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# **Python Introduction**

## 1.1 Python

- Most popular programming language in the world.
- Can write programs in just a few lines.
- Easy to learn.
- Lightweight (small install size).
- It is completely **free**.
- Available on most platforms (e.g. Windows, Apple, Linux, Raspberry Pi).
- Created by Guido van Rossum in 1989.

## 1.2 Where can I get it from?

### Download Python from the Microsoft Store

Open "Microsoft Store", search for "python" and click on "Python 3.10" (Python Software Foundation) and then click on "Get". If Python 3.10 does not work on your computer, then try an older version like Python 3.9.

**Note.** If you are using your own personal computer then you can download Python from the official Python website:

https://www.python.org/

Microsoft Windows and Apple versions are available for free.

## 1.3 Keyboard Settings for Microsoft Windows

Make sure that your keyboard is set to US (not England) so that you can type single quotes ' and double quotes ".

- On your keyboard, the single quotes key should be on the same key as double quotes "

  Use the SHIFT key to toggle between the two options.
- If you get @ when you press the double quotes key, then your keyboard is set for England(UK). To fix this, open "Settings" and search for "keyboard". Then install "English(Australia)" or "English(United States)".
- You can quickly change your keyboard version by clicking on, e.g. US, in the bottom right corner of your screen.

# 1.4 Your First Program

### 1.4.1 Console "Hello World"

- Load IDLE (Python)
- File  $\rightarrow$  New File
- In the new window: File  $\rightarrow$  Save as
- Choose an easy to find folder (desktop is fine) and type **first** as your filename
- Type **print("hello")** in the first.py window
- Click on Run  $\rightarrow$  Run Module (or press F5)
- Notice that you now have two windows: input (first.py) and output (Shell)

#### Note

We can use the **Shell** as a calculator:

#### 1+1 <Enter>

will ouput the answer 2

and

x = 4 < Enter >

y = 8 < Enter >

x/y <Enter>

will output 0.5

### 1.5 Calculator Program

Go back to **first.py** and type in the following:

```
Example

x = 2  # set x equal to 2
y = 7
print("x = ",x)
print("y = ",y)
print("x+y = ",x+y)
print("x-y = ",x-y)
print("x-y = ",x-y)
print("x*y = ",x*y)
print("x/y = ",x/y)
print("x^2 = ",x**2)
print("x^3 = ",x**3)
```

Click on "Run  $\rightarrow$  Run Module" to evaluate  $x+y, x-y, x\times y, \frac{x}{y}, x^2$  and  $x^3$ 

#### Note

The hash symbol # means 'comment' - do not execute the rest of the input line.

## 1.6 Long Input Lines

Python is designed so that expressions appear on one line only, which can lead to very long lines! If you have a really long line that needs to be broken into two lines, just write \ at the end of the first line and press <Enter> to start the second (continuing) line.

```
Example
x = 1+2+3+4\
+5+6
print(x)
```

# Loops

# 2.1 For Loop

• Type the following two lines into **first.py**:

```
for i in range(1,11):
   print(i)
```

print(i) is nested inside the 'for loop' and so must have at least one space before p

- $\bullet$  Click on Run  $\to$  Run Module
- Notice that the numbers 1 to 10 are printed in the output window.
- Notice also that the number 11 is NOT printed. Try this:

```
for i in range(10):
print(i)
```

The 'range(10)' command outputs 10 numbers starting at 0 (the last number 10 is not included). So range(n) does not include n.

#### Warning!

You must type in the commands exactly as they are written. Do **NOT** write

```
For i in Range(10):
    Print(i)
```

This will **NOT** run!!

• Now run the following code:

```
for i in range(10):
    print(i)
    print("hi")
```

Notice that hi is printed 10 times

• If we change the previous code to

```
for i in range(10):
    print(i)
print("hi")
```

then **hi** is only printed once (since it is outside the 'for loop')

2.2. WHILE LOOP

## 2.2 While Loop

We can also create a "while" loop with variables and conditions.

```
Example

n = 1
while n < 100:
    print(n)
    n = n + 1</pre>
```

#### Note:

The command

```
n = n + 1
```

adds 1 to n and then places that sum into n, that is,  $n \leftarrow n + 1$ . This simply means that the value of n increases by 1 each time the command is executed.

Note that

```
n = n + 1
```

is **not** a maths equation, and so we do not solve for n.

### 2.2.1 Semi-infinite Loop

A semi-infinite loop is a loop that will eventually stop, but we don't know when it will stop.

```
Example

n = 1
while n < 10000:
    print(n)
    n = n + 1</pre>
```

This loop will take a long time to complete. To exit the program:

- Close the **Shell** window (click on the cross); or
- In the Shell window click on Shell  $\rightarrow$  Interrupt Execution

### 2.2.2 Infinite Loop

We can create loops that will run forever.

```
Example
while 1 == 1:
   print("Infinite")
```

Infinite loops are harder to exit. To exit the above program:

- Close the **Shell** window (click on the cross); or
- ullet In the **Shell** window click on Shell o Restart Shell

### 2.2.3 Order of Execution

Compare

```
n = 1
while n < 4:
  print("n= ",n)
  n = n + 1</pre>
```

with

```
n = 1
while n < 4:
  n = n + 1
  print("n= ",n)</pre>
```

Note that changing the order of the commands **changes** the output of the program.

# Variables and their Type

Variable names are **case sensitive** and so 'A' is **different** from 'a'. The main 'types' of variables are Integer, Real (floating point), Boolean (True/False), and String.

### 3.1 Integer, Real, Boolean, String

### 3.1.1 Integer

Integer numbers are written as a number with no decimal point.

# Example i = 10

The above code makes the variable i have the integer 'type' and sets its value to 10.

### 3.1.2 Real (float)

Real numbers are written as a number with a decimal point, and are often called "floating point" numbers.

# Example x = 7.234

#### 3.1.3 Boolean

Boolean variables can have the value True or False

# Example B = True

The above code makes the variable B have the Boolean 'type' and sets its value to True.

### **3.1.4** String

A string is any sequence of characters (including letters and numbers). We always start the string with " and end the string with ". Python also allows the use of single quotes ' when entering strings.

```
Example

s = "this is a string"

t = 'this is a string written with single quotes'
```

# 3.2 Automatic typing of a variable

You do not need to declare the type (int, real, string) of a variable (unlike nearly all other languages). Python automatically chooses the appropriate type. We can check the type of a variable by using the **type()** function.

```
i = 10
print("i has type", type(i))
x = 7.234
print("x has type", type(x))
isprime = True
print("isprime has type", type(isprime))
s = "this is a string"
print("s has type", type(s))
```

Division (/) always returns a variable of type float.

```
Example
y = 1/2
print("y has type", type(y))
```

The output of mixed types (int and float) is float

```
t = 0
print("t=0 has type", type(t))
t = t + 1/2
print("t=t+1/2 now has type", type(t))
t = t + 1/2
print("t = t + 1/2
print("t = t + 1/2)
print(t = t + 1/2)
```

# 3.3 Large Integers

Unlike other languages, integers can have any size.

```
Example

x = 123456789
y = 123456789
z = x*y
print("z = ",z)
print("z**2 = ",z**2)
print("z**3 = ",z**3)
print("z**10 = ",z**10)
```

### 3.4 Real Numbers

Real numbers (float) are stored with a limited number of decimal places. We can normally get 16 significant figures which means at most 16 decimal places.

```
Example

x = 1.23456789

print("x = ",x)

print("x**2 = ",x**2)

print("x**3 = ",x**3)
```

#### Note

Binary numbers cannot store decimal numbers exactly, and so sometimes we will get slightly inaccurate results when we do math with real numbers.

```
Example
x = 10.1
print("x = ",x)
print("x**2 = ",x**2)
print("x**3 = ",x**3)
print("x**100 = ",x**100)
```

### 3.4.1 Rounding to n decimal places

The last few digits might be incorrect in a float number. Do not Panic. This is normal. We normally deal with this by rounding to 7 decimal places.

```
Example
x = 10.1
print("x = ",x)
print("x**2 = ",round(x**2,7))
```

Also note that 2.7048138294215165e+100 means

 $2.7048138294215165 \times 10^{100}$ 

```
Note

The function round(x,7) rounds the number x to 7 decimal places.

For example, round(0.12345678,7) = 0.1234568

Also, after rounding, trailing zeros are removed.

For example, round(0.12000000000,7) = 0.12
```

### 3.5 Converting the Type of a Variable

Sometimes we need to convert one type of variable to another type. We can do this with the int(), float() and str() functions.

What is wrong with the following example?

```
num1 = input("Enter first number: ")
num2 = input("Enter second number: ")
print(num1,"+",num2," = ",num1+num2)
```

The input function always returns a string, and so num1+num2 is the two strings joined together!

We can fix this by immediately converting the output of input to a float.

```
num1 = float(input("Enter first number: "))
num2 = float(input("Enter second number: "))
print(num1,"+",num2," = ",num1+num2)
```

### 3.5.1 char() and ord()

- char() converts from ASCII (number) to a character
- $\bullet$  ord () converts from character to an ASCII (number) value

### Example

print(ord('a'))
print(chr(65))

# If ... Else

We can control program flow with if and else

```
Example

y = 1
if y < 0:
    print("y is negative")
else:
    print("y >= 0")
```

Note that an if statement can be written in different ways.

```
Example
B = False

if B is True:
    print("B is true")
    else:
    print("B is false")

if B == True:
    print("B is true")
    else:
    print("B is true")

if B:
    print("B is true")

else:
    print("B is true")

else:
    print("B is true")
```

### 4.1 elif

The command elif means 'else if'

```
y = float(input("Input a number: "))
if y < 0:
    print(y," is negative")
elif y == 0: # we use == to test if two numbers are equal
    print(y," is zero")
else:
    print(y," is positive")</pre>
```

#### Note:

- Use == to test if two expressions are equal
- Use != to test if two expressions are NOT equal

## 4.2 Example: Average

In this section we are going to write a program to find the average of a set of numbers, but before we do that, let's look at a simpler example.

### Example (average of a set of numbers)

```
# this program will find the average of a set of numbers
# entered one by one
xin = "" # xin is the number we are entering (as a string)
         # "" is the empty string
                     (anything not equal to "e" is okay)
Sum = 0 # Sum will be the sum of the numbers entered so far
         # we need Sum to start at 0 so that
         \# Sum = Sum + x starts with Sum = x
         # (after reading the first number x)
        # n is the count of the numbers we have entered so far
while xin != "e":
    xin = input("Enter Number (type e <Enter> to exit): ")
    if xin != "e":
        x = float(xin) # convert xin from a string to a real number
        Sum = Sum + x
        n = n + 1
average = Sum/n
print("Sum = ", Sum)
print("Average = ",average)
print("n = ",n)
```

#### Variable names and reserved words

```
In the above program, we used the variable names
```

```
xin, Sum, n, x
```

There is nothing special about these names. We could also choose

```
xinput, Sumofnumbers, count, xreal
```

but we must make sure that we do not use the 35 Python reserved words (which appear in  $\overline{\text{red}}$  in IDLE) like

```
False, True, and, or, if, else, elif, except, for, global, in, not, return, try, while, with
```

For a full list of reserved words, type the following in "Shell"

```
import keyword
keyword.kwlist
```

# 4.3 Exercise

## Exercise

Write a program to find the sum the squares of the natural numbers from 1 to 10, that is, find

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \ldots + 10^2$$

**Hint:** rearrange the following commands in the correct order

```
print("Sum = ", Sum)
Sum = Sum + i**2
i = i + 1
Sum = 0
n = 10
while i <= n:
i = 1</pre>
```

Answer: Your program should output

Sum = 385

# Random Library

The random.randint(1,n) function randomly chooses a number between 1 and n (including 1 and n). For example,

```
Example
import random

MyNumber = random.randint(1,3)
print(MyNumber)
```

Now let's choose 10 random numbers between 1 and 3

```
import random

for i in range(10):
    MyNumber = random.randint(1,3)
    print(MyNumber)
```

# **Turtle Graphics**

To draw pictures with Turtle, we need to import the **turtle module**.

