

19/09/25- math Module

The **math module** in Python provides built-in mathematical functions and constants. These functions are useful for performing advanced math operations like square root, powers, trigonometry, and factorial.

3.1 sqrt()

```
import math
print(math.sqrt(25))
```

Output:

5.0

Theory

- `math.sqrt(x)` returns the square root of a number `x`.
- The square root of a number is a value that, when multiplied by itself, gives the original number.
- Example: $\sqrt{25} = 5$, because $5 \times 5 = 25$.
- Always returns a floating-point number (decimal).

3.2 ceil() and floor()

```
import math
print(math.ceil(4.3))
print(math.floor(4.8))
```

Output:

5

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Theory

- `math.ceil(x)` → Returns the **smallest integer greater than or equal to x** (rounds UP).
- `math.floor(x)` → Returns the **largest integer less than or equal to x** (rounds DOWN).

- These are useful when handling **rounding operations** in programs like billing, statistics, or game scores.

3.3 pow() and factorial()

```
import math
print(math.pow(2, 3))
print(math.factorial(5))
```

Output:

```
8.0
120
```

Theory:

- `math.pow(a, b)` → Returns a raised to the power b (a^b).
 - Example: $2^3 = 8$.
 - Always returns a float.
- `math.factorial(n)` → Returns the product of all positive integers up to n.
 - Example: $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$.
 - Only works for non-negative integers.

3.4 trigonometry

```
import math
print(math.sin(math.pi/2))
print(math.cos(0))
```

Output:

```
1.0
1.0
```

Theory:

- `math.sin(x)` and `math.cos(x)` return the sine and cosine values of an angle.

- Angles must be in radians, not degrees.
 - To convert degrees \rightarrow radians, use `math.radians(degree_value)`.
- Examples:
 - $\sin(\pi/2) = 1$
 - $\cos(0) = 1$
- These are widely used in geometry, physics, engineering, and graphics programming.

3.5 `gcd()` – Greatest Common Divisor:

```
import math
print(math.gcd(24, 36))
```

Output:

12

Theory:

- `math.gcd(a, b)` returns the largest integer that divides both numbers without remainder.
- Example: $\text{GCD}(24, 36) = 12$, because 12 is the largest number dividing both 24 and 36.
- Useful in fractions, simplifying ratios, and number theory.

3.6 `log()` – Logarithm:

```
import math
print(math.log(100))      # Natural log (base e)
print(math.log(100, 10))  # Logarithm base 10
```

Output:

4.605170185988092
2.0

Theory

- `math.log(x)` → Natural logarithm of x (base $e \approx 2.718$).
- `math.log(x, base)` → Logarithm with a custom base.
- Example: $\log_{10}(100) = 2$, since $10^2 = 100$.
- Very important in data science, probability, and growth models.

3.7 `degrees()` and `radians()`:

```
import math
print(math.degrees(math.pi))    # Convert radians to degrees
print(math.radians(180))        # Convert degrees to radians
```

Output:

```
180.0
3.141592653589793
```

Theory

- `math.degrees(radian_value)` → Converts radians into degrees.
- `math.radians(degree_value)` → Converts degrees into radians.
- Essential in trigonometry, since Python uses radians for functions like `sin()` and `cos()`.

3.8 Constants: `pi` and `e`

```
import math
print(math.pi)    # Value of pi
print(math.e)     # Euler's number
```

Output:

```
3.141592653589793
2.718281828459045
```

Theory

- `math.pi` → Value of π (ratio of circumference to diameter).
- `math.e` → Euler's number, base of natural logarithms.

- **Used widely in geometry, probability, calculus, and statistics.**