

More Python Libraries: math Library Functions

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Section 6.2 Components

The Toolbox Analogy



Review of a Mathematical Function

In this example the math function is f(x) = 2x + 3.

input (x)
$$\rightarrow$$
 2x + 3 \rightarrow output

So if x equals 10, we get:

$$10 \rightarrow 2(10) + 3 \rightarrow 23$$

which shows us that for this function, f(10) = 23.

Subroutines, Functions and Procedures

A *subroutine* is a series of programming commands that performs a specific task.

A function is a subroutine that returns a value.

A *procedure* is a subroutine that does not return a value.

Section 6.3 math Library Functions

```
1 # mathLibrary01.py
 2 # This program demonstrates the <sqrt> function
 3 # of the <math> library, which returns the
  # principal square root of the argument.
 5
 6 # NOTE: Most of the functions in the <math> library
7 #
          work with both integers and real numbers.
8
10 # Required to have access to most
11 # of the <math> library functions.
12 from math import *
13
14 print()
15
16 print("The square root of 625 is", Sqrt(625))
17
18 print("The square root of 6.25 is", Sqrt(6.25))
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary01.py
  The square root of 625 is 25.0
  The square root of 6.25 is 2.5
  ----jGRASP: operation complete.
9
10 # Required to have access to most
11 # of the <math> library functions.
12 from math import *
13
14 print()
15
16 print("The square root of 625 is", Sqrt(625))
17
18 print("The square root of 6.25 is", Sqrt(6.25))
```

```
1 # mathLibrary02.py
 2 # This program shows several different arguments
 3 # that can be used with the <sqrt> function.
 4 # Note how one function call can be the argument
 5 # of another function call.
 6
 8 from math import *
10 n1 = sqrt(1024)
                             # constant argument
11 n2 = sqrt(n1)
                             # variable argument
12 n3 = sqrt(n1 + n2)
                             # expression argument
13 \text{ n4} = \text{sqrt}(\text{sqrt}(256))
                             # function argument
14
15 print()
  print("n1:",n1)
   print("n2:",n2)
18 print("n3:",n3)
19 print("n4:",n4)
```

```
---jGRASP exec: python
1 # mathLibrary02.py
2 # This program shows
3 # that can be used w
                         n1: 32.0
  # Note how one funct
                         n2: 5.656854249492381
5 # of another function
                         n3: 6.136518088418903
6
                         n4: 4.0
8 from math import *
                           ----jGRASP: operation c
10 \text{ n1} = \text{sqrt}(1024)
11 n2 = sqrt(n1)
                            # variable argument
12 n3 = sqrt(n1 + n2)
                            # expression argument
13 n4 = sqrt(sqrt(256))
                            # function argument
14
15 print()
  print("n1:",n1)
  print("n2:",n2)
18 print("n3:",n3)
19 print("n4:",n4)
```

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 3 # that can be used w
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11 n2 = sqrt(n1)
                            # variable argument
12 n3 = sqrt(n1 + n2)
                            # expression argument
13 n4 = sqrt(sqrt(256))
                            # function argument
14
15 print()
                          n3 = \sqrt{32 + 5.656} ...
  print("n1:",n1)
   print("n2:",n2)
18 print("n3:",n3)
                    n4 = \sqrt{\sqrt{256}} = \sqrt{16} = 4
19 print("n4:",n4)
```

```
1 # mathLibrary03.py
 2 # This program demonstrates what happens when a
  # function is called with the wrong data type.
 4
 5
  from math import *
8 n = sqrt("Fish") # invalid argument
 9
10 print()
11 print("The square root of 'Fish' is:",n)
12
```

```
1 # mathLibrary03.py
2 # This program demonstrates what happens when a
3 # function is called with the wrong data type.
4
5
6 from math import *
7
8 n = sqrt("Fish") # invalid argument
9
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary03.py
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "mathLibrary03.py", line 9, in <module>
        n = sqrt("Fish") # invalid argument
TypeError: must be real number, not str
----jGRASP wedge2: exit code for process is 1.
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

```
1 # mathLibrary04.py
 2 # This program demonstrates what happens when
 3 # you take the square root of a negative number
 4 # in Python. It causes a Run-time Error, similar
 5 # to what happens when you divide by zero.
 6
 8 from math import *
10 print()
11 print("Execution Begins")
12
13 n = sqrt(-1) # invalid argument
14
15 print()
16 print("The square root of -1 is ",n)
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary04.py
 Execution Begins
 Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "mathLibrary04.py", line 13, in <module>
     n = sqrt(-1) + invalid argument
 ValueError: math domain error
  ----jGRASP wedge2: exit code for process is 1.
  ---jGRASP: operation complete.
11 print("Execution Begins")
12
13 n = sqrt(-1) # invalid argument
14
15 print()
16 print("The square root of -1 is ",n)
```

Subroutine Arguments

The information, which is passed to a subroutine (function or procedure) is called an *argument*.

