

## 02 Exercises

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### 0.1 Exercise 02.1 (if-else)

Consider the following assessment criteria which map a score out of 100 to an assessment grade:

Grade	Raw score (/100)
Excellent	$\geq 82$
Very good	$\geq 76.5$ and $< 82$
Good	$\geq 66$ and $< 76.5$
Need improvement	$\geq 45$ and $< 66$
Did you try?	$< 45$

Write a program that, given an a score, prints the appropriate grade. Print an error message if the input score is greater than 100 or less than zero.

```
[0]: x=54.99
if x>=82 and x<=100:
    print('Excellent')
elif x>=76.5 and x<=82:
    print('Very Good')
elif x>=66 and x<=76.5:
    print('Good')
elif x>=45 and x<=66:
    print('Need improvement')
elif x>=0 and x<=45:
    print('Did you try?')
elif x>100 or x<0:
    print('the score out of the range')

#raise NotImplementedError()
```

Need improvement

### 0.2 Exercise 02.2 (bisection)

Bisection is an iterative method for finding approximate roots of a function. Say we know that the function  $f(x)$  has one root between  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  ( $x_0 < x_1$ ). We then:

- Evaluate  $f$  at the midpoint  $x_{\text{mid}} = (x_0 + x_1)/2$ , i.e. compute  $f_{\text{mid}} = f(x_{\text{mid}})$

- Evaluate  $f(x_0) \cdot f(x_{\text{mid}})$ 
  - If  $f(x_0) \cdot f(x_{\text{mid}}) < 0$ :  
 $f$  must change sign somewhere between  $x_0$  and  $x_{\text{mid}}$ , hence the root must lie between  $x_0$  and  $x_{\text{mid}}$ , so set  $x_1 = x_{\text{mid}}$ .
  - Else  
 $f$  must change sign somewhere between  $x_{\text{mid}}$  and  $x_1$ , so set  $x_0 = x_{\text{mid}}$ .

The above steps can be repeated a specified number of times, or until  $|f_{\text{mid}}|$  is below a tolerance, with  $x_{\text{mid}}$  being the approximate root.

### 0.2.1 Task

The function

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x + 12$$

has one root somewhere between  $x_0 = 3$  and  $x_1 = 6$ .

1. Use the bisection method to find an approximate root  $x_r$  using 15 iterations (use a **for** loop).
2. Use the bisection method to find an approximate root  $x_r$  such that  $|f(x_r)| < 1 \times 10^{-6}$  and report the number of iterations required (use a **while** loop).

Store the approximate root using the variable **x\_mid**, and store  $f(x_{\text{mid}})$  using the variable **f**.

*Hint:* Use **abs** to compute the absolute value of a number, e.g. **y = abs(x)** assigns the absolute value of **x** to **y**.

#### (1) Using a for loop.

```
[0]: # Initial end points
x0 = 3.0
x1 = 6.0

# Use 15 iterations
for n in range(15):
    # Compute midpoint
    x_mid = (x0 + x1)/2

    # Evaluate function at left end-point and at midpoint
    f0 = x0**3 - 6*x0**2 + 4*x0 + 12
    f = x_mid**3 - 6*x_mid**2 + 4*x_mid + 12

    # YOUR CODE HERE
    if f0*f<0:
        x1=x_mid
    else:
        x0=x_mid
    #raise NotImplementedError()
```

```
print(n, x_mid, f)
```

```
0 4.5 -0.375
1 5.25 12.328125
2 4.875 4.763671875
3 4.6875 1.91088671875
4 4.59375 0.699554443359375
5 4.546875 0.14548873901367188
6 4.5234375 -0.11891412734985352
7 4.53515625 0.01224285364151001
8 4.529296875 -0.053596146404743195
9 4.5322265625 -0.020741849206387997
10 4.53369140625 -0.0042658079182729125
11 4.534423828125 0.003984444148954935
12 4.5340576171875 -0.0001417014154867502
13 4.53424072265625 0.0019211164656098845
14 4.534149169921875 0.0008896438020826736
```

```
[0]: assert round(x_mid - 4.534149169921875, 10) == 0.0
      assert abs(f) < 0.0009
```

**(2) Using a while loop** Use the variable `counter` for the iteration number.

*Remember to guard against infinite loops.*

```
[0]: # Initial end points
x0 = 3.0
x1 = 6.0

tol = 1.0e-6
error = tol + 1.0

# Iterate until tolerance is met
counter = 0
while error > tol:
    counter += 1
    # Compute midpoint
    x_mid = (x0 + x1)/2
    # Evaluate function at left end-point and at midpoint
    f0 = x0**3 - 6*x0**2 + 4*x0 + 12
    f = x_mid**3 - 6*x_mid**2 + 4*x_mid + 12
    # Condition:
    if f0*f<0:
        x1=x_mid
    else:
        x0=x_mid
    if abs(f)< 10**(-6):
```

```

    break
    #raise NotImplementedError()
    # Guard against an infinite loop
    if counter > 1000:
        print("Oops, iteration count is very large. Breaking out of while loop.")
        break
    print(counter, x_mid, error, f)

