The Python Programming Language

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What is Python?

- General-purpose, high-level programming language
- Code is very readable
- Includes different ways of programming:
  - Object-oriented
  - Imperative
  - Functional programming

Why Python?

- Already an old language (1991, 30 years ago) but
- Many scientific and machine learning packages: NumPy (numeric matrices), SciPy, Pandas (dataframes), Statsmodels (statistics), scikit-learn (machine learning)
- Nice interface for Spark (pyspark)
  - R's interface is not so well developed yet (sparkR, sparklyr)
- Widely used in Deep Learning (TensorFlow, Keras, Pytorch, …)

Python versions

- Python 2.x:
  - Old version, it’s not going to be updated
- Python 3.x: current versión, it should be used.
  - But only a few differences with 2.x

ANACONDA

- Free Python distribution. It includes over 300 of the most popular Python packages for science, math, engineering, data analysis.

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The Python Programming Language: Data Types

Importing Modules

- Python modules are equivalent to R libraries
- Sometimes, some functions are not directly available in Python
- They are included in modules
- Modules have to be imported in order to use its functions
- Example: '+' is included in base Python, but square root (*sqrt*). *sqrt* is included in module math

Importing Modules

If we try to use *sqrt*, we get an error:

```
In [1]: sqrt(2)
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
NameError Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-1-40e415486bd6> in <module>()
----> 1 sqrt(2)


NameError: name 'sqrt' is not defined
```

Importing Modules

- Let's import module *math*, and use the *sqrt* function within this module, by means of the dot (.) notation
- Modules are similar to R libraries

```
In [2]: import math


In [3]: math.sqrt(2)
Out[3]: 1.4142135623730951
```

Importing Modules

- Sometimes, it is useful to import a function from a library, rather tan the whole library.
- In that case, it is enough to use the name of the function
- Several functions can be imported at the same time

```
In [2]: from math import sqrt, floor


In [3]: sqrt(2)
Out[3]: 1.4142135623730951
```

Importing Modules

- Modules can be given aliases (shorter names for the module)

```
In [2]: import numpy as np
In [3]: np.sqrt(2)
```

The print Statement

- It can be used to print results and variables
- Elements separated by commas print with a space between them

```
In [6]: print('Hello')
Hello

In [7]: print('Hello', 'There')
Hello There
```

Example

- Modules contain functions, but also constants, like pi
- Import module math, assign 2*pi to variable my_pi, and print the result

```
import math

my_pi = math.pi

print(my_pi)
3.141592653589793
```

Variables

- The variable is created the first time you assign it a value
- Everything in Python is an object

```
>>> x = 12
>>> y = " lumberjack "
>>> x
12
>>> y
’ lumberjack ’
```

- Múltiple assignments (in parallel):

```
In [8]: a = 3
In [9]: b = 4
In [10]: a, b = a+b, a-b
In [11]: a, b
Out[11]: (7, -1)
```

Object types in Python

- Atomic (scalar):
  - numbers (in R: numeric, integer)
  - booleans (True, False) (in R: logical)
- Container: (contains other elements)
  - Sequences:
    - Strings: “Hello World!” (in R: a string is atomic/scalar, not a sequence)
    - Lists: [1, 2, “three”] (in R: “list”)
    - Tuples: (1, 2, “three”) (not in R)
  - Sets: {'a', 'b', 'c'} (not in R)
  - Dictionaries: {“R”: 51, “Python”: 29} (not in R)

Object types in Python with numpy module

- Container:
  - Important: in Python, unlike R, arrays (and matrices) are **not** a basic type. It is necessary to use a module
  - Vectors and matrices: (in R: vector, matrix)

```
array([[1, 2, 3],
       [4, 5, 6]])
```

Object types in Python with Pandas module

- Container:
  - Important: in Python, unlike R, dataframes are **not** a basic type. It is necessary to use a module
  - Dataframes:

	SepalLength	SepalWidth	PetalLength	PetalWidth	Name
0	5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
1	4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa
2	4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	Iris-setosa
3	4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	Iris-setosa
4	5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	Iris-setosa

Object types in Python

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Numbers

- integer: 12345, -32
  - Unlimited size
- float (real): 1.23, 4e5, 3e-4
- octal: 012, 0456
- hex: 0xf34, 0X12FA
- complex: 3+4j, 2J, 5.0+2.5j

Operations with numbers:

- +, -, *, /
- **: power
- // integer division
- % division remainder
- …

```
>>> 123 + 222                 # Integer addition
345
>>> 1.5 * 4                   # Floating-point multiplication
6.0
>>> 2 ** 100                  # 2 to the power 100
1267650600228229401496703205376
```

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Booleans

Whether an expression is true or false

- Values: True, False

Comparisons: ==, <=, >=, !=, …

```
In [18]: 3 == 3
Out[18]: True

In [19]: 3 == 4
Out[19]: False

In [20]: 3 < 4
Out[20]: True

In [21]: "aa" < "bb"
Out[21]: True
```

Combinations: and, or, not

(in R: &&, ||, !)

```
In [26]: (3 == 3) and (3 < 4)
Out[26]: True

In [27]: (3 == 3) or (3 < 4)
Out[27]: True

In [28]: not((3 == 3) or (3 < 4))
Out[28]: False
```

Booleans

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

```
In [6]: True==1
Out[6]: True
In [7]: False==0
Out[7]: True
```

```
In [14]: 1 and 0
Out[14]: 0
In [15]: 1 or 0
Out[15]: 1
```

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String Literals

- They can be defined either with double quotes (“) or single quotes (‘)

```
In [30]: "Hello world"
Out[30]: 'Hello world'

In [31]: 'hello world'
Out[31]: 'hello world'
```

- \+ is **overloaded** to do concatenation

```
In [16]: x = 'hello'
In [17]: x = x + ' world'
In [18]: print(x)
hello world
```

Note: overloading means tha
the meaning of the operator
depends on the type of the
objects it operates upon

String Literals: multi-line

- Using triple quotes, strings can be defined across multiple lines

```
>>> s = """ I’m a string
much longer
than the others :)"""""

>>> print(s)
 I’m a string
though I am much longer
than the others :)‘
```

Strings: some functions

- **len**(string) – returns the number of characters in the String (it actually works for any sequence)
- **str**(object) – returns a String representation of the Object

```
In [56]: x = 'ABCDEF'
In [57]: len(x)
Out[57]: 6
In [58]: str(10.1)
Out[58]: '10.1'
```

Strings: some functions

- Some string functions are available only within a module, and the dot (.) notation must be used (similarly to *math.sqrt()*). The module for strings is called *str*.
- But *str* is already imported
- For instance, *lower()* and *upper()* are two such functions:

```
In [73]: x = 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times‘

In [74]: str.lower(x)          # Convert to lowercase
Out[74]: 'it was the best of times, it was the worst of times‘

In [75]: str.upper(x)                  # Convert to uppercase
Out[75]: 'IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES'
```

String functions

- Other string functions: *count*, *split*, *replace*

```
In [73]: x = 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'

In [77]: str.count(x, 'was')            # count counts how many times ‘was’ appears in x
Out[77]: 2

In [79]: print(str.split(x, ' '))       # split splits string x with space ‘ ‘ separator
['It', 'was', 'the', 'best', 'of', 'times,', 'it', 'was', 'the', 'worst', 'of', 'times']

In [80]: str.replace(x, 'was', 'is') # replace replaces ‘was’ by ‘is’ wherever it appears in x
Out[80]: 'It is the best of times, it is the worst of times'
```

String functions

IMPORTANT!!

