

2.1 Variables and assignments

Remembering a value

Here's a variation on a common school child riddle.

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2.1.1: People on bus.

For each step, keep track of the current number of people by typing in the num_people box (it's editable).

Start

You are driving a bus.
The bus starts with 5 people.

num_people:

1

2

3

4

5

Check

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By the way, the real riddle's ending question is actually, "What is the bus driver's name?" The subject usually says, "How should I know?" The riddler then says, "I started with YOU are driving a bus."

The box above serves the same purpose as a *variable* in a program, introduced below.

Variables and assignments

In a program, a **variable** is a named item, such as `x` or `num_people`, used to hold a value.

An **assignment statement** assigns a variable with a value, such as `x = 5`. That statement means `x` is assigned with 5, and `x` keeps that value during subsequent statements, until `x` is assigned again.

An assignment statement's left side must be a variable. The right side can be an expression, so a statement may be `x = 5`, `y = x`, or `z = x + 2`. The 5, `x`, and `x + 2` are each an expression that evaluates to a value.

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2.1.1: Variables and assignments.

Animation captions:

1. In programming, a variable is a place to hold a value. Here, variables `x`, `y`, and `z` are depicted graphically as boxes.
2. An assignment statement assigns the left-side variable with the right-side expression's value. `x = 5` assigns `x` with 5.
3. `y = x` assigns `y` with `x`'s value, which presently is 5. `z = x + 2` assigns `z` with `x`'s present value plus 2, so 5 + 2 or 7.
4. A subsequent `x = 3` statement assigns `x` with 3. `x`'s former value of 5 is overwritten and thus lost. Note that the values held in `y` and `z` are unaffected, remaining as 5 and 7.
5. In algebra, an equation means "the item on the left always equals the item on the right." So for `x + y = 5` and `x * y = 6`, one can determine `x = 2` and `y = 3`.
6. Assignment statements look similar but have VERY different meaning. The left side MUST be one variable.
7. The `=` isn't "equals," but is an action that PUTS a value into the variable. Assignment statements only make sense when executed in sequence.

= is not equals

In programming, = is an assignment of a left-side variable with a right-side value. = is NOT equality as in mathematics. Thus, $x = 5$ is read as "x is assigned with 5," and not as "x equals 5." When one sees $x = 5$, one might think of a value being put into a box.

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2.1.2: Valid assignment statements.

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Indicate which assignment statements are valid.

1) $x = 1$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Invalid

☐

2) $x = y$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Invalid

☐

3) $x = y + 2$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Invalid

☐

4) $x + 1 = 3$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Invalid

☐

5) $x + y = y + x$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Invalid

☐

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2.1.3: Variables and assignment statements.

Given variables x , y , and z .

1) $x = 9$

$y = x + 1$

What is y ?

Check

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☐

2) $x = 9$

$y = x + 1$

What is x ?

Check

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3) $x = 9$

$y = x + 1$

☐

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x = 5
What is y?

Check

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2.1.4: Trace the variable value.

Select the correct value for x, y, and z after the following statements execute.

Start

```
x = 7
y = 7
z = 2
x = 1
y = 4
z = 1
x = 6
```

x is

1 6 7

y is

4 0 7

z is

6 2 1

1

2

3

4

Check

Next

Assignments with variable on left and right

Because in programming = means assignment, a variable may appear on both the left and right as in $x = x + 1$. If x was originally 6, x is assigned with $6 + 1$, or 7. The statement overwrites the original 6 in x.

Increasing a variable's value by 1, as in $x = x + 1$, is common and known as **incrementing** the variable.

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2.1.5: A variable may appear on the left and right of an assignment statement.

Animation captions:

1. A variable may appear on both sides of an assignment statement. After $x = 1$, then $x = x * 20$ assigns x with $1 * 20$ or 20, overwriting x's previous 1.
2. Another $x = x * 20$ assigns x with $20 * 20$ or 400, which overwrites x's previous 20.
3. Only the latest value is held in x.

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2.1.6: Variable on both sides.

Indicate the value of x after the statements execute.

1) $x = 5$
 $x = x + 7$

Check

Show answer

2)

x = 2
y = 3

x = x * y
x = x * y

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3) y = 30
x = y + 2
x = x + 1

Check [Show answer](#)

4) Complete this statement to increment
y: y = ____

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2.1.2: Assigning a sum.



Write a statement that assigns total_coins with the sum of nickel_count and dime_count.
Sample output for 100 nickels and 200 dimes is:

300

```
1 total_coins = 0
2
3 nickel_count = int(input())
4 dime_count = int(input())
5
6 ''' Your solution goes here '''
7
8 print(total_coins)
```

Run

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2.1.3: Multiplying the current value of a variable.



Write a statement that assigns cell_count with cell_count multiplied by 10. * performs multiplication. If the input is 10, the output should be:

100

```
1 cell_count = int(input())
2
3 ''' Your solution goes here '''
4
5 print(cell_count)
```

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2.2 Identifiers

Rules for identifiers

A programmer gives names to various items, such as variables (and also functions, described later). For example, `x = 5` uses the name "x" to refer to the value 5. An **identifier**, also called a **name**, is a sequence of letters (a-z, A-Z), **underscores** (`_`), and digits (0–9), and must start with a letter or an underscore.

Python is **case sensitive**, meaning upper- and lowercase letters differ. Ex: "Cat" and "cat" are different. The following are valid names: `c`, `cat`, `Cat`, `n1m1`, `short1`, and `_hello`. The following are invalid names: `42c` (doesn't start with a letter), `hi there` (has a space), and `cat$` (has a symbol other than a letter or digit).

Names that start and end with double underscores (for example, `__init__`) are allowed but should be avoided because Python has special usages for double underscore names, explained elsewhere. A good variable name should describe the purpose of the variable, such as "temperature" or "age," rather than just "t" or "A."

Certain words like "and" or "True" cannot be used as names. **Reserved words**, or **keywords**, are words that are part of the language, and thus, cannot be used as a programmer-defined name. Many language editors will automatically color a program's reserved words. A list of reserved words appears at the end of this section.

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2.2.1: Valid names.



Which of the following are valid names?

1) numCars

- ☐ Valid
☐ Invalid



2) num_cars1	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
3) _num_cars	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
4) __numcars2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
5) num cars	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
6) 3rd_place	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
7) third_place_	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
8) third_place!	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
9) output	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	
10) print_copy	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="radio"/> Valid	
<input type="radio"/> Invalid	

Style guidelines for identifiers

A good practice when naming variables is to use all lowercase letters and to place underscores between words. This lowercase and underscore convention for naming variables originates from the Python style guide, **PEP 8**. **PEP 8** (PEP is an acronym for Python Enhancement Proposal) is a document that outlines the basics of how to write Python code neatly and consistently. Code is read more often than written, so having a consistent variable naming scheme helps to ensure that programmers can understand each other's code.

Programmers should create meaningful names that describe an item's purpose. If a variable will store a person's age, then a name like "age" is better than "a". A good practice when dealing with scientific or engineering names is to append the unit of measure, for example, instead of temperature, use temperature_celsius. Abbreviations should only be used if widely understandable, as in tv_model or ios_app. While meaningful names are important, very long variable names, such as "average_age_of_a_UCLA_graduate_student," can make subsequent statements too long and thus hard to read, so programmers find a balance between meaningful names and short names. Below are some examples of names that perhaps are less meaningful and more meaningful.

Table 2.2.1: Use meaningful variable names.

Purpose	Less meaningful names	More meaningful names
The number of students attending UCLA	ucla num nu	num_students_UCLA
The size of a television set measured as its diagonal length	sz_tv size	diagonal_tv_size_inches
The word for the ratio of a circle's circumference/diameter	p	pi
The number of jelly beans in a jar, as guessed by a user	guess num njb	num_guessed_jelly_beans user_guess_jelly_beans

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A list of reserved keywords in the language are shown below:

Table 2.2.2: Python 3 reserved keywords.