Arguments are placed between parentheses immediately following the subroutine identifier.

Arguments can be constants, variables, expressions or they can be other function calls.

The only requirement is that the correct data type value is passed to the subroutine.

In other words, **sqrt(x)** can compute the square root of **x**, if **x** stores any non-negative number (integer or real number), but not if **x** stores a negative number or string value like "**Fish**".

```
1 # mathLibrary05.py
 2 # This program demonstrates the <abs>
3 # function, which returns the absolute
4 # value of the argument. It also shows
 5 # how the <abs> function can be used to
6 # prevent the issue of a negative argument
7 # with the <sqrt> function.
8
10 from math import *
11
12 print()
13 print("The absolute value of -25 is",abs(-25))
14 print("The absolute value of 100 is", abs(100))
15 print("The absolute value of 3.7 is",abs(3.7))
16 print("The absolute value of -.5 is",abs(-.5))
17 print("The absolute value of 0.0 is",abs(0.0))
18 print()
19 print("The square root of the absolute value")
20 print("of -256 is", sqrt(abs(-256)))
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary05.py
 1 # mathLib
 2 # This pr
               The absolute value of -25 is 25
 3 # functio
               The absolute value of 100 is 100
 4 # value o
               The absolute value of 3.7 is 3.7
 5 # how the
               The absolute value of -.5 is 0.5
 6 # prevent
               The absolute value of 0.0 is 0.0
 7 # with th
 8
               The square root of the absolute value
               of -256 is 16.0
10 from math
11
                ----jGRASP: operation complete.
12 print()
13 print("The absolute value of -25 is",abs(-25))
14 print("The absolute value of 100 is",abs(100))
15 print("The absolute value of 3.7 is",abs(3.7))
16 print("The absolute value of -.5 is",abs(-.5))
   print("The absolute value of 0.0 is",abs(0.0))
18 print()
19 print("The square root of the absolute value")
20 print("of -256 is", sqrt(abs(-256)))
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary05.py
 1 # mathLib
 2 # This pr
                The absolute value of -25 is 25
 3 # function
                The absolute value of 100 is 100
 4 # value o
                The absolute value of 3.7 is 3.7
 5 # how the
                The absolute value of -.5 is 0.5
 6 # prevent
                The absolute value of 0.0 is 0.0
 7 # with th
                The square root of the absolute value
                of -256 is 16.0
10 from math
                            \sqrt{|-256|} = \sqrt{256} = 16
11
                ----jGRASP: operation complete.
12 print()
13 print("The absolute value of -25 is",abs(-25))
14 print("The absolute value of 100 is", abs(100))
15 print("The absolute value of 3.7 is",abs(3.7))
16 print("The absolute value of -.5 is",abs(-.5))
   print("The absolute value of 0.0 is",abs(0.0))
18 print()
19 print("The square root of the absolute value")
20 print("of -256 is", sqrt(abs(-256)))
```

```
1 # mathLibrary06.py
 2 # This program demonstrates the <max> and <min>
 3 # functions of the <math> library.
4 # <max> returns the greater of the two arguments.
 5 # <min> returns the lesser of the two arguments.
6
  from math import *
10 print()
11 print("The greater of 100 and 200 is", max(100,200))
12 print("The greater of 200 and 100 is", max(200,100))
13 print("The greater of -10 and -20 is", max(-10,-20))
14 print("The greater of -20 and -10 is", max(-20,-10))
15 print("The greater of 500 and 500 is", max(500,500))
16 print()
17 print("The lesser of 100 and 200 is ",min(100,200))
18 print("The lesser of 200 and 100 is ",min(200,100))
19 print("The lesser of -10 and -20 is ",min(-10,-20))
20 print("The lesser of -20 and -10 is ",min(-20,-10))
21 print("The lesser of 5.5 and 5.5 is ",min(5.5,5.5))
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary06.py
                                          and <min>
  The greater of 100 and 200 is 200
                                         o arguments.
  The greater of 200 and 100 is 200
                                          arguments.
  The greater of -10 and -20 is -10
  The greater of -20 and -10 is -10
  The greater of 500 and 500 is 500
  The lesser of 100 and 200 is
                             100
  The lesser of 200 and 100 is
                             100
                                         ,max(100,200))
                             -2.0
  The lesser of -10 and -20 is
                                         ,max(200,100))
                             -20
  The lesser of -20 and -10 is
                                         ,max(-10,-20))
  The lesser of 5.5 and 5.5 is
                             5.5
                                         ,max(-20,-10))
  ----jGRASP: operation complete.
                                         ,max(500,500))
16 print()
17 print("The lesser of 100 and 200 is ",min(100,200))
18 print("The lesser of 200 and 100 is ",min(200,100))
19 print("The lesser of -10 and -20 is ",min(-10,-20))
20 print("The lesser of -20 and -10 is ",min(-20,-10))
21 print("The lesser of 5.5 and 5.5 is ", min(5.5,5.5))
```

```
1 # mathLibrary07.py
 2 # This program demonstrates the <pow> function
 3 # of the <math> library which does the same
 4 # thing as the exponent operator <**>.
 5
 6 # NOTE: Like <max> and <min>, <pow> uses 2
7 # arguments. However, unlike <max> and <min>,
8 # with <pow> the order of the 2 arguments is
 9 # VERY significant.
10 # The first argument is the "base".
11 # The second argument is the "exponent".
12 # <pow> returns the first argument to the
13 # "power" of the second argument.
14
15
16 from math import *
17
18 print()
19 print("3 to the 4th power using ** is", 3 ** 4)
20 print("3 to the 4th power with pow is", pow(3,4))
21 print()
22 print("4 to the 3rd power using ** is", 4 ** 3)
23 print("4 to the 3rd power with pow is", pow(4,3))
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary07.py
  3 to the 4th power using ** is 81
  3 to the 4th power with pow is 81.0
  4 to the 3rd power using ** is 64
  4 to the 3rd power with pow is 64.0
  ----jGRASP: operation complete.
16 from math import *
17
18 print()
  print("3 to the 4th power using ** is", 3 ** 4)
  print("3 to the 4th power with pow is", pow(3,4))
  print()
21
```

