

Compsci 101

Pancakes, While loops, Parallel Lists

Live Lecture



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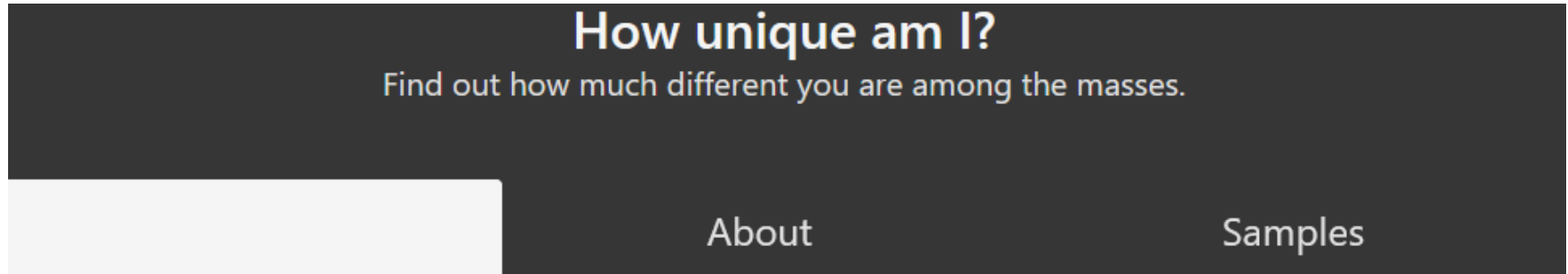


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One of her websites you can try:

<https://aboutmyinfo.org/identity>



Fill out the form below to see how unique you are, and therefore how easy it is to identify you from these values.
Please note that this service is still under development.

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

Gender ☒ Male ☐ Female

ZIP Code

ZIP code must be 5 digits long.

Your Profile



Results will appear here.

Submit →

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How unique am I?

Find out how much different you are among the masses.

About

Samples

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Gender: Female

ZIP Code: (pop. 46282)

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Birth Year		Lots with your birth year (about 273).
Range	to	Wow! There are lots of people in the same age range as you (about 1365).

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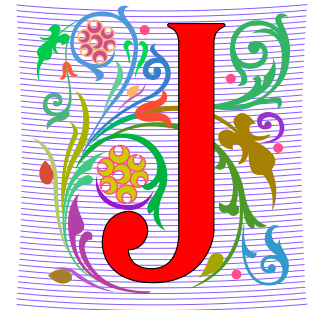
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Five year range

J is for ...



- **JSON**
 - Format for data transmitted across the web
- **JPEG**
 - Image format based on lossy compression
- **Jacquard Loom**
 - 1804 "automated" loom



Announcements

- Nothing due today!
- APT-3 due Tuesday, March 2
- Assignment 2 due Thursday, March 4
- Lab 4 Friday – No Prelab
- APT Quiz 1 3/5-3/8

