

The purpose of this assignment is to gain experience using selection statements effectively.

**Due Date: Sunday, Sep 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:59pm**  
**Extra credit 5% if submitted by Thursday, Sep 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:59pm**

See the “*project basics*” file for more detailed information about getting assistance, running the test file, grading, commenting, and many other extremely important things:

- [https://cs.gmu.edu/~marks/112/projects/project\\_basics.pdf](https://cs.gmu.edu/~marks/112/projects/project_basics.pdf)

**Needed file: download this in order to test your code:**

- <https://cs.gmu.edu/~marks/112/projects/testerP2.py>
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### Background

Selection statements (**if/elif/else** combinations) allow us to write code that can execute different statements based on the current values seen in a particular run of the program. We will use this to write a program that performs calculations and selectively reports on different properties of the calculated values.

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### Scenario

We want to develop a rule-based program that, given a set of lab tests and human parameters, is using some simplistic rules to provide suggestions for the well-being of a person.

**Disclaimer:** Be warned that this is a toy problem. Some of the rules, the charts, the formulas and the data provided are artificial, do **not** consider it an actual health advisor.

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### Guidelines

- Think carefully about the order you will check different properties. You might want to write some pseudocode or perhaps draw a flowchart if this works better for you. Think first, then implement.
- Be careful what kinds of selection statements you use, and be sure to test your code with many examples. For instance, multiple **if** statements will not necessarily behave the same as a chain of **if-elif-elif**.
- When a specific test case isn't working, plug your code into the visualizer to watch what the code does, which lines run, which branches are taken.
- From built-in functions, you are allowed to call **round()**, **int()**, **float()**, **str()** only.

- You are **not** allowed to **import** anything.
  - You are **not** allowed to use loops or any feature that hasn't been covered in class yet
  - Don't forget to review the "**project basics**" file
  - Insert comments in the lines you deem necessary (hint: more than 0 are necessary)
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## Assumptions

You may assume that:

- The types of the values that are sent to the functions are the proper ones (age is an integer not a complex!, etc.), you don't have to validate them.
  - The functions are going to be called with usable values (e.g. weight is a positive number, etc.), you don't have to validate them.
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## Testing

In this project testing will be slightly different from the previous one. The tester you'll be provided with uses "unit testing" with a large number of tests per function. However, some of the test cases we'll be using for grading are omitted from the tester. This means that there might be errors in your code even if the tester is giving you no errors. You must do your own checks to make sure that you haven't missed anything and your code is correct. Basic testing and debugging will be covered in class.

**Note:** You **DO NOT** need to modify the tester, just test on your own any way you like!

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## Grading Rubric

Submitted correctly:	5 # see <a href="#">project basics</a> file for file requirements!
Code is well commented:	10 # see <a href="#">project basics</a> file for how to comment!
Tester calculations correct:	80 # see <a href="#">project basics</a> file for how to test!
Unknown test cases:	5 # you have to manually do your own checks
Extra credit:	5 # if submitted by Thursday, Sep 19 <sup>th</sup> , 11:59pm
TOTAL:	105

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## Functions

In this project things are a bit different from the previous one. You won't write a monolithic program as you did in project 1, but you're going to implement the following functions. The signature of each function is provided below, do **not** make any changes to them otherwise the tester will not work properly. Keep in mind that you do **not** have to write a main body for your program in this project. You should only implement these functions, it is the tester that will be calling and testing each one of them. Last, be reminded that the generic structure of a function is the following:

```
def function_name(arg1, arg2, etc.) # this line is the signature
    # commands go here
    # more commands
    # result = ...
    return result # this line returns the result of your computations
```

The following are the functions you must implement:

### **blood\_pressure(systolic, diastolic)**

Description: Blood pressure is measured using two numbers. The first number, called systolic blood pressure, measures the pressure in your blood vessels when your heart beats. The second number, called diastolic blood pressure, measures the pressure in your blood vessels when your heart rests between beats. The American Heart Association categorizes the blood pressure according to the following chart (verbatim copy from the [official site](#)):

Blood Pressure Category	Systolic		Diastolic
Normal	less than 120	AND	less than 80
Elevated	120 – 129	AND	less than 80
Hypertension Stage 1	130 – 139	OR	80 – 89
Hypertension Stage 2	140 or higher	OR	90 or higher
Hypertensive Crisis	higher than 180	AND/OR	higher than 120

Assume that *normal* corresponds to risk level 1.0, *elevated* corresponds to risk level 1.1, and so forth (the max is *hypertensive crisis* which corresponds to risk level 1.4). In case a measurement can be classified in more than one categories, we assign it to the one with the highest risk.

Calculate this **risk\_level** as well as the **mean arterial pressure**, defined as:

$$\text{mean pressure} = \frac{\text{systolic} + 2 \cdot \text{diastolic}}{3}$$

Parameters: **systolic** (int) is the systolic blood pressure, **diastolic** (int) is the diastolic blood pressure

Return value: The function returns the product of **risk\_level** times the **mean arterial pressure** as a float rounded to 2 decimals (hint: there is a Python built-in function for [rounding](#))

Examples:

```
blood_pressure(106, 75)      → 85.33
blood_pressure(148, 90)     → 142.13
```

### **standard\_BMI(weight, height, ISU)**

Description: The body mass index BMI is defined as the body mass divided by the square of the body height, and is universally expressed in units of  $\text{kg/m}^2$ , resulting from mass in kilograms and height in meters. This function calculates the BMI value given three parameters.

