

# Optional Exercise - 3.

1. Submission: write down your answers, and send it to [yqtian@ust.hk](mailto:yqtian@ust.hk)
  - a. The name of the PDF file must be: **COMP1021-EX3\_FirstName\_LastName.pdf**
  - b. It covers contents about loops, logic, sequence, and slicing.
  - c. If any words or sentences are ambiguous, please write down your assumptions clearly.
  - d. If you find any mistakes, please send me an email. Special gifts will be awarded.
  - e. Answers will be released at [https://github.com/yqtianust/COMP1021\\_2024F\\_L13](https://github.com/yqtianust/COMP1021_2024F_L13).
2. The first student (by the timestamp of your email is received) whose score is 100% correct of this exercise will receive a chocolate from Austria!
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## Basic Slicing Questions

1. **Extract a Substring:**  
Given the string `s = "Hello, World!"`, write a slice to extract the word "World".  
  
`s[7:12]`
2. **Reverse a String:**  
How would you reverse the string `s = "Python"` using slicing?  
  
`s[::-1]`
3. **Every Second Character:**  
For the string `s = "abcdefgh"`, how can you create a new string that contains every second character?  
  
`s[::2]`
4. **Last 3 Characters:**  
Using the string `s = "Data Science"`, write a slice that retrieves the last three characters.  
  
`s[-3:]`

## Intermediate Slicing Questions

5. **Slice with Step:**

Given the list `numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]`, write a slice that returns only the even index numbers.

```
numbers[::2]
```

6. **Nested Slicing:**

If you have a list `matrix = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]`, how would you extract the second row?

```
matrix[1]
```

7. **Combine Slices:**

For the string `s = "abcdefghij"`, write a slice to get the substring "cdefg".

```
s[2:7]
```

8. **Negative Indexing:**

How would you use negative indexing to get the substring "end" from the string `s = "trend"`?

```
s[-3:]
```

## Advanced Slicing Questions

9. **Multi-dimensional Slicing:**

~~Given the 2D list `grid = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]`, write a slice to retrieve the last column.~~

```
[row[-1] for row in grid]
```

10. **Slicing with Conditions:**

Write a Python function that takes a list and returns a new list containing only the elements at even indices.

```
def even_indices(lst):
```

```
    return lst[::2]
```

11. **Cyclic Slicing:**

For the string `s = "abcdefg"`, write a slice that wraps around and retrieves "gabc".

```
s[-1] + s[:3]
```

### 12. Slice Assignment:

How would you replace the middle part of the list `lst = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]` with `[99, 100]` using slicing?

```
lst[2:4] = [99, 100]
```

## Challenge Questions

### 13. Palindrome Check:

Write a function that checks if a given string is a palindrome using slicing.

Palindrome means that a string reads the same backwards as forwards, e.g., `abcba`

```
def is_palindrome(s):
```

```
    return s == s[::-1]
```

### 14. Custom Step Slicing:

Write a function that takes a string and an integer `n`, and returns every `n`-th character from the string.

```
def every_nth_char(s, n):
```

```
    return s[:n]
```

### 15. Complex List Slicing:

~~Given the list `data = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]`, write a slice to retrieve the numbers 2, 5, and 8.~~

```
[data[i][1] for i in range(3)]
```

## 2D List Questions

### 1. Retrieve a Row:

Given the 2D list `matrix = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]`, write a slice to retrieve the second row.

```
matrix[1]
```

### ~~2. Retrieve a Column:~~

~~How would you extract the second column from the same `matrix`?~~

```
[row[1] for row in matrix]
```

3. **Submatrix Extraction:**

~~For the matrix `matrix = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]`, write a slice to get the submatrix containing the elements `[[2, 3], [5, 6]]`.~~

4. **Row Slicing:**

Using the 2D list `matrix = [[10, 20, 30], [40, 50, 60], [70, 80, 90]]`, write a slice to get the first two rows.

```
matrix[:2]
```

