

Python – Intersect

Purpose

This lab was designed to teach you how to use Boolean logic to solve a problem.

Description

Write a Python function `interval_intersect` that takes parameters `a`, `b`, `c`, and `d` and returns `True` if the intervals¹ `[a,b]` and `[c,d]` intersect and `False` otherwise. While this test may seem tricky, the solution is actually very simple and consists of one line of Python code (you may assume that $a \leq b$ and $c \leq d$). Drawing a picture helps to visualize this problem and there's more than one way to arrive at the correct answer.

Program Shell

`intersect.py` provided for you

Sample Data

```
[0, 1] and [1, 2] passed as (0, 1, 1, 2)
[1, 2] and [0, 1]
[0, 1] and [2, 3]
[2, 3] and [0, 1]
[0, 3] and [1, 2]
```

Sample Execution

```
Intervals [0, 1] and [1, 2]intersect.
Intervals [1, 2] and [0, 1]intersect.
Intervals [0, 1] and [2, 3]do not intersect.
Intervals [2, 3] and [0, 1]do not intersect.
Intervals [0, 3] and [1, 2]intersect.
Intervals [5, 6] and [3, 8]intersect.
```

¹An integer interval `[a,b]`, $a < b$, is a set of all consecutive integers beginning with `a` and ending with `b` (inclusive).