- Typically, if you can call a function as module.function(object, other arguments), you can also use another equivalent (but shorter) syntax: object.function(other arguments)
- That is, there are two different (but equivalent) ways:
  1. object.function(arguments)
  2. module.function(object, arguments) # We already know this one
- Examples:

```
In [32]: x = 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
```

```
In [33]: x.lower()
Out[33]: 'it was the best of times, it was the worst of times‘

In [34]: # is equivalent to

In [35]: str.lower(x)
Out[35]: 'it was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
```

```
In [36]: x.upper()
Out[36]: 'IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES‘

In [37]: # is equivalent to

In [38]: str.upper(x)
Out[38]: 'IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES, IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES'
```

String functions: 2 ways

IMPORTANT!!

- That is, there are two different (but equivalent) ways:
  1. object.function(arguments)
  2. module.function(object, arguments) # We already know this one
- Note: Use dir(‘ ‘) to see all methods for strings (dir(3) shows all methods for integers, etc.)
- Examples:

```
In [32]: x = 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
```

```
In [39]: x.count('was')
Out[39]: 2

In [40]: # is equivalent to

In [41]: str.count(x, 'was')
Out[41]: 2
```

```
In [45]: x.replace('was', 'is')
Out[45]: 'It is the best of times, it is the worst of times'

In [46]: # is equivalent to:

In [47]: str.replace(x, 'was', 'is')
Out[47]: 'It is the best of times, it is the worst of times
```

```
In [42]: print(x.split(' '))
['It', 'was', 'the', 'best', 'of', 'times,', 'it', 'was', 'the', 'worst', 'of', 'times']

In [43]: # is equivalent to:

In [44]: print(str.split(x, ' '))
['It', 'was', 'the', 'best', 'of', 'times,', 'it', 'was', 'the', 'worst', 'of', 'times']
```

String functions: 2 ways

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```
In [39]: x.count('was')
Out[39]: 2

In [40]: # is equivalent to

In [41]: str.count(x, 'was')
Out[41]: 2
```

a) Notice that the first way is shorter and you don't need to remember the name of the module (*str*)

b) In the first case (object.function(arguments)), the function is called **method**.
   - object.method(arguments)

c) Only those methods listed with *dir*('was') can be used

Note about replace

- Be careful, *replace()* does **not** modify the object
- Variable x must be reassigned in order to be modified

```
In [31]: x='It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
In [32]: x.replace('was', 'is')
Out[32]: 'It is the best of times, it is the worst of times'
In [33]: x
Out[33]: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times‘
In [34]: x = x.replace(‘was’,’is’)
In [35]: x
Out[35]: 'It is the best of times, it is the worst of times‘
```

- But some methods **DO** modify the object. You must be aware of that.

```
[2]  x = [2, 1, 3, 0]

[4]  x.sort()

[5]  x

     [0, 1, 2, 3]
```

Exercise: string functions

- Split a sentence *x* using both syntax cases:
  - First case: using *split* as a function/method of *x*: *x.split()*
  - Second case: using *split* as a function of module *str: str.split(x)*

```
In [12]: x = 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
In [13]: x
Out[13]: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
```

Exercise. Solution

- Split a sentence *x* using both syntax cases:
  - First case: using *split* as a function of *x*: *x.split()*
  - Second case: using *split* as a function of module *str: str.split(x)*

```
In [12]: x = 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
In [13]: x
Out[13]: 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times'
```

```
In [14]: # First case
In [15]: x.split(' ')
Out[15]:
['It',
'was',
'the',
'best',
'of',
'times,',
'it',
'was',
'the',
'worst',
'of',
'times']
```

```
In [16]: # Second case: split as function of module str
In [17]: str.split(x, ' ')
Out[17]:
['It',
'was',
'the',
'best',
'of',
'times,',
'it',
'was',
'the',
'worst',
'of',
'times']
```

Positive indices	0	1	2	3	4	5
s	‘0’	‘1’	‘2’	‘3’	‘4’	‘5’

s = '012345'

Substrings (slicing)

- Strings are sequences of characters
- Slicing = obtaining substrings from strings

```
>>> s = '012345'
>>> s[0]
‘0’
>>> s[1]
‘1’
>>> s[3]
'3'
>>> s[1:4]
'123'
```

- Generic slicing sentence: s[start:end:by]
  - Obtain elements from *start* to *(end-1)* with steps of “*by*”
- IMPORTANT*:*
  - *start* begins at 0!!
  - The slice (or substring) includes values from *start* to *end-1*!!!
- *start* >= 0
- *end* <= *len(s)*
- *by*: step

Substrings (slicing)

Positive indices	0	1	2	3	4	5
s	‘0’	‘1’	‘2’	‘3’	‘4’	‘5’

s = '012345' len(s) == 6

Generic sentence: s[start:end:by]

Excluding start is the same as index 0
s[0:k] == s[:k]

Excluding end is the same as last index
s[k:len(s)] == s[k:]

```
>>> s = '012345'
>>> s[2:]
'2345'
>>> s[:4]
'0123'
```

s[2:] == s[2:6] == s[2:len(s)]
s[:4] == s[0:4]

Positive indices	0	1	2	3	4	5
s	‘0’	‘1’	‘2’	‘3’	‘4’	‘5’

s = '012345'

Substrings (slicing)

To remember

s[:k]+s[k:] == s

s[:2] + s[2:] == s

```
In [31]: s[:2]
Out[31]: '01'
In [32]: s[2:]
Out[32]: '2345'
In [33]: s[:2]+s[2:]
Out[33]: '012345'
```

Positive indices	0	1	2	3	4	5
Negative indices	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
s	‘0’	‘1’	‘2’	‘3’	‘4’	‘5’

Substrings (slicing)

```
>>> s = '012345'
>>> s[-1]
‘5‘
>>> s[-2]
‘4’
>>> s[-6]
‘0’
```

Generic sentence: s[start:end:by]

Negative indices start at the end of the string

s[-1] == s[5] == s[len(s)-1]
s[-2] == s[4] == s[len(s)-2]
s[-6] = s[-len(s)] == s[0]

Substrings (slicing)

Slicing = obtaining sublists from strings (or from lists)

Positive indices	0	1	2	3	4	5
Negative indices	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
s	‘0’	‘1’	‘2’	‘3’	‘4’	‘5’
string2	‘A’	‘B’	‘C’	‘D’	‘E’	‘F’

