



# **Exercise Book**

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#### 1 Introduction

To warm up, in this section we will experiment with the print command.

## 1.1 Python is fun

Write a program that prints the phrase "Python is fun"

- 1. As separate words on three lines, one word per line, aligned to the left.
- 2. On one line.
- 3. On one line, inside a box made up of the characters '=' and  $' \mid '$ .

#### 1.2 Big word

Write a program that prints the word "Python" in large block letters as shown below:

XXX	XXX	Y	X	XXXXX	X	X	XXX	XXX	Χ		Χ
Χ	X	Y	X	X	Χ	X	X	X	XX	X	Χ
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	X	XX	XXX	X	X	Χ	Χ	Χ
Χ			X	X	Χ	X	X	X	Χ	2	XX
X		XX	XXX	X	Χ	X	XXX	XXX	Χ		Χ

## 1.3 Military exercise

Save the program from the previous exercise under the name "George Smith" and adjust it to print the name of a famous American general who during the World War 2 commanded U.S. Army Troops in North Africa and Europe.

# 2 Using Python as a Calculator

In this section we will practice using Python's interactive shell for simple as well as advanced arithmetic operations.

## 2.1 Grocery shopping

Today you went grocery shopping and you bought:

- 1. Two cans of an energy drink for \$1.56 a piece.
- 2. Three bottles of milk \$2.34 a piece.
- 3. Four French baguettes \$3.41 a piece.
- 4. Five packs of chewing gum \$0.99 a piece.

Tax in the amount of 8% applies to items 1 and 4. Calculate the total cost of your purchase!

## 2.2 Oil change

You decided to do oil change today since your favorite place offers 20% off. The oil costs \$45 plus 8% tax. The work is 25 dollars. Do not forget to take the 20% off the total. How much will you pay for this oil change?

## 2.3 Age average

You go on a hike with a group of people of different ages. Your are (say) 15 years old. Two other people are 21 years old, one is 35, one is 42, and one is 55. Calculate the average age in the group!

## 2.4 Saving for a bike

Your savings account grows at a rate of 3% annually. Three years ago you started by inserting \$1,250 into the account. One year later you added another \$500, and a year ago you withdrew \$300. How much money is in your savings account now?

## 2.5 Growing town

For the last 20 years, the population of a city has been growing steadily by 5% per year, and 20 years ago it had 10,000 inhabitants. How many people live in the city now? Round the result to be an integer number.

#### 2.6 Coffee maker

How many cups of coffee will you be able to make from a one kilogram pack when 11 grams are needed for one cup? How many grams will be left?

## 2.7 Gardening

You are buying plants for an orchard restoration project. How many plants can you purchase with \$250 if the price of one is \$17? How much money will you have left?

#### 2.8 Setting tiles

You are setting tiles in a room of rectangular shape whose edges measure 19 and 27 feet. The tiles are  $1.25 \times 1.25$  foot squares and they will be aligned with the walls in the simplest possible pattern. You need to leave a quarter inch between the tiles for grout. How many whole tiles are you going to use? Hint: integer part of a real number  $\times$  is obtained via int ( $\times$ ).

#### 2.9 Submerged soccer ball

The famous Archimedes' law states that the upward buoyant force exerted on a body immersed in a fluid is equal to the weight of the fluid the body displaces. Imagine that you submerge a soccer ball – neglecting its own weight, this is the force that you need to employ to keep it under water! Let's calculate this force, assuming that the ball is a perfect sphere of diameter 22 cm. The density of water is  $1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and gravitational acceleration is  $9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ .

#### 2.10 Fastest runner

Arguably, the fastest human runner in history achieved a speed of 12.1 m/s. Calculate how much time in seconds such a runner would need to cross a football field at this speed, running diagonally from one corner to the opposite one. The measures of a football field are 109.7 m and 48.8 m.

## 2.11 Triangle area

Heron's formula is a famous formula that allows you to calculate the area S of a general triangle knowing its edge lengths a, b and c:

$$S = \sqrt{p(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)}$$

where p = (a + b + c)/2. Calculate in this way the area of a triangle with sides 2.5 m, 3.7 m and 4.1 m!

#### 2.12 Math functions

Calculate the following values:

$$a = e^5,$$

$$b = \sin(\pi/3),$$

$$c = \cos(\pi/4),$$

$$d = \log(10).$$

Here log is the natural logarithm.

#### 2.13 Random numbers

Random numbers are generated using the function random() from the random library. This function returns a random real number between 0 and 1. Use this function to generate a random integer between 10 and 20!

