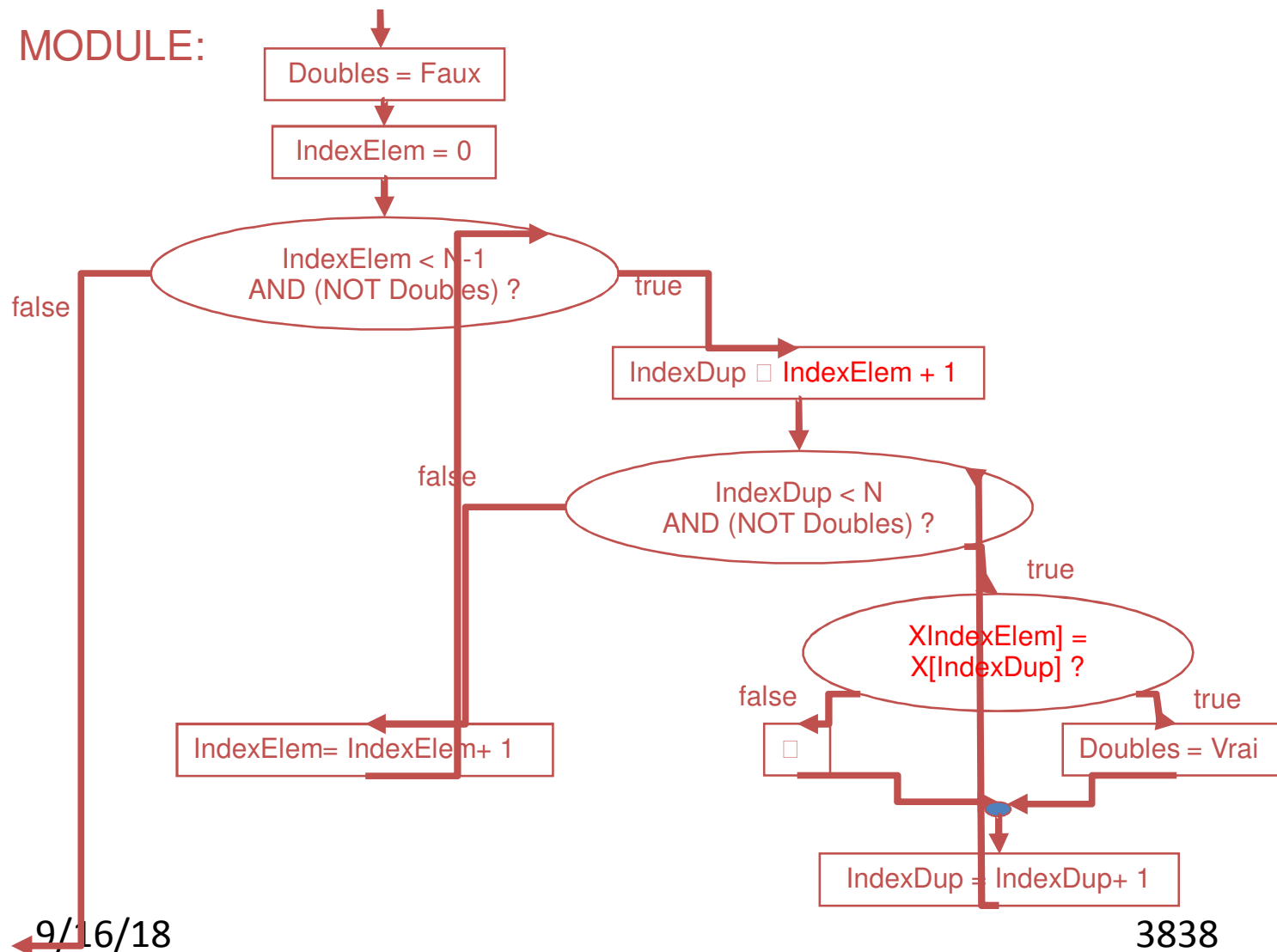
RESULT:           Doubles       *(Boolean: true if list has duplicates, otherwise false)*

HEADER:           Doubles □   HasDoubles(T,N)

MODULE:

## Exercise 8: Are there duplicates in the list?

MODULE:



# *Solution:* Exercise 8 en Python

```
def hasDoubles(x):  
    "Returns True if there doubles in the list"  
    doubles = False  
    indexElem = 0  
    while indexElem < len(x) - 1 and not doubles:  
        indexDup = indexElem + 1  
        while indexDup < len(x) and not doubles:  
            if x[indexElem] == x[indexDup]:  
                doubles = True  
            indexDup = indexDup + 1  
    indexElem = indexElem + 1
```

# Question:

What will the following Python code display?

```
def myFunctionList(l):  
    index = 0  
    m = l[0]  
    while index < len(l):  
        if l[index] < m:  
            m = l[index]  
        index = index + 1  
    return m
```



## *Theme 2. Character chain and loops*

### *Sub-theme:* Character chains

- Variables whose type is a character chain have always been a challenge in programming languages.
  - They have variable sizes thus the computer would require more informative and predictable data about the amount of memory space necessary to store them.
- As a consequence character chains are often considered as “special cases”

# Character chains in Python

- A data of type *string* can be defined as sequence of characters.
- We can group them using simple quotes or double quotes.

Examples :

```
>>> state1= 'the eggs are hard.'
```

```
>>> state2= '"yes", he answered, '
```

```
>>> state3 = "I like it"
```

```
>>> print(state2, state3, state1)
```

```
"Yes", he answered, I like it the eggs are hard.
```

## *Sub-theme:* Accessing characters

- A character chain is a composed data, a sequence, a collection of ordered elements.
- Each character is accessible through its index.

Example :

```
>>> ch = "Christine"
```

```
>>> print(ch[0], ch[3], ch[5])
```

```
C i t
```

```
>>> print (len(ch))
```

```
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```

## Exercise: Comparison of characters

- What is the comparison outcome of those examples?

- Example 1:

```
str1 = "abcde"
```

```
str2 = "abcfg"
```

```
str1 < str2    ?
```

- Example 2:

```
str1 = "abcde"
```

```
str2 = "ab"
```

```
9/16/18 str1 < str2    ?
```

*Reponse:* True, False

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## *Sub-theme:* loops in character chains

- We can use while loops to visit character chains, as it was done to visit lists.
- Print character chain elements one per line:

```
ch = "hello"

index = 0

while (index < len(ch)):

    print (ch[index])

    index = index + 1
```

# Exercise: Double the characters in a list

- Develop a function that takes a character chain and returns another chain the double of each.
- Test-la.
- For example, if the chain is 'hello', the result is: 'hheelllloo'

*Essayez vous-même en Python/IDLE.  
Voir la solution à la page suivante.*

## Exercise - *Solution*:

### Double the characters in a list

```
def double(x):  
    "Returns a character chain with each element doubled"  
    result = ""  
    index = 0  
    while (index < len(ch)):  
        result = result + ch[index] + ch[index]  
        index = index + 1  
    return(result)  
  
ch = "hello"  
  
print(double(ch))  
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```

# Question

What will the following Python code display?

```
ch = "bonjour"
index = 0
n = len(ch)-1
while (index < len(ch)):
    print (ch[n-index], end=" ")
    index = index + 1
```



# Conclusion

- The concept of lists and character chains allow us to use composed data.
- We can visit then using loops to solve complex problems.