To do this, we just write

import turtle

at the top of our Python script.

#### Example

import turtle

turtle.forward(100)

#### Note

To avoid writing turtle. all the time, we can write

from turtle import \*

forward(100)

Then all the turtle functions can be written without the turtle. prefix.

#### Warning

Because we are importing turtle, we must **not** use the name 'turtle.py' for our python input file!!!! Use something else like 'test.py'

# **6.1** turtle.forward(n)

Draws a line of length n pixels from the centre of the window (x, y) = (0, 0) in the current direction the turtle is facing.

```
import turtle
turtle.forward(100)
```

# **6.2** turtle.left( $\theta$ )

Turns turtle left  $\theta$  degrees.

```
import turtle

turtle.forward(100)
turtle.left(90)
turtle.forward(100)
```

# 6.3 $turtle.right(\theta)$

Turns turtle right  $\theta$  degrees.

```
Example
import turtle

turtle.forward(100)
turtle.right(30)
turtle.forward(100)
```

# **6.4** turtle.goto(x, y)

Moves turtle to the coordinates (x, y), and draws a line from its previous position to (x, y).

```
import turtle
turtle.goto(20,200)
```

# 6.5 turtle.penup() and turtle.pendown()

When the pen is down, turtle draws a line.

```
import turtle

turtle.forward(100)

turtle.penup() # move without drawing
turtle.forward(100)

turtle.pendown()
turtle.forward(100)
```

# 6.6 turtle.speed(n)

We can slow turtle by using turtle.speed(n) where

- n=1 is slowest
- n=10 is fastest (actually n=0 is 'draw as fast as possible')

```
import turtle

turtle.speed(1)
turtle.forward(100)
turtle.left(30)
turtle.forward(100)
```

We can now use a for loop to draw a square

```
Example
import turtle

turtle.speed(1)

for i in range(10):
   turtle.forward(100)
   turtle.left(90)
```

and we can adjust the forward distance in the for loop to draw a spiral

```
Example
import turtle

turtle.speed(1)

for i in range(400):
   turtle.right(44)
   turtle.forward(20+i)
   turtle.dot()
```

### 6.7 Colour and Pen Size

We can change the colour and pen size.

```
import turtle

turtle.color("blue", "blue") # (pen colour, fill colour)
turtle.width(20)
turtle.forward(140)
```

Notice that turtle is too small in the above example.

We can use shapesize(x stretch, y stretch, pen size) to make turtle bigger.

```
import turtle

turtle.color("blue", "yellow")

turtle.shapesize(4,4, 8)

turtle.width(10)

turtle.forward(140)
```

### 6.8 Turtle Shape

```
import turtle

turtle.shape("turtle")
  # can use arrow, turtle, circle, square, triangle, classic
  turtle.color("blue", "yellow")
  turtle.shapesize(4,4, 8)
  turtle.width(10)
  turtle.forward(140)
```

# 6.9 Writing Text

We can write text at the current position of turtle.

```
Example
import turtle

turtle.write("Hello World")
```

and we can make the text larger by choosing the font

```
Example
import turtle

turtle.write("Hello World", font=("arial",20))
```

and we can also write other objects to the screen

```
import turtle
x = 10
turtle.write(x)
```

```
import turtle
x = 10
y = 20
turtle.write((x,y))
```

We can align the text with "left", "center" or "right"

```
import turtle
turtle.write((0,0), align="center")

turtle.forward(100)

turtle.write((0,100), align="center")
```

## 6.10 For Loop or While Loop?

We use a for loop to iterate a fixed (predetermined) number of times.

We use a while loop to iterate undetermined (even infinite) number of times.

```
Example
from turtle import *
import random
speed(3)
write("Loop", align="center",font=("Arial",60,"bold"))
color("blue","yellow")
penup()
goto(-75,-125)
pendown()
width(20)
shapesize(4, 4, 8)
while True:
 for i in range(8):
  forward(140)
   left(45)
red = random.random()
 green = random.random()
 blue = random.random()
 pencolor(red,green,blue)
```

# **Strings**

## 7.1 Definition

A string is a sequence of characters. We enter a string with single or double quotes:

```
mystring = 'hello'
mystring2 = " there"
print(mystring + mystring2)
```

### 7.2 Index

We can read individual characters in a string s by using an index: s[i] is the ith character (note that s[0] is the first character)

```
Example
mystring = 'hello'
print(mystring[1])
```

### 7.3 Slice

We can read a substring in a string s by using a slice: s[i:j] is the substring starting at i and ending at j-1

```
Example
mystring = 'hello'
print(mystring[1:3])
```

### **Options**

- (a) s[i:] is the substring of s starting at position i up to the end of the string s
- (b) s[:i] is the substring of s starting at the beginning and ending at position i-1
- (c) s[:-1] is the substring of s starting at the beginning and ending at one character before the end of the string s

#### Note: Strings are immutable (individual characters cannot be changed)

```
mystring = 'hello'
mystring[2] = 'x'  # gives an error

If we want to change the character at position 2, then we need to create a new string and use split:

mystring = 'hello'
mystring2 = mystring[:2]+'x'+mystring[3:]
print(mystring2)  # changes first "l" to an "x"
```

#### Example (String Subtraction)

We can subtract from a string by creating a new string that contains parts of the old string.

#### 7.4 String Replace

We can replace a substring of string s with a different string by using s.replace(). But note that s will not be changed, and so you must use a different string to store the result.

```
Example (String Replace)

#replace Like from TheyLikeComputers with Have

string1 = "TheyLikeComputers"
string2 = string1.replace("Like","Have")
print("string1 = ", string1)
print("string2 = ", string2)
```

```
Note: All matches are replaced

string1 = "TheyLLLComputers"
string2 = string1.replace("L","Have")
print("string1 = ", string1)
print("string2 = ", string2)
```

#### 7.5 Uppercase and Lowercase

We can return the uppercase and lowercase versions of a string s with s.upper() and s.lower(). But note that s will not be changed, and so you must use a different string to store the result.

```
Example (String Replace)

string1 = "TheyLikeComputers"
string2 = string1.lower()
string3 = string1.upper()
print("string1 = ", string1)
print("string2 = ", string2)
print("string3 = ", string3)
```

#### 7.6 Remove spaces from beginning and end of string

We can remove trailing spaces from a string s with s.strip(). But note that s will not be changed, and so you must use a different string to store the result.

```
Example (Remove Spaces)

string1 = " Like "
string2 = string1.strip()
print(":"+string1+":")
print(":"+string2+":")
```

#### 7.7 Length

The length of a string s is given by len(s)

```
Example
mystring = 'hello'
print(len(mystring))
```

#### 7.8 Position of a substring in a string

We find the position of a substring sub in a string s by using s.find(sub)

```
Example

mystring = 'hello'
print(mystring.find('l'))
```

#### Note

s.find(sub) is zero based, and so if sub is located at the start of s then s.find(sub) will return 0

If sub is not contained in s then s.find(sub) will return -1

#### 7.9 split()

We can chop a string s in pieces with s.split()

The result is actually a list of strings (we will look at lists later).

The default **delimiter** (place to chop) is a space.

```
Example
mystring = 'hello there you'
print(mystring.split())
```

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We can specify the **delimiter** by inserting it inside the brackets of split()

```
mystring = 'hello,there,you'
print(mystring.split(','))
```

#### **7.10** isdigit()

We can test if a string s represents a natural number with s.isdigit()

```
mystring = 'hello'
print(mystring.isdigit())  # False

mystring = '1234'
print(mystring.isdigit())  # True

mystring = '1234.8'
print(mystring.isdigit())  # False

mystring = '-12'
print(mystring.isdigit())  # False
```

#### Note.

Unfortunately s.isnumeric() and s.isdecimal() give the same results in the above example. This is because s.isdecimal() is used to check if unicode characters are digits, and s.isdecimal() is used for other languages.

#### Example.

We can use s.isdigit() to make sure natural numbers are entered:

```
s1 = input("first number = ")
s2 = input("second number = ")
if s1.isdigit() and s2.isdigit():
    print ("Sum = ",int(s1)+int(s2))
else:
    print("You must enter natural numbers!")
```

#### Time Library

We can access the clock in our computer by writing import time

```
import time

start = time.time()

while True:
    print(time.time()-start)
```

time.time() gives the number of seconds elapsed since midnight 1st January, 1970.

#### Note

This "starting date" can be different on other operating systems. You can check the start date with

time.localtime(0)

You can access current time and date with

time.localtime()

```
import time
import datetime
t = time.localtime()
mysec = str(t.tm_sec)
mymin = str(t.tm_min)
myhour = str(t.tm_hour)
print(myhour+":"+mymin+":"+mysec )

today = datetime.date.today()
print(today.strftime("%d %B %Y"))
```

#### 8.1 Speed Test Examples

```
import time
print("One Second Speed Test")
count = 0
start = time.time()
while (time.time() - start < 1):
    x2 = 47586+count
    y2 = 86869+count
    z2 = x2*y2
    count = count + 1
print("integer multiplications: ",count)</pre>
```

```
import time
print("One Second Speed Test")
count = 0
start = time.time()
while (time.time()-start < 1):
    x3 = 687.6979+count
    y3 = 78.96969+count
    z3 = x3 / y3
    # print(z3)
    count = count + 1
print("floating point divisions:",count)</pre>
```

It is best to avoid checking the time with time.time() in the while loop since that "operating system call" will slow down the program.

#### 

#### Note: The C++ version is much faster

The C++ version is much faster since it is compiled to machine code rather than interpreted like Python.

```
interpreted like Python.
#include <iostream>
#include <ctime>
int main()
{
    clock_t starttime;
    int count = 0;
    int x2, y2, z2;
    z2 = 0;
    starttime = clock();
    while (count < 20000000) // 20 million
        x2 = 47586 + count;
        y2 = 86869 + count;
        z2 = x2 * y2;
        count++;
    }
    std::cout << z2 << "\n"; // need this to remove optimizations
    // (the compiler ignores unnecessary code with Compile->Release)
    std::cout << "time = " << (clock() - starttime) / 1000.0 << " seconds \n";
}
```

### Integer Division and Remainder after Division

When we divide an integer a by a positive integer b, we can write the answer as an integer quotient q and an integer remainder r

$$\frac{a}{b} = q + \frac{r}{b}$$
 where  $0 \le r < b$ 

You may have used the process called **long division** in school to calculate q and r.

Python has the operation // to calculate the quotient q, and the operation % to calculate the remainder r.

These operations are often used in programs that use computer graphics (pictures), and for finding prime numbers.

```
Texample

q = 10 // 3  # q is the integer part of 10/3

r = 10 % 3  # r is the remainder when we divide 10 by 3

print("10/3 = ",10/3)

print("10/3 = ",q,"+",r,"/3")

If a is negative, then q is rounded down

q = -10 // 3

r = -10 % 3

print("-10/3 = ",-10/3)

print("-10/3 = ",q,"+",r,"/3")
```

#### 9.1 Odd and Even Numbers

```
An integer n is called even if it has a remainder of 0 when it is divided by 2, that is n \% 2 = 0

An integer n is called odd if it has a remainder of 1 when it is divided by 2, that is n \% 2 = 1
```

```
n = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
if n % 2 == 0:
   print(n," is even")
if n % 2 == 1:  # or we could use else here
   print(n," is odd")
```

Note that we use the int() function to convert the string from input() into an integer.

