



**University of
Zurich** UZH

Exercises

Philipp Gloor¹

¹University of Zurich

Exercise 1 i

- Write a function `compare(x,y)` that
 - prints 1 if $x > y$
 - prints 0 if $x == y$
 - prints -1 if $x < y$
- Use `input()` to receive user input

Exercise 1 ii

- Attention: `input()` stores the input as a string (not as a number)
- If the input is supposed to be a number (int, float) you need to convert it

```
first_number = input('Please enter a first number ')
first_number = int(first_number)
second_number = input('Please enter a first number ')
second_number = int(second_number)
result = first_number + second_number
print(str(result))
```

Exercise 2

- Write a function called `distance(x1, y1, z1, x2, y2, z2)` which computes the distance between point 1 (x_1, y_1, z_1) and point 2 (x_2, y_2, z_2)
- Note:
 - $\text{distance} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2 + (z_2 - z_1)^2}$
 - x^2 is represented by `x**2` in Python
 - The root of `x` is computed with `math.sqrt(x)`
 - Use the `import math` statement at the beginning of the file

Exercise 3

- Write a function `volume_from_radius(radius)`, which calculates the volume of a sphere
- Note:
 - $\text{volume} = \frac{4\pi}{3} \cdot r^3$
 - Pi is `math.pi`

Exercise 4

- Write a function `volume_from_points(x1, y1, z1, x2, y2, z2)`
- This function calculates the volume of a sphere whose radius is the distance between the points (x_1, y_1, z_1) and (x_2, y_2, z_2)
- Tip: Use the implemented methods from the previous exercises (you might want to copy and paste them into a new file)

Exercise 5

- Write a function `is_between(x, y, z)` which returns `True` if $x \leq y \leq z$ and `False` otherwise

Exercise 6

- Write a function `calc_sum(numbers)` which expects a list of numbers as input and returns their sum
- The method should be called as follows `calc_sum([4,6,7])`
- Use a while loop to do this

Exercise 7

- Write a function `print_reverse(text)` which expects a string as an argument and prints every character of the string in reverse order
- Use a while loop to do this

Exercise 8

- Write a function `count_words(words, min_word_length)` that counts the number of words in a list that are at least as long as the specified word length
- Use a for loop to do this
- Example:

```
words = ['Emanuel', 'John', 'Ale']  
count_words(words, 4)  
# 2
```

Exercise 9 i

- Write a function `calculate_mark(points, max_points)` which returns a grade in the Swiss grading scale

$$\text{mark} = \frac{\text{points} \cdot 5}{\text{max points}} + 1$$

- The function rounds the grade to the nearest 0.5
 - 5.66666 -> 5.5
 - 5.75 -> 6
- The function should accept strings as arguments
- Arguments should be therefore converted to floats

Exercise 9 ii

- Ask for max_points via input() function
- Write code that in a while loop asks for points as long as the user does not enter "exit"
- The grade should be printed after each run

```
# input max_points
while True:
    # input points (use input)
    if points == 'exit':
        break
    # call calculate_mark function
    # print result
```

Exercise 9 iii

- Change your code that it additionally asks for a name
- A dictionary should now store the grade of each name
 - The name is a key, the grade the value
- As soon as the user enters "exit" the program should print the grades of all names before it exits

Exercise 9 iv

- Change your code in such a way that for each name it additionally outputs if the user has passed or failed
- $\text{Mark} \geq 4 \rightarrow \text{passed}$
- $\text{Mark} < 4 \rightarrow \text{failed}$

Exercise 9 v

- Change your in such a way that the application outputs the average grade before it exits

Exercise 10

- Write an application that generates a random number between 1 and 100
- `import random`
- `random.randrange(min, max)`
- The user makes a guess and enters a number. If the number is incorrect, the program outputs whether the entered number was too small or too large and allows the user to guess again.
- The application quits when the correct number is guessed
- The application should output how many user attempts have been made before it quits

Exercise 11

- Implement the opposite of Task 10 so that the user thinks of a number and makes the computer guess
- The user provides feedback on whether the number is too high, too small, or correct
- $<$ (too low)
- $>$ (too high)
- $=$ (correct)
- How many steps does the computer need?

Exercise 12 i

- Write an application which repeatedly asks for a name and phone number until the user enters “exit”
- Each name/telephone number pair should be stored as an entry in a dictionary
 - The names are the keys of the dictionary
 - The telephone numbers are the values of the dictionary
- As soon as the user enters “exit”, create a JSON string of the dictionary using the `json.dumps()` function and store the string in a file called `address_book.txt`

Exercise 12 ii

- Extend your application so that it reads the address_book.txt file when it starts
- Convert the JSON text into a dictionary again

```
import json
address_book_file = open('address_book.txt', 'r')
address_book_dict = json.load(address_book_file)
```

- Ask the user if he wants to add more names or not
- Let the user search for names in the dictionary and print out the according phone number