Statistical Programming with Python

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Functions + Conditionals

Plan for today

Boolean expressions

Functions

Conditional execution

Functions

Functions are sequences of instructions that we store to be executed later

Calling functions

The syntax for calling functions is the following:

function_name(parameter1, parameter2)

Calling functions

Declaring functions

We can declare our own functions using the def keyword with the following syntax:

```
def function_name(parameter1, parameter2):
    #function body
```

Declaring functions

When creating a function we need to indent the body. Then we will need to de-indent it to denote the end of the body

```
def function_name(parameter1, parameter2):
    #function body
```

Creating functions

Returning values from functions

Functions in Python can return values after doing all the operations they perform.

Returning values from functions

Functions can have parameters

Parameters are values that are injected to the function body when we call it

Functions can have parameters

Boolean operations

We're going to learn two kinds of operators that operate on booleans Comparision and logical operators.

Boolean operations are useful for conditional execution.

Comparision operators

name	$description \backslash$
x == y	x is equal to y
x != y	x is not equal to y
x > y	x is greater than y
x < y	x is lesser than y
x >= y	x is greater than or equal than y
x <= y	x is lesser than or equal than y
x is y	x is the same as y
x is not y	x is not the same as y

Comparision operators

Logical operators

name	description
x and y	returns True if x and y are true
x or y	returns True if either x or y are true
not x	negates x

Logical operators

Conditional execution

Almost all useful programs need to be able to check conditions and change its behaviour accordingly. That's what conditional execution provides.

Conditional execution

If statement

the if statement is the tool we use for conditional execution in Python

```
if <condition>:
     <body>
```

If statement

Else clause

The else clause is executed when the condition is evaluated to false:

```
if <condition>:
     <block>
else:
     <block>
```

Else clause

Elif clause

Elif clauses are used when there are more possibilities:

Elif clause

Recap

Create functions with def. Return to produce a value at the end

Combine comparision & logical operators to check the conditions you need

Use if, else, elif for conditional execution

Homework

- Create a function ~weekly_commute_time~ that asks the user their daily commute time and returns their weekly time spent commuting.
- 2. What do the following expressions return?
 - 1. ~True or 11 > 34~
 - 2. \sim False and (1 == 1) \sim
 - 3. \sim (77 // 11) > 6 and False \sim
- Create a function ~area_triangle~ that takes the base and height of a triangle and returns its area
- 4. Create function ~area_triangle_rectangle~ that takes the base, height, and the kind of shape and calculates its area. It should work for both triangles and rectangles.
 - 5 Create a function wim in love that takes a weekday number (from Pepe García Statistical Programming with Python 2020-04-20

Optional work

- 1. Create a function that solves quadratic equations.
- 2. Create a function to calculate the area of (regular) pentagons
- 3. Create a function to calculate the area of squares
- Create a function that receives the side, and a polygon name (either pentagon or square), and calculates its area.