

Week 1

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1 The Python Programming Language: Functions

`add_numbers` is a function that takes two numbers and adds them together.

```
In [1]: def add_numbers(x, y):  
        return x + y  
  
        add_numbers(1, 2)
```

Out[1]: 3

`add_numbers` updated to take an optional 3rd parameter. Using `print` allows printing of multiple expressions within a single cell.

```
In [2]: def add_numbers(x,y,z=None):  
        if (z==None):  
            return x+y  
        else:  
            return x+y+z  
  
        print(add_numbers(1, 2))  
        print(add_numbers(1, 2, 3))
```

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`add_numbers` updated to take an optional flag parameter.

```
In [3]: def add_numbers(x, y, z=None, flag=False):
        if (flag):
            print('Flag is true!')
        if (z==None):
            return x + y
        else:
            return x + y + z

        print(add_numbers(1, 2, flag=True))
```

```
Flag is true!
3
```

Assign function add_numbers to variable a.

```
In [4]: def add_numbers(x,y):
        return x+y

        a = add_numbers
        a(1,2)
```

```
Out[4]: 3
```

The Python Programming Language: Types and Sequences
Use type to return the object's type.

```
In [5]: type('This is a string')
```

```
Out[5]: str
```

```
In [6]: type(None)
```

```
Out[6]: NoneType
```

```
In [7]: type(1)
```

```
Out[7]: int
```

```
In [8]: type(1.0)
```

```
Out[8]: float
```

```
In [9]: type(add_numbers)
```

```
Out[9]: function
```

Tuples are an immutable data structure (cannot be altered).

```
In [10]: x = (1, 'a', 2, 'b')
         type(x)
```

```
Out[10]: tuple
```

Lists are a mutable data structure.

```
In [11]: x = [1, 'a', 2, 'b']
         type(x)
```

```
Out[11]: list
```

Use append to append an object to a list.

```
In [12]: x.append(3.3)
         print(x)
```

```
[1, 'a', 2, 'b', 3.3]
```

This is an example of how to loop through each item in the list.

```
In [13]: for item in x:
         print(item)
```

```
1
a
2
b
3.3
```

Or using the indexing operator:

```
In [14]: i=0
         while( i != len(x) ):
             print(x[i])
             i = i + 1
```

```
1
a
2
b
3.3
```

Use + to concatenate lists.

```
In [15]: [1,2] + [3,4]
```

```
Out[15]: [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Use * to repeat lists.

```
In [16]: [1]*3
```

```
Out[16]: [1, 1, 1]
```

Use the `in` operator to check if something is inside a list.

```
In [17]: 1 in [1, 2, 3]
```

```
Out[17]: True
```

Now let's look at strings. Use bracket notation to slice a string.

```
In [18]: x = 'This is a string'
         print(x[0]) #first character
         print(x[0:1]) #first character, but we have explicitly set the end character
         print(x[0:2]) #first two characters
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This will return the last element of the string.

```
In [19]: x[-1]
```

```
Out[19]: 'g'
```

This will return the slice starting from the 4th element from the end and stopping before the 2nd element from the end.

```
In [20]: x[-4:-2]
```

```
Out[20]: 'ri'
```

This is a slice from the beginning of the string and stopping before the 3rd element.

```
In [21]: x[:3]
```

```
Out[21]: 'Thi'
```

And this is a slice starting from the 4th element of the string and going all the way to the end.

```
In [22]: x[3:]
```

```
Out[22]: 's is a string'
```

```
In [23]: firstname = 'Christopher'
         lastname = 'Brooks'
```

```
print(firstname + ' ' + lastname)
print(firstname*3)
print('Chris' in firstname)
```

```
Christopher Brooks
ChristopherChristopherChristopher
True
```

split returns a list of all the words in a string, or a list split on a specific character.

```
In [24]: firstname = 'Christopher Arthur Hansen Brooks'.split(' ')[0] # [0] selects the first element
        lastname = 'Christopher Arthur Hansen Brooks'.split(' ')[-1] # [-1] selects the last element
        print(firstname)
        print(lastname)
```

```
Christopher
Brooks
```

Make sure you convert objects to strings before concatenating.

```
In [25]: 'Chris' + 2
```

```
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TypeError                                 Traceback (most recent call last)

<ipython-input-25-1623ac76de6e> in <module>()
----> 1 'Chris' + 2

TypeError: must be str, not int
```

```
In [26]: 'Chris' + str(2)
```

```
Out[26]: 'Chris2'
```