5. **Diagonal Elements:**

Write a function that returns the diagonal elements of a square 2D list, e.g., `[[1, 2], [3, 4]]` should return `[1, 4]`.

```
def diagonal_elements(matrix):  
  
    return [matrix[i][i] for i in range(len(matrix))]
```

## 3D List Questions

6. **Retrieve a 2D Slice:**

Given the 3D list `cube = [[[1, 2], [3, 4]], [[5, 6], [7, 8]]]`, write a slice to retrieve the first 2D list.

```
cube[0]
```

7. **Accessing Elements:**

How would you access the element 6 in the 3D list `cube` from the previous question?

```
cube[1][0][1]
```

8. **Flattening a 3D List:**

~~Write a function that takes a 3D list and returns a flattened 1D list.~~

9. **Slicing a 3D List:**

~~For the 3D list `data = [[[1, 2], [3, 4]], [[5, 6], [7, 8]], [[9, 10], [11, 12]]]`, write a slice to retrieve all elements from the second 2D list.~~

10. **Extracting a Layer:**

Given a 3D list representing a cube, `cube = [[[1, 2], [3, 4]], [[5, 6], [7, 8]], [[9, 10], [11, 12]]]`, write a slice to extract the first layer (the first 2D list).

```
data[1]
```

## Challenge Questions

### 11. Summing Elements:

Write a function that takes a 2D list and returns the sum of all its elements.

```
def sum_elements(matrix):  
  
    return sum(sum(row) for row in matrix)
```

### 12. Transpose a 2D List:

How would you transpose a 2D list, e.g., convert `[[1, 2], [3, 4]]` to `[[1, 3], [2, 4]]`?

```
def transpose(matrix):  
  
    return [[row[i] for row in matrix] for i in range(len(matrix[0]))]
```

### 13. 3D List Depth:

Write a function that returns the depth (number of 2D lists) of a 3D list.

```
def depth_3d_list(cube):  
  
    return len(cube)
```

### 14. Counting Elements:

Given a 3D list, write a function that counts how many times a specific number appears.

```
def count_occurrences(cube, target):  
  
    count = 0  
  
    for layer in cube:  
  
        for row in layer:  
  
            for elem in row:  
  
                if elem == target:  
  
                    count += 1  
  
    return count
```

### 15. Creating a 3D Matrix:

Write a function that creates a 3D list (matrix) of size  $x \times y \times z$  filled with zeros.

```
def create_3d_matrix(x, y, z):  
    return [[[0 for _ in range(z)] for _ in range(y)] for _ in range(x)]
```

## Basic Loop Questions

### 1. Basic For Loop:

Write a `for` loop that prints numbers from 1 to 10.

```
for i in range(1, 11):
```

```
    print(i)
```

### 2. While Loop:

Create a `while` loop that prints the numbers from 1 to 5.

```
i = 1
```

```
while i <= 5:
```

```
    print(i)
```

```
    i += 1
```

### 3. Using `break`:

Write a program that asks the user to enter numbers until they enter 0. Use `break` to exit the loop.

```
while True:
```

```
    num = int(input("Enter a number (0 to exit): "))
```

```
    if num == 0:
```

```
        break
```

### 4. Using `continue`:

Write a loop that prints the numbers from 1 to 10, but skips the number 5 using `continue`.

```
for i in range(1, 11):
```

```
    if i == 5:
```

```
        continue
```

```
    print(i)
```

## Intermediate Loop Questions

### 5. **Nested Loops:**

Write a nested loop that prints a multiplication table for numbers 1 through 5.

```
for i in range(1, 6):  
  
    for j in range(1, 6):  
  
        print(i * j, end="\t")  
  
    print()
```

### 6. **Counting Even Numbers:**

Use a loop to count how many even numbers are between 1 and 20.

```
count = 0  
  
for i in range(1, 21):  
  
    if i % 2 == 0:  
  
        count += 1  
  
print(count)
```