#### 2.14 Greatest common divisor

Python has a built-in function gcd() to calculate the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two integers. It is imported via from fractions import gcd. Use the function to find the GCD of 1554 and 2331!

#### 2.15 Fractions

Python makes operations with fractions very simple via the Fraction function that is imported from the fractions library. Then a fraction 1/3 is defined simply as Fraction (1, 3) and so on. Fractions can be used with the same operations as numbers, and the result of such an operation is a Fraction. Now to your task: Use Fractions to calculate

$$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{7}$$
.

## 3 Functions

In this section we will practise defining and using custom functions.

#### 3.1 Circle

Write a Python function circle(R) that accept an arbitrary radius R as argument, and returns the area and the perimeter of a circle with radius R.

## 3.2 Square

Write a Python function squarearea (a) that returns the area of a square whose edge is a cm long. You know that most of the time the edge length wil be 1 cm, so make this function callable without any arguments.

## 3.3 Rectangle

Write a Python function rectanglearea(a, b) that returns the area of a rectangle whose edges are a and b cm long. You know that most of the time one of the edges will measure 3 cm, so make the function callable with only one argument.

## 3.4 Sales prediction

The East Coast sales division of a company usually generates P percent of total sales each year. Write a function sales\_prediction (P, S) to predict how much the East Coast division will generate if the company has S dollars in sales the next year. Use your function with the numbers  $P=62\,\%$  and S=4.6 million dollars.

#### 3.5 Sales tax

Write a function sales\_tax (P, ST, CT) that calculates the total sales tax on a P dollars purchase. Assume the state sales tax is ST percent, and the county sales tax is CT percent. Use the function with the following numbers: P=52 dollars, ST=5 %, CT=2 %.

#### 3.6 Restaurant bill

Write a function restaurant\_bill (M, P, T) that computes the tax and tip on a restaurant bill for a patron with M dollars meal charge. The tax is P percent of the meal cost. The tip is T percent of the total after adding the tax. Your function should return the tax amount, tip amount, and the total bill. Use your function with the numbers M = 44.50 dollars, P = 6.75 % and T = 15 %.

## 3.7 Gas consumption conversion I (EU to US)

In Europe, gas consumption of a car is reported in liters per 100 kilometers. In the U.S. it is reported in miles per gallon. Write a function  $conversion_eu_to_us(C)$  that converts a given European gas consumption C into the U.S. scale. One mile is 1.609344 kilometers, and one gallon is 3.78541178 liters.

# 3.8 Gas consumption conversion II (US to EU)

In Europe, gas consumption of a car is reported in liters per 100 kilometers. In the U.S. it is reported in miles per gallon. Write a function  $conversion_us_to_eu(C)$  that converts a given U.S. gas consumption C into the European scale. One mile is 1.609344 kilometers, and one gallon is 3.78541178 liters.

## 3.9 Distance per tank of gas

A car with a G gallon gas tank averages A miles per gallon when driven in town and B miles per gallon when driven on the highway. Write a function distance (G, A, B) that returns the distance the car can travel on one tank of gas when driven in town and when driven on the highway. Use your function with G=20 gallons, A=21.5 miles per gallon, B=26.8 miles per gallon.

#### 3.10 Circuit board price

An electronics company sells circuit boards at a P percent profit. Write a function circuit\_board\_price(P, D) that calculates the selling price of a circuit board that costs them D dollars to produce. Use your function with P=40~% and D=12.67 dollars.

## 3.11 Gross pay

A particular employee earns E dollars annually. Write a function <code>gross\_pay</code> (E) that determines and prints what the amount of his gross pay will be for each pay period if he is paid twice a month (24 pay checks per year) and if he is paid bi-weekly (26 checks per year). Use your function with E=32,500 dollars.

## 3.12 Stock gain

Kathryn bought N shares of stock at a price of A dollars per share. One year later she sold them for B dollars per share. Write a function  $stock\_gain(N, A, B)$  that calculates and displays the following:

- The total amount paid for the stock.
- The total amount received from selling the stock.
- The total amount of money she gained.

Use your function with the values N = 600, A = 21.77 dollars and B = 26.44 dollars.

#### 3.13 Temperature conversion I (Fahrenheit to Celsius)

Write a function temperature\_conversion\_FC(F) that converts temperature F from Fahrenheit to Celsius and returns the result. The corresponding formula is

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32).$$

#### 3.14 Temperature conversion II (Celsius to Fahrenheit)

Write a function temperature\_conversion\_CF(C) that converts temperature C from Celsius to Fahrenheit and returns the result. The corresponding formula is

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32.$$

#### 3.15 Time in seconds

Write a function time\_in\_seconds (H, M, S) where H, M, S are integer numbers representing hours, minutes and seconds. Convert this time period into seconds, and return it.

