

Learning Python

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1 Before you begin

- Download the latest python (3.x). As a suggestion, download Anaconda at <https://www.anaconda.com/>. Anaconda installs the latest python version and I recommend you develop with Visual Studio Code or Spyder. PyCharm is also ok.
- Teach yourself python. You can start by checking this youtube playlist with python for java programmers.
- Learn how to interact with python from the command line, not from your IDE. This link contains the answer
- Learn how to read parameters from the command line in python. This may help

2 TASK

- Create a program that is invoked with a list of integers from the command line. The program should output the integer that is repeated the most times. If there is a tie, chose any number among those that tie. The program should be called `most_times.py` and should be run from the command line like so:

```
python most_times.py n1 n2 n3 ...
```

where `n1 n2 ...` are integers. For example:

```
python most_times.py 12 1 3 12 5
```

should output 12 because it is the number that occurs the most times.

- Create a program that reads a filename from the command line and prints the number of unique words, total number of words (not unique), characters (including spaces) and lines in that file. It must be called `wc.py` and must be run like so:

```
python wc.py filename
```

where `filename` is the actual name of the file to read.

As an example, download this sample file: `healtheating.txt`.

Then, when your program is run with this file (`python wc.py healtheating.txt`), the output of the program should be in the ballpark of `lines:42, unique:429, words:819, chars:4878`. The numbers may vary a bit, but not a lot.

- Modify your program to print the most common and least common word. You must use dictionaries for this. Using the `healtheating.txt` file, `python wc.py healtheating.txt` will print:

```
lines:42, unique:429, words:819, chars:4878
Most frequent word:and (33 times), Less frequent word:People (1 times).
```

Again, your output may be different than mine if you treat words differently (e.g. you turn all words to lowercase or something like that).

- Create a file named `basic_stats.py` that has the following functions:
 - `avg`: takes a list of numbers as a parameter and returns the average.
 - `l_sqr`: takes a list of numbers as a parameter and returns a list with the corresponding values squared.
 - `var`: takes a list of numbers X and computes

$$\frac{\sum_{x \in X} (x - \mu)^2}{n}$$

where μ is the average of the numbers in X and n is the number of elements of X .

*Note: functions must **return** values, not print them.

To test your file, you may type the following on a python shell:

```
from basic_stats import *

print (avg ([23, 32, 43, 54]) == 38.0)
print (sum (l_sqr ([23, 32, 43, 54]) ) == 6318)
print (var ([23, 32, 43, 54]) == 135.5)
```

And, when you run it, you should see three True outputs.

3 CRITERIA

- The only library you are allowed to use is `sys`.
- If your work is submitted as specified (check the next section): 30pts.
- If the programs do not have runtime errors running the tests: 20pts.
- each program running correctly is 10 points, and:
 - `basic_stats` must not print anything. Functions should be named exactly as specified and should return values (5pt.)
 - If `wc` uses dictionaries (5pt.)
 - You will get an extra point for every function in `basic_stats` that only consists of a return statement that performs the correct functionality (i.e one liners).

4 SUBMIT

One ZIP (not arj, rar, etc.) file with the three programs (`most_times.py`, `basic_stats.py` and `wc.py`). All names of programs and functions should be exactly as specified above, including underscores and case.