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# CSC 6000

## Week 2

Number Theory and Binary Logarithms

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Basic Programming Concepts and Discrete Mathematics - Dr. Paulo Fernandes

# Presentation Agenda

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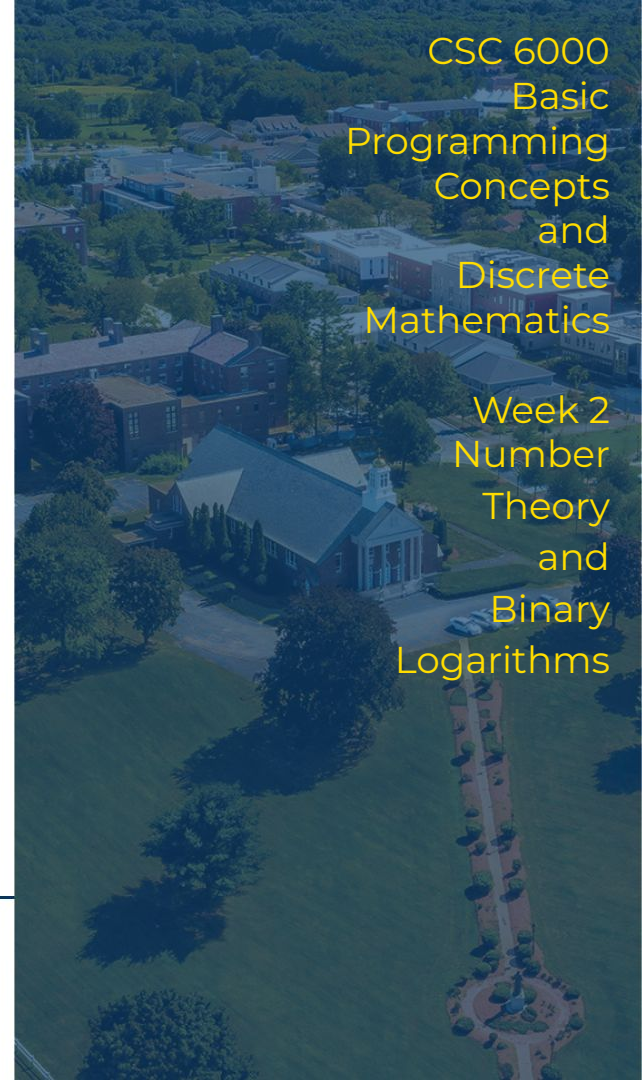
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# Number Theory

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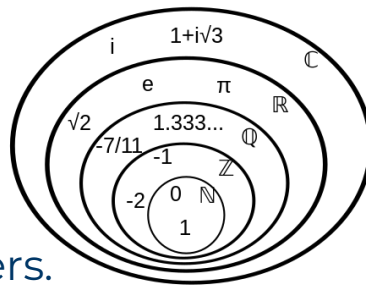
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# Numbers



Natural numbers were created by God, everything else is the work of men.

*Leopold Kronecker*

XIX century German Mathematician

$\mathbb{N}$  - represents the Natural numbers.  
It generally includes 0.

The Romans didn't have it, and they managed to conquer a large empire.

It is preferable to be explicit if you want to consider the zero or not:

- $\mathbb{N}^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$
- $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{Z}$  - the Integer (whole) numbers

$\mathbb{Q}$  - the Rational numbers

$\mathbb{R}$  - the Real numbers

$\mathbb{C}$  - the Complex numbers



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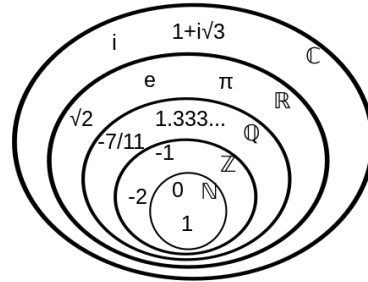
Wikipedia: [Numbers](#).