#### 3.16 Time in hours

Write a function time\_in\_hours (H, M) where H, M are integer numbers representing hours and minutes. Convert this time period into hours and return it. For example, time\_in\_hours (1, 30) will return 1.5.

#### 3.17 Time last time

Write a function time\_conversion(T) that takes a period of time T in seconds (an integer number), and converts it to hours, minutes and seconds. It should return the corresponding three values H, M, S. The number H should be an integer, and both S and M should be integers between 0 and 59.

#### 3.18 Distance

Write a function distance (x1, y1, x2, y2) that calculates and returns the distance d of two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  using the formula

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}.$$

## 3.19 Angle conversion

Write a function  $angle\_conversion(A)$  that converts the angle A from degrees to radians and returns the result. Use the fact that  $\pi$  radians equals to 180 degrees. In order to work with pi, you need to import it from Numpy first. Hence, begin your program with the line "from numpy import pi".

#### 3.20 Length conversion

Write a function <code>length\_conversion(Y, F, I)</code> that converts a length given in terms of yards, feet and inches into meters. Return the result. Recall that one yard is 0.9144 meters, there are three feet in a yard, and 12 inches per foot.

#### 3.21 Area conversion

Write a function area\_conversion (SF) that converts an apartment area from square feet SF to square meters. Return the result.

#### 3.22 Digital storage conversion

Write a function memory\_conversion (GB, MB, KB, B) that converts a digital storage size consisting of GB gigabytes, MB megabytes, KB kilobytes, and B bytes to bytes. Return the result. Recall that one kilobyte equals to 1024 bytes, one megabyte equals to 1024 kilobytes, and one gigabyte is the same as 1024 megabytes.

## 3.23 Savings account

Write a Python function savings (amount, p, num\_years) that calculates how much money will be in your savings account after num\_years with an initial amount amount, if every year the amount increases by p percent.

# 4 Colors and plotting

In this section we will practice plotting of various objects including polygons, function graphs, 2D and 3D curves, surfaces, and even pie and bar charts.

## 4.1 Polygon

Write a Python function polygon(R, n) that returns two arrays x and y. These arrays will contain the x and y coordinates of the vertices of a polygon with n equallylong edges, that is inscribed into a circle of center [0,0] and radius R>0. Here n>2 is an integer number and R>0 is a real number. The polygon should be oriented counter clock-wise and the first vertex should be [R,0]. Use this function to plot a sample polygon with parameters R=2, n=6. Make sure that axes are scaled equally.

## 4.2 Custom plotting function

Consider an arbitrary Python function f(x) that for a real number x returns a real value. For example, such a function could be  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ :

```
def f(x):
    return exp(-x)
```

Write a Python function plotfun(a, b, f, n) that will return two arrays xpts and ypts. The former will contain x-coordinates of n-point linear subdivision of the interval [a, b], the latter will contain the corresponding function values. Use the function plotfun to plot the graph of the function f(x) defined above, in the interval [-1,1]. Axes should be scaled equally.

#### 4.3 Planar curve

Consider two arbitrary Python functions f(t) and g(t) that for a real number t in the interval [0,1] return a real value. For example, such functions could be  $f(t) = t^2 \cos(10\pi t)$  and  $g(t) = t^2 \sin(10\pi t)$ :

```
def f(t):
    return cos(2*pi*t)

def g(t):
    return sin(2*pi*t)
```

Write a Python function planarcurve (f, g, n) that returns two arrays xpts and ypts. These arrays will contain 'x' and 'y' coordinates of n points lying on the planar curve [f(t), g(t)]. These points correspond to a linear subdivision of the parameterization interval [0,1] with n points. Use the function planarcurve to plot the curve corresponding to the functions f(t) and g(t) defined above. Axes should be scaled equally.

## 4.4 Random triangle

The function random() from the random library returns a random number between 0 and 1. Write a Python function tria(a, b, c, d) that returns six numbers x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3. These numbers represent vertices [x1, y1], [x2, y2], [x3, y3] of a random triangle that lies in the rectangle (a, b)x(c, d). Plot the triangle. Make sure that axes are scaled equally.

## 4.5 Wireframe plot

Write Python function wireframeplot (f, x1, x2, y1, y2, nx=30, ny=30) where f(x, y) is a real function of two variables, (x1, x2) x (y1, y2) is the plotting rectangle, and nx, ny are plotting subdivisions in the x and y axial directions. Test it on the function

$$f(x,y) = e^{-x^2 - y^2}$$

in the square  $(-3, 3) \times (-3, 3)$ .