```
>>> string2 = ‘ABCDEF'
>>> string2[2:]
‘CDEF'
>>> s[:4]
‘ABCD'
```

```
>>> string2[-1]
‘F‘
>>> string2[-2]
‘E’
>>> string2[-6]
‘A’
```

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Substrings (slicing)

- Generic sentence: s[start:end:**by**]
- by: step

```
>>> s = '012345'
>>> s[0:4:2]
‘02'
>>> s[0::2]
‘024'
>>> s[::-1]
‘543210’
>>> s[::-2]
‘531'
```

Get indices from 0 to 3 by 2 (even indices)

Get indices from 0 to end by 2 (even indices)

Get indices from end to beginning by -1 (reverse order)

Get indices from end to beginning by -2 (indices 5, 3, 1 (or equivalently -1, -3, -5)

Exercise

1. Create any string, for instance:

   ‘In a village of La Mancha, the name of which I have no desire to call to mind’

2. Convert it to uppercase:

   'IN A VILLAGE OF LA MANCHA, THE NAME OF WHICH I HAVE NO DESIRE TO CALL TO MIND'

3. Reverse it:

   'DNIM OT LLAC OT ERISED ON EVAH I HCIHW FO EMAN EHT ,AHCNAM AL FO EGALLIV A NI'

4. Obtain another string by keeping one character every four characters (via slicing):

   'D L EENA HOAHAAL L I'

Exercise. Solution

```
In [15]: x = 'In a village of La Mancha, the name of which I have no desire to call to mind'
In [16]: x = x.upper()
In [17]: # x = str.upper(x)
In [18]: print(x)
IN A VILLAGE OF LA MANCHA, THE NAME OF WHICH I HAVE NO DESIRE TO CALL TO MIND
In [19]: x = x[::-1]
In [20]: print(x)
DNIM OT LLAC OT ERISED ON EVAH I HCIHW FO EMAN EHT ,AHCNAM AL FO EGALLIV A NI
In [21]: x = x[::4]
In [22]: print(x)
D L EENA HOAHAAL L I
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- Compound:
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    - **Lists:** [1, 2, “three”]
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Lists

- Ordered collection of data
- Elements can be of different types
- Same subset (slicing) operations as Strings

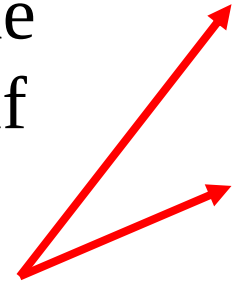
```
>>> x = [1,'hello', (3 + 2j)]
>>> x
[1, 'hello', (3+2j)]
>>> x[2]
(3+2j)
>>> x[0:2]
[1, 'hello']
```

Lists: Modifying Content

Lists are *mutable* (i.e. they **can** be modified. Strings **cannot**)

- **x[i] = a** reassigns the ith element to value a
- Important: variables contain references (pointers) to the object, not the object itself (unlike R)
- Since *x* and *y* point to the same list object, *both* are changed

```
>>> x = [1,2,3]
>>> y = x
>>> x[1] = 15
>>> x
[1, 15, 3]
>>> y
[1, 15, 3]
```



Lists: references vs. copies

- If a copy is needed instead of a reference, the copy function can be used (import copy)

Reference: x and y are the same thing

```
In [58]: x = [1, 2, 3]
In [59]: y = x

In [60]: x[1] = 15

In [61]: x
Out[61]: [1, 15, 3]
In [62]: y
Out[62]: [1, 15, 3]
```

Copy: a and b are different things

```
In [63]: import copy
In [64]: a = [1, 2, 3]
In [65]: b = copy.deepcopy(a)

In [66]: a[1] = 15

In [67]: a
Out[67]: [1, 15, 3]
In [68]: b
Out[68]: [1, 2, 3]
```

Lists: Modifying Content

- **x[i:j:k] = b** reassigns the sublist defined by *i:j:k* to list *b*

```
In [7]: x = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
In [8]: x[1:3] = ['one', 'two']
In [9]: x
Out[9]: [0, 'one', 'two', 3, 4, 5]
```

Lists: Modifying Content

- **x.append(12)** inserts element *12* at the end of the list
- **x.extend([13, 14])** extends list [12, 13] at the end of the list
- In both cases **the original list is modified!!!**

```
In [14]: x = [1,2,3]
In [15]: x.append(12)
In [16]: x
Out[16]: [1, 2, 3, 12]
In [18]: x.extend([13, 14])
In [19]: x
Out[19]: [1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14]
```

- + also concatenates lists, but it does not modify the original list

```
In [20]: y = [1, 2, 3]
In [21]: y  + [13, 14]
Out[21]: [1, 2, 3, 13, 14]
In [22]: y
Out[22]: [1, 2, 3]
```

Lists: Modifying Content

- **x.remove(3)** removes the first 3 from list.
- **The original list is modified!!!**

```
In [14]: x = [1,2,3,3]
In [15]: x.remove(3)
In [16]: x
Out[16]: [1, 2, 3]
```

Lists: checking if element is present in list

```
if(3 in [1,2,3]):
    print('3 is in list')
else:
    print('3 is not in list')
```

```
3 is in list
```

Summary so far …

- Atomic: numbers, booleans (true, false), …
- Container:
  - Sequences:
    - **Strings: “Hello World!”**
      - **Only characters. Inmutable**
    - **Lists: [1, 2, “three”]**
      - everything inside (even dictionaries): [["aaaa", "b"], 3, 'c']
      - Mutable
    - Tuples: (1, 2, “three”)
  - Sets: {'a', 'b', 'c'}
  - Dictionaries: {“R”: 51, “Python”: 29}

Reminder: two ways of calling functions on objects

- Let us **remember** that there are two ways of applying functions to lists (just as with strings):
  1. module.function(object, …)
  2. object.method(…)

```
In [27]: x = [1, 2, 3]
In [28]: list.extend(x, [13, 14])
In [29]: x
Out[29]: [1, 2, 3, 13, 14]

# is equivalent to:

In [30]: x = [1, 2, 3]
In [31]: x.extend([13, 14])
In [32]: x
Out[32]: [1, 2, 3, 13, 14]
```

Let's also **remember** that some methods can modify the object

Reminder: references vs. copies (lists)

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```
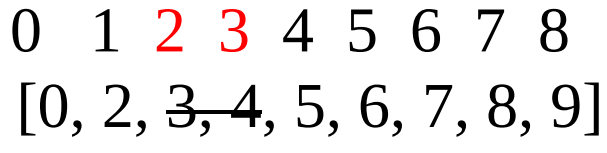

Lists: deleting elements

- Function *del*: (also modifies the list)

```
In [33]: x = list(range(10))
In [34]: x
Out[34]: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
In [35]: del(x[1])
In [36]: x
Out[36]: [0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
In [37]: del(x[2:4])
In [38]: x
Out[38]: [0, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```



Sorting lists

- Two ways: *sort()* and *sorted()*
- *list.sort(x)* or x.sort() changes the list
- *sorted(x)* does not
- reverse=True can be used for reverse order