# Numbers

**N** - very important in discrete mathematics

**Z** - almost all programming languages deal with Integers

**R** - almost all programming languages deal with floating points, representing Reals



In Python:

- Integers: **int**
  - **int(5)**
  - **int(5.4)**
  - **int(5.8)**
  - **int(33 / 4)**
- Reals: **float**
  - **float(5)**
  - **float(33 / 4)**
  - **float(33 // 4)**

In Python Integers are limitless!

(try **`2 ** 10000`**)

In Python, Reals are limited by the precision and size!

(try **`1 / 3`**, then try **`(10000 / 3)`**, then try **`(1 / 3) * 10000`**)

Special cases

**`inf`** - **`1.5 ** 10000`**  
**`float("inf")`**  
**`nan`** - **`1.5 / 0`**  
**`float("nan")`**



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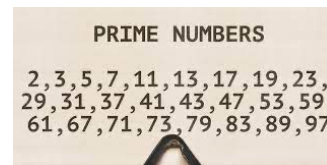
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# Prime and Composite Numbers

- We are talking about Natural numbers
  - There is zero (0) and there is one (1)
  - There are **prime** numbers, numbers that exist by themselves. A number is prime if:
    - It is not the product of other numbers;
    - It is only divisible by 1 and itself;
  - There are the composite numbers, numbers that are a product of two or more prime numbers (with repetition):
    - they are:
      - $4 = 2 * 2$       •  $9 = 3 * 3$       •  $14 = 2 * 7$       •  $20 = 2 * 2 * 5$
      - $6 = 2 * 3$       •  $10 = 2 * 5$       •  $16 = 2 * 2 * 2 * 2$       •  $21 = 3 * 7$
      - $8 = 2 * 2 * 2$       •  $12 = 2 * 2 * 3$       •  $18 = 2 * 3 * 3$       • ...

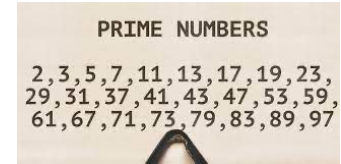
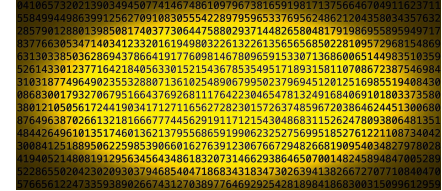
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# Python Prime Detector

How can you make a Python program that discovers if a number is prime?

- You need decisions
  - Python command ***if elif else***
- You might need arrays
  - Python ***lists***
- You need iteration
  - Python ***for*** or ***while*** loops
- You need some planning
  - How to do it?
  - How to make it scalable?
  - How to not waste time?



```
num = int(input("Enter an Natural number: "))
if num > 1:
    for i in range(2, int(num/2)+1):
        if (num % i) == 0:
            print(num, "is not a prime number")
            break
        else:
            print(num, "is a prime number")
else:
    print(num, "is not a prime number")
```

(Intentionally too small!)



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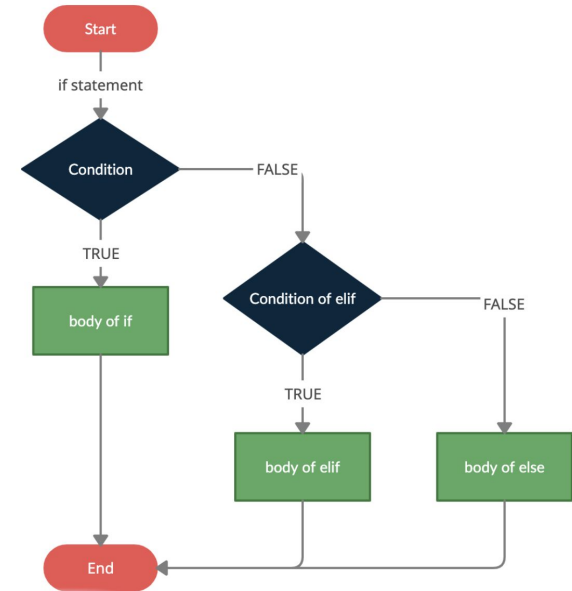
In programming there is always another right way to do it ... and many more wrong ways too.