```

```

1 4.5 1.000001 -0.375
2 5.25 1.000001 12.328125
3 4.875 1.000001 4.763671875
4 4.6875 1.000001 1.910888671875
5 4.59375 1.000001 0.699554443359375
6 4.546875 1.000001 0.14548873901367188
7 4.5234375 1.000001 -0.11891412734985352
8 4.53515625 1.000001 0.01224285364151001
9 4.529296875 1.000001 -0.053596146404743195
10 4.5322265625 1.000001 -0.020741849206387997
11 4.53369140625 1.000001 -0.0042658079182729125
12 4.534423828125 1.000001 0.003984444148954935
13 4.5340576171875 1.000001 -0.0001417014154867502
14 4.53424072265625 1.000001 0.0019211164656098845
15 4.534149169921875 1.000001 0.0008896438020826736
16 4.5341033935546875 1.000001 0.0003739552628445608
17 4.534080505371094 1.000001 0.0001161229410939768
18 4.534069061279297 1.000001 -1.2790232830184323e-05
19 4.534074783325195 1.000001 5.166610522167048e-05
20 4.534071922302246 1.000001 1.9437873959304852e-05
21 4.5340704917907715 1.000001 3.3238050036743516e-06
22 4.534069776535034 1.000001 -4.7332178070291775e-06

```

```

[0]: assert counter == 23
      assert abs(f) < 1.0e-6

```

### 0.3 Exercise 02.3 (series expansion)

The power series expansion for the sine function is:

$$\sin(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

(See mathematics data book for a less compact version; this compact version is preferred here as it is simpler to program.)

1. Using a `for` statement, approximate  $\sin(3\pi/2)$  using 15 terms in the series expansion and report the absolute error.

2. Using a `while` statement, compute how many terms in the series are required to approximate  $\sin(3\pi/2)$  to within  $1 \times 10^{-8}$ .

Store the absolute value of the error in the variable `error`.

*Note:* Calculators and computers use iterative or series expansions to compute trigonometric functions, similar to the one above (although they use more efficient formulations than the above series).

### 0.3.1 Hints

To compute the factorial and to get a good approximation of  $\pi$ , use the Python `math` module:

```
import math
nfact = math.factorial(10)
pi = math.pi
```

You only need ‘`import math`’ once at the top of your program. Standard modules, like `math`, will be explained in a later. If you want to test for angles for which sine is not simple, you can use

```
a = 1.3
s = math.sin(a)
```

to get an accurate computation of sine to check the error.

#### (1) Using a for loop

```
[0]: # Import the math module to access math.sin and math.factorial
import math
# Value at which to approximate sine
x = 1.5*math.pi
# Initialise approximation of sine
approx_sin = 0.0
for n in range(16):
    approx_sin += ((-1)**n)*(x**((2*n)+1))/math.factorial((2*n)+1)
    error = abs((math.sin(x)-approx_sin))
    print(error, approx_sin, math.sin(x))
#raise NotImplementedError()
```

```
5.71238898038469 4.71238898038469 -1.0
11.728641652283956 -12.728641652283956 -1.0
7.636666525534631 6.636666525534631 -1.0
2.602329768407337 -3.602329768407337 -1.0
0.555634071762265 -0.444365928237735 -1.0
0.08189021082585013 -1.0818902108258501 -1.0
0.008861411268856534 -0.9911385887311435 -1.0
0.0007351881114854297 -1.0007351881114854 -1.0
4.829695774011267e-05 -0.9999517030422599 -1.0
2.5759875719177927e-06 -1.000002575987572 -1.0
1.1381159747969605e-07 -0.9999998861884025 -1.0
4.234491202126378e-09 -1.0000000042344912 -1.0
1.345145106412815e-10 -0.9999999998654855 -1.0
3.6917136014835705e-12 -1.0000000000036917 -1.0
```

```
8.79296635503124e-14 -0.9999999999999121 -1.0
2.220446049250313e-15 -1.0000000000000022 -1.0
```

```
[0]: assert error < 1.0e-12
```

(2) Using a while loop *Remember to guard against infinite loops.*

```
[0]: # Import the math module to access math.sin and math.factorial
import math

# Value at which to approximate sine
x = 1.5*math.pi

# Tolerance and initial error (this just needs to be larger than tol)
tol = 1.0e-8
error = tol + 1.0
# Intialise approximation of sine
approx_sin = 0.0
# Initialise counter
n = 0
# Loop until error satisfies tolerance, with a check to avoid
# an infinite loop
while error > tol and n < 1000:
    # compute how many terms in the series are required to approximate sin(3/2)
    # to within 1x10-8
    approx_sin += ((-1)**n)*(x**((2*n)+1))/math.factorial((2*n)+1)
    error = abs((math.sin(x)-approx_sin))
    # raise NotImplementedError()
    # Increment counter
    n += 1
    if error < 1.0e-8:
        break
print("The approx_sin is:", approx_sin)
print("The error is:", error)
print("Number of terms in series:", n)
```

```
The approx_sin is: 4.71238898038469
The error is: 5.71238898038469
Number of terms in series: 1
The approx_sin is: -12.728641652283956
The error is: 11.728641652283956
Number of terms in series: 2
The approx_sin is: 6.636666525534631
The error is: 7.636666525534631
Number of terms in series: 3
The approx_sin is: -3.602329768407337
The error is: 2.602329768407337
```

Number of terms in series: 4  
The approx\_sin is: -0.444365928237735  
The error is: 0.555634071762265  
Number of terms in series: 5  
The approx\_sin is: -1.0818902108258501  
The error is: 0.08189021082585013  
Number of terms in series: 6  
The approx\_sin is: -0.9911385887311435  
The error is: 0.008861411268856534  
Number of terms in series: 7  
The approx\_sin is: -1.0007351881114854  
The error is: 0.0007351881114854297  
Number of terms in series: 8  
The approx\_sin is: -0.9999517030422599  
The error is: 4.829695774011267e-05  
Number of terms in series: 9  
The approx\_sin is: -1.000002575987572  
The error is: 2.5759875719177927e-06  
Number of terms in series: 10  
The approx\_sin is: -0.9999998861884025  
The error is: 1.1381159747969605e-07  
Number of terms in series: 11

```
[0]: assert error <= 1.0e-8
```