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import scipy.constants as _sc
import numpy as np

# solar mass, radius, luminosity
Msun = 1.98848e30 # kg
Rsun = 6.957e8 # m
Lsun = 3.828e26 # W

#print("The Mean Molecular Weight for\
# interstellar gas is {:.5}".format(mue_gas))

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if __name__ == "__main__":

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## SNAKESHIT A Short Musical

Book, Music, and Lyrics by D. Q. Pham

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    constants = [
        ("solar mass", Msun, "kg"),
        ("solar radius", Rsun, "m"),
        ("solar luminosity", Lsun, "W"),
        ("gravitational constant", G, "m**3 s**-2 kg**-1"),
        ("Planck constant", h, "J s"),
        ("Planck constant, reduced", hbar, "J s"),
        ("electron mass", m_e, "kg"),
        ("proton mass", m_p, "kg"),
        ("neutron mass", m_n, "kg"),
        ("atomic mass unit", m_u, "kg"),
        ("speed of light", c, "m s**-1"),
        ("Boltzmann constant", k, "J K**-1"),
        ("parsec", pc, "m"),
        ("astronomical unit", au, "m"),
        ("year", year, "s"),
        ("Stefan-Boltzmann constant", sigmaSB, "W m**-2 K**-4")
    ]

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### Cast of Characters

<u>UNUK:</u>	Woman (countryside or neither city-Asian nor city-White), mezzo-soprano, an astronomy student who neglects Python.
<u>GUDJA:</u>	Woman, soprano, an astronomy professor who brings Python into an everyday language.
<u>MARFIK:</u>	Man, tenor, a student who gets Python.
<u>ALYA:</u>	Woman, alto, a student who gets Python.
<u>YED:</u>	Man, bass, a student who gets Python.

### Place

Classroom

### Time

1990s or 2000s

## Musical Numbers

main( <b>S</b> )	Unuk
repeat( <b>STRANGLE</b> )	Company
print( <b>SLITHER OFF</b> )	Unuk and Gudja

Setting: A classroom contains a desk.

At Rise: UNUK, carrying a stack of papers, enters.

(Song: "S")

**UNUK** (breathlessly.)

UNUK. PLEASE TAKE A BREATH,  
UNUK. SEMESTER'S DONE, UNUK.  
ASTRONOMY, UNUK. WEED-OUT  
COURSES OVER. DEEP RELEVANT  
HOMEWORK.

(Placing the stack on the desk.)

THE SCOPE OF THE TELE.  
BUTTERFLIES IN BELLY. FARM'S  
BEEN STELLAR, UNUK.  
CONSTELLATIONS APART. TIME  
TO HOGTIE THE DARK.  
SUPERNOVAE TO START.  
LAGRANGIAN'S BEEN HARD.

(MARFIK, ALYA, and YED stroll in.)

COMMUNITIES OF STARS. SIGN  
THAT ALL LEAVE A MARK.

(GUDJA, carrying a portable computer, marches in.)

A HOLY STAY, GUDJA.

(GUDJA examines the stack.)

THE BREAK'S BEGUN.

(GUDJA removes the stack. She places the computer on the desk.)

(They gather around the desk.)

(Song: "STRANGLE")

### **GUDJA**

ALL I ASK OF YOUR MENTAL  
ENVI-MENT. SAVE IT. EXPORT  
THEM. YA'LL WERE TAUGHT THIS  
IN HIGH SCHOOL.

(UNUK alienates the computer.)

PRESENT, WELCOME BACK TO  
THE FUTURE!

(Activating the computer.)

(The computer throttles.)

(UNUK chokes up.)

TIME'S JUST A SCALAR  
QUANTITY THOUGH.

(Pointing to the computer.)

FILE... COMPUTE ORBITS AND  
ENERGIES FOR THE SMALLEST  
TIMESTEPS FOR EACH  
INTEGRATION. YED. ALYA.  
MARFIK. U. N N SERPENTIS HAS  
AN ELIPSICAL PERIOD. IT IS ONLY  
PYTHON.

(Moving aside.)

(MARFIK, ALYA, and YED take control of the computer.)

MARFIK	ALYA	YED
README M D.	RUN MATPLOTLIB.	OPEN NUMPY.
SOLAR	LIGHT SPEED	ATOMIC MASS
LUM-NOSITY.	INVERSE M S.	UNIT.

(UNUK discreetly takes a piece of paper from the hidden stack.)

ENERGY PLOT FUNCTIONS AND  
THE OUTPUT.

(UNUK writes on the paper.)

(MARFIK, ALYA, and YED turn their attention to UNUK.)

WHITE.	COLD.	DWARF.
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(Taking the paper from UNUK.)

