

5.1 If-else branches (general)

Branch concept

People familiar with restaurants may be familiar with steering people to different-sized tables based on group size.

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5.1.1: Branching concept.



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1. A restaurant host seats patrons. The host seats a party of 1 at the counter.
2. A party of 2 is seated at a small table. Other size parties are seated at a large table.
3. The host mentally executes the algorithm: If party of 1, seat at counter; Else If party of 2, seat at small table; Else seat at large table.

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5.1.2: Branch concept.



Consider the example above.

1) A party of 1 is sat at ____ .



- the counter
- a small table

2) A party of 2 is sat at ____ .



- the counter
- a small table

3) A party of 5 is sat ____ .

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- at a large table
- nowhere

Branch basics (If)

In a program, a **branch** is a sequence of statements only executed under a certain condition. Ex: A

hotel may discount a price only for people over age 65. An **if** branch is a branch taken only IF an expression is true.

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The animation executes the following Coral program:

```
integer hotelRate
integer userAge

hotelRate = 155
userAge = Get next input
if userAge > 65
    hotelRate = hotelRate - 20
Put "Your rate: " to output
Put hotelRate to output
```

Variables in memory is as follows:

```
135 hotelRate: integer
68 userAge: integer
```

Input is as follows:

```
68
```

Output (screen) is as follows:

```
Your rate: 135
```

Animation captions:

1. A decision leads to two program branches. If the expression is true, the first branch executes. Else, the second branch executes.
2. If userAge is 68, then $68 > 65$ is true. So the first branch executes, which discounts hotelRate.
3. Execution rejoins the other branch, and continues with subsequent statements, outputting 135. If userAge were instead 50, the output would be 155.

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Consider the hotel rate example above.

- 1) If userAge is 20, does the true or false branch execute?



- True branch
- False branch

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- 2) If userAge is 20, does the executed branch update hotelRate?



- Yes
- No

- 3) If userAge is 20, what hotel rate does the program output?



- 155
- 135

- 4) If userAge is 70, what hotel rate does the program output?



- 155
- 135

- 5) Do the last two statements always execute for any value of userAge?



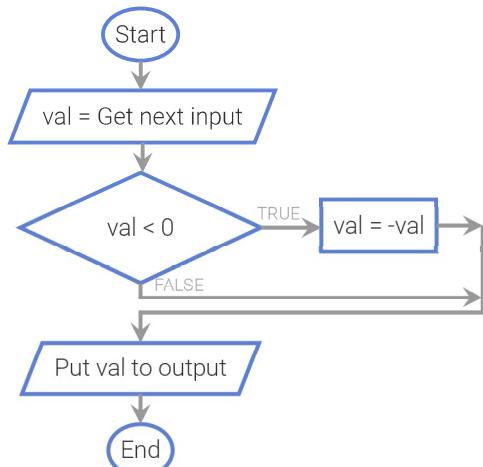
- Yes
- No

If branch example: Absolute value

The example below shows how an if branch can be used to compute an absolute value of a number.

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Variables

0 val integer

Input

-99

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Output

-

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5.1.6: Example if branch: Absolute value.



Consider the example above.

1) If the input is -6, does the branch execute?

- Yes
- No



2) If the input is 0, does the branch execute?

- Yes
- No

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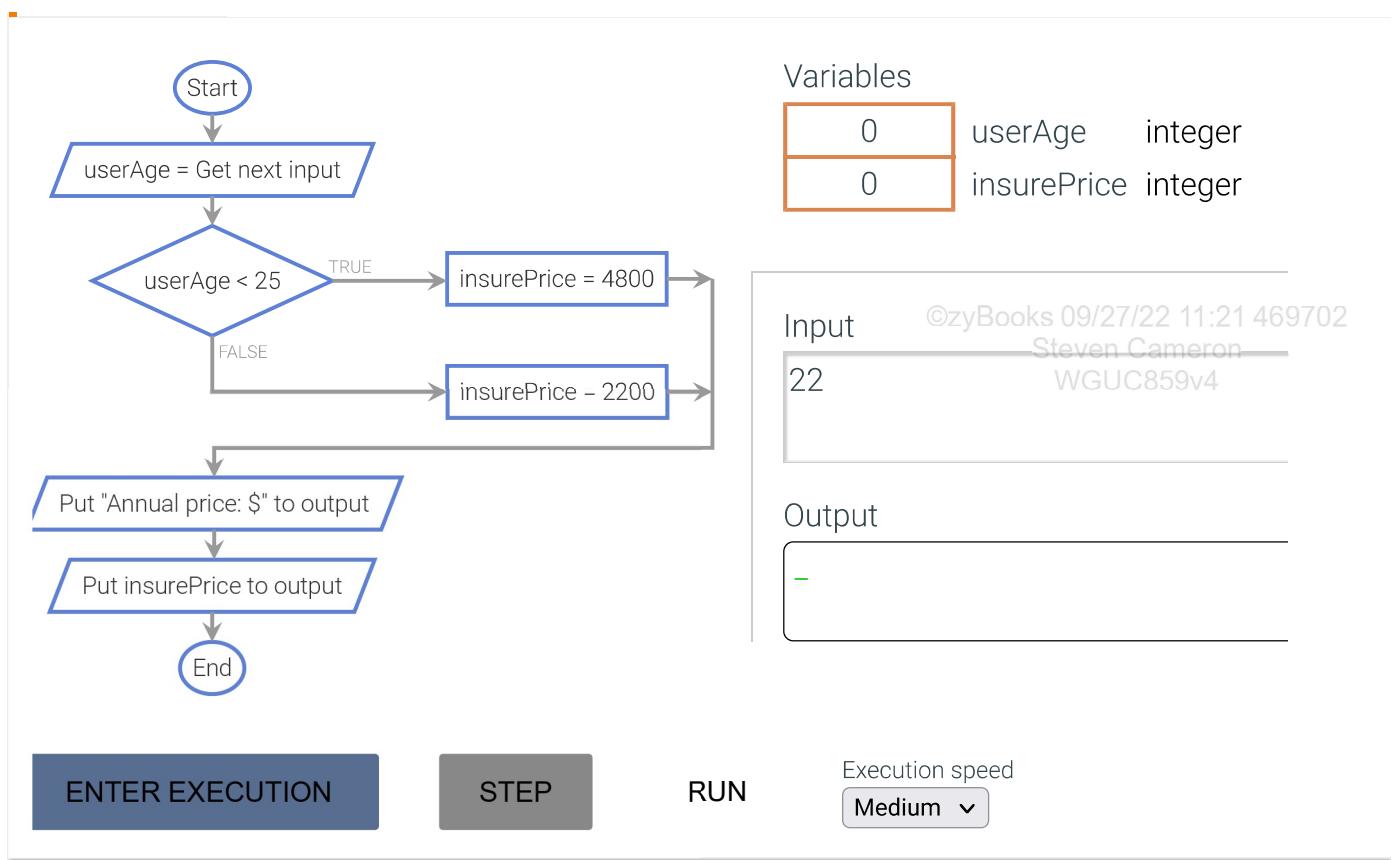
An **if-else** branch has two branches: The first branch is executed IF an expression is true, ELSE the other branch is executed.

In the example below, if a user inputs an age less than 25, the statement `insurePrice = 4800` executes. Else, `insurePrice = 2200` executes.

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5.1.7: Insurance price.

Full screen



Car insurance prices

(*Car insurance prices* for drivers under 25 are higher because 1 in 6 such drivers are involved in an accident each year, vs. 1 in 15 for older drivers. Source: www.census.gov, 2009).

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5.1.8: If-else branches.



Consider the insurance price example above.

1) If userAge is 18, what price is output?

- 4800
- 2200

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2) If userAge is 30, what price is output?

- 4800
- 2200



3) If userAge is 25, what price is output?

- 4800
- 2200

4) For what value of userAge will both branches execute?

- 15
- 25
- None

5) For what value of userAge will neither branch execute?

- 30
- 25
- None

6) For what value of userAge will the output statements not execute?

- 20
- 25
- None

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If-else example: Max

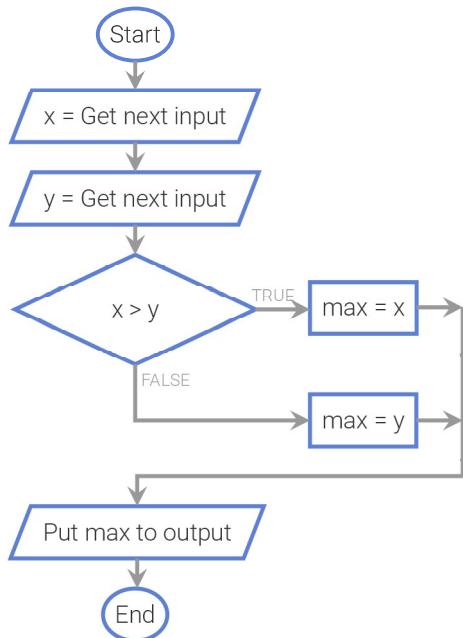
The example below shows how an if-else can be used to get the maximum of two values.

