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Python-Functions

1. What does the `len()` function do in Python? Write a code example using `len()` to find the length of a list.

Ans). The `len()` function returns the number of items (length) in an object such as a list, string, etc.

[1] # example using len() to find the length of a list

```
my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
print("Length of the list:", len(my_list))
```

Length of the list: 5

2. Write a Python function `greet(name)` that takes a person's name as input and prints "Hello, [name]!".


[2] `def greet(name):`
 `print(f"Hello, {name}!")`

```
# Calling the greet function
greet("Subuhan P. Ummer")
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
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[3] def find_maximum(numbers):
 if not numbers: # Check if the list is empty
 return None

 max_num = numbers[0] # Assume the first number is the largest initially
 for num in numbers[1:]: # Loop through the rest of the list
 if num > max_num:
 max_num = num
 return max_num

Test the find_maximum function
numbers_list = [5, 2, 9, 1, 7]
print("Maximum value:", find_maximum(numbers_list))

Maximum value: 9

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# difference between local variable and global variable.

x = 10 # Global variable

def example_function():
    x = 5 # Local variable
    print("Inside function, x =", x)

example_function() # Output: Inside function, x = 5
print("Outside function, x =", x) # Output: Outside function, x = 10

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5. Create a function `calculate_area(length, width=5)` that calculates the area of a rectangle. If only the length is provided, the function should assume the width is 5. Show how the function behaves when called with and without the width argument.

```
# If only the length is provided, the function assumes the width is 5.
def calculate_area(length, width=5):
    return length * width

# Calling the function with both length and width
print("Area (length=10, width=6):", calculate_area(10, 6)) # Output: 60

# Calling the function with only length (width is defaulted to 5)
print("Area (length=10):", calculate_area(10)) # Output: 50
```

Area (length=10, width=6): 60
Area (length=10): 50