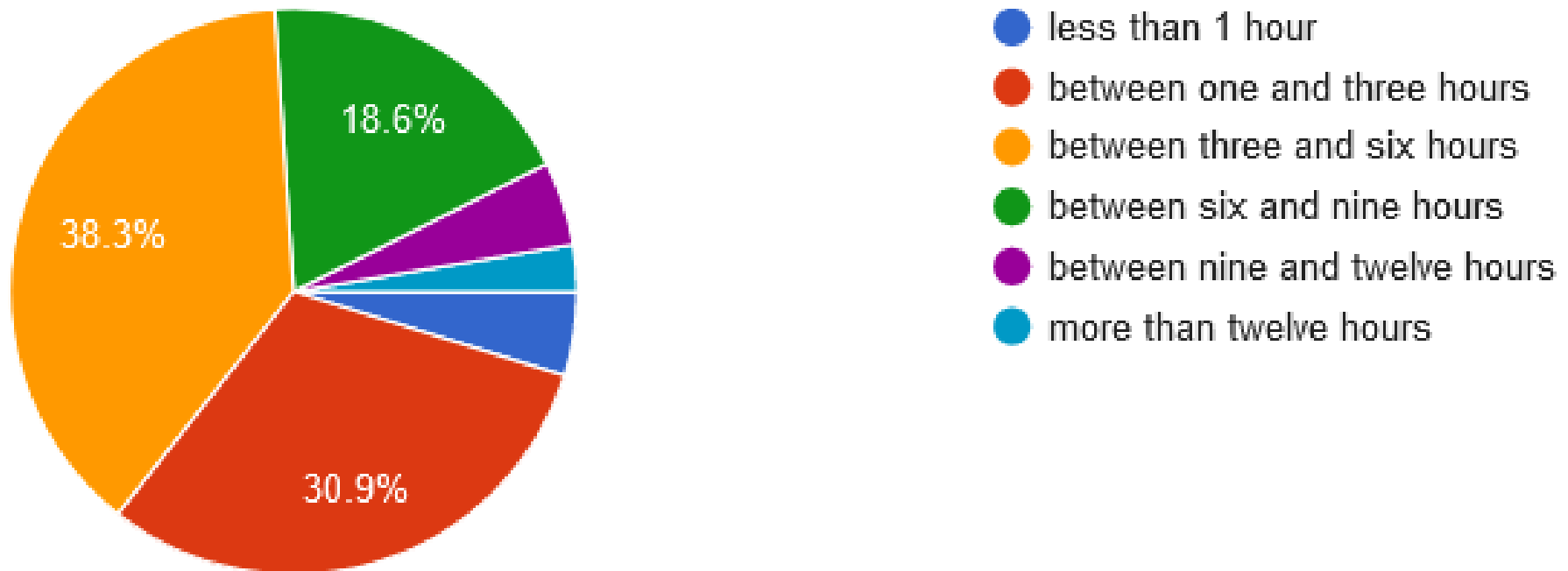
PFTD

- Files and Data
- Pancake APT
- While loops and Collatz sequence
- Parallel lists
- Exam 1

Exam 1 – Still grading, back soon

- Once graded, you will get an email from GradeScope
 - You will be able to see the full exam
 - We will post solutions
 - If you missed something, you should try to figure out what you did, then look at solutions
 - Regrades will be in Gradescope
- Here is feedback from the Exam 1 Survey

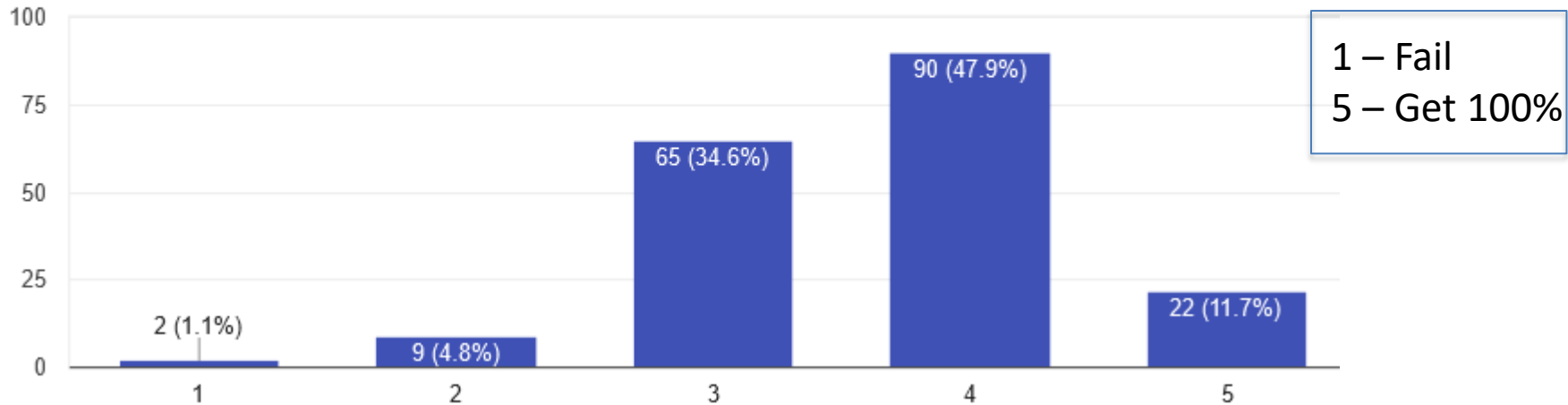
Exam 1 – How much time preparing?