# Python command *if elif else*



- Three usual syntaxes for conditionals:
  - **if** <condition 1>:  
    <commands if condition 1 is True>
  - **if** <condition 1>:  
    <commands if condition 1 is True>  
**else:**  
    <commands if condition 1 is False>
  - **if** <condition 1>:  
    <commands if condition 1 is True>  
**elif** <condition 2>:  
    <commands if condition 2 is True>  
**else:**  
    <commands if all conditions are False>



# Python command *if elif else*

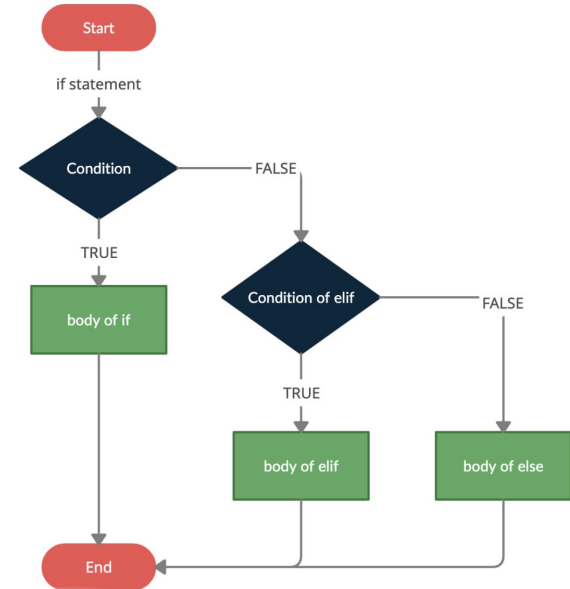
a, b, c = 56, 34, 22

```
if (a > b):  
    print("a is greater than b")
```

```
if (a < b):  
    print("a is smaller than b")  
else:  
    print("a is greater than or equal to b")
```

```
if (a < b + c):  
    print("a is smaller than b and c added")  
elif (b >= c):  
    print("a is greater than b and c added, and b is greater than or equal to c")  
else:  
    print("a is greater than b and c added, and b is smaller than c")
```

Try it!



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There are one-liner versions, but usually this is bad style

[Shorthand if](#) - [Shorthand if else](#)

# Python lists



- A list is an ordered set of variables indexed from 0
  - Python lists of variables of the same kind are arrays:
    - **`a = [0, 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66]`**
    - **`s = ["first", "second", "third"]`**
  - Python lists can also contain different kinds of variables:
    - **`b = ["John", 40, "Paul", 42, "George", 43, "Ringo", 40]`**
  - You can access by index just like for strings:
    - **`a[1]`** is the number **11**
    - **`a[-1]`** is the number **66**
    - **`s[:2]`** is the list **`["first", "second"]`**
    - **`s[1:]`** and **`s[-2:]`** is the list **`["second", "third"]`**
    - **`b[0:-1:2]`** is the list **`["John", "Paul", "George", "Ringo"]`**
  - Concatenation and product operations are available too.



# Python lists

Try it!

- List have some methods of their own that simplify coding, even though they may be slow sometimes...
  - append(<element>)** it appends the element at the end of the list;
  - insert(x, <element>)** it inserts the element at the index **x**;
  - pop(x)** it removes the element at the index **x**;
  - remove(<element>)** it removes the first occurrence of the element from the list;
  - reverse()** it reverses the order of the elements inside the list;
  - sort()** it sorts the elements in ascending order;
  - len(<list>)** counts the number of elements of a list.

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s = ["first", "second", "third"]
b = ["John", 40, "Paul", 42, \
     "George", 43, "Ringo", 40]
c = [77, 88, 99]

