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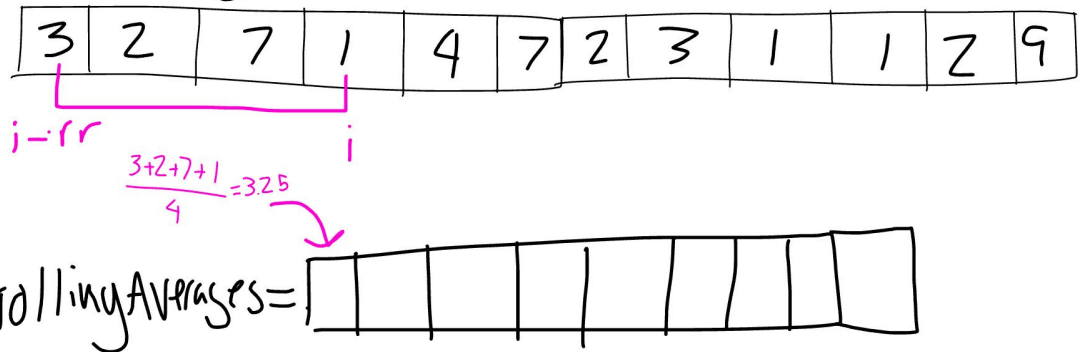
1. Create a new VSC file and name it "politicalPolling.py"
2. Copy-paste the following **data** into the file:

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- i. First, let's learn what a rolling average is by using a simple four-slot moving average
- ii. For each slot, take the average from the current index (which starts at the range of the rolling average) to the slot at that index minus the rolling average and append this new value to the list of rolling averages

rolling range = 4  
 i = rolling range



- iii. We will average the last 200 polls to smooth out the bumps and get a clearer answer
- iv. Create 2 empty lists - one for the rolling average for each party
- v. Now take what you learned and create a 200-long rolling average of the polls
- vi. Then, using the dates array, print out all the dates where the lead in the rolling average switches - either democrats start ahead, and in the next average, republicans are ahead, or the opposite happens

(Note: the first average is at dates[rollingRange], not at dates[0])

Lead switches on: M1/D1/Y, M2/D2/Y, M3/D3/Y...

Dates should start indented with a tab and line up. They should be separated by commas, but make sure not to include the trailing comma

- 5. After you get it to work, try to **condense your code** as much as possible.  
 Also, make sure to follow all the **programming conventions** ([in this doc](#)).
- 6. Show Mr. Schlenker your code to get credit.