Now let's improve the above program, so that we can enter as many numbers as we like

```
Example
while True:
    n = int(input("Enter an integer: "))
    if n % 2 == 0:
        print(n," is even")
    if n % 2 == 1:
        print(n," is odd")
```

The above program is in an infinite loop, and so we should let the user enter x to exit.

```
Example

exit = False
while exit == False:
    s = input("Enter an integer (x to exit): ")
    if s != "x":
        n = int(s)
        if n % 2 == 0:
            print(n," is even")
        if n % 2 == 1:
            print(n," is odd")
    else:
        exit = True
```

Notice that the indentation (spaces) in the above program are **super-important** since they tell Python when a block of code begins and ends. Python does not use brackets {} for beginning and ending blocks of code.

#### Example

Now let's print all even numbers between 0 and 100  $\,$ 

```
for n in range(0,101):
    if n % 2 == 0:
        print(n)
```

Exercise: Print all odd numbers between 0 and 100

Exercise: Print all odd numbers between -100 and 100

#### Guess Number Game

The first game that most programmers write (since the 1970s) is the famous "guess the number" game. This game is easy to write in Python.

```
Example
import random
MyNumber = random.randint(1,20)
print("I am thinking of a number between 1 and 20 (including 1 and 20)")
print("Try and guess the number")
print("Enter -1 to quit")
Guess = 0
n = 0 \# number of guesses
while Guess !=-1: # we use != to test if two numbers are NOT equal
  n = n + 1
  Guess = int(input("Input your guess: "))
   if Guess < MyNumber:</pre>
     print("My number is bigger")
   if Guess > MyNumber:
      print("My number is smaller")
   if Guess == MyNumber:
     print("You guessed my number!!!")
      Guess= -1 # exit while loop
      print("Number of guesses = ",n)
print("Game Over")
```

Notice that there is a minor bug in this program: after we enter -1 to exit, the program still tells us if -1 is bigger or smaller than MyNumber

We can fix the bug by adding another if statement

```
Example
import random
MyNumber = random.randint(1,20)
print("I am thinking of a number between 1 and 20 (including 1 and 20)")
print("Try and guess the number")
print("Enter -1 to quit")
Guess = 0
n = 0 \# number of guesses
while Guess !=-1: # we use != to test if two numbers are NOT equal
  n = n + 1
  Guess = int(input("Input your guess: "))
                     # jump over this part if Guess = -1
   if Guess != -1:
     if Guess < MyNumber:</pre>
     print("My number is bigger")
     if Guess > MyNumber:
     print("My number is smaller")
     if Guess == MyNumber:
     print("You guessed my number!!!")
     Guess= -1 # exit while loop
      print("Number of guesses = ",n)
print("Game Over")
```

#### **Functions**

We can make the function  $f(x) = x^3$  as follows

```
def cube(x):
    return x**3 # return is the output of the function

print(cube(3))
print(cube(7))
print(cube(10))
```

We can choose any name for the function, and we can even call the function f

```
Example

def f(x):
    return x**3

print(f(3))
```

The parameter  $\mathbf{x}$  can be changed to any other variable

```
Example

def f(a):
    return a**3

print(f(3))
```

All parameters (and variables) inside the function are **local** and cannot be accessed outside the function.

```
Example
We get an error when we run the following program:

def f(a):
    return a**3

print(a)  # error: a is not defined outside the function
print(f(3))
```

#### 11.1 Function Parameters

Functions can have as many parameters as we like

```
Example

def quad(a,b,c,x):
    return a*x**2+b*x+c

a=1
b=3
c=1
x=1.1
print("a =",a)
print("b =",b)
print("b =",c)
print("c =",c)
print("x=",x," => ", "ax**2+bx+c = ",quad(a,b,c,x))
```

#### 11.2 Function Return Types

Functions can return any type of variable.

```
Example

def oddeven(n):
    if n % 2 == 0:
        return "even"
    else:
        return "odd"

n=7
print(n," is ",oddeven(n))
```

# Now let's just print the even numbers between 0 to 100 def oddeven(n): if n % 2 == 0: return "even" else: return "odd" for n in range(101): if oddeven(n) == "even": print(n," is ",oddeven(n))

Exercise: Print all odd numbers between 0 and 100

#### More on Functions

#### **12.1** ord() and char()

ord() converts a letter to its corresponding ASCII code number

```
Example
print(ord("A"))
print(ord("B"))
```

chr() converts a number to its corresponding ASCII code letter

```
Example

print(chr(65))

print(chr(66))
```

#### 12.2 Function Return Value

If we don't supply a return value then the function returns None

```
Example

def f(x):
    x = x +1

print(f(1))
```

We can use None to report an error in the function's evaluation

```
Example

def f(x):
    if x != 0:
        return 1/x
    else:
        return None

print(f(0))
```

```
After the program gets to return the function stops executing and returns to the main program.

Notice the difference between

def f(x):
    print("hello")
    return x

print(f(3))

and

def f(x):
    return x
    print("hello")

print(f(3))
```

#### 12.3 Function Default Parameters

Sometimes we don't want to enter all the parameters in a function, and we can use **default** values in that case. First consider the following example.

```
Example
We have seen how to iterate through the numbers 0, ..., 9 with a for loop
for i in range(10):
print(i)
Well, we can use a for loop to iterate through the letters (characters) in a string
for i in "hello":
print(i)
Now let's convert that into a function with two parameters mystring and timegap
mystring is the input string
timegap is the delay between printing characters
import time
def slowprint(mystring, timegap):
  for c in mystring:
    print(c)
    time.sleep(timegap)
slowprint("Hello There!",0.6)
```

We can even print out the ascii values

```
import time

def slowprint(mystring, timegap):
   for c in mystring:
     print(c," = ",ord(c))
     time.sleep(timegap)

slowprint("Hello There!",0.6)
```

If we don't want to input timegap then we can set it as a **default** value

#### 12.4 Function Parameter Names

When calling a function, we can specify the parameters by name

```
Example slowprint(mystring="hello", timegap=0.2)
```

and even change the order of the parameters (if they are specified by name)

```
Example
slowprint(timegap=0.2,mystring="hello")
```

```
but
```

```
slowprint(0.2,"hello")
will generate an error.
```

#### 12.5 Functions and Global Variables

Sometimes we want a function to change external variables defined outside the function. These variables are called **global** variables.

```
Example
x = 10
def f():
  x = 2
  print("function done")
  return
f()
print("x = ",x)
Notice that x=10 is not changed by the function. If we want to change the value of x,
then we must declare \mathbf{x} as a global variable inside the function.
x = 10
def f():
  global x
  x = 2
  print("function done")
  return
f()
print("x = ",x)
```

We can always access an external variable inside a function.

```
Example
x = 10

def f():
    print("x = ",x)
    return

f()
```

but we cannot **change** the external variable inside the function (unless we use global).

#### 12.6 Roulette Wheel

A roulette wheel randomly chooses a number from 0 to 36.

#### Example

```
import random
r = random.randint(0,36)
print(r)
```

Suppose that we bet \$1 on **even**: if the number chosen by the wheel is even, then the payout is 1 to 1 (meaning that we win an extra \$1); otherwise we lose our \$1.

#### Note

Even though 0 is an even number, this game does **not** allow 0 to be even. This makes **odd** and **even** have the same probability, and it also ensures that the Casino makes money:) Some Casinos have 0 **and** 00 to make even more money.

In this section, we are going to make a very simple simulation of a roulette wheel.

```
import random
money = 10 # this is our global variable
def beteven(bet, wheel): #bet is the amount of money we are betting
    global money
    if (wheel % 2 == 0) and (wheel != 0):
        print("You win!")
       money = money + bet
    else:
       print("You lose")
       money = money - bet
r = random.randint(0,36) # r is the number chosen by the
                         # rolling ball in the wheel
print("wheel number chosen = ",r)
beteven(1,r) # bet one dollar that r is even
              # and update money depending on whether we win or lose
print("money = ",money)
```

Let's make the program more interactive.

```
Example
import random, time
money = 10
def beteven(bet, wheel):
    global money
    if (wheel % 2 == 0) and (wheel != 0):
        print("You win!")
        money = money + bet
    else:
        print("You lose")
        money = money - bet
def betodd(bet, wheel):
    global money
    if (wheel \% 2 == 1):
        print("You win!")
        money = money + bet
    else:
        print("You lose")
        money = money - bet
choice = input("Input bet even(e), bet odd(o), or exit(x): ")
while choice != "x":
 print("rolling ...")
  time.sleep(1)
  r = random.randint(0,36)
  print("wheel number chosen = ",r)
  if choice == "e":
      beteven(1,r)
  if choice == "o":
      betodd(1,r)
  print("money = ",money)
  choice = input("Input bet even(e), bet odd(o), or exit(x): ")
```

Finally, if a user enters a letter different from e, o, x then tell the user that they have not made a bet.

```
Example
import random, time
money = 10
def beteven(bet, wheel):
    global money
    if (wheel % 2 == 0) and (wheel != 0):
        print("You win!")
        money = money + bet
    else:
        print("You lose")
        money = money - bet
def betodd(bet, wheel):
    global money
    if (wheel % 2 == 1):
        print("You win!")
        money = money + bet
    else:
        print("You lose")
        money = money - bet
choice = input("Input bet even(e), bet odd(o), or exit(x): ")
while choice != "x":
  print("rolling ...")
 time.sleep(1)
  r = random.randint(0,36)
  print("wheel number chosen = ",r)
  if choice == "e":
      beteven(1,r)
  elif choice == "o":
      betodd(1,r)
  elif choice != "x":
    print("No bet made!")
    print("Please enter e or o to make a bet of $1")
  print("money = ",money)
  choice = input("Input bet even(e), bet odd(o), or exit(x): ")
```

#### 12.7 More Examples

#### Note

def is short-hand notation for 'define function'

```
Example
There is a difference between f(2) and print(f(2))
Compare
def f(x):
  print("function done")
  return x*x
f(2)
with
def f(x):
  print("function done")
  return x*x
print(f(2))
Note that print(f(2))
   • First executes f(2) and so prints 'function done'
   • Returns 2 \times 2 = 4
   • Then prints the return value of f(2), namely 4.
```

```
Note
If f(x) does not return a value

def f(x):
    print("function done")
    return

print(f(2))
then the return value of f(x) will be None and so print(f(2)) will print None.
```

If a function does not return a value then we can omit writing return and then Python will exit the function when it finds a blank line.

```
Example

def f(x):
   print("function done")

f(2)
```

#### 12.8 Prime Numbers

A **prime** number is a natural number n > 1 which is divisible only by 1 and n.

For example, 2 is prime but  $6 = 2 \times 3$  is not prime.