COLD WHITE DWARF STAR.  
CALC-LATE MASS RADIUS. FOR  
US.

(Setting UNUK up to the computer.)

MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL.	TRY TO BE ON TOP.	DON'T GET LEFT BEHIND.
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(UNUK holds her head.)

YES PRESSURE.	YES PRESSURE.	YES PRESSURE.
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(Pointing to the computer.)

(UNUK glances at the paper.)

(MARFIK, ALYA, and YED rip up the paper and scour through other papers in the hidden stack.)

**UNUK** (disorientedly.)

STRANGLEHOLD. COULD NOT BE  
FELT WHILE WAND-RING A  
BARNYARD. FULLER OF THEM  
MICE.

(Toying with the mouse or touchpad.)

**GUDJA**

PYTHON IS ELEGANT SYNTAX,  
SCRIPTING.

**UNUK**

ITS TYPE'S TOO... DYNAMICALLY.

**GUDJA**

PERHAPS IT'S YOUR LIFE THAT  
NEEDS TO CHANGE THROUGH  
RESEARCH, LEARN TO CAST THE  
NET.

(Moving aside.)

**UNUK**

NOTHING GOOD COMES OUT OF  
WRANGLING PYTHON ON THE  
WEB.

(Typing then entering on the computer.)

WELCOME TO THE JAVA...

(Scrolling with conviction.)

(MARFIK, ALYA, and YED slithers back. They retake control of the computer.)

**MARFIK**

TOO MUCH  
PRESSURE.  
'QUATION OF  
STATE UNIT.  
P-D RELATIONSHIP, BRANCH UNCOMMIT.

**ALYA**

TOO MUCH  
PRESSURE.  
'QUATION OF  
STATE TESTED.

**YED**

DENS-TY  
DEFINED.  
'QUATION OF  
STATE UNIT.

(UNUK forces herself onto the computer. She  
hastily types.)

(MARFIK, ALYA, and YED force UNUK off the  
computer. They continue typing.)

STOP WITH  
ARTISTRY.  
SEE, NOTHING TOO  
COMPLEX.  
PLUS, 3 D AIN'T  
WORTH IT.  
PLUS,

STOP THIS  
IMPRI-TY.  
SEE, DO NOT FEEL  
SO STRESSED.  
PLUS, 3 D ARE FOR  
NERDS.  
PLUS,

STOP FEELING  
FREELY.  
SEE, JUST GIVE IT  
A REST.  
PLUS, 3 D LOADS  
TOO SLOW.  
PLUS,

(Directing towards each wall except the fourth wall.)

BOXED IN.

BOXED IN.

BOXED IN.

(Boxing in UNUK into the computer.)

**UNUK** (reluctantly.)

FOREST WITH ALL INTRICATE  
PARTS ARE MY MORAL CODE.  
NATURE SNAKING AROUND WILL  
NOT DO.

(UNUK types away.)

FLUSH. FOR CODES SO LUSH.  
BYTE STREAM TO PUBLIC  
SERVER.

(GUDJA takes control of the computer.)



**GUDJA**

PRIVATE. PRIVATE. PRIVATE.

(Returning the computer then scouring through  
papers in the hidden stack.)

**MARFIK**

**ALYA**

**YED**

STRANGLEHOLD.

STRANGLEHOLD.

STRANGLEHOLD.

(GUDJA returns the computer to UNUK.)

**UNUK**

JAVA. IT PROVIDES THE AIR TO  
BREATHE.

**MARFIK**

**ALYA**

**YED**

LANGUAGE NATIVE TO HER PEOPLE.

**UNUK** (sorely.)

OUGHT FOR ME TO INTEGRATE.  
SERVES YOU. LET ME JUST...

(Pressing CTRL and C.)

COPY.

(GUDJA, MARFIK, ALYA, and YED express  
shock.)

PASTE.

(Mashing CTRL and V.)

**GUDJA**

YOU HAVE JUST BROKEN THE  
CODE OF...

**MARFIK**

**ALYA**

**YED**

OFF... OF THE LAWS OF ENTROPY.

**UNUK**

THOUGH FRAMEWORK'S  
DEBUGGED, JUST FIX CENTRAL  
PRESSURE ARRAY FOR  
MASS-RADIUS TABLE IN A  
LIGHTWEIGHT CLASS.

**GUDJA**

CONDUCT. SEE ME AF...

**MARFIK**

**ALYA**

**YED**

THIS BOX HAS NO ROOM FOR A  
PARTICULAR MOLECULE.

**UNUK**

PLOT ROOM FOR JAVA...  
PROGRAMMERS.

