Homework 5

Due Saturday October 19 by 11:59pm on Gradescope

Note that the directory hw05/ contains data.zip. Run the following command to unzip the files and directories in data.zip.

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In [ ]: !unzip data.zip
```

You should have a directory data/ containing file planets.txt and directory university/. Please import the following package.

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In [ ]: import numpy as np
```

1. Lists vs Arrays

While lists and arrays have some similarities, lists and arrays are different data types supporting separate operations. In this problem, we want to go about coding a function in two ways -- one way with lists and the other way with arrays. For each approach, we can take advantage of the operations that apply either to lists or to arrays.

Question 1.1

Write a function that take as input two lists, x_list and y_list, and computes x^2+y^3 for corresponding each x, y in the two lists. Assume both lists have the same length, and the output should also be the same length. Try using ${\bf zip}$.

Question 1.2

Write a function that take as input two lists, x_list and y_list, and computes $x^2 + y^3$ for every possible pair of x, y in the two lists. You should iterate over the xs in the outer loop and ys in the inner loop. Do not assume both lists have the same length. Try using **list comprehension** (see Lutz *Learning Python* Chapter 20)

Question 1.3

Write a function that inputs two lists, x_{list} and y_{list} , converts them to arrays, and computes $x^2 + y^3$ for corresponding elements x, y in the two arrays. Assume both lists have the same length. Do not use a loop. Instead take a sum of the arrays. The output should be an array.

Question 1.4

For ten numbers, list_sum and array_sum both take a similar amount of time.

The time difference seems negligible for a list/array of size 10; depending on your setup, you may even observe that list_sum executes faster than array_sum! However, we will commonly be working with much larger datasets:

```
In [ ]: sample_list_2 = list(range(100000))
sample_array_2 = np.arange(100000)

In [ ]: %%time
temp = list_func(sample_list_2, sample_list_2)

In [ ]: %%time
temp = arr_func(sample_array_2, sample_array_2)
```

With the larger dataset, we see that using NumPy results in code that executes many times faster (might vary depending on your machine)! Throughout this course (and in the real world), you will find that writing efficient code will be important; arrays and vectorized operations are the most common way of making Python programs run quickly.

2. Glob-ing

Remember that the phrase "glob" means search through directories and files. The abbreviation stands for global meaning that we search globally throughout the filesystem. We want to copy certain files from data/university to data/. Note that data/ is the parent directory of data/university.

Question 2.1 Remember that | (pipe) takes the output of one command and feeds it as the input of the next. Describe what the follow command does:

```
In [ ]:  !ls data/ | wc -l
```

Answer: (Type answer here)

Question 2.2

We want to copy some files over to a new folder. The files we want have file names following a pattern:

- 1. are stored in data/university
- 2. starts with nyu then has 3 digits, then
- 3. ends with three characters preceded by period (or "has a 3-character extension")

For example nyu547.txt or nyu537.pdb, but not nyu762uae.txt.To be safe, we check to see what files match that criteria.

Use 1s, with a wildcard pattern, to find the list of files that match the criteria. Next, pipe it through wc -1 as above to count how many there are. There should be 93 files found.

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In [ ]: # !Ls <your pattern here>
In [ ]: # !Ls <your pattern here> | wc -L
```

Question 2.3

Make a directiory data/university2 and copy the matching files over to the new directiory. You should use the commands mkdir and cp.

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In [ ]: # BEGIN SOLUTION
# END SOLUTION
In [ ]: !ls data/university2
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3. Bash Scripts

Instead of entering commands line by line, we can add commands to a script. With a script we can reuse code. In this problem, we want to use scripts for common tasks such as renaming files and viewing lines of files.

3.1 Working with Strings

Bash has a way to replace a portion of a string with different characters. The command resembles \${string/\${old_characters}/\${new_characters}}. Here string, old_characters, and new_characters are variables. For example suppose we want to replace Hello in Hello World with Hi. We could use the following command...

Write a script called rename_files.sh to rename the files in the current working directory according to old_characters and new_characters. For example, suppose we want to replace each occurence of nyu with CDS for the files in data/university/. We would run bash rename files.sh nyu CDS in the terminal.

Try taking the following steps to write rename_files.sh:

- 1. Use mv to rename the files. Replace old_characters with new_characters
- 2. Obtain old_characters new_characters as the two arguments passed to the script. Remember we access the arguments in order as \${1} and \${2}.
- 3. Use a for loop that begins with for string in \$(ls \${1}*). Here the wildcard will indicate all files beginning with old_characters. Note that \$(...) means subprocess -- run the command as a separate process to give us the output for use in the script.

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In [ ]: # COPY THE CONTENTS OF YOUR SCRIPT HERE
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3.2 Working with Numbers

Remember the script middle.sh from Lecture 06. It allowed us to view the middle portion of a file by chaining together head and tail with a pipe. Let's try to rewrite it a little...we want to write a script called show_lines.sh that indicates a file, the ending line, and the starting line.

For example, if we wanted to view line 5 up to and including line 10 of data/planets.txt, then we would run bash show lines.sh data/planets.txt 10 5 in the terminal from the current working directory.

Following the code in middle.sh we need to specify the number of lines for head and tail. If we indicate 10 for head through use of $\{2\}$, then we need to specify 6 to tail. Note that 6=10-5+1. We can do arithmetic in bash using $\{()$. Note that we have two sets of parentheses instead of one set for subprocess (see Question 3.1). So we would need $\{(\{2\} - \{3\} + 1))\}$ for 6.

Using this observation write the code for show lines.sh.

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