Compsci 101
7-steps, Functions, Order of Execution

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C is for …

- Computer Science and Computing
  - It’s what we do
- Collaboration
  - Review the policy
- Cookies
  - Good for the web and for …
- CSV
  - Comma Separated Values: Data

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- Top 50 U.S. Women in Tech, Forbes, 2018

I believe that every engineer has a responsibility to make the world a better place. We are gifted with an amazing power to take people’s wishes and make them a reality.

Announcements

- Lab 01 Friday,
  - Complete Prelab before going to lab
- APT-1 out today, due Thursday, September 15
- Assignment 0 due Thursday, September 8
- Sakai quizzes on readings due 10:15am on date due
  - Get three tries, score highest score
  - First two weeks we allow you to submit late
  - First 5 quizzes turn off, 10:15am Sept 13

- Read Ed Discussion Every Day – You will learn things!
- Reminder: Ed Discussion back channel in lecture!
Functions

Order of execution

7 steps of programming

APTs

Testing and Submitting APTs

What is a Function?

Function has:
- Name
- Maybe inputs
- Processes or calculates something
- Has a result

Functions in the Real World: URL in webpage

Function has:
- Name: “Search”
- Input: www.duke.edu
- Calculates:
- Returns back:

Figures out where web page is the actual web page
Functions in the Real World: calculator

• Function has:
  • Name: calculator
  • Input: number(s), operator
    • Example: 25, squareroot
  • Calculates: value of expression
  • Returns back: 5

Functions in the Real World: counting words in Microsoft Word

• Function has:
  • Name:
  • Input:
  • Calculates:
  • Returns back:
Functions in the Real World:
Counting words in Microsoft Word

- Function has:
  - Name: Word Count
  - Input: contents of the document (e.g. a story)
  - Calculates: counts number of words
  - Returns back: number of words (e.g. 352)

Built-in Python Function – len() already exists, you use it

- len() function
- Function has:
  - Name: len
  - Input: a string
  - Calculates: number of characters in string
  - Returns back: number

Examples:

- x = len("duke")
  # value of x:
  y = len("computer")

Built-in Python Function – str() already exists, you use it

- str() function
- Function has:
  - Name: str
  - Input: an expression
  - Calculates: string version of expression's value
  - Returns back: string

Examples:

- x = str(623)
  # value of x:
  y = len( str( 2**8 ) )
  z = str(6 + 8.3)
**Built-in Python Function – str()**

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- **str() function**
- **Function has:**
  - Name: `str`
  - Input: an expression
  - Calculates: string version of expression's value
  - Returns back: string

**Examples:**

```python
x = str(623)
# value of x: "623"

y = len( str( 2**8 ) )
   = len( str(256) )
   = len("256")
# value of y: 3

z = str(6 + 8.3)
# value of z: "14.3"
```

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**Other Python built-in functions**

- **type(something)**
  - Returns type of variable something

- **int(7.8)**
  - Returns integer value of decimal number, e.g. 7

- **float(4)**
  - Returns float value of integer, e.g. 4.0

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**print() function**

- **General function has:**
  - Name: `print`
  - Maybe inputs
  - Processes or calculates something
  - Has a result

**Examples:**

```python
print("hi cat")
```

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**print() function**

- **General function has:**
  - Name: `print`
  - Maybe inputs
  - Processes or calculates something
  - Has a result

**Examples:**

```python
print("hi cat")
```
Example with lines numbered:

1  x = float(6)
2  print("x is", x)
3  y = print("x is", x)
4  print("y is", y)

Output:

```
x is 6.0
x is 6.0
```

The variable x is assigned the value float(6) calculates

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4  print("y is", y)

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```

Print does not return a value, so there is no “=“, since there is no value to catch

What happens if we try to catch the return value in y?