d = a[1:] + c + a[0:1]
print(d)
print("a:", len(a), "c:", len(c), "d:", len(d))
s.append("fourth")
print(s)
b.insert(2, "Yoko")
b.insert(3, 33)
print(b)
b.pop(0)
b.pop(0)
print(b)
b.remove("George")
b.remove(43)
print(b)
s.reverse()
print(s)
s.sort()
print(s)
print("s:", len(s))
```



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Text: [Python Lists Methods](#).

# Python for Loops



## Definite Loop

- **for** <variable> **in** <list>:  
    <commands>      `for i in [0,1,2,3,4]:`  
                            `print(i)`
- The <variable> will be of the same type as the elements of the <list>
- The list can be expressed as:
  - An explicit list      `seq = [0,1,2,3,4]`
  - A list variable      `for i in seq:`
  - A function returning a list      `print(i)`
- Usually: **range**(...)      `for i in range(5):`  
                                    `print(i)`

- **range**(<stop>)
  - **range(5)** is equivalent to [0,1,2,3,4]
  - **range(11)** is equivalent to [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
- **range**(<start>,<stop>)
  - **range(1,11)** is equivalent to [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
  - **range(5,15)** is equivalent to [5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14]
  - **range(-2,4)** is equivalent to [-2,-1,0,1,2,3]
- **range**(<start>,<stop>,<step>)
  - **range(1,10,2)** is equivalent to [1,3,5,7,9]
  - **range(1,11,2)** is equivalent to [1,3,5,7,9]
  - **range(9,-1,-1)** is equivalent to [9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,0]
  - **range(15,3,-3)** is equivalent to [15,12,9,6]



# Python *for* Loops

## Definite Loop

- ***for*** <variable> ***in*** <list>:  
    <commands>
- Loops are meant to pass by several instances of a list;
  - even a string is a list of characters;
- The use of the built-in function ***range*** can be used to generate values within a list, or to generate indexes to access values of a list;
- Loops can be nested.

Try it!



```
for v in [1, 9, 2, 6, 0, 5, 3, 8, 4, 7]:
    print(v)

a = [5, 3, 8, 4, 7, 1, 9, 2, 6, 0]
for v in a:
    print(v)

for c in "definite_loop":
    print(c)

a = [3, 2, 5, 6, 9, 4, 8, 0, 7, 1]
for i in range(10):
    print(a[i])

for v in range(10):
    print(v)

for v in range(5, 15):
    print(v)

for v in range(0, 20, 2):
    print(v)

a = [3, 2, 5, 6, 9, 4, 8, 0, 7, 1]
for i in range(10):
    print(a[i])

for v in range(9, -1, -1):
    print(a[i])

for v in range(9, -1, -1):
    print(i)

for v in range(5):
    for w in range(4):
        print(v,w)
```





# Python *while* Loops



The **break** command

- **while** <condition>:  
    <commands>
- The <commands> are executed if the <condition> is *True* and they keep being repeated until the <condition> stops being *True*;
- Everything that can be done with a **for** loop can also be done by a **while** loop (and vice-versa, because of the **break** command).

Indefinite Loop

```
v = 0
while (v<10):
    print(v)
    v += 1
```

```
for v in range(10):
    print(v)
```

```
a = [3, 8, 2, 0, 7, 5]
for i in range(len(a)):
    if (a[i] == 0):
        break
    else:
        print(a[i])
```

```
a = [3, 8, 2, 0, 7, 5]
i = 0
while (i < len(a)) and (a[i] != 0):
    print(a[i])
```



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# Is it prime?

Try it for 23, 59, 121, 189871, 191161,  
9876542103, and 31381059607.

- Given a user-input number  $n$ , how can we compute if it is prime?
  - get the user's input
  - for all numbers smaller than  $n$  and greater than 1, is  $n$  a multiple of this number?
    - $n$  is a multiple of  $m$  if, and only if,  $n \% m$  is equal to zero;
  - if there are no multiples, it is prime!

```
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
noMultiples = True
for i in range(n-1, 1, -1):
    if (n % i) == 0:
        noMultiples = False
        break
if (noMultiples):
    print(n, "is a prime")
else:
    print(n, "is a composite")
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  - for all numbers smaller than  $n$  and greater than 1, is  $n$  a multiple of this number?
    - but  $n$  cannot be multiple of something greater than its half.

```
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
noMultiples = True
for i in range(n//2, 1, -1):
    if (n % i) == 0:
        noMultiples = False
        break
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# What is the LCM?

- Given user-input numbers ***n*** and ***m***, how can we compute its **least common multiple (LCM)**?
  - A number that is the smallest Integer that is multiple of ***n*** and ***m***:
    - greater than ***n*** and ***m*** and smaller than or equal to ***n* \* *m***



