

# Python Practice Assignment

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**Instructions:** Please use the Module 1 discussion board on Canvas for hints and other discussions.

Q1: Write Python code to ask the user for his/her date of birth in exactly MM/DD/YY format. Provide the user with his/her zodiac sign.

Example:

Please provide your Date of Birth in MM/DD/YY format.

Input:12/11/10

Output: Hello Sagittarius!

Output: Error message if the DoB was not in correct format.

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In [ ]: # I pledge my honor that I have abided by the Stevens Honor System
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print("Please provide your Date of Birth in MM/DD/YY format.")

def isdigits(chars):
    digits = "0123456789"
    for char in chars:
        if char not in digits:
            return False
    return True

maxdays = [31, 28, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31, 31, 30, 31, 30, 31]

# Organize signs into array to avoid massive if else statements
signs = ["Capricorn" if i <= 19 else "Aquarius" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Aquarius" if i <= 18 else "Pisces" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Pisces" if i <= 20 else "Aries" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Aries" if i <= 19 else "Taurus" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Taurus" if i <= 20 else "Gemini" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Gemini" if i <= 21 else "Cancer" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Cancer" if i <= 22 else "Leo" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Leo" if i <= 22 else "Virgo" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Virgo" if i <= 22 else "Libra" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Libra" if i <= 22 else "Scorpio" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Scorpio" if i <= 21 else "Sagittarius" for i in range(1, 32)],
        ["Sagittarius" if i <= 21 else "Capricorn" for i in range(1, 32)],
    ]

while True:
    dob = input("")
    # Check format of date
    if len(dob) != 8 or dob[2] != "/" or dob[5] != "/" or not isdigits(dob[0:1]+dob[3:4]+dob[6:8]):
        print("Provided date not in correct format. Please provide date in MM/DD/YY format.")
        continue
    # Extract information
    m, d, y = dob.split("/")
    m = int(m)
    d = int(d)
    y = int(y)
    # Confirm date makes sense
    if m > 12:
        print("Month is greater than 12. Please provide a valid date.")
        continue
    if (d > 29 if (m == 2 and y % 4 == 0) else d > maxdays[m - 1]):
        print("Day is greater than the last day of the provided month. Please provide a valid date.")
        continue
    # Extract sign from prebuilt array
    print(f"Hello {signs[m-1][d-1]}!")
    break
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Please provide your Date of Birth in MM/DD/YY format.

Hello Leo!

Q2: Give a bar-chart for the number of each vowels (including 'y') in a paragraph that you read from a textfile.

Example:

Input: Provide the path to a textfile

Output: There are 8 'A', 10 'e', ... as shown in the bar chart below.

Output: Errors message for various reasons

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In [ ]: # Your Code Here
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

