Genome Informatics

Quiz section 7

May 10, 2018

Housekeeping

- Read assignments carefully!

- Tuesday

Viterbi: determine the likeliest hidden state sequence for an observed sequence

Observed sequence

	A	A	T	T	T	A
A-rich	0.4	0.9 *0.8 = ?				
T-rich	0.1	0.1				

0.5*0.8=

0.5*0.2=

Hidden relationship to states

- Likelihood for an “alignment” of hidden state to observed sequence is a function of likelihood of **previous alignment** and **transition & emission probability**
- Find the path through this matrix that has the highest probability

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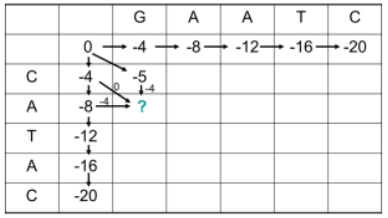

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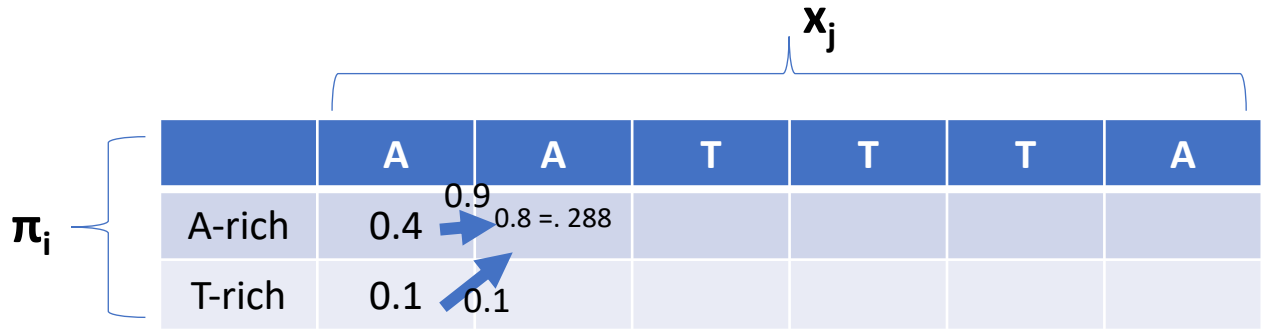

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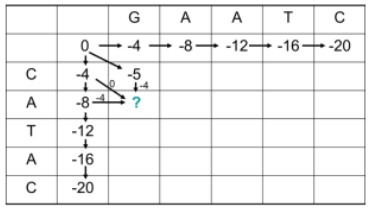

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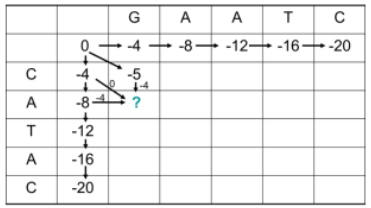

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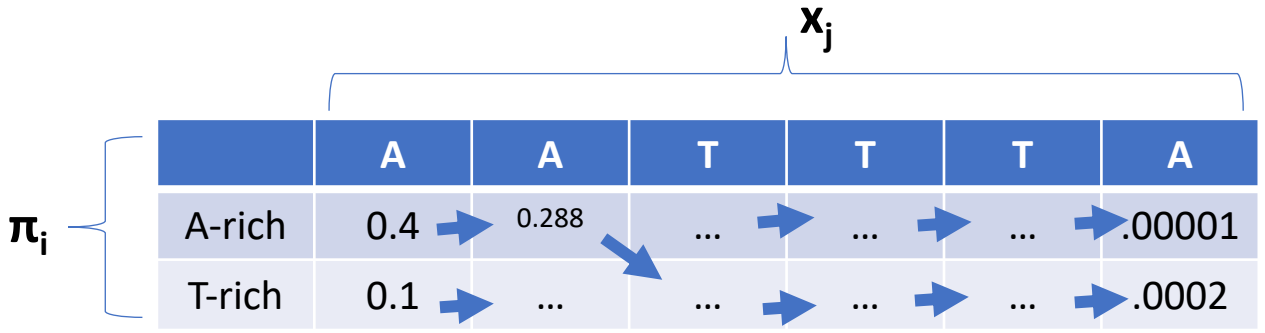