```
In [77]: x=['in','a','hole','in','the','ground']
In [78]: sorted(x)
Out[78]: ['a', 'ground', 'hole', 'in', 'in', 'the']
In [79]: x
Out[79]: ['in', 'a', 'hole', 'in', 'the', 'ground']
In [80]: x.sort()
In [81]: x
Out[81]: ['a', 'ground', 'hole', 'in', 'in', 'the']
In [82]: x.sort(reverse=True)
In [83]: x
Out[83]: ['the', 'in', 'in', 'hole', 'ground', 'a']
```

Object types in Python

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    - **Tuples:** (1, 2, “three”)
  - Sets: {'a', 'b', 'c'}
  - Dictionaries: {“R”: 51, “Python”: 29}

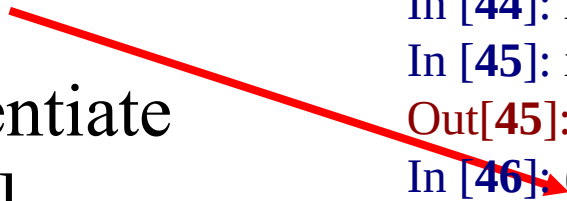
Tuples

- Tuples are *immutable* versions of lists
  - x = (1,2,'3')
  - They cannot be modified:
    - x[0] = 0 raises an error.

Tuples

- One strange point is the format to make a tuple with one element:

  ‘,’ is needed to differentiate from the mathematical expression (2)



```
In [44]: x=(1,2,3)
In [45]: x[1:]
Out[45]: (2, 3)
In [46]: (2,)
Out[46]: (2,)
In [47]: (2)
Out[47]: 2
```

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Dictionaries

- A set of key-value pairs. A key can be any non-mutable object (such as strings, numbers, or **tuples** of non-mutable objects).
- Values can be anything
- Dictionaries are *mutable*
- Example number of bottles of different drinks
- Access and modification by key

```
In [47]: d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}
In [48]: d
Out[48]: {'beer': 21, 'milk': 3, 'olive oil': 2}
In [49]: d['milk']
Out[49]: 3
In [50]: d['milk'] = 4
In [51]: d
Out[51]: {'beer': 21, 'milk': 4, 'olive oil': 2}
```

Dictionaries: Add/Delete

- Assigning to a key that does not exist adds an entry:

```
In [52]: d['coffee'] = 3
In [53]: d
Out[53]: {'beer': 21, 'coffee': 3, 'milk': 4, 'olive oil': 2}
```

- Elements can be deleted with *del* (like with lists)

```
In [54]: del(d['beer'])
In [55]: d
Out[55]: {'coffee': 3, 'milk': 4, 'olive oil': 2}
```

Exercise

```
inventory = {
  'gold':500,
  'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
  'backpack': ['xylophone', 'dagger', 'bedroll',
'bread loaf']
}
```

1. Add a key 'pocket' with value ['seashell', 'Berry']
2. .sort() the items of key 'backpack'
3. .remove('dagger') from 'backpack'
4. Add 50 to 'gold' key

Exercise. Solution

```
inventory = {
  'gold':500,
  'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
  'backpack': ['xylophone', 'dagger', 'bedroll', 'bread loaf']
}

inventory['pocket'] = ['seashell', 'Berry']
inventory
inventory['backpack'].sort()
inventory
inventory['backpack'].remove('dagger')
inventory
inventory['gold'] = inventory['gold']+1
inventory
inventory['gold'] += 1
inventory
```

```
In [52]: inventory['pocket'] = ['seashell', 'Berry']


In [53]: inventory
Out[53]:
{'gold': 500,
'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
'backpack': ['xylophone', 'dagger', 'bedroll', 'bread loaf'],
'pocket': ['seashell', 'Berry']}


In [54]: inventory['backpack'].sort()


In [55]: inventory
Out[55]:
{'gold': 500,
'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
'backpack': ['bedroll', 'bread loaf', 'dagger', 'xylophone'],
'pocket': ['seashell', 'Berry']}


In [56]: inventory['backpack'].remove('dagger')


In [57]: inventory
Out[57]:
{'gold': 500,
'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
'backpack': ['bedroll', 'bread loaf', 'xylophone'],
'pocket': ['seashell', 'Berry']}


In [58]: inventory['gold'] = inventory['gold']+1
```

Exercise. Solution

```
inventory = {
  'gold':500,
  'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
  'backpack': ['xylophone', 'dagger', 'bedroll', 'bread loaf']
}

inventory['pocket'] = ['seashell', 'Berry']
inventory
inventory['backpack'].sort()
inventory
inventory['backpack'].remove('dagger')
inventory
inventory['gold'] = inventory['gold']+1
inventory
inventory['gold'] += 1
inventory
```

```
In [58]: inventory['gold'] = inventory['gold']+1

In [59]: inventory
Out[59]:
{'gold': 501,
'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
'backpack': ['bedroll', 'bread loaf', 'xylophone'],
'pocket': ['seashell', 'Berry']}

In [60]: inventory['gold'] += 1

In [61]: inventory
Out[61]:
{'gold': 502,
'pouch': ['flint', 'twine', 'gemstone'],
'backpack': ['bedroll', 'bread loaf', 'xylophone'],
'pocket': ['seashell', 'Berry']}
```

Dictionaries

- Obtaining keys and values as lists

```
d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}
print(d)
```

```
# We can get the list of values
values = list(d.values())
print(values)

# We can get the list of keys
keys = list(d.keys())
print(keys)
```

```
[3, 21, 2]
['milk', 'beer', 'olive oil']
```

list is a function that transforms everything to a list (if posible)

Iterating over dictionaries

```
# We can iterate through all elements in a dictionary
for key in d.keys():
    print(key + " " + str(d[key]))
```

```
milk 3
beer 21
olive oil 2
```

str is a function that transforms anything to a string

```
# We can iterate through all elements in a dictionary
for key,value in d.items():
    print(key + " " + str(value))
```

```
milk 3
beer 21
olive oil 2
```

Missing keys? Check before with in

```
: d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}
  print(d['milk'])
  print(d["potatoe"])
```

```
3

---------------------------------------------------------------------------
KeyError                                  Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-82-bd07e320ceaa> in <module>()
      1 d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}
      2 print(d['milk'])
----> 3 print(d["potatoe"])

KeyError: 'potatoe'
```

```
if('potatoe' in d):
    print(d['potatoe'])
else:
    print('potatoe is not a key')
```

Missing keys? Catching errors

```
: d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}
  print(d['milk'])
  print(d["potatoe"])
```