## 4.6 Solid surface plot

Write Python function solidsurfaceplot (f, x1, x2, y1, y2, nx=30, ny=30) where f(x, y) is a real function of two variables, (x1, x2) x(y1, y2) is the plotting rectangle, and nx, ny are plotting subdivisions in the x and y axial directions. Test it on the function

$$f(x,y) = 5 - (x^2 + y^2)$$

in the square  $(-2, 2) \times (-2, 2)$ .

## 4.7 Contour plot

Write Python function contourplot (f, x1, x2, y1, y2, num\_contours, nx =30, ny=30) where f(x, y) is a real function of two variables, (x1, x2)x(y1, y2) is the plotting rectangle, num\_contours is the number of contours to be displayed, and nx, ny are plotting subdivisions in the x and y axial directions. Display contour plot of the function

$$f(x,y) = xy$$

in the square  $(-1,1) \times (-1,1)$  with 30 contours.

## 4.8 WebGL plot

Solve this exercise only if WebGL works on your computer (WebGL Tester can be found on NCLab front page). Write Python function webglplot(f, x1, x2, y1, y2, nx=30, ny=30) where f(x, y) is a real function of two variables, (x1, x2)x(y1, y2) is the plotting rectangle, and nx, ny are plotting subdivisions in the x and y axial directions. Test it on the function

$$f(x,y) = e^{-x^2 - y^2}$$

in the square  $(-2, 2) \times (-2, 2)$ .

## 4.9 Pie chart plot

A family spends each month 25% of their budget on clothing, 20% on food, 10% on car payments, 20% on mortgage, 5% on utilities, and they save 20%. Plot a pie chart representing their spendings, and highlight the savings part via the explode function.

#### 5 Variables

In this section we reinforce our understanding of local and global variables.

## 5.1 Arithmetic sequence

Arithmetic sequence is a progression of n numbers  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n$  that increase by the same difference d. For example,

is an arithmetic sequence with n=7,  $a_1=5$  and d=2. It holds

$$a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d.$$

There is a well known formula for the sum of such a sequence:

$$S = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n).$$

And now the exercise: Write a function  $summation_arithmetic(n, al, d)$  that takes arbitrary values of n,  $a_1$  and d as arguments, and calculates and returns the sum of the corresponding arithmetic sequence!

## 5.2 Geometric sequence

Geometric sequence is a progression of n numbers  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_n$  where the next number is calculated by multiplying the last one with a quotient q. For example,

$$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16}$$

is a geometric sequence with n = 5,  $a_1 = 1$  and q = 1/2. It is

$$a_n = a_1 \cdot q^{n-1}.$$

If  $q \neq 1$ , then the formula for the sum of such a sequence is

$$S = a_1 \frac{1 - q^n}{1 - q}$$

Write a function summation\_geometric(n, a1, q) that takes arbitrary values of n,  $a_1$  and  $q \neq 1$  as arguments, and calculates and returns the sum of the corresponding geometric sequence!.

## 5.3 Graph length

Write a Python function graphlength(f, a, b, n) that calculates approximately the length of the graph of a function f(x) in the interval (a, b). Hint: Subdivide the interval (a, b) into 'n' equally long parts and approximate the graph in each one via a linear segment. These segments need to coincide with the function f(x) at all division points. Clearly, the answer will become more accurate as the number 'n' grows. Therefore, experiment with various values of 'n' until you are confident that the length that you calculated is accurate to two decimal digits!

## 5.4 3D curve length

Write a Python function <code>curvelength(f, g, h, n)</code> that calculates approximately the length of a 3D curve [f(t), g(t), h(t)] that is parameterized using three functions f(t), g(t), h(t) defined in the interval (0, 1). Hint: Subdivide the interval (0, 1) into 'n' equally long parts and approximate the curve in each one via a linear segment. Use your function to calculate approximately the length of a spiral  $[\cos(10^*t), \sin(10^*t), t]$ . Experiment with the number 'n' until you are certain that your result is accurate to two decimal digits.

## 5.5 Triangle area

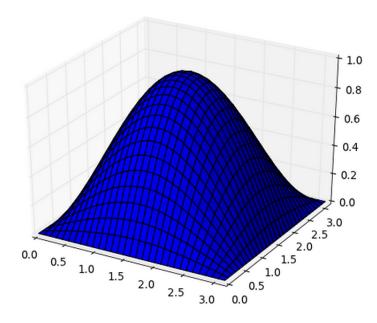
Write a Python function trianglearea (v1, v2, v3) that for three 3D points (lists) calculates the area of the corresponding triangle. Hint: Use Heron's formula

$$A = \sqrt{p(p-a)(p-b)(p-c)}$$

where p is half of the triangle's perimeter and a, b, c are its edge lengths.