Dictionaries associate keys with values.

```
In [27]: x = {'Christopher Brooks': 'broosch@umich.edu', 'Bill Gates': 'billg@microsoft.com'}
        x['Christopher Brooks'] # Retrieve a value by using the indexing operator
```

```
Out[27]: 'broosch@umich.edu'
```

```
In [31]: x['Kevyn Collins-Thompson'] = None
        x['Kevyn Collins-Thompson']
```

Iterate over all of the keys:

```
In [30]: for name in x:
        print(x[name])
```

```
brooks@umich.edu  
billg@microsoft.com  
None
```

Iterate over all of the values:

```
In [32]: for email in x.values():  
         print(email)
```

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brooks@umich.edu  
billg@microsoft.com  
None
```

Iterate over all of the items in the list:

```
In [33]: for name, email in x.items():  
         print(name)  
         print(email)
```

```
Christopher Brooks  
brooks@umich.edu  
Bill Gates  
billg@microsoft.com  
Kevyn Collins-Thompson  
None
```

You can unpack a sequence into different variables:

```
In [34]: x = ('Christopher', 'Brooks', 'brooks@umich.edu')  
         fname, lname, email = x
```

```
In [35]: fname
```

```
Out[35]: 'Christopher'
```

```
In [36]: lname
```

```
Out[36]: 'Brooks'
```

Make sure the number of values you are unpacking matches the number of variables being assigned.

```
In [37]: x = ('Christopher', 'Brooks', 'brooks@umich.edu', 'Ann Arbor')  
         fname, lname, email = x
```

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ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call last)

<ipython-input-37-9ce70064f53e> in <module>()
      1 x = ('Christopher', 'Brooks', 'brooks@umich.edu', 'Ann Arbor')
----> 2 fname, lname, email = x
```

ValueError: too many values to unpack (expected 3)

The Python Programming Language: More on Strings

```
In [38]: print('Chris' + 2)
```

```
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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)

<ipython-input-38-82ccfdd3d5d3> in <module>()
----> 1 print('Chris' + 2)
```

TypeError: must be str, not int

```
In [39]: print('Chris' + str(2))
```

Chris2

Python has a built in method for convenient string formatting.

```
In [40]: sales_record = {
          'price': 3.24,
          'num_items': 4,
          'person': 'Chris'}

          sales_statement = '{} bought {} item(s) at a price of {} each for a total of {}'

          print(sales_statement.format(sales_record['person'],
                                       sales_record['num_items'],
                                       sales_record['price'],
                                       sales_record['num_items']*sales_record['price']))
```

Chris bought 4 item(s) at a price of 3.24 each for a total of 12.96

Reading and Writing CSV files

Let's import our datafile mpg.csv, which contains fuel economy data for 234 cars.

- mpg : miles per gallon
- class : car classification
- cty : city mpg
- cyl : # of cylinders
- displ : engine displacement in liters
- drv : f = front-wheel drive, r = rear wheel drive, 4 = 4wd
- fl : fuel (e = ethanol E85, d = diesel, r = regular, p = premium, c = CNG)
- hwy : highway mpg
- manufacturer : automobile manufacturer
- model : model of car
- trans : type of transmission
- year : model year

```
In [41]: import csv
```

```
%precision 2
```

```
with open('mpg.csv') as csvfile:  
    mpg = list(csv.DictReader(csvfile))
```

```
mpg[:3] # The first three dictionaries in our list.
```

```
Out[41]: [OrderedDict([('', '1'),  
                        ('manufacturer', 'audi'),  
                        ('model', 'a4'),  
                        ('displ', '1.8'),  
                        ('year', '1999'),  
                        ('cyl', '4'),  
                        ('trans', 'auto(l5)'),  
                        ('drv', 'f'),  
                        ('cty', '18'),  
                        ('hwy', '29'),  
                        ('fl', 'p'),  
                        ('class', 'compact')]),  
          OrderedDict([('', '2'),  
                        ('manufacturer', 'audi'),  
                        ('model', 'a4'),  
                        ('displ', '1.8'),  
                        ('year', '1999'),  
                        ('cyl', '4'),  
                        ('trans', 'manual(m5)'),  
                        ('drv', 'f'),  
                        ('cty', '21'),  
                        ('hwy', '29'),  
                        ('fl', 'p'),
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        ('class', 'compact'))],
OrderedDict([('3',
             ('manufacturer', 'audi'),
             ('model', 'a4'),
             ('displ', '2'),
             ('year', '2008'),
             ('cyl', '4'),
             ('trans', 'manual(m6)'),
             ('drv', 'f'),
             ('cty', '20'),
             ('hwy', '31'),
             ('fl', 'p'),
             ('class', 'compact'))])