Thoughts before and after – how you would do/did

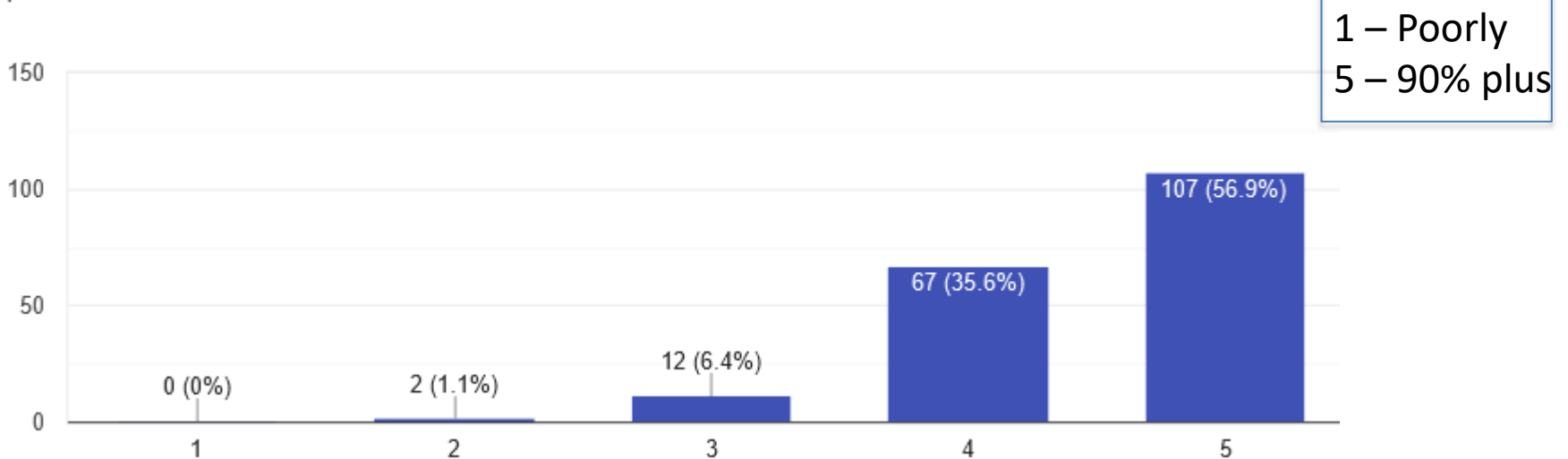
As you sat down to start the exam, how did you think you'd do on the exam?