Let's write a function to test for prime numbers.

```
def testprime(n):
   for i in range(2,n):
    if n % i == 0: # divide n by i and check remainder
      return False
   return True
```

The next example shows how to use this function.

```
def testprime(n):
    for i in range(2,n):
        if n % i == 0:  # divide n by i and check remainder
            return False
        return True

n = 10

if testprime(n):
    print(n," is prime")
else:
    print(n," is not prime")
```

Now let's print all prime numbers up to limit=1000

```
Example
limit = 1000

def testprime(n):
    for i in range(2,n):
    if n % i == 0: # divide n by i and check remainder
        return False
    return True

print("The prime numbers up to ",limit," are")

for i in range(2,limit+1):
    if testprime(i) == True:
        print(i)
```

#### 12.9 Multiple Return Values

Functions can return multiple values by returning a **tuple** 

```
def f(s): # input string s, and output (1) capital version and (2) size
  capital = s.upper()
  size = len(s) # number of characters in string
  return(capital, size)

s = "hello there"
t = f(s)
print(t)
```

In mathematical terminology, a tuple is a vector  $\mathbf{v} = (v_1, v_2, \ldots)$ , but in Python (and C++), a tuple's index starts at zero. This just means that the first element in the tuple  $\mathbf{t}$  is  $\mathbf{t}$ [0] and the second element is  $\mathbf{t}$ [1]

#### Example

```
def f(s): # input string s, and output (1) capital version and (2) size
  capital = s.upper() # convert string to CAPITALS
  size = len(s) # number of characters in string
  return(capital, size)

s = "hello there"
t = f(s)
print("Capital version = ",t[0])
print("length of string = ",t[1])
```

## The Bisection Method for Solving Equations

Let's try to solve  $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$ 

```
Example

def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1

x=1
    print("f(",x,") = ",f(x))
    x=0
    print("f(",x,") = ",f(x))
    x=-1
    print("f(",x,") = ",f(x))
```

Notice that there is a solution between x = 0 and x = -1

Our next guess is the average  $x = \frac{0 + (-1)}{2} = -0.5$ 

First let's make it easier to input the numbers

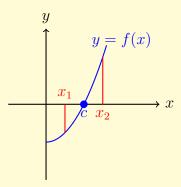
```
Example

def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1

while True:
    x = float(input("x = "))
    print("f(",x,") = ",f(x))
```

Now let's write a program to find the solution.

If f is a continuous function with  $f(x_1) < 0$  and  $f(x_2) > 0$  then there is a number c such that f(c) = 0.



We first guess the value of c by taking the average of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , namely  $x_a = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$ .

- if  $f(x_a) > 0$  then we repeat the above process with  $f(x_1) < 0$  and  $f(x_a) > 0$
- if  $f(x_a) < 0$  then we repeat the above process with  $f(x_a) < 0$  and  $f(x_2) > 0$

Let's try to solve  $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$  again.

First print some values of f(x) to see where it is positive and where it is negative.

# Example def f(x): return x\*\*2+3\*x+1 for i in range(-10,10): print("f(",i,")=",f(i))

We see that f(-1) < 0 and f(0) > 0and so let  $x_1 = -1$  and  $x_2 = 0$ 

```
def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1

for i in range(-10,10):
    print("f(",i,")=",f(i))

x1 = -1.0 # make sure these are real numbers (float)
x2 = 0.0
xa = (x1+x2)/2
print("xa=",xa)
print("f(xa)=",f(xa))
```

Now put the above in a loop making sure that

```
f(x1) < 0

f(x2) > 0
```

To get started, let's use an infinite loop

```
Example
def f(x):
   return x**2+3*x+1
x1 = -1.0 # make sure these are real numbers (float)
x2 = 0.0
xa = (x1+x2)/2
while True: # always have f(x1) < 0 and f(x2) > 0
print("xa=",xa)
print("f(xa)=",f(xa))
if f(xa) > 0:
     x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
     x2=xa
if f(xa) < 0:
    x1=xa
     x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
xa = (x1+x2)/2
```

Now lets tidy up the program, but before we do that, let's look at the round function.

#### 13.1 round(number, decimal places)

The round function rounds a float to a specified number of decimal places.

```
print(round(1.49,1)) # round up to 1.5
print(round(1.44,1)) # round down to 1.4
print(round(1.45,1)) # sometimes up, sometimes down
# decimal numbers are approximate in binary
```

If we don't specify the number of decimals places then round rounds to the nearest integer.

```
Example
print(round(1.9)) # round up to 2
```

Now lets stop the program when f(x) = 0 to 12 decimal places:

```
Example

def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1

x1 = -1.0 # make sure these are real numbers (float)
x2 = 0.0
xa = (x1+x2)/2
while round(f(xa),12) != 0:
    if f(xa) > 0:
        x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
        x2=xa
if f(xa) < 0:
        x1=xa
        x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
xa = (x1+x2)/2

print("f(x)=0 when x = ",round(xa,8))</pre>
```

## 13.2 Choosing the size of the error

We can choose the maximum size of the error in our solution by checking  $|x_1 - x_2|$ .

```
Example

def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1

x1 = -1.0 # make sure these are real numbers (float)
x2 = 0.0
xa = (x1+x2)/2
while abs(x1-x2) > 0.00000001:
if f(xa) > 0:
    x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
    x2=xa
if f(xa) < 0:
    x1=xa
    x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
xa = (x1+x2)/2

print("f(x)=0 when x = ",round(xa,8)," to 8 decimal places")</pre>
```

Finally, lets get the program to guess the initial values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ , trying all integers between -10 and 10. Then we have a good chance of finding all solutions.

```
Example
def f(x):
    return (x+2)*(x-3)*(x-6)
for i in range(-10,10):
    for j in range(-10,10):
        if (f(i) < 0) and (f(j) > 0):
            x1=i
            x2=j
            xa = (x1+x2)/2
            count = 0
            while (abs(x1-x2) > 0.00000001) and (count < 1000):
             count=count+1
             if f(xa) > 0: # always have f(x1) < 0 and f(x2) > 0
               x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
               x2=xa
             if f(xa) < 0:
               x1=xa
               x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
             xa = (x1+x2)/2
            print("f(x)=0 \text{ when } x = ",round(xa,8), "to 8 decimal places")
```

# Chapter 14

# More Turtle Graphics

We can use import turtle to draw graphics (pictures).

#### Warning

Because we are importing turtle, we must **not** use the name 'turtle.py' for our python input file!!!! Use something else like 'test.py'

## 14.1 Window Size

We can adjust the window size as follows.

#### Example

We can find the width and height of the window as follows.

```
import turtle

turtle.setup(width=.8,height=.6)

turtle.goto(100,100)
print("Window width = " + str(turtle.window_width()))
print("Window height = " + str(turtle.window_height()))
```

## 14.2 Filled Rectangle

```
import turtle

turtle.fillcolor("yellow")

turtle.begin_fill()

for i in range(2):
    turtle.forward(200)
    turtle.right(90)
    turtle.right(90)
    turtle.right(90)

turtle.right(90)
```

## 14.3 Keyboard Input

Turtle can read keyboard input by usuing the onkey() method.

```
Example
import turtle
def pointup():
    turtle.setheading(90)
def pointleft():
    turtle.setheading(180)
def pointright():
    turtle.setheading(0)
def pointdown():
    turtle.setheading(270)
while True:
    turtle.forward(1)
    turtle.onkey(pointup,"Up") # arrow key up
    turtle.onkey(pointleft, "Left")
    turtle.onkey(pointright, "Right")
    turtle.onkey(pointdown, "Down")
    turtle.listen()
```

Notice that we use a while True: loop rather than a for loop, so that the loop does not end.

## 14.4 Mouse Click Location

Turtle can read the location of a mouse click.

```
import turtle

def showclicklocation(x,y):
    print("x,y= ",x,",",y)

turtle.onscreenclick(showclicklocation)
```

## 14.5 Exit Turtle (close program)

To close the program use turtle.bye()

```
import turtle

def showclicklocation(x,y):
    print("x,y= ",x,",",y)
    if y < 100:
        turtle.bye()

turtle.onscreenclick(showclicklocation)</pre>
```

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#### 14.6 Clock

Here is an example for creating a real-time clock in turtle.

```
Example
import turtle
import time
turtle.speed(0) #fastest
def zstr(num):
    if num > 9:
        return str(num)
    else:
        return "0"+str(num)
turtle.hideturtle()
turtle.penup()
turtle.pencolor("blue")
while True:
    timedata = time.localtime()
    hour = str(timedata.tm_hour)
    minute = zstr(timedata.tm_min)
    second = zstr(timedata.tm_sec)
    mytime = hour+":"+minute+":"+second
    turtle.tracer(False) # do not update screen (speed up drawing)
    turtle.clear()
    turtle.goto(-430,-100)
    turtle.write(mytime,font=("Arial", 160, "bold"))
    turtle.tracer(True) # update screen
    time.sleep(1)
```

#### Note

For a description of all turtle commmands, have a look at

https://docs.python.org/3.3/library/turtle.html

# Chapter 15

## Lists

Python has 3 high-level data objects called **lists**, **tuples** and **dictionaries**. We will first look at lists.

## 15.1 Introduction to Lists

Lists are like sequences  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \ldots$  where  $a_i$  can be any object (even another list).

#### 15.1.1 List creation

The following example shows how to create a list containing 2 strings and one number.

```
Example

L=["hello","there", 1.23]

print(L)
print(L[0])
print(L[1])
print(L[2])

Notice that L[0] is the first element of the list.
```

## **15.1.2** Empty list

An empty list contains no elements. The following example shows how to create an empty list.

```
Example
L=[]
```

#### 15.1.3 Number of items in list

We use the function len() to output the number of elements in a list.

```
Example
L=["hello","there", 1.23]
print("L=",L)
print("number of items = ", len(L))
```

#### 15.1.4 Iterate through list

We can 'look' at each element of a list by using a for loop.

```
Example
L=["hello","there", 1.23]

for i in L:
   print(i)
```

```
Note
To count each element we could write
L=["hello","there", 1.23]
count = 0

for i in L:
   count = count + 1
   print(str(count)+":",i)
```

#### 15.1.5 Sorting a list

Lists are **objects** and so have **methods** (built-in functions)

One method (function) of a list is to **sort** the list.

```
Example
L=["hello","there", "a"]
print("L = ",L)

L.sort()
print("sorted L = ",L)
```

We can also sort a list in reverse.

```
Example
L=["hello","there", "a"]
print("L = ",L)
L.sort()
L.reverse()
print("reverse sorted L = ",L)
```

#### 15.1.6 Add element to list

We can use the append method to add an element to a list.

```
Example
L=["hello","there", "a"]
print("L = ",L)
L.append("BP")
print("Appended L = ",L)
```

#### 15.1.7 Remove last element from list

We can use the pop method to remove the last element from a list.

```
Example
L=["hello","there", "a"]
print("L = ",L)
E = L.pop()
print("new L = ",L)
print("popped element = ",E)
```

#### Note

pop is useful when we want to deal a card from a pack of cards. See the following example for details.

#### 15.1.8 Clearing a list

We can remove every element from a list L with L.clear()

#### Warning

Don't use L=[] since that will create a new empty list and make L point to that new list. The old list will remain in memory, but (should) be cleared at garbage collection time.

## 15.2 Example: Deck of Cards

Let's make a deck of cards.

```
Example
Nums = ["Ace"]
for i in range(2,11):
    Nums.append(str(i))
print(Nums)
```

We still need to add Jack, Queen, and King.

```
Example
Nums = ["Ace"]
for i in range(2,11):
    Nums.append(str(i))
Nums = Nums + ["Jack","Queen","King"]
print(Nums)
```

Notice that we can use + to add two lists together (just like strings).