22 print("4 to the 3rd power using ** is", 4 ** 3)

23 print("4 to the 3rd power with pow is", pow(4,3))

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary07.py
  3 to the 4th power using ** is 81
  3 to the 4th power with pow is 81.0
  4 to the 3rd power using ** is 64
  4 to the 3rd power with pow is 64.0
  ----jGRASP: operation complete.
16 from math import *
                       3^4 = 81 4^3 = 64
17
18 print()
  print("3 to the 4th power using ** is", 3 ** 4)
  print("3 to the 4th power with pow is", pow(3,4))
```

22 print("4 to the 3rd power using ** is",4 ** 3)
23 print("4 to the 3rd power with pow is",pow(4,3))

print()

21

```
1 # mathLibrary08.py
2 # This program demonstrates the <floor> function of
 3 # the <math> library which always "rounds down".
 5
 6 from math import *
  print()
9 print("5.999 rounded down is",floor(5.999))
10 print("5.501 rounded down is", floor(5.501))
11 print("5.5 rounded down is", floor(5.5))
12 print("5.499 rounded down is", floor(5.499))
  print("5.001 rounded down is",floor(5.001))
14 print("-5.5 rounded down is",floor(-5.5))
15
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python
                             e <floor> function of
                             lways "rounds down".
  5.999 rounded down is 5
  5.501 rounded down is 5
  5.5 rounded down is 5
  5.499 rounded down is 5
  5.001 rounded down is 5
  -5.5 rounded down is -6
                             ",floor(5.999))
  ----jGRASP: operation co ",floor(5.501))
11 print("5.5 rounded down is", floor(5.5))
12 print("5.499 rounded down is", floor(5.499))
  print("5.001 rounded down is",floor(5.001))
14 print("-5.5 rounded down is", floor(-5.5))
15
```

