Practice exercises for the concepts from Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 in the textbook.

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1. Write a program that takes two numbers as inputs and returns the largest of them. Use the if-then-else construct available in Python. (Python has a built-in function called max() for this, but implement on your own for practice). Example input/output

   - Example 1:
     Enter a number: 25.0
     Enter another number: 34
     34 is the largest.
   - Example 2:
     Enter a number: 19
     Enter a number: a
     Please enter valid numbers.

2. Write a program which takes three strings and prints the string that comes first in dictionary order.

   - Example 1:
     Enter a string: "sam"
     Enter second string: "ams"
     Enter third string: "mas
     Your strings in dictionary order: ams, mas and sam.
   - Try with various string combinations - strings with digits, with capital and small letters, with punctuation markers etc., Check if your program works and note your observations.

3. Write a program that takes a character (i.e. a string of length 1) and prints you if it is a vowel or a consonant.

   - Example 1:
     Enter a character: "a"
     You entered a vowel.
   - Example 2:
     Enter a character: "ab"
     You should enter only one character. (hint: len(string) gives you the number of characters in a string)

- Example 3:
  Enter a character: "m"
  You entered a consonant.

4. Write a program that does the following: First, ask the user to enter a number. Check if the number is even. If the number is even, check if it is divisible by 4 and 8 and print your results. If the number is odd, check if the number is divisible by 3 and 5. Print the results.

   - Example 1:
     Enter a number: 21
     The number is an odd number.
     The number is divisible by 3 (hint: 21%3==0 implies the number is divisible by 3)
     The number is not divisible by 5
   - Example 2:
     Enter a number: 16
     The number is an even number
     The number is divisible by 4
     The number is divisible by 8