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## Problem set # 1

Due: Thursday, September 9th, by 4pm ET

1. Consider the following code:

```
str1 = "advanced"
print(str1)

str2 = "programming"
print(str2)

str = str1 + str2
print(str)

test = "gram" in str
print(test)
print(test)
print(str[3])

str[1] = "p"
print(str)
```

What will be the result of the code? What will be printed to the console?

2. What will be result of the following Python code?

```
print (14 / 4, 14 % 4)
```

- (a) 3.5 3.5
- (b) 3.5 2
- (c) 33
- (d) 2 2
- (e) 3 2
- (f) The program will produce an exception
- 3. Consider the following code containing price data for a few ETFs:

```
tuple1 = ("SPY", "S&P Index", 290.31)
tuple2 = ("XLF", "Financials", 28.33)
tuple3 = ("XLK", "Technology", 75.60)
tuples = [tuple1, tuple2, tuple3]
```

```
spyClose = tuples[x][y]
print(spyClose)
```

What values of x & y enable us to extract the closing value of the S&P (290.31) from the variable tuples?

4. Consider the following set of ETFs:

Ticker	Description
SPY	US Equity
DBC	Commodities
HYG	High Yield
EEM	Emerging Market Equity
EAFE	Europe and East Asia Equity
AGG	US AGG
IAGG	International AGG

- (a) Download data for the set of ETFs on yahoo finance and clean as needed.
- (b) Compute a table with annualized returns and annualized volatilities for the set of ETFs.
- (c) Compute a correlation matrix of daily returns for the set of ETFs.
- (d) Plot the cumulative returns to an investor holding each ETF, as well as an equally weighted portfolio.
- 5. Build an options strategy that replicates selling a put option using a call option and a position in the underlying index. Write functions in Python that compute the payoff function for each component as well as each portfolio and plot the payoffs in Python.