```
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))
m = int(input("Enter another number: "))
if (n < m):
    initial = m
else:
    initial = n
for i in range(initial, (n*m)+1):
    if ((i % n) == 0) and ((i % m) == 0):
        print("The LCM between", n, "and", m, "is", i)
        break
```

Try it for 6 and 8,  
then for 7 and 9,  
then for 17 and 81, and  
then for 567 and 1344.

... and there is always room for improvement!



# Number systems

How many fingers do you have?

What is the difference between a number and its written form?

We will briefly see how to read numbers using different number systems, and because we are in Computer Science, we will pay further attention to binary and its operations, up to logarithm:

- **Decimal and Binary**
  - Binary logarithms
- Octal and Hexadecimal





# Ideas and Expressions

- What is a dog?
  - Is it a three letter word: *d*, *o*, and *g*? Or is it an animal with four legs, ears, tail, eyes, mouth, snout, fur, and everything else we associate with the idea of a dog?
  - A specific dog is a very palpable thing, but the idea of a dog, not so much...
- With numbers this is also true, even a little more than for dogs, since numbers are pure abstract things.
  - Four dogs are palpable, but what about the number four itself?
    - What is the number four?

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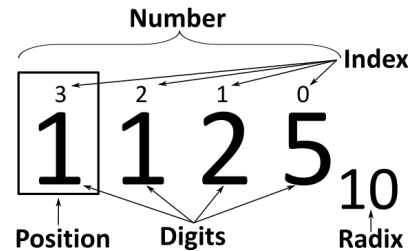
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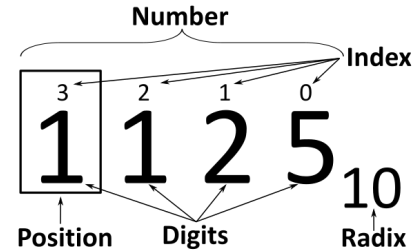
# Decimal Number System

- Since Leonardo Fibonacci (*Liber Abaci*, 1202, Pisa) the Western world adopted the Arabic numbers documented by Al-Khwarizmi (Bagda, 820)
  - A decimal representation of numbers using digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9
  - 4 means four (4 times 1)
    - 4 times  $10^0$
  - 14 means fourteen (1 times 10 plus 4 times 1)
    - 1 times  $10^1$  plus 4 times  $10^0$
  - 41 means forty one (4 times 10 plus 1 times 1)
    - 4 times  $10^1$  plus 1 times  $10^0$
  - 423 means four hundred twenty three
    - 4 times  $10^2$  plus 2 times  $10^1$  plus 3 times  $10^0$



# Positional Numeral System

- The most common one is the **decimal** system that uses the number **ten** as radix, with digits from **0** to **9**.
  - These are the numbers you've known for your whole life.
- But what if the radix is number two, with digits **0** and **1**?
  - (a bit is a amount of information holding 0 or 1)
- This is the **binary** system, extensively used in computers:
  - **100** means four because it is:
    - 1 times  $2^2$  plus 0 times  $2^1$  plus 0 times  $2^0$
  - **1101** means thirteen because it is:
    - 1 times  $2^3$  plus 1 times  $2^2$  plus 0 times  $2^1$  plus 1 times  $2^0$



Binary										Decimal			
MSB					LSB								
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	0	0
$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$				$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=	0	0	0



# The Binary System

- The basic operations on binary numbers are the same as in any system:

- Sum:

- $0 + 0 = 0$
- $0 + 1 = 1$
- $1 + 1 = 10$
- $1 + 1 + 1 = 11$

- Multiplication:

- $1 * 0 = 0$
- $1 * 1 = 1$

Decimal	Binary
7	00000111
5	+ 00000101
Carry	00001110
12	00001100

Decimal	Binary
10	1010
x 11	x 1011
	1010
	1010
	0000
	1010
110	1101110

- Multiplicand
- Multiplier
- Partial product 1
- Partial product 2
- Partial product 3
- Partial product 4

Binary	Decimal
MSB 00000000 LSB	= 000
$2^7 2^6 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0$	$10^2 10^1 10^0$
$0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0$	$= 0 + 0 + 0$

$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
= 128	= 64	= 32	= 16	= 8	= 4	= 2	= 1

$$16 + 2 + 1 = 19$$

10101010011111111010001001001101101
100111101100101110111010100010100101
111111110011010000110010101010000001
011011001000001100011110100110001101
100011100100111011100011011001111110
10110010100011000010101111000010010
110001110010100100001001111011010101
100110010010111000001100011000101011
0011001111101000010010100100001000011
010101101010000100110100010010101001
011111001000101110001010011001001011
011000010110001010101011001101000001



# The Binary System

- In Python you can have a number expressed in binary using binary literals:
  - **0b10** or **0B10** are both the number two expressed in binary;
  - the built-in function **bin(n)** converts the number **n** into a *string* holding the prefix **0b** and the bits (**0** and **1**'s) of binary representation of **n**.

Try it!