**MARFIK**

**ALYA**

**YED**

VET-NAR-ANS.

ENGINEERS.

PERFORMERS.

(Pointing out.)

**UNUK**

I AM JUST AS MUCH OF AN  
ASTRONOMER AS YOU ARE WITH  
YOUR PRIVILEGED SELVES WITH  
TECHNOL-GIES.

**MARFIK**

**ALYA**

**YED**

UNUK. FAILURE.

UNUK. CODE  
BREAKER.

UNUK. CHEATER.

**UNUK**

I AGREE TO OWN THIS FOR I HAVE  
ONLY CHEATED MYSELF. OH  
WELL.

(Looking to GUDJA for approval.)

THIS ASSIGNMENT, GIVE ME A  
ZERO.

**MARFIK**

NOT FOR US.

**ALYA**

NOT FOR US.

**YED**

NOT FOR US.

**UNUK**

PLEASE, YOU'RE AN INTEGRAL  
HERO.

**GUDJA**

'TERWARDS.

**UNUK**

SAKE OF GROUP, MY WILL SAYS  
I'LL JUST HAVE TO RETAKE WITH  
CLASS.

(GUDJA ponders at the hidden stack.)

COLLEGE WON'T JUST BE FOR  
THE RICH AS THIS STAR HOLDS  
THE MANTLE OF THE FIRST  
GENERATION.

(Feeling the weight of emotion.)

CHOKE.

(GUDJA dismisses MARFIK, ALYA, and YED.)

**UNUK (Cont.)**

I WILL NEVER DROP...

**MARFIK**

OUT.

**ALYA**

OUT.

**YED**

OUT.

(Exiting.)

(GUDJA deactivates the computer. She directs UNUK to her side. She grabs and sets down the stack.)

(Song: "SLITHER OFF")

**GUDJA**

YOU DON'T BELONG ON THIS  
COURSE. YOUR WORK'S ALWAYS  
BEEN TOO COMPLEX.

(Pointing out the stack.)

I KNEW WELL BEFORE I TOOK  
YOU IN. JAVA'S A REL-TIVELY  
NEW LANGUAGE.

(Handing the computer to UNUK.)

GET AHEAD WHILE YOU CAN.  
DON'T GET CUT OFF. THERE ARE  
TELESCOPES IN THE DISTANCE.  
'STRON-MERS THAT CODE IN ALL  
TONGUE. EXECUTE THE SCRIPT.

(Waving UNUK off.)

(UNUK appears mystified.)

*RUN THE PROGRAM NOW!*

(Departing.)

(UNUK may hold the computer. She may run out in the open. She activates the computer. She knows there is a lot to unpack.)

## UNUK

ROUND UP FOR AN ENTIRE  
UNIVERSE.

(Inhaling.)

AIR.

(Feeling lonely.)

'ROR PROP-GATION.

(Collecting herself.)

DATA. READING. WRITING.  
MANIPULATING.

(Feeling powerful.)

SYSTEM EXIT. ZERO.

(Pressing.)

FADE OUT

FIN

# ***S*** *Snakeshit*

D. Q. PHAM

Andante

UNUK

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

7

UNUK

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

U - nuk. Please take a breath, U - nuk. Se - mes - ter's done,

U - nuk. A - stro - no - my, U - nuk. Weed - out cour - ses o - ver. Deep re - le - vant

13

UNUK

home - work.      The scope of the te - le.      But - ter - flies in bel - ly.      Farm's been stel - lar,

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

G F G D E A C

19

UNUK

U - nuk.      Con - stel - lat - ions a - part.      Time to hog - tie the dark.      Su - per - no - vae

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

G F G F G F

25

UNUK

to start. La-gran-gi-an's been hard. Com-mu-ni-ties of stars. Sign that all leave

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

Chords: E, A, F, G, F, G, F

31

UNUK

a mark. A ho-ly stay, Gud - ja. The break's be- gun.

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

Chords: F, F, E, A, E7



36

UNUK

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

F#

A

C

Detailed description: This system covers measures 36, 37, and 38. The UNUK part consists of three whole rests. The Piano part features a sequence of chords in the right hand: F# major (measures 36-37) and C major (measure 38), while the left hand remains silent. The Drum Set maintains a consistent eighth-note pattern throughout. The Guitar part is composed of three sustained chords: F# major, A major, and C major, each held for a full measure.

39

UNUK

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

E7

F#

C

GUDJA removes the stack.

Detailed description: This system covers measures 39, 40, and 41. The UNUK part consists of three whole rests. The Piano part plays chords in the right hand: F# major (measures 39-40) and C major (measure 41), with the left hand silent. The Drum Set continues with its eighth-note pattern. The Guitar part features three sustained chords: E7, F# major, and C major. A text box above the guitar staff in measure 40 states "GUDJA removes the stack." The system concludes with a double bar line at the end of measure 41.

