

MA1008 Introduction to Computational Thinking

Week 8 Tutorial: Functions

The first six questions are for discussion in class. Students should attempt the rest in their own time.

1. List the parts in a function definition and explain the purpose of each part.
2. Give three reasons why functions are useful.
3. What does this function do?

```
def Func(num):  
    total = 0  
    while num > 0:  
        total = total + num*(num-1)  
        num = num -1  
    return total
```

4. What is a function call? How do you call a function? Given the function in Q3, what are the values of `x` in the following statements?

- i. `x = Func(5)`
- ii. `x = Func(5.5)`
- iii. `x = Func('5')`
- iv. `x = Func()`

5. What does the following code print? Explain.

```
number = 50  
def Func(number):  
    print(number)  
    number=2  
    print(number)
```

```
Func(number)  
print(number)
```

6. Examine the following code and predict the outputs.

```
confusing = 0  
def do_work(num):  
    confusing = -50  
    confusing += num  
    print("confusing in do_work is ", confusing)  
    return confusing
```

```
confusing = 50  
print("confusing in main is ", confusing)  
confusing += do_work(confusing)  
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```

The same code is in the file `confusing.py` in the hands-on folder. Copy it into the working folder and run it. Are your predictions the same as the program output?

7. A year is a *leap year* if it is divisible by 4 and not by 100, or if it is divisible by 400. Otherwise, it is not a leap year. Write a function that takes in an integer value and returns true if the value represents a leap year and false otherwise.
8. Define a 2D vector as a 2-tuple. Write a function that takes two vectors `v1` and `v2` as inputs and returns their sum.