

Chapter-3

Functions

Functions in Math

- Given some number (*Input*)
- Calculates the result (*Output*)

Ex:

$$a = 3$$

$$f(x) = x * x$$

$$f(a) = 3 * 3 = 9$$

Functions in Programming

- A named sequence of statements that performs a computation
- Not only numbers, but different types (**Ex:** string, list)
- Not only calculations (**Ex:** print out, draw, change value)

Ex:

```
>>> type(63)
<class 'int'>
```

- *Function Call*

Built-in Functions

Ex:

```
print()
```

```
type(x)
```

```
pow(x,y)
```

- Name, *argument*, result (*return value*)

A function *takes* an argument, and *returns* a result.

Type Conversion Functions

```
>>> int(3.14)
```

```
3
```

```
>>> float('2.79')
```

```
2.79
```

```
>>> str(777)
```

```
'777'
```

Math Functions

- Module (library): a file consisting of related functions

Ex:

```
>>> import math  
>>> print(math)
```

- Dot Notation

Ex:

```
>>> math.sin(radians)  
>>> math.pi
```

Composition

```
>>> x = math.sin(degrees / 360.0 * 2* math.pi)
```

```
>>> x = math.exp(math.log(x+1))
```

```
>>> minut = saghat * 60
```

```
>>> saghat * 60 = minut
```

Adding New Function

```
def function_name():  
    # action1 (statement)  
    # action2  
    ...
```

- We *define* a function, then we *call* it.
- *Function object*

```
print(fun)  
type(fun)
```


Flow of Execution

```
def fun1():  
    fun2()  
    print(1)
```

```
def fun2():  
    print(2)
```

```
def fun3():  
    print(3)  
    fun1()
```

```
>>> fun3()
```

Arguments and Parameters

```
type(x)  
pow(b,d)
```

```
def square_area(side):  
    print(side*side)  
x=4  
square_area(x)
```

- A function requires an argument(s)
- An argument is assigned to function parameter

Scope: Variables & Parameters are Local

```
def square_area(side):  
    area = side*side  
    print(area)
```

```
x=4  
square_area(x)  
print(side)  
print(area)
```

- *Stack Diagram*: See textbook sections 3.8 and 3.9

Fruitful & void Functions

- *Fruitful*: returns a result (**Ex:** `math.sqrt()`)
- *void*: performs an action, but doesn't return a value (**Ex:** `print()`)

- *None*: a special value with its own type

Why use Functions?

- ...
- ...
- ...
- ...