# STRANGLE

*Snakeshit*

D. Q. PHAM

Andantino

UNUK

GUDJA

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

UNUK

GUDJA

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

All I ask of your men-tal en-vi-ment. Save it. Ex-port them. Ya'll were taught this in high school. Pre-sent, wel-come

back to the fu-ture! Time's just a sca-lar quan-ti-ty though. File...Com-pute or-bits and e - ner-gies for the small-est time

12

UNUK

GUDJA

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

steps for each in-te-grat-ion. Yed. Al-ya. Mar-fik. U. N N Ser-pen-tis has an e - clip-si-cal pe-ri-od. It is on-ly Py-thon.

19

UNUK

GUDJA

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

Read-me M D. So - lar lum - no - si - ty. E - ner - gy plot funct-ions and the

Run mat-plot - lib. Light speed in-verse M S. E - ner - gy plot funct-ions and the

O - pen num - py. A - to - mic mass u - nit. E - ner - gy plot funct-ions and the

26

UNUK

GUDJA

MARFIK

out-put. White. Cold white dwarf star. Calc - late mass ra - di - us. For us. Make your-self use - ful. Yes pres

ALYA

out-put. Cold. Cold white dwarf star. Calc - late mass ra - di - us. For us. Try to be on top. Yes pres

YED

out-put. Dwarf. Cold white dwarf star. Calc - late mass ra - di - us. For us. Don't get left be - hind. Yes pres

Piano

Drum Set

34

UNUK

Stran - - gle - hold. Could not be felt while wand-ring a barn-yard.

GUDJA

MARFIK

sure.

ALYA

sure.

YED

sure.

Piano

Drum Set

43

UNUK Full - er of them mice. Its type's too...

GUDJA Py-thon is e - le-gant syn-tax, script - ing.

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

52

UNUK — Dy-na-mi - cal-ly.

GUDJA Per-haps it's your life that needs to change through re - search, learn to cast the net.

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

60

UNUK

No-thing good comes out of wran-gl - ing Py-thon on the web. Wel - come to the ja - va.....

GUDJA

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

67

UNUK

tr~~~~~

GUDJA

MARFIK

Too much pres - sure. 'Quat - ion of state u - nit. P - D

ALYA

Too much pres - sure. 'Quat - ion of state test - ed. P - D

YED

Dens - ty de - fined. 'Quat - ion of state u - nit. P - D

Piano

Drum Set

75

UNUK

GUDJA

MARFIK

re-lat-ion - ship, branch un-com-mit. Stop with ar-tis-try. See, no-thing too com-plex. Plus, 3

ALYA

re-lat-ion - ship, branch un-com-mit. Stop this im-pri-ty. See, do not feel so stressed. Plus, 3

YED

re-lat-ion - ship, branch un-com-mit. Stop feel-ing free-ly. See, just give it a rest. Plus, 3

Piano

Drum Set

83

UNUK

Fo - rest with all in-tri-cate parts are my mo-ral code. Na-

GUDJA

MARFIK

D ain't worth it. Plus, boxed in.

ALYA

D are for nerds. Plus, boxed in.

YED

D loads too slow. Plus, boxed in.

Piano

Drum Set

89

UNUK *tr*  
ture snak-ing a-round will not do... Flush. For codes so lush. Byte stream to pu-blic ser-ver. Ja - va.

GUDJA  
Pri - vate. Pri - vate. Pri - vate.

MARFIK  
Stran-gle- hold.

ALYA  
Stran-gle- hold.

YED  
Stran-gle- hold.

Piano

Drum Set

96

UNUK  
It pro-vides the air to breathe. Ought for me to in-te-grate. Serves you. Let me just co-py. Paste. Though frame-work's

GUDJA  
You have just bro-ken the code

MARFIK  
Lan-guage na - tive to her peo - ple.

ALYA  
Lan-guage na - tive to her peo - ple.

YED  
Lan-guage na - tive to her peo - ple.

Piano

Drum Set



103

UNUK  
de-bugged, just fix cen-tral pres-sure ar - ray for mass-ra-di-us ta-ble in a light-weight class.

GUDJA  
of... Con duct. See me af...

MARFIK  
Off of the laws of en - tro - py. This box has no room for a par-ti-

ALYA  
Off of the laws of en - tro - py. This box has no room for a par-ti-

YED  
Off of the laws of en - tro - py. This box has no room for a par-ti-

Piano

Drum Set

108

UNUK  
Plot room for Ja - va... Pro - gram-mers. I am just as much of an a-stro-no-mer as you are

GUDJA

MARFIK  
cu - lar mo - le - cule. Vet - nar - ans. U - gliss.

