

Control Flow

```
In [49]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import pandas as pd
import seaborn as sns
import statsmodels as sm
```

Conditional Statements

```
In [50]: x = 6
if x < 0:
    print("It's negative")
elif x == 0:
    print('Equal to zero')
elif 0 < x < 5:
    print('Positive but smaller than 5')
else:
    print('Positive and larger than or equal to 5')
```

Positive and larger than or equal to 5

If any of the conditions is **True**, no further **elif** or **else** blocks will be reached.

With a compound condition using **and** or **or**, conditions are evaluated left to right and will short-circuit:

```
In [51]: a = 5; b = 7
c = 8; d = 4
```

```
In [52]: if a < b or c > d:
    print('Made it')
```

Made it

In this example, the comparison **c > d** never gets evaluated because the first comparison was **True**.

It is also possible to chain comparisons:

```
In [53]: 4 > 3 > 2 > 1
```

Out[53]: True

Ternary expressions

A **ternary expression** in Python allows you to combine an **if-else** block that produces a value into a single line or expression:

```
In [1]: x = 5  
        'Non-negative' if x >= 0 else 'Negative'
```

```
Out[1]: 'Non-negative'
```

Loops

for loops

for loops are for iterating over a collection (like a list or tuple) or an iterator. The standard syntax for a **for** loop is:

```
In [55]: for value in [1, 5, 2]:  
        print(value)
```

```
1  
5  
2
```

You can advance a **for** loop to the next iteration, skipping the remainder of the block, using the **continue** keyword. Consider this code, which sums up integers in a list and skips **None** values:

```
In [56]: sequence = [1, 2, None, 4, None, 5]  
        total = 0  
        for value in sequence:  
            if value is None:  
                continue  
            total += value
```

```
In [57]: total
```

```
Out[57]: 12
```

A **for** loop can be exited altogether with the **break** keyword. This code sums elements of the list until a 5 is reached:

```
In [58]: sequence = [1, 2, 0, 4, 6, 5, 2, 1]
total_until_5 = 0
for value in sequence:
    if value == 5:
        break
    total_until_5 += value
```

```
In [59]: total
```

```
Out[59]: 12
```

The **break** keyword only terminates the innermost **for** loop

```
In [60]: for i in range(4):
        for j in range(4):
            if j > i:
                break
            print((i, j))
```

```
(0, 0)
(1, 0)
(1, 1)
(2, 0)
(2, 1)
(2, 2)
(3, 0)
(3, 1)
(3, 2)
(3, 3)
```

if the elements in the collection or iterator are sequences (tuples or lists, say), they can be conveniently unpacked into variables in the **for** loop statement:

```
In [61]: for a, b, c in iterator:
        # do something
```

```
File "<ipython-input-61-83e0921527b1>", line 2
    # do something
        ^
```

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while loops

A **while** loop specifies a condition and a block of code that is to be executed until the condition evaluates to **False** or the loop is explicitly ended with **break**:

```
In [ ]: x = 256
        total = 0
        while x > 0:
            if total > 500:
                break
            total += x
            x = x // 2
```

pass

pass is the “no-op” statement in Python. It can be used in blocks where no action is to be taken (or as a placeholder for code not yet implemented); it is only required because Python uses whitespace to delimit blocks:

```
In [ ]: if x < 0:
        print('negative!')
        elif x == 0:
            # TODO: put something smart here
            pass
        else:
            print('positive!')
```

range

The **range** function returns an iterator that yields a sequence of evenly spaced integers:

```
In [ ]: range(10)
```

```
In [ ]: range(0, 10)
```

```
In [ ]: list(range(10))
```

Both a **start**, **end**, and **step** (which may be negative) can be given:

```
In [ ]: list(range(0, 20, 2))
```

```
In [ ]: list(range(5, 0, -1))
```

range produces integers up to but not including the endpoint.

A common use of **range** is for iterating through sequences by index:

```
In [ ]: seq = [1, 2, 3, 4]
        for i in range(len(seq)):
            val = seq[i]
```

```
In [ ]: val
```

```
In [ ]:
```