#### 5.6 Roof area

Write a Python function roofarea (f, x1, x2, y1, y2, nx, ny) that calculates approximately the area of a roof. The building has a rectangular footprint (x1, x2)x(y1, y2), and the roof is given via a function f(x, y).



This task may seem difficult but we can use similar trick as in Exercises 05.03 and 05.04: Split the rectangle (x1, x2)x(y1, y2) into nx times ny equally-sized small rectangles. Moreover, split each of these small rectangles diagonally into two triangles (there are two diagonals but it does not matter which one you choose). Over each triangle, span a linear plane that in the corners coincides with the function f(x, y). Use the function from Exercise 05.05 to calculate the triangle area. After adding the area of all these triangles together, you will have an approximation of the roof surface. Return it as a result of the function. Similarly to Exercises 05.03 and 05.04, experiment with various values of nx and ny until you are confident that the surface that you calculated is exact to two decimal digits! Test your program on the function  $f(x, y) = \sin(x) \sin(y)$  in the interval (0, Pi)x(0, Pi) that is shown below.

#### 5.7 Even or odd

Write a Python function checknumber (n) where n is an arbitrary integer number, that returns True if n is even and False otherwise.

#### 5.8 Mysterious parabola

Consider a quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  where a, b, c are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$ . Write a Python function has real roots (a, b, c) that returns True if the equation has at least one real root, and False otherwise.

#### 5.9 Point in circle

Write a Python function liesincircle (R,  $\times$ , y) that returns True if the point with planar coordinates [ $\times$ , y] lies in a circle of radius R whose center is at the origin [0, 0]. If the point lies on the border of the circle or outside, the function should return False.

#### 5.10 Slot machine

Write a Python function slotmachine() that simulates a simple slot machine by returning three random integers between 0 and 9. Use the function random() from the random library that returns a random real number between 0.0 and 1.0. Hint: Split the interval (0,1) into 10 equally-long parts. Return 0 if the generated random number falls into the first one, 1 if it falls into the second one, etc. Integer part of a real number x is obtained via int(x).

## 5.11 Dice game

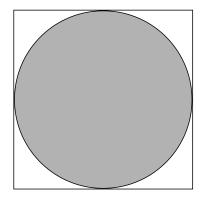
Write a Python function dicegame () that simulates a throw of two dice by returning a pair of random numbers 1 - 6. Make sure that every number has the same probability. Use the function random() from the random library that returns a random real number between 0.0 and 1.0. Hint: Split the interval (0, 1) into six equally-long parts. Return 1 if the generated random number falls into the first one, etc. Integer part of a real number x is obtained via int(x).

#### 5.12 Cheat dice

Write a Python function cheatdice (p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6) that simulates a throw of two dice by returning a pair of random numbers 1 - 6. However, this time, you are using artificially altered dice where the probability of obtaining 1 is p1 instead of 1/6, probability of obtaining 2 is p2 instead of 1/6, etc. The sum of all p1, p2, ..., p6 equals to 1.0. Again use the function random() from the random library. Hint: Split the interval (0, 1) into six parts which now will not be equally-long. Their lengths will be p1, p2, ..., p6. If the generated random number falls into the first one, return 1, etc.

## 5.13 Monte Carlo pie

Probabilistic methods are often called *Monte Carlo methods*. Write a Python function calculate\_pi(n) that will calculate and return an approximation of  $\pi$  using the following algorithm: Generate n random points inside the square  $(-1,1)\times(-1,1)$ . Count the number m of points that lie in the circle or radius r=1 centered at the origin, as shown in the figure below.



Clearly the ratio of m and n is approximately the same as the ratio of the area C of the circle to the area S of the square.

$$\frac{m}{n} \approx \frac{C}{S}$$

At least for large values of n such as 10,000 this will be close. Assume that the number  $\pi$  satisfies  $C = \pi r^2$ . Knowing that S = 4, we can calculate

$$\frac{m}{n} \approx \frac{\pi}{4}$$

and thus

$$\frac{4m}{n} \approx \pi$$
.

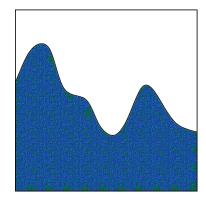
Hence, use the last formula to calculate an approximation of  $\pi$  using the numbers n and m.