### 7. **Sum of Odd Numbers:**

Write a program that calculates the sum of all odd numbers from 1 to 100 using a loop.

```
total = 0  
  
for i in range(1, 101):  
  
    if i % 2 != 0:  
  
        total += i  
  
print(total)
```

### 8. **User Input with `continue`:**

Create a loop that asks the user for input and only prints the input if it is not `exit`. Use `continue` to skip the print statement when the user types `exit`.

```
total = 0  
  
for i in range(1, 101):  
  
    if i % 2 != 0:
```

```
total += i

print(total)
```

## Advanced Loop Questions

### 9. Finding Prime Numbers:

Write a program that prints all prime numbers between 1 and 50 using nested loops.

```
for num in range(2, 51):

    is_prime = True

    for i in range(2, int(num**0.5) + 1):

        if num % i == 0:

            is_prime = False

            break

    if is_prime:

        print(num)
```

### 9. List Filtering:

Given a list of numbers, use a loop to create a new list that contains only the numbers greater than 10. Use `continue` to skip numbers that are 10 or less.

```
numbers = [5, 12, 3, 18, 7, 22]
filtered = []
for num in numbers:
    if num <= 10:
        continue
    filtered.append(num)
print(filtered)
```

### 10. Break in Nested Loops:

Write a program that uses nested loops to find the first pair of numbers (i, j) such that  $i + j = 10$  (where i ranges from 1 to 5 and j ranges from 1 to 5). Use `break` to exit both loops once you find the pair.

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

    for j in range(1, 6):

        if i + j == 10:

            print(f'Pair found: ({i}, {j})")
```



```
        break

    else:

        continue

    break
```

## Challenge Questions

### 13. Fibonacci Sequence:

Write a program that generates the Fibonacci sequence up to a specified number using a loop.

```
n = int(input("Enter a number: "))

a, b = 0, 1

while a <= n:

    print(a, end=" ")

    a, b = b, a + b
```

### 14. Reverse a String:

Use a loop to reverse a string entered by the user.

```
user_string = input("Enter a string: ")

reversed_string = ""

for char in user_string:

    reversed_string = char + reversed_string

print(reversed_string)
```

### 15. Counting Digits:

Write a program that counts the number of digits in a number entered by the user. Use a loop and `continue` to skip non-digit characters.

```
number = input("Enter a number: ")

count = 0

for char in number:
```

```
if char.isdigit():  
    count += 1  
print(count)
```

#### 16. Nested Loop with Conditions:

Create a program that prints a 5x5 grid of asterisks (\*), but places a 0 in the center of the grid.

```
for i in range(5):  
    for j in range(5):  
        if i == 2 and j == 2:  
            print(0, end=" ")  
        else:  
            print("*", end=" ")  
    print()
```

#### 17. Sum of Squares:

Write a program that calculates the sum of the squares of numbers from 1 to 10 using a loop.

```
total = 0  
for i in range(1, 11):  
    total += i ** 2  
print(total)
```

## Basic Questions

#### 1. List Concatenation:

Given the lists `list1 = [1, 2, 3]` and `list2 = [4, 5, 6]`, write a statement to concatenate them.

```
list1 + list2
```

2. **Tuple Concatenation:**

Create two tuples, `tuple1 = ('a', 'b')` and `tuple2 = ('c', 'd')`, and concatenate them. What is the result?

```
('a', 'b', 'c', 'd')
```

3. **List Repetition:**

How can you create a new list that repeats `['x', 'y']` three times?

```
['x', 'y'] * 3
```

4. **Tuple Repetition:**

Write a statement that creates a tuple containing the number 7 repeated four times.

```
t = (7)
```

```
New_t = t*7
```

5. **Length of a List:**

Given the list `my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40]`, use the `len()` function to find the number of elements in the list.

```
len(my_list)
```

## Intermediate Questions

6. **Length of a Tuple:**

For the tuple `my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)`, write a statement to find its length.