188 responses

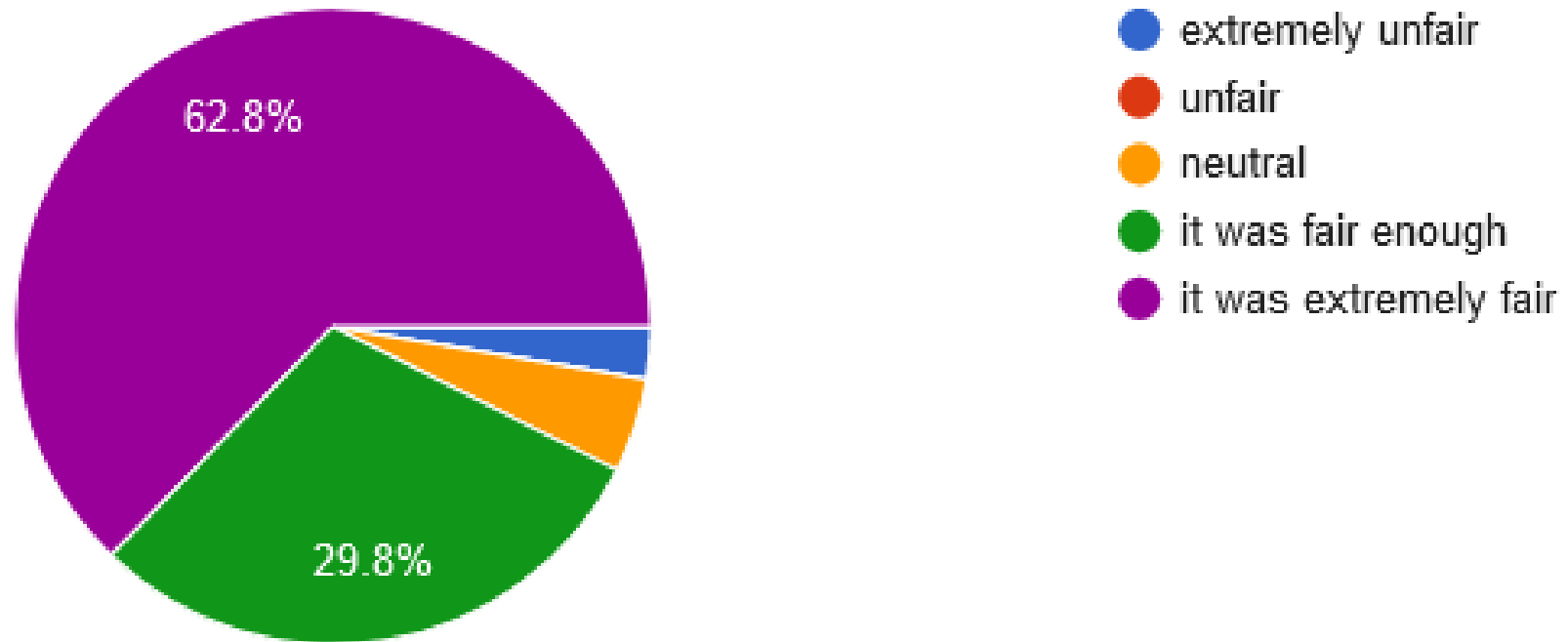


When you completed the exam, how do you think you did?

188 responses



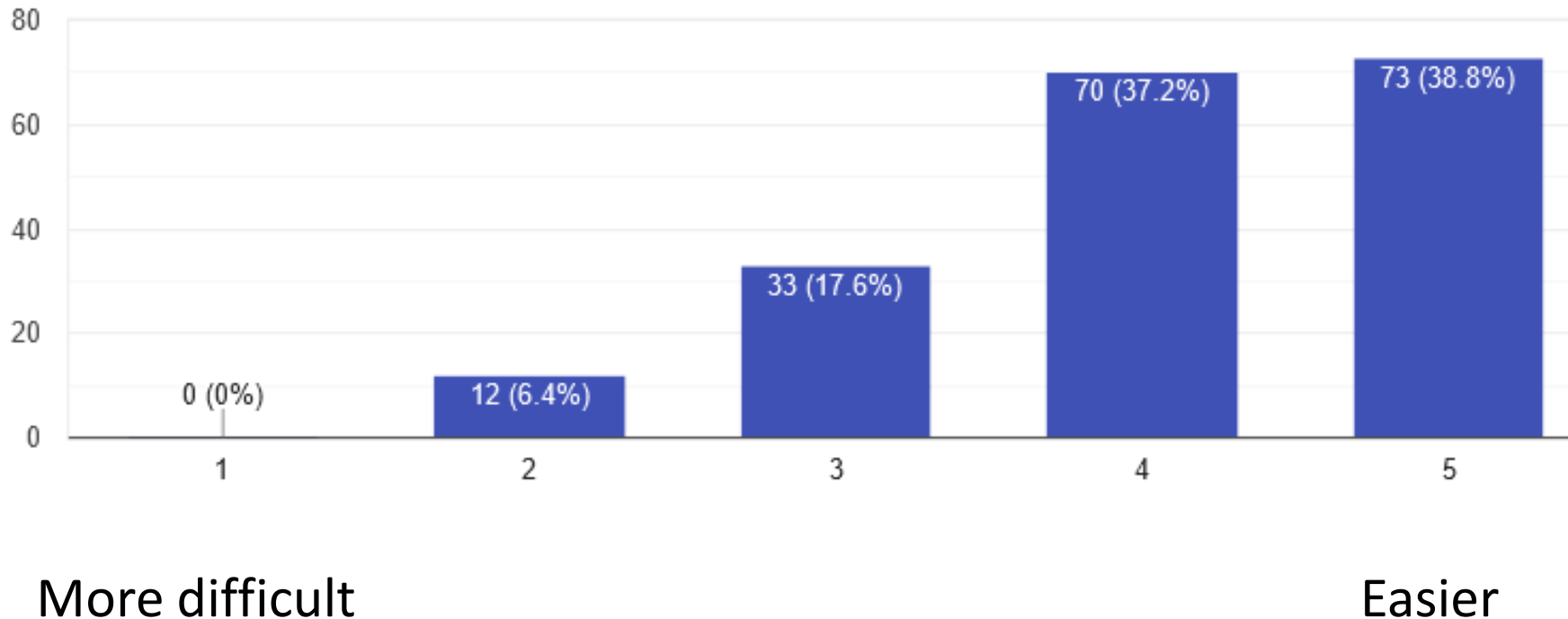
Was Exam Fair on questions asked?