#### 5.14 Maximum of a function

Write a Python function  $\max fun(f, a, b, n)$  to calculate and return an approximate maximum of the function f(x) in the interval (a, b). Hint: Cover the interval (a, b) with n equidistant points. Loop over the points, evaluate the function f at every one of them, and find the maximum value.

#### 5.15 Monte Carlo area

Write a Python function  $area\_under\_graph(f, a, b, max, n)$  to calculate and return an approximation of the area under the graph of the function f(x) in the interval (a,b). By the area under a graph we understand the area between the x-axis and the graph in the interval (a,b) as illustrated in the figure below.



Hint: Use the function  $\max imum(f, a, b, n)$  from Exercise 5.14 to find an approximate maximum M of the function f in the interval (a,b). Generate  $n^2$  random points in the rectangle  $(a,b)\times(0,M)$ . By m denote the number of points which lie under the function graph. Clearly, for larger  $n^2$  such as 10000 the ratio of m and  $n^2$  will be approximately the same as the ratio of the area A under the graph and the area R of the rectangle  $(a,b)\times(0,M)$ . Hence we obtain

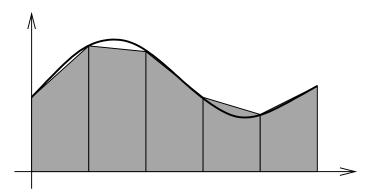
$$\frac{m}{n^2} \approx \frac{A}{R}.$$

From here, it is easy to express *A* as

$$A \approx \frac{Rm}{n^2}$$

## 5.16 Trapezoids

Write a Python function trapezoids (f, a, b, n) to calculate and return an approximate area under the graph of the function f(x) in the interval (a,b). First split the interval (a,b) into n equally-long parts, and then add together the areas of all trapezoids under the graph of the function f, as shown in the image below.



You can notice that in some cases the entire trapezoid does not lie under the curve, but this is OK. It is important that the upper two vertices of each trapezoid always lie on the function graph. Hint: The area of a trapezoid with basis (c,d) and function values f(c), f(d) at the upper vertices is

$$area = (d - c)\frac{f(c) + f(d)}{2}.$$

Test your code with the function  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  in the interval  $(0, \pi)$ . In this case the exact area under the graph is area = 2.

# 6 Conditional Loop

In this section we solve problems that include iterations (repetitions) whose number is not known in advance.

## 6.1 Water jar

There is a jar of volume V that is full of water. Every day, P per cent of the water volume evaporates. Write a function waterjar (V, P, R) that prints the remaining water volume day by day. The process stops when the volume is less than or equal to a residual volume R. Your function should return the number of days the process took. Include a condition at the beginning of the function that will output a warning and return zero if R > V or V <= 0 or R <= 0.

## 6.2 Throwing stones

Imagine that you stand on a very high bridge H meters above a river and throw a stone with velocity v in horizontal direction. The coordinates of the flying stone as functions of time t are x(t)=tv and  $y(t)=H-0.5gt^2$  where  $g=9.81~{\rm kgms^{-2}}$  is the gravitational acceleration. Use these formulas to write a function flyingstone (t, H, v) that for any time instant t returns the x and y coordinates of the flying stone. Then calculate and plot the trajectory of the stone since the moment it leaves your hand until it falls into the river! Hint: Proceed by choosing a small time step dt such as 0.01 seconds, and use the function flyingstone (t, H, v) to generate a sequence of points for the plot () command.

#### 6.3 Missing numbers

Write a function missing\_numbers () that defines a variable e=1.0 and performs a loop in which the value of e is divided by 10.0. The loop should run while 1.0-e<1.0. Count how many times the loop will run and return this number. Note: Since 1.0-e is no longer less than 1.0 in the computer arithmetic, this clearly shows that the computer arithmetic does not contain all real numbers!

#### 6.4 Trapezoids revisited

In this exercise we will reuse the function trapezoids(f, a, b, n) from Exercise 5.16. Write a function  $accurate\_area(f, a, b, err)$  that begins with approximationg the area using just one trapezoid: trapezoids(f, a, b, 1). Then write a loop in which the number n is doubled and new approximation of the area is calculated. The loop should run while the absolute value of the difference between the

last two approximations is greater than err. Return two values: the last (most accurate) area approximation, and the number of trapezoids used. Test your function on  $f(x) = \exp(-x)$  in the interval (0,100) and  $err = 10^{-8}$ . (The exact area in this case is area = 1.)