False	class	finally	is	raise
None	continue	for	lambda	return
True	def	from	nonlocal	try
and	del	global	not	while
as	elif	if	or	with
assert	else	import	pass	yield
break	except	in	print	

Source: http://docs.python.org/3/reference/lexical_analysis.html

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2.2.2: Python 3 name validator.



Use the tool below to test valid and invalid names.

Try an identifier:

Validate

Awaiting your input...

2.3 Objects

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Objects

The Python interpreter is a program that runs on a computer, just like an Internet browser or a text editor. Instead of displaying a web page or creating a document, the purpose of the interpreter is to run Python programs. An **object** represents a value and is automatically created by the interpreter when executing a line of code. For example, executing `x = 4` creates a new object to represent the value 4. A programmer does not explicitly create objects; instead, the

interpreter creates and manipulates objects as needed to run the Python code. Objects are used to represent everything in a Python program, including integers, strings, functions, lists, etc.

The animation below shows some objects being created while executing Python code statements in an interactive Python interpreter. The interpreter assigns an object to a location somewhere in memory automatically.

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2.3.1: Creating new objects.

Animation captions:

1. The interpreter creates a new object with the value 4. The object is stored somewhere in memory.
2. Once 4 is printed, the object is no longer needed and is thrown away.
3. New object created: 'x' references object stored in address 98.
4. Objects are retrieved from memory when needed.

Above, the interpreter performs an addition of 2+2, resulting in a new object being created with a value of 4. Once 4 is printed the object is no longer needed, so the object is automatically deleted from memory and thrown away. Deleting unused objects is an automatic process called **garbage collection** that helps to keep the memory of the computer less utilized.

Name binding

Name binding is the process of associating names with interpreter objects. An object can have more than one name bound to it, and every name is always bound to exactly one object. Name binding occurs whenever an assignment statement is executed, as demonstrated below.

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2.3.2: Manipulating variables.

Animation captions:

1. bob_salary object is created by the interpreter.
2. tom_salary object is created by the interpreter.
3. bob_salary is assigned tom_salary, and the 25000 object is garbage collected.
4. tom_salary is assigned tom_salary * 1.2.
5. total_salaries object is created by the interpreter and is assigned bob_salary + tom_salary

Properties of objects

Each Python object has three defining properties: value, type, and identity.

1. **Value:** A value such as "20", "abcdef", or 55.
2. **Type:** The type of the object, such as integer or string.
3. **Identity:** A unique identifier that describes the object.

The *value* of an object is the data associated with the object. For example, evaluating the expression 2 + 2 creates a new object whose value is 4. The value of an object can generally be examined by printing that object.

Figure 2.3.1: Printing displays an object's value.

```
x = 2 + 2 # Create a new object with a value of 4, referenced by 'x'.
print(x) # Print the value of the object.
print(5)
```

4

5

The *type* of an object determines the object's supported behavior. For example, integers can be added and multiplied, while strings can be appended with additional text or concatenated together. An object's type never changes once created. The built-in function **type()** prints the type of an object.

The type of an object also determines the mutability of an object. **Mutability** indicates whether the object's value is allowed to be changed. Integers and strings are **immutable**; modifying their values with assignment statements results in new objects being created and the names bound to the new object.

Figure 2.3.2: Using type() to print an object's type.

```
x = 2 + 2      # Create a new object with a value of 4, referenced by 'x'.
print(type(x)) # Print the type of the object.

print(type('ABC')) # Create and print the type of a string object.
```

```
<class 'int'>
<class 'str'>
```

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The *identity* of an object is a unique numeric identifier, such as 1, 500, or 505534. Only one object at any time may have a particular identifier. The identity normally refers to the memory address where the object is stored. Python provides a built-in function **id()** that gives the value of an object's identity.

Figure 2.3.3: Using id() to print an object's identity.

```
x = 2 + 2      # Create a new object with a value of 4, referenced by 'x'
print(id(x))   # Print the identity (memory address) of the x object

print(id('ABC')) # Create and print the identity of a string ('ABC') object
```

```
1752608
2330312
```

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Run the following code and observe the results of str(), type(), and id(). Create a new object called "age" that has a value of 19, and then print the id and type of the new object.

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```
1 birthday_year = 1986
2 birthday_month = 'April'
3 birthday_day = 22
4
5 print('birthday_year -->')
6 print(' value:', str(birthday_year))
7 print(' type:', type(birthday_year))
8 print(' id:', id(birthday_year))
9
10 print('\nbirthday_month -->')
11 print(' value:', str(birthday_month))
12 print(' type:', type(birthday_month))
13 print(' id:', id(birthday_month))
14
15 print('\nbirthday_day -->')
16 print(' value:', str(birthday_day))
17 print(' type:', type(birthday_day))
18 print(' id:', id(birthday_day))
19
```

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2.3.3: Objects basics.



- 1) Which built-in function finds the type of an object?



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2) Write an expression that gives the identity of the variable num.

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2.4 Numeric types: Floating-point

Floating-point numbers and scientific notation

A **floating-point number** is a real number, like 98.6, 0.0001, or -666.667. The term "floating-point" refers to the decimal point being able to appear anywhere ("float") in the number. Thus, **float** is a data type for floating-point numbers.

A **floating-point literal** is written with the fractional part even if that fraction is 0, as in 1.0, 0.0, or 99.0.

Figure 2.4.1: A program using float-type variables.

The below program reads in a floating-point value from a user and calculates the time to drive and fly the distance. Note the use of the built-in function `float()` when reading the input to convert the input string into a float.

Note that `print` handles floating-point numbers straightforwardly.

```
miles = float(input('Enter a distance in miles: '))
hours_to_fly = miles / 500.0
hours_to_drive = miles / 60.0

print(miles, 'miles would take:')
print(hours_to_fly, 'hours to fly')
print(hours_to_drive, 'hours to drive')
```