```
3

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KeyError: 'potatoe'
```

```
try:
    print(d['potatoe'])
except:
    print('potatoe is not a key')
```

```
In [76]: d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}

In [77]: try:
    ...:     print(d['potatoe'])
    ...: except:
    ...:     print('potatoe is not a key')
    ...:
    ...:
potatoe is not a key
```

This is a general technique for protecting ourselves against errors (not just for missing key dictionaries).

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```
a = 3
b = 0
try:
    print(a/b)
except:
    print('Invalid operation')
```

```
In [78]: a = 3
    ...: b = 0
    ...: try:
    ...:     print(a/b)
    ...: except:
    ...:     print('Invalid operation')
    ...:
    ...:
Invalid operation
```

Default Dictionaries

- It is a dictionary but it is able to return a default value when the key does not exist in the dictionary

```
: d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}
  print(d['milk'])
  print(d["potatoe"])
```

```
3

---------------------------------------------------------------------------
KeyError                                  Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-82-bd07e320ceaa> in <module>()
      1 d = {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2}
      2 print(d['milk'])
----> 3 print(d["potatoe"])

KeyError: 'potatoe'
```

```
: from collections import defaultdict
  dd = defaultdict(lambda: 0, {'milk': 3, 'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2})
  print(dd['milk'])
  print(dd["potatoe"])
```

```
3
0
```

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Sets

- Sets are like lists, but they only contain unique elements

```
basket = set(['apple', 'orange', 'apple', 'pear', 'orange', 'banana'])
print(basket)
```

```
{'banana', 'pear', 'apple', 'orange'}
```

```
# Checking membership
print('orange' in basket)
print('crab' in basket)
```

```
True
False
```

- Any sequence can be used to créate a set, such as strings

```
set1 = set('abracadabra')
print(set1)
```

```
{'b', 'r', 'c', 'd', 'a'}
```

Sets

```
Operations on sets: set difference, union, intersection
```

```
basket1 = set(['apple', 'orange', 'apple', 'pear', 'orange', 'banana'])
basket2 = set(['apricot', 'coconut', 'apple', 'pear', 'lemon'])
print("Union")
print(basket1 | basket2)

print("Intersection")
print(basket1 & basket2)

print('Set difference')
print(basket1 - basket2)

print('Symmetric set difference = A|B - A^B')
print(basket1 ^ basket2)
print(set((basket1|basket2) - (basket1 & basket2)))
```

```
Union
{'apple', 'pear', 'apricot', 'coconut', 'lemon', 'banana', 'orange'}
Intersection
{'pear', 'apple'}
Set difference
{'banana', 'orange'}
Symmetric set difference = A|B - A^B
{'lemon', 'banana', 'orange', 'apricot', 'coconut'}
{'lemon', 'banana', 'orange', 'apricot', 'coconut'}
```

Sets. Exercise

- Use sets to:
  - Compute the unique letters in strings “abracadabra” and “alacazam”
  - Compute the letters that are in “abracadabra” but not in “alacazam”

Exercise. Solution

```
In [27]: x = 'abracadabra'
In [28]: unique = set(x)
In [29]: print(unique)
{'d', 'b', 'r', 'a', 'c'}
In [30]: print(set('abracadabra')-
set('alacazan'))
{'r', 'b', 'd'}
```

Data Types Important Points

- Lists, Tuples, and Dictionaries are containers that can store any type (including other lists, tuples, and dictionaries!)
- Only lists and dictionaries are mutable
- All container variables are **references**, but copies can be made

The Python Programming Language: Flow Control

Topics

1. If … then … else
2. Loops:
   - While condition …
   - For …
3. Functions

If Statements

```
if condition :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
next sentence
```

```
if condition :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
else :
   sentencea
   sentenceb
   …
next sentence
```

```
if condition :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
elif condition3 :
   sentencea
   sentenceb
   …
else :
   sentencex
   sentencey
   …
next sentence
```

Indentation

Sentence that follows the "if" (outside of the "if" block)

Example:

```
x = 30
if x <= 15 :
    y = x + 15
elif x <= 30 :
    y = x + 30
else :
    y = x
print 'y = ', y
```

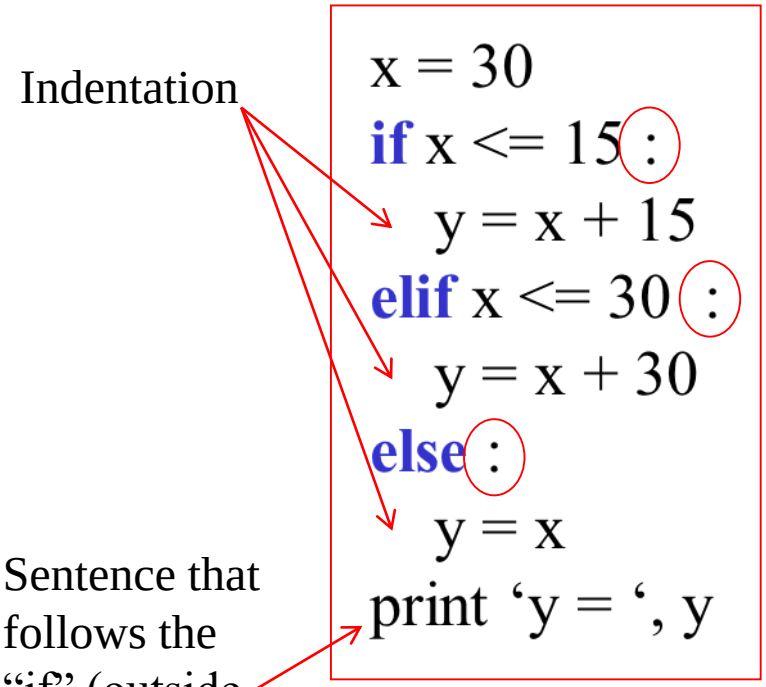
Result is: ?

If Statements

In R it would be like this:

```
x = 30
if(x<=15){
  y=x+15
} else if (x<=30) {
  y=x+30
} else {
  y=x
}
print(...)
```

Example:



Result is: ?