How was taking exam on Gradescope?

How was taking the exam online on gradescope?

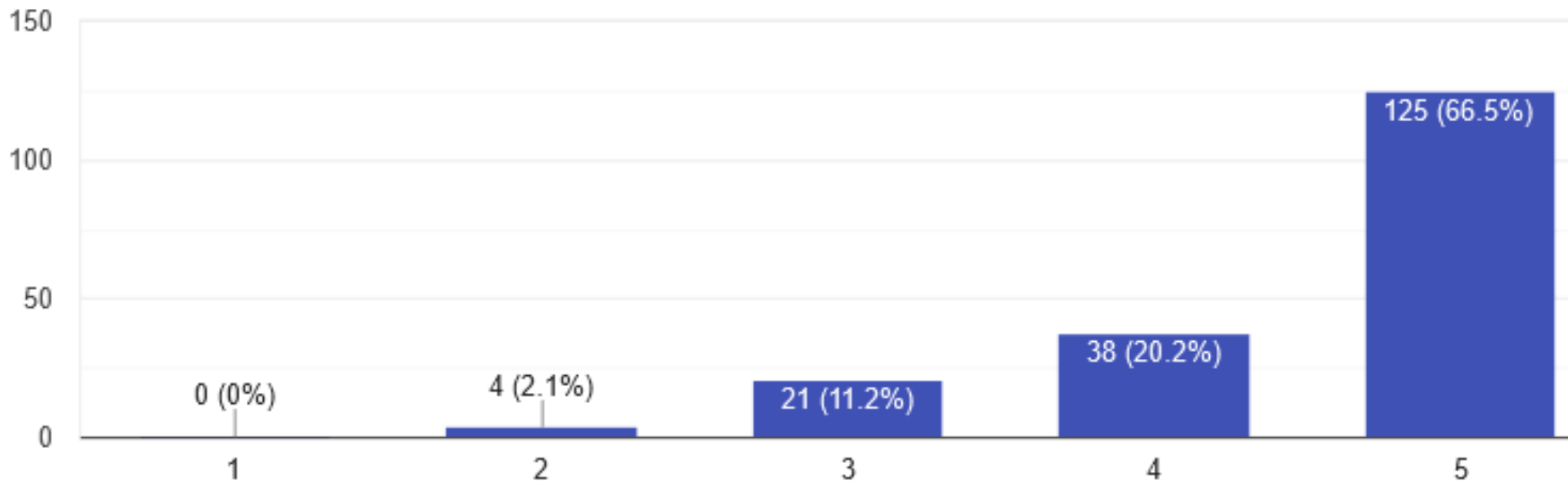
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Not Enough time

Plenty of time

APT Quiz 1 coming...

