

Announcements

- ▶ Homework
 - ▶ I'm still working on getting all of HW2 scored, but hopefully by the end of today!
 - ▶ Homework 3 has been posted! Should be good to do Problems 1 and 2 after today.
- ▶ Polling: `rembold-class.ddns.net`

Review Question

Which of the following questions would be a suitable candidate for using some sort of exhaustive enumeration type algorithm?

- A) Finding all multiples of 3 that are also divisible by 5
- B) Counting the number of vowels in a sentence
- C) Determining the precise amount of time to fire a rockets thrusters to reach a certain speed
- D) Calculating the cubic root of 50

Solution: Counting the number of vowels in a sentence

Example 2: Substring exists?

- ▶ Countable solution set?
 - ▶ Just need to check each piece of the bigger string.
 - ▶ It is made up of a countable number of parts, so we just need to check a countable number
- ▶ Terminating Condition?
 - ▶ Assume $i=0$ initially and increments by one
 - ▶ Taking the big string to be `b_str` and the substring to be `l_str`, keep going until

$$i + \text{len}(l_str) > \text{len}(b_str)$$

Example 3: Money Money

- ▶ Countable solution set?
 - ▶ We have a limited amount of coins to check
 - ▶ Just need to check all possible combinations
- ▶ Terminating Condition(s)?
 - ▶ Probably want one for each loop here
 - ▶ Assume `num_nic`, `num_dime`, `num_pen` all start at zero and increment by one
 - ▶ Stop when

```
num_nic > max_nic  
num_dime > max_dime  
num_pen > max_pen
```

Iterating over sequences

- ▶ It comes up often that we iterate over some sequence or range

```
i = 0
while i < 10:
    print(i)
    i = i + 1
```

- ▶ Python provides us with a simplified type of loop to do these sorts of iterations
- ▶ Called a **for** loop
 - ▶ Can think of it as saying: “**For** each thing in this stuff, run this code.”

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- ▶ <sequence> is a non-scalar object whose individual pieces will be looped over

Simple String Example

- ▶ We already know strings are non-scalar objects, so they can be looped over with for loops!

```
dessert = "Pumpkin Pie"  
for letter in dessert:  
    print(letter)
```

- ▶ This is functionally identical to:

```
dessert = "Pumpkin Pie"  
i = 0  
while i < len(dessert):  
    print(dessert[i])  
    i = i + 1
```

Far Ranging Sequences

- ▶ How can this be useful with numbers?
- ▶ Python's `range()` function
 - ▶ Can pass in the same options as slicing
 - ▶ Start (defaults to 0)
 - ▶ Stop
 - ▶ Step (defaults to 1)
 - ▶ Like slicing, the Stop element will not be included
 - ▶ Unlike slicing though, use a comma (,) to separate the options!!
 - ▶ Generates values “as needed”, so very memory efficient

For Ranging Examples

- ▶ Providing just a stop

```
for n in range(5):  
    print(n)
```

- ▶ Providing start and stop

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

- ▶ Providing start, stop and step

```
for n in range(10,0,-1):  
    print(n)
```

Understanding Check

Which of the below blocks of code would print something different than the others?

A)

```
for n in range(10):  
    if n % 2 == 0:  
        print(n)
```

C)

```
for j in range(0,20,4):  
    print(j // 2)
```

B)

```
for i in range(0,10,2):  
    if i:  
        print(i)
```

D)

```
for k in range(0,10):  
    if not k % 2:  
        print(k)
```

Solution: B