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3  y = print("x is", x)
4  print("y is", y)

Output:

```
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x is 6.0
```

No return value, so None is assigned to y

The RHS executes, and the print prints to output
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2  print("x is", x)
3  y = print("x is", x)
4  print("y is", y)
```

Output:

```
x is 6.0
x is 6.0
y is None
```

Wrong way to use print
Correct way to use print

Writing your own Python function

- **Format:**
  ```python
def nameOfFunction(parameters):
    <body, or lines of code>
    return value  # optional, but likely
  ```
- **Example define function:**
  ```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
  ```
- **Use or call function:**
  ```python
  answer = inchesToCentimeters(10.0)
  print(answer)
  ```
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What happens when executes?

• Parameter
  • Variable, place holder for a value
  • In parenthesis in first line of definition of function

• Argument
  • Expression or value
  • In parenthesis when calling or using a function

• Example:
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  ```

• Use or call function:
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print(answer)
  ```

Start on line 1 of the file and move line by line
The first 7 lines are blank or are a comment, ignore.
What happens when executes?

```
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi

if __name__ == '__main__':
    answer = inchesToCentimeters(10.0)
    print(answer)
    answer = inchesToCentimeters(3.0)
    print(answer)
```

Output:
```
Note function inchesToCentimer is on line 8
```

Ignore lines indented, so next line is line 13.

If `__name__ == '__main__'` is special and means: Start executing program on next line.

Evaluate the right hand side of the “=”
Call the function `inchesToCentimeter`
Pass the argument 10.0 for the parameter `inches`

Execution moves to line 8 where the definition of function `inchesToCentimeters` is.
`inches` has the value 10.0
What happens when executes?

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

Output:

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

1. The RHS inches * 2.54 is calculated as 25.4. Then centi is assigned the value 25.4.

What happens when executes?

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

Output:

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

1. The value of variable centi (25.4) is returned to the RHS of line 14 where the function was called.

What happens when executes?

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

Output:

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

1. answer is assigned the return value 25.4 and line 14 has completed executing.

What happens when executes?

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

Output:

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

1. The value of variable answer is printed.
What happens when executes?

```python
8 def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
9    centi = inches * 2.54
10   return centi
11
13   if __name__ == '__main__':
14      answer = inchesToCentimeters(10.0)
15      print(answer)
16      answer = inchesToCentimeters(3.0)
17      print(answer)
```

**Output:**
25.4

Evaluate the right hand side of the “=”. Pass the argument 3.0 for the parameter inches.

Execution moves to line 8 where the definition of function inchesToCentimeters is. inches has the value 3.0.

What happens when executes?

```python
8 def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
9    centi = inches * 2.54
10   return centi
11
13   if __name__ == '__main__':
14      answer = inchesToCentimeters(10.0)
15      print(answer)
16      answer = inchesToCentimeters(3.0)
17      print(answer)
```

**Output:**
25.4

The value of the variable centi (7.62) is returned to the RHS of line 16 where the function was called.

What happens when executes?

```python
8 def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
9    centi = inches * 2.54
10   return centi
11
13   if __name__ == '__main__':
14      answer = inchesToCentimeters(10.0)
15      print(answer)
16      answer = inchesToCentimeters(3.0)
17      print(answer)
```

**Output:**
25.4

The RHS inches * 2.54 is calculated as 7.62. Then centi is assigned the value 7.62.
What happens when executes?

```python
def inchesToCentimeters(inches):
    centi = inches * 2.54
    return centi
```

Output:
```
25.4
```

```python
if __name__ == '__main__':
    answer = inchesToCentimeters(10.0)
    print(answer)
    answer = inchesToCentimeters(3.0)
    print(answer)
```

The value of variable answer is printed

```
answer is assigned the return value 7.62 and line 16 has completed executing
```

Let’s go see this in Pycharm and add a function

```python
def pluralize(word):
    word = word + "es"
    return word
```

newWord = pluralize("fish")
print(newWord)

```python
word1 = "dress"
word2 = pluralize(word1)
print(word2)
```

```python
word1 = "book"
print(pluralize(word1))
```

WOTO – Working Together (breakout groups)

- Given a bitly link
  - Type it in OR click on it on the calendar page
- What you should do:
  - Introduce yourselves
  - Each person fills out google form
  - Put in your name, email and netid
  - Discuss each question and fill out
  - Be mindful of time
WOTO: Calling Functions

Details: print(addTen(addTen(x)))

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APTs in 101 and 201

- Algorithm Problem-solving and Testing
  - Algorithm that’s Automatically Tested
  - In use at Duke since 2003, million+ APTs solved

- Given a problem statement
  - Read, think, plan on paper …
  - Write a function to solve the problem
  - Submit the code for testing, debug if necessary
  - Where do you start with problem solving?