If Statements

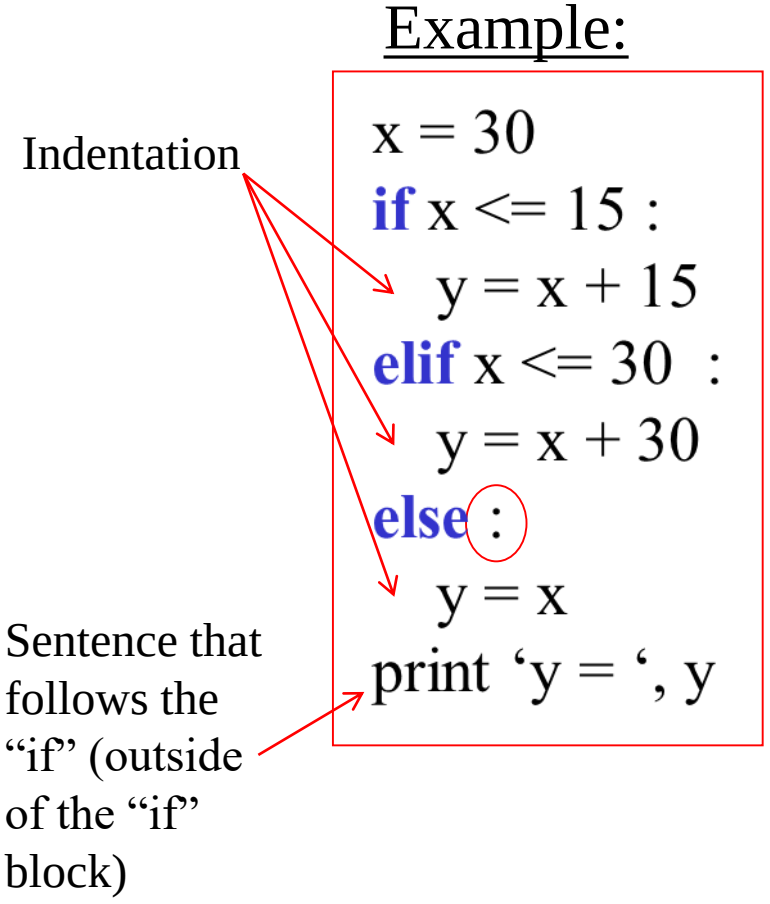
Example:

```
x = 30
if x <= 15 :
    y = x + 15
elif x <= 30 :
    y = x + 30
else :
    y = x
print 'y = ', y
```

Result is: **y = 60**

Note on indentation

- Python uses indentation instead of braces (or curly brackets) 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!
- Indentation made of four spaces is recommended



While Loops

While *condition* is true, execute sentences in the *while block* (*sentence1*, *sentence2*, …)

```
while condition :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
Next sentence
(outside while block)
```

```
phrase = ['Somewhere', 'in', 'La', 'Mancha']
index = 0
while index < len(phrase) :
    print phrase[index]
    index = index + 1
print '** Words printed, while finished!!'
```

```
Somewhere
in
La
Mancha
** Words printed, while finished!!
```

For Loops

variable takes succesive values in the *sequence*

```
for variable in sequence :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
Next sentence (outside for block)
```

```
phrase = ['Somewhere', 'in', 'La', 'Mancha']

for word in phrase :
    print word
print '** Words printed, "for loop" finished!!'
```

```
Somewhere
in
La
Mancha
** Words printed, "for loop" finished!!
```

Exercise

- Create a list of numbers [0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6]
- Iterate over this list by using a for loop
  - For each element in the list, print “even” if the number is even and “odd” if the number is odd
- Reminder: a number *x* is even if the remainder of the division by 2 is zero. That is: (x % 2 == 0)
- Once you are done, try with another list:

  [1, 7, 3, 2, 0]

Exercise. Solution

```
myList = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
# myList = list(range(0,7))

for number in myList:
    if(number % 2 == 0):
        print('Even')
    else:
        print('Odd')

print('We are outside of the loop now')
```

```
In [39]: myList = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

In [40]: # myList = list(range(0,7))

In [41]: for number in myList:
    ...:     if(number % 2 == 0):
    ...:         print('Even')
    ...:     else:
    ...:         print('Odd')
    ...:
    ...:
Even
Odd
Even
Odd
Even
Odd
Even

In [42]: print('We are outside of the loop now')
We are outside of the loop now
```

Exercise

- Create a list of numbers [0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6]
- Iterate over this list by using a for loop
- Add all the numbers together

Exercise. Solution

```
myList = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
# myList = list(range(0,7))

total=0
for number in myList:
    total = total + number

print(total)
```

```
In [43]: myList = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

In [44]: # myList = list(range(0,7))

In [45]: total=0

In [46]: for number in myList:
    ...:     total = total + number
    ...:
    ...:

In [47]: print(total)
21
```

Iterating over dictionaries

d = {'milk': 3,'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2 }

```
# We can iterate through all elements in a dictionary
for key in d.keys():
    print(key + " " + str(d[key]))
```

```
milk 3
beer 21
olive oil 2
```

```
# We can iterate through all elements in a dictionary
for key,value in d.items():
    print(key + " " + str(value))
```

```
milk 3
beer 21
olive oil 2
```

Exercise

Given the stock and price dictionaries:

```
stock = {'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2 }
price = {'milk': 1.5, 'beer': 3, 'olive oil': 4}
```

Compute the total cost of all the objects in the stock

Note: it is posible to check if a key is in a dictionary with, for instance: if('milk' in stock): ...

Exercise. Solution

```
stock = {'beer': 21, 'olive oil': 2 }
prices = {'milk': 1.5, 'beer': 3, 'olive oil': 4}

total = 0
for key,value in prices.items():
    if(key in stock):
        total = total + stock[key]*value

print(total)
```

Exercise

- Use a for loop and a **default** dictionary to count words in the hobbit_words sentence

hobbit_words = 'In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit'

```
hobbit_words = "In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit".lower().split(' ')
print(hobbit_words)
```

```
['in', 'a', 'hole', 'in', 'the', 'ground', 'there', 'lived', 'a', 'hobbit']
```

Result:

```
{'in': 2,
 'a': 2,
 'hole': 1,
 'the': 1,
 'ground': 1,
 'there': 1,
 'lived': 1,
 'hobbit': 1})
```

Exercise.

- How to créate a default dictionary that returns zero when key is not found.

```
my_dict = defaultdict(lambda: 0)
```

Exercise. Solution

```
my_dict = defaultdict(lambda: 0)
for word in words:
    my_dict[word] += 1
```

```
my_dict
```

```
defaultdict(<function __main__.<lambda>()>,
            {'in': 2,
             'a': 2,
             'hole': 1,
             'the': 1,
             'ground': 1,
             'there': 1,
             'lived': 1,
             'hobbit': 1})
```

For and range

- *range*() is an iterator
- It is useful to iterate over a range of values

```
]: for i in range(5):
       print(i)
```

```
0
1
2
3
4
```

```
]: for i in range(3,5):
       print(i)
```

```
3
4
```

```
]: for i in range(0,10,3):
       print(i)
```

```
0
3
6
9
```

```
s = 'in a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit'
words = s.split(' ')
for i in range(len(words)):
    print('Word number {0} is: {1}'.format(i, words[i]))
```

```
Word number 0 is: in
Word number 1 is: a
Word number 2 is: hole
Word number 3 is: in
Word number 4 is: the
Word number 5 is: ground
Word number 6 is: there
Word number 7 is: lived
Word number 8 is: a
Word number 9 is: hobbit
```

Iterators

- Iterators (such as *range*()) allow to iterate over values (i.e. used in a for loop)
- Iterators are not values, but we can use *list*() to get the values of an iterator

```
: # Range is an iterator, not a list of values
  a = range(10)
  print(a)

  range(0, 10)

: # We can get the list of values from an iterator by using list
  print(list(a))

  [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

- It is much more space-efficient to iterate over an iterator than over the equivalent list:

```
for i in [1,2,3,4,5]:
    print(i)
```

```
for i in range(1,6):
    print(i)
```

- Beware! *range()* returned a list in versión 2.7, but returns an iterator in vesion 3.7. There may be cases in this tutorial where *list(range(a,b))* should have been used, but *range(a,b)* is (wrongly!) used.

Loop Control Statements

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

Example of break

- Add all positive numbers until a negative one appears.

