lec2notes

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0.1 Review from last week + homework

- parentheses and order of operations
- more than one way to skin a cat, but one way is usually best
- waltlabtools and Mito install issues
 - Your computer is literally haunted
 - Username is a resolvable URL
 - Transitions Lenses go dark

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[]: import this

The Zen of Python, by Tim Peters

Beautiful is better than ugly.

Explicit is better than implicit.

Simple is better than complex.

Complex is better than complicated.

Flat is better than nested.

Sparse is better than dense.

Readability counts.

Special cases aren't special enough to break the rules.

Although practicality beats purity.

Errors should never pass silently.

Unless explicitly silenced.

In the face of ambiguity, refuse the temptation to guess.

There should be one -- and preferably only one --obvious way to do it.

Although that way may not be obvious at first unless you're Dutch.

Now is better than never.

Although never is often better than *right* now.

If the implementation is hard to explain, it's a bad idea.

If the implementation is easy to explain, it may be a good idea.

Namespaces are one honking great idea -- let's do more of those!

0.2 str

- single or double quotes
- concatenate strings with + or nothing
- len for length of string

- str(var) to convert var to a string
- indexing strings with []
 - indexing for a specific letter
 - slicing
- type()

```
[]: import numpy as np
     str1 = "hello world"
     len(str1)
     str2 = "hello" + "world"
     str2 = "hello" "world"
     len(str2)
     str3 = "abcdefg"
     len(str3)
     str3[2]
     str3[2:5]
     str3[2:]
     str3[:5]
     str3[-1]
     str3[2:-1]
     print("pi is approximately " + np.pi) # raises error
     print("pi is approximately " + np.pi)
```

```
TypeError
                                             Traceback (most recent call last)
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 →pythonminicourse/lec2notes.ipynb Cell 2' in <module>
     <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/tdougan/Dropbox%20%28HMS%29/Research/</pre>
 General/Scientific%20Computing/Python%20Class/pythonminicourse/lec2notes.
 →ipynb#ch0000004?line=14'>15</a> str3[-1]
     <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/tdougan/Dropbox%20%28HMS%29/Research/
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 →ipynb#ch0000004?line=15'>16</a> str3[2:-1]
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 General/Scientific%20Computing/Python%20Class/pythonminicourse/lec2notes.
ipynb#ch0000004?line=16'>17</a> print("pi is approximately " + np.pi) # raise
     <a href='vscode-notebook-cell:/Users/tdougan/Dropbox%20%28HMS%29/Research/
 General/Scientific%20Computing/Python%20Class/pythonminicourse/lec2notes.
 sipynb#ch0000004?line=17'>18</a> print("pi is approximately " + np.pi)
TypeError: can only concatenate str (not "float") to str
```

0.3 list

• create a list with list() or []

- lists can be indexed and sliced
- lists are mutable
- concatenate lists with + or list.extend()
 - list.extend() vs list.append()
- lists can contain anything, even other lists
- so when we wrote np.array([...]), we were saying to make a list of numbers, and then turn it into an array

```
[]: list1 = [] # empty list
    list2 = [1, 5, np.pi, "f"]
    list3 = list(str3)

list3[2] = "C"
    list3.append("h")
    list3.extend(["i", "j", "l"])
    list3.append(["i", "j", "k"])
```

0.4 tuple

- tuples are immutable but their contents don't have to be
- create tuples by separating arguments by commas
- unpacking

```
[]: tuple1 = ()
  tuple2 = 1, "f", 7
  tuple3 = tuple(list2)
  x, y, z = "x", "y", "z"
```

[]: tuple

0.5 dict

- dictionaries have keys and values
 - keys have to be unique and immutable

```
[]: tel = {'jack': 4098, 'sape': 4139}
   tel['guido'] = 4127
   tel
   tel['jack']
   del tel['sape']
   tel['irv'] = 4127
tel.keys()
tel.values()
```

