Some Python exercises

Expressions

- 1. There are 5280 feet in a mile. Write a Python statement that calculates and prints the number of feet in 13 miles.
- 2. Write a Python statement that calculates and prints the number of seconds in 7 hours, 21 minutes and 37 seconds.
- 3. The area of a rectangle is wh, where w and h are the lengths of its sides. Note that the multiplication operation is not shown explicitly in this formula. This is standard practice in mathematics, but not in programming. Write a Python statement that calculates and prints the area in square inches of a rectangle with sides of length 4 and 7 inches.
- 4. Write a Python expression that combines the string "Joe Bloggs is 35 years old." from the string "Joe Bloggs" and the number 35 and then prints the result (Hint: Use the function str to convert the number into a string.)

Functions

- 5. Write a Python function miles_to_feet that takes a parameter miles and returns the number of feet in miles miles.
- 6. Write a Python function total_seconds that takes three parameters hours, minutes and seconds and returns the total number of seconds for hours hours, minutes minutes and seconds seconds.
- 7. Write a Python function point_distance that takes as the parameters x0, y0, x1 and y1, and returns the distance between the points (x0,y0) and (x1,y1).

Logic and conditionals

- 8. Write a Python function is even that takes as input the parameter number (an integer) and returns True if number is even and False if number is odd. Hint: Apply the remainder operator to n (i.e., number % 2) and compare to zero.
- 9. Write a Python function interval_intersect that takes parameters a, b, c, and d and returns True if the intervals [a,b] and [c,d] intersect and False otherwise. While this test may seem tricky, the solution is actually very simple and consists of one line of Python code. (You may assume that a≤b and c≤d.)
- 10. Write a Python function name_and_age that take as input the parameters name (a string) and age (a number) and returns a string of the form "% is % years old." where the percents are the string forms of name and age. The function should include an error check for the case when age is less than zero. In this case, the function should return the string "Error: Invalid age."