```

csv.Dictreader has read in each row of our csv file as a dictionary. len shows that our list is comprised of 234 dictionaries.

```
In [42]: len(mpg)
```

```
Out[42]: 234
```

keys gives us the column names of our csv.

```
In [44]: mpg[0].keys()
```

```
Out[44]: OrderedDict([('manufacturer', 'audi'), ('model', 'a4'), ('displ', '2'), ('year', '2008'), ('cyl', '4'), ('trans', 'manual(m6)'), ('drv', 'f'), ('cty', '20'), ('hwy', '31'), ('fl', 'p'), ('class', 'compact')])
```

This is how to find the average cty fuel economy across all cars. All values in the dictionaries are strings, so we need to convert to float.

```
In [45]: sum(float(d['cty']) for d in mpg) / len(mpg)
```

```
Out[45]: 16.86
```

Similarly this is how to find the average hwy fuel economy across all cars.

```
In [46]: sum(float(d['hwy']) for d in mpg) / len(mpg)
```

```
Out[46]: 23.44
```

Use set to return the unique values for the number of cylinders the cars in our dataset have.

```
In [47]: cylinders = set(d['cyl'] for d in mpg)
cylinders
```

```
Out[47]: {'4', '5', '6', '8'}
```

Here's a more complex example where we are grouping the cars by number of cylinder, and finding the average cty mpg for each group.

```
In [48]: CtyMpgByCyl = []
```

```
for c in cylinders: # iterate over all the cylinder levels
    summpg = 0
    cyltypecount = 0
    for d in mpg: # iterate over all dictionaries
        if d['cyl'] == c: # if the cylinder level type matches,
            summpg += float(d['cty']) # add the cty mpg
            cyltypecount += 1 # increment the count
    CtyMpgByCyl.append((c, summpg / cyltypecount)) # append the tuple ('cylinder', 'avg mpg')

CtyMpgByCyl.sort(key=lambda x: x[0])
CtyMpgByCyl
```

```
Out[48]: [('4', 21.01), ('5', 20.50), ('6', 16.22), ('8', 12.57)]
```

Use set to return the unique values for the class types in our dataset.

```
In [49]: vehicleclass = set(d['class'] for d in mpg) # what are the class types
vehicleclass
```

```
Out[49]: {'2seater', 'compact', 'midsize', 'minivan', 'pickup', 'subcompact', 'suv'}
```

And here's an example of how to find the average hwy mpg for each class of vehicle in our dataset.

```
In [50]: HwyMpgByClass = []
```

```
for t in vehicleclass: # iterate over all the vehicle classes
    summpg = 0
    vclasscount = 0
    for d in mpg: # iterate over all dictionaries
        if d['class'] == t: # if the cylinder amount type matches,
            summpg += float(d['hwy']) # add the hwy mpg
            vclasscount += 1 # increment the count
    HwyMpgByClass.append((t, summpg / vclasscount)) # append the tuple ('class', 'avg hwy mpg')

HwyMpgByClass.sort(key=lambda x: x[1])
HwyMpgByClass
```

```
Out[50]: [('pickup', 16.88),
          ('suv', 18.13),
          ('minivan', 22.36),
          ('2seater', 24.80),
          ('midsize', 27.29),
          ('subcompact', 28.14),
          ('compact', 28.30)]
```

The Python Programming Language: Dates and Times

```
In [52]: import datetime as dt
import time as tm
```

time returns the current time in seconds since the Epoch. (January 1st, 1970)

```
In [53]: tm.time()
```

```
Out[53]: 1557727825.14
```

Convert the timestamp to datetime.

```
In [54]: dtnow = dt.datetime.fromtimestamp(tm.time())
dtnow
```

```
Out[54]: datetime.datetime(2019, 5, 13, 6, 11, 21, 868449)
```

Handy datetime attributes:

```
In [55]: dtnow.year, dtnow.month, dtnow.day, dtnow.hour, dtnow.minute, dtnow.second # get year,
```

```
Out[55]: (2019, 5, 13, 6, 11, 21)
```

timedelta is a duration expressing the difference between two dates.

```
In [56]: delta = dt.timedelta(days = 100) # create a timedelta of 100 days
delta
```

```
Out[56]: datetime.timedelta(100)
```

date.today returns the current local date.

```
In [58]: today = dt.date.today()
```

```
In [59]: today - delta # the date 100 days ago
```

```
Out[59]: datetime.date(2019, 2, 2)
```

```
In [60]: today > today-delta # compare dates
```

```
Out[60]: True
```