```
1 # mathLibrary09.py
 2 # This program demonstrates the <ceil> function of
 3 # the <math> library which always "rounds up".
 4
 5
 6 from math import *
  print()
 9 print("5.999 rounded up is", ceil(5.999))
10 print("5.501 rounded up is", ceil(5.501))
11 print("5.5 rounded up is", ceil(5.5))
12 print("5.499 rounded up is", ceil(5.499))
13 print("5.001 rounded up is", ceil(5.001))
14 print("-5.5 rounded up is", ceil(-5.5))
15
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python
                            the <ceil> function of
                            always "rounds up".
  5.999 rounded up is 6
  5.501 rounded up is 6
  5.5 rounded up is 6
  5.499 rounded up is 6
  5.001 rounded up is 6
  -5.5 rounded up is -5
                            ,ceil(5.999))
   ----jGRASP: operation c ,ceil(5.501))
11 print("5.5 rounded up is", ceil(5.5))
12 print("5.499 rounded up is",ceil(5.499))
13 print("5.001 rounded up is", ceil(5.001))
14 print("-5.5 rounded up is", ceil(-5.5))
15
```

```
1 # mathLibrary10.py
 2 # This program demonstrates the <round> function
 3 # which seems to round "normally".
 4
 5
 6 from math import *
8 print()
9 print('5.999 rounded "normally" is', round(5.999))
10 print('5.501 rounded "normally" is', round(5.501))
11 print('5.5 rounded "normally" is', round(5.5))
12 print('5.499 rounded "normally" is', round(5.499))
13 print('5.001 rounded "normally" is', round(5.001))
14
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary10
 1 # mathLi
2 # This p
             5.999 rounded "normally" is 6
 3 # which
             5.501 rounded "normally" is 6
             5.5
                   rounded "normally" is 6
             5.499 rounded "normally" is 5
 6 from mat
             5.001 rounded "normally" is 5
             ----jGRASP: operation complete.
8 print()
9 print('5.999 rounded "normally" is', round(5.999))
10 print('5.501 rounded "normally" is', round(5.501))
11 print('5.5 rounded "normally" is', round(5.5))
12 print('5.499 rounded "normally" is', round(5.499))
13 print('5.001 rounded "normally" is', round(5.001))
14
```

```
1 # mathLibrary11.py
 2 # When the fractional value is exactly .5, the
 3 # <round> function does not behave as expected.
4 # This is because Python's <round> function uses
 5 # "banker's rounding" a.k.a. "round-to-even".
 6
8 from math import *
10 print()
11 print("0.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(0.5))
12 print("1.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(1.5))
13 print("2.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(2.5))
14 print("3.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(3.5))
15 print("4.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(4.5))
16 print("5.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(5.5))
17 print("6.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(6.5))
18 print("7.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(7.5))
19 print("8.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(8.5))
20 print("9.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(9.5))
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary11.py
                                             the
                                             ted.
  0.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 0
                                              uses
  1.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 2
  2.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 2
  3.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 4
  4.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 4
  5.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 6
  6.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 6
                                             ,round(0.5))
  7.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 8
                                             ,round(1.5))
  8.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 8
  9.5 rounded to the nearest even# is 10
                                             ,round(2.5))
                                             ,round(3.5))
   ----jGRASP: operation complete.
                                             ,round(4.5))
16 print("5.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(5.5))
  print("6.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(6.5))
18 print("7.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(7.5))
19 print("8.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(8.5))
20 print("9.5 rounded to the nearest even# is", round(9.5))
```

```
1 # mathLibrary12.py
 2 # The secret to "normal rounding" is to use the
 3 # <floor> function and add .5 to the argument.
 5
  from math import *
 8 print()
9 print('5.999 rounded normally is', floor(5.999 + .5))
10 print('5.501 rounded normally is', floor(5.501 + .5))
11 print('5.5 rounded normally is', floor(5.5 + .5))
12 print('5.499 rounded normally is', floor(5.499 + .5))
13 print('5.001 rounded normally is', floor(5.001 + .5))
14
15 print()
16 print('6.999 rounded normally is', floor(6.999 + .5))
17 print('6.501 rounded normally is', floor(6.501 + .5))
18 print('6.5 rounded normally is', floor(6.5 + .5))
19 print('6.499 rounded normally is', floor(6.499 + .5))
20 print('6.001 rounded normally is', floor(6.001 + .5))
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python math
5.999 rounded normally is 6
5.501 rounded normally is 6
5.5 rounded normally is 6
5.499 rounded normally is 5
5.001 rounded normally is 5
6.999 rounded normally is 7
6.501 rounded normally is 7
6.5 rounded normally is 7
6.499 rounded normally is 6
6.001 rounded normally is 6
----jGRASP: operation comple
```

is to use the the argument.

