Intro to Python

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Overview

- 1. Variables and Datatypes
- 2. Control statements
- 3. Functions and Modules
- 4. Matrix Operations

The Python Interpreter

Print anything using print()>>> print('hello')hello

Elements separated by commas print with a space between them
 >>> print('hello', 'there')
 hello there

The Python Interpreter

• The '#' starts a line comment

```
>>> 'this will print'
'this will print'
>>> #'this will not'
>>>
```

Variables

- Are not declared, just assigned
 - The variable is created the first time you assign it a value

```
>>> x = 7
>>> x
7
```

- Are references to objects
 - Type information is with the object, not the reference
- Everything in Python is an object

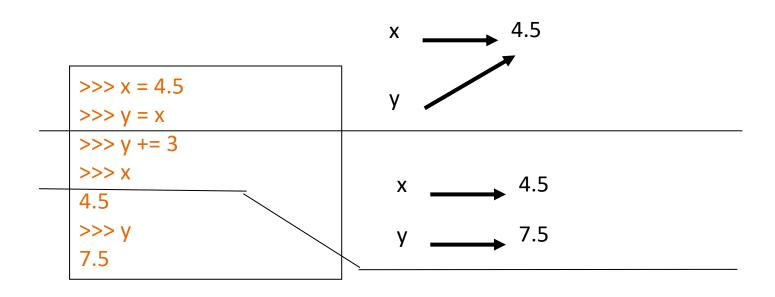
- Everything means everything, including <u>functions</u> and <u>classes</u> (more on this later!)
- <u>Data type</u> is a property of the object and not of the variable

Numbers

- Types: Int, Long, Float, Complex
- Convert between types:
 - int(x) converts x to an integer
 - float(x) converts x to a floating point
- Complex type built into python
 - Same operations are supported as integer and float

```
>>> x = 3 + 2j
>>> y = -1j
>>> x + y
(3+1j)
>>> x * y
(2-3j)
```

Numbers are immutable



String Literals: Many Kinds

- Strings are immutable
- Can use single or double quotes, and three double quotes for a multi-line string

```
>>> 'I am a string'
'I am a string'
>>> "So am !!"
'So am I!'
>>> s = """And me too!
though I am much longer
than the others:)"""
'And me too!\nthough I am much longer\nthan the others:)'
>>> print s
And me too!
though I am much longer
than the others:)'
```

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Substrings and Methods

- len(String) returns the number of characters in the String
- str(Object) returns a String representation of the Object

```
>>> len(s)
6
>>> str(10.3)
'10.3'
```

String Formatting

- Similar to C's printf
- <formatted string> % <elements to insert>
- Can usually just use %s for everything, it will convert the object to its String representation.

```
>>> "One, %d, three" % 2
'One, 2, three'
>>> "%d, two, %s" % (1,3)
'1, two, 3'
>>> "%s two %s" % (1, 'three')
'1 two three'
>>>
```

Data Structures

1. Lists

holds an ordered collection of items

2. Tuples

similar to lists, they are immutable

3. Dictionaries

holds key – value pairs

Lists

- Ordered collection of data
- Data can be of different types
- Lists are mutable
- Same subset operations as Strings

```
>>> x = [1,'hello', (3 + 2j)]

>>> x

[1, 'hello', (3+2j)]

>>> x[2]

(3+2j)

>>> x[0:2]

[1, 'hello']
```

Lists: Modifying Content

- x[i] = a reassigns the ith element to the value a
- Since x and y point to the same list object, both are changed
- The method append also modifies the list

```
>>> x = [1,2,3]

>>> y = x

>>> x[1] = 15

>>> x

[1, 15, 3]

>>> y

[1, 15, 3]

>>> x.append(12)

>>> y

[1, 15, 3, 12]
```

