

Solving problems with Python



Objectives

Development of Python modules and functions

- Implement functions
- Learn how to separate code on modules which can communicate by calling the functions
- Work with standard and compound data types in Python
- Learn how to specify and test Python code
- Use Eclipse to develop Python applications



Deadlines

- **Lab 3:** features 1 and 2 (*work during the same lab*)
- **Lab 4:** feature 3 (*homework from Lab3*) and feature 4 (*work during the same lab*)
- **Lab 5:** feature 5 (*homework from Lab4*) and feature 6 (*work during the same lab*)



Requirements

- Implement the solution using feature driven development
- The solution should offer a console type interface that allows the user to input the data and visualize the output
- Use only the standard and compound data types available in Python

The application should be developed along 3 consecutive iterations as follows:

1. Iteration 1

- a. Implementation
 - i. feature 1
 - ii. feature 2
- b. Use procedural programming
- c. Give at least 10 data examples in the application (to facilitate testing)
- d. Each function should be documented and tested (at least 5 assertions)

2. Iteration 2

- a. Implementation
 - i. feature 3
 - ii. feature 4
- b. Use procedural programming
- c. Give at least 10 data examples in the application (to facilitate testing)
- d. Each function should be documented and tested (at least 5 assertions)

3. Iteration 3

- a. Implementation
 - i. feature 5
 - ii. feature 6
- b. Use modular programming (at least 2 modules: one for UI and one for the functions needed)
- c. Give at least 10 data examples in the application (to facilitate testing)
- d. Each function should be documented and tested (at least 5 assertions)

The application should allow the validation of data – when the user inputs invalid data or commands, the application should give a warning.

Problems

P1. Numeric arrays

A **math teacher** needs a program to help **students** test different number properties. The program manages an array of numbers and allows students to use the following features offered by the program:

1. Add numbers in the array

- *add 123* – add 123 as the last element of the array
- *insert 123 at 1* – insert number 123 at index 1; the index of the first element is 0

2. Modify elements in the array

- *remove 1* – removes the element at index 1
- *remove from 1 to 3* – removes the elements at indices 1, 2 and 3
- *replace 1 3 5 with 5 3* – replaces all sub-arrays 1 3 5 with 5 3

3. Print the numbers that have certain properties

- *prime from 1 to 5* – print the prime numbers from the array found at indices 1..5
- *odd from 1 to 5* – print the odd numbers from the array found at indices 1..5

4. Obtain different characteristics from sub-arrays

- *sum from 1 to 5* – print the sum of elements 1..5
- *gcd from 1 to 5* – print the greatest common divisor of elements 1..5
- *max from 1 to 5* – print the maximum of elements 1..5

5. Filter values

- *filter prime* – keep only prime numbers, remove the other elements
- *filter negative* – keep only negative numbers, remove the other elements

6. Undo

- *undo* – undo the last operation that modified the array

P2. Programming competition

In a programming competition, after the evaluation of solutions, the **evaluation committee** records in an array the scores obtained by **participants** after solving the problems (at index **i** in the array, the score of the **i-th** participant is stored). Given that the participants to the competition had to solve 10 problems, each evaluated to a maximum of 10 points, help the committee to access the following features offered by the program:

1. **Add the result of a new participant to the array**
 - *add 98* – add score 98 for the last participant
 - *insert 74 at 5* – insert at index 5 the score 74; the index of the first element is 0
2. **Modify the scores in the array (as a result of appeals)**
 - *remove 1* – delete the score of participant at index 1
 - *remove from 1 to 3* – delete scores for participants at indices 1, 2 and 3
 - *replace 4 with 55* – replace the score of participant at index 4 with score 55
3. **Print the participants with scores having some properties**
 - *less than 40* – print the participants with scores less than 40
 - *sorted* – print all participants sorted by their score
 - *sorted and greater than 90* – print the participants with scores higher than 90 sorted
4. **Obtain different characteristics of participants**
 - *avg from 1 to 5* – print the average of scores for participants 1..5
 - *min from 1 to 5* – print the smallest score for participants 1..5.
 - *mul 10 from 1 to 5* – print the scores for participants 1..5 which are multiples of 10
5. **Filter the scores**
 - *filter mul 10* - keep only participants with scores multiple of 10 (those who solved all / some problems with the highest score of 10), removing the other participants (scores)
 - *filter greater than 70* – keep only participants with scores higher than 70, removing the other participants (scores)
6. **Undo**
 - *undo* – undo the last operation that modified the array