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6.1—Find the paths to a collection of programs

```
import os

def findprograms(programs, dirs=[]):
    '''
    Looks for the specified programs, and returns a dictionary
    containing the programs' complete path on the current system.
    PATH is searched by default and additional directories can
    be specified using the dirs parameter.
    '''
    dictionary = {}

    for program in programs:
        # Check all paths in PATH and additional directories
        for path in os.environ["PATH"].split(os.pathsep) + dirs:
            # Create the filepath for the executable
            filepath = os.path.join(path, program)
            # Check if file exists and is executable
            if os.path.isfile(filepath) and os.access(filepath, os.X_OK):
                # Program exists on computer, move on to next program
                dictionary[program] = filepath
                break
            # Program does not exist, set value to None
            dictionary[program] = None

    return dictionary

if __name__ == '__main__':
    # Example of use
    programs = {
        'gnuplot' : 'plotting program',
        'gs'      : 'ghostscript, ps/pdf interpreter and previewer',
        'f2py'    : 'generator for Python interfaces to F77',
        'swig'    : 'generator for Python interfaces to C/C++',
        'convert' : 'image conversion, part of the ImageMagick package',
    }

    installed = findprograms(programs.keys())

    for program in installed.keys():
        if installed[program]:
            print "You have %s (%s)" % (program, programs[program])
        else:
            print "*** Program %s was not found on the system" % (program,)

    '''
user$ python findprograms.py
You have convert (image conversion, part of the ImageMagick package)
You have gs (ghostscript, ps/pdf interpreter and previewer)
*** Program swig was not found on the system
You have gnuplot (plotting program)
You have f2py (generator for Python interfaces to F77)
'''
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6.2—Find old and large files in a directory tree

```
import shutil
import time
import sys
import os

def remove_file(filepath):
    '''Moves a given file into tmp/trash'''
    # Make sure trash-folder exists
    if not os.path.isdir('/tmp/trash'):
        os.mkdir('/tmp/trash')
        print 'Made directory /tmp/trash'

    # Copy file into trash-folder, then remove original
    shutil.copy(filepath, '/tmp/trash')
    os.remove(filepath)

def check_tree(tree, sizetol, agetol, remove=False):
    '''
    Walk over all files in a given tree and
    check age and size against tolerances, print out
    all violations and remove if wanted.
    '''
    violations = []
    # Iterative over tree recursively
    for directory in os.walk(tree):
        dirpath, dirnames, filenames = directory
        for name in filenames:
            # Find full path of file
            path = os.path.join(dirpath, name)
            # Find size in MB
            size = os.path.getsize(path)/(1024.**2)
            # Find time since last access in days
            age = (time.time() - os.path.getatime(path))/86400.
            if age > agetol and size > sizetol:
                # Store violation
                violations.append((path, size, age))
                # Remove file if wanted
                if remove:
                    remove_file(path)

    return violations

def _test():
    '''Function for testing the program using fakefiletree.py'''
    # Create a tree with files of random age and size for testing
    if os.path.isdir('tmptree'):
        shutil.rmtree('tmptree')
    print "Generating fake tmptree data"
    os.system("python fakefiletree.py tmptree")
    print "Done generating data \n\n\nTesting:"

    # Find number of all files in tmptree
    n = len(check_tree('tmptree', 0, 0, remove=False))

    # Find and remove violations in tmptree
    violations = check_tree('tmptree', 2, 100, remove=True)
    print "The following violations have been removed:"
    for v in violations:
        print 'File: %s\nSize: %.2f MB\nAge: %d days' % (v[0], v[1], v[2])

    print "%d of %d files have been removed" % (len(violations), n)

    # List files in /tmp/trash
    print "The files in /tmp/trash are now"
    for f in os.listdir('/tmp/trash'):
        print f

    # Remove tmptree from system and clean /tmp/trash
    shutil.rmtree("tmptree")
    shutil.rmtree("/tmp/trash")
    os.mkdir('/tmp/trash')

    print "\nTesting finished without error."
    sys.exit(0)
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if __name__ == "__main__":
    usage = '''Usage: %s
    Input:
        tree      tree to be checked for files recursively
        sizetol   tolerance of filesize in MB
        agetol    tolerance of file age in days
    Options:
        -r        moves file to /tmp/trash
        -t        test using fakefildtree.py''' % sys.argv[0]

    # Catches testing flag
    if '-t' in sys.argv:
        _test()

    # Read cmd-line arguments
    try:
        tree = sys.argv[1]
        sizetol = float(sys.argv[2])
        agetol = float(sys.argv[3])
        remove = '-r' in sys.argv
    except:
        print usage, sys.exit(1)

    # Find violations
    violations = check_tree(tree, sizetol, agetol, remove=remove)

    # Print findings
    p = 'The following violations' if violations else 'No violations'
    r = ' and removed' if remove else ''
    print "%s have been found in %s%s:" % (p, tree, r)
    for v in violations:
        print 'File: %s\nSize: %.2f MB\nAge: %d days' % (v[0], v[1], v[2])

'''
user$ python old_and_large.py -t
Generating fake tmptree data
[...]
generated 7 files and 3 directories
Done generating data

Testing:
The following violations have been removed:
File: tmptree/tmpf-165459
Size: 9.38 MB
Age: 223 days
File: tmptree/tmpf-544825
Size: 9.33 MB
Age: 237 days
File: tmptree/tmpf-19120
Size: 5.39 MB
Age: 166 days
File: tmptree/tmpf-391976/tmpf-93296
Size: 8.49 MB
Age: 214 days
File: tmptree/tmpf-160372/tmpf-188037
Size: 2.16 MB
Age: 168 days
5 of 7 files have been removed
The files in /tmp/trash are now
tmpf-93296
tmpf-165459
tmpf-544825
tmpf-19120
tmpf-188037