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5.1.9: If-else branches example: Max.

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Variables

0	x	integer
0	y	integer
0	max	integer

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Input

55 79

Output

-

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5.1.10: If-else example: Max.



Consider the example above.

- 1) When the input is -3 0, which branch executes?
 - If
 - Else

- 2) When the input is 99 98, which branch executes?
 - If
 - Else

- 3) The if branch assigns max = x. The else branch assigns max = ?
 - x
 - y

- 4) If the inputs are 5 5, does max get assigned with x or y?

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x y

If-elseif-else branches

Commonly a programmer wishes to take one of multiple (three or more) branches. An if-else can be extended to an if-elseif-else structure. Each branch's expression is checked in sequence; as soon as one branch's expression is found to be true, that branch is taken. If no expression is found true, execution will reach the else branch, which then executes.

Note: The else part is optional. If omitted, then if none of the previous expressions are true, no branch executes.

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5.1.11: If-elseif example: Anniversaries.



Animation content:

The animation executes the following Coral program:

```
integer numYears

numYears = Get next input

if numYears == 1
    Put "Newlyweds" to output
else
    if numYears == 25
        Put "Silver" to output
    else
        if numYears == 50
            Put "Golden" to output
        else
            Put "Congrats" to output
```

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Variables in memory is as follows:

0 numYears: integer

Animation captions:

1. This program detects the specific value of a variable. If numYears is 1, the first branch

- executes and "Newlyweds" is output.
2. Else, if numYears is 25, the second branch executes and "Silver" is output. Else, if numYears is 50, the third branch executes and "Golden" is output.
 3. Else, the last branch executes.

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Consider the if-elseif-else structure below:

```
if x equals -1
    Put "Disagrees" to output
else if x equals 0
    Put "Neutral" to output
else if x equals 1
    Put "Agrees" to output
else
    Put "Invalid entry" to output
```

1) If x is 1, what is output?

- Disagrees
- Neutral
- Agrees
- Invalid entry



2) If x is -2, what is output?

- Disagrees
- Invalid entry
- (Nothing is output)



3) Could the programmer have written the three branches in the order x equals 1, x equals 0, and x equals -1, and achieved the same results?

- No
- Yes



4) In the code above, suppose a programmer, after the third branch (x equals 1), inserts a new branch: Else If x equals -1 ... When might that new branch execute?

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- When x is -1
 - When x is 1
- 5) In the code above, suppose a programmer removed the Else part entirely. If x is 2, which is correct?
- Never
 - The last branch, meaning the Else If x equals 1 branch, will execute.
 - No branch will execute.
 - The program is not legal.

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5.1.1: If-else branches.



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5.2 Detecting equal values with branches

Detecting if two items are equal using an if statement

A program commonly needs to determine if two items are equal. Ex: If a hotel gives a discount for guests on their 50th wedding anniversary, a program to calculate the discount can check if a variable numYears is equal to the value 50. A programmer can use an if statement to check if two values are equal.

An **if** statement executes a group of statements if an expression is true. The statements in a branch must be indented some number of spaces, typically four spaces.

The example below uses ==. The **equality operator** (==) evaluates to true if the left and right sides are equal. Ex: If numYears is 50, then numYears == 50 evaluates to true. Note the equality operator

is ==, not =.

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5.2.1: Detecting if two items are equal: Hotel discount.

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Animation captions:

1. An if statement executes a group of statements if an expression is true. The program assigns hotel_rate with 150 and then gets the number of years the user has been married from input.
2. num_years is 50. So the expression num_years == 50 evaluates to true, and the if's statement will execute. The statements after the colon : will execute next.
3. hotel_rate is divided in half, which is the discount for guests celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.
4. The program completes by printing the hotel rate.

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5.2.2: If statement.



What is the final value of num_items?

1) `bonus_val = 10`
`num_items = 1`



`if bonus_val == 10:`
 `num_items = num_items + 3`

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2) `bonus_val = 0`
`num_items = 1`



`if bonus_val == 10:`
 `num_items = num_items + 3`

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Equality and inequality operators

Whereas the equality operator checks whether two values are equal, the **inequality operator (\neq)** evaluates to true if the left and right sides are not equal, or different.

An expression involving an equality or inequality operator evaluates to a Boolean value. A **Boolean** is a type that has just two values: True or False.

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Table 5.2.1: Equality and inequality operators.

Equality operators	Description	Example (assume x is 3)
<code>==</code>	a <code>==</code> b means a is equal to b	x == 3 is True x == 4 is False
<code>!=</code>	a <code>!=</code> b means a is not equal to b	x != 3 is False x != 4 is True

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5.2.3: Evaluating expressions that have equality operators.



Indicate whether the expression evaluates to True or False.

x is 5, y is 7.

1) $x == 5$

- True
 False



2) $x == y$

- True
 False



3) $y != 7$

- True
 False

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4) $y != 99$

- True



False5) $x \neq y$ True False

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5.2.4: Creating expressions with equality operators.

Type the operator to complete the desired expression.

1) num_dogs is 0 num_dogs 0**Check**[Show answer](#)2) num_dogs and num_cats are the same num_dogs num_cats**Check**[Show answer](#)3) num_dogs and num_cats differ num_dogs num_cats**Check**[Show answer](#)4) num_dogs is either less than or greater than num_cats num_dogs num_cats**Check**[Show answer](#)©zyBooks 09/27/22 11:21 469702
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WGUC859v45) user_char is the character 'x'. user_char 'x'**Check**[Show answer](#)

If-else statement

An **if-else** statement executes one group of statements when an expression is true, and another group of statements when the expression is false. In the example below, the if-else statement outputs if a number entered by the user is even or odd. The if statement executes if divRemainder is equal to 0, and the else statement executes if divRemainder is not equal to 0.

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5.2.5: If-else statement: Determining if a number is even or odd.

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1. An if-else statement executes a group of statements if an expression is True, and executes another group of statements otherwise.
2. user_num % 2 evaluates to the remainder of dividing user_num by 2. user_num is 22, so div_remainder is assigned with 0.
3. The if statement's expression div_remainder == 0 evaluates to 0 == 0, which is True. So the if's statements execute.
4. user_num is 45, so div_remainder is assigned with 1. The if statement's expression div_remainder == 0 evaluates to 1 == 0, which is False. So the else's statements execute.

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5.2.6: If-else statements.



- 1) What is the final value of num_items?



`bonus_val = 12`

```
if bonus_val == 12:  
    num_items = 100  
else:  
    num_items = 200
```

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- 2) What is the final value of num_items?

```
bonus_val = 11

if bonus_val == 12:
    num_items = 100
else:
    num_items = 200
```

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- 3) What is the final value of num_items?

```
bonus_val = 15
num_items = 44

if bonus_val == 14:
    num_items = num_items + 3
else:
    num_items = num_items + 6

num_items = num_items + 1
```

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- 4) What is the final value of bonus_val?

```
bonus_val = 11

if bonus_val != 12:
    bonus_val = bonus_val + 1
else:
    bonus_val = bonus_val + 10
```

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- 5) What is the final value of bonus_val?

```
bonus_val = 12

if bonus_val == 12:
    bonus_val = bonus_val + 2
    bonus_val = 3 * bonus_val

else:
    bonus_val = bonus_val + 10
```

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5.2.7: Writing an if-else statement.



Translate each description to an if-else statement as directly as possible. (Not checked, but please indent a branch's statements some consistent number of spaces, such as 3 spaces.)

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- 1) If user_age equals 62, assign item_discount with 15. Else, assign item_discount with 0.

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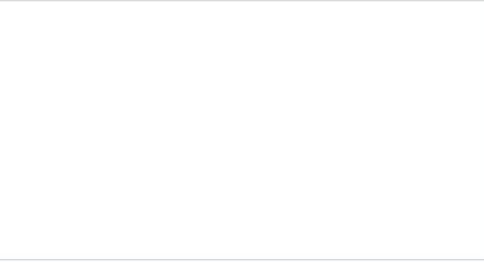
- 2) If num_people equals 10, execute group_size = 2 * group_size. Otherwise, execute group_size = 3 * group_size and num_people = num_people - 1.