The Python Programming Language: Objects and map()
An example of a class in python:

```
In [61]: class Person:
    department = 'School of Information' #a class variable

    def set_name(self, new_name): #a method
        self.name = new_name
    def set_location(self, new_location):
        self.location = new_location
```

```
In [62]: person = Person()
        person.set_name('Christopher Brooks')
        person.set_location('Ann Arbor, MI, USA')
        print('{} live in {} and works in the department {}'.format(person.name, person.location, person.department))
```

Christopher Brooks live in Ann Arbor, MI, USA and works in the department School of Information

Here's an example of mapping the min function between two lists.

```
In [63]: store1 = [10.00, 11.00, 12.34, 2.34]
        store2 = [9.00, 11.10, 12.34, 2.01]
        cheapest = map(min, store1, store2)
        cheapest
```

```
Out[63]: <map at 0x7f6eda5bc588>
```

Now let's iterate through the map object to see the values.

```
In [64]: for item in cheapest:
        print(item)
```

```
9.0
11.0
12.34
2.01
```

The Python Programming Language: Lambda and List Comprehensions

Here's an example of lambda that takes in three parameters and adds the first two.

```
In [65]: my_function = lambda a, b, c : a + b
```

```
In [66]: my_function(1, 2, 3)
```

```
Out[66]: 3
```

Let's iterate from 0 to 999 and return the even numbers.

```
In [67]: my_list = []
        for number in range(0, 1000):
            if number % 2 == 0:
                my_list.append(number)
        my_list
```

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Out[67]: [0,
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          4,
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Now the same thing but with list comprehension.

```
In [68]: my_list = [number for number in range(0,1000) if number % 2 == 0]  
my_list
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Out[68]: [0,  
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In [69]: import numpy as np
```

Creating Arrays

Create a list and convert it to a numpy array

```
In [70]: mylist = [1, 2, 3]
         x = np.array(mylist)
         x
```

```
Out[70]: array([1, 2, 3])
```

Or just pass in a list directly

```
In [71]: y = np.array([4, 5, 6])
         y
```

```
Out[71]: array([4, 5, 6])
```

Pass in a list of lists to create a multidimensional array.

```
In [72]: m = np.array([[7, 8, 9], [10, 11, 12]])
         m
```

```
Out[72]: array([[ 7,  8,  9],
                [10, 11, 12]])
```

Use the shape method to find the dimensions of the array. (rows, columns)

```
In [73]: m.shape
```

```
Out[73]: (2, 3)
```

arange returns evenly spaced values within a given interval.

```
In [74]: n = np.arange(0, 30, 2) # start at 0 count up by 2, stop before 30
         n
```

```
Out[74]: array([ 0,  2,  4,  6,  8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28])
```

reshape returns an array with the same data with a new shape.

```
In [75]: n = n.reshape(3, 5) # reshape array to be 3x5
         n
```

```
Out[75]: array([[ 0,  2,  4,  6,  8],
                [10, 12, 14, 16, 18],
                [20, 22, 24, 26, 28]])
```

linspace returns evenly spaced numbers over a specified interval.

```
In [76]: o = np.linspace(0, 4, 9) # return 9 evenly spaced values from 0 to 4
         o
```

```
Out[76]: array([ 0. ,  0.5,  1. ,  1.5,  2. ,  2.5,  3. ,  3.5,  4. ])
```

resize changes the shape and size of array in-place.

```
In [77]: o.resize(3, 3)
         0
```

```
Out[77]: array([[ 0. ,  0.5,  1. ],
                [ 1.5,  2. ,  2.5],
                [ 3. ,  3.5,  4. ]])
```

ones returns a new array of given shape and type, filled with ones.

```
In [78]: np.ones((3, 2))
```

```
Out[78]: array([[ 1.,  1.],
                [ 1.,  1.],
                [ 1.,  1.]])
```

zeros returns a new array of given shape and type, filled with zeros.

```
In [79]: np.zeros((2, 3))
```

```
Out[79]: array([[ 0.,  0.,  0.],
                [ 0.,  0.,  0.]])
```

eye returns a 2-D array with ones on the diagonal and zeros elsewhere.

```
In [80]: np.eye(3)
```

```
Out[80]: array([[ 1.,  0.,  0.],
                [ 0.,  1.,  0.],
                [ 0.,  0.,  1.]])
```

diag extracts a diagonal or constructs a diagonal array.

```
In [81]: np.diag(y)
```

```
Out[81]: array([[4, 0, 0],
                [0, 5, 0],
                [0, 0, 6]])
```

Create an array using repeating list (or see np.tile)

```
In [82]: np.array([1, 2, 3] * 3)
```

```
Out[82]: array([1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3])
```

Repeat elements of an array using repeat.

```
In [83]: np.repeat([1, 2, 3], 3)
```

```
Out[83]: array([1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3])
```

Combining Arrays