```
a = 0b10      # which is two
b = 0b1100    # which is twelve
c = 0B101     # which is five
```

```
print("This should be two:", a)
print("This should be twenty four:", a * b)
print("This should be seven:", a + c)
print("This should be fifty:", c * 10)
```

```
twoInBinary = bin(2)
twelveInBinary = bin(12)
fiveInBinary = bin(5)
```

```
print()
print("This should be two in binary with preamble:", twoInBinary)
print("This should be twelve in binary with preamble:", twelveInBinary)
print("This should be five in binary with preamble:", fiveInBinary)
```

```
print()
print("This should be two in binary:", twoInBinary[2:])
print("This should be twelve in binary:", twelveInBinary[2:])
print("This should be five in binary:", fiveInBinary[2:])
```

There are 10 types of people in this world, those who understand binary and those who don't!



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- Decimal and Binary
  - **Binary logarithms**
- Octal and Hexadecimal





# Powers of 2

Knowing the powers of two is the hallmark of Computer Scientists, and for many reasons.

One of the reasons is to refer to storage size.

Another reason is because many algorithmic decisions rely on splitting problems in two, which leads us to binary logarithms.

## Powers of 2

ones	kilos	megas	gigas	teras	petas
$2^0 = 1$	$2^{10} = 1,024$	$2^{20} = 1\text{M}$	$2^{30} = 1\text{G}$	$2^{40} = 1\text{T}$	$2^{50} = 1\text{P}$
$2^1 = 2$	$2^{11} = 2,048$	$2^{21} = 2\text{M}$	$2^{31} = 2\text{G}$	$2^{41} = 2\text{T}$	$2^{51} = 2\text{P}$
$2^2 = 4$	$2^{12} = 4,096$	$2^{22} = 4\text{M}$	$2^{32} = 4\text{G}$	$2^{42} = 4\text{T}$	$2^{52} = 4\text{P}$
$2^3 = 8$	$2^{13} = 8,192$	$2^{23} = 8\text{M}$	$2^{33} = 8\text{G}$	$2^{43} = 8\text{T}$	$2^{53} = 8\text{P}$
$2^4 = 16$	$2^{14} = 16,384$	$2^{24} = 16\text{M}$	$2^{34} = 16\text{G}$	$2^{44} = 16\text{T}$	$2^{54} = 16\text{P}$
$2^5 = 32$	$2^{15} = 32,768$	$2^{25} = 32\text{M}$	$2^{35} = 32\text{G}$	$2^{45} = 32\text{T}$	$2^{55} = 32\text{P}$
$2^6 = 64$	$2^{16} = 65,536$	$2^{26} = 64\text{M}$	$2^{36} = 64\text{G}$	$2^{46} = 64\text{T}$	$2^{56} = 64\text{P}$
$2^7 = 128$	$2^{17} = 128\text{K}$	$2^{27} = 128\text{M}$	$2^{37} = 128\text{G}$	$2^{47} = 128\text{T}$	$2^{57} = 128\text{P}$
$2^8 = 256$	$2^{18} = 256\text{K}$	$2^{28} = 256\text{M}$	$2^{38} = 256\text{G}$	$2^{48} = 256\text{T}$	$2^{58} = 256\text{P}$
$2^9 = 512$	$2^{19} = 512\text{K}$	$2^{29} = 512\text{M}$	$2^{39} = 512\text{G}$	$2^{49} = 512\text{T}$	$2^{59} = 512\text{P}$



# Logarithms

In mathematics every operation has its opposite:

- Sums are the opposite of subtraction;
- Multiplications are the opposite of division;
- Power is like the opposite of logarithms.

If a number ***b*** power a number ***x*** is equal to ***n***, then the logarithm of ***n*** base ***b*** is ***x***.

- $\log_{10}(1000) = 3$  (decimal or common log)
- $\log_2(1024) = 10$  (binary log)
- $\log_{2.718281}(100) = 4.60517$  (natural log)
- $\log_5(15625) = 6$  (logarithm base 5)

$$\log_b(n) = x \iff b^x = n$$

One particular comfortable logarithm for numeric handling is the one with base ***e*** (Euler's number) which is a non rational number equal to 2.718281...

One can use this logarithm property to find logarithms of any base:

$$\log_b x = \frac{\log_k x}{\log_k b}$$



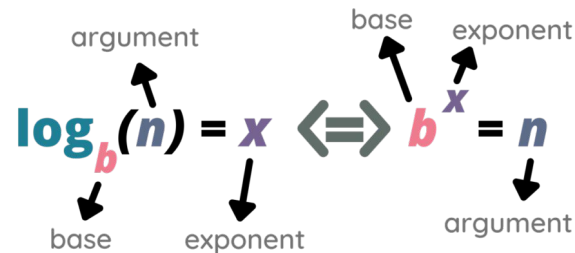
# Logarithms

In Python you can use the **math** module which has the functions **log(n)**, **log2(n)**, and **log10(n)** to compute the natural, binary and decimal (common) logarithms.

The **math** module has other cool stuff about mathematics, like some irrational numbers constants like pi ( $\pi$ ) and Euler's number (**e**).



$$\log_b x = \frac{\log_k x}{\log_k b}$$