We also need the suits Hearts, Diamonds, Spades and Clubs.

```
Example
Suits = ["Hearts", "Diamonds", "Spades", "Clubs"]
print(Suits)
```

We now can join Nums to Suits to make our Cards list

```
Example
Nums = ["Ace"]
for i in range(2,11):
    Nums.append(str(i))

Nums = Nums + ["Jack","Queen","King"]
Suits = ["Hearts", "Diamonds", "Spades", "Clubs"]
Cards = []

for s in Suits:
    for n in Nums:
        Cards.append(n+" of " + s)

print(Cards)
print("Number of cards = ",len(Cards))
```

#### 15.2.1 Shuffle the cards

Now let's swap the first card with the last card.

```
Example
def swap(i,j):
    global Cards
    temp = Cards[i]
    Cards[i] = Cards[j]
    Cards[j] = temp
Nums = ["Ace"]
for i in range(2,11):
    Nums.append(str(i))
Nums = Nums + ["Jack","Queen","King"]
Suits = ["Hearts", "Diamonds", "Spades", "Clubs"]
Cards = []
for s in Suits:
    for n in Nums:
        Cards.append(n+" of " + s)
print("Number of cards = ",len(Cards))
print(Cards)
print("Top card = ",Cards[0])
print("Bottom card = ", Cards[51])
swap(0,51)
print(Cards)
print("Top card = ",Cards[0])
print("Bottom card = ", Cards[51])
```

To shuffle the cards, we perform 100 random swaps

```
Example
import random
def swap(i,j):
    global Cards
    temp = Cards[i]
    Cards[i] = Cards[j]
    Cards[j] = temp
Nums = ["Ace"]
for i in range(2,11):
    Nums.append(str(i))
Nums = Nums + ["Jack","Queen","King"]
Suits = ["Hearts", "Diamonds", "Spades", "Clubs"]
Cards = []
for s in Suits:
    for n in Nums:
        Cards.append(n+" of " + s)
print(Cards)
print("Shuffling")
for i in range(100):
    swap(random.randint(0,51),random.randint(0,51))
print(Cards)
```

## 15.2.2 Dealing cards

Finally, we can deal 5 cards from the deck by using pop

```
print(Cards)
print(Cards.pop())
print(Cards.pop())
print(Cards.pop())
print(Cards.pop())
print(Cards.pop())
print(Cards.pop())
print(Cards.pop())
```

And we can store the cards in a hand

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```
Example
import random
def swap(i,j):
    global Cards
    temp = Cards[i]
    Cards[i] = Cards[j]
    Cards[j] = temp
Nums = ["Ace"]
for i in range(2,11):
    Nums.append(str(i))
Nums = Nums + ["Jack","Queen","King"]
Suits = ["Hearts", "Diamonds", "Spades", "Clubs"]
Cards = []
for s in Suits:
    for n in Nums:
        Cards.append(n+" of " + s)
print(Cards)
print("Shuffling")
for i in range(100):
    swap(random.randint(0,51),random.randint(0,51))
print(Cards)
hand = [Cards.pop(),Cards.pop(),Cards.pop(),Cards.pop(),Cards.pop()]
print("Hand of cards = ",hand)
```

## 15.3 List Membership

We can use in to test if an object is in a list.

```
Example
L = ["a","b","d"]

if "d" in L:
    print("Yes, d is in ", L)

else:
    print("No, d is NOT in ",L)

if "c" in L:
    print("Yes, c is in ", L)

else:
    print("No, c is NOT in ",L)
```

Notice that the test is case-sensitive and does not find 'partial' matches.

```
Example
L = ["a","b","D","do"]

if "d" in L:
    print("Yes, d is in ", L)

else:
    print("No, d is NOT in ",L)
```

We can test if an element is **not** in a list with **not** in

```
Example
L = ["a","b","D","do"]
if "e" not in L:
    print("No, e is NOT in ",L)
```

If we want to find **partial matches** then we can iterate through the entire list with a **for** loop, and check for a partial match with each string in the list.

```
Note
```

```
We can test for a partial match in a string by using in

if "d" in "do":
    print("d is in do")
```

```
Example
L = ["a","b","D","add", "donut"]

for item in L:
   if "d" in item:
        print("Yes, d is in ", item, " in the list ", L)
```

#### 15.4 More List Methods

#### 15.4.1 count

We use the count method to find the number of occurrences of an item in the list.

```
Example

L = ["a","b","b", "D","add", "donut"]

print(L)
print("a count:",L.count("a"))
print("b count:",L.count("b"))
print("c count:",L.count("c"))
print("d count:",L.count("d"))
```

#### 15.4.2 index

We can find the location of an item in a list by using index

```
Example

L = ["a","b","b", "D","add", "donut"]

print(L)
print("a location",L.index("a"))
print("b location",L.index("b"))
```

#### 15.4.3 insert

We can add an item at a specific location by using insert

```
Example

L = ["a","b","b", "D","add", "donut"]
print(L)

L.insert(1,"z")
print(L)

L.insert(0,"z") # adds z to the start of the list
print(L)

L.insert(-1,"z") # adds z just before the end of list
print(L)
```

#### 15.4.4 remove

We can remove an item by name by using remove

```
Example
L = ["a","b","b", "D","add", "donut"]
print(L)

L.remove("D")
print(L)
```

## 15.4.5 pop by location

We can remove an item by location by using pop

## 15.5 Example: Perfect Numbers

A **perfect number** is equal to the sum of all of its divisors (except itself).

```
Note that 6 is a perfect number since 6 = 1 + 2 + 3 and the divisors of 6 are 1, 2, 3, 6.
```

We can list the divisors of a number as follows.

```
Example
n = 6

for i in range(1,n):
    if n % i == 0:
        print(n, " has divisor ",i)
```

Now let's put the divisors in a list

```
Example

n = 6

divisors = []

for i in range(1,n):
    if n % i == 0:
        divisors.append(i)

print("The divisors of ",n," are")
print(divisors)
```

and now make this a function

```
Example
n = 6

def finddivisors(n):
    divisors =[]
    for i in range(1,n):
        if n % i == 0:
            divisors.append(i)
        return divisors

mydivisors = finddivisors(n)

print("The divisors of ",n," are")
print(mydivisors)
```

We now write a function to test if a number is perfect

```
Example
n = 6
def finddivisors(n):
    divisors =[]
   for i in range(1,n):
      if n % i == 0:
        divisors.append(i)
    return divisors
def testperfect(n):
    divisors = finddivisors(n)
    sum = 0
    for i in divisors:
        sum = sum + i
    if sum == n:
        return True
    else:
        return False
if testperfect(n):
    print(n ,"is a perfect number.")
   print("Its divisors are ",finddivisors(n))
```

Finally, let's find all perfect numbers up to 10000

```
Example
def finddivisors(n):
    divisors =[]
    for i in range(1,n):
      if n % i == 0:
        divisors.append(i)
    return divisors
def testperfect(n):
    divisors = finddivisors(n)
    sum = 0
    for i in divisors:
        sum = sum + i
    if sum == n:
        return True
    else:
        return False
for n in range(1,10000):
  if testperfect(n):
    print(n ,"is a perfect number.")
    print("Its divisors are ",finddivisors(n))
    print("Looking for more ...")
print("Done.")
```

# Chapter 16

# **Tuples**

Tuples are like lists, but their elements cannot be changed.

We use round brackets () instead of square brackets

# Example T = (1,2,3) print(T) print(T[0])

#### Note

The elements of a tuple cannot be changed and so

$$T = (1,2,3)$$
  
 $T[0]=2$ 

generates an error.

## 16.1 Advanced: Sorting a list of objects

We can sort a list of objects by indicating which property of the objects that we want to sort by. For example, a list of tuples

```
L = [("c",20), ("a",1)]
```

can be sorted on the first element (string), or the second element (number). We use a function (key) to indicate (extract) the data that should be used to sort the list.

```
Example

def f(myobject):
    return myobject[0] # extract string (the first element)

L = [("c",20), ("a",1)]

for i in L:
    print(f(i)) # only prints first element
```

Now we can sort (by the first element) using the function f as the key.

```
Example

def f(myobject):
    return myobject[0] # extract string (the first element)

L = [("c",3), ("a",4), ("b", 1)]

print(L)
L.sort(key = f)
print(L)
```

We can sort by the second element by changing the function f as follows:

```
Example

def f(myobject):
    return myobject[1] # extract number (the second element)

L = [("c",3), ("a",4), ("b", 1)]

print(L)
L.sort(key = f)
print(L)
```

#### Note

Python is famous for writing a lot of code in one line, and we don't want to have to define the function f all the time, and so we can use something called a **lamda** function (embedded in the sort command) to remove the need for creating a separate function f.

```
L = [("c",3), ("a",4), ("b", 1)]
print(L)
L.sort(key = lambda x: x[0])
print(L)
```

In the above code x is a dummy variable that represents an element of the list L and the lambda function returns x[0].

So lambda x: x[0] is a quick way of creating the function f. The input is x (an element of the list) and the output is x[0].

# Chapter 17

# **Dictionaries**

Dictionaries are like lists, but we can access the items with a key, and the items are stored in key:value pairs.

We use curly braces {} to create a dictionary

```
Example

Car = {"colour":"white", "speed":100, "direction":"North"}

print(Car)

print(Car["speed"])

Car["speed"] = 60

print(Car)
```

We can add to a dictionary just by assigning a new key

```
Example

Car = {"colour":"white", "speed":100, "direction":"North"}
print(Car)
Car["Weight"]=1000
print(Car)
```

We can iterate through the dictionary with a for loop

```
Example

Car = {"colour":"white", "speed":100, "direction":"North"}

for key in Car:
   print(key, "=", Car[key])
```

# Chapter 18

## Math Module

To use math functions in Python, we need to import the **math module**.

To do this, we just write

import math

at the top of our Python script.

#### 18.1 Factorial

$$n! = n \times (n-1) \times \dots 2 \times 1$$

In Python, the command for factorial is math.factorial

#### Example

import math

print("3! = ", math.factorial(3))

#### Note

To avoid writing math. all the time, we can write

from math import \*

print("3! = ", factorial(3))

Then all the math functions can be written without the math. prefix.

If we only want to make factorial available, then we can write

from math import factorial

(this is useful when we want to use some variable names that could be in the math library).

## 18.2 Absolute Value

$$|x| = \begin{cases} -x & \text{if } x < 0\\ x & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

In Python, we use math.fabs (always returns a float) or abs

```
from math import *

print("|3| = ", fabs(3))

print("|-3| = ", fabs(-3))
```

## 18.3 Euler's number e

We can evaluate e and  $e^x$  as follows.

```
Example
from math import *

print("e = ", exp(1))

print("e*e = ", exp(2))

x = 1.246
print("e^x = ", exp(x))
```

## 18.4 logs

```
\log_e x and \log_b x
```

```
Example
from math import *

print("log_e (2) = ", log(2))

print("log_2 (8) = ", log(8,2))
```

## 18.5 Trigonometry

 $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  and  $\tan x$ 

All angles are in radians.

```
Example
from math import *

print("sin (2) = ", sin(2))

print("cos (8) = ", cos(8))

print("tan (1) = ", tan(1))
```

## 18.6 Inverse Trigonometry

```
\sin^{-1} x and \cos^{-1} x and \tan^{-1} x
```

```
Example
from math import *

print("inv sin (.4) = ", asin(.4))

print("inv cos (.4) = ", acos(.4))

print("inv tan (1) = ", atan(1))
```

#### 18.7 Pi

The mathematics constant  $\pi$  is math.pi in Python.

```
from math import *

print("pi = ", pi)
print("sin(pi) = ", round(sin(pi),10))
```

## 18.8 Solving Equations Part 2

We can now improve our program which solves equations.

