

**Problem 1.** (*Birthday Problem*) Suppose that people enter an empty room until a pair of people share a birthday. On average, how many people will have to enter before there is a match? Write a program called `birthday.py` that accepts *trials* (int) as command-line argument, runs *trials* experiments to estimate this quantity — each experiment involves sampling individuals until a pair of them share a birthday, and writes the value to standard output.

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>_ ~/workspace/module3/assignment3
$ python3 birthday.py 1000
24
$ python3 birthday.py 1000
25
```

Directions:

- Set *count* (total number of individuals sampled across *trials* number of experiments) to 0.
- Repeat for each  $t \in [1, trials]$ :
  - Setup a 1D list *seen* of `DAYS_PER_YEAR` booleans, all set to `False` by default. This list will keep track of the birthdays encountered in this experiment.
  - Repeat until match:
    - \* Increment *count* by 1.
    - \* Set *birthday* to a random integer from  $[0, DAYS\_PER\_YEAR - 1]$ .
    - \* If *birthday* has been encountered (consult *seen*), abort this experiment, ie, break.
    - \* Otherwise, record the fact that we are seeing this birthday for the first time (update *seen*).
- Write the average number of people that must be sampled before a match, as an int.

**Problem 2.** (*Pascal's Triangle*) Pascal's triangle  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is a triangular array with  $n + 1$  rows, each listing the coefficients of the binomial expansion  $(x + y)^i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . For example,  $\mathcal{P}_4$  is the triangular array:

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1
1 1
1 2 1
1 3 3 1
1 4 6 4 1
```

The term  $\mathcal{P}_n(i, j)$  is calculated as  $\mathcal{P}_n(i - 1, j - 1) + \mathcal{P}_n(i - 1, j)$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j < i$ , with  $\mathcal{P}_n(i, 0) = \mathcal{P}_n(i, i) = 1$  for all  $i$ . Write a program called `pascal.py` that accepts  $n$  (int) as command-line argument, and writes  $\mathcal{P}_n$  to standard output.

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>_ ~/workspace/module3/assignment3
$ python3 pascal.py 3
1
1 1
1 2 1
1 3 3 1
$ python3 pascal.py 10
1
1 1
1 2 1
1 3 3 1
1 4 6 4 1
1 5 10 10 5 1
1 6 15 20 15 6 1
1 7 21 35 35 21 7 1
1 8 28 56 70 56 28 8 1
1 9 36 84 126 126 84 36 9 1
1 10 45 120 210 252 210 120 45 10 1
```

Directions:

- Repeat for each  $i \in [0, n]$ :

- Repeat for each  $j \in [1, i]$ :
  - \* Set  $a[i][j]$  to  $a[i-1][j-1] + a[i-1][j]$ .
- Repeat for each  $i \in [0, n]$ :
  - Repeat for each  $j \in [0, i]$ :
    - \* Write  $a[i][j]$  followed by a space.
  - Write a newline character.

**Problem 3. (Reverse)** Write a program called `reverse.py` that accepts strings from command-line, and writes them in reverse order to standard output.

```
>_ ~/workspace/module3/assignment3
$ python3 reverse.py b o l t o n
n o t l o b
$ python3 reverse.py m a d a m
madam
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Directions:

- Repeat for each  $i \in [0, n/2]$ , where  $n$  is the number of elements in  $a$ :
  - Exchange the element at  $i$  in  $a$  with the element at  $n - i - 1$ .
- Repeat for each  $v \in a$ :
  - Write  $v$  followed by a space.
- Write a newline character.

**Problem 4. (Euclidean Distance)** Write a program called `distance.py` that accepts  $n$  (int) as command-line argument, then  $n$  floats from command-line into a list  $x$ , then  $n$  floats from command-line into a list  $y$ , and writes to standard output the Euclidean distance between two vectors represented by  $x$  and  $y$ . The Euclidean distance is calculated as the square root of the sums of the squares of the differences between the corresponding entries.

```
>_ ~/workspace/module3/assignment3
$ python3 distance.py 2 1 0 0 1
1.4142135623730951
$ python3 distance.py 5 -9 1 10 -1 1 -5 9 6 7 4
13.0
```

Directions:

- Set  $distance$  to 0.
- Repeat for each  $i \in [0, n-1]$ :
  - Add square of  $x[i] - y[i]$  to  $distance$ .
- Update  $distance$  to its square root.
- Write  $distance$ .

**Problem 5. (Transpose)** Write a program called `transpose.py` that accepts  $m$  (int) and  $n$  (int) as command-line arguments, then  $m \times n$  floats from command-line into an  $m \times n$  list  $a$ , and writes to standard output the transpose of  $a$ .

```
>_ ~/workspace/module3/assignment3
$ python3 transpose.py 2 2 1 2 3 4
1.0 3.0
2.0 4.0
$ python3 transpose.py 2 3 1 2 3 4 5 6
1.0 4.0
2.0 5.0
3.0 6.0
```

Directions:

- Set  $c$  (the transpose of  $a$ ) to a 2D list with  $n$  rows and  $m$  columns, with all the elements set to 0.0.
- Repeat for each  $i \in [0, n - 1]$ :
  - Repeat for each  $j \in [0, m - 1]$ :
    - \* Set  $c[i][j]$  to  $a[j][i]$ .
- Repeat for each  $i \in [0, n - 1]$ :
  - Repeat for each  $j \in [0, m - 1]$ :
    - \* Write  $a[i][j]$  followed by a space.
  - Write a newline character.

### Files to Submit

1. birthday.py
2. pascal.py
3. reverse.py
4. distance.py
5. transpose.py