

Introduction to Programming CS101

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Lecture #7



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Arguments are mapped to parameters one-by-one, left-to-right.





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2.0
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Tuple has one element for each place holder in the format_string. Place holders are:

- %d for integers in decimal,
- %g for float,
- %.2f for float with fixed precision (2 digits after period),
- %s for anything (like str(x)).



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Different from the in operator for lists and tuples, which tests whether something is equal to an element of the list or tuple.



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- upper(), lower(), and capitalize()
- isalpha() and isdigit()
- startswith(prefix) and endswith(suffix)
- find(str), find(str, start), and find(str, start, end) (return -1 if str is not in the string)
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String methods for converting between lists and strings:

- split() splits with white space as separator
- split(sep) splits with given separator sep
- join(1) concatenates strings from a list 1



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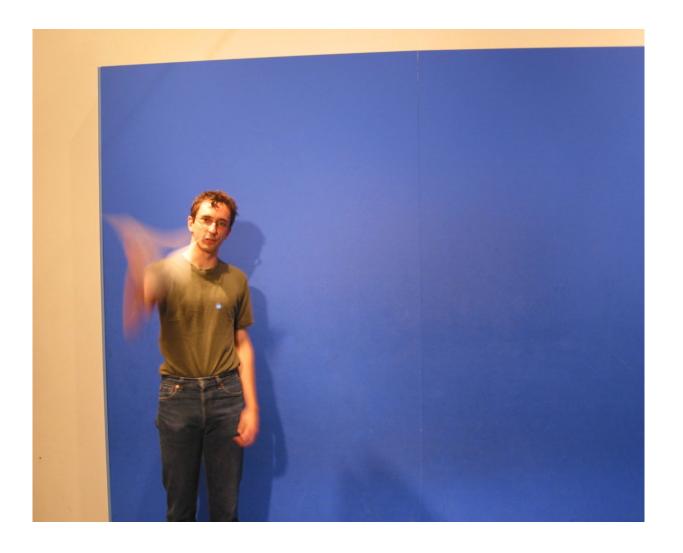
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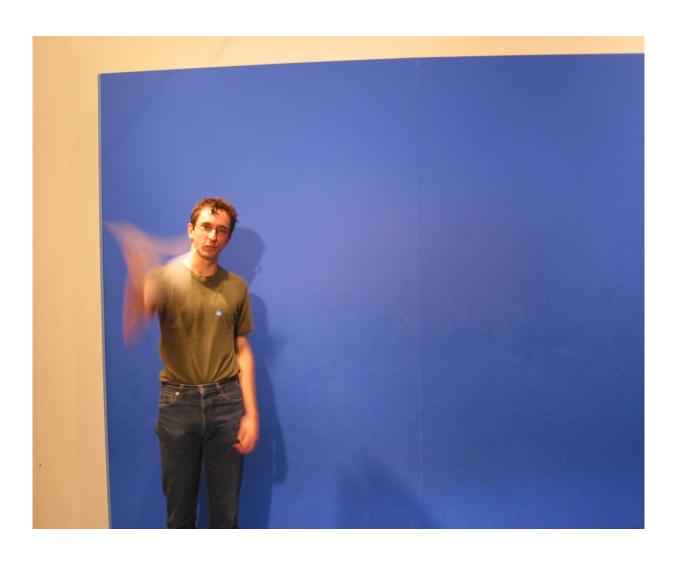


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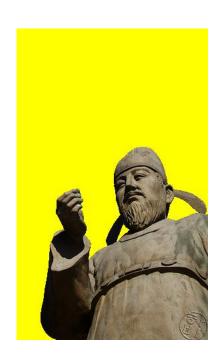
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This is just the Euclidean distance in \mathbb{R}^3 .



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def chroma(img, key, threshold):
    w, h = img.size()
    for y in range(h):
        for x in range(w):
        p = img.get(x, y)
        if dist(p, key) < threshold:
        img.set(x, y, Color.yellow)</pre>
```







Now all we need is a paste function that skips the color-coded background:

```
def chroma_paste(canvas, img, x1, y1, key):
    w, h = img.size()
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To decode the secret, we look at all pixels (r,g,b) of the image, and turn it black if r is odd, and white otherwise.