

## BIS 420 PROGRAMMING FOR DATA SCIENCE

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CHAPTER 8 EXERCISE 8.12

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ROT13 is a weak form of encryption that involves “rotating” each letter in a word by 13 places. To rotate a letter means to shift it through the alphabet, wrapping around to the beginning if necessary, so 'A' shifted by 3 is 'D' and 'Z' shifted by 1 is 'A'.

Write a function called `rotate_word` that takes a string and an integer as parameters, and that returns a new string that contains the letters from the original string “rotated” by the given amount.

For example, “cheer” rotated by 7 is “jolly” and “melon” rotated by -10 is “cubed”.

You might want to use the built-in functions `ord`, which converts a character to a numeric code, and `chr`, which converts numeric codes to characters.

Potentially offensive jokes on the Internet are sometimes encoded in ROT13. If you are not easily offended, find and decode some of them. Solution: <http://thinkpython.com/code/rotate.py>.

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1  def rotate_word(s, n):
2      result = ''
3      for char in s:
4          if char.isalpha():
5              start = ord('A') if char.isupper() else ord('a')
6              rotated_char = chr(start + (ord(char) - start + n) % 26)
7              result += rotated_char
8          else:
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