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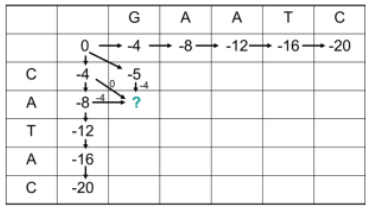

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Programming

Generating random numbers in Python

What are some situations where you'd want to generate random numbers?

In-class examples?

- Generating random sequences to create null distribution for sequence alignment
- A Markov chain that changes states probabilistically

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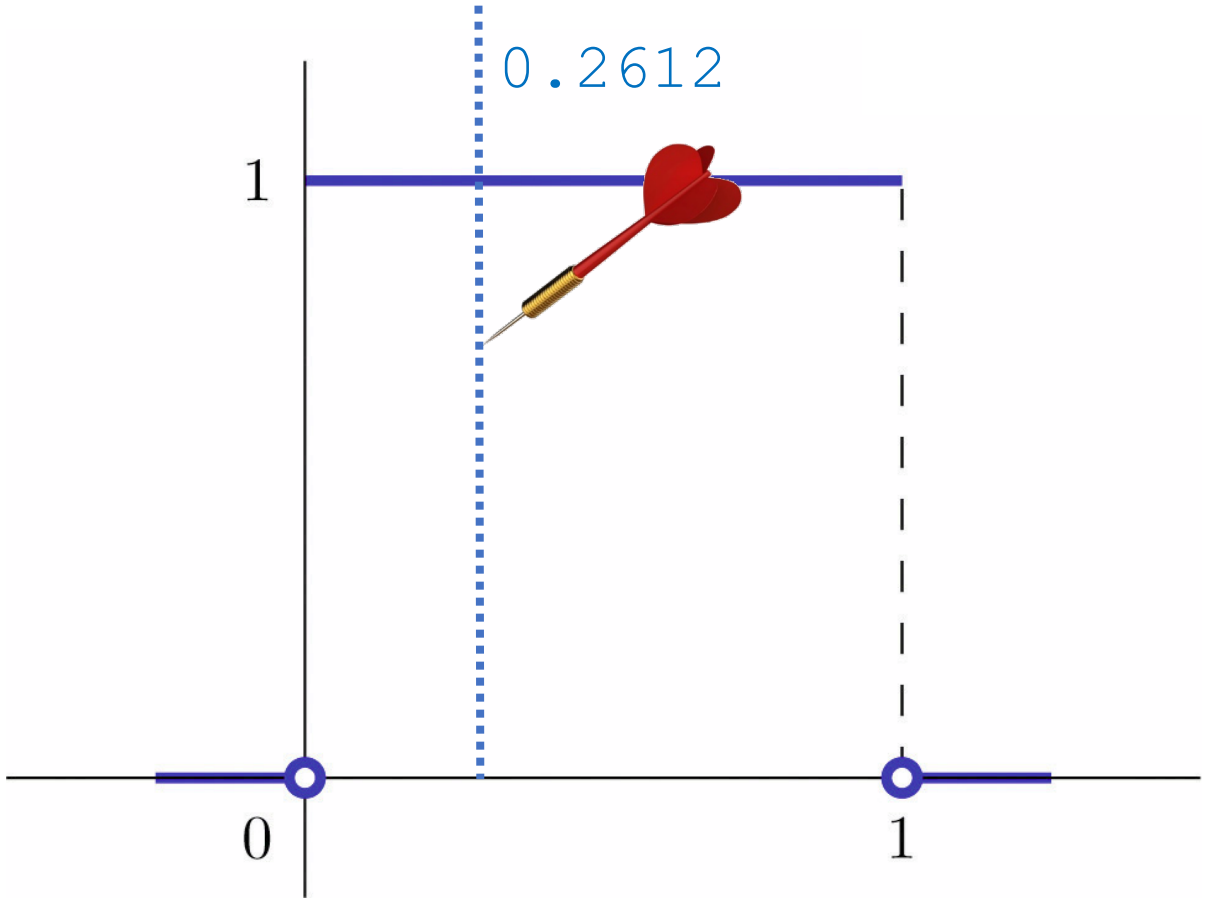


