

CS 110 - Functions and Return

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Returning a value

- Using we can send a value to a function using **arguments** and **parameter variables**.
- We can also **return** values from a function using the **return** statement
- It is often useful to have a function yield a particular value

```
def function_name():  
    statementA  
    . . .  
    statementN
```

statement . . .

function_name()

statements . . .

```
def function_name():  
    statementA  
    . . .  
    return n
```

```
statement . . .
```

```
var = function_name()
```

```
statements . . .
```

```
def function_name():  
    statementA  
    . . .  
    return
```

statement . . .

function_name()

statements . . .

```
def function_name():  
    statementA  
    if ...:  
        return  
    statementY
```

statement . . .

function_name()

statements . . .

```
def categorize(height):  
    if height > 70:  
        return "tall"  
    else:  
        return "short"
```

statements . . .

```
category_1 = categorize(75)  
category_2 = categorize(65)
```

statements . . .

What would this print?

```
def repeat(content, times):  
    to_return = ''  
    i = 0  
    while i < times:  
        to_return += content  
        i += 1  
    return to_return  
  
result = repeat('110', 5)  
print(result)
```


The pythagorean theorem

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pythagorean_theorem

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$

$$c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

The pythagorean theorem

- Write a function that accepts two ints as parameters
- These represent the length of the two non-hypotenuse sides
- Returns the length of the hypotenuse

return 5.0

pythagorean(3, 4)

return 14.142135623730951

pythagorean (10, 10)

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Implement the pythagorean function

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    c = (c_squared)**0.5  
    return c
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```
def pythagorean(a, b):  
    '''  
        Calculates the length of c (the hypotenuse) of a right triangle using  
        the pythagorean theorem.  
        a and b: The length of the sides of a right-triangle that are adjacent  
                to the right-angle.  
        Returns an integer that is the calculated length of side c.  
    '''  
    c_squared = (a**2 + b**2)  
    c = (c_squared)**0.5  
    return c  
  
def main():  
    a_value = float(input('Enter a value: '))  
    b_value = float(input('Enter b value: '))  
    result = pythagorean(a_value, b_value)  
    print(result)  
  
main()
```

Multiple return

- It is possible to return multiple values from a function
- As with arguments and parameters, use comma-separated list

```
def function_name():  
    statementA  
    . . .  
    return a
```

```
statement . . .
```

```
r1 = function_name()
```

```
statements . . .
```

```
def function_name():  
    statementA  
    . . .  
    return a, b
```

```
statement . . .
```

```
r1, r2 = function_name()
```

```
statements . . .
```



```
def function_name():  
    statementA  
    . . .  
    return a, b, c
```

```
statement . . .
```

```
r1, r2, r3 = function_name()
```

```
statements . . .
```

What will this program print?

```
def compute_a_sum(number):  
    i = 1  
    a_sum = 0  
    while i <= number:  
        a_sum += i  
        i += 2  
    return number, i, a_sum
```

```
def main():  
    hopefully_an_integer = int(input('Enter a value:\n')) # 4  
    result_1, result_2, result_3 = compute_a_sum(hopefully_an_integer)  
    print(result_1, result_2, result_3)
```

```
main()
```

Write the **min_max** function

The min_max function should have three parameters.

The function should return *both* the minimum and maximum value.

For example:

```
minimum, maximum = min_max(40, 70, 10)  
print(minimum, maximum)
```

Should print:

10, 70

```
def min_max(a, b, c):
```

```
    '''
```

This function accepts three numbers and returns two values: The min and max
a, b, c: Can be any integer or float values

returns: Two numbers. First the minimum, and then the maximum.

```
    '''
```

```
    minimum = a
```

```
    maximum = a
```

```
    if b >= c >= a or b >= a >= c:
```

```
        maximum = b
```

```
    elif c >= b >= a or c >= a >= b:
```

```
        maximum = c
```

```
    if b <= c <= a or b <= a <= c:
```

```
        minimum = b
```

```
    elif c <= b <= a or c <= a <= b:
```

```
        minimum = c
```

```
    return minimum, maximum
```

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name = 'Jeremiah'  
print(name[1:5])  
print(name[0:3])  
print(name[3:])  
print(name[:3])
```

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```
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```
word_1 = movie[0:5]
```

```
word_2 = movie[14:]
```

```
word_3 = movie[6:12]
```

```
print(word_1, word_2, word_3)
```


Implement the function

- Write a function named **same_halves** that has a single string parameter
- Returns **True** if the first half of the string is the same as the second half
- Otherwise, return **False**

```
print(same_halves('abcdabcd'))      # True
print(same_halves('another'))       # False
print(same_halves('123__321'))      # False
print(same_halves('123__123'))      # False
print(same_halves('123_4567123_4567')) # True
```

```
def same_halves(string):  
    half_len = int(len(string)/2)  
    first_half = string[:half_len]  
    second_half = string[half_len:]  
    if first_half == second_half:  
        return True  
    else:  
        return False
```

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```
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```

```
    '''
```

```
    This function determines if the first half of a string is  
    Identical to the second half of the string.
```

```
    string: any string of character.
```

```
    '''
```

```
    return string[:int(len(string)/2)] == string[int(len(string)/2):]
```

Scope

- Every variable that is created has a particular **scope**
- The **scope** of a variable is the range(s) of code over which that variable can be used or modified

Local and Global

- **Local Variable:** Is a variable with local scope
 - For example: A variable assigned inside of a function can only be used or modified within that function after the initial assignment
- **Global Variable:** Is a variable with global scope
 - For example: a variable declared outside of a function can be accessed or modified across multiple functions

How many
global
variables?

```
def calculate():
    total_pay = 0
    total_hours = 0
    index = 1
    while index <= weeks:
        pay = int(input('Week ' + str(index) + ' pay: '))
        hours = int(input('Week ' + str(index) + ' hours worked: '))
        total_pay += pay
        total_hours += hours
        index += 1
    return total_pay, total_hours

weeks = int(input('How many weeks of work? '))
total_pay, total_hours = calculate()
average_weekly_pay = total_pay / weeks
average_hourly_wage = total_pay / total_hours
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```

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    name = first_letter.upper() + after_first.lower()
```

```
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```
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```

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    after_first = name_to_process[1:]  
    name = first_letter.upper() + after_first.lower()  
  
name = input('Type your name: ')  
process_name(name)  
  
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