- APT Quiz 1 is 3/5 8AM -3/8 11PM – finish by 11pm
- There are two parts – each part is 1.5 hours
- Pick a start time for each part,
 - Once you start a part, You have 1.5 hours
 - If you get accommodations, you get those
- 4 APTs to solve (2 in each part)
 - Take parts 1 and 2 on same day or different days
- **Start APT Quiz on Sakai!**
- See old APT Quiz problems so you can practice
 - On APT page – NOT FOR CREDIT

APT Quiz 1

- **Is your own work!**
 - No collaboration with others!
 - Use your notes, lecture notes, your code, textbook
 - DO NOT search for answers!
 - Do not talk to others about the quiz until grades are posted
- **Post private questions on Piazza**
 - We are not on between 10pm and 8am EDT!
 - We are not on all the time
 - Will try to answer questions between 8am – 10pm

Lists of Data

- String lists: `["ant", "fox", "cat", "dog"]`
- Lists of int/float numbers: `[5, 3.14159, -15]`
- What about lists of lists? Variable `plist =`
`[["Washington", 1789, 57], ["Clinton", 1993, 46]]`
- What is `plist[0]`?
- What is `plist[0][2]`?
 - Can always use a variable:
- **First char. of "Washington"?**

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- What is `plist[0][2]`? `57`
 - Can always use a variable:
 - `val = plist[0]`, then `val[2]`
- First char. of "Washington"?
`plist[0][0][0]`

WOTO-1 Files

<http://bit.ly/101s21-0225-1>

Pancakes!



APT Pancake

- How do you solve this (or any) problem?
 - 7 Steps!
- Some APTs are hard problems to solve (step 1-4)
 - Translating to code easy
- Some APTs have easy-to-see algorithms (step 5)
 - Translating to code is hard



APT: Pancakes

Problem Statement

You're a short-order cook in a pancake restaurant, so you need to cook pancakes as fast as possible. You have one pan that can fit `capacity` pancakes at a time.

Using this pan you must cook `numCakes` pancakes. Each pancake must be cooked for five minutes on each side, and once a pancake starts cooking on a side it has to cook for five minutes on that side.

However, you can take a pancake out of the pan when you're ready to flip it after five minutes and put it back in the pan later to cook it on the other side.

Write the method, `minutesNeeded`, that returns the shortest time needed to cook `numCakes` pancakes in a pan that holds `capacity` pancakes at once. See the examples.

Specification

```
filename: Pancakes.py
```

```
def minutesNeeded (numCakes, capacity):  
    """  
    return integer representing time to cook pancakes  
    based on integer parameters as described below  
    """
```

Examples

1. `numCakes = 0`
`capacity = 4`

Returns: 0

It takes no time to cook 0 pancakes.

2. `numCakes = 2`
`capacity = 2`

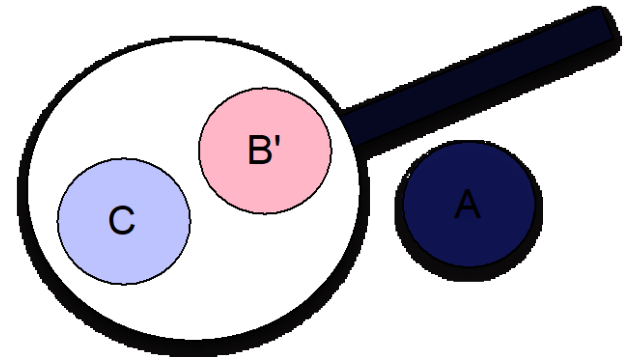
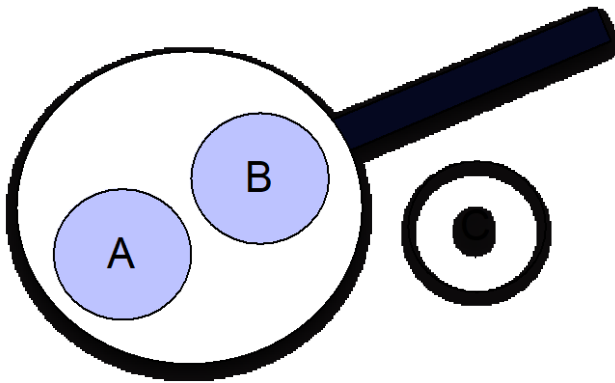
Returns: 10

You cook both pancakes on one side for five minutes, then flip them over and cook each on the other side for another five minutes.