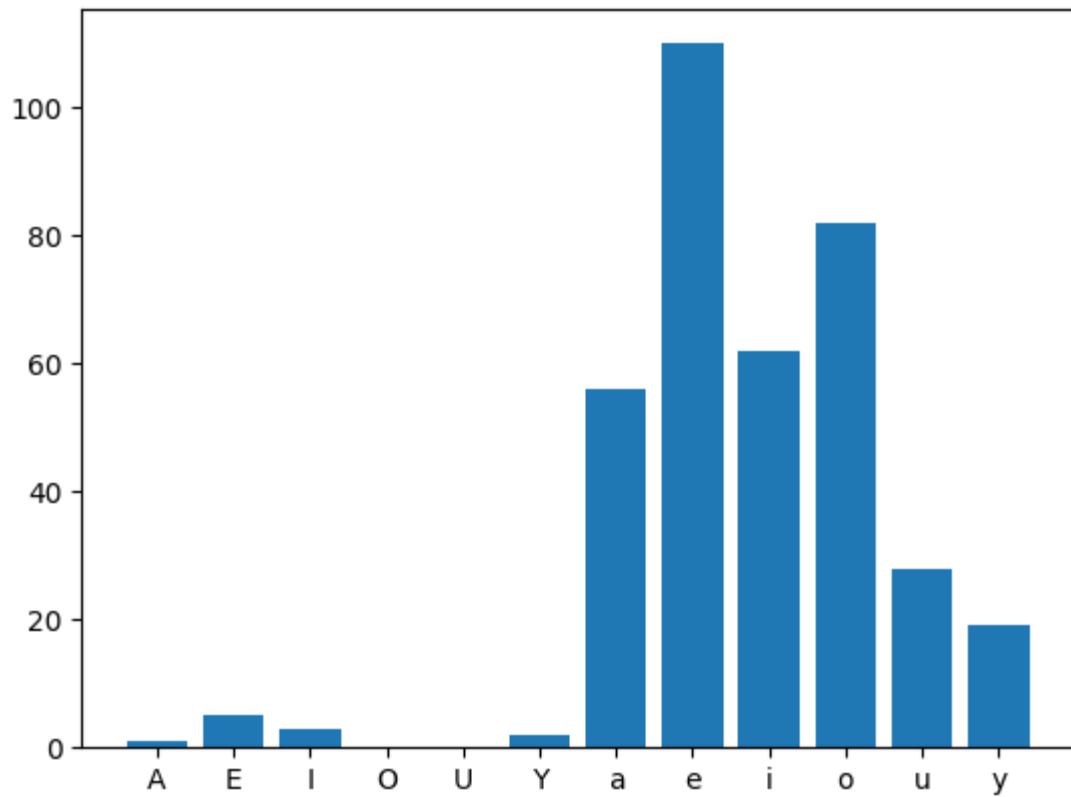
# Example implies capitals are counted seperately.
vowels = ["A", "E", "I", "O", "U", "Y", "a", "e", "i", "o", "u", "y"]
counts = {v: 0 for v in vowels}

while True:
    try:
        # Read the text file and count vowels
        with open(input("Please input path: "), "r") as text:
            lines = text.readlines()
            for line in lines:
                for char in line:
                    if char in vowels:
                        counts[char] += 1
            break
    except:
        # Ask again if file not found/not readable
        print("Please enter a valid path to a readable existing file. ")

# Construct output string
s = "There are "
for v in vowels:
    if counts[v] != 0:
        s += f"{counts[v]} '{v}', "
s += "as shown in the bar chart below."
print(s)

# Create and show plot
plt.bar(vowels, [counts[v] for v in vowels])
plt.show()
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There are 1 'A', 5 'E', 3 'I', 2 'Y', 56 'a', 110 'e', 62 'i', 82 'o', 28 'u', 19 'y', as shown in the bar chart below.



Q3: Ask the user for a natural number. Print a Pascal's Triangle in return for the given natural number.

Example:

Input: Please give me a decent natural number. -> 7

Output:

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      1
     1 1
    1 2 1
   1 3 3 1
  1 4 6 4 1
 1 5 10 10 5 1
1 6 15 20 15 6 1
1 7 21 35 35 21 7 1

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In [ ]: # Your Code
import math

# Create a generator function that yields the first n rows of Pascal's triangle as
def pascal_rows(n):
    k = n
    row = [1]
    while True:
        # Yield row
        srow = row.copy()
        for i in range(len(row)):
            srow[i] = str(srow[i])
        yield srow
        # Stop if n rows output
        if k == 1:
            break
        # Generate next row from previous row using Pascal's triangle rule
        next_row = [0] * (len(row) + 1)
        for i in range(len(next_row)):
            if i == 0:
                next_row[i] = 1
            elif i == len(next_row) - 1:
                next_row[i] = 1
            else:
                next_row[i] = row[i - 1] + row[i]
        row = next_row
        k -= 1

# Get user input
while True:
    n = input("Give me a decent natural number. ")
    try:
        n = int(n)
    except ValueError:
        print("Please enter a number.")
        continue
    if n <= 0:
        print("Please enter a natural number (non-zero positive integer)")
    break

rows = list(pascal_rows(n))