0.6 if statements

- basic structure and syntax: if, else, elif
- examples of tests

```
- comparisons
               * is vs ==
           - automatically convert to boolean
               * bool()
               * and, or, not
               * numbers 0
               * non-empty collections
           - isinstance()
           - in
[]: if 5 < 7:
        print("math works")
     if 5 < 7:
        print("math works")
     else:
         print("math does not work")
     if 5 < 7:
        print("math works")
     elif 5 == 7:
         print("math is broken in a very specific way")
     else:
         print("math does not work")
     print(5 < 7)
     bool(0)
     bool([])
     bool(7)
     bool("hello world")
     x = True
     if x == True:
         print(x)
     if x is True:
        print(x)
     if x:
        print(x)
     \# ask the group: how to test if y is a list?
     if type(y) == list: # bad
        pass # noqa
     if type(y) is list: # slightly better?
```

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pass # noqa
if isinstance(y, list): # good
   pass # noqa

1 in [1, 2, 3]
"l" in "hello world"
"lo" in "hello world"
```

0.7 for loops

- range()
- looping over tuples and lists
- looping over dictionaries: dict.items()
- enumerate()
- don't modify what you're looping over unless you want your life to suck

```
[]: for i in range(10):
         print(i)
     for i in range(4, 10):
        print(i)
     for i in range(4, 10, 2):
        print(i)
     for i in [4, 6, 8]:
         print(i)
     for n, l in enumerate("abcdefg"):
        print(n, 1)
     # what does this code do?
     for key, value in tel.items():
         print(value)
     for key in tel.keys(): # or for key in tel:
         print(tel[key])
     for value in tel.values():
         print(value)
```

0.8 functions

```
[]: def identity_function(x):
         """Returns its argument, unchanged."""
         return x
     def print_type(x):
         """Prints the type of its argument."""
         x_type = type(x)
         print(x_type)
     def is_equal(x, y):
         """Returns True if x==y; False otherwise."""
         x_{qual} = x == y
         return x_equal_y
     def is_equal(x, y):
         """Returns True if x==y; False otherwise."""
         return x == y
     def fon(aeb_):
         """The fraction of beads which are on.
         Converts the average enzymes per bead (AEB) to the fraction of
         on-beads (fon) using Poisson statistics. The formula used is
         fon_{=} = 1 - exp(-aeb_{=}).
         Parameters
         _____
         aeb_ : numeric or array-like
             A scalar or array of the average number of enzymes per bead.
         Returns
         fon_ : same as input, or array
             The fractions of beads which are "on."
         See Also
         _____
         aeb: inverse of fon
         n n n
            return 1 - np.exp(-aeb_)
     def limit_of_detection(blank_signal, inverse_fun=None, sds=3):
         """Computes the limit of detection (LOD).
         Parameters
```

```
blank_signal : array-like
    Signal (e.g., average number of enzymes per bead, AEB) of the
    zero calibrator. Must have at least two elements.
inverse_fun : ``function`` or ``CalCurve``
    The functional form used for the calibration curve. If a
    function, it should accept the measurement reading ('y', e.g.,
    fluorescence) as its only argument and return the value (`x`,
    e.g., concentration). If **inverse_fun** is a ``CalCurve``
    object, the LOD will be calculated from its ``inverse`` method.
sds: numeric, optional
    How many standard deviations above the mean should the
    background should the limit of detection be calculated at?
    Common values include 2.5 (Quanterix), 3 (Walt Lab), and 10
    (lower limit of quantification, LLOQ).
Returns
_____
lod_x : numeric
    The limit of detection, in units of x (e.g., concentration).
.....
mean = np.mean(blank_signal)
stdev = np.std(blank signal)
lod_y = mean + sds * stdev
lod_x = inverse_fun(lod_y)
return lod_x
```

0.9 lambda

```
[]: fon = lambda aeb_: 1 - np.exp(-aeb_)
```

0.10 comprehensions

- list comprehensions
- dictionary comprehensions
- comprehensions are good if they fit on one line; otherwise, use a for loop

```
[]: nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
# how would I make a list of each of these numbers squared?

nums_squared = []
for n in nums:
    nums_squared.append(n**2)

nums_squared = [n**2 for n in nums]
```

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dict_of_nums_squared = {n: n**2 for n in nums}
```

0.11 Brief demo: how waltlabtools is supposed to work