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- 3) If num_players does not equal 11, execute team_size = 11. Otherwise, execute team_size = num_players. Then, no matter the value of num_players, execute team_size = 2 * team_size.

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5.2.1: Enter the output for the branches with equality operators.



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5.2.2: Basic if-else.



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Multi-branch if-else statements

Commonly, a program may need to detect several specific values of a variable. An if-else statement can be extended to have three (or more) branches. Each branch's expression is checked in sequence. As soon as one branch's expression is found to be true, that branch's statement executes (and no subsequent branch is considered). If no expression is true, the else branch

executes. The example below detects values of 1, 25, or 50 for variable num_years.

Figure 5.2.1: Multi-branch if-else statement. Only 1 branch will execute.

```
if expression1:  
    # Statements that execute when expression1 is true  
    # (first branch)  
elif expression2:  
    # Statements that execute when expression1 is false and expression2 is true  
true  
    # (second branch)  
else:  
    # Statements that execute when expression1 is false and expression2 is false  
    # (third branch)
```

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Figure 5.2.2: Multi-branch if-else example: Anniversaries.

```
num_years = int(input('Enter number years married:  
' ))  
  
if num_years == 1:  
    print('Your first year -- great!')  
elif num_years == 10:  
    print('A whole decade -- impressive.')  
elif num_years == 25:  
    print('Your silver anniversary -- enjoy.')  
elif num_years == 50:  
    print('Your golden anniversary -- amazing.')  
else:  
    print('Nothing special.)
```

Enter number years married: 10
A whole decade -- impressive.
...

Enter number years married: 25
Your silver anniversary -- enjoy.
...

Enter number years married: 30
Nothing special.
...

Enter number years married: 1
Your first year -- great!

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5.2.8: Multi-branch if-else statements.

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What is the final value of employee_bonus for each given value of num_sales?

```
if num_sales == 0:  
    employee_bonus = 0  
elif num_sales == 1:  
    employee_bonus = 2  
elif num_sales == 2:  
    employee_bonus = 5  
else:  
    employee_bonus = 10
```

1) num_sales is 2

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2) num_sales is 0

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3) num_sales is 7

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5.3 Detecting ranges with branches (general)

Detecting ranges using if-elseif-else

A common programming task is to detect if a value lies within a certain range and then perform an action depending on where the value lies. Ex: If Timmy is less than 6, he can play pee-wee soccer. If Timmy is between 6 and 17, he can play junior league soccer, and if he's older than 17, he can play professional soccer.

An if-elseif-else structure can detect number ranges with each branch performing a different action for each range. Each expression only needs to indicate the upper range part; if execution reaches an expression, the lower range part is implicit from the previous expressions being false.

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5.3.1: An if-elseif-else structure can elegantly detect ranges.

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1. Kids of various ages may wish to play soccer. A soccer club may not have teams for kids 5 and under.
2. One level of teams is listed as "Under 8" (or just U8), which is understood to mean just 7 or 6, but not 5 or younger.

3. Likewise, U10 means 9 and 8, and U12 means 11 and 10. No teams exist for ages 12 and over.
4. An if-elseif-else structure can elegantly capture such ranges. When an expression is checked, one knows that all the previous expressions were false, thus defining the low range end.

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5.3.2: Using if-elseif-else to detect increasing ranges.

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Indicate the range corresponding to each branch. x is a non-negative integer.

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20 - 29 10 - 19 0 - 9 30+

If $x < 10$: Branch 1

Else If $x < 20$: Branch 2

Else If $x < 30$: Branch 3

Else : Branch 4

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5.3.3: More ranges with if-elseif-else.



Indicate the range detected by the expression, assuming each question continues a single if-elseif-else structure. Type ranges as: 25 - 29

1) If $x > 100$: Branch 1**- infinity**©zyBooks 09/27/22 11:21 469702
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WGUC859v4**Check****Show answer**2) Else If $x > 50$: Branch 2

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3) Else

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4) Is this a reasonable if-else-if-else structure? Type yes or no.

If $x < 100$: Branch 1Else If $x < 200$: Branch 2Else If $x < 150$: Branch 3

Else: Branch 4

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5.3.1: Decision sequence to detect increasing ranges.



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Using multi-branch if-else to detect ranges

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The sequential nature of multi-branch if-else statements is useful to detect ranges of numbers. In the following example, the second branch expression is only reached if the first expression is false. So the second branch is taken if $\text{userAge} < 16$ is *false* (so 16 or greater) AND $\text{userAge} < 25$, meaning userAge is between 16 - 24 (inclusive).

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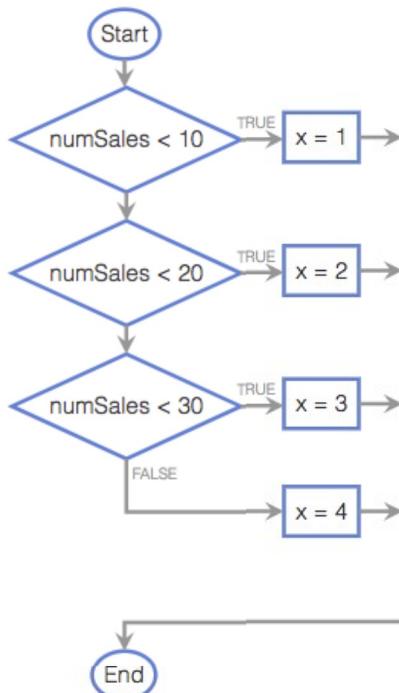
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PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY**5.3.5: Decision sequences and ranges.**

Type the range for each branch. Type ranges as 25 - 29, or as 30+ for 30 and up.



- 1) Range for $x = 2$

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- 2) Range for $x = 3$



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- 3) Range for $x = 4$

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5.3.2: Flowchart decision sequence to detect increasing ranges.



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5.4 Detecting ranges with branches

Relational operators

A **relational operator** checks how one operand's value relates to another, like being greater than.

Some operators, like \geq , involve two characters. A programmer cannot arbitrarily combine the $>$, $=$, and $<$ symbols; only the shown two-character sequences represent valid operators.

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Table 5.4.1: Relational operators.

Relational operators	Description	Example (assume x is 3)
<	a < b means a is less than b	©zyBooks 09/27/22 11:21 469702 x < 4 is True x < 3 is False WGUC859v4
>	a > b means a is greater than b	x > 2 is True x > 3 is False
<=	a <= b means a is less than or equal to b	x <= 4 is True x <= 3 is True x <= 2 is False
>=	a >= b means a is greater than or equal to b	x >= 2 is True x >= 3 is True x >= 4 is False

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5.4.1: Evaluating equations having relational operators.



Indicate whether the expression evaluates to True or False.

x is 5, y is 7.

1) $x \leq 7$



- True
- False

2) $y \geq 7$



- True
- False

3) Is $x <> y$ a valid expression?



- Yes
- No

4) Is $x = < y$ a valid expression?



- Yes
 No

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5.4.2: Creating expressions with relational operators.



Type the operator to complete the desired expression.

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- 1) num_dogs is greater than 10

num_dogs 10**Check****Show answer**

- 2) num_cars is greater than or equal to 5

num_cars 5**Check****Show answer**

- 3) num_cars is 5 or greater

num_cars 5**Check****Show answer**

- 4) cents_lost is a negative number

cents_lost 0**Check****Show answer**

Detecting ranges with if-else statements

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Programmers commonly use the sequential nature of the multi-branch if-else arrangement to detect ranges of numbers. In the following example, the second branch expression is only reached if the first expression is false. So the second branch is taken if `user_age < 16` is *False* (so 16 or greater) AND `user_age` is `< 25`, meaning `user_age` is between 16 - 24 (inclusive).

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Insurance prices.

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Animation captions:

1. The user enters 27 for their age, which is stored in memory as the variable `user_age`. The multi-branch if-else first checks if `user_age` is less than 16, which is False.
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2. The next branch in the multi-branch if-else checks if `user_age` is less than 25, which is False.
3. The next branch checks if `user_age` is less than 40, which is True. The elif's statements execute and the variable `insurance_price` is set to 2350 in memory.

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5.4.4: Ranges and multi-branch if-else.



Type the range for each branch. Type ranges as: 25 - 29, or type 30+ for all numbers 30 and larger.

```
if num_sales < 10:  
    ...  
elif num_sales < 20: # 2nd branch range: ____  
    ...  
elif num_sales < 30: # 3rd branch range: ____  
    ...  
else:                 # 4th branch range: ____  
    ...
```

1) 2nd branch range:



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2) 3rd branch range:



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3) 4th branch range:



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- 4) What is the range for the last branch below?

```
if num_items < 0:  
    ...  
elif num_items > 100:  
    ...  
else: # Range: _____  
    ...
```

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5.4.5: Complete the multi-branch if-else.