Tuples

- Tuples are *immutable* versions of lists
- One strange point is the format to make a tuple with one element:

```
", is needed to differentiate
from the mathematical
expression (2)
```

```
>>> x = (1,2,3)
>>> x[1:]
(2, 3)
>>> y = (2,)
>>> y
(2,)
>>>
```

Dictionaries

- A set of key-value pairs
- Dictionaries are mutable

```
>>> d = {1 : 'hello', 'two' : 42, 'blah' : [1,2,3]}
>>> d
{1: 'hello', 'two': 42, 'blah': [1, 2, 3]}
>>> d['blah']
[1, 2, 3]
```

Dictionaries: Add/Modify

Entries can be changed by assigning to that entry

```
>>> d
{1: 'hello', 'two': 42, 'blah': [1, 2, 3]}
>>> d['two'] = 99
>>> d
{1: 'hello', 'two': 99, 'blah': [1, 2, 3]}
```

Assigning to a key that does not exist adds an entry

```
>>> d[7] = 'new entry'
>>> d
{1: 'hello', 7: 'new entry', 'two': 99, 'blah': [1, 2, 3]}
```

Dictionaries: Deleting Elements

The del method deletes an element from a dictionary

```
>>> d
{1: 'hello', 2: 'there', 10: 'world'}
>>> del(d[2])
>>> d
{1: 'hello', 10: 'world'}
```

Copying Dictionaries and Lists

- The built-in list function will copy a list
- The dictionary has a method called copy

Data Type Summary

- Lists, Tuples, and Dictionaries can store any type (including other lists, tuples, and dictionaries!)
- Only lists and dictionaries are mutable
- All variables are references

Data Type Summary

- Integers: 2323, 3234L
- Floating Point: 32.3, 3.1E2
- Complex: 3 + 2j, 1j
- Lists: I = [1,2,3]
- Tuples: t = (1,2,3)
- Dictionaries: d = {'hello': 'there', 2:15}

Booleans

- 0 and None are false
- Everything else is true
- True and False are aliases for 1 and 0, respectively

Moving to Files

- The interpreter is a good place to try out some code, but what you type is not reusable
- Python code files can be read into the interpreter using the import statement

Moving to Files

- In order to be able to find a module called myscripts.py, the interpreter scans the list sys.path of directory names.
- The module must be in one of those directories.

```
>>> import sys
>>> sys.path
['C:\\Python26\\Lib\\idlelib', 'C:\\WINDOWS\\system32\\python26.zip',
'C:\\Python26\\DLLs', 'C:\\Python26\\lib\\plat-win',
'C:\\Python26\\lib\\lib-tk', 'C:\\Python26', 'C:\\Python26\\lib\\site-packages']
>>> import myscripts
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "<pyshell#2>", line 1, in <module>
        import myscripts.py
ImportError: No module named myscripts.py
```

No Braces

- Python uses <u>indentation</u> instead of braces to determine the scope of expressions
- All lines must be indented the same amount to be part of the scope (or indented more if part of an inner scope)
- This **forces** the programmer to use proper indentation since the indenting is part of the program!

If Statements

```
import math
x = 30
if x <= 15:
    y = x + 15
elif x <= 30:
    y = x + 30
else:
    y = x
print("y = ", math.sin(y))</pre>
```

While Loops

```
x = 1
while x < 10 :
    print(x)
    x = x + 1</pre>
```

4	2
	3
4	4
ļ	5
	6
-	7
	3
9	9

Loop Control Statements

break	Jumps out of the closest enclosing loop
continue	Jumps to the top of the closest enclosing loop
pass	Does nothing, empty statement placeholder

The Loop Else Clause

 The optional else clause runs only if the loop exits normally (not by break)

```
x = 1

while x < 3:
    print(x)
    x = x + 1

else:
    print("hello")

1
2
hello</pre>
while x < 5:
    print(x)
    x = x + 1
break
else:
    print("i got here")

1
```

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For Loops

For loops: iterating through a list of values

```
for x in [1,7,13,2]:
    print x
    print x
```