```
Enter a distance in miles: 450
450.0 miles would take:
0.9 hours to fly
7.5 hours to drive
...
Enter a distance in miles: 1800
1800.0 miles would take:
3.6 hours to fly
30.0 hours to drive
```

Scientific notation is useful for representing floating-point numbers that are much greater than or much less than 0, such as 6.02×10^{23} . A floating-point literal using **scientific notation** is written using an `e` preceding the power-of-10 exponent, as in `6.02e23` to represent 6.02×10^{23} . The `e` stands for exponent. Likewise, `0.001` is 1×10^{-3} , so it can be written as `1.0e-3`.

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2.4.1: Scientific notation.

1) Type 1.0e-4 as a floating-point literal but not using scientific notation, with a single digit before and four digits after the decimal point.

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2) Type 7.2e-4 as a floating-point literal but not using scientific notation, with a

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single digit before and five digits after the decimal point.

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- 3) Type 540,000,000 as a floating-point literal using scientific notation with a single digit before and after the decimal point.

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- 4) Type 0.000001 as a floating-point literal using scientific notation with a single digit before and after the decimal point.

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- 5) Type 623.596 as a floating-point literal using scientific notation with a single digit before and five digits after the decimal point.

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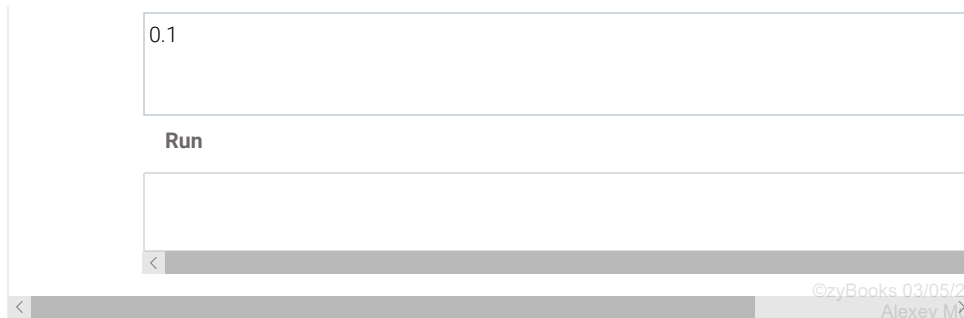
Albert Einstein's equation $E = mc^2$ is likely the most widely known mathematical formula. The equation describes the mass-energy equivalence, which states that the mass (amount of matter) m of a body is directly related to the amount of energy E of the body, connected by a constant value c^2 , the speed of light squared. The significance of the equation is that mass can be converted to energy, (and theoretically, energy back to matter). The mass-energy equivalence equation can be used to calculate the energy released in nuclear reactions, such as nuclear fission or nuclear fusion, which form the basis of modern technologies like nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants.

The following program reads in a mass in kilograms and prints the amount of energy stored in the mass. Also printed is the equivalent numbers of AA batteries and tons of TNT.

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```
1 c_meters_per_sec = 299792458 # Speed of light (m/s)
2 joules_per_AA_battery = 4320.5 # Nickel-Cadmium AA batteries
3 joules_per_TNT_ton = 4.184e9
4
5 #Read in a floating-point number from the user
6 mass_kg = float(input())
7
8 #Compute E = mc^2.
9 energy_joules = mass_kg * (c_meters_per_sec**2) # E = mc^2
10 print('Total energy released:', energy_joules, 'Joules')
11
12 #Calculate equivalent number of AA and tons of TNT.
13 num_AA_batteries = energy_joules / joules_per_AA_battery
14 num_TNT_tons = energy_joules / joules_per_TNT_ton
15
16 print('Which is as much energy as:')
17 print(' ', num_AA_batteries, 'AA batteries')
18 print(' ', num_TNT_tons, 'tons of TNT')
19
```

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Overflow

Float-type objects have a limited range of values that can be represented. For a standard 32-bit installation of Python, the maximum floating-point value is approximately 1.8×10^{308} , and the minimum floating-point value is 2.3×10^{-308} . Assigning a floating-point value outside of this range generates an **OverflowError**. **Overflow** occurs when a value is too large to be stored in the memory allocated by the interpreter. For example, the program in the figure below tries to store the value 2.0^{1024} , which causes an overflow error.

In general, floating-point types should be used to represent quantities that are measured, such as distances, temperatures, volumes, and weights, whereas integer types should be used to represent quantities that are counted, such as numbers of cars, students, cities, hours, and minutes.

Figure 2.4.2: Float can overflow.

```
print('2.0 to the power of 256 = ', 2.0**256)
print('2.0 to the power of 512 = ', 2.0**512)
print('2.0 to the power of 1024 = ', 2.0**1024)
```

```
2.0 to the power of 256 = 1.15792089237e+77
2.0 to the power of 512 = 1.34078079299e+154
2.0 to the power of 1024 =
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 3, in <module>
OverflowError: (34, 'Result too large')
```

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2.4.2: Floating-point versus integer.

Choose the right type for a variable to represent each item.

1) The number of cars in a parking lot.

- ☐ float
☐ int

2) The current temperature in Celsius.

- ☐ float
☐ int

3) A person's height in centimeters.

- ☐ float
☐ int

4) The number of hairs on a person's head.

- ☐ float
☐ int

5) The average number of kids per household.

- ☐ float

○ int

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2.4.1: Gallons of paint needed to paint walls.

Finish the program to compute how many gallons of paint are needed to cover the given square feet of walls. Assume 1 gallon can cover 350.0 square feet. So gallons = the square feet divided by 350.0. If the input is 250.0, the output should be:

0.714285714286

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```
1 gallons_paint = 0.0
2
3 wall_area = float(input())
4
5 # Assign gallons_paint below
6
7 ''' Your solution goes here '''
8
9 print(gallons_paint)
```

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2.5 Arithmetic expressions

Basics

An **expression** is a combination of items, like variables, literals, operators, and parentheses, that evaluates to a value, like $2 * (x + 1)$. A common place where expressions are used is on the right side of an assignment statement, as in $y = 2 * (x + 1)$.

A **literal** is a specific value in code like 2. An **operator** is a symbol that performs a built-in calculation, like $+$, which performs addition. Common programming operators are shown below.

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Table 2.5.1: Arithmetic operators.

Arithmetic operator	Description
+	The addition operator is $+$, as in $x + y$.
-	The subtraction operator is $-$, as in $x - y$. Also, the $-$ operator is for negation , as in $-x + y$, or $x + -y$.

▼

*	The multiplication operator is * , as in $x * y$.
/	The division operator is / , as in x / y .
**	The exponent operator is ** , as in $x ** y$ (x to the power of y).

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2.5.1: Expressions.

Indicate which are valid expressions. x and y are variables.

1) $x + 1$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Not valid

2) $2 * (x - y)$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Not valid

3) x

- ☐ Valid
☐ Not valid

4) 2

- ☐ Valid
☐ Not valid

5) $2x$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Not valid

6) $2 + (xy)$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Not valid

7) $y = x + 1$

- ☐ Valid
☐ Not valid

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2.5.2: Capturing behavior with an expression.

Does the expression correctly capture the intended behavior?

1) 6 plus num_items:

`6 + num_items`

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

2) 6 times num_items:

`6 x num_items`

- ☐ Yes

No

3) total_days divided by 12:

total_days / 12

☐ Yes
☐ No

4) 5 times t:

5t

☐ Yes
☐ No

5) The negative of user_val:

-user_val

☐ Yes
☐ No

6) n factorial

n!

☐ Yes
☐ No

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Evaluation of expressions

An expression **evaluates** to a value, which replaces the expression. Ex: If x is 5, then $x + 1$ evaluates to 6, and $y = x + 1$ assigns y with 6.

An expression is evaluated using the order of standard mathematics, and such order is known in programming as **precedence rules**, listed below.

Table 2.5.2: Precedence rules for arithmetic operators.

Operator/Convention	Description	Explanation
()	Items within parentheses are evaluated first.	In $2 * (x + 1)$, the $x + 1$ is evaluated first, with the result then multiplied by 2.
unary -	- used for negation (unary minus) is next.	In $2 * -x$, the $-x$ is computed first, with the result then multiplied by 2.
* / %	Next to be evaluated are *, /, and %, having equal precedence.	(% is discussed elsewhere.)
+ -	Finally come + and - with equal precedence.	In $y = 3 + 2 * x$, the $2 * x$ is evaluated first, with the result then added to 3, because * has higher precedence than +. Spacing doesn't matter: $y = 3 + 2 * x$ would still evaluate $2 * x$ first.
left-to-right	If more than one operator of equal precedence could be	In $y = x * 2 / 3$, the $x * 2$ is first evaluated, with the result then divided by 3.

evaluated, evaluation occurs left to right.

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2.5.3: Evaluating expressions.



Animation captions:

1. An expression like $3 * (x + 10 / w)$ evaluates to a value, using precedence rules. Items within parentheses come first, and $/$ comes before $+$, yielding $3 * (x + 5)$.
2. Evaluation finishes inside the parentheses: $3 * (x + 5)$ becomes $3 * 9$.
3. Thus, the original expression evaluates to $3 * 9$ or 27. That value replaces the expression. So $y = 3 * (x + 10 / w)$ becomes $y = 27$, so y is assigned with 27.
4. Many programmers prefer to use parentheses to make order of evaluation more clear when such order is not obvious.

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2.5.4: Evaluating expressions and precedence rules.



Select the expression whose parentheses match the evaluation order of the original expression.

1) $y + 2 * z$

- ☐ $(y + 2) * z$
☐ $y + (2 * z)$



2) $z / 2 - x$

- ☐ $(z / 2) - x$
☐ $z / (2 - x)$



3) $x * y * z$

- ☐ $(x * y) * z$
☐ $x * (y * z)$



4) $x + 1 * y / 2$

- ☐ $((x + 1) * y) / 2$
☐ $x + ((1 * y) / 2)$
☐ $x + (1 * (y / 2))$



5) $x / 2 + y / 2$

- ☐ $((x / 2) + y) / 2$
☐ $(x / 2) + (y / 2)$



6) What is total_count after executing the following?

