CS-121: Week 4

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- Expressions and operators
- Conditionals (if statements)
- Defining functions
- Puzzles!

Expressions

- An expression is a combination of values, variables, and operators that computes to a value.
- Examples:
 - \bullet 2 + 3
 - x * y
 - len(name) > 5

Operators Review

- Arithmetic Operators:
 - + Addition
 - Subtraction
 - * Multiplication
 - / Division
 - // Floor Division
 - % Modulus (Remainder)
 - ** Exponentiation

Comparison Operators

- == Equal to
- != Not equal to
- > Greater than
- < Less than
- >= Greater than or equal to
- <= Less than or equal to</p>

Logical Operators

- and Returns True if both statements are true
- or Returns True if one of the statements is true
- not Reverse the result, returns False if the result is true

Example Expressions

 \times = 10

Conditionals: if Statements

- Control the flow of your program based on conditions.
- Syntax:

```
if condition:
    # Code to execute if condition is True
```

Example if Statement

```
age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
if age >= 18:
    print("You are an adult.")
```

if..else Statements

 Provide alternative execution when the condition is False.

```
if condition:
    # Code if True
else:
    # Code if False
```

Example if...else

```
number = int(input("Enter a number: "))
if number % 2 == 0:
    print("Even number.")
else:
    print("Odd number.")
```

if..elif..else

Statements

• Check multiple conditions.

```
if condition1:
    # Code if condition1 is True
elif condition2:
    # Code if condition2 is True
else:
    # Code if neither condition is True
```

Example if...else

```
score = int(input("Enter your score: "))
if score >= 90:
    grade = 'A'
elif score >= 80:
    grade = 'B'
elif score >= 70:
    grade = 'C'
elif score >= 60:
    grade = 'D'
else:
    grade = 'F'
print(f"Your grade is {grade}.")
```

Nested Conditionals

Conditionals inside conditionals.

```
age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
if age >= 0:
    if age < 18:
        print("You are a minor.")
    else:
        print("You are an adult.")
else:
    print("Invalid age entered.")
```

Defining Functions

- A function is a reusable block of code that performs a specific task.
- Syntax:

```
def function_name(parameters):
    # Code block
    return value
```

Example Function

```
def greet(name):
    return f"Hello, {name}!"

message = greet("Alice")
print(message)
```

Functions with Multiple Parameters

```
def add_numbers(a, b):
    return a + b

result = add_numbers(5, 7)
print(f"The sum is {result}.")
```

Why Use Functions?

- Reusability: Write once, use multiple times.
- Modularity: Break down complex problems.
- Readability: Easier to understand and maintain.

Puzzle 1: Operator Precedence and Expressions

What is the output of the following code snippet?

```
result = 5 + 2 * (10 // 4) - 3 ** 2 print(result)
```

Answer:

Let's break down the expression step by step, following operator precedence:

1. Parentheses:

• 10 // 4 performs floor division: 10 // 4 = 2

2. Multiplication:

 \bullet 2 * 2 = 4

3. Exponentiation:

• 3 ** 2 = 9

4. Addition and Subtraction:

 \bullet 5 + 4 = 9

Puzzle 2: Logical Operators and Short-Circuit Evaluation

Consider the following code:

```
x = 10
y = 0

if x > 5 or (10 / y) > 1:
    print("Condition met")
else:
    print("Condition not met")
```

What happens when this code is executed?

Answer:

- The condition uses or, which short-circuits if the first condition is True.
- x > 5 is True (since 10 > 5).
- Because of short-circuiting, (10 / y) is not evaluated, avoiding a ZeroDivisionError.
- Therefore, the code prints "Condition met" without error.

Output:

Puzzle 3: Understanding Conditionals with Elif

What will be printed when the following code runs with score = 75?

```
if score >= 90:
    print("Grade: A")
elif score >= 80:
    print("Grade: B")
elif score >= 70:
    print("Grade: C")
elif score >= 60:
    print("Grade: D")
else:
    print("Grade: F")
```

Answer:

- score >= 90 is False.
- score >= 80 is False.
- score >= 70 is True.
- Therefore, it prints "Grade: C".

Output:

Grade: C

Puzzle 4: Functions and Return Values

Given the following function definitions, what is the output of the code?

```
def square(n):
    return n * n

def subtract(a, b):
    return a - b

result = subtract(square(5), square(3))
print(result)
```

Answer:

Compute square (5):

• square(5) returns 5 * 5 = 25

Compute square (3):

• square(3) returns $3 \times 3 = 9$

Compute subtract(25, 9):

• subtract(25, 9) returns 25 - 9 = 16

Output:

Puzzle 5: Conditional Expressions and Truthy Values

What will be printed when the following code is executed?

```
value = "Hello"

if value:
    print("Value exists")
else:
    print("No value")
```

Answer:

In Python, non-empty strings are considered True in a boolean context.

- Since value is "Hello" (a non-empty string), the condition if value is True.
- Therefore, it prints "Value exists".

Output:

Value exists

Recap

- Expressions compute values.
- Conditionals control the flow based on conditions.
- Functions encapsulate reusable code.



- Open your code notebook.
- Experiment with conditionals and functions.