- 1) Second branch: user_num is less than 200

```
if user_num < 100 :  
    ...  
elif _____:  
    :  
    ...  
else : # user_num >= 200  
    ...
```

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- 2) Second branch: user_num is positive (non-zero)

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```
if user_num < 0 :
```

...

- 3) Second branch: user_num is greater than 105 

```
...  
if user_num < 100 :  
else : # user_num is 0
```

...

```
[redacted] :
```

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```
else : # user_num is between
```

```
# 100 and 105
```

...

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- 4) If the final else branch executes, what must user_num have been? Type "unknown" if appropriate. 

```
if user_num <= 9:  
...  
elif user_num >= 11:  
...  
else:  
... # user_num if this  
executes?
```

```
[redacted]
```

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- 5) Which branch will execute? Valid answers: 1, 2, 3, or none. 

```
user_num = 555;
```

```
if user_num < 0:  
... # Branch 1  
elif user_num > 666:  
... # Branch 2  
elif user_num < 100:  
... # Branch 3
```

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5.4.1: Enter the output for the branches with relational operators.



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5.4.2: Basic if-else expression.



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5.4.3: Relational expressions.



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Write an if-else statement with multiple branches.

If year is 2101 or later, print "Distant future" (without quotes). Otherwise, if year is 2001 or greater, print "21st century". Otherwise, if year is 1901 or greater, print "20th century". Else (1900 or earlier), print "Long ago".

Sample output with input: 1776

Long ago

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```
1 year = int(input())
2
3 ''' Your solution goes here '''
4
```

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Operator chaining

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Python supports **operator chaining**. For example, `a < b < c` determines whether `b` is greater-than-a but less-than `c`. Chaining performs comparisons left to right, evaluating `a < b` first. If the result is True, then `b < c` is evaluated next. If the result of the first comparison `a < b` is False, then there is no need to continue evaluating the rest of the expression. Note that `a` is not compared to `c`.

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5.4.6: Chaining relational operators.



Write a relational expression using operator chaining.

1) `x` is less than `y` but greater than

`z`**Check****Show answer**

2) `x` is a non-negative number less than 100.

```
if [ ] :  
    # evaluated to True  
else:  
    # evaluated to False
```

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5.4.6: If-else expression: Operator chaining.

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Write an expression that will print "in high school" if the value of user_grade is between 9 and 12 (inclusive).

Sample output with input: 10

in high school

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```
1 user_grade = int(input())
2 if ''' Your solution goes here ''':
3     print('in high school')
4 else:
5     print('not in high school')
```

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5.5 Detecting ranges using logical operators

Logical AND, OR, and NOT (general)

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A **logical operator** treats operands as being True or False, and evaluates to True or False. Logical operators include AND, OR, and NOT. Programming languages typically use various symbols for those operators, but below the words AND, OR, and NOT are used for introductory purposes.

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5.5.1: Logical operators: AND, OR, and NOT.



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1. AND evaluates to True only if BOTH operands are True.
2. OR evaluates to True if ANY operand is True (one, the other, or both).
3. NOT evaluates to the opposite of the operand.
4. Each operand is commonly an expression itself. If $x = 7$, $y = 9$, then $(x > 0)$ AND $(y < 10)$ is True and True, so evaluates to True (both operands are True).
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Table 5.5.1: Logical operators.

Logical operator	Description
a AND b	Logical AND: True when both of its operands are True.
a OR b	Logical OR: True when at least one of its two operands are True.
NOT a	Logical NOT: True when its one operand is False, and vice-versa.

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5.5.2: Evaluating expressions with logical operators.



Indicate whether the expression evaluates to True or False.

x is 7, y is 9.

1) $x > 5$



True

False

2) $(x > 5)$ AND $(y < 20)$

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True

False

3) $(x > 10)$ AND $(y < 20)$



True

4) $(x > 10) \text{ OR } (y < 20)$



True

False

5) $(x > 10) \text{ OR } (y > 20)$

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True

False

6) $\text{NOT } (x > 10)$



True

False

7) $\text{NOT } ((x > 5) \text{ AND } (y < 20))$



True

False

Detecting ranges with logical operators (general)

A common use of logical operators is to detect if a value is within a range.

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5.5.3: Using AND to detect if a value is within a range.



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1. The range $10 < x < 15$ means that x may be 11, 12, 13, 14.
2. Specifying that range in a program can be done using two $<$ operators along with an AND operator. $10 < x$ defines the range 11 and higher.
3. $x < 15$ defines the range 14 and lower. ANDing yields the overlapping range. Only when x is 11, 12, 13, or 14 will both expressions be true.

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5.5.4: Using AND to detect if a value is within a range.



Assume x is an integer.

1) Which approach uses a logical



operator to detect if x is in the range 1

to 99? $0 < x < 100$

- $(0 < x) \text{ AND } (x < 100)$
- $(0 < x) \text{ AND } (x > 100)$

2) Which detects if x is in the range -4 to +4?

- $(x < -5) \text{ AND } (x < 5)$
- $(x > -5) \text{ OR } (x < 5)$
- $(x > -5) \text{ AND } (x < 5)$

3) Which detects if x is either less than -5, or greater than 10?

- $(x < -5) \text{ AND } (x > 10)$
- $(x < -5) \text{ OR } (x > 10)$

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Booleans and logical operators

A **Boolean** refers to a value that is either True or False. Note that True and False are keywords in Python and must be capitalized. A programmer can assign a Boolean value by specifying True or False, or by evaluating an expression that yields a Boolean.

Figure 5.5.1: Creating a Boolean.

```
my_bool = True    # Assigns my_bool with the boolean value True
is_small = my_val < 3  # Assigns is_small with the result of the expression
                      (False)
```

Keywords **and**, **or**, and **not** (lowercase) are used to represent the AND, OR, and NOT logical operators. Logical operators are commonly used in expressions of if-else statements.

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Table 5.5.2: Logical operators.

Logical operator	Description
a and b	Boolean AND : True when both operands are True. ©zyBooks 09/27/22 11:21 469702 Steven Cameron WGUC859v4
a or b	Boolean OR : True when at least one operand is True.
not a	Boolean NOT (opposite): True when the single operand is False (and False when operand is True).

Table 5.5.3: Logical operators examples.

Given age = 19, days = 7, user_char = 'q'

(age > 16) and (age < 25)	True, because both operands are True.
(age > 16) and (days > 10)	False, because both operands are not True (days > 10 is False).
(age > 16) or (days > 10)	True, because at least one operand is True (age > 16 is True).
not (days > 10)	True, because operand is False.
not (age > 16)	False, because operand is True.
not (user_char == 'q')	False, because operand is True.

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5.5.5: Logical operators: Complete the expressions to detect the desired range.



- 1) days_logged is greater than 30 and less than 90



```
if (days_logged > 30)
    (days_logged < 90):
```



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- 2) $0 < \text{max_cars} < 100$



```
if (max_cars > 0)   
(max_cars < 100):
```

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- 3) `num_stores` is between 10 and 20, inclusive.



```
if (num_stores >= 10)  
 (num_stores <= 20):
```

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- 4) `not_valid` is either less than 15, or greater than 79.



```
if (not_valid < 15)   
(not_valid > 79):
```

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5.5.6: Creating expressions with logical operators.



- 1) `num_dogs` has a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5.



```
if (num_dogs >= 2)  
 :
```

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- 2) `wage` is greater than 10 and less than 18. Use `>` and `<` (not `>=` and `<=`). Use parentheses around sub-expressions.



if :

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- 3) num is a 3-digit positive integer.

Ex: 100, 989, and 523, are 3-digit positive integers, but 55, 1000, and -4 are not.



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For most direct readability, your expression should compare directly with the smallest and largest 3-digit number.

if (num >= 100)

:

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Example: TV channels

A cable TV provider may have regular channels numbered 2-499, and high-definition channels numbered 1002-1499. A program may set a character variable to 's' for standard, 'h' for high-definition, and 'e' for error.

Figure 5.5.2: Detecting ranges: Cable TV channels.

```
if (user_channel >= 2) and (user_channel <= 499):  
    channel_type = 's'  
  
elif (user_channel >= 1002) and (user_channel <= 1499):  
    channel_type = 'h'  
  
else:  
    channel_type = 'e'
```

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Run the program and observe the output. Change the input box value from 3 to another number, and run again.

```
Load default template...  
  
1 user_channel = int(input())  
2  
3 if (user_channel >= 2) and (user_channel <= 499):  
4     channel_type = 's'  
5  
6 elif (user_channel >= 1002) and (user_channel <= 1499):  
7     channel_type = 'h'  
8  
9 else:  
10    channel_type = 'e'  
11  
12 print('Channel type:', channel_type)  
13 |
```

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5.5.7: TV channel example: Detecting ranges.