```
Example

def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1

x1 = -1.0
    x2 = 0.0
    while abs(x1-x2) > 0.00000001:
        xa = (x1+x2)/2
    if f(xa) > 0:
            x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
            x2=xa
    if f(xa) < 0:
            x1=xa
            x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!

print("f(x)=0 when x = ",round(xa,8)," to 8 decimal places")</pre>
```

First let's create a function which solves f(x) = 0

```
Example
def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1
def solve(x1,x2):
    while abs(x1-x2) > 0.00000001:
      xa = (x1+x2)/2
      if f(xa) > 0:
        x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
      if f(xa) < 0:
        x1=xa
        x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
      if f(xa) == 0:
          return xa
    return xa
x1 = -1.0 # need f(x1) < 0 and f(x2) > 0
x2 = 0.0
xs = solve(x1,x2)
print("f(x)=0 \text{ when } x = ",round(xs,8)," to 8 decimal places")
```

Notice that we can access the function f(x) inside the function solve(x1,x2) without declaring f(x) as 'global'.

Now let's try to find all solutions

```
Example
def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1
def solve(x1,x2):
    while abs(x1-x2) > 0.00000001:
      xa = (x1+x2)/2
      if f(xa) > 0:
        x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
      if f(xa) < 0:
        x1=xa
        x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
      if f(xa) == 0:
          return xa
    return xa
for i in range(-10,10):
    for j in range(-10,10):
        if (f(i) < 0) and (f(j) > 0):
            xs = solve(i,j)
            print("f(x)=0 \text{ when } x = ",round(xs,6)," to 6 decimal places")
```

A for loop cannot use smaller steps than 1, and if we need a finer grid (some solutions might be closer together than 1.0), then we should use a while loop.

```
Example
def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1
def solve(x1,x2):
    while abs(x1-x2) > 0.00000001:
      xa = (x1+x2)/2
      if f(xa) > 0:
        x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
        x2=xa
      if f(xa) < 0:
        x1=xa
        x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
      if f(xa) == 0:
          return xa
    return xa
xi = -10
while xi < 10:
    xi = xi + 0.5
    xj = -10
    while xj < 10:
        xj = xj + 0.5
        if (f(xi) < 0) and (f(xj) > 0):
            xs = solve(xi,xj)
            print("f(x)=0 \text{ when } x = ",round(xs,6)," to 6 decimal places")
```

Now let's use a list to store the solutions and avoid repeated solutions.

```
Example
def f(x):
    return x**2+3*x+1
def solve(x1,x2):
    while abs(x1-x2) > 0.00000001:
      xa = (x1+x2)/2
      if f(xa) > 0:
        x1=x1 # so x1 does not change!
      if f(xa) < 0:
        x1=xa
        x2=x2 # so x2 does not change!
      if f(xa) == 0:
          return xa
    return xa
L = []
xi = -10
while xi < 10:
    xi = xi + 0.5
    xj = -10
    while xj < 10:
        xj = xj + 0.5
        if (f(xi) < 0) and (f(xj) > 0):
            xs = round(solve(xi,xj),6)
            if (xs in L) == False:
              L.append(xs)
L.sort()
print("The solutions, to 6 d.p., are")
print(L)
```

**Exercise.** Use the above program to solve the following Maths 1 equations

```
1. x^4 + 10x^3 + 35x^2 + 50x + 24 = 0

2. |2x + 1| = |2 + x|

3. 2\cos\left(2x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) - 1 = 0 where x \in [0, 2\pi]
```

**Note.** This program will not work if the graph has asymptotes, or just touches the x-axis without passing through.

## 18.9 Drawing the Graph of a Function

```
Example
import turtle
import math
turtle.speed(0)
def f(x):
    return x**4+10*x**3+35*x**2+50*x+24
# x-axis
turtle.penup()
turtle.goto(-200,0)
turtle.pendown()
turtle.goto(200,0)
turtle.write("x")
turtle.stamp()
# y-axis
turtle.penup()
turtle.goto(0,-200)
turtle.pendown()
turtle.goto(0,200)
turtle.write("y")
turtle.setheading(90)
turtle.stamp()
turtle.penup()
x = -6
turtle.goto(x*30,20*f(x))
turtle.pendown()
while x < 2:
turtle.goto(x*30,20*f(x))
turtle.dot()
x = x + 0.1
turtle.hideturtle()
```

# Random Numbers (again)

The random numbers chosen by Python should have a **Uniform** distribution, and so if we store the frequencies in a list, then the frequencies should almost be the same.

First, let's roll a die 20 times

```
from random import *

for i in range(20):
    n = randint(1,6)
    print(n)
```

Now use the list freq to store the frequencies

```
from random import *

freq = [0,0,0,0,0,0,0]

for i in range(20):
    n = randint(1,6)
    freq[n] = freq[n] + 1
    print(n,freq)
```

and finally print the percentage frequencies

```
from random import *

freq = [0,0,0,0,0,0,0]

rolls = 10000

for i in range(rolls):
    n = randint(1,6)
    freq[n] = freq[n] + 1

print(freq)

for i in range(1,7):
    print(i," appears in ",round(freq[i]/rolls*100,2), "% of the rolls")
```

If we count  $\mathbf{sum}$ of two dice when they rolled, then the frequencies don't have uniform a distribution; in fact the distribution is close to the **Normal** distribution.

```
from random import *

freq = []
for i in range(18):
    freq.append(0)

rolls = 100000

for i in range(rolls):
    d1 = randint(1,6)
    d2 = randint(1,6)
    n = d1+d2
    freq[n] = freq[n] + 1

print(freq)

for i in range(1,13):
    print(i," appears in ",round(freq[i]/rolls*100,2), "% of the rolls")
```

# Two Dimensional Lists (Matrices)

We can use lists inside lists to make a two dimensional list (matrix).

```
Example

M = [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]] # [row 0,row 1,row 2]

print(M)
```

We can print the whole matrix

```
Example

M = [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]]

for i in M:
  print(i)
```

and we can include the row numbers as follows

```
Example

M = [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]]
print("The matrix is")
j = 0
for i in M:
  print(i, " (row ",j,")")
  j = j + 1
```

#### Note

The element in the ith row and jth column of M is M[i][j] where i and j start at zero.

For example,

The size of a matrix is  $m \times n$  where m is the number of rows and n in the number of columns.

```
Example
M = [[1,2],[4,5],[7,8]]

m = len(M)
n = len(M[0])

print("The size of M is ",m," x ",n)
```

Now let's make this into two functions

```
def numrows(M):
    return len(M)

def numcols(M):
    return len(M[0])

M = [[1,2],[4,5],[7,8]]

print("The size of M is ",numrows(M)," x ",numcols(M))
```

## 20.1 Adding Matrices

We can add two matrices if they have the same size; in this case we just add the corresponding entries in each row and column. Before we do this, we need to create a "sum" matrix of the same size to store the sum.

```
M = [[7,8],[0,1]]
N = [[1,2],[3,4]]

sum_matrix = [[0,0],[0,0]]

for i in range(2):
    for j in range(2):
        sum_matrix[i][j] = M[i][j] + N[i][j]

print("M = ", M)
print("N = ", N)
print("M+N = ", sum_matrix)
```

We can get Python to generate a sum matrix filled with zeros with the following function.

```
def creatematrix(numrows,numcols):
    # create a matrix filled with zeros
    Matrix = []
    for i in range(numrows):
        row = []
        for j in range(numcols):
            row.append(0)
            Matrix.append(row)
        return Matrix

sum_matrix = creatematrix(2,2)
    print(sum_matrix)
```

Now we can use this to write the following general code for adding two matrices.

```
Example
def numrows(M):
    return len(M)
def numcols(M):
   return len(M[0])
def creatematrix(numrows,numcols):
    # create a matrix filled with zeros
    Matrix = []
    for i in range(numrows):
        row = []
        for j in range(numcols):
            row.append(0)
        Matrix.append(row)
    return Matrix
M = [[7,8],[0,1]]
N = [[1,2],[3,4]]
sum_matrix = creatematrix(numrows(M),numcols(M))
if (numrows(M) == numrows(N)) and (numcols(M) == numcols(N)):
    for i in range(numrows(M)):
        for j in range(numcols(M)):
           sum_matrix[i][j] = M[i][j] + N[i][j]
    print("M = ", M)
   print("N = ", N)
    print("M+N = ", sum_matrix)
else:
   print("Incompatible size for sum")
```

Now let's make the function addmatrices()

```
Example
def numrows(M):
   return len(M)
def numcols(M):
   return len(M[0])
def creatematrix(numrows,numcols):
    NEW = []
    for i in range(numrows):
       row = []
        for j in range(numcols):
            row.append(0)
        NEW.append(row)
    return NEW
def addmatrices(M,N):
    SUM = creatematrix(numrows(M),numcols(M))
    for i in range(numrows(M)):
        for j in range(numcols(M)):
           SUM[i][j] = M[i][j] + N[i][j]
    return SUM
M = [[7,8],[0,1]]
N = [[1,2],[3,4]]
if (numrows(M) == numrows(N)) and (numcols(M) == numcols(N)):
    SUM = addmatrices(M,N)
   print("M = ", M)
   print("N = ", N)
   print("M+N = ", SUM)
else:
    print("Incompatible size for sum")
```

### 20.2 Multiplying Matrices

We multiply two matrices M and N by multiplying each row of M into each column of N. For this to work, we need

number of columns(M) = number of rows(N)

```
Example
def numrows(M):
    return len(M)
def numcols(M):
    return len(M[0])
def creatematrix(numrows,numcols):
    NEW = []
    for i in range(numrows):
        row = []
        for j in range(numcols):
            row.append(0)
        NEW.append(row)
    return NEW
def multiplymatrices(M,N):
    PRODUCT = creatematrix(numrows(M), numcols(N))
    for i in range(numrows(M)):
        for j in range(numcols(N)):
            PRODUCT[i][j] = 0
            for k in range(numcols(M)):
               PRODUCT[i][j] = PRODUCT[i][j] + M[i][k]*N[k][j]
    return PRODUCT
M = [[7,8],[0,1]]
N = [[1,2],[3,4]]
if (numcols(M) == numrows(N)):
    PRODUCT = multiplymatrices(M,N)
    print("M = ", M)
    print("N = ", N)
    print("MxN = ", PRODUCT)
else:
    print("Incompatible size for product")
```

## 20.3 Copying Matrices

There is a **copy** method for lists, but it only **copies one level deep** and we need to copy two levels deep (a lists of lists).

Fortunately, there is a deepcopy command inside the import copy module.

```
import copy

M = [[7,8],[0,1]]
N = [[1,2],[3,4]]

NEW = copy.deepcopy(N)

print("N = ",N)
print("NEW = copy.deepcopy(N) = ",NEW)

print("Changing NEW")
NEW[0][0] = 0

print("changed NEW = ",NEW)
print("N = ",N)
```

#### Note

If we just write NEW = N then NEW and N will point to the same list and so changing NEW will make the same change to N

## **Print Format**

Python supports the C method of printing (and formating) strings.

```
Example

print("This %s computer has %d cores" % ("windows", 4))

where

%s stands for a string to be inserted
%d stands for a number to be inserted
%f stands for a float to be inserted
```

We can use extra agruments to make sure that our numbers fit in columns. Notice that the following numbers do not line up in columns.

```
Example

print("Three numbers: %f %f %f" % (1, -42, 3))

print("Three numbers: %f %f %f" % (45, -42, 300))
```

Now let's print the numbers to 2 decimal places, with a minimum width of 10 characters.

```
Example

print("Three numbers: %10.2f %10.2f %10.2f" % (1, -42, 3))

print("Three numbers: %10.2f %10.2f %10.2f" % (45, -42, 300))
```

We can use this to print out a matrix with correctly aligned columns.

First note that we can print without ending with a new line by using print(text,end="")

```
Example
print("Hello ",end="")
print("there",end="")
```

### 21.1 Printing a Matrix

Now we can make a function to print a matrix.