```
num_items = 5  
total_count = 1 + (2 * num_items) * 4
```

- ☐ 44
☐ 41



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Using parentheses to make the order of evaluation explicit

A common error is to omit parentheses and assume an incorrect order of evaluation, leading to a bug. Ex: If x is 3, then $5 * x + 1$ might appear to evaluate as $5 * (3 + 1)$ or 20, but actually evaluates as $(5 * 3) + 1$ or 16 (spacing doesn't matter). Good practice is to use parentheses to make order of evaluation explicit, rather than relying on precedence rules, as in: $y = (m * x) + b$, unless order doesn't matter as in $x + y + z$.

Example: Calorie expenditure

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A website lists the calories expended by men and women during exercise as follows (source): UCSCCSE20NawabWinter2020

Men: Calories = $[(\text{Age} \times 0.2017) - (\text{Weight} \times 0.09036) + (\text{Heart Rate} \times 0.6309) - 55.0969] \times \text{Time} / 4.184$

Women: Calories = $[(\text{Age} \times 0.074) - (\text{Weight} \times 0.05741) + (\text{Heart Rate} \times 0.4472) - 20.4022] \times \text{Time} / 4.184$

Below are those expressions written using programming notation:

```
calories_man = ( (age_years * 0.2017) - (weight_pounds * 0.09036) + (heart_bpm * 0.6309) - 55.0969 ) *  
time_seconds / 4.184
```

```
calories_woman = ( (age_years * 0.074) - (weight_pounds * 0.05741) + (heart_bpm * 0.4472) - 20.4022 ) *  
time_seconds / 4.184
```

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2.5.5: Converting a formatted expression to a program expression.



Consider the example above. Match the changes that were made.

[] × − Spaces in variable names

Replaced by ()

Underscores

-

*

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2.6 Python expressions

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Below is a simple program that includes an expression involving integers.

Figure 2.6.1: Expression example: Leasing cost.

```
Enter down payment: 500  
Enter monthly payment: 300  
Enter number of months: 60  
Total cost: 18500
```

```

""" Computes the total cost of leasing a car given the down payment,
    monthly rate, and number of months """

down_payment = int(input('Enter down payment: '))
payment_per_month = int(input('Enter monthly payment: '))
num_months = int(input('Enter number of months: '))

total_cost = down_payment + (payment_per_month * num_months)

print('Total cost:', total_cost)

```

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2.6.1: Simple program with an arithmetic expression.

Consider the example above.

- 1) Would removing the parentheses as below have yielded the same result?

```

down_payment + payment_per_month *
num_months

```

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

- 2) Would using two assignment statements as below have yielded the same result?

```

total_monthly = payment_per_month *
num_months
total_cost = down_payment +
total_monthly

```

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Style: Single space around operators

A good practice is to include a single space around operators for readability, as in `num_items + 2`, rather than `num_items+2`. An exception is minus used as negative, as in: `x_coordinate = -y_coordinate`. Minus (-) used as negative is known as **unary minus**.

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2.6.2: Single space around operators.

Retype each statement to follow the good practice of a single space around operators.

Note: If an answer is marked wrong, something differs in the spacing, spelling, capitalization, etc. This activity emphasizes the importance of such details.

- 1) `houses_city = houses_block *10`

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- 2) `total = num1+num2+2`

Check [Show answer](#)

- 3) `num_balls=num_balls+1`

Check [Show answer](#)

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4) `num_entries = (user_val+1)*2`

Check

Show answer

Compound operators

Special operators called **compound operators** provide a shorthand way to update a variable, such as `age += 1` being shorthand for `age = age + 1`. Other compound operators include `-=`, `*=`, `/=`, and `%=`.

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2.6.3: Compound operators.

1) `num_atoms` is initially 7. What is `num_atoms` after:
`num_atoms += 5`?

Check

Show answer

2) `num_atoms` is initially 7. What is `num_atoms` after:
`num_atoms *= 2`?

Check

Show answer

3) Rewrite the statement using a compound operator, or type: Not possible
`car_count = car_count / 2`

Check

Show answer

4) Rewrite the statement using a compound operator, or type: Not possible
`num_items = box_count + 1`

Check

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No commas allowed

Commas are not allowed in an integer literal. So 1,333,555 is written as 1333555.

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2.6.4: Assigning an integer literal.

1) The following code correctly assigns an integer value of 2 billion to `num_years`.

```
num_years = 2,000,000,000
```

☐ True

☐ False

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2.6.1: Computing an average.



Write a *single* statement that assigns `avg_sales` with the average of `num_sales1`, `num_sales2`, and `num_sales3`.

Sample output with inputs: 3 4 8

Average sales: 5.00

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```
1 avg_sales = 0
2
3 num_sales1 = int(input())
4 num_sales2 = int(input())
5 num_sales3 = int(input())
6
7 ''' Your solution goes here '''
8
9 print('Average sales: {:.2f}'.format(avg_sales))
```

Run

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2.6.2: Sphere volume.



Given `sphere_radius` and `pi`, compute the volume of a sphere and assign to `sphere_volume`.
Volume of sphere = $(4.0 / 3.0) \pi r^3$

Sample output with input: 1.0

Sphere volume: 4.19

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```
1 pi = 3.14159
2 sphere_volume = 0.0
3
4 sphere_radius = float(input())
5
6 ''' Your solution goes here '''
7
8 print('Sphere volume: {:.2f}'.format(sphere_volume))
```

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2.6.3: Acceleration of gravity.

Compute the approximate acceleration of gravity for an object above the earth's surface, assigning `accel_gravity` with the result. The expression for the acceleration of gravity is: $(G * M) / (d^2)$, where G is the gravitational constant 6.673×10^{-11} , M is the mass of the earth 5.98×10^{24} (in kg), and d is the distance in meters from the Earth's center (stored in variable `dist_center`).

Sample output with input: 6.3782e6 (100 m above the Earth's surface at the equator)

Acceleration of gravity: 9.81