ALYA  
cu - lar mo - le - cule. En - gin - neers. U - gliss.

YED  
cu - lar mo - le - cule. Per - for - mers. U - gliss.

Piano

Drum Set

113

UNUK  
with your pri-vi-leged selves with tech-nol-gies. I a-gree to own this for I have on-ly cheat-ed my-self. Oh well. This

GUDJA

MARFIK  
nuk. Fail - - - lure.\_\_\_\_\_

ALYA  
nuk. Code\_\_\_\_\_ break - er.

YED  
nuk. Cheat - - - er.\_\_\_\_\_

Piano

Drum Set

119

UNUK  
as-sign-ment, give me a ze-ro. Please, you're an in-te-gral he-ro. Sake of group, my will says I'll just have to re-take with

GUDJA  
"Ter-wards.

MARFIK  
Not for us.

ALYA  
Not for us.

YED  
Not for us.

Piano

Drum Set

125

UNUK class. Col-lege won't just be for the rich as this star holds the man-tle of the first

GUDJA

MARFIK

ALYA

YED

Piano

Drum Set

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 125 through 128. The UNUK part features a vocal melody starting on a whole note, followed by eighth notes, and then a descending line. The lyrics are: "class. Col-lege won't just be for the rich as this star holds the man-tle of the first". The other vocal parts (GUDJA, MARFIK, ALYA, YED) are silent. The Piano part provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand. The Drum Set part has a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

129

UNUK ge - ner - at - ion. Choke. I will ne - ver drop...

GUDJA

MARFIK Out.

ALYA Out.

YED Out.

Piano

Drum Set

Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for measures 129 through 132. The UNUK part features a vocal melody with a slur over the last two measures. The lyrics are: "ge - ner - at - ion. Choke. I will ne - ver drop...". The other vocal parts (GUDJA, MARFIK, ALYA, YED) are silent. The Piano part provides a harmonic accompaniment. The Drum Set part has a consistent rhythmic pattern of eighth notes.

# 3 SLITHER OFF

*Snakeshit*

D. Q. PHAM

Adagio

GUDJA sets down the stack.

UNUK

GUDJA

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

You don't be - long on this course. Your work's al-ways been too com-plex. I knew well be-fore I took

This musical system consists of five staves. The UNUK staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of whole rests. The GUDJA staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of music: a whole rest, a half note Bb, a quarter note G, a quarter note F, a quarter note E, a quarter note D, a quarter note C, and a quarter note B. The Piano staff has a grand staff (treble and bass clefs), a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of whole rests. The Drum Set staff has a single line with a common time signature (C) and a half note with an accent mark. The Guitar staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of whole rests.

8

UNUK

GUDJA

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

you in. Ja-va's a rel-tive-ly new lan-guage. Get a-head while you can. Don't get cut off. There are tele-scopes in the

This musical system consists of five staves. The UNUK staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of whole rests. The GUDJA staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of music: a quarter note Bb, a quarter note G, a quarter note F, a quarter note E, a quarter note D, a quarter note C, and a quarter note B. The Piano staff has a grand staff (treble and bass clefs), a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of whole rests. The Drum Set staff has a single line with a common time signature (C) and a half note. The Guitar staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a common time signature (C). It contains seven measures of whole rests.

15

UNUK

GUDJA

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

dis-tance.'Stron-mers that code in all tongue. Ex - e - cute the script. Run the pro-gram now!

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 15 through 20. The UNUK part is silent throughout. The GUDJA part has a vocal line with lyrics: "dis-tance.'Stron-mers that code in all tongue. Ex - e - cute the script. Run the pro-gram now!". The Piano part is silent. The Drum Set part is silent. The Guitar part is silent except for a single note in the final measure of each system.

21

UNUK

GUDJA

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

Round up for an en - tire u - ni - verse.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 21 through 26. The UNUK part has a vocal line with lyrics: "Round up for an en - tire u - ni - verse.". The GUDJA part is silent. The Piano part has a simple accompaniment. The Drum Set part is silent. The Guitar part has a rhythmic accompaniment consisting of eighth notes.

27

UNUK

Air. 'Ror pro - gat - ion.

GUDJA

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

34

UNUK

Da - - ta. Read - ing. Writ - ing.

GUDJA

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar

39

UNUK

Ma - ni - pu - lat - ing.      Sy - stem      e -      xit.      Ze - ro.

GUDJA

Piano

Drum Set

Guitar