# Get number of spaces by length of largest number
# Assume largest number is in middle of last row and number of items in row is equal
# Require odd spaces
spaces = len(rows[-1][math.floor(len(rows) / 2)])
spaces = spaces + (1 - spaces % 2)
# Generate non-centered strings
strs = []
for row in rows:
    strs.append((" " * spaces).join(row))

# Generate centered strings
l = len(strs[-1])
middle = math.floor(l / 2) - 1
final_strs = [" " * l for i in strs]

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for i in range(len(final_strs)):
    left = middle - (math.floor(len(strs[i]) / 2) - 1)
    final_strs[i] = final_strs[i][0: left] + strs[i] + final_strs[i][left + len(strs[i]):]

for s in final_strs:
    print(s)

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      1
     1 1
    1 2 1
   1 3 3 1
  1 4 6 4 1
 1 5 10 10 5 1
1 6 15 20 15 6 1

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Q4: Ask the user to provide a real number called  $z$ , and the coefficients of the following polynomial

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n$$

Write a function to evaluate this polynomial in linear time (and order of operations) by using [Horner's method](#)

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \cdots + a_nx^n \quad (1)$$

$$= a_0 + x \left( a_1 + x \left( a_2 + x \left( a_3 + \cdots + x(a_{n-1} + x a_n) \cdots \right) \right) \right) \quad (2)$$

Return the value of the polynomial  $P(z)$ .

Example:

Input: Provide  $z \rightarrow 2$

Input: Provide the Coefficients of the polynomial  $\rightarrow 1 \ -2 \ 3 \ 0 \ 0 \ -1$

Output1: The provided polynomial is  $P(x) = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - x^5$ .

Output2:  $P(2) = 1 - 2(2) + 3(2)^2 - (2)^5 = -23$ .

Output: Error Message for various reasons.

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In [ ]: # Your Code
while True:
    z = input("Provide z-> ")
    try:
        z = int(z)
    except:
        print("Please enter a valid integer for z")
        continue
    break
while True:
    coeff = input("Provide the Coefficients of the polynomial-> ")
    try:
        coeffs = coeff.split(" ")
        for i in range(len(coeffs)):
            coeffs[i] = int(coeffs[i])
    except:
        print("Please enter a valid integer for all coefficients")
        continue
    break

outpoly = "The provided polynomial is "
genstr = "P(x)="
exstr = f"P({z})="

def polystr(evaluate = False, evalat = "0"):
    expo = 0
    polystr = ""
    for a in coeffs:
        # Do not include if coefficient is 0. IF ONLY ENTRY THEN ASSUME CONSTANT AND
        if a == 0:
            if expo == 0 and len(coeffs) == 1:
                polystr="0"
                break
            expo += 1
            continue
        # Setup x power substring. Leave empty if x^0, only "x" if x^1, otherwise "x^expo"
        x = "x" if not evaluate else f"{evalat}"
        xstr = ""
        if expo == 1:
            xstr = f"({x})"
        elif expo > 1:
            xstr = f"({x})^{expo}"
        # Construct next part of polynomial string
        # Connector sets up addition or subtraction based on sgn(a)
        connector = "-" if a < 0 else "+"
        # Only include connector if it isn't the first entry OR if the first entry
        connector = connector if (polystr != "" or connector == "-") else ""
        # Construct next fragment of polynomial as the connector followed by the ab
        # (the sign of the coefficient is encapsulated in connector). Do not show c
        # value is 1 AND IT ISN'T THE CONSTANT in the polynomial. Follow by xstr.
        polystr += connector + (str(abs(a)) if (abs(a) != 1 or expo == 0) else "")
        expo += 1
    return polystr

print(outpoly + genstr + polystr() + ".")

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# Horner's method. set b to last coeff
b = coeffs[-1]

# Loop through rest of coefficients in reverse
for i in range(len(coeffs) - 2, -1, -1):
    b = coeffs[i] + b * z

# Output result
print(outpoly + exstr + polystr(evaluate=True, evalat=str(z)) + f"={b}.")

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The provided polynomial is  $P(x)=1+2(x)^3+3(x)^4$ .

The provided polynomial is  $P(4)=1+2(4)^3+3(4)^4=897$ .