```
total = 0
for number in [1,5,-3,4,1]:
    if(number>=0):
        total += number
    else:
        break

print(total)
```

```
In [81]: total = 0
    ...: for number in [1,5,-3,4,1]:
    ...:     if(number>=0):
    ...:         total += number
    ...:     else:
    ...:         break
    ...:
    ...:
    ...: print(total)
6
```

Example of continue

- Add all positive numbers and ignore the negative.

```
total = 0
for number in [1,5,-3,4,1]:
    if(number<0):
      continue

    total += number
print(total)
```

```
In [83]: total = 0
    ...: for number in [1,5,-3,4,1]:
    ...:     if(number<0):
    ...:       continue
    ...:
    ...:     total += number
    ...:
    ...: print(total)
11
```

Better program ...

- Add all positive numbers and ignore the negative.

```
total = 0
for number in [1,5,-3,4,1]:
    if(number>=0):
      total += number
print(total)
```

```
In [83]: total = 0
    ...: for number in [1,5,-3,4,1]:
    ...:     if(number<0):
    ...:       continue
    ...:
    ...:     total += number
    ...:
    ...: print(total)
11
```

The Loop Else Clause

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

```
while condition :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
else:
    sentencea
    sentenceb
Next sentence
(outside while block)
```

```
for variable in sequence :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
else:
    sentencea
    sentenceb
Next sentence (outside
for block)
```

The Loop Else Clause

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

```
number = 14
factor = 2
while factor < number :
    if number % factor == 0 :
        print "Number {} is not a prime number".format(number)
        break
    else:
        factor = factor + 1
else:
    print "Number {} is prime".format(number)
```

```
Number 14 is not a prime number
```

The Loop Else Clause

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

```
number = 13
# Note: range(a,b) produces a list of numbers from a to n-1
print range(2, number)
for factor in range(2,number) :
    if number % factor == 0 :
        print "Number {} is not a prime number".format(number)
        break
else: # this block is executed when the loop for exits without break
    print "Number {} is prime".format(number)
```

```
[2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]
Number 13 is prime
```

Function Definition

"return x" returns the value and ends the function exectution

```
def functionName (argument1, argument2, …) :
    sentence1
    sentence2
    …
```

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

```
max(3,5)
```

```
3
```

Parameters: Defaults

- Parameters can be assigned default values
- They are overridden if a parameter is given for them

```
def double(x=0):
    return(2*x)
```

```
double()
```

```
0
```

```
double(10)
```

```
20
```

Parameters: Named

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

```
In [7]: def myPrint(a,b,c):
            print a,b,c

In [8]: myPrint(c=10, a=2, b=14)
        2 14 10

In [9]: myPrint(3, c=2, b=19)
        3 19 2
```

Exercise

- Write a Python function that computes the factorial of a number. If the input is negative, print “Error”. If there is no input, the function should compute the factorial of zero.

Exercise. Solution

Default value

docstring

```
def factorial(x=0):
    """Compute the factorial of a number"""
    if(x<0):
        print('Error in factorial')
    elif(x==0):
        return(1)
    else:
        return(x*factorial(x-1))
```

When no value is returned, **None** is returned

```
In [58]: print(factorial(-3))
Error in factorial
None

In [59]: print(factorial())
1

In [60]: print(factorial(0))
1

In [61]: print(factorial(3))
6

In [62]: print(factorial.__doc__)
Compute the factorial of a number
```

Exercise

- Define a function *myDif* that returns:
  - If (a-b)>0 then (a-b)
  - Otherwise b-a
- Both *a* and *b* should have default values of 0
- You need to use *if*
- Try the following function calls and see what happens:
  - myDif(1,2)
  - myDif(2,1)
  - myDif(2)
  - myDif(b=2,a=1)

Exercise. Solution

In [18]:
```
def myDif(a=0, b=0):
    result = a-b
    if (result>0):
        return(result)
    else:
        return(-result)

print(myDif(1,2))
print(myDif(2,1))
print(myDif(2))
print(myDif(b=2,a=1))
```

```
1
1
2
1
```

Functions are first class objects

- Can be assigned to a variable

  x = max
- Can be returned from a function
- Can be passed as a parameter

```
def i_compute_things(f,a,b):
    return(f(a,b))
```

```
In [89]: i_compute_things(max,1,3)
Out[89]: 3
```

Anonymous Functions

- A lambda expression returns a function object
- The body can only be a simple expression, not complex statements

```
>>> f = lambda x,y : x + y
>>> f(2,3)
5
```

Equivalent to:

```
def f(x,y):
  return(x+y)
```

List comprehensions

```
def double(x):
    """It multiplies x by 2"""
    return(2*x)

def even(x):
   """It checks if x is even"""
   return(x % 2 == 0)

lst = range(10)
print("Applying double to all elements in {}".format(list(lst)))
print([double(a) for a in lst])

print("Filtering / selecting even elements in {}".format(list(lst)))
print([a for a in lst if even(a)])
```

```
Applying double to all elements in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18]
Filtering / selecting even elements in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

List comprehensions

- They are equivalent to loops, but more elegant

```
def double(x):
    return(2*x)

def even(x):
    return(x % 2 == 0)
```

```
lst = range(10)
```

The following is a list transformation with a list comprehension (each element is doubled)

```
result = [double(a) for a in lst]
print(result)
```

```
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18]
```

The previous list comprehension is equivalent to the following loop:

```
result = []
for element in lst:
    result.append(double(element))
print(result)
```

```
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18]
```

List comprehensions

List comprehensions can also be used for filtering (selecting) elements in a list that fulfill some condition. For instance, the following list comprehension filters all even elements in the list.

```
lst = range(10)

result = [a for a in lst if even(a)]
print(result)

# The previous list comprehension is equivalent to this loop
result = []
for element in lst:
    if(even(element)):
        result.append(element)

print(result)
```

```
In [96]: lst = range(10)
    ...:
    ...: result = [a for a in lst if even(a)]
    ...: print(result)
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]

In [97]: result = []
    ...: for element in lst:
    ...:     if(even(element)):
    ...:         result.append(element)
    ...:
    ...:
    ...: print(result)
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

Exercises

1. Use a list comprehension to compute the length of the words in a list
2. Use a list comprehension to convert all the words in hobbit_words to lowercase

```
In [71]: hobbit_words = 'In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit'.split(' ')
In [72]: hobbit_words
Out[72]: ['In', 'a', 'hole', 'in', 'the', 'ground', 'there', 'lived', 'a', 'Hobbit']
```

3. Use a list comprehension to filter the positive numbers in a list of numbers

Exercises. Solution