Consider the above example.

- 1) If `user_channel` is 300, to what does the if statement's expression, `(user_channel >= 2)` and `(user_channel <= 499)`, evaluate?



- true
- false

- 2) If `user_channel` is 300, does the else if's expression `(user_channel >= 1002) and (user_channel <= 1499)` get checked?

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- Yes
- No

- 3) Did the expressions use logical AND



or logical OR?

- AND
- OR

4) Channels 500-599 are pay channels.



Does this expression detect that

range? (`user_channel >= 500`) or
(`user_channel <= 599`)

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- Yes
- No

Detecting ranges implicitly vs. explicitly

A programmer often uses logical operators to detect a range by explicitly specifying the high-end and low-end of the range. However, if a program should detect increasing ranges without gaps, a multi-branch if-else statement can be used without logical operators; the low-end of the range is implicitly known upon reaching an expression. Likewise, a decreasing range without gaps has implicitly-known high-ends.

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5.5.8: Detecting ranges implicitly vs. explicitly.



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1. This code detects ranges explicitly using the AND operator. The first branch executes when $x < 0$, the second when $(x >= 0)$ and $(x <= 10)$.
2. But, if the first branch doesn't execute, x must be $>= 0$. So the second branch's expression can just be $x <= 10$. The $x >= 0$ is implicit.
3. Implicit ranges can simplify a multi-branch if statement for ranges without gaps.

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5.5.9: Detecting ranges implicitly vs explicitly.



For each pair of statements, does the second if-else statement detect the same ranges as the first if-else statement?

1)



```
if temp <= 0...
elif (temp > 0) and (temp < 100)...
```

```
if temp <= 0...
elif temp < 100...
```

Yes

2)

```
if systolic < 130: ...
elif (systolic >= 130) and (systolic
<= 139): ...
```

```
if systolic < 130: ...
elif systolic >= 130: ...
```

Yes

No

3)

```
if (year >= 1901) and (year <= 2000):
...
elif (year >= 2001) and (year <=
2100): ...
```

```
if year <= 2000: ...
elif year <= 2100: ...
```

Yes

No

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5.5.1: Detect number range.



Write an expression that prints "Eligible" if user_age is between 18 and 25 inclusive.

Ex: 17 prints "Ineligible", 18 prints "Eligible".

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```
1 user_age = int(input())
2
3 if ''' Your solution goes here ''':
4     print('Eligible')
5 else:
6     print('Ineligible')
```

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5.6 Detecting ranges with gaps

Basic ranges with gaps

Oftentimes, ranges contain gaps. Ex: Movie theaters often give ticket discounts to children (anyone 12 and under) and seniors (anyone 65 and older). The gap is the group of people aged 13 to 64. An if-else statement can be used to detect such ranges with gaps.

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5.6.1: Using multi-branch if-else for detecting ranges with gaps: Movie ticket prices.



Animation content:

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Animation captions:

1. After the user enters their age, the else-if branch's first branch checks if age is ≤ 12 .
2. user_age is 67, which is greater than 12, so the program moves to the second branch that checks if user_age is ≥ 65 .
3. 67 is ≥ 65 , so the second branch's statements execute, applying the senior discount to the ticket price. The program concludes by outputting the ticket price.
4. If the user's age falls between the gap of 12 and 65 (13 to 64), the else branch executes and the ticket price is \$14, the most expensive price.

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5.6.2: Detecting ranges with gaps and multi-branch if-else.



Select the correct answers below.



1) In the animation above, what is the age range for a child ticket discount?

- 0 - 12
- less than 13
- less than 11

2) In the animation above, what is the age range for a senior ticket discount?

- 65 or more
- 66 or more
- 13 - 64

3) What is the range for the last branch below?

```
if num_items <= 0:  
    ...  
elif num_items > 100:  
    ...  
else: # Range: _____  
    ...
```

- 1 - 99
- 0 - 100
- 1 - 100

4) What is the range for the last branch below?

```
if num_items < 50:  
    ...  
elif num_items > 50:  
    ...  
else: # Range: _____  
    ...
```

- 49 - 51
- 0 - 50
- 50

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Ranges with gaps using logical operators

Programmers often use logical operators to explicitly detect ranges with an upper and lower bound, including ranges with gaps that may have intermediate bounds. Ex: If a valid office number is within

the ranges of 100 to 150 or 200 to 250, the logical AND operator or operator chaining can be used to identify the lower and upper bounds of the two ranges. Further, the ranges can be combined into a single branch using the logical OR operator.

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5.6.3: Explicit ranges with gaps detection using logical AND and OR.



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Animation captions:

1. The logical AND operator is used to identify the lower and upper bounds of the two valid ranges of office numbers (100 to 150 and 200 to 250). Any number outside of the ranges is in the gap.
2. Further, the two ranges can be combined into a single branch using the logical OR operator.

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5.6.4: NFL Jersey numbers.



In the National Football League (NFL), player positions have jersey numbers in specific ranges. Ex: An NFL wide receiver can only wear jersey numbers from 10 to 19 or 80 to 89. Select the if statement that explicitly detects the correct NFL jersey number ranges.

1) Linebacker: 40 to 59 or 90 to 99



- `if (j_num >= 40 and j_num <= 59)
or (j_num >= 90 and j_num <= 99):`
- `if (j_num > 40 and j_num <= 59)
or (j_num > 90 and j_num <= 99):`
- `if j_num >= 40 and j_num <= 99:`

2) Tight end: 40 to 49 or 80 to 89



- `if (40 <= j_num <= 49) and (80 <= j_num <= 89):`
- `if (j_num >= 40 or j_num <= 49)
and (j_num >= 80 or j_num <= 89):`
- `if (40 <= j_num <= 49) or (80 <= j_num <= 89):`

3) Defensive lineman: 50 to 79 or 90 to



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- 99
- `if (j_num > 50 and j_num < 79)
or (j_num > 90 and j_num < 99):`
 - `if (j_num >= 49 and j_num <= 80)
or (j_num >= 89 and j_num <= 100):`
 - `if (j_num > 49 and j_num < 80)
or (j_num > 89 and j_num < 100):`

4) Quarterback: 1 to 9

- `if j_num <= 9:`
- `if j_num > 0 and j_num < 10:`
- `if j_num > 0 or j_num < 10:`

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5.6.1: Enter the output of the branch expressions.



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5.7 Detecting multiple features with branches

Multiple distinct if statements

Sometimes the programmer has multiple if statements in sequence, which looks similar to a multi-branch if-else statement but has a very different meaning. Each if statement is independent, and thus more than one branch can execute, in contrast to the multi-branch if-else arrangement.

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5.7.1: Multiple distinct if statements.



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5.7.2: If statements.



Determine the final value of num_boxes.

- 1) num_boxes = 0
num_apples = 9
- ```
if num_apples < 20:
 num_boxes = 3
if num_apples < 10:
 num_boxes = num_boxes - 1
```



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2) num\_boxes = 0  
num\_apples = 9

```
if num_apples < 10:
 if num_apples < 5:
 num_boxes = 1
 else:
 num_boxes = 2
elif num_apples < 20:
 num_boxes = num_boxes + 1
```



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5.7.1: Enter the output for the multiple if-else branches.



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5.7.2: If-else statements.



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## Nested if-else statements

A branch's statements can include any valid statements, including another if-else statement, which

are known as **nested if-else** statements.

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5.7.3: Nested if-else



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5.7.4: Nested if-else statements.



Determine the final value of sales\_bonus given the initial values specified below.