```
len(my_tuple)
```

7. **Negative Indexing in Lists:**

Given the list `colors = ['red', 'green', 'blue', 'yellow']`, what does `colors[-2]` return?

```
'blue'
```

8. **Negative Indexing in Tuples:**

For the tuple `data = (10, 20, 30, 40, 50)`, what will `data[-3]` yield?

```
30
```

9. **Combining Lists:**

Create two lists, `list_a = [1, 2]` and `list_b = [3, 4]`, and create a new list that contains the elements of both lists using the `+` operator.

```
list_a + list_b
```

#### 10. Negative Indexing with Concatenation:

Given `list1 = [10, 20, 30]` and `list2 = [40, 50]`, create a new list that concatenates `list1` with the last element of `list2` using negative indexing.

```
list1 + list2[-1]
```

### Advanced Questions

#### 11. Modifying Lists with Concatenation:

Given the list `numbers = [1, 2, 3]`, write a statement to add `[4, 5]` to the end of the list using concatenation.

```
numbers + [4, 5]
```

#### 12. Using `len()` in a Condition:

Write a program that checks if the list `my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4]` has more than three elements and prints a message accordingly.

```
my_list = [1,2,3,4]
```

```
if len(my_list) > 3:
```

```
    print("msg")
```

#### 13. Creating a Repeated Tuple:

Create a tuple that contains the numbers 1, 2, 3 repeated twice, and find its length.

```
t = (1,2,3)*2
```

```
print(len(t))
```

#### 14. Combining Lists with Conditions:

Write a program that takes two lists and combines them only if the first list has more than three elements.

```
def f(list1, list2):
```

```
    if len(list1)>3:
```

```
        return list1+list2
```

#### 15. Negative Indexing to Slice:

Given the list `fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'date']`, use negative indexing to create a new list containing the last two fruits.

```
fruits_new = fruits[-2:]
```

## Challenge Questions

### 16. Sum of Elements in a List:

Write a program that calculates the sum of all elements in a list using the `len()` function and a loop.

```
sum = 0

for i in range(0, len(my_list)):

    sum = sum + i
```

### 17. Finding the Maximum in a Tuple:

Given the tuple `nums = (4, 1, 7, 0, 5)`, write a program to find the maximum value using negative indexing.

```
Max = nums[-1]
For i in range(-2, -len(nums), -1):
    if max < nums[i]
        max = nums[i]
```

### 18. Creating a List of Tuples:

Create a list of tuples where each tuple contains a number and its square for numbers from 1 to 5.

```
My_list = []

for j in range(1,6):

    My_list = My_list + [(j,j*j)]
```

### 19. Extracting Elements with Negative Indexing:

For the list `scores = [85, 90, 78, 92, 88]`, write a statement to create a new list that contains the last three scores.

```
New_list = scores [-3:]
```

### 20. Repeated String Tuple:

Create a tuple with the string `'hello'` repeated five times, and then print the length of this tuple.

```
tuple_my = ('hello') * 5
```

```
print(tuple_my)
```

## Basic Questions

1. **Basic and Operator:**

Write a program that checks if both `x` and `y` are greater than 10. What will the output be if `x = 12` and `y = 8`?

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

```
    return x > 10 and y > 10
```

False

2. **Basic or Operator:**

Create a program that checks if at least one of `a` or `b` is even. What will be the output if `a = 3` and `b = 8`?

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

```
    return a % 2 == 0 or b % 2 == 0
```

3. **Using not:**

Write an expression that checks if a variable `flag` is `False`. Use the `not` operator.

```
Def f(flag):
```

```
    return not flag
```

4. **Combining Operators:**

Given `x = 5`, `y = 15`, and `z = 10`, write a condition that checks if `x` is less than `y` and `z` is greater than `x` using the `and` operator.

```
def f(x,y,z):
```

```
    return x < y and z > x
```

## Intermediate Questions

5. **Multiple Conditions with and:**

Write a program that checks if a number `num` is between 10 and 20 (inclusive) using the `and` operator.