Step 1: Solve an instance

Three pancakes in a two-cake pan

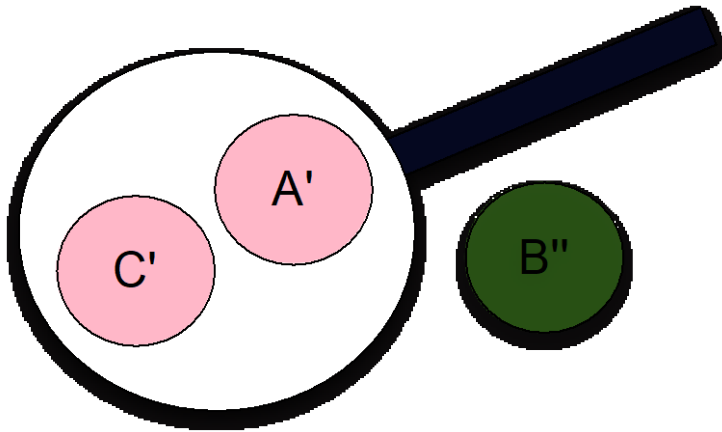
- First 5 minutes
 - 2 half cooking
 - 1 uncooked
- Second 5 minutes
 - 2 half cooking
 - 1 almost cooked



Step 1: Solve an instance

Three pancakes in a two-cake pan

- Third 5 minutes
 - 1 done
 - 2 almost cooked
- How many minutes to cook all three pancakes?



Step 1: Solve an instance

- What kind of instances? Simple cases that are quickly solved
 - What are these in Pancake problem?
- Don't solve for N , solve for 5 (generalize is step 3)
 - What do when there are two parameters?
 - Fix one, vary the other one
 - Helps identify cases



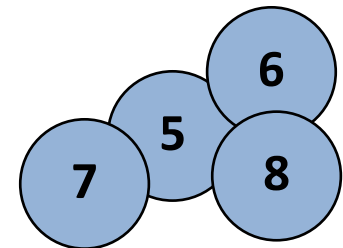
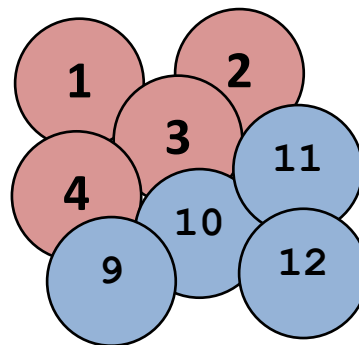
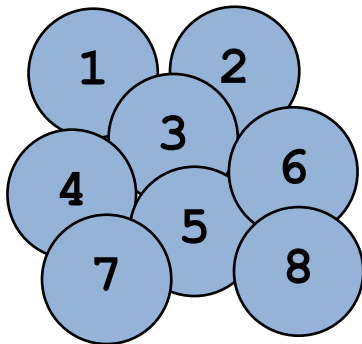
WOTO-2 Pancakes

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Step 1: Solve an instance

- Pan has capacity 8, vary # pancakes
 - Can you cook 12 in 15 minutes? Why?
 - Can you cook 13 in 15 minutes? Why?

cakes	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
time	10	10	10	10	?									