```
1 G = 6.673e-11
2 M = 5.98e24
3 accel_gravity = 0.0
4
5 dist_center = float(input())
6
7 ''' Your solution goes here '''
8
9 print('Acceleration of gravity: {:.2f}'.format(accel_gravity))
```

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2.7 Division and modulo

Division: Integer rounding

The division operator `/` performs division and returns a floating-point number. Ex:

- `20 / 10` is 2.0.
- `50 / 50` is 1.0.
- `5 / 10` is 0.5.

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The floored division operator `//` can be used to round down the result of a floating-point division to the closest whole number value. The resulting value is an integer type if both operands are integers; if either operand is a float, then a float is returned:

- `20 // 10` is 2.
- `50 // 50` is 1.
- `5 // 10` is 0. (`5/10` is 0 and the remainder 5 is thrown away).
- `5.0 // 2` is 2.0

For division, the second operand of `/` or `//` must never be 0, because division by 0 is mathematically undefined.

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2.7.1: Division and floored division.

Determine the result. Type "Error" if the program would terminate due to division by 0. If the answer is a floating-point number, answer in the form `##`, even if the answer is a whole number.

1) `12 / 4`

Check

Show answer

2) `5 / 10`

Check

Show answer

3) `5.0 // 2`

Check

Show answer

4) `100 / 0`

Check

Show answer

Modulo (%)

The basic arithmetic operators include not just `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, but also `%`. The **modulo operator** (`%`) evaluates the remainder of the division of two integer operands. Ex: `23 % 10` is 3.

Examples:

- `24 % 10` is 4. Reason: `24 / 10` is 2 with remainder 4.
- `50 % 50` is 0. Reason: `50 / 50` is 1 with remainder 0.
- `1 % 2` is 1. Reason: `1 / 2` is 0 with remainder 1.

zyDE 2.7.1: Example using expressions: Minutes to hours/minutes.

The program below reads in the number of minutes entered by a user. The program then converts the number of minutes to hours and minutes.

Run the program, then modify the code to work in reverse: The user enters two numbers hours and minutes and the program outputs total minutes.

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2.7.2: Modulo.

Determine the result. Type "Error" if appropriate. Only literals appear in these expressions to focus attention on the operation. Expressions include variables.

1) 50 % 2

Check

[Show answer](#)

2) 51 % 2

Check

[Show answer](#)

3) 78 % 10

Check

[Show answer](#)

4) 596 % 10

Check

[Show answer](#)

5) 100 % (1 // 2)

Check

[Show answer](#)

```
1 minutes = int(input('Enter minutes:\n'))
2 hours = minutes // 60
3 minutes_remaining = minutes % 60
4
5 print(minutes, 'minutes is', end=' ')
6 print(hours, 'hours and', end=' ')
7 print(minutes_remaining, 'minutes.\n', end=' ')
8
```

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2.7.1: Enter the output of the integer expressions.

Start

Type the program's output.

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```

x = 3
y = 2 * (x + 7)

print (x, y)

```

3 20

1

2

3

4

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Modulo examples

Modulo has several useful applications. Below are just a few.

Example 2.7.1: Getting digits.

Given a number, % and / can be used to get each digit. For a 3-digit number user_val like 927:

```

ones_digit = user_val % 10 # Ex: 927 % 10 is 7.
tmp_val = user_val // 10

tens_digit = tmp_val % 10 # Ex: tmp_val = 927 // 10 is 92. Then 92 % 10 is 2.
tmp_val = tmp_val // 10

hundreds_digit = tmp_val % 10 # Ex: tmp_val = 92 // 10 = 9. Then 9 % 10 is 9.

```

Example 2.7.2: Get prefix.

Given a 10-digit phone number stored as an integer, % and / can be used to get any part, such as the prefix. For phone_num = 9365551212 (whose prefix is 555):

```

tmp_val = phone_num // 10000 # // 10000 shifts right by 4, so 93655.
prefix_num = tmp_val % 1000 # % 1000 gets the right 3 digits, so 555.

```

Dividing by a power of 10 shifts a value right. 321 // 10 is 32. 321 // 100 is 3.

% by a power of 10 gets the rightmost digits. 321 % 10 is 1. 321 % 100 is 21.

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2.7.3: Modulo examples.

- 1) Given a non-negative number x, which yields a number in the range 5 - 10?
 - ☐ x % 5
 - ☐ x % 10
 - ☐ x % 11
 - ☐ (x % 6) + 5
- 2) Given a non-negative number x, which expression has the range -10 to 10?
 - ☐ x % -10
 - ☐ (x % 21) - 10
 - ☐ (x % 20) - 10
- 3) Which get the tens digit of x. Ex: If x = 693, which yields 9?

- $x \% 10$
- ☐ $x \% 100$
- ☐ $(x // 10) \% 10$

4) Given a 16-digit credit card number stored in x , which gets the last (rightmost) four digits? (Assume the fourth digit from the right is non-zero).

- ☐ $x / 10000$
- ☐ $x \% 10000$

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2.7.2: Compute change.

A cashier distributes change using the maximum number of five-dollar bills, followed by one-dollar bills. Write a single statement that assigns `num_ones` with the number of distributed one-dollar bills given `amount_to_change`. Hint: Use `%`.

Sample output with input: 19

Change for \$ 19

3 five dollar bill(s) and 4 one dollar bill(s)

```
1 amount_to_change = int(input())
2
3 num_fives = amount_to_change // 5
4
5 ''' Your solution goes here '''
6
7 print('Change for $', amount_to_change)
8 print(num_fives, 'five dollar bill(s) and', num_ones, 'one dollar bill(s)')
```

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2.8 Module basics

Modules

The interactive Python interpreter allows a programmer to execute one line of code at a time. This method of programming is mostly used for very short programs or for practicing the language syntax. Instead, programmers

typically write Python program code in a file called a **script**, and execute the code by passing the script as input to the Python interpreter.

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2.8.1: Scripts are files executed by the interpreter.



Animation captions:

1. Programmer writes code in a script file named print_name.py.
2. The programmer runs the Python interpreter, passing the script as input (shown above using the operating system command line).

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Programmers often write code in more than just a single script file. Collections of logically related code can be stored in separate files, and then imported for use into a script that requires that code. A **module** is a file containing Python code that can be used by other modules or scripts. A module is made available for use via the **import** statement. Once a module is imported, any object defined in that module can be accessed using **dot notation**. Ex: A variable speed_of_light defined in universe.py is accessed via **universe.speed_of_light**.

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2.8.2: Importing modules.



Animation captions:

1. Code can be separated into multiple files. The names.py module has some predefined variables.
2. The print_name.py script imports variables from names.py using dot notation.
3. Running the script imports the module and accesses the module contents using dot notation.

Separating code into different modules makes management of larger programs simpler. For example, a simple Tetris-like game might have a module for input (buttons.py), a module for descriptions of each piece shape (pieces.py), a module for score management (score.py), etc.

The Python standard library, discussed elsewhere, is a collection of useful pre-installed modules. Modules also become more useful when dealing with topics such as functions and classes, where the logical boundaries of what code should be contained within a module is more obvious.

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2.8.3: Basic modules.



dot notation module import script

A file containing Python code that is passed as input to the interpreter

A file containing Python code that is imported by a script, module, or the interactive interpreter

Used to reference an object in an imported module.

Executes the contents of a file containing Python code and makes the definitions from that file available.

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Importing modules and executing scripts

When a module is imported, all code in the module is immediately executed. Python programs often use the built-in special name `__name__` to determine if the file was executed as a script by the programmer, or if the file was imported by another module. If the value of `__name__` is the string `'__main__'`, then the file was executed as a script.

In the figure below, two files are provided: `baby_names.py` initializes some variables, and `favorite_child.py` imports `baby_names.py` as a module and uses some of the variable values to write a message. Running `baby_names.py` as a script (`python baby_names.py`) causes the code within the `if __name__ == '__main__':` block to execute, which prints some baby statistics. When `favorite_child.py` is run and `baby_names.py` is imported as a module, the baby statistics are not printed.

The `if` construct used in the program below is discussed elsewhere. For now, know that the code indented below the `if __name__ == '__main__':` block only executes when the file is passed to the interpreter directly.

Figure 2.8.1: Checking if a file was executed as a script.

<pre># The baby_names.py module print ('Initializing baby variables...') baby_name1 = 'Ryder' baby_name2 = 'Jess' baby_weight1 = 5.1 baby_weight2 = 8.5 # Executes only if file run as a script (e.g., python baby_names.py) if __name__ == '__main__': print('Baby 1:', baby_name1, 'was born', baby_weight1, 'lbs') print('Baby 2:', baby_name2, 'was born', baby_weight2, 'lbs') # A script favorite_child.py that imports and uses the baby_names module. import baby_names # Importing the module executes the module contents print('My favorite child is', baby_names.baby_name1, '-') print('I remember when he weighed only', baby_names.baby_weight1, 'pounds.') print('I love', baby_names.baby_name2, 'too, of course.')</pre>	<pre>\$ python baby_names.py Initializing baby variables... Baby 1: Ryder was born 5.1 lbs Baby 2: Jess was born 8.5 lbs \$ python favorite_child.py Initializing baby variables... My favorite child is Ryder - I remember when he weighed only 5.1 pounds. I love Jess too, of course.</pre>
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2.8.4: Importing modules and executing scripts.