```
,floor(5.501 + .5))
,floor(5.5 + .5))
,floor(5.499 + .5))
,floor(5.001 + .5))
,floor(6.999 + .5))
,floor(6.501 + .5))
,floor(6.5 + .5))
,floor(6.499 + .5))
,floor(6.001 + .5))
```

,floor(5.999 + .5))

```
1 # mathLibrary13.py
 2 # The program demonstrates the <trunc> function
 3 # which "chops-off" or "truncates" the fractional
 4 # part of a real number. While this may seem
 5 # identical to the <floor> function, it does
 6 # behave differently with negative numbers.
 9 from math import *
10
11 print()
12 print("5.678 rounded down is", floor(5.678))
13 print('5.678 "truncated" is ',trunc(5.678))
14
15 print()
16 print("-5.678 rounded down is", floor(-5.678))
17 print('-5.678 "truncated" is ',trunc(-5.678))
18
```

```
1 # mathLi
              ----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary13
 2 # The pr
 3 # which
             5.678 rounded down is 5
  # part c
             5.678 "truncated" is 5
 5 # identi
 6 # behave
             -5.678 rounded down is -6
             -5.678 "truncated" is -5
 9 from mat
10
              ----jGRASP: operation complete.
11 print()
12 print("5.678 rounded down is", floor(5.678))
13 print('5.678 "truncated" is ',trunc(5.678))
14
15 print()
16 print("-5.678 rounded down is", floor(-5.678))
17 print('-5.678 "truncated" is ',trunc(-5.678))
18
```

```
1 # mathLibrary14.py
 2 # The program demonstrates the <factorial>
3 # function of the <math> library which returns
4 # the mathematical factorial of its argument.
 5
  # Example: factorial(n) = n * (n-1) * ... * 2 * 1
8 # NOTE: This program also demonstrates that in
           Python integer values can be VERY large.
9 #
10
11
12 from math import *
13
14 print()
15 print("5! is", factorial(5))
16 print()
17 print("10! is", factorial(10))
18 print()
19 print("40! is", factorial(40))
```

```
jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary14.py
    5! is 120
    10! is 3628800
    40! is 8159152832478977343456112695961158
94272000000000
     ----jGRASP: operation complete.
14 print()
15 print("5! is", factorial(5))
16 print()
  print("10! is", factorial(10))
18 print()
19 print("40! is", factorial(40))
```

```
1 # mathLibrary15.py
 2 # The <math> library also stores 2 important
 3 # values. These are the value of <pi> and
 4 # the value of <e>.
 5
 6
 7 from math import *
 9 print()
10 print("Circumference / Diameter =",pi)
11 print()
12 print("Base of the natural log is", e);
13
```

```
Circumference / Diameter = 3.141592653589793
 Base of the natural log is 2.718281828459045
  ----jGRASP: operation complete.
                   =3.14 41.8=\mathbb{T}
  print()
10 print("Circumference / Diameter =",pi)
11 print()
12 print("Base of the natural log is", e);
```

----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary15.py

```
1 # mathLibrary16.py
 2 # The <math> library contains many more functions
 3 # that we will not be using in this class. Some
  # trigonometric functions are demonstrated below:
 5
 7 from math import *
 8
  print()
                             ",sin(pi/2))
10 print("The sine of half pi
11 print("The cosine of pi is ",COS(pi))
  print("The tangent of pi/4 is ",tan(pi/4))
  print("The natural log of e is", log(e))
  print("Log base 10 of 1000 is ", log10(1000))
15
```

```
----jGRASP exec: python mathLibrary16.py
    The sine of half pi
                          1.0
    The cosine of pi is
                          -1.0
    The natural log of e is 1.0
    Log base 10 of 1000 is
                          3.0
     ----jGRASP: operation complete.
  print("The sine of half pi  ",Sin(pi/2))
11 print("The cosine of pi is ",COS(pi))
  print("The tangent of pi/4 is ",tan(pi/4))
  print("The natural log of e is", log(e))
  print("Log base 10 of 1000 is ", log10(1000))
```

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Python math Library Disclaimer



Not every function that is *mathematical* in nature is actually part of the **math** library. There are a couple functions, like **round** and **abs**, that can be used without importing **math** or any other library.

For the sake of simplicity, in this first year class, we will make no attempt to differentiate the *mathematical* functions that require importing the **math** library from the ones that do not. Instead, we will simply import the **math** library any time we use any function that is *mathematical* in nature... which does not hurt anything.