Testing finished without error.
'''

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6.3—Estimate the chance of an event in a dice game

```
import random, sys

# Read number of experiments from cmd-line
try:
    N = eval(sys.argv[1])
except IndexError:
    errormsg = 'IndexError: Number of experiments must be specified.';
    print errormsg; sys.exit(1)
except ValueError:
    errormsg = 'ValueError: Input must be an integer.'
    print errormsg; sys.exit(1)

# Perform experiments
counter = 0
for experiment in range(N):
    results = [random.randint(1,6) for i in range(2)]
    if 6 in results:
        counter += 1

# Calculate probability
p = counter/float(N)
p_exact = 11./36
error = abs(p - p_exact)

# Print results
print """
Number of experiments: %d
Exact probability:      %.4g
Estimated probability: %.4g
Error:                  %.2e
""" % (N, p_exact, p, error)

"""
user$ python dice2.py 1000

Number of experiments: 1000
Exact probability:      0.3056
Estimated probability: 0.304
Error:                  1.56e-03

user$ python dice2.py 100000

Number of experiments: 100000
Exact probability:      0.3056
Estimated probability: 0.3054
Error:                  1.66e-04

user$ python dice2.py 10000000

Number of experiments: 10000000
Exact probability:      0.3056
Estimated probability: 0.3055
Error:                  5.69e-05
"""
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6.4—Determine if you win or loose a hazard game

```
import numpy as np
import sys

# Read number of games from cmd-line
try:
    N = eval(sys.argv[1])
except IndexError:
    errmsg = 'IndexError: Number of games must be specified.';
    print errmsg; sys.exit(1)
except ValueError:
    errmsg = 'ValueError: Input must be an integer.'
    print errmsg; sys.exit(1)

# Draw 4 integers from [1,7), N times
results = np.random.randint(1,7,(4,N))
# Sum the 4 integers for every game
s = np.sum(results, axis=0)
# Separate winning and loosing results
wins = s[s<9]
loss = s[s>=9]
# Calculate losses and rewards
money = 9*len(wins) - len(loss)
average = money/float(N)
# Analyze results
r = 'No' if average < 0 else 'Yes'

# Print results
print """
Number of games:           %d
Total money won/lost:      %g
Estimated average winning: %.2g
Should you play?:         %s
""" % (N, money, average, r)

"""
user$ python dice4.py 1000

Number of games:           1000
Total money won/lost:      -480
Estimated average winning: -0.48
Should you play?:         No

user$ python dice4.py 1000000

Number of games:           1000000
Total money won/lost:      -463230
Estimated average winning: -0.46
Should you play?:         No
"""
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6.5—Implement a class for vectors in 3D

```
class Vec3D:
    '''Class for representing real 3D vectors'''

    def __init__(self, x, y, z):
        '''Constructor, takes the vectors coordinates'''
        self.coordinates = [x, y, z]

    def __add__(self, other):
        '''Adds two vectors together, defining a new vector'''
        x1, y1, z1 = self.coordinates
        x2, y2, z2 = other.coordinates
        return Vec3D(x1+x2, y1+y2, z1+z2)

    def __sub__(self, other):
        '''Subtracts the second vector from the first, defining a third'''
        x1, y1, z1 = self.coordinates
        x2, y2, z2 = other.coordinates
        return Vec3D(x1-x2, y1-y2, z1-z2)

    def __mul__(self, other):
        '''Vector scalar product between two vectors, returns a scalar'''
        x1, y1, z1 = self.coordinates
        x2, y2, z2 = other.coordinates
        return x1*x2 + y1*y2 + z1*z2

    def __pow__(self, other):
        '''Vector cross product between two vectors, returns a Vec3D'''
        x1, y1, z1 = self.coordinates
        x2, y2, z2 = other.coordinates
        x = y1*z2 - y2*z1
        y = x2*z1 - x1*z2
        z = x1*y2 - x2*y1
        return Vec3D(x, y, z)

    def __getitem__(self, key):
        '''Allows subscripting of the vector'''
        return self.coordinates[key]

    def __setitem__(self, key, value):
        '''Allows assignment through subscripting'''
        self.coordinates[key] = value

    def __str__(self):
        '''Informal string representation of the vector'''
        x, y, z = self.coordinates
        return '(%g, %g, %g)' % (x, y, z)

    def __repr__(self):
        '''Formal string representation of the object'''
        x, y, z = self.coordinates
        return 'Vec3D(%g, %g, %g)' % (x, y, z)

    def len(self):
        '''Returns the euclidian norm'''
        x, y, z = self.coordinates
        return (x**2 + y**2 + z**2)**(1./2)
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(Example-run is shown on the next page.)

```

from vec3d import Vec3D

if __name__=="__main__":
    # Example run
    u = Vec3D(1, 0, 0)
    u = eval(repr(u)) # Should leave u unchanged
    v = Vec3D(0, 1, 0)
    v[2] = 2.5
    print "str(u) ", str(u)
    print "u.len() ", u.len()
    print "u[1] ", u[1]
    print "print v ", v
    print "u**v ", u**v
    print "u+v ", u+v
    print "u-v ", u-v
    print "u*v ", u*v

'''
user$ python vec3d.py
str(u)    (1, 0, 0)
u.len()   1.0
u[1]      0
print v   (0, 1, 2.5)
u**v      (0, -2.5, 1)
u+v        (1, 1, 2.5)
u-v        (1, -1, -2.5)
u*v        0.0
'''

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