What is the output when running the following commands? Assume valid input of "10" is provided to the program, if required. If no output is generated, select "NO OUTPUT". Note: The `math` module, imported in `fall_time.py`, provides functions for advanced math operations and is discussed in more detail elsewhere.

constants.py	fall_time.py
<pre># Gravitational constants for various planets earth_g = 9.81 # m/s^2 mars_g = 3.71 if __name__ == '__main__': print('Earth constant:', earth_g) print('Mars constant:', mars_g)</pre>	<pre># Find seconds to drop from a height on some planets. import constants import math height = int(input('Height in meters: ')) # Meters from planet if __name__ == '__main__': print('Earth:', math.sqrt(2 * height / constants.earth_g), 'seconds') print('Mars:', math.sqrt(2 * height / constants.mars_g), 'seconds')</pre>

1) `$ python constants.py`

☐ NO OUTPUT

☐

- Earth constant: 9.81
- Mars constant: 3.71
- ☐ Height in meters:
 - Earth: 1.4278431229270645
 - seconds
 - Mars: 2.32181730106286
 - seconds

2) \$ python fall_time.py

- ☐ NO OUTPUT
- ☐ Earth constant: 9.81
 - Mars constant: 3.71
- ☐ Height in meters:
 - Earth: 1.4278431229270645
 - seconds
 - Mars: 2.32181730106286
 - seconds



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2.9 Math module

The math module

While basic math operations like `+` or `*` are sufficient for some computations, programmers sometimes wish to perform more advanced math operations such as computing a square root. Python comes with a standard **math module** to support such advanced math operations. A **module** is Python code located in another file. The programmer can import the module for use in their own file, or in an interactive interpreter. The programmer first imports the module to the top of a file.

The math module provides a number of theoretic, trigonometric, and logarithmic operations that a programmer may use. A mathematical operation provided by the math module can be used as follows:

Figure 2.9.1: Importing the math module and calling a math module function.

```
import math
num = 49
num_sqrt = math.sqrt(num)
```

`sqrt()` is known as a function. A **function** is a list of statements that can be executed simply by referring to the function's name. The statements for `sqrt()` are within the math module itself and are not relevant to the programmer. The programmer provides a value to the function (like `num` above). The function executes its statements and returns the computed value. Thus, `sqrt(num)` above will evaluate to 7.0.

The process of invoking a function is referred to as a **function call**. The item passed to a function is referred to as an **argument**. Some functions have multiple arguments, such as the function `pow(b, e)`, which returns b^e . The statement `ten_generation_ancestors = 1024 * num_people` could be replaced by `ten_generation_ancestors = math.pow(2, 10) * num_people` to be more clear.

zyDE 2.9.1: Example of using a math function: Savings interest program.

Note: Blank print statements are used to go to the next line after reading pre-entered input.



```

1 import math
2 base = float(input('Enter initial savings: '))
3 print()
4 rate = float(input('Enter annual interest %'))
5 print()
6 years = int(input('Enter years that pass: '))
7 print()
8 total = base * math.pow(1 + (rate / 100), years)
9 print('Savings after', years, 'years is', total)

```

5000
3.5
20

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Commonly used functions

Commonly used functions from the math module are listed below. <http://docs.python.org/3.7/library/math.html> has a complete listing.

Table 2.9.1: Functions in the standard math module.

Function	Description	Function	Description
ceil	Round up value	fabs	Absolute value
factorial	factorial ($3! = 3 * 2 * 1$)	floor	Round down value
fmod	Remainder of division	fsum	Floating-point sum
exp	Exponential function e^x	log	Natural logarithm
pow	Raise to power	sqrt	Square root
acos	Arc cosine	asin	Arc sine
atan	Arc tangent	atan2	Arc tangent with two parameters
cos	Cosine	sin	Sine
hypot	Length of vector from origin	degrees	Convert from radians to degrees
radians	Convert degrees to radians	tan	Tangent
cosh	Hyperbolic cosine	sinh	Hyperbolic sine
gamma	Gamma function	erf	Error function
pi (constant)	Mathematical constant 3.141592...	e (constant)	Mathematical constant 2.718281...

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2.9.1: Variable assignments with math functions.



Determine the final value of z.



1) `x = 2.3`
`z = math.ceil(x)`

Check [Show answer](#)

2) `x = 2.3`
`z = math.floor(x)`

Check [Show answer](#)

3) `z = 4.5`
`z = math.pow(math.floor(z), 2.0)`

Check [Show answer](#)

4) `z = 15.75`
`z = math.sqrt(math.ceil(z))`

Check [Show answer](#)

5) `z = 4`
`z = math.factorial(z)`

Check [Show answer](#)

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2.9.1: Coordinate geometry.

Assign `point_dist` with the distance between point (x_1, y_1) and point (x_2, y_2) . The calculation is: $\text{Distance} = \text{SquareRootOf}((x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2)$.

Sample output with inputs: 1.0 2.0 1.0 5.0

Points distance: 3.0

```
1 import math
2
3 point_dist = 0.0
4
5 x1 = float(input())
6 y1 = float(input())
7 x2 = float(input())
8 y2 = float(input())
9
10 ''' Your solution goes here '''
11
12 print('Points distance:', point_dist)
```

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2.9.2: Tree height.

Simple geometry can compute the height of an object from the object's shadow length and shadow angle using the formula: $\tan(\text{angleElevation}) = \text{treeHeight} / \text{shadowLength}$. Given the shadow length and angle of elevation, compute the tree height.

Sample output with inputs: 0.4 17.5

Tree height: 7.398881327917831

```
1 import math
2
3 tree_height = 0.0
4
5 angle_elev = float(input())
6 shadow_len = float(input())
7
8 ''' Your solution goes here '''
9
10 print('Tree height:', tree_height)
```

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2.10 Representing text

Unicode

String variables represent text, such as the character 'G' or the word 'Pineapple'. Python uses **Unicode** to represent every possible character as a unique number, known as a **code point**. For example, the character 'G' has the code point decimal value of 71. Below is a table with some Unicode code points and the character represented by each code point. In total, there are over 1 million code points in the Unicode standard character set.

Table 2.10.1: Encoded text values.

Decimal	Character	Decimal	Character	Decimal	Character
32	space	64	@	96	`

33	!	65	A	97	a
34	"	66	B	98	b
35	#	67	C	99	c
36	\$	68	D	100	d
37	%	69	E	101	e
38	&	70	F	102	f
39	'	71	G	103	g
40	(72	H	104	h
41)	73	I	105	i
42	*	74	J	106	j
43	+	75	K	107	k
44	,	76	L	108	l
45	-	77	M	109	m
46	.	78	N	110	n
47	/	79	O	111	o
48	0	80	P	112	p
49	1	81	Q	113	q
50	2	82	R	114	r
51	3	83	S	115	s
52	4	84	T	116	t
53	5	85	U	117	u
54	6	86	V	118	v
55	7	87	W	119	w
56	8	88	X	120	x
57	9	89	Y	121	y
58	:	90	Z	122	z
59	;	91	[123	{
60	<	92	\	124	
61	=	93]	125	}
62	>	94	^	126	~
63	?	95	_		

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What is the decimal encoding of the '{' character?

