

## Session 3. Reading Documentation and Debugging (Solutions Only)

### Q1. Mortgage Calculator I

Write a function `numberMonths` that calculates how many months it would take to pay off a mortgage given the monthly payment. The function has four input arguments: `total`, `monthly`, `annualInterest`, and `downpay`. Let the default values for interest be 0.0425 and for downpay be 0. Label the four arguments  $T$ ,  $M$ ,  $I$ ,  $D$  respectively. The number of months needed  $N$  is given by the formula

$$N = \text{ceil} \left( \frac{-\log(1 - \frac{i(T-D)}{M})}{\log(1+i)} \right),$$

where  $i = I/12$  is the monthly interest rate and `ceil` is the `math.ceil` function.

```
[1]: import math
     def numberMonths(total,monthly,interest=0.0425,downpay=0):
         i=interest/12
         A=i*(total-downpay)/monthly
         top=-math.log(1-A)
         bottom=math.log(1+i)
         return math.ceil(top/bottom)

[5]: print('Number of years needed to pay off mortgage:', numberMonths(500000,4000)/12)
```

Number of years needed to pay off mortgage: 13.833333333333334

```
[2]: print('Updated number of years:', numberMonths(500000,4000,interest=0.05)/12)
```

Updated number of years: 14.75

### Q2. Mortgage Calculator II

Write a function `monthlyPayment` that calculates the monthly payment needed to pay off a mortgage in a given number of months. The function has four input arguments: `total`, `months`, `interest`, and `downpay`. Let the default values for interest be 0.0425 and for downpay be 0. Label the four arguments  $T$ ,  $N$ ,  $I$ ,  $D$  respectively. The monthly payment  $M$  is given by the formula

$$M = \frac{(1+i)^N}{(1+i)^N - 1} i(T-D),$$

where  $i = I/12$  is the monthly interest rate. Round the answer to two decimal places using the `round` function.

```
[29]: def monthlyPayment(total,months,interest=0.0425,downpay=0):
        i=interest/12
        top=(1+i)**months*i*(total-downpay)
        bottom=(1+i)**months-1
        return round(top/bottom,2)
```

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[30]: monthlyPayment(500000,12*30)
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2459.7

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[31]: monthlyPayment(500000,12*30,interest=0.05)
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2684.11