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## 6. Vectorize function

In this exercise, you will learn how to vectorize a function that can only deal with scalar inputs without using a for loop.

### Scalar function

1.0/1 point (graded)

Let's start with writing a scalar function `scalar_function`, which will apply the following operation with input `x` and `y`.

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} x \cdot y, & \text{if } x \leq y \\ x/y, & \text{else.} \end{cases}$$

Note that `x` and `y` are scalars.

**Available Functions:** You have access to the NumPy python library as `np`

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message in the forum and we will work on fixing it as soon as possible.

```
1 def scalar_function(x, y):
2     """
3     Returns the f(x,y) defined in the problem statement.
4     """
5     #Your code here
6     if x <= y:
7         return x*y
8     else:
9         return x/y
10
```

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## Vector function

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`scalar_function` can only handle scalar input, we could use the function `np.vectorize()` turn it into a vectorized function. Note that the input argument of `np.vectorize()` should be a scalar function, and the output of `np.vectorize()` is a new function that can handle vector input.

Please write a vector function `vector_function`, which will apply the operation

$f(x, y)$  defined above element-wisely with input vectors with same dimension  and .

**Available Functions:** You have access to the NumPy python library as `np`, and the function `scalar_function` in the previous exercise.

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```
1 def vector_function(x, y):
2     """
3     Make sure vector_function can deal with vector input x,y
4     """
5     # Your code here
6     return np.vectorize(scalar_function)(x, y)
7
```

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## Test results

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🗨 doc string of scalar\_function in starter code is a bit misleading

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Not a question but a comment - while the question itself makes it clear that the goal is to imp...

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