```
def f(num):
```

```
    if num <= 20 and num >= 10
```

**6. Multiple Conditions with `or`:**

Create a program that checks if a character `ch` is either 'a', 'e', 'i', 'o', or 'u'. Use the `or` operator.

```
ch = input("Enter a character: ")
if ch == 'a' or ch == 'e' or ch == 'i' or ch == 'o' or ch == 'u':
    print("It's a vowel.")
```

**7. Using `not` with Conditions:**

Write a program that checks if a variable `is_raining` is `False`, and print "It's a nice day!" if it is.

```
is_raining = False
```

```
if not is_raining:
```

```
    print("It's a nice day!")
```

**8. Complex Condition:**

Given the variables `age` and `is_student`, write a condition that evaluates to `True` if `age` is less than 18 or `is_student` is `True`.

```
age = 16
is_student = True
if age < 18 or is_student:
    print("Condition is True.")
```

## Advanced Questions

**9. Combining All Operators:**

Write a program that checks if a number `num` is not between 10 and 20 (exclusive) and is either negative or greater than 30.

```
num = 25
```

```
if not (10 < num < 20) and (num < 0 or num > 30):
```

```
    print("Condition met.")
```

**10. User Input Validation:**

Create a program that asks the user for their age and checks if they are eligible to vote (age 18 or older) and not a minor (age less than 18).

```
age = int(input("Enter your age: "))

if age >= 18:

    print("Eligible to vote.")

else:

    print("Not eligible to vote.")
```

### 11. Logical Conditions in Functions:

Write a function that takes two boolean parameters and returns `True` if both are `True`, otherwise returns `False`.

```
def both_true(param1, param2):

    return param1 and param2
```

### 12. Checking String Conditions:

Write a program that checks if a string `text` is empty or contains the word "Python". Use the `or` operator.

```
text = input("Enter a string: ")

if text == "" or "Python" in text:

    print("Condition met.")
```

## Challenge Questions

### 13. Complex Logical Expression:

Given `temperature` and `humidity`, write a condition that checks if it's a good day to go outside, defined as: `temperature` must be above 20 and `humidity` must be below 50.

```
temperature = 25

humidity = 40

if temperature > 20 and humidity < 50:
```



```
print("Good day to go outside.")
```

#### 14. Using `not` in Lists:

Write a program that filters out all even numbers from a list using the `not` operator.

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
filtered = []
```

```
for num in numbers:
```

```
    if num % 2 != 0: # Check if the number is not even
```

```
        filtered.append(num)
```

```
print(filtered)
```

#### 15. Voting Eligibility:

Create a function that checks if a person is eligible to vote. The criteria are: age must be 18 or older, and they must be a citizen. Return `True` or `False`.

```
def is_eligible_to_vote(age, is_citizen):
```

```
    return age >= 18 and is_citizen
```

#### 16. Logical Comparisons:

Given `x`, `y`, and `z`, write a condition that checks if `x` is greater than `y` and `y` is greater than `z`, and print a message if both conditions are true.

```
if x > y and y > z:
```

```
    print("Both conditions are true.")
```

#### 17. Combining Lists and Conditions:

Write a program that checks if any elements in a list are negative. Use the `or` operator in a loop to check each element.

```
for num in numbers:
```

```
    if num < 0:
```

```
        print("Negative number found.")
```

```
        break
```

### 18. Using `not` with Boolean Variables:

Define two boolean variables, `is_authenticated` and `has_access`, and write a condition that prints "Access Denied" if either condition is not met.

```
if not is_authenticated or not has_access:  
    print("Access Denied.")
```

## Basic Questions

### 1. Convert String to Integer:

Write a program that converts the string "42" to an integer and prints the result.

```
result = int("42")  
  
print(result)
```

### 2. Convert String to Float:

Create a program that converts the string "3.14" to a float and prints it.

```
result = float("3.14")  
print(result)
```

### 3. Using `int()` with Float:

Given the float 5.99, use `int()` to convert it to an integer and print the result.

```
result = int(5.99)  
  
print(result)
```

### 4. Float to Integer Conversion:

Explain what happens when you convert -2.7 to an integer using `int()`. What is the output?