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Escape sequences

In addition to visible characters like a, \$, or 5, several special characters exist. A **newline** character, which indicates the end of a line of text, is encoded as 10. Since there is no visible character for a newline, the language uses the two-item sequence `\n` to represent a newline character. The `\` is known as a **backslash**. Upon reaching a `\`, the interpreter recognizes that item as the start of a special character's two-item sequence and then looks at the next item to determine the special character. The two-item sequence is called an **escape sequence**.

Table 2.10.2: Common escape sequences.

Escape Sequence	Explanation	Example code	Output
<code>\\</code>	Backslash (\)	<code>print('\\home\\users\\')</code>	<code>\home\users\</code>
<code>\'</code>	Single quote (')	<code>print('Name: John O\'Donald')</code>	<code>Name: John O'Donald</code>
<code>\"</code>	Double quote (")	<code>print("He said, \"Hello friend!\".")</code>	<code>He said, "Hello friend!".</code>
<code>\n</code>	Newline	<code>print('My name...\nIs John...')</code>	<code>My name... Is John...</code>
<code>\t</code>	Tab (indent)	<code>print('1. Bake cookies\n\t1.1. Preheat oven')</code>	<code>1. Bake cookies 1.1. Preheat oven</code>

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2.10.2: Escape sequences.

1) What is the output of
`print('\\c\\users\\juan')`

- ☐ `\\c\\users\\juan`
- ☐ `\c\\users\\juan`
- ☐ `\\\\c\\users\\\\juan`

2) What is the output of
`print('My name is \'Tator Tot\'.')`

- ☐ My name is Tator Tot.
- ☐ My name is "Tator Tot".
- ☐ My name is 'Tator Tot'.

3) What is the output of
`print('10...\n9...')`

- ☐ 10...9...
- ☐ 10...
9...

Raw strings and converting between an encoding and text

Escape sequences can be ignored using a **raw string**. A raw string is created by adding an 'r' before a string literal, as in `r'this is a raw string\'`, which would output as `this is a raw string\'`.

Figure 2.10.1: Ignoring escape characters with a raw string.

```
my_string = 'This is a \n \'normal\' string\n'
my_raw_string = r'This is a \n \'raw\' string'

print(my_string)
print(my_raw_string)
```

```
This is a
'normal' string

This is a \n \'raw\' string
```

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Sometimes converting between a text character and the encoded value is useful. The built-in function **ord()** returns an encoded integer value for a string of length one. The built-in function **chr()** returns a string of one character for an encoded integer.

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2.10.3: Using `ord()` to convert a character to the encoded value.



Type any character and observe the output of the `ord()` function, which is the numerical encoding of the character. Try upper- and lowercase letters, as well as special characters like "%" or "\$", or a space (should result in "32"). Try copy/pasting any one of these characters (from the Korean Unicode character set) 강 남 스 타 일.

Type a character: `ord('A')` Encoded number: **65**

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2.10.4: Using `chr()` to convert an encoded value to a character.



Type any number between 0 and 255 and observe the encoded value's character equivalent. Note that not all numbers will result a visible character.

Type a number (0-255): `chr(66)` Unicode char: **B**

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2.10.5: Text.



1) Complete the code to output

`\n`

`print(_____)`

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2) Use a raw string literal to assign
"C:\file.doc" to `my_str`.

`my_str = _____`

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Exploring further:

- [Unicode HOWTO](#) from the official Python documentation.

2.11 Additional practice: Number games

The following is a sample programming lab activity; not all classes using a zyBook require students to fully complete this activity. No auto-checking is performed. Users planning to fully complete this program may consider first developing their code in a separate programming environment.

Several math games manipulate numbers in simple ways that yield fun results. Below is a program that takes any given 2-digit number and outputs a 6-digit number, having the 2-digits repeated. For example, 24 becomes 242424.

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Enter a 2-digit number into the input box and press the run button.

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```

1 num = int(input('Enter 2 digit number:\n'))
2
3 result = num * (3 * 7 * 13 * 37)
4
5 print(result)
6

```

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Create a different version of the program that:

1. Takes a 3-digit number and generates a 6-digit number with the 3-digit number repeated, for example, 391 becomes 391391. The rule is to multiply the 3-digit number by $7 \times 11 \times 13$.
2. Takes a 5-digit number and generates a 10-digit number with the 5-digit number repeated, for example, 49522 becomes 4952249522. The rule is to multiply the 5-digit number by 11×9091 .

Times 11: A two-digit number can be easily multiplied by 11 in one's head simply by adding the digits and inserting that sum between the digits. For example, 43×11 has the resulting digits of 4, 4+3, and 3, yielding 473. If the sum between the digits is greater than 9, then the 1 is carried to the hundreds place. Complete the below program.

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2.12 LAB: Divide by x

Write a program using integers user_num and x as input, and output user_num divided by x three times.

Ex: If the input is:

2000
2

```
1 # Complete the following program
2
3 num_in_tens = int(input('Enter the tens digit:\n'))
4 num_in_ones = int(input('Enter the ones digit:\n'))
5
6 num_in = num_in_tens*10 + num_in_ones
7
8 print('You entered', num_in)
9 print(num_in, '* 11 is', num_in*11)
10
11 num_out_hundreds = num_in_tens + ((num_in_tens + num_in_ones) // 10)
12 #num_out_tens = ? FINISH
13 #num_out_ones = ? FINISH
14
15 print('An easy mental way to find the answer is:')
16 print(num_in_tens, ',', num_in_tens, '+', num_in_ones, ',', num_in_ones)
17
18 #Build num_out from its digits:
19 #num_out = ? + ? + ? FINISH
20
21 # Note this line will generate an error until the above program is complete
```

Then the output is:

1000 500 250

Note: In Python 3, integer division discards fractions. Ex: 6 // 4 is 1 (the 0.5 is discarded).

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1 ''' Type your code here. '''

2

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2.13 LAB: Driving costs

Driving is expensive. Write a program with a car's miles/gallon and gas dollars/gallon (both floats) as input, and output the gas cost for 20 miles, 75 miles, and 500 miles.

Output each floating-point value with two digits after the decimal point, which can be achieved as follows:

```
print('{:.2f} {:.2f} {:.2f}'.format(your_value1, your_value2, your_value3))
```

Ex: If the input is:

```
20.0
3.1599
```

Then the output is:

```
3.16 11.85 79.00
```

Note: Real per-mile cost would also include maintenance and depreciation.

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1 ''' Type your code here. '''
2 |

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Enter program input (optional)
If your code requires input values, provide them here.

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2.14 LAB: Expression for calories burned during workout

The following equations estimate the calories burned when exercising ([source](#)):

Women: $\text{Calories} = ((\text{Age} \times 0.074) - (\text{Weight} \times 0.05741) + (\text{Heart Rate} \times 0.4472) - 20.4022) \times \text{Time} / 4.184$

Men: $\text{Calories} = ((\text{Age} \times 0.2017) + (\text{Weight} \times 0.09036) + (\text{Heart Rate} \times 0.6309) - 55.0969) \times \text{Time} / 4.184$

Write a program using inputs age (years), weight (pounds), heart rate (beats per minute), and time (minutes), respectively. Output calories burned for women and men.

Output each floating-point value with two digits after the decimal point, which can be achieved as follows:

```
print('Men: {:.2f} calories'.format(calories_man))
```

Ex: If the input is:

```
49
155
148
60
```

Then the output is:

```
Women: 580.94 calories
Men: 891.47 calories
```

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```
1 ''' Women: Calories = ((Age x 0.074) - (Weight x 0.05741) + (Heart Rate x 0.4472) - 20.4022) x Time /
2 ''' Men: Calories = ((Age x 0.2017) + (Weight x 0.09036) + (Heart Rate x 0.6309) - 55.0969) x Time / 4
3
4 ''' Type your code here. '''
5 |
```

Develop mode **Submit mode**

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program Input (from above) → **main.py** (Your program) → Output (shown below)

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2.15 LAB: Using math functions

Given three floating-point numbers x, y, and z, output x to the power of z, x to the power of (y to the power of z), the absolute value of (x minus y), and the square root of (x to the power of z).