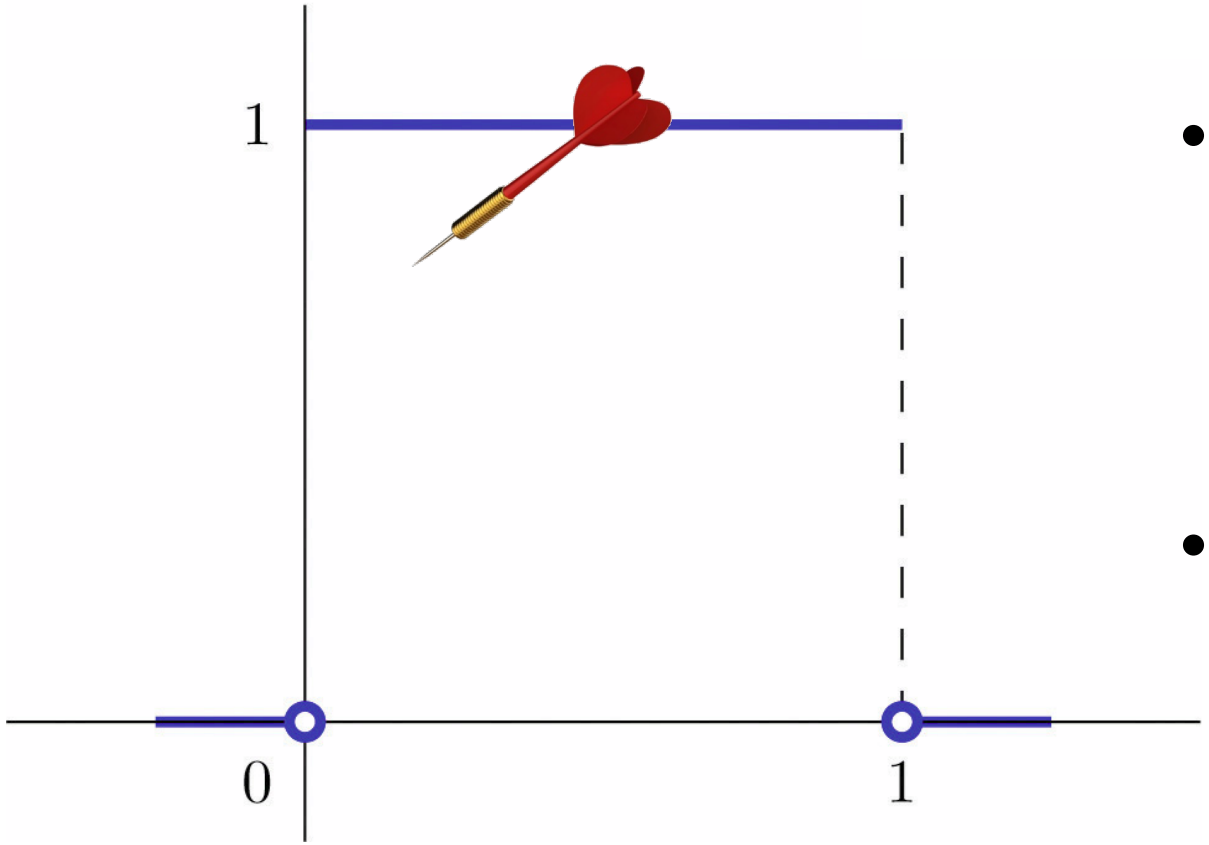
- How can you convert this into a random coin flip with heads or tails?

```
import random
r = random.random()
print r
0.261256363123
```

*Not actually random!