Parameters: **weight** (int) is the body mass of the person, **height** (float) is the height of the person, and **ISU** (boolean) is a flag to indicate whether the weight and height are given in the International System of Units or not. If ISU is True then weight is in kilos and height is in meters, otherwise weight is in ounces and height is in inches. If you need to convert the parameters use the following simplified formulas: 1 kilo = 35 ounces, 1 inch = 0.025 meters

Return value: The calculated value of BMI as a float expressed in  $\text{kg/m}^2$  rounded to 2 decimals

Examples:

```
standard_BMI(75, 1.76, True)    →    24.21
standard_BMI(3500, 79, False)   →    25.64
```

### **BMI\_chart(weight, height, age, gender)**

Description: The BMI is a convenient rule of thumb used to broadly categorize a person as underweight, normal weight, overweight, or obese based on some charts. The following is the chart for adults (greater or equal to 18 years):

BMI	category
below 18.5	underweight
from 18.5 (included) to 25 (included)	normal weight
from 25 (excluded) to 30 (included)	overweight
higher than 30	obese

And the following is the chart for male children:

BMI	category
below 14	underweight
from 14 (included) to 19 (included)	normal weight
from 19 (excluded) to 22 (included)	overweight
higher than 22	obese

In case of female children the above chart values are increased by 1 BMI unit, i.e. 14 becomes 15, 19 becomes 20, and 22 becomes 23.

Please keep in mind that this function does **not** calculate the body mass index itself but is calling the `standard_BMI` function you have implemented before.

Parameters: **weight** (int) in kilograms, **height** (float) in meters, **age** (int) is age in whole years, **gender** (string) is either 'male' or 'female'

Return value: It returns a string containing one of the four possible values: 'underweight', 'normal', 'overweight', 'obese'. Make sure you have no typos otherwise the tester will fail.

Examples:

```
BMI_chart(75, 1.76, 43, 'female') → 'normal'
BMI_chart(100, 1.87, 20, 'male')   → 'overweight'
```

### HCT(red\_cells, total\_cells, age, gender)

Description: The hematocrit (HCT) is a blood test that measures the volume percentage (vol%) of the red cells in blood. For adults, it is normally 40.7% to 50.3% for men and 36.1% to 44.3% for women. For children (below 18 years), the normal range is 36% to 40% regardless of gender. All values are inclusive.

Parameters: **red\_cells** (int) is the number of red cells in the blood, **total\_cells** (int) is the total number of cells in the blood, **age** (int) is age in whole years, **gender** (string) is either 'male' or 'female'.

Return value: The function returns **True** if the HCT is normal and **False** otherwise. It also returns **False** if the total number of cells is less than 1 million because the result in that case is inconclusive.

Examples:

```
HCT(206567899, 454677789, 18, 'male')    →  True
HCT(194005321, 594677789, 67, 'female')  →  False
```

### LDL(total, HDL, trig, age, gender)

Description: Higher levels of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) increase the risk of cardiovascular disease. LDL is calculated with the Friedewald equation:

$$LDL = total_{cholesterol} - HDL_{cholesterol} - k \cdot triglycerides$$

where  $k$  is usually 0.2. If triglycerides concentration is not between 11.3 and 43.5 (values inclusive), the result is inaccurate and therefore we discard the last term (i.e.  $k=0$ ). However, if both `total_cholesterol` and `triglycerides` levels are elevated (i.e. greater than 250 and 43.5 respectively) then we use a modified version of the Friedewald equation where  $k$  has an initial value of 0.19 and is reduced by 0.01 for each whole 10 units of increase of `total` above 250, e.g. if `total` is 251-259 then  $k$  is 0.19, if `total` is 260-269 then  $k$  is 0.18, and so forth.

**Note:** Hard coding is not allowed, your code must work with any value of `total`

Parameters: **total** (int) is the total cholesterol, **HDL** (int) is the “good” cholesterol, **trig** (float) is the number of triglycerides, **age** (int) is age in whole years, **gender** (string) is either 'male' or 'female'

Return value: The function returns an integer value between 0 and 5 that indicates the level of risk (5 is the highest) based on the following rules:

- **Adults:** if LDL is less than 120 then risk is 0. Otherwise, the level of risk starts at 1, maxes out at 5, and is increased by 1 for each whole 20 units of LDL, i.e. from 120 (inclusive) to 140 (exclusive) risk is 1, from 140 (inclusive) to 160 (exclusive) risk is 2, and so forth.
- **Children** (less than 18 years): if LDL is less than 100 then risk is 0. Otherwise, the level of risk starts at 1, maxes out at 5, and is increased by 1 for each whole 15 units of LDL.
- **Adults:** if HDL is less than 40 for men or less than 50 for women, the level of risk that is calculated based on LDL is increased by 1. To the contrary, if HDL is more than 70 regardless of gender, the level of risk that is calculated based on LDL is reduced by 1.

Examples:

```
LDL(257, 50, 44.1, 67, 'female')    →  4
LDL(174, 62, 34.8, 23, 'male')      →  0
```