```
if sales_type == 2:
 if sales_bonus < 5:
 sales_bonus = 10
 else:
 sales_bonus = sales_bonus + 2
else:
 sales_bonus = sales_bonus + 1
```

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- 1) sales\_type = 1; sales\_bonus = 0;



0 1

2) sales\_type = 2; sales\_bonus = 4;

 10  
 5 6 10

3) sales\_type = 2; sales\_bonus = 7;

 8 9 10

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## 5.8 Comparing data types and common errors

### Comparing characters, strings, and floating-point types

The relational and equality operators work for integer, character, and floating-point built-in types.

Floating-point types should not be compared using the equality operators, due to the imprecise representation of floating-point numbers, as discussed in a later section.

The operators can also be used for the string type. Strings are equal if they have the same number of characters and corresponding characters are identical. If string my\_str = 'Tuesday', then (my\_str == 'Tuesday') is True, while (my\_str == 'tuesday') is False because T differs from t.

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5.8.1: Comparing various types.



Which comparisons will not result in a syntax error AND consistently yield expected results? Variables have types denoted by their names.

1) my\_int == 42

 OK Not OK

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2) my\_float == 3.14

 OK Not OK

3) my\_string == 'Hello'



- OK
- Not OK

The types of the values being compared determines the meaning of a comparison. If both values are numbers, then the numbers are compared arithmetically ( $5 < 2$  is False). Comparisons that make no sense, such as  $1 < 'abc'$  result in a `TypeError`.  
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Comparison of values with the same type, like  $5 < 2$ , or  $'abc' >= 'ABCDEF'$ , depend on the types being compared.

- Numbers are arithmetically compared.
- Strings are compared by converting each character to a number value (ASCII or Unicode), and then comparing each character in order. Most string comparisons use equality operators "==" or "!=", as in `today == 'Friday'`.
- Lists and tuples are compared via an ordered comparison of every element in the sequence. Every element between the sequences must compare as equal for an equality operator to evaluate to True. Relational operators like < or > can also be used: The result is determined by the first mismatching elements in the sequences. For example, if `x = [1, 5, 2]` and `y = [1, 4, 3]`, then evaluating `x < y` first evaluates that 1 and 1 match. The next elements do not match, so  $5 < 4$  is evaluated, which produces a value of False.
- Dictionaries are compared only with == and !=. To be equal, two dictionaries must have the same set of keys and the same corresponding value for each key.

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5.8.2: Comparing various types.



1) Click the expression that is False.



- $5 \leq 5.0$
- $10 \neq 9.999999$
- $(4 + 1) \neq 5.0$

2) Click the expression that is False.



- `'FRIDAY' == 'friday'`
- `'1' < '2'`
- `'a' != 'b' < 'c'`

3) Click the expression that is True.



- `{'Henrik': '$25'} == {'Daniel': '$25'}`

- (1,2,3) > (0,2,3)
- [1, 2, 3] >= ['1', '2', '3']

## Common branching errors

A common error is to use = rather than == in an if-else expression, as in: `if numDogs = 9:`. In such cases, the interpreter should generate a syntax error.

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Another common error is to use invalid character sequences like =>, !<, or <>, which are not valid operators.

**PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY**

5.8.3: Watch out for assignment in an if-else expression.



What is the final value of num\_items? Write "Error" if the code results in an error.

1) `num_items = 3`  
`if num_items == 3:`  
 `num_items = num_items + 1`

**Check**

**Show answer**



2) `num_items = 3`  
`if num_items = 10:`  
 `num_items = num_items + 1`

**Check**

**Show answer**



3) `num_items = 3`  
`if num_items > 10:`  
 `num_items = num_items + 1`

**Check**

**Show answer**



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5.8.1: If-else statement: Fix errors.



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## 5.9 Membership and identity operators

### Membership operators: in/not in

One common programming task involves determining whether a specific value can be found within a container, such as a list or dictionary. The **in** and **not in** operators, known as **membership operators**, yield True or False if the left operand matches the value of some element in the right operand, which is always a container.

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5.9.1: Membership operators: Checking for a value in a list.



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1. A user creates a new list.
2. Every element in the list is checked for the value of 15.
3. Every element in the list is checked for the value of 44, which is not found. So the statement (44 in prices) evaluates to False.

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The membership operators can be used with sequence types. If the variable `x` is a list or tuple, then `a in x` evaluates to True if there exists an index `idx` for which `a == x[idx]` is True. The program below demonstrates membership operator usage in a list:

Figure 5.9.1: Membership operators example: Checking for an item in a list.

```
Use the "in" operator
barcelona_fc_roster = ['Alves', 'Messi',
'Fabregas']

name = input('Enter name to check: ')

if name in barcelona_fc_roster:
 print('Found', name, 'on the
roster.')
else:
 print('Could not find', name, 'on
the roster.')
```

```
Enter name to check: Messi
Found Messi on the roster.
...
Enter name to check: Rooney
Could not find Rooney on the roster.
```

```
Use the "not in" operator
barcelona_fc_roster = ['Alves', 'Messi',
'Fabregas']

name = input('Enter name to check: ')

if name not in barcelona_fc_roster:
 print('Could not find', name, 'on
the roster.')
else:
 print('Found', name, 'on the
roster.')
```

```
Enter name to check: Messi
Found Messi on the roster.
...
Enter name to check: Rooney
Could not find Rooney on the roster.
```

Membership operators can be used to check whether a string is a **substring**, or matching subset of characters, of a larger string. For example, 'abc' in '123abcd' returns True because the substring abc exists in the larger string.

Figure 5.9.2: Checking for substrings.

```
request_str = 'GET index.html
HTTP/1.1'

if '/1.1' in request_str:
 print('HTTP protocol 1.1')

if 'HTTPS' not in request_str:
 print('Unsecured connection')
```

```
HTTP protocol 1.1
Unsecured
connection
```

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Membership in a dictionary implies that a specific key exists in the dictionary. A common error is to assume that a membership operator checks the values of each dictionary key as well.

Figure 5.9.3: Checking for membership in a dict.

```
my_dict = {'A': 1, 'B': 2, 'C': 3}

if 'B' in my_dict:
 print("Found 'B'")
else:
 print("'B' not found")

Membership operator does not check
values
if 3 in my_dict:
 print('Found 3')
else:
 print('3 not found')
```

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Found 'B'  
3 not  
found

**PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY****5.9.2: Membership operators.**

- 1) Which expression checks whether the list my\_list contains the value 15?

- 15 in my\_list[0]
- 15 in my\_list
- my\_list['15'] != 0



- 2) Which expression checks if the value 10 exists in the dictionary my\_dict?

- 10 in my\_dict['key']
- 10 in my\_dict
- None of the above

## Identity operators: **is/is not**

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Sometimes a programmer wants to determine whether two variables are the same object. The programmer can use the **identity operator, is**, to check whether two operands are bound to a single object. The inverse identity operator, **is not**, gives the negated value of 'is'. Thus, if **x is y** is True, then **x is not y** is False.

Identity operators do not compare object values; rather, identity operators compare object identities to determine equivalence. Object identity is usually<sup>1</sup> the memory address of an object. Thus, identity operators return True only if the operands reference the same object.

A common error is to confuse the equivalence operator "`==`" and the identity operator "`is`", because a statement such as `if x is 3` is valid syntax and is grammatically appealing. Python may confusedly evaluate the statement `x is 3` as True, but `y is 1000` as False, when `x = 3` and `y = 1000`. Python interpreters typically precreate objects for a small range of numbers to avoid constantly recreating objects for such small values. In the example above, an object for 3 was precreated and thus `x` references the same object as the literal. However, Python did not precreate an object for 1000. A good practice is to avoid using the identity operators "`is`" and "`is not`", unless explicitly testing whether two objects are identical.

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The `id()` function can be used to retrieve the identifier of any object. If `x is y` is True, then `id(x) == id(y)` is also True.

Figure 5.9.4: Identity operators.

```
w = 500
x = 500 + 500 # Create a new object with value
1000
y = w + w # Create a second object with value
1000
z = x # Bind z to the same object as x

if z is x:
 print('z and x are bound to the same object')
if z is not y:
 print('z and y are NOT bound to the same
object')
```

`z` and `x` are bound to the same object  
`z` and `y` are NOT bound to the same object

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5.9.3: Membership and identity operators.



Write the simplest expression that captures the desired comparison.

- 1) `x` is a key in the dict `my_dict`



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- 2) The variables `x` and `y` are unique objects.



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- 3) The character 'G' exists in the string my\_str

**Check****Show answer**

- 4) my\_str is not the third element in the list my\_list

**Check****Show answer**

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- 5.9.1: Membership and Identity: Enter the output of the code.



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- 5.9.2: Boolean operators: Detect specific values.



Write an expression using membership operators that prints "Special number" if special\_num is one of the special numbers stored in the list special\_list = [-99, 0, 44].

Sample output with input: 17

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Not special number

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```
1 special_list = [-99, 0, 44]
2 special_num = int(input())
~
```

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(\*1) Object identity is an implementation detail of Python. For the standard CPython implementation, identity is the memory address of the object.

## 5.10 Order of evaluation

### Precedence rules

The order in which operators are evaluated in an expression is known as **precedence rules**. Arithmetic, logical, and relational operators are evaluated in the order shown below.