```
Example

def numrows(M):
    return len(M)

def numcols(M):
    return len(M[0])

def printmatrix(M):
    for i in range(numrows(M)):
        print("[",end="")
        for j in range(numcols(M)):
            print("%10.2f" % M[i][j], end="")
        print("]")

M = [[-7.03,800],[0.001,-1]]
    printmatrix(M)
```

#### **21.2** format

Python also has its own formating method for formating strings called .format

```
Example
print("This {0} computer has {1} cores {2}".format("windows", 4, "Sam"))
```

This makes it easy to repeat and mix parameters

```
Example
print("This {0} computer has {0} cores {0}".format("windows", 4, "Sam"))
```

and the .format method will return a string

```
Example
s = "This {0} computer has {0} cores {0}".format("windows", 4, "Sam")
print(s)
```

and we can still specify the number of decimal places and minimum width

```
Example

print("Three numbers: {0:10.2f} {1:10.2f} {2:10.2f}".format(1, -42, 3))

print("Three numbers: {0:10.2f} {1:10.2f} {2:10.2f}".format(45, -42, 300)]
```

# Breaking Out of a Loop

### 22.1 break

The break command breaks out of a loop. This command is not needed in most programs and is even considered "bad programming" by some programmers, but many people still use it. It replaces some of the goto statements used in BASIC programs many years ago.

```
Example

for i in range(100):
    if i == 20:
        break
    print(i)

print("i = ",i)
```

Note that the **break** command only breaks out of the current loop. If it is in a 'double loop' then the break command breaks into the outermost loop.

```
Example

while True:
    for i in range(100):
        if i == 20:
            break
        print(i)
    print("in while loop")

print("i = ",i)
```

The break command will also break out of a while loop.

```
becample

j = 1
while True:
    j = j + 1
    for i in range(100):
        if i == 20:
            break
        print(i)
    print("in while loop")
    if j == 7:
            break

print("i = ",i)
    print("j = ",j)
```

### 22.2 continue

The command continue jumps to the top of the enclosing loop without running the following commands in the loop, and so continue also replaces some of the goto statements used in BASIC programs many years ago.

```
Example
The following program will print the numbers 1 to 9 excluding 3.

for i in range(1,10):
   if i==3:
      continue
   print(i)
```

## **Files**

Variables give us **temporary** storage (all values are lost when the program ends).

Files give us **permanent** storage, since the files are stored in our C: drive (solid state drive).

```
Example
To make a file called test.txt, we can use the following code.

myfile = open("test.txt","w")
myfile.write("This is a test\n")
myfile.write("Second line of a test of files\n")
```

#### Note

myfile.close()

• "w" means "write to the file"

print("file test.txt written to SSD")

- \n means "start a new line"
- The file test.txt will be located in the same directory as our Python file.

To read the file, we use readline()

```
myfile = open("test.txt","r")
line1 = myfile.readline()
line2 = myfile.readline()
myfile.close()
print("Line1:",line1)
print("Line2:",line2)
```

Notice that the data is permanently stored on our C: drive.

#### Note

When specifying a path we should use a raw string:

```
open(r"C:\Mydir\myfile.txt")
```

The r in front of  $r"C:\Mydir\myfile.txt"$  tells Python to read the string exactly as it is, without escape characters like  $\n$ 

We can also use a for loop to read all the strings in a file.

```
Example

myfile = open("test.txt","r")
for line in myfile:
  print(line)
myfile.close()
```

Now let's access each word

```
myfile = open("test.txt","r")
for line in myfile:
  mywords = line.split()
  print(mywords)
myfile.close()
```

and let's store all words in one list.

```
myfile = open("test.txt","r")
allwords = []
for line in myfile:
   mywords = line.split()
   for w in mywords:
      allwords.append(w)
myfile.close()
print(allwords)
```

Finally, let's use a dictionary to store the words together with the number of times (frequency) that the word appears in the file.

```
myfile = open("test.txt","r")
allwords = []
for line in myfile:
    mywords = line.split()
    for w in mywords:
        allwords.append(w)
myfile.close()
print(allwords)

dict = {}
for w in allwords:
    dict[w] = allwords.count(w)
print(dict)
```

The word w is the key of our dictionary dict and the corresponding value of each key is the number of times that the word appears.

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Finally, let's store the frequencies and words in a list of strings so that we can sort it to find the most common words.

```
Example
myfile = open("test.txt","r")
allwords = []
for line in myfile:
  mywords = line.split()
  for w in mywords:
      allwords.append(w)
myfile.close()
print(allwords)
dict = \{\}
for w in allwords:
  dict[w] = allwords.count(w)
print(dict)
countlist = []
for key in dict:
  countlist.append("{0:10.0f}".format(dict[key])+":"+key)
countlist.sort()
countlist.reverse()
for w in countlist:
   print(w)
```

# Try: Except: Else:

We can "capture" exceptions to our running code to avoid the program stopping unexpectedly.

A common way for an exception to occur is when the user is supposed to enter an integer, but enters something else. We can prevent the program from "crashing" by capturing the exception.

```
try:
    n = int(input("Input your integer: "))
except:
    print("You did not enter an integer!")
else:
    print("Your number is: ",n)
```

In general, the code looks like this

```
try:
    # code that might raise an exception
except ExceptionType:
    # code to handle the exception
else:
    # code to run if there is no exception
```

Some of the exceptions that you can use are:

- Exception (or blank): This covers all types of exception.
- ValueError: Raised when a built-in operation or function receives an argument that has the right type but an inappropriate value.
- **TypeError**: Raised when an operation or function is applied to an object of inappropriate type.
- IndexError: Raised when an index is not found in a sequence or list.
- **KeyError**: Raised when a dictionary key is not found in the set of existing keys.
- **ZeroDivisionError**: Raised when division or modulo by zero takes place for any numeric type.
- AttributeError: Raised when an attribute reference or assignment fails because the named attribute does not exist.
- **IOError**: Raised when an I/O operation (such as reading or writing to a file) fails for an I/O-related reason.

```
Example

L = ["a","b"]

try:
    d = L[2]
except:
    print("Index error")
else:
    print(d)
```

# **Objects**

An **object** is a structure that contains variables and functions. The functions inside the object are called **methods**.

We use a **class** to build a template for an object.

Then we create (many) instances of the object from the class.

#### 25.1 Classes

We can define a class Quadratic with three instance variables a, b and c as follows.

```
class Quadratic: # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
    def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0):
        self.a = a  # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,c
        self.b = b
        self.c = c
```

## 25.2 Object instances

We can make an object instance q of the class by just writing q = Quadratic(1,2,3)

Then q is an object that contains variables a = 1, b = 2, c = 3.

If we just write q = Quadratic() then the variables with have the default values a = 0, b = 0 and c = 0.

```
class Quadratic: # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
    def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0):
        self.a = a # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,c
        self.b = b
        self.c = c

q = Quadratic(1,3,1) # q is an instance of the class Quadratic
    t = Quadratic() # t is another instance of the class Quadratic

print(q.a)
print(q.b)
print(q.c)

print(t.b)
print(t.b)
print(t.c)
```

#### Note

In the definition of the class, self refers to the actual object instance that we are creating, and so when we write q = Quadratic(1,2,3) we have self = q

#### 25.3 Methods

We can attach a method (function) to the object, as follows:

```
class Quadratic: # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
    def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0):
        self.a = a  # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,c
        self.b = b
        self.c = c
    def display(self):
        print(self.a,"x^2 +",self.b,"x +",self.c)

q = Quadratic(1,3,1) # q is an instance of the class Quadratic
q.display()
```

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#### Example

The function definition def display(self): includes the parameter self so that we can access the object instance variables self.a, etc.

Finally, let's add methods for solving the quadratic equation.

```
Example
class Quadratic: # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
      def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0):
          self.a = a # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,
          self.b = b
          self.c = c
      def display(self):
          print(self.a,"x^2 +",self.b,"x +",self.c)
      def root1(self):
          return (-1*self.b + (self.b*self.b-4*self.a*self.c)**0.5)/(2*self.a)
      def root2(self):
          return (-1*self.b - (self.b*self.b-4*self.a*self.c)**0.5)/(2*self.a)
      def solve(self):
          print("x = ",self.root1(), " or x = ", self.root2())
q = Quadratic(1,3,1) # q is an instance of the class Quadratic
t = Quadratic(1,3,2) # t is another instance of the class Quadratic
print("q = ")
q.display()
print("First root of q")
print(q.root1())
print("Solutions to q = 0")
q.solve()
print("t = ")
t.display()
print("Solutions to t = 0")
t.solve()
```

## 25.4 Class (static) variables

A class variable keeps the same value for all object instances. In other languages, the variable is called **static**. Let's define a class variable called **degree** that stores the degree of all the quadratics.

```
Example
class Quadratic:
                  # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
      degree = 2
      def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0):
                     # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,
          self.a = a
          self.b = b
          self.c = c
      def display(self):
          print(self.a, "x^2 +", self.b, "x +", self.c)
q = Quadratic(1,3,1) + q is an instance of the class Quadratic
t = Quadratic(1,3,2) # t is another instance of the class Quadratic
print(q.degree)
print(t.degree)
Quadratic.degree = 3 # changes both q.degree and t.degree
print(q.degree)
print(t.degree)
```

### 25.5 Operator Overloading

We can change the default methods (like printing) for objects. This is called **operator overloading**. To change printing, we override the \_\_str\_\_ method.

```
Example

class Quadratic: # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
    degree = 2
    def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0):
        self.a = a # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,o
        self.b = b
        self.c = c
    def display(self):
        print(self.a,"x^2 +",self.b,"x +",self.c)
    def __str__(self):
        return str(self.a)+"x^2 +"+str(self.b)+"x +"+str(self.c)

q = Quadratic(1,3,1) # q is an instance of the class Quadratic
    t = Quadratic(1,3,2) # t is another instance of the class Quadratic

print(q)
print(t)
```

We can even overload the + operator, so that we can add quadratics!

```
Example
class Quadratic: # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
     degree = 2
      def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0):
          self.a = a # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,
          self.b = b
         self.c = c
     def display(self):
         print(self.a,"x^2 +",self.b,"x +",self.c)
     def __str__(self):
         return str(self.a)+"x^2 +"+str(self.b)+"x +"+str(self.c)
     def __add__(self,other):
           return Quadratic(self.a+other.a,self.b+other.b,self.c+other.c)
q = Quadratic(1,3,1) # q is an instance of the class Quadratic
t = Quadratic(1,3,2) # t is another instance of the class Quadratic
s = q+t
print(s)
```

### 25.6 Inheritance

Objects can "inherit" the variables and methods of other objects.

Let's define a "parent" class called Polynomial for the class Quadratic.

```
Example
class Polynomial:
      def __init__(self,a=0,b=0,c=0,d=0,e=0,f=0):
          self.a = a
                     # instance variables a,b,c,d,e,f
          self.b = b
          self.c = c
          self.d = d
          self.e = e
          self.f = f
class Quadratic(Polynomial): # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
      degree = 2
      def __str__(self):
          return str(self.a)+"x^2 +"+str(self.b)+"x +"+str(self.c)
q = Quadratic(1,2,3) + q is an instance of the class Quadratic
print(q)
```

The "constructor" \_\_init\_\_ is defined in Polynomial and so Quadratic inherits this "constructor" from Polynomial. We don't need to define it again in Quadratic.

We still define a separate print method (\_\_str\_\_) for Quadratic since this depends on the type of polynomial.

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Now we can create another class Linear from Polynomial.

Both Linear and Quadratic are called children of polynomial.