Converting -2.7 to an integer using `int()` will truncate the decimal part, resulting in -2.

## Intermediate Questions

### 5. Rounding a Float:

Use the `round()` function to round the float 7.456 to the nearest whole number and print the result.

```
result = round(7.456)
```

```
print(result)
```

**6. Rounding with a Specified Decimal:**

Write a program that rounds the number 5.6789 to two decimal places using

`round()`.

```
result = round(5.6789, 2)
```

```
print(result)
```

**7. Combining Conversions:**

Given the string "9.99", first convert it to a float and then to an integer. Print the final result.

```
result = int(float("9.99"))
```

```
print(result)
```

**8. Using `float()` with Integer:**

Convert the integer 10 to a float and print it. What is the result?

```
result = float(10)
```

```
print(result)
```

## Advanced Questions

**9. Handling Invalid Input:**

~~Write a program that attempts to convert the string "abc" to an integer using `int()`. Handle the potential error gracefully.~~

```
if input_string.isdigit():
```

```
    result = int(input_string)
```

```
    print(result)
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("Invalid input! Cannot convert to integer.")
```

**10. Rounding a Negative Float:**

Use `round()` to round the float -4.5. What is the output, and why?

Rounding -4.5 results in -4. This is because Python rounds to the nearest even number when the number is exactly halfway.

### 11. Percentage Calculation:

Write a program that calculates the percentage of a value. Convert the percentage to a float, round it to one decimal place, and print it.

```
value = 45

percentage = (value / 100) * 100 # Example percentage calculation

rounded_percentage = round(percentge, 1)

print(rounded_percentage)
```

### 12. Comparing Rounded Values:

Compare the results of rounding 3.5 and 4.5 using `round()`. What do you notice?

```
round_3_5 = round(3.5)

round_4_5 = round(4.5)

print(round_3_5, round_4_5)
```

## Challenge Questions

### 13. Average Calculation:

Write a program that calculates the average of three user-inputted numbers. Ensure the average is rounded to two decimal places.

```
total = 0

count = 3

for i in range(count):

    number = float(input(f'Enter number {i + 1}: '))

    total += number

average = round(total / count, 2)

print(average)
```

### 14. Area of a Circle:

Create a program that calculates the area of a circle given its radius (input as a float). Round the area to two decimal places before printing it.

```
import math
```

```
radius = float(input("Enter the radius: "))
```

```
area = round(math.pi * radius ** 2, 2)
```

```
print(area)
```

### 15. Distance Conversion:

Write a program that converts a distance given in kilometers (input as a float) to miles, rounding the result to two decimal places.

```
kilometers = float(input("Enter distance in kilometers: "))
```

```
miles = round(kilometers * 0.621371, 2)
```

```
print(miles)
```

### 16. User Input for Conversion:

Prompt the user to enter a decimal number, convert it to an integer, and print both the original float and the converted integer.

```
decimal_number = float(input("Enter a decimal number: "))
```

```
converted_integer = int(decimal_number)
```

```
print(f"Original float: {decimal_number}, Converted integer: {converted_integer}")
```

### 17. Summing Floats:

Write a program that asks the user for two float values, sums them, and prints the result rounded to one decimal place.

```
float1 = float(input("Enter first float: "))
```

```
float2 = float(input("Enter second float: "))
```

```
total = round(float1 + float2, 1)
```

```
print(total)
```

### 18. Simulating a Bank Transaction:

Create a program that simulates a bank transaction where the user deposits a float amount. Round the final balance to two decimal places for display.

```
balance = 0.0

deposit = float(input("Enter amount to deposit: "))

balance = balance + deposit

print(f"Final balance: {round(balance, 2)}")
```