

# Lab 1: Python Review

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## Fraction Class

The textbook provides this minimally function `Fraction` class. You will complete several exercises to improve on the design of this custom data type.

The function `gcd`, defined below, is necessary for `Fraction` to work.

In [1]:

```
def gcd(m, n):
    """Greatest Common Divisor
    M&R listing 1.6: Greatest Common Divisor Function
    """
    #if m modulo(n) is zero then, n is the gcd and we return n anyway
    #In all other cases where: n=mx for some x, m!=n here is what follows

    while m % n != 0:
        oldm = m
        oldn = n

        m = oldn # the switch between m and n is made here for the second run under the while
        n = oldm % oldn
    return n
```

In [2]:

```
gcd(-3, 6) #Checking if gcd functions works as expected
```

Out[2]:

3

## Your Exercises

1. Implement these simple 'getter' methods for class `Fraction` :

- `get_num` to return the numerator
- `get_den` to return the denominator.

2. In many ways it would be better if all fractions were maintained in lowest terms right from the start. Modify the initializer for the `Fraction` class so that the GCD algorithm is used to reduce fractions immediately. Notice that this means the `__add__` method no longer needs to reduce. Make the necessary modifications.

3. Implement the remaining relational operators to allow you to compare one `Fraction` object, with another.

- `__gt__`
- `__ge__`
- `__lt__`
- `__le__`

- `__ne__`

4. In the definition of fractions we assumed that negative fractions have a negative numerator and a positive denominator. Using a negative denominator would cause some of the relational operators to give incorrect results. In general, this is an unnecessary constraint. Modify the constructor to allow the user to pass a negative denominator so that all of the operators continue to work properly.

## Your Solution

Implement your solution to the exercises by modifying the `Fraction` class, below, and add your code to it. To make it clear, please use docstrings and comments where appropriate to state which parts of the `Fraction` class are being modified, and for *which* exercise.

In [3]:

```

class Fraction:
    """A class to represent fractions

    This code needs to be improved according to the exercises!
    """
    def __init__(self, top, bottom):
        self.num = top
        self.den = bottom
        # Exercise 2: modification of initializer to reduce fractions
        self._newnum = self.num / gcd(top, bottom)
        self._newden = self.den / gcd(top, bottom)

        ## Part of Exercise 3 and 4: Modifying constructor to account for negative denominators

        # we construct the identifiers for the numerators and denominators of the functions
        # if at all there is a negative denominator then both numerator and denominator is
        # This should automatically take care of the issues that a negative denominator poses
        # in the fraction class.
        # At the same time, in accordance with the definition of fractions, any negative fraction
        # a negative numerator and a positive denominator. This also conforms to our code.
        if self.den < 0:
            a=-self.num
            self.num=a
            b=-self.den
            self.den=b

    ## Exercise 1 ##

    # Getter methods to return numerator and denominator
    def get_num(self):
        return(self.num) #returns numerator (positive for positive fraction and negative otherwise)
    def get_den(self):
        return(self.den) #returns denominator (always positive)

    def __str__(self):
        return str(self.num) + "/" + str(self.den)

    def show(self):
        """Display the fraction"""
        print(self.num, "/", self.den)

    ## Exercise 2: modification of add function after modifying initializers to reduce fractions

    # since our fractions are already reduced to lowest, we ignored the reduction code in the previous version
    def __add__(self, otherfraction):
        new_num = int(self._newnum*otherfraction._newden + self._newden*otherfraction._newnum)
        new_den = int(self._newden * otherfraction._newden)
        return Fraction(new_num, new_den)

    ## Exercise 3: Relational operators and consideration of negative fractions. ##

    # Although equality check is not affected by this, we still make the modifications to make it work
    # Since the modifications to our constructor takes care of negative fractions according to the definition
    # the incorrectness in relational operators due to an user input of a negative denominator is fixed
    # It remains to check for any two fractions a/b and x/y the relation between ay and bx.

    def __eq__(self, other):