This is actually a pseudorandom number generator – it's *approximates* random number generation based on a starting point – a seed. If you want to reproducibly produce the same "random" set of numbers twice, you can set the seed with random.seed(100)

random() returns a uniformly distributed random value from [0,1)



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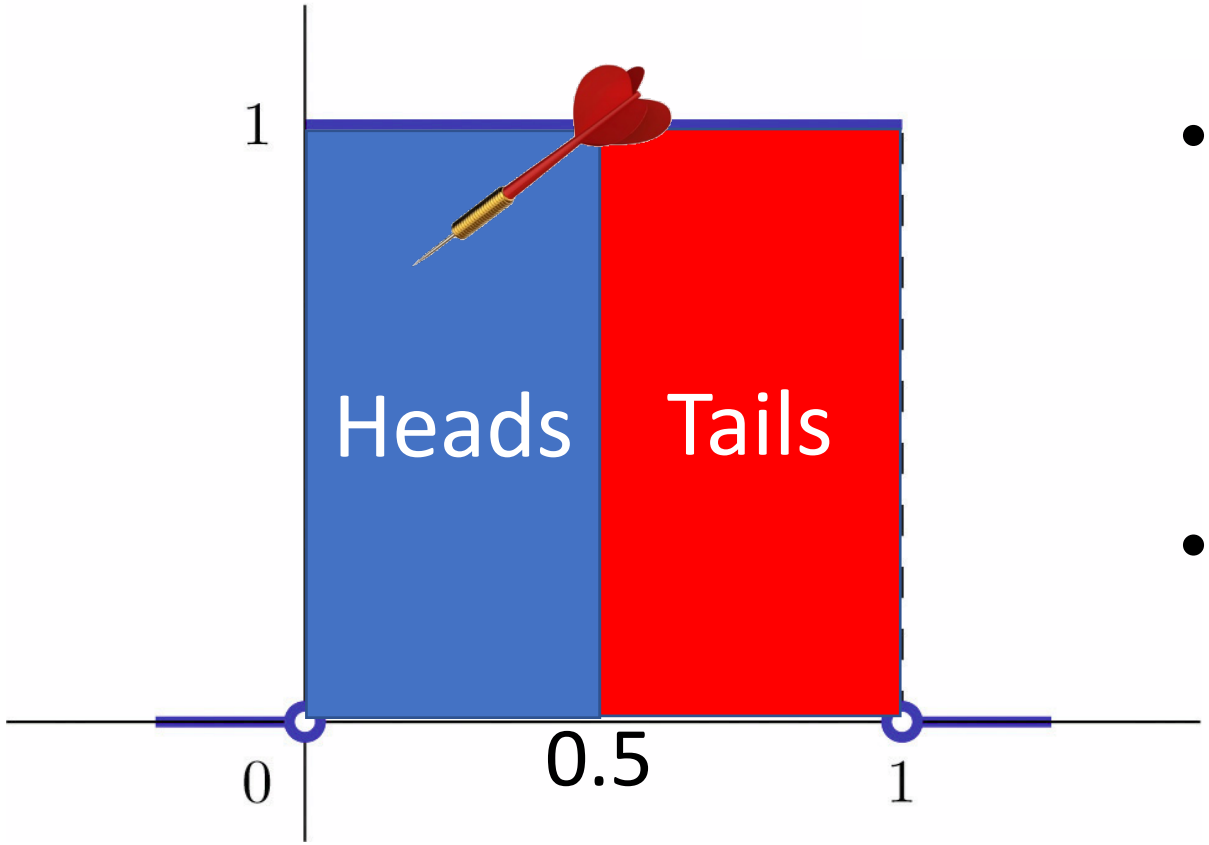