```
import math
```

```
print(math.pi)  
print(math.e)
```

```
print()  
print("common log of 1000:", math.log10(1000))  
print("binary log of 1024:", math.log2(1024))  
print("natural log of 100:", math.log(100))
```

```
a = math.log(15625) / math.log(5)  
print("log base 5 of 15625:", a)
```

Try it!



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Text: [The math module](#).

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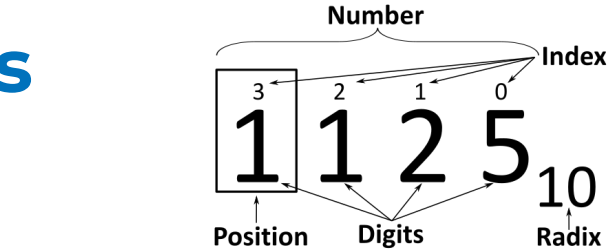
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# The Other Number Systems

In Computer Science, other number systems with bases that are powers of two are frequently employed as a way to summarize strings of bits.

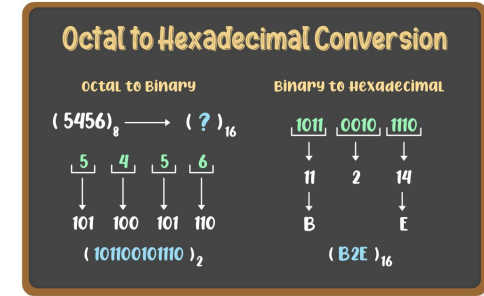


- Octal system, representing 3 bits:
    - base: 8
    - digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7
  - Hexadecimal (Hex) system, representing 4 bits:
    - base: 16
    - digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, and F
- eight in Octal: 10
  - fifteen in Octal: 17
  - eighty in Octal: 120
- twelve in Hex: C
  - fifteen in Hex: F
  - sixteen in Hex: 10
  - eighty in Hex: 50



# Octal and Hex to Binary

Because Octal and Hex were made to summarize strings of bits, which are actually binary, the conversion towards binary representation is pretty straightforward:



- for Octal, each octal digit becomes three bits ( $8 = 2^3$ )
  - Octal 10 becomes: 001 000
  - Octal 17 becomes: 001 111
  - Octal 120 becomes: 001 010 000
- for Hex, each hex digit becomes four bits ( $16 = 2^4$ )
  - Hex C becomes: 1100
  - Hex F becomes: 1111
  - Hex 10 becomes: 0001 0000
  - Hex 50 becomes: 0101 0000
- eight in Octal: 10
- fifteen in Octal: 17
- eighty in Octal: 120
- twelve in Hex: C
- fifteen in Hex: F
- sixteen in Hex: 10
- eighty in Hex: 50





# Octal and Hex in Python

- In Python you can express a number in octal and hex using literals:
  - **0o10** or **0O10** are both the number eight expressed in octal;
  - **0x10** or **0X10** are both the number sixteen expressed in hex;
  - the built-in functions **oct(n)** converts the number **n** into a *string* holding the prefix **0o** and the digits of octal representation of **n**;
  - the built-in functions **hex(n)** converts the number **n** into a *string* holding the prefix **0x** and the digits of hex representation of **n**;

Try it!

