1. Compare and contrast the float and Decimal classes' benefits and drawbacks.

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| Float | Decimal |
| Float objects like this one are always represented internally up to a certain degree of accuracy only. | The precision is dependent on the number of bits used to represent the number. |
| floats are internally represented in binary format;that is, a decimal number 0 < n < 1 is represented by a series of the form | It translates 15 digits accuracy for float. For example, the issue can be of importance when summing over a large set of numbers. In such a situation, a certain kind and/or magnitude of representation error might, in aggregate, lead to significant deviations from a benchmark value. |
| For certain floating-point numbers the binary representation might involve a large number of elements or might even be an infinite series. | In order to overcome this we use the decimal module. The module decimal provides an arbitrary-precision object for floating-point numbers |
| Other numbers can be represented perfectly and are therefore stored exactly even with a finite number of bits available. | The precision can in this way be adjusted to the exact problem at hand and one can operate with floating-point objects that exhibit different degrees of accuracy. |

#For Float  
a = 0.35  
print(type(a))  
print(a+0.1)  
b=0.5   
print(b.as\_integer\_ratio())  
b=0.35  
print(b.as\_integer\_ratio())  
  
#For Decimal  
import decimal  
from decimal import Decimal  
d = Decimal(1) / Decimal (22)  
print("d=",d)  
decimal.getcontext().prec = 2  
e=Decimal(1)/Decimal(22)  
print("e=",e)

<class 'float'>

0.44999999999999996

(1, 2)

(3152519739159347, 9007199254740992)

d= 0.04545454545454545454545454545

e= 0.045

2. Decimal ('1.200') and Decimal('1.2') are two objects to consider. In what sense are these the same object? Are these just two ways of representing the exact same value, or do they correspond to different internal states?

Answer =

Though they are identical value wise, internal representation or internal state of these two values are different, as they have decimal values of different precisions.

print(Decimal('1.200'))  
print(Decimal('1.2'))

1.200

1.2

3. What happens if the equality of Decimal ('1.200') and Decimal('1.2') is checked?

Answer =

It returns that the values are stored are True.

print(Decimal('1.200') == Decimal('1.2'))

True

4. Why is it preferable to start a Decimal object with a string rather than a floating-point value?

Answer =

Floating-point value is converted to Decimal format. Decimal can store float value with absolute precision. But when float value is given as Decimal object, it first has to be converted from floating point value which might already have rounding error. Hence it is preferable to start a Decimal object with a string.

import decimal  
from decimal import Decimal  
a=Decimal(0.3)  
print(a)   
b=Decimal('0.3')

print(b)

0.299999999999999988897769753748434595763683319091796875

0.3

5. In an arithmetic phrase, how simple is it to combine Decimal objects with integers?

Answer =

from decimal import Decimal  
x = Decimal('10.5')  
y = x + 5  
print(y)

15.5

6. Can Decimal objects and floating-point values be combined easily?

Answer =

Arithmetic operfations like Adding,subtracting or multiplying a Decimal object by a floating-point value is generates an error. To do these operations, the floating point has to be converted to a Decimal object—for example, converting from a floating-point value and then rounding. Else, arithmetic operations between the two types cause runtime errors.

from decimal import Decimal  
x = Decimal('10.5')  
y = 3.14159  
result = x + y  
print(result)

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7. Using the Fraction class but not the Decimal class, give an example of a quantity that can be expressed with absolute precision.

Answer =

from fractions import Fraction  
val=0.5  
fr=Fraction(val)  
print(fr)

1/2

8. Describe a quantity that can be accurately expressed by the Decimal or Fraction classes but not by a floating-point value.

Answer =

from fractions import Fraction

d=Decimal('0.1') \* Decimal('0.1')  
print("decimal=",d)  
frac=Fraction('1/10') \* Fraction('1/10')  
print("fraction=",frac)  
fl=0.1\*0.1  
print("float value=",fl)

decimal= 0.01  
fraction= 1/100  
float value= 0.010000000000000002

Q9. Consider the following two fraction objects: Fraction(1, 2) and Fraction(1, 2). (5, 10). Is the internal state of these two objects the same? Why do you think that is?

Answer =

from fractions import Fraction  
frac1=Fraction(1, 2)  
print(frac1)  
frac2=Fraction(5, 10)  
print(frac2)  
if (frac1 == frac2 ):  
 print('Fraction (1,2) and Fraction(5,10) are equal')

The internal state of both are same as Fraction(5,10) is reduced to simplest form.

Hence 1/2 is printed in both the cases.

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Fraction (1,2) and Fraction(5,10) are equal

Q10. How do the Fraction class and the integer type (int) relate to each other? Containment or inheritance?

Answer =

Fraction class and integer type(int) are related in form of a container.It contains two ints, one the numerator and the other the denominator

from fractions import Fraction  
frac = Fraction(1,2)  
print('numerator is', frac.numerator,type(frac.numerator))  
print('denominator is', frac.denominator,type(frac.numerator) )

numerator is 1 <class 'int'>

denominator is 2 <class 'int'>