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Table 5.10.1: Precedence rules for arithmetic, logical, and relational operators.

| Operator/Convention | Description                                                              | Explanation                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ( )                 | Items within parentheses are evaluated first                             | ©zyBooks 09/27/22 11:21 469702<br>Steven Cameron<br>In $(a * (b + c)) - d$ , the + is evaluated first, then *, then -.                                          |
| * / % + -           | Arithmetic operators (using their precedence rules; see earlier section) | $z - 45 * y < 53$ evaluates * first, then -, then <.                                                                                                            |
| < <= > >= == !=     | Relational, (in)equality, and membership operators                       | $x < 2 \text{ or } x >= 10$ is evaluated as $(x < 2) \text{ or } (x >= 10)$ because < and $\geq$ have precedence over or.                                       |
| not                 | not (logical NOT)                                                        | $\text{not } x \text{ or } y$ is evaluated as $(\text{not } x) \text{ or } y$                                                                                   |
| and                 | Logical AND                                                              | $x == 5 \text{ or } y == 10 \text{ and } z != 10$ is evaluated as $(x == 5) \text{ or } ((y == 10) \text{ and } (z != 10))$ because and has precedence over or. |
| or                  | Logical OR                                                               | $x == 7 \text{ or } x < 2$ is evaluated as $(x == 7) \text{ or } (x < 2)$ because < and == have precedence over or                                              |

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5.10.1: Applying the precedence rules to an expression can be thought of as a 'tree'.



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1. Expressions like  $x + 1 > y * z$  or  $z == 3$  are evaluated using precedence rules. Among  $+$ ,  $>$ ,  $*$ , or, and  $==$ , the  $*$  comes first.
2. Next comes  $+$ , then  $==$ , and finally  $or$ .
3. The expression is actually treated like a "tree", evaluated from the bottom upwards.
4. If  $x$  is 7,  $y$  is 6, and  $z$  is 3, then  $y * z$  is 18. Next,  $x + 1$  is 8. Next,  $8 > 18$  is False. Next,  $z == 3$  is True. Finally, False or True is True.

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5.10.2: Order of evaluation.

To teach precedence rules, these questions intentionally omit parentheses; good style would use parentheses to make order of evaluation explicit.

- 1) Which operator is evaluated first?

`not y and x`



- and
- not

- 2) Which operator has precedence?

`w + 3 > x - y * z`



- +
- 
- >
- \*

- 3) In what order are the operators evaluated?

`w + 3 != y - 1 and x`



- +, !=, -, and
- +, -, and, !=
- +, -, !=, and

- 4) To what does this expression evaluate, given  $x = 4$ ,  $y = 7$ .

`x == 3 or x + 1 > y`

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- True
- False

## Common error: Missing parentheses

A common error is to write an expression that is evaluated in a different order than expected. Good practice is to use parentheses in expressions to make the intended order of evaluation explicit. For example, a programmer might write:

- `not a == b` intending to mean `(not a) == b`, but in fact the interpreter computes `not (a == b)` because equality operators (`==`) have precedence over logical operations (`not`).
- `w and x == y and z` intending `(w and x) == (y and z)`, but the interpreter computes `(w and (x == y)) and z` because `==` has precedence over `and`.
- `not x + y < 5` intending `(not x) + y < 5`, but the interpreter computes `not ((x + y) < 5)` because the addition operator `+` has the highest precedence and is computed first, followed by the relational operation `<`, and finally the logical not operation.

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5.10.3: Common errors in expressions.



1) `not x == 3` evaluates as `not (x == 3)`.



- Yes  
 No

2) `w + x == y + z` evaluates as `(w + x) == (y + z)`.



- Yes  
 No

3) `w and x == y and z` evaluates as `(w and x) == (y and z)`.



- Yes  
 No

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5.10.4: Order of evaluation.



Which illustrates the actual order of evaluation via parentheses?

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1) `not green == red`



- `(not green) == red`  
 `not (green == red)`  
 `(not green) = red`

2) bats < birds or birds < insects



- ((bats < birds) or birds)  
< insects
- bats < (birds or birds) < insects
- (bats < birds) or (birds < insects)

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3) not (bats < birds) or (birds < insects)



- not ((bats < birds) or (birds < insects))
- (not (bats < birds)) or (birds < insects)
- ((not bats) < birds) or (birds < insects)

4) (num1 == 9) or (num2 == 0) and (num3 == 0)



- (num1 == 9) or ((num2 == 0) and (num3 == 0))
- ((num1 == 9) or (num2 == 0)) and (num3 == 0)
- (num1 == 9) or (num2 == (0 and num3) == 0)

## 5.11 Code blocks and indentation

### Code blocks

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A **code block** is a series of statements that are grouped together. A code block in Python is defined by its indentation level, i.e., the number of blank columns from the left edge. The initial code block is not indented. A new code block can follow a statement that ends with a colon, such as an "if" or "else". In addition, a new code block must be more indented than the previous code block. The program below includes comments indicating where each new code block begins.

The amount of indentation used to indicate a new code block can be arbitrary, as long as the programmer uses the same indentation consistently for each line in the block. Good practice is to use the standard recommended 4 columns per indentation level.

A common error for new Python programmers is the mixing of tabs and spaces. Never mix tabs and spaces for indentation in the same program. Many editors consider a tab to be equivalent to either 3 or 4 spaces, while in Python a tab is equivalent only to another tab. A program that mixes tabs and space to indent code blocks will automatically generate an `IndentationError` from the interpreter in Python 3. A good practice is to use spaces only when indenting code, and to set text editor options to automatically use spaces when possible.

Figure 5.11.1: Code blocks are indicated with indentation.

```
First code block has no indentation

model = input('Enter car model: ')
year = int(input('Enter year of car manufacture:
'))

antique = False
domestic = False

if year < 1970:
 # New code block has indentation of 4 columns
 antique = True

Back to code block 0

if model in ['Ford', 'Chevrolet', 'Dodge']:
 # New code block has indentation of 2 columns
 # Any amount of indentation > 0 is OK.
 domestic = True

Back to code block 0

if antique:
 # New code block has indentation of 4 columns
 if domestic:
 # New block has 4 additional columns (8
total)
 print('My own model-T still runs like a
charm...')
```

```
Enter car model: Ford
Enter year of car manufacture: 1918
My own model-T still runs like a
charm...
```

## zyDE 5.11.1: Code blocks and indentation.

Fix the errors in the code below so that you can run the program.

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```
1 # Calculate the velocity required to escape a circular orbit of Earth,
2 # depending on a user-entered orbital distance. ©zyBooks 09/27/22 11:21 469702
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4 import math
5
6 escape_velocity_meters_per_sec = 0 # Required velocity to escape orbit
7 grav_constant = 6.67384e-11 # Earth's gravitational constant
8 earth_mass_kilograms = 5.972e24 # Mass of the Earth
9
10 radius_meters = float(input('Enter distance from center of Earth: '))
11 print()
12
13 if radius_meters < 6317000: # 6317 km is the average radius of the Earth
14 escape_velocity_meters_per_sec = 0 # No escape possible!
15 print('Houston, we have a problem')
16
17
```

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## Special cases

The number of columns of text considered to be acceptable varies from 80 to 120. Good practice is to use the widely accepted standard of 80 columns. A few exceptions to the rules of indentation deal with very long statements that require more than one line and wrap to the next line. Such special situations do not indicate new code blocks.

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## Figure 5.11.2: Some indentations are continuations of the previous line.

Multiple lines enclosed within parentheses are implicitly joined into a single string (without newlines between each line); use implicit line joining for very long strings or functions with numerous arguments. Ex: All extra lines are indented to the same column as the opening quotation mark on the first line.

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When declaring list or dict literals, entries can be placed on separate lines for clarity.

```
declaration = ("When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for "
 "one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected "
 "them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth...")

result_of_power = math.pow(long_variable_name_left_operand,
 long_variable_name_right_operand)
```

## Figure 5.11.3: List, dict multi-line constructs.

Containers like lists and dicts can be broken into multiple lines, with the elements on separate, indented lines.

|                                                                 |                                                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>my_list = [<br/>    1, 2, 3,<br/>    4, 5, 6<br/>]</code> | <code>my_dict = {<br/>    'entryA': 1,<br/>    'entryB': 2<br/>}</code> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY

#### 5.11.1: Indentation.



- 1) The standard number of spaces to use for indentation is 4.  
 True  
 False
  
- 2) Mixing spaces and tabs when indenting is considered an acceptable programming style.  
 True  
 False

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3) A programmer can start new code blocks at any point in the code, as long as the indentation for each line in the block is consistent.

- True
- False

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5.11.1: Indentation: Fix the program.



Retype the below code. Fix the indentation as necessary to make the program work.