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import random
# return heads or tails
def coinflip():
    v = random()
    if f > 0.5:
        return ‘Tails’
    else:
        return ‘Heads’
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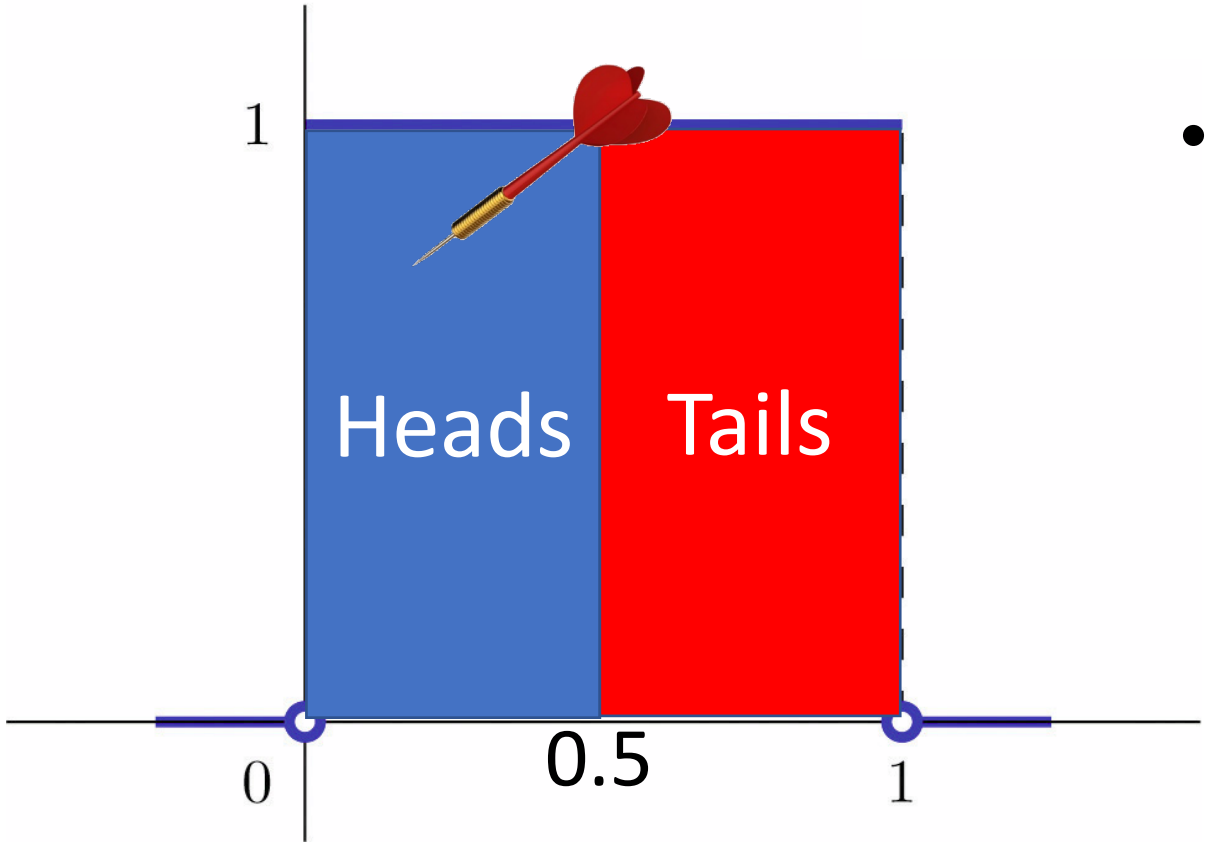


- How can you convert this into a die roll?

