

Introduction to Cython - Week 3

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Exercise

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5     cdef double s = 0
6     for i in range(iters):
7         s += math.log(n)
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Log Loops

clog.pyx

```
1  cimport libc.math as cmath
2
3  cpdef double log_loop(double n, unsigned long iters):
4      cdef unsigned long i
5      cdef double s = 0
6      for i in range(iters):
7          s += cmath.log(n)
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```
1 import clog
2 print(clog.log_loop(100,000,000, 10,000,000))
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External Definition

clog_hard.pyx

```
1  cdef extern from "math.h":  
2      float log(float n)  
3  
4  cpdef double log_loop(double n, unsigned long iters):  
5      cdef unsigned long i  
6      cdef double s = 0  
7      for i in range(iters):  
8          s += log(n)  
9  
10     return s
```


Testing the Hard Way

clog_hard: 184,206,807.418	pylog: 184,206,807.418
clog_hard took: 0.77s	pylog took: 8.08s

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