```
Example
 class Polynomial:
      def __init__(self, a=0, b=0, c=0, d=0, e=0, f=0):
                       # store coefficients with instance variables a,b,
          self.a = a
          self.b = b
          self.c = c
          self.d = d
          self.e = e
          self.f = f
class Quadratic(Polynomial): # create a class for ax^2+bx+c
      degree = 2
      def __str__(self):
          return str(self.a)+"x^2 +"+str(self.b)+"x +"+str(self.c)
class Linear(Polynomial): # create a class for ax+b
      degree = 1
      def __str__(self):
          return str(self.a)+"x +"+str(self.b)
q = Quadratic(1,2,3) # q is an instance of the class Quadratic
print(q)
z = Linear(7,8)
print(z)
```

Note that print chooses the correct version of \_\_str\_\_ to print the quadratic and linear functions correctly.

```
Note

We can even write

for obj in (q,z):
    print(obj)
```

The fact that the correct version of \_\_str\_\_ gets choosen for different objects is called **polymorphism**. Python knows what type of object it is looking at, and so chooses the version of \_\_str\_\_ that matches the type.

## **Tkinter**

Tkinter is used to make a program that looks and functions like a Microsoft Windows program.

For a full list of commands, have a look at

https://www.tcl.tk/man/tcl8.6.11/TkCmd/contents.html

### 26.1 Hello World

```
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("400x200")
button1 = Button(mainwin,text="Hello World")
button1.place(x=170,y=100)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

#### Note

Don't call your source file tkinter.py since that will stop import tkinter from working!!

#### 26.2 Textbox

A textbox is used to input and display text.

```
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("400x200")
button1 = Button(mainwin,text="Hello World")
button1.place(x=170,y=100)

textbox1 = Text(mainwin,width=18,height=10)
textbox1.place(x=10,y=10)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

Note that width is the width of the textbox in characters (letters), and similarly for height.

### 26.2.1 Inserting text into a textbox

Use the insert command to put text inside a textbox.

```
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("400x200")
button1 = Button(mainwin,text="Hello World")
button1.place(x=170,y=100)

textbox1 = Text(mainwin,width=18,height=10)
textbox1.place(x=10,y=10)
textbox1.insert(INSERT,"hello there")
mainwin.mainloop()
```

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### 26.2.2 Reading text from a textbox

Use the get command to store the text inside a variable.

```
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("400x200")
button1 = Button(mainwin,text="Hello World")
button1.place(x=170,y=100)

textbox1 = Text(mainwin,width=18,height=10)
textbox1.place(x=10,y=10)
textbox1.insert(INSERT,"hello there")

mytext = textbox1.get("1.0","end-1c")  # start line 1, and char 0, and stop at end print(mytext)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

#### Note

To read the lines one by one, convert the string to a list of lines as follows:

```
mylines = textbox1.get("1.0","end-1c").splitlines()
for line in mylines:
    print(line)
```

#### 26.3 Buttons

We use the **command** parameter to tell the button which function to call when the button is pressed.

```
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("400x200")

textbox1 = Text(mainwin,width=18,height=10)
textbox1.place(x=10,y=10)
textbox1.insert(INSERT,"hello there")

mytext = ""
def readtext():
    global mytext
    mytext = textbox1.get("1.0","end-1c")  # start line 1, and char 0, and stop at end print(mytext)

button1 = Button(mainwin,text="Hello World", command=readtext)
button1.place(x=170,y=100)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

### 26.4 Drawing on a canvas

```
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("400x200")

canvas1 = Canvas(mainwin, width=400, height = 100, background="black")
canvas1.place(x=0,y=100)
canvas1.create_line(10,10,400,100,fill="red",width=3)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

#### 26.5 Drawing Text

```
from tkinter import *
from time import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("800x400")
font1 = ("Arial",20)
canvas1 = Canvas(mainwin, width=800, height=400)
canvas1.place(x=0,y=0)
mytext = canvas1.create_text(100,100,text="Some Text",fill="blue",font=font1)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

#### 26.5.1 Changing Text

```
from tkinter import *
from time import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("800x400")
font1 = ("Arial",20)
canvas1 = Canvas(mainwin, width=800, height=400)
canvas1.place(x=0,y=0)
mytext = canvas1.create_text(100,100,text="Some Text",fill="blue",font=font1)
canvas1.itemconfigure(mytext, text="hello")
mainwin.mainloop()
```

#### 26.5.2 Text Alignment

```
from tkinter import *
from time import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("800x400")
font1 = ("Arial",20)
canvas1 = Canvas(mainwin, width=800, height=400)
canvas1.place(x=0,y=0)
mytext = canvas1.create_text(100,100,text="Some Text nw", anchor="nw")
mytext = canvas1.create_text(100,200,text="Some Text se", anchor="se")
mytext = canvas1.create_text(100,200,text="Some Text")
mainwin.mainloop()
```

### 26.6 Timer(clock)

```
Example
from tkinter import *
from time import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("800x400")
def timer1():
 t = localtime()
 mysec = str(t.tm_sec)
 mymin = str(t.tm_min)
 myhour = str(t.tm_hour)
 canvas1.itemconfigure(mytext,text=myhour+":"+mymin+":"+mysec)
 mainwin.after(100,timer1)
canvas1 = Canvas(mainwin, width=800, height=400)
canvas1.place(x=0,y=0)
mytext = canvas1.create_text(100,100,text="time",fill="blue")
timer1()
mainwin.mainloop()
```

### 26.7 Example: Clock with Reminder Text

```
from tkinter import *
import os
import sys
import time
import datetime
def timer1():
       t = time.localtime()
       mysec = str0(t.tm_sec)
       mymin = str0(t.tm_min)
       myhour = str0(t.tm_hour)
       canvas.itemconfigure(mt, text=myhour+":"+mymin+":"+mysec )
       today = datetime.date.today()
       canvas.itemconfigure(mt3,text=today.strftime("%d %B %Y"))
       mainwin.after(100, timer1)
def str0(num):
       if num <= 9:
          return "0"+str(num)
       else:
          return str(num)
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.configure(bg="black")
mainwin.geometry("400x600")
font1 = ("Arial",24)
font2 = ("Arial",60)
canvas = Canvas(mainwin, width=400, height = 400, bg = "black")
canvas.place(x=0,y=0) # we draw on this canvas
mt=canvas.create_text(200,34,text="time", font=font2, fill = "yellow")
mt3=canvas.create_text(200,80,text="date", font=font1, fill = "yellow")
textbox = Text(mainwin, width =22, height=12, bg="black", fg="white",\
font = font1, insertbackground = "yellow")
textbox.place(x=0,y=100)
```

```
# load reminder text from file
  myfile = open(os.path.join(sys.path[0], "Rem2.txt"),"r")
      # sys.path[0] is local folder directory
except:
   textbox.insert(INSERT, "empty")
else:
    for myline in myfile:
            textbox.insert(INSERT,myline)
    myfile.close()
def onclickChangeMade(event):
      buttonSave.config(text="Save")
def onclickSave():
      myfile = open(os.path.join(sys.path[0], "Rem2.txt"),"w")
          # sys.path[0] is local folder directory
      myfile.write(textbox.get(1.0,"end-1c"))
      myfile.close()
      buttonSave.config(text="Saved")
buttonSave = Button(mainwin,text="Save",command=onclickSave, bg="grey",\
fg ="white", font = font1)
buttonSave.pack(side = BOTTOM, fill = X)
# place button at bottom of window filling the bottom
mainwin.bind("<Key>",onclickChangeMade)
mainwin.after(100, timer1)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

### 26.8 Drawing external images (png)

```
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("800x400")
mypic = PhotoImage(file="image1.png")
canvas1 = Canvas(mainwin, width=mypic.width(), height = mypic.height())
canvas1.create_image(0,0,anchor=NW,image=mypic)
canvas1.place(x=120,y=0) # move whole canvas to move image :)
mainwin.mainloop()
```

#### 26.9 Animation

```
Example
from tkinter import *
from time import *
mainwin = Tk()
mainwin.geometry("800x400")
mypic = PhotoImage(file="image1.png")
mypic2 = PhotoImage(file="image2.png")
canvas1 = Canvas(mainwin, width=800, height=400)
sprite = canvas1.create_image(0,0,anchor=NW,image=mypic)
canvas1.place(x=0,y=0)
for i in range(100):
  canvas1.move(sprite,1,0)
  canvas1.update()
  sleep(0.01)
  if i == 50:
    canvas1.itemconfigure(sprite,image=mypic2)
  print(canvas1.coords(sprite)[0])
mainwin.mainloop()
```

## Chapter 27

# Copy/Paste from clipboard

Tkinter supports copy/paste to/from clipboard.

```
Example
from tkinter import *
mainwin = Tk()
text_box = Text(mainwin, height=10, width=50)
text_box.pack()
def copy():
    selected_text = text_box.get(SEL_FIRST, SEL_LAST)
    mainwin.clipboard_clear()
   mainwin.clipboard_append(selected_text)
def paste():
    clipboard_text = mainwin.clipboard_get()
   text_box.insert(INSERT, clipboard_text)
copy_button = Button(mainwin, text="Copy", command=copy)
copy_button.pack()
paste_button = Button(mainwin, text="Paste", command=paste)
paste_button.pack()
mainwin.mainloop()
```

# Chapter 28

# Reading/Writing csv spreadsheets

When reading and writing simple spreadsheets with Python, we would normally use the "csv" format. Most spreadsheet programs have an "export to csv" function which writes the spreadsheet as a text file where columns are separated by a comma (,) and each row starts on a new line.

Example					
The spreadsheet					
The spreadsheet					
	$\operatorname{Excel}$				
	A	В	С	D	
	1 1	2	3		
	2 4	5	6		
	3 7	8	9		
	4				
can be exported to a csv file	which loo	1,2,3 4,5,6 7,8,9	5		

Suppose that we have a csv file called test.csv in the same directory (location) as our python program, and suppose that test.csv has the 3 lines

1,2,3

4,5,6

7,8,9

### 28.1 Reading a Spreadsheet

To read the above spreadsheet we write

```
import csv

csvfile = open('test.csv','r')
csvreader = csv.reader(csvfile)
for row in csvreader:
   print(row)
csvfile.close()
```

Note that csvreader is a list of rows, where each row is another list (of entries in the row).

### 28.2 Reading Individual Entries

The following example shows how to read individual entries.

```
import csv

csvfile = open('test.csv','r')
csvreader = csv.reader(csvfile)
csvmatrix = list(csvreader)
rownum = 1  # starts at row 0
colnum = 2  # starts at col 0
print(csvmatrix[rownum][colnum])
csvfile.close()
```

### 28.3 Writing a Spreadsheet

```
import csv

data = [[10,11,12],[13,14,15],[16,17,18]]

csvfile = open('test2.csv','w', newline='')
# newline='' stops blank rows from being inserted
# after each row
csvwriter = csv.writer(csvfile)
csvwriter.writerows(data)
csvfile.close()
```

## Chapter 29

# Starting Python from a Terminal

We can start a Python program from the command line (Terminal, or PowerShell).

```
Type
powershell <Enter>
in the address bar of an open folder to open a command line at the current folder
directory.
Then type
python myprogram.py <Enter>
to start myprogram.py
```

#### Example

```
Save the following program as first.py
for i in range(10):
   print(i)
Then type
python first.py <Enter>
in the command line to run the program.
```

Running Python programs from the command line is very helpful when the program needs to read the contents of a file. We simply enter

```
python myprogram.py test.txt <Enter>
to start myprogram.py with input "test.txt"
```

```
Example
```

```
Save the following program as first.py
import sys
myfilename = sys.argv[1] # this is the name we input in the command line
print("Filename = ", myfilename)
myfile = open(myfilename, "r")
for line in myfile:
    print(line)
myfile.close()
Save the program and type (in the command line)
python first.py first.py
```