```
if 'New York' in temperatures:
 if temperatures['New York'] > 90:
 print('The city is melting!')
 else:
 print('The temperature in New York is', temperatures['New
York'])
else:
 print('The temperature in New York is unknown.')
```

Sample output with input: 105

The city is melting!

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```
1 temperatures = {
2 'Seattle': 56.5,
3 'New York': float(input()),
4 'Kansas City': 81.9,
5 'Los Angeles': 76.5
6 }
7
8 ''' Your solution goes here '''
9
```

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## 5.12 Conditional expressions

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### Conditional expressions

A **conditional expression** has the following form:

Construct 5.12.1: Conditional expression.

```
expr_when_true if condition else
expr_when_false
```

All three operands are expressions. The condition in the middle is evaluated first. If the condition evaluates to True, then expr\_when\_true is evaluated. If the condition evaluates to False, then expr\_when\_false is evaluated. For example, if x is 2, then the conditional expression `5 if x==2 else 9*x` evaluates to 5.

A conditional expression has three operands and thus is sometimes referred to as a **ternary operation**.

Good practice is to restrict usage of conditional expressions to an assignment statement, as in: `y = 5 if (x == 2) else 9*x`. Some Python programmers denounce conditional expressions as difficult to read and comprehend, since the middle operand is actually the first evaluated, and left-to-right syntax is preferred. However, simple assignments such as the statement above are acceptable.

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5.12.1: Conditional expression.

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### Animation captions:

1. This if-else form can be written as a conditional expression.
2. The condition in the middle is evaluated first.
3. If the condition evaluates to True, then expr1 is evaluated and my\_var is assigned with expr1's value.

4. If the condition evaluates to False, then expr2 is evaluated and my\_var is assigned with expr2's value.

**PARTICIPATION ACTIVITY****5.12.2: Conditional expressions.**

Convert each if-else statement to a single assignment statement using a conditional expression, using parentheses around the condition. Enter "Not possible" if appropriate.

1) `if x < 100:  
 y = 0  
else:  
 y = x`

**Check****Show answer**

2) `if x < 0:  
 x = -x  
else:  
 x = x`

**Check****Show answer**

3) `if x < 1:  
 y = x  
else:  
 z = x`

**Check****Show answer****CHALLENGE ACTIVITY****5.12.1: Conditional expressions: Enter the output of the code.**

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5.12.2: Conditional expression: Print negative or non-negative.



Create a conditional expression that evaluates to string "negative" if user\_val is less than 0, and "non-negative" otherwise.

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Sample output with input: -9

-9 is negative

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```
1 user_val = int(input())
2
3 cond_str = ''' Your solution goes here '''
4
5 print(user_val, 'is', cond_str)
```

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5.12.3: Conditional expression: Conditional assignment.

Using a conditional expression, write a statement that increments num\_users if update\_direction is 3, otherwise decrements num\_users.

Sample output with inputs: 8 3

New value is: 9

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```
1 num_users = int(input())
2 update_direction = int(input())
3
4 num_users = ''' Your solution goes here '''
5
6 print('New value is:', num_users)
```

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## 5.13 Additional practice: Tweet decoder

The following is a sample programming lab activity; not all classes using a zyBook require students to fully complete this activity. No auto-checking is performed. Users planning to fully complete this program may consider first developing their code in a separate programming environment.

The following program decodes a few common abbreviations in online communication such as messages in Twitter ("tweets") or email, and provides the corresponding English phrase.

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## zyDE 5.13.1: Tweet decoder.

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```
1 tweet = input('Enter abbreviation from\n2\n3 if tweet == 'LOL':\n4 print('LOL = laughing out loud')\n5 elif tweet == 'BFN':\n6 print('BFN = bye for now')\n7 elif tweet == 'FTW':\n8 print('FTW = for the win')\n9 elif tweet == 'IRL':\n10 print('IRL = in real life')\n11 else:\n12 print("Sorry, don't know that one")\n13 |
```

LOL

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Create different versions of the program that:

1. Expand the number of abbreviations that can be decoded. Add support for abbreviations you commonly use or search the internet for some.
2. Allow the user to enter a complete tweet (160 characters or less) as a single line of text.  
Search the resulting string for abbreviations and print a list of each abbreviation along with its decoded meaning.

## 5.14 LAB: Interstate highway numbers

Primary U.S. interstate highways are numbered 1-99. Odd numbers (like the 5 or 95) go north/south, and evens (like the 10 or 90) go east/west. Auxiliary highways are numbered 100-999, and service the primary highway indicated by the rightmost two digits. Thus, I-405 services I-5, and I-290 services I-90.

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Given a highway number, indicate whether it is a primary or auxiliary highway. If auxiliary, indicate what primary highway it serves. Also indicate if the (primary) highway runs north/south or east/west.

Ex: If the input is:

90

the output is:

I-90 is primary, going east/west.

Ex: If the input is:

290

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the output is:

I-290 is auxiliary, serving I-90, going east/west.

Ex: If the input is:

0

the output is:

0 is not a valid interstate highway number.

Ex: If the input is:

200

the output is:

200 is not a valid interstate highway number.

See [Wikipedia](#) for more info on highway numbering.

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1 highway_number = int(input())
2
3 if highway_number % 2 != 0:
4 direction = 'north/south'
5 else:
6 direction = 'east/west'
7
8 if highway_number == 0:
9 print('{} is not a valid interstate highway number.'.format(highway_number))
10 exit()
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## 5.15 LAB: Seasons

Write a program that takes a date as input and outputs the date's season. The input is a string to represent the month and an int to represent the day.

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Ex: If the input is:

April  
11

the output is:

Spring

In addition, check if the string and int are valid (an actual month and day).

Ex: If the input is:

Blue

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the output is:

Invalid

The dates for each season are:

Spring: March 20 - June 20

Summer: June 21 - September 21

Autumn: September 22 - December 20

Winter: December 21 - March 19

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```
1 input_month = input()
2 input_day = int(input())
3
4 spring = ['april', 'may']
5 summer = ['july', 'august']
6 autumn = ['october', 'november']
7 winter = ['january', 'february']
8
9 short_months = ['february', 'april', 'june', 'september', 'november']
10
11 if (((input_month.lower() == 'february') and ((input_day <= 0) or (input_day > 2
12 print('Invalid')
13 exit())
14
15 if (input_month.lower() == 'march' and input_day >= 20) or (input_month.lower()
16 season = 'Spring'
17 elif (input_month.lower() == 'june' and input_day >= 21) or (input_month.lower()
```

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## 5.16 LAB: Leap year

A year in the modern Gregorian Calendar consists of 365 days. In reality, the earth takes longer to rotate around the sun. To account for the difference in time, every 4 years, a leap year takes place. A leap year is when a year has 366 days: An extra day, February 29th. The requirements for a given year to be a leap year are:

- 1) The year must be divisible by 4
- 2) If the year is a century year (1700, 1800, etc.), the year must be evenly divisible by 400

Some example leap years are 1600, 1712, and 2016.

Write a program that takes in a year and determines whether that year is a leap year.

Ex: If the input is:

1712

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the output is:

1712 - leap year

Ex: If the input is:

1913

the output is:

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1913 - not a leap year
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1 is_leap_year = False
2
3 input_year = int(input())
4
5 year_ones = input_year % 10
6 year_tens = (input_year // 10) % 10
7
8 if year_ones == 0 and year_tens == 0:
9 if (input_year % 400) > 0:
10 print('{} - not a leap year'.format(input_year))
11 exit()
12 else:
13 print('{} - leap year'.format(input_year))
14 elif (input_year % 4) > 0:
15 print('{} - not a leap year'.format(input_year))
16 exit()
17 else:
```

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## 5.17 LAB: Golf scores

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Golf scores record the number of strokes used to get the ball in the hole. The expected number of strokes varies from hole to hole and is called par (i.e. 3, 4, or 5). Each score's name is based on the actual strokes taken compared to par:

- "Eagle": number of strokes is two less than par
- "Birdie": number of strokes is one less than par
- "Par": number of strokes equals par
- "Bogey": number of strokes is one more than par

Given two integers that represent par and the number of strokes used, write a program that prints the appropriate score name. Print "Error" if par is not 3, 4, or 5.

Ex: If the input is:

```
4
3
```

the output is:

```
Birdie
```

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```
1 par = int(input())
2 strokes = int(input())
3
4 if par < 3 or par > 5:
5 print('Error')
6 exit()
7 else:
8 if par - strokes == 2:
9 print('Eagle')
10 exit()
11 elif par - strokes == 1:
```

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0

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