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# Chapter 1

## Functions

### 1.1 bigrange – range-like generator functions

#### 1.1.1 count – count up

`count(n: integer=0 ) → iterator`

Count up infinitely from `n` (default to 0). See [itertools.count](#).

`n` must be int, long or rational.Integer.

#### 1.1.2 range – range-like iterator

`range(start: integer, stop: integer=None, step: integer=1 )  
→ iterator`

Return a range-like iterator which generates a finite integer sequence.

It can generate more than [sys.maxint](#) elements, which is the limitation of the [range](#) built-in function.

The argument names do not correspond to their roles, but users are familiar with the [range](#) built-in function of Python and understand the semantics. Note that the output is not a list.

#### Examples

```
>>> range(1, 100, 3) # built-in
[1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46,
 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70, 73, 76, 79, 82, 85, 88, 91,
```

```

94, 97]
>>> bigrange.range(1, 100, 3)
<generator object at 0x18f8c8>

```

### 1.1.3 arithmetic\_progression – arithmetic progression iterator

**arithmetic\_progression**(init: *integer*, difference: *integer*)  
→ *iterator*

Return an iterator which generates an arithmetic progression starting from `init` and difference `step`.

### 1.1.4 geometric\_progression – geometric progression iterator

**geometric\_progression**(init: *integer*, ratio: *integer*)  
→ *iterator*

Return an iterator which generates a geometric progression starting from `init` and multiplying `ratio`.

### 1.1.5 multirange – multiple range iterator

**multirange**(triples: *list of range triples*) → *iterator*

Return an iterator over Cartesian product of elements of ranges.

Be cautious that using `multirange` usually means you are trying to do brute force looping.

The range triples may be doubles (`start`, `stop`) or single (`stop`,), but they have to be always tuples.

#### Examples

```

>>> bigrange.multirange([(1, 10, 3), (1, 10, 4)])
<generator object at 0x18f968>
>>> list(_)
[(1, 1), (1, 5), (1, 9), (4, 1), (4, 5), (4, 9), (7, 1),
(7, 5), (7, 9)]

```

### 1.1.6 multirange\_restrictions – multiple range iterator with restrictions

```
multirange_restrictions(triples: list of range triples, **kwds: keyword arguments)  
    → iterator
```

`multirange_restrictions` is an iterator similar to the `multirange` but putting restrictions on each ranges.

Restrictions are specified by keyword arguments: `ascending`, `descending`, `strictly_ascending` and `strictly_descending`.

A restriction `ascending`, for example, is a sequence that specifies the indices where the number emitted by the range should be greater than or equal to the number at the previous index. Other restrictions `descending`, `strictly_ascending` and `strictly_descending` are similar. Compare the examples below and of [multirange](#).

#### Examples

```
>>> bigrange.multirange_restrictions([(1, 10, 3), (1, 10, 4)], ascending=(1,))  
<generator object at 0x18f978>  
>>> list(_)  
[(1, 1), (1, 5), (1, 9), (4, 5), (4, 9), (7, 9)]
```