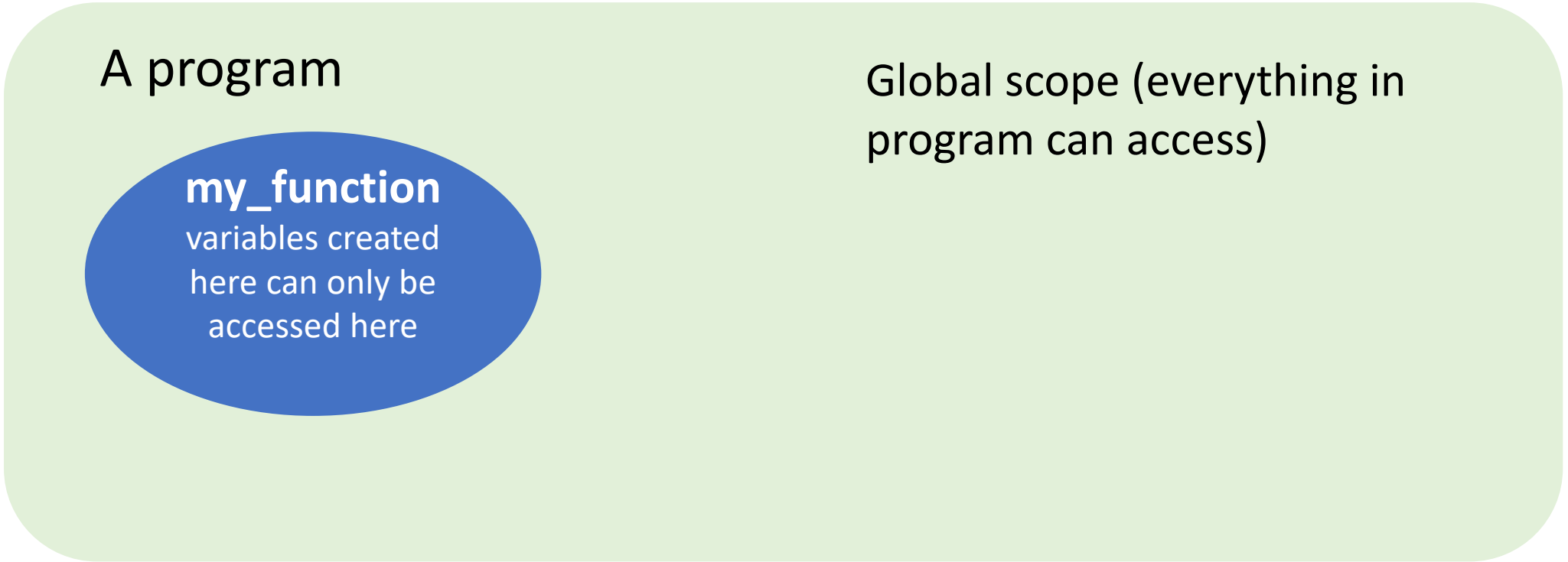
Exercise: write a function to simulate a die roll using random()

```
import random
# return 1,2,3,4,5, or 6 with equal odds
def dieroll():
```

The nitty gritty of scope and functions

Scope of a variable

- Variables created in the main part of your program can be accessed anywhere (**global** scope)
- Variables created within functions are only accessible within that function (**local** scope)



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new_list = [0,1,2]

def less_than(myList, num = 4):
     new_list = []
     for x in myList:
          if x < num:
               new_list.append(x)
     return new_list

print new_list
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Don't do this!! You'll confuse yourself

Define all your functions at the beginning of your program or in another file

Returning values

- Check the following function:

```
# This function …
# …
def CalcSum(a_list):
    sum = 0
    for item in a_list:
        sum += item
    return sum
```

- What does this function do?

From Elhanan

Returning values

- Check the following function:

```
# This function calculates the sum
# of all the elements in a list
def CalcSum(a_list):
    sum = 0
    for item in a_list:
        sum += item
    return sum
```

- What does this function do?

```
>>> my_list = [1, 3, 2, 9]
>>> print CalcSum(my_list)
15
```

Returning more than one value

- Let's be more ambitious:

```
# This function calculates the sum
# AND the product of all the
# elements in a list
def CalcSumAndProd(a_list):
    sum = 0
    prod = 1
    for item in a_list:
        sum += item
        prod *= item
    return ???
```

- How can we return both values?