For loops also may have the optional else clause

```
for x in range(5):
    print x
    break
else :
    print("i got here")
```

Function Basics

```
def max(x,y) :
    if x < y :
        return y
    else :
        return x</pre>
```

```
>>>>> max(3,5)
5
>>> max('hello', 'there')
'there'
>>> max(3, 'hello')
TypeError
```

Functions are first class objects

- Can be assigned to a variable
- Can be passed as a parameter
- Can be returned from a function
- Functions are treated like any other variable in Python, the def statement simply assigns a function to a variable

Function names are like any variable

- Functions are objects
- The same reference rules hold for them as for other objects

```
>>> x = 10
>>> x
10
>>> def x ():
... print("hello")
>>> x
<function x at 0x619f0>
>>> x()
hello
>>> x = 'blah'
>>> x
'blah'
```

Functions as Parameters

```
def foo(f, a):
    return f(a)

def bar(x):
    return x * x
```

Note that the function foo takes two parameters and applies the first as a function with the second as its parameter

Functions Inside Functions

 Since they are like any other object, you can have functions inside functions

```
def foo (x,y):
    def bar (z):
        return z * 2
    return bar(x) + y
>>> foo(2,3)
7
```

Functions Returning Functions

```
def foo (x):
    def bar(y):
        return x + y
    return bar

5

# main
f = foo(3)
print f
print f(2)
```

Parameters: Named

- Call by name
- Any positional arguments must come before named ones in a call

```
>>> def foo (a,b,c):
... print a, b, c
...
>>> foo(c = 10, a = 2, b = 14)
2 14 10
>>> foo(3, c = 2, b = 19)
3 19 2
```

Parameters: Defaults

- Parameters can be assigned default values
- They are overridden if a parameter is given for them
- The type of the default doesn't limit the type of a parameter

```
>>> def foo(x = 3):
... print x
...
>>> foo()
3
>>> foo(10)
10
>>> foo('hello')
hello
```

Modules

- The highest level structure of Python
- Each file with the py suffix is a module
- Each module has its own namespace

Modules: Imports

import mymodule	Brings all elements	
	of mymodule in, but	
	must refer to as	
	mymodule. <elem></elem>	
from mymodule import x	Imports x from	
	mymodule right into	
	this namespace	
from mymodule import *	Imports all elements	
	of mymodule into	
	this namespace	

Math commands

Python has useful <u>commands</u> for performing calculations.

Command name	Description
abs (value)	absolute value
ceil(value)	rounds up
cos (value)	cosine, in radians
floor(value)	rounds down
log (value)	logarithm, base <i>e</i>
log10 (value)	logarithm, base 10
max(value1, value2)	larger of two values
min(value1, value2)	smaller of two values
round (value)	nearest whole number
sin(value)	sine, in radians
sqrt (value)	square root

Constant	Description
е	2.7182818
pi	3.1415926

 To use many of these commands, you must write the following at the top of your Python program:

from math import *

Logic

Many logical expressions use relational operators:

Operator	Meaning	Example	Result
==	equals	1 + 1 == 2	True
!=	does not equal	3.2 != 2.5	True
<	less than	10 < 5	False
>	greater than	10 > 5	True
<=	less than or equal to	126 <= 100	False
>=	greater than or equal to	5.0 >= 5.0	True

• Logical expressions can be combined with *logical operators*:

Operator	Example	Result
and	9 != 6 and 2 < 3	True
or	2 == 3 or -1 < 5	True
not	not 7 > 0	False

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```
from math import *

Print("Hello! This is my quadratic equation program." )

a = input("What is a? ")

b = input("What is b? ")

c = input("What is c? ")

root1 = (-b + sqrt(b ** 2 - 4 * a * c)) / (2 * a)

root2 = (-b - sqrt(b ** 2 - 4 * a * c)) / (2 * a)

Print("The roots are", root1, "and", root2)
```

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