```

```
first_num = self.num * other.den
second_num = other.num * self.den
return first_num == second_num

def __gt__(self, other):
    first_num = self.num * other.den
    second_num = other.num * self.den
    return first_num > second_num

def __ge__(self, other):
    first_num = self.num * other.den
    second_num = other.num * self.den
    return first_num >= second_num

def __lt__(self, other):
    first_num = self.num * other.den
    second_num = other.num * self.den
    return first_num < second_num

def __le__(self, other):
    first_num = self.num * other.den
    second_num = other.num * self.den
    return first_num <= second_num

def __ne__(self, other):
    first_num = self.num * other.den
    second_num = other.num * self.den
    return first_num != second_num
```

## Testing

For full credit, you must also test your solution so that you can prove to the grade your solution works.

In [4]:

```
# Testing with positive fractions
x = Fraction(1, 2)
y = Fraction(2, 3)
```

In [5]:

```
# Testing with mixed fractions where user inputs a negative denominator
u = Fraction(3, -6)
v = Fraction(2, 5)
```

In [6]:

```
# Testing with both negative fractions
p = Fraction(2, -5)
q = Fraction(-1, 3)
```

## Test of addition

In [7]:

```
print(f'{x} + {y} = ',x+y)
```

$1/2 + 2/3 = 7/6$

In [8]:

```
print(f'{u} + {v} = ',u+v)
```

$-3/6 + 2/5 = -1/10$

In [9]:

```
print(f'{p} + {q} = ',p+q)
```

$-2/5 + -1/3 = -11/15$

## Test of Getter functions

In [10]:

```
print(p.get_num(), ' ', p.get_den()) # For fraction p = -2/5
```

-2    5

In [11]:

```
print(x.get_num(), ' ', y.get_den()) # For fraction x = 1/2 and y = 2/3
```

1    3

## Test of Relational Operators

In [12]:

```
print(f'Is {x} = {y}?', x == y)
print(f'Is {x} > {y}?', x > y)
print(f'Is {x} >= {y}?', x >= y)
print(f'Is {x} < {y}?', x < y)
print(f'Is {x} <= {y}?', x <= y)
print(f'Is {x} != {y}?', x != y)
```

Is  $1/2 = 2/3$ ? False  
Is  $1/2 > 2/3$ ? False  
Is  $1/2 \geq 2/3$ ? False  
Is  $1/2 < 2/3$ ? True  
Is  $1/2 \leq 2/3$ ? True  
Is  $1/2 \neq 2/3$ ? True

In [13]:

```
print(f'Is {u} = {v}?', u == v)
print(f'Is {u} > {v}?', u > v)
print(f'Is {u} >= {v}?', u >= v)
print(f'Is {u} < {v}?', u < v)
print(f'Is {u} <= {v}?', u <= v)
print(f'Is {u} != {v}?', u != v)
```

Is  $-3/6 = 2/5$ ? False  
Is  $-3/6 > 2/5$ ? False  
Is  $-3/6 \geq 2/5$ ? False  
Is  $-3/6 < 2/5$ ? True  
Is  $-3/6 \leq 2/5$ ? True  
Is  $-3/6 \neq 2/5$ ? True

In [14]:

```
print(f'Is {p} = {q}?', p == q)
print(f'Is {p} > {q}?', p > q)
print(f'Is {p} >= {q}?', p >= q)
print(f'Is {p} < {q}?', p < q)
print(f'Is {p} <= {q}?', p <= q)
print(f'Is {p} != {q}?', p != q)
```

Is  $-2/5 = -1/3$ ? False  
Is  $-2/5 > -1/3$ ? False  
Is  $-2/5 \geq -1/3$ ? False  
Is  $-2/5 < -1/3$ ? True  
Is  $-2/5 \leq -1/3$ ? True  
Is  $-2/5 \neq -1/3$ ? True