Returning more than one value

- We can use a list as a return value:

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```

```
>>> my_list = [1, 3, 2, 9]
>>> print CalcSumAndProd(my_list)
[15, 54]
```

```
>>> res = CalcSumAndProd(my_list)
```

List assignment

```
>>> [s,p] = CalcSumAndProd(my_list)
```

multiple assignment

Returning lists

- An increment function:

```
# This function increment every element in
# the input list by 1
def incrementEachElement(a_list):
    new_list = []
    for item in a_list:
        new_list.append(item+1)
    return new_list

# Now, create a list and use the function
my_list = [1, 20, 34, 8]
print my_list
my_incremended_list = incrementEachElement(my_list)
Print my_incremended_list
```

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[1, 20, 34, 8]
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- Is this good practice?

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- What about this?

Returning lists

- What will happen if we do this?

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# This function increment every element in
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[2, 21, 35, 9]
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WHY IS THIS WORKING?

Pass-by-reference vs. pass-by-value

- Two fundamentally different function calling strategies:

- **Pass-by-Value:**
  - The value of the argument is copied into a local variable inside the function
  - C, Scheme, C++
- **Pass-by-reference:**
  - The function receives an implicit reference to the variable used as argument, rather than a copy of its value
  - Perl, VB, C++

- **So, how does Python pass arguments?**

Python passes arguments by reference

(almost)

- So … this will work!

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[2, 21, 35, 9]
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>>> my_list
[3, 22, 36, 10]
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- How about this?

```
def addQuestionMark(word):
    print "word inside function  (1):", word
    word = word + "?"
    print "word inside function  (2):", word

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addQuestionMark(my_word)
print "word after function:", my_word
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word inside function (1): really
word inside function (2): really?
word after function: really
```

- Remember:
  1. Strings/numbers are immutable
  2. The assignment command often creates a new object

Passing by reference: the bottom line

- **You can (and should) use this option when**:
  - Handling large data structures
  - “In place” changes make sense

- **Be careful** (a double-edged sword):
  - Don’t lose the reference!
  - Don’t change an argument by mistake

- When we learn about objects and methods we will see yet an additional way to change variables

Required Arguments

- How about this?

```
def printMulti(text, n):
    for i in range(n):
        print text
```

```
>>> printMulti(“Bla”,4)
Bla
Bla
Bla
Bla
```

- What happens if I try to do this:

```
>>> printMulti("Bla")
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: printMulti() takes exactly 2
arguments (1 given)
```

Default Arguments

- Python allows you to define defaults for various arguments:

```
def printMulti(text, n=3):
    for i in range(n):
        print text
```

```
>>> printMulti("Bla",4)
Bla
Bla
Bla
Bla
```

```
>>> printMulti("Yada")
Yada
Yada
Yada
```

Default Arguments

- This is very useful if you have functions with numerous arguments/parameters, most of which will rarely be changed by the user:

```
def runBlast(fasta_file, costGap=10, E=10.0, desc=100,
   max_align=25, matrix="BLOSUM62", sim=0.7, corr=True):
   <runBlast code here>
```

- You can now simply use:

```
>>> runBlast("my_fasta.txt")
```

- Instead of:

```
>>> runBlast("my_fasta.txt",10,10.0,100,25,"BLOSUM62",0.7,
True)
```

Keyword Arguments

- You can still provide values for specific arguments using their label:

```
def runBlast(fasta_file, costGap=10, E=10.0, desc=100,
  max_align=25, matrix="BLOSUM62", sim=0.7, corr=True):
    <runBlast code here>
    …


>>> runBlast("my_fasta.txt", matrix="PAM40")
```