CS103 Introduction to CS in Python

Fall 2025

Before attempting this homework, please read the *primer* (`primer_2.0.pdf`). You will go over this primer in Lab01 but should read it in advance. It is especially important to download Anaconda before Lab01 (it is a large download that will require some time).

HW1 syntax tested

• the numeric types int and float

• the arithmetic operators (+ - * / // **)

• variable assignment (optional: you may avoid it by directly returning the results, rather than first storing them)

• function calls and branching (call with arguments, parameters, return) (although we have built all of this function structure for you, and you just need to use it)

In this first homework, you will use Python as a calculator, similar to the way you would use your HP calculator in a physics class. This is already incredibly useful. Even though Python in this homework acts like a glorified calculator, it is an elegant calculator, with less tedium and more control.

HW1 syntax constraints

Certain Python syntax will be banned in each homework.

Almost anything we have covered in class so far is allowed.

The following syntax is banned for HW1: *strings, sequences like lists, recursion.*

If you don't know what some (all?) of these words mean, that is to be expected; we will cover the meaning of these terms in later lectures. Associated keywords are also banned.

• do not hardcode the test cases into your solutions (this is counterproductive anyway, since we will be testing your code using different test cases)

Grading

Grading: a problem is correct if all our tests pass, otherwise it will be considered as False.

Each Questions Worth 20 points

*** Do not forget to include *"independent completion form"* ***

Instructions

Each step indicates the relevant section of the primer_1.0, where you can find help on this issue.

To work on HW1:

• install Anaconda (if you haven't done it in lab01 yet)

• build a HW1 directory under your home directory (cs103fa25)

• download hw1.ipynb from Canvas

• move this file to your HW1 directory

• start Jupyter Notebook and from dashboard navigate to hw1 folder

• open hw1.ipynb in Jupyter Notebook and start working on the questions

• in the notebook, edit the first markdown cell, add your full name and blazerid and Run it

• in the notebook, edit the myName function, replacing James Bond with your name (please leave everything else the same, including the quotes)

• in the notebook, solve the practice problem (see below) in hw1.ipynb

• starting with the first problem, solve the rest of the HW1 problems by writing code in the file hw1.ipynb using the Jupyter Notebook, do not forget to run the cell each time you make a change.

• once you are confident that your code works, submit on Canvas. **Do not forget to include your Independent Completion Form (ICF).**

Practice problem

f(x) Write the function `f(x)` that takes a float value `x`, and returns the value of the linear polynomial $5x-3$. This Python function is similar to the mathematical function f(x) = 5x−3.

Sample Input:	Expected Output:
x = 5	22
X= 0	−3
X = 2.5	9.5

code provided:

```
def f(x):

    return #add your code here
```

correct answer:

```
def f(x):

    return 5*x - 3
```

HW1 problems

perimeterRectangle (l,w)

Write the function perimeterRectangle(l, w) that takes two positive float values, representing the length and width of a rectangle, and returns the perimeter of the rectangle.

Sample Input	Expected Output (~)
	16.0
l = 10.5, w = 4.2	29.4
l = 0.1, w = 0.2	0.6

calculateDiscount(price, discount)

Write the function `calculateDiscount(price, discount)` that takes two positive float values: the original price of an item and the discount percentage. The function should return the final price after applying the discount.

Sample Input	Expected Output (~)
price = 100, discount = 20	80.0
price = 50, discount = 15	42.5
price = 200, discount = 10	180.0

monthlyPayment(principal, rate, years)

Write the function `monthlyPayment(principal, rate, years)` that takes three positive float values: the principal amount of a loan, the annual interest rate, and the number of years for the loan. The function should return the monthly payment amount using the formula for a fixed-rate mortgage.

Sample Input	Expected Output
principal = 100000, rate = 3.5, years = 30	449.04
principal = 250000, rate = 4.0, years = 15	1848.36
principal = 50000, rate = 5.0, years = 10	530.33

- Hints: The formula for calculating the monthly payment M on a fixed-rate mortgage is:

$$M = \frac{P \times r \times (1+r)^n}{(1+r)^n - 1}$$

where:

- P is the principal loan amount.

- r is the monthly interest rate (annual interest rate divided by 12).

- n is the number of payments (loan term in years multiplied by 12).

Remember to convert the annual interest rate to a monthly rate. If the annual rate is given as a percentage, first convert it to a decimal (e.g., 4% becomes 0.04) and then divide by 12.

The total number of payments is the loan term in years multiplied by 12 (since there are 12 months in a year).

grader (avg_exams, avg_hw, attendance)

Write the function "**grader**" that takes two floats; **avg_exams** and **avg_hw**, and one integer **attendance** as input and returns a **bool** value. The function will check any student's grade and attendance to decide if the student pass the course or fail. If the student pass, the function returns true, otherwise it returns false. These are the criteria to pass the course:

- The attendance must be greater than 16 to pass.
- The avg_exams and the avg_hw must be greater than 75.
- Either avg_exams or avg_hw must be greater than 80 (or both of them).

Example Function Calls

grader(76,100,24) → returns True

grader(100,90,15) → returns False

grader(76,78,22) → returns False

radToDegree(rad)

Write the function "radToDegree" that takes a radian value and converts it to degree. You can check this link to learn about the radian/degree conversion.

Sample Input:	Expected Output (~):
rad = 100	5729.58
rad = 27	1546.99
rad = 1	57.29

Submission:

Make sure that all your code is correct and producing the correct output. Then, upload your hw1.ipynb file into Canvas. **Do not forget to sign and upload your independent completion form as a pdf.**

Pep talk Despite the long discussion of each problem; the actual code is quite short. This is a common characteristic of good code: lots of thought leading to terse but clear code. In particular, each function in HW1 may be implemented using one line of code in the body of the function for some questions.