```
hobbit_words = 'In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit'.split(' ')
hobbit_words_length = [len(w) for w in hobbit_words]

hobbit_words_lower = [w.lower() for w in hobbit_words]
print(hobbit_words_lower)

numbers = [0, 1, -1, -2, 3, -5, 6]
positives = [n for n in numbers if n>0]
print(positives)
```

```
In [63]: hobbit_words = 'In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit'.split(' ')

In [64]: hobbit_words_lower = [w.lower() for w in hobbit_words]

In [65]: print(hobbit_words_lower)
['in', 'a', 'hole', 'in', 'the', 'ground', 'there', 'lived', 'a', 'hobbit']

In [66]: numbers = [0, 1, -1, -2, 3, -5, 6]

In [67]: positives = [n for n in numbers if n>0]

In [68]: print(positives)
[1, 3, 6]
```

Reducing lists

- Reducing: from a list to a single value
- How to compute, for instance, the sum of the numbers in a list

```
: numbers = [1, 7, 10, 2, 9, 8]
```

```
: # Adding a list of numbers using a loop
sum = 0
for number in numbers:
    sum = sum + number

print(sum)
```

```
37
```

```
: # Adding a list of numbers using reduce
from functools import reduce
sum = reduce(lambda x,y:x+y, numbers)

print(sum)
```

```
37
```

Exercises

- Compute the product of all elements in a list of numbers using reduce
- Concatenate all words in a list of words using reduce

Exercises

- Compute the product of all elements in a list of numbers using reduce

```
from functools import reduce
numbers = [1,  2, 3, 5, 6]
product = reduce(lambda x,y: x*y, numbers)
print(product)
```

Exercises

- Concatenate all words in a list of words using reduce

```
from functools import reduce
hobbit_words = 'In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit'.split(' ')
print(hobbit_words)
print(reduce(lambda x,y: x+" "+y, hobbit_words))
```

```
In [81]: from functools import reduce
In [82]: hobbit_words = 'In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit'.split(' ')
In [83]: print(hobbit_words)
['In', 'a', 'hole', 'in', 'the', 'ground', 'there', 'lived', 'a', 'Hobbit']
In [84]: print(reduce(lambda x,y: x+" "+y, hobbit_words))
In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit
```

Exercise

- Let us suppose that we have three lists of words. Compute the unique words in the three lists (hint: use reduce and sets)
- A list comprehension can be used to compute a set for each sentence.
- Reduce can be used to do the union (|) of all sets

```
sentences = ['In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit',
             'It was the best of times it was the worst of times',
             'Somewhere in La Mancha in a place whose name I do not
care to remember']
```

Solution

```
sentences = ['In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit',
             'It was the best of times it was the worst of times',
             'Somewhere in La Mancha in a place whose name I do not care to remember']

sentences_to_sets = [set(s.lower().split()) for s in sentences]
print(sentences_to_sets)

unique_words = reduce(lambda x,y: x|y, sentences_to_sets)
print(unique_words)

# Lists can be sorted, sets cannot
print(sorted(list(unique_words)))
```

```
sentences = ['In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit',
             'It was the best of times it was the worst of times',
             'Somewhere in La Mancha in a place whose name I do not care to remember']


sentences_to_sets = [set(s.lower().split()) for s in sentences]

print(sentences_to_sets)
[{'lived', 'hobbit', 'in', 'hole', 'ground', 'there', 'a', 'the'}, {'it', 'times', 'worst', 'of', 'best', 'the', 'was'}, {'remember', 'name', 'care', 'not', 'la', 'to', 'in', 'whose', 'somewhere', 'mancha', 'i', 'a', 'do', 'place'}]

unique_words = reduce(lambda x,y: x|y, sentences_to_sets)

print(unique_words)
{'it', 'care', 'hobbit', 'la', 'times', 'to', 'whose', 'worst', 'there', 'a', 'best', 'place', 'was', 'remember', 'name', 'lived', 'not', 'in', 'hole', 'do', 'somewhere', 'ground', 'mancha', 'i', 'of', 'the'}

# Lists can be sorted, sets cannot

print(sorted(list(unique_words)))
['a', 'best', 'care', 'do', 'ground', 'hobbit', 'hole', 'i', 'in', 'it', 'la', 'lived', 'mancha', 'name', 'not', 'of', 'place', 'remember', 'somewhere', 'the', 'there', 'times', 'to', 'was', 'whose', 'worst']
```

Writing and reading files

In [20]:
```
mySentence = "Number three is {}".format(3)
print(mySentence)
# Now, we open file "myFile.txt" for writing
mf = open("myFile.txt", "w")
# Then we write the sentence
mf.write(mySentence)
# Finally, we close the file
mf.close()

# Now, we open the file for reading
mf = open("myfile.txt", "r")
# We read the whole file into variable sentenceFromFile
sentenceFromFile = mf.read()
# We close the file
mf.close()

# And print the sentence, in order to checke whether it is the original sentence
print(sentenceFromFile)
```

```
Number three is 3
Number three is 3
```

Files: Input

inflobj = open(‘data’, ‘r’)	Open the file ‘data’ for input.
S = inflobj.read()	Read whole file into one String
S = inflobj.read(N)	Reads N bytes (N >= 1)
L = inflobj.readlines()	Returns a list of line strings

Files: Input

Example for reading the whole file into variable *strings*

```
my_file = open(“data.txt”, “r”)
strings = my_file.read()
my_file.close()
```

Files: Input

Example for reading line by line into my_line and then printint it:

```
my_file = open(“data.txt”, “r”)
for line in my_file:
    print(line)
my_file.close()
```

Files: Output

outflobj = open(‘data’, ‘w’)	Open the file ‘data’ for writing
outflobj.write(S)	Writes the string S to file
outflobj.writelines(L)	Writes each of the strings in list L to file
outflobj.close()	Closes the file

Files: Output

```
in_file = open('data.txt', 'r')
out_file = open('output.txt', 'w')
for line in in_file:
    out_file.write('prefix101-'+line+'\n')
my_file.close()
```

EXTRA

Shallow copy vs. deep copy

- Deep copy: it creates two completely different objects
- Shallow copy: it copies only the references to the objects in the list

Shallow copy vs. deep copy

- Reminder: this is not a copy, xs and ys are exactly the same object:

  xs = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]

  ys = xs

- Shallow copy:

  ys = xs.copy()

Shallow copy vs. deep copy

```
>>> xs = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
>>> ys = xs.copy()
>>> xs[0] = [10,20,30]
>>> print(xs)
>>> print(ys)
[[10, 20, 30], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```

Shallow copy vs. deep copy

```
>>> xs = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
>>> ys = xs.copy()
>>> xs[0][0] = 10
>>> print(xs)
>>> print(ys)
[[10, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
[[10, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```

Shallow copy vs. **deep copy**

```
>>> xs = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
>>> ys = xs.copy()
>>> xs[0][0] = 10
>>> print(xs)
>>> print(ys)
[[10, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```