#### 6.5 Infinite sum

It is a well known fact in mathematics that the sum of the infinite sequence

$$\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots$$

is a finite number. But what is this number? Let's find out! Write a Python function sum(err) that will keep adding the numbers in the above sequence together until the last increment is less than err. Then stop, and return two values: the latest value of the sum and the number of entries added.

## 7 Strings

In this section we will practice operations with text strings.

## 7.1 Spelling

Write a function spell(str) that prints the string str one character per line, and returns the number of characters in the string.

#### 7.2 Inserting spaces

Write a function insert\_spaces(str) that returns a new string that is obtained by inserting an empty character between all letters in str.

## 7.3 Counting chars

Write a function countchars (str, L) that counts all occurrences of the character (one-letter string) L in the string str, and return their number.

#### 7.4 Counting words

Write a function countwords (str, word) that will count all occurences of the string word in the string str, and return their number. You can assume that len(str) is always greater or equal to len(word).

## 7.5 Search and replace

Write a function searchandreplace (str, word1, word2) that will find all occurrences of the string word1 in the string str, and replace them with the string word2. Return the new string and the number of replacements made.. Hint: Do not change the string str - instead, create a new string str2 and add into it what is needed.

## 8 Tuples, Lists, and Dictionaries

In this section we will solve problems related to tuples, lists and dictionaries.

#### 8.1 List reverse

Write a Python function <code>listreverse(L)</code> that reverts the list <code>L</code> and returns the result. Use of the Python built-in list reverse function is not allowed.

## 8.2 String to list

Write a Python function str2list(str) that for any text string str returns the list of words that it contains, in the order they appear. Repetitions are allowed. Words can be separated by empty character '', comma, period, question mark or exclamation mark.

## 8.3 Analyze string

Write a Python function analyze\_string(str) that for the text string str returns the number of decimals '0' - '9'.

#### 8.4 Multiplication table

Write a Python function multable (N) that returns a 2D array A containing the multiplicative table of the numbers 1, 2, ..., N. In other words, A[i-1][j-1] = ij for all i, j = 1, 2, ..., N. Hint: Use the Numpy command zeros to create the 2D array:

```
from numpy import zeros
A = zeros((N, N))
```

Entry at position r, s in A is accessed via A[r][s]. Keep in mind that indices start from zero.

## 8.5 Approximating $\pi$

The number  $\pi$  can be written as an infinite series

$$\pi = 4\left(1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots\right).$$

Write a Python function approx\_pi(n) that returns an approximation of  $\pi$  using a truncated series with n terms.

#### 8.6 Prime numbers

Write a Python function primes (n) that for a positive number n returns the list of first n prime numbers starting with 2.

#### 8.7 List maximizer

Write a Python function maximizer (L1, L2) that takes two lists of real numbers and finds a number n1 in L1 and a number n2 in L2 such that the product of n1 and n2 is maximal. Return the numbers n1 and n2.

#### 8.8 Fibonacci

Write a Python function fibonacci (n) that returns a list of integer numbers representing the Fibonacci sequence. Recall that this sequence starts with 0, 1 and each next number is the sum of the two last numbers in the sequence.

#### 8.9 Adding fractions

Write a Python function addfractions (L) where L is a list of integer pairs (two-element lists). Each integer pair represents the numerator and denominator of a fraction. Your function should add all these fractions together and obtain the numerator and denominator of the resulting fraction. Further, the numerator and denominator should be divided by the greatest common divisor to reduce the fraction to the simplest possible form. Hint: The function fraction.gcd(numerator, denominator) can be used to find the greatest common divisor of two integers.

# 9 Exceptions

In this section we put exceptions handling to practical use.

## 9.1 Sure plot

Implement a custom function sureplot (f, a, b, label, n = 100) where f(x) is a user-supplied real function, (a,b) is an interval, 'label' is a text string label for the plot, and n is the plotting subdivision of the interval (a,b). Implement exception handling in such a way that if the user's function is not defined for some x, a warning is printed and the corresponding point is not added to the plot. But the rest of the graph will be plotted normally. For example, if the user wants to plot the function  $\log(x)$  in the interval (-1, 1) then the left half of the graph will be missing but the rest will be displayed correctly.

```
def f(x):
    return log(x)
```

in the interval (-1, 1) then the left half of the graph should be missing but the rest will be displayed correctly. Hint: Use mathematical functions from the "math" module ("from math import log").

## 9.2 Syntax check

Implement a Boolean function syntaxcheck (str) that evaluates any user-supplied text expression str. If the code in str contains a syntax error, return False. Otherwise return True. Hint: Text string str can be evaluated in Python via the command exec(str, ). Do not worry about the second argument - it serves for passing data into the evaluated expression. Check Python tutorial for more details if interested.