Output each floating-point value with two digits after the decimal point, which can be achieved as follows:

```
print('{:.2f} {:.2f} {:.2f} {:.2f}'.format(your_value1, your_value2, your_value3, your_value4))
```

Ex: If the input is:

```
5.0
1.5
3.2
```

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Then the output is:

```
172.47 361.66 3.50 13.13
```

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''' Type your code here. '''

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Submit mode

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Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)

→

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→

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2.16 LAB: Musical note frequencies

On a piano, a key has a frequency, say f_0 . Each higher key (black or white) has a frequency of $f_0 * r^n$, where n is the distance (number of keys) from that key, and r is $2^{(1/12)}$. Given an initial key frequency, output that frequency and the next 4 higher key frequencies.

Output each floating-point value with two digits after the decimal point, which can be achieved as follows:

```
print('{:.2f} {:.2f} {:.2f} {:.2f} {:.2f}'.format(your_value1, your_value2, your_value3, your_value4, your_value5))
```

Ex: If the input is:

440

(which is the A key near the middle of a piano keyboard), the output is:

440.00 466.16 493.88 523.25 554.37

Note: Use one statement to compute $r = 2^{(1/12)}$ using the pow function (remember to import the math module). Then use that r in subsequent statements that use the formula $f_n = f_0 * r^n$ with n being 1, 2, 3, and finally 4.

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```

1 ''' Type your code here. '''
2 |

```

Develop mode

Submit mode

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)

→

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2.17 LAB: Warm up: Variables, input, and type conversion

(1) Prompt the user to input an integer between 32 and 126, a float, a character, and a string, storing each into separate variables. Then, output those four values on a single line separated by a space. (Submit for 2 points).

Note: This zyLab outputs a newline after each user-input prompt. For convenience in the examples below, the user's input value is shown on the next line, but such values don't actually appear as output when the program runs.

```
Enter integer (32 - 126):
99
Enter float:
3.77
Enter character:
z
Enter string:
Howdy
99 3.77 z Howdy
```

(2) Extend to also output in reverse. (Submit for 1 point, so 3 points total).

```
Enter integer (32 - 126):
99
Enter float:
3.77
Enter character:
z
Enter string:
Howdy
99 3.77 z Howdy
Howdy z 3.77 99
```

(3) Extend to convert the integer to a character by using the 'chr()' function, and output that character. (Submit for 2 points, so 5 points total).

```
Enter integer (32 - 126):
99
Enter float:
3.77
Enter character:
z
```

```
Enter string:
Howdy
99 3.77 z Howdy
Howdy z 3.77 99
99 converted to a character is c
```

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```
1 user_int = int(input('Enter integer (32 - 126):\n'))
2
3 # FIXME (1): Finish reading other items into variables, then output the four values on a single line s
4
5 # FIXME (2): Output the four values in reverse
6
7 # FIXME (3): Convert the integer to a characer, and output that character|
```

Develop mode

Submit mode

Run your program as often as you'd like, before submitting for grading. Below, type any needed input values in the first box, then click **Run program** and observe the program's output in the second box.

Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)



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2.18 LAB*: Program: Cooking measurement converter

Output each floating-point value with two digits after the decimal point, which can be achieved as follows:

```
print('{:.2f}'.format(your_value))
```

(1) Prompt the user for the number of cups of lemon juice, water, and agave nectar needed to make lemonade. Prompt the user to specify the number of servings the recipe yields. Output the ingredients and serving size. (Submit for 2 points).

Note: This zyLab outputs a newline after each user-input prompt. For convenience in the examples below, the user's input value is shown on the next line, but such values don't actually appear as output when the program runs.

```
Enter amount of lemon juice (in cups):
2
Enter amount of water (in cups):
16
Enter amount of agave nectar (in cups):
2.5
How many servings does this make?
6

Lemonade ingredients - yields 6.00 servings
2.00 cup(s) lemon juice
16.00 cup(s) water
2.50 cup(s) agave nectar
```

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(2) Prompt the user to specify the desired number of servings. Adjust the amounts of each ingredient accordingly, and then output the ingredients and serving size. (Submit for 4 points, so 6 points total).

```
How many servings would you like to make?
48

Lemonade ingredients - yields 48.00 servings
16.00 cup(s) lemon juice
128.00 cup(s) water
20.00 cup(s) agave nectar
```

(3) Convert the ingredient measurements from (2) to gallons. Output the ingredients and serving size. Note: There are 16 cups in a gallon. (Submit for 2 points, so 8 points total).

```
Lemonade ingredients - yields 48.00 servings
1.00 gallon(s) lemon juice
8.00 gallon(s) water
1.25 gallon(s) agave nectar
```

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```

1 lemon_juice_cups = float(input('Enter amount of lemon juice (in cups): \n'))
2
3 #FIXME (1): Finish coding other items into variables, then output the three ingredients
4
5 #FIXME (2): Prompt user for desired number of servings. Convert and output the ingredients
6
7 #FIXME (3): Convert and output the ingredients from (2) to gallons
8
9

```

Develop mode

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Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

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2.19 LAB*: Program: Food receipt

Note: When accuracy is essential, floats are not used to represent currency due to rounding and accumulation errors. Python provides several primitives specifically developed to implement financial applications. However, these topics are beyond the scope of this lab.

Output each floating-point value with two digits after the decimal point, which can be achieved as follows:
`print('{:.2f}'.format(your_value))`

(1) Prompt the user to input a food item name, price, and quantity. Output an itemized receipt. (Submit for 2 points)

Note: This zyLab outputs a newline after each user-input prompt. For convenience in the examples below, the user's input value is shown on the next line, but such values don't actually appear as output when the program runs.

```

Enter food item name:
hot dog
Enter item price:
2.00
Enter item quantity:
5

RECEIPT
5 hot dog @ $2.00 = $10.00
Total cost: $10.00

```

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(2) Extend the program to prompt the user for a second item. Output an itemized receipt. (Submit for 2 points, so 4 points total)

```
Enter food item name:
hot dog
Enter item price:
2.00
Enter item quantity:
5

RECEIPT
5 hot dog @ $2.00 = $10.00
Total cost: $10.00

Enter second food item name:
ice cream
Enter item price:
2.50
Enter item quantity:
4

RECEIPT
5 hot dog @ $2.00 = $10.00
4 ice cream @ $2.50 = $10.00
Total cost: $20.00
```

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(3) Extend again to output a third receipt that adds a mandatory 15% gratuity to the total cost. Output the total cost, the cost of gratuity, and the grand total. (Submit for 3 points, so 7 points total)

```
Enter food item name:
hot dog
Enter item price:
2.00
Enter item quantity:
5

RECEIPT
5 hot dog @ $2.00 = $10.00
Total cost: $10.00

Enter second food item name:
ice cream
Enter item price:
2.50
Enter item quantity:
4

RECEIPT
5 hot dog @ $2.00 = $10.00
4 ice cream @ $2.50 = $10.00
Total cost: $20.00

15% gratuity: $3.00
Total with tip: $23.00
```

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```
1 item_name = input('Enter food item name:\n')
2
3 # FIXME (1): Finish reading item price and quantity, then output a receipt
4
5 # FIXME (2): Read in a second food item name, price, and quantity, then output a second receipt
6
7 # FIXME (3): Add a gratuity and total with tip to the second receipt
```

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Enter program input (optional)

If your code requires input values, provide them here.

Run program

Input (from above)



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