

Lab 3

Python Programming II: Selection and Control

In this exercise, we consider an extension of the Scientific Hello World script *hw.py*. The script is now supposed to read an arbitrary number of command-line arguments and write the natural logarithm of each number to the screen. For example, if we provide the command-line arguments

1.0 -0.9 2.1

the script writes out

$\ln(1) = 0$

$\ln(-0.9)$ is illegal

$\ln(2.1) = 0.741937$

Implement four types of loops over the command-line entries:

- (a) a **for** *r* in *sys.argv[1:]* loop (i.e., a loop over the entries in *sys.argv*, starting with index 1 and ending with the last valid index),
- (b) a **for** loop with an integer counter *i* running over the relevant indices in *sys.argv* (use the *range* function to generate the indices),
- (c) a **while** loop with an integer counter running over the relevant indices in *sys.argv*,
- (d) an “infinite” **while 1:** loop, with an integer counter and a *try-except* block where we break out of the loop when *sys.argv[i]* is an illegal operation.