# 10 Object-Oriented Programming

In this section we practise our understanding of object-oriented programming.

#### 10.1 Bank account

Implement a Python class Account to simulate a bank account. It should have two variables savings and checking, and the following methods:

- Constructor \_\_init\_\_(self) that creates an empty checking and savings account.
- add\_to\_checking(self, amount): Add amount to checking.
- add\_to\_savings(self, amount): Add amount to savings.
- get\_balance\_checking (self): Return the balance in the checking account.
- get\_balance\_savings (self): Return the balance in the savings account.

- transfer\_to\_checking(self, amount): Transfer amount from savings to checking and return True. If there are insufficient funds, do not perform the operation, write a warning, and return False.
- transfer\_to\_savings (self, amount): Transfer amount from checking to savings and return True. If there are insufficient funds, do not perform the operation, write a warning, and return False.
- withdraw\_from\_checking(self, amount): Withdraw amount from checking and return True. If there are insufficient funds, do not perform the operation, write a warning, and return False.
- withdraw\_from\_savings(self, amount): Withdraw amount from savings and return True. If there are insufficient funds, do not perform the operation, write a warning, and return False.

## 10.2 Word magic

Implement a Python-dictionary-based smart translator class Wordmagic that will have the following methods:

- Constructor \_\_init\_\_(self) that creates an empty dictionary.
- add(self, word, tran): Boolean method that adds a pair of text strings into the dictionary. The former is the key, the latter the corresponding value. If word is already present in the dictionary, let the user know via a warning message, do not add it, and return False. Otherwise return True.
- read(self, d): Method that imports existing dictionary.
- translate (self, word): Method that returns a Boolean and a string. If word is present in the keys, return True and its translation. Otherwise print a warning, and return False and an empty string.
- export (self): Method that returns the dictionary.
- reverse (self): Method that swaps all keys and values in the dictionary.

## 10.3 Number magic

Implement a Python class Numbermagic whose data is just one integer number, and whose methods are as follows:

- Constructor \_\_init\_\_(self, num) that takes one integer number as parameter and stores it in the object. If the user supplies a non-integer number, print a warning and round it to an integer. Hint: Use Python bbuilt-in function isinstance(n, int) to determine whether the number 'n' is integer.
- insert (self, num): Method that replaces the number stored in the object with num. As in constructor, make sure that the number is an integer.

- ispositive(self): Boolean method that returns True if the number stored in the object is greater than zero, False otherwise.
- iseven(self): Boolean method that returns True if the number stored in the object is even, False otherwise.
- isprime(self): Boolean method that returns True if the number stored in the object is a prime, False otherwise.

## 10.4 Vector magic

Implement a Python class Vectormagic whose data are two three-dimensional vectors. All vectors are represented by lists of length three. The class has the following methods:

- Constructor \_\_init\_\_ (self, u, v) that takes two vectors as parameters and stores them in the object. If the length of any of the two vectors is not three, raise a ValueError exception.
- insert (self, u, v): Method that replaces the vectors in the object with new ones. Make sure that u, v are 3D vectors same as in the constructor.
- norm(self, z): Method to calculate the Euclidean norm of vector z.
- areparallel (self): Boolean method that returns True if the vectors are parallel, False otherwise. Note: If you are going to compare a real number against zero, use a small tolerance, such as 1e-8.
- arenormal (self): Boolean method that returns True if the vectors are perpendicular, False otherwise. Again: If you are going to compare a real number against zero, use a small tolerance, such as 1e-8.
- innerproduct (self): Returns one real number which is the inner product of the two vectors.
- vectorproduct (self): Returns a vector (list of length three) which is the vector product of the two vectors.

#### 11 Class Inheritance

In this section we solve problems involving creating descendants of classes in objectoriented programming.

#### 11.1 Number master

Create a descendant Numbermaster of the class Numbermagic from Exercise 10.3 that in addition to the functionality contained in the class Numbermagic has one new method:

factorize(self): Method that returns a Python list containing primes p1, p2,
 ..., pn that form the prime number factorization of the number stored in the object (repetitions are allowed).

#### 11.2 Vector master

Create a descendant Vectormaster of the class Vectormagic from Exercise 10.4 that in addition to the functionality contained in the class Vectormagic has one new method:

- project (self, w): If the two vectors contained in the object form a plane, the method calculates and returns the projection of the vector w into this plane. Otherwise the method prints a warning and returns a zero vector.