More functions etc. examples Ben Bolker 20:53 27 January 2015

More examples

conversion to/from Roman numerals

- Based on CSE 231 project "Shannon's Throbac"
- The rules:
 - $(I,V,X,L,C,D,M) \leftrightarrow (1,5,10,50,100,500,1000)$
 - subtraction rule: I, X, or C preceding the next two elements correspond to subtraction (e.g. IV=4, XC=90)
- string methods are useful, especially in, s.count(), s.replace() are useful
- so is integer division and modulo operations, // and %
- we should write tests first, e.g.

- we can try to write this as a gigantic if statement, or we can try
 to make the rules more compact
- which direction is easier?

compute sine/cosine

- CSE project
- power series approximation:

$$\sin(x) = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}$$

$$\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \frac{x^{2k}}{(2k)!}$$

- stop when the absolute value of the next term is $< 10^{-8}$ (1e-8 in computer notation)
- divide x by π , take the remainder (modulo: %)
- write tests first (what are some easy cases, using math.pi?)
- use math.factorial? use the factorial function we already wrote? augment terms as we go along?
- after we write the two functions, can we combine them?
- extra credit/puzzle: what do we get if we interpolate between these two functions?

letter-scrambling

- CSE project
- scramble words within a text
- start with some simpler cases
 - reverse every word in a line
 - again, string methods especially str.split()
 - now read from a file
- test cases? easier with just a few lines
- harder: preserve punctuation at the end of the word
- harder: shuffle
- from numpy.random import shuffle
- split words and join them: list(), ''.join()
- test case

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f = open("../misc/darwin.txt")
for line in f:
  print(line)
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It is interesting to contemplate a tangled bank, clothed with many plants of many kinds, with birds