The Seven Steps
Programming Process: High-level

- First part: devise the algorithm
  - The meta-problem solving piece
  - Big/complex enough to be 4 steps (more shortly)
The Seven Steps
Programming Process: High-level

- After devising the algorithm, translate to code
  - Plan first, then code
  - Bridge analogy: blue prints, then construction
  - Essay analogy: outline, then prose

Next test our program
- Testing important, often under-taught skill

Ideally would be correct first time; may need to debug
- Identify problem (with science!)
- Return to appropriate prior step to fix the problem

Work through cycle until program works
Steps 1—4: Devise Algorithm

• Steps 1—4: devise the algorithm
  • Learn to do this well, be an excellent programmer
  • Language: does not matter

Steps 1—4: Example:
Calculate the average of two numbers

• Step 1: 2 + 5 = 7, 7/2 = 3.5
• Step 2:
  • Add 2 + 5 and get 7
  • Divide 7 by 2 and the result is 3.5

• Step 3:
  • Two variables num1 and num2
  • Add the two numbers together: result is num1 + num2
  • Divide the result by 2 and you have the answer
    answer is result / 2
Steps 1—4: Example:
Calculate the average of two numbers

- Step 4: Try a different example
  - Use 8 and 6, num1 is 8, num2 is 6
  - Add the two numbers together:
    result is num1 + num2, is 14
  - Divide the result by 2 and you have the answer
    Answer is result/2, which is 7

- IT WORKS!

Step 5: let’s convert it to code!

- Go to Pycharm
- We will also:
  - Test it – Step 6
  - Debug it – Step 7

Solving Laundry APT

- Navigate to APTs in class website and …
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**Problem Statement**

Consider the problem of trying to do a number of loads of laundry, given only one washer and one dryer. Washing a load takes 25 minutes, drying a load takes 25 minutes, and folding the clothes in a load takes 10 minutes, for a total of 1 hour per load (assuming that the time to transfer a load is built into the timings given). 10 loads of laundry can be done in 10 hours, 600 minutes, using the method of completing one load before starting the next one. Though it can be done faster, see examples.

Write the method, minutesNeeded, that returns the shortest time needed to do m loads of laundry. In other words, given an integer value representing the number of loads to complete, m, determine the smallest number of minutes needed to complete all loads of laundry.

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Solving Laundry APT – Step 1


- What is important info?

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Write the method, minutesNeeded, that returns the shortest time needed to do m loads of laundry representing the number of loads to complete, m, determine the smallest number of minutes needed..
Solving Laundry APT

- \( m = 1 \)
  - Wash
  - Dry
  - Fold
  - Return: \( 25 + 25 + 10 = 60 \) minutes

- \( m = 2 \)
  - Wash
  - Dry
  - Fold
  - Return: \( 25 + 25 + 25 + 10 \)
  - Total time was \( 85 \) minutes

Read down what we just did for \( m=2 \)

- Washed first load (25 minutes)
- Dried first load and washed second load (25 min)
- Folded first load dried second load (25 min)
- Folded second load (10 min)
- Total time was \( 25 + 25 + 25 + 10 = 85 \) minutes

Reading an APT

- Step 1: Work an instance yourself
- Step 2: Write down exactly what you just did
- Step 3: Generalize your steps
- Step 4: Test your steps (with new input)
Solving Laundry APT – Steps 3 and 4

- What is important info?

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Write the method, minutesNeeded, that returns the shortest time needed to do m loads.

**Specification**

```python
filename: Laundry.py

def minutesNeeded(m):
    return integer number

# you write code here
```

Names and Return 0 Submission

- Take small steps to get all green!

**APT Testing and Submission**

- You wrote the code, how is it tested?
  - Submit .py file with function to server
  - Server imports it
  - Server tests and checks by calling your function

- The APT testing framework calls your code!
  - Don't call us, we'll call you: *Hollywood principle*

- Test + Submit + Check Grade
Testing Laundry – two ways

1) Run on the apt page
   - Need internet connection, may take time

2) Locally in Python Program Laundry
   - Get it working before you use apt page

```python
if __name__ == '__main__':
    num = 1
    print("m is", num, minutesNeeded(num))
    num = 2
    print("m is", num, minutesNeeded(num))
    num = 3
    print("m is", num, minutesNeeded(num))
    num = 10
    print("m is", num, minutesNeeded(num))
```

Where to put/use what in Python file

- Top: docstring with date and username
- Function definitions right after docstring
- Test code inside `if __name__ == '__main__':`

- Variables inside vs outside a function
  - *Only* use the variables inside that function
  - Therefore, *do not* use the variables outside the function (like in the main)
    - Your code will not work on the server