```
print("This should be 16 / 16:", a / b)
print("This should be 74 + 16", b + c)

twelveInOctal = bin(12)
twoHundredFiftyFiveInHex = hex(255)
print()
print("This should be twelve in octal with preamble:", twelveInOctal)
print("This should be two hundred fifty five in Hex:", twoHundredFiftyFiveInHex[2:])
```



# This Week's tasks

- Post discussion D#2
- Coding Project P#2
- Quiz Q#2

## Tasks

- Post in the discussion how strange was the number systems to you, and which of the topics seen today was more surprising to you.
- Coding Project #2, converting bases.
- Quiz #2 about this week topics.



# Post Discussion - Week 2 - D#2

Post in the discussion how strange were the number systems to you, and which of the topics seen today was more surprising to you.

- You might be aware that there were different number systems, but does it mean that you can reason in numbers coded in different bases?
- Which among the topics shown today was more surprising to you?
  - Use personal opinions, but justify your opinion with technical reasons.

Your task:

- Post your discussion in the message board by this Monday;
- Reply to posts of your colleagues in the message board by next Thursday.



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This task counts towards the Discussions grade.

# Second Coding Project - Week 2 - P#2

- Write a Python program that:
  - Asks the user a number as a string (it's ok to set a max number of digits);
  - Asks the user for the base (an Integer from 2 to 16);
  - With that information, your program should compute the binary and decimal representations of the number, then print it out as a string.
  - For example, if the user enters: **FA** and **16**, your program should print out:
    - **"FA in base 16 is: 250 in base 10 and 11111010 in base 2"**
  - If the user enters: **34** and **5**, your program should print:
    - **"34 in base 5 is: 19 in base 10 and 10011 in base 2"**

Your task:

- Go to Canvas, and submit your Python file (.py) within the deadline:
  - The deadline for this assignment is Next Thursday.



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This assignment counts towards the  
Projects grade.

# Second Quiz - Week 2 - Q#2

- The second quiz in this course covers the topics of Week 2.
- The quiz will be available this Saturday, and it is composed of 10 questions.
- The quiz should be taken on Canvas (Module 2), and it is not timed.
  - You can take as long as you want to answer it.
- The quiz is open book, open notes, and you can even use any language interpreter to answer it.
- However, the quiz is evaluated and you are allowed to submit it only once.

Your task:

- Go to Canvas, answer the quiz and submit it within the deadline:
  - The deadline for the quiz is Next Thursday.



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This quiz counts towards  
the Quizzes grade.

” **We are in Week 2 of CSC 6000**

- **Post discussion D#2 by Monday, reply to colleagues by next Thursday;**
  - **Do quiz Q#2 (available Saturday) by next Thursday;**
  - **Develop coding project P#2 by next Thursday.**
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**Next Week - Arithmetic and Geometric Progressions, Summations**



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