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File: newton.py

Compute the square root of a number (uses function with loop).

1. The input is a number, or enter/return to halt the input process.
2. The outputs are the program's estimate of the square root using Newton's method of successive approximations, and Python's own estimate using `math.sqrt`.

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import math
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# Initialize the tolerance
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TOLERANCE = 0.000001
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def newton(x):
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    """Returns the square root of x."""
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    # Perform the successive approximations
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    estimate = 1.0
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    while True:
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        estimate = (estimate + x / estimate) / 2
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        difference = abs(x - estimate ** 2)
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        if difference <= TOLERANCE:
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            break
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```
    return estimate
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```
def main():
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```
    """Allows the user to obtain square roots."""
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```
    while True:
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```
        # Receive the input number from the user
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x = input("Enter a positive number or enter/return to quit: ")

if x == "":
    break

x = float(x)

# Output the result

print("The program's estimate is", newton(x))

print("Python's estimate is ", math.sqrt(x))


if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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What to do

Convert Newton's method for approximating square roots using the code above to add a recursive function named `newton`. (Hint: The estimate of the square root should be passed as a second argument to the function.)