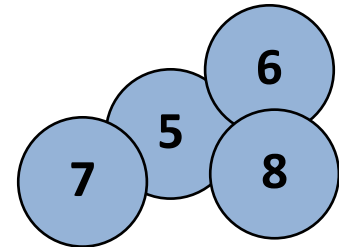
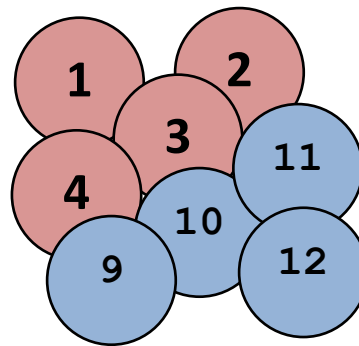
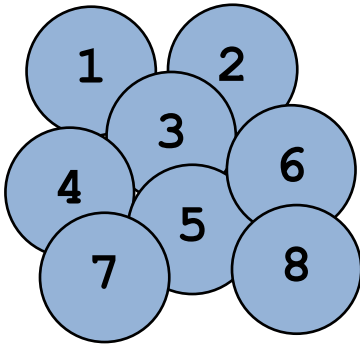
Step 2: What did we just do?

- $13 - 8 = 5$
- $8/2 = 4$ # Can only take off up to half
- Is $5 \leq 4$?
 - No, warmer trick won't work
- 10 minutes for 8 pancakes + 10 minutes for 5 more pancakes = 20 minutes

Step 1: Solve an instance

- Pan capacity 8, vary # pancakes, 17 pancakes?

cakes	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
time	10	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	20	20	20	20		



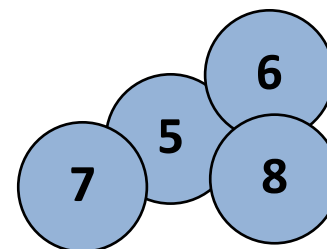
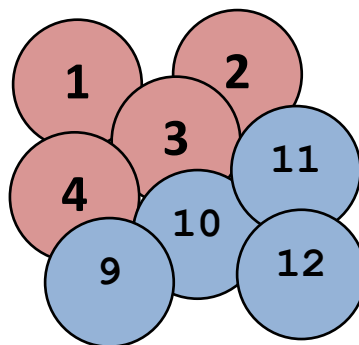
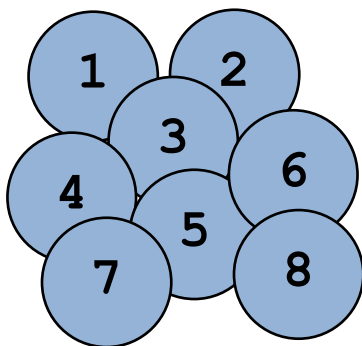
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- $17 - 8 = 9, 9 - 8 = 1$
- $8/2 = 4$
- Is $1 \leq 4$? # Yes, warmer trick will work!
- Total: 25 minutes
 - 10 minutes for 8 pancakes +
 - 5 minutes for 8 pancakes +
 - Take 1 out, start 17th pancake
 - 5 minutes finish pancakes 8 to 15 +
 - 5 minutes finish pancake 16 and 17

Step 3: Generalize

- Pan has capacity 8, Generalize to algorithm?

cakes	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
time	10	10	10	10	15	15	15	15	20	20	20	20	25	25



Step 3: Generalize

- $13 - 8 = 5$
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- 10 minutes for 8 pancakes + 10 minutes for 5 more pancakes = 20 minutes
- Remove as many as can with panCapacity
- Will the remainder fit in half the pan?
- Yes, use warmer
 - 5 minutes instead of 10 for last batch
- No, don't use warmer
 - 10 minutes for all sets of panCapacity

Step 4: Test Steps

- Remove as many as can with panCapacity
- Will the remainder fit in half the pan?
- Yes, use warmer
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 - cap 17, cook 34

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- No, don't use warmer
 - 10 minutes for all sets of panCapacity
- Case 1:
 - cap 17, cook 34
 - remainder = 0
 - Edge case! No need for warmer
 - Total: 20 minutes
- Case 2:
 - cap 17, cook 42

Step 4: Test Steps

- Remove as many as can with panCapacity
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- Yes, use warmer
 - 5 minutes instead of 10 for last batch
- No, don't use warmer
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- Case 1:
 - cap 17, cook 34
 - remainder = 0
 - Edge case! No need for warmer
 - Total: 20 minutes
- Case 2:
 - cap 17, cook 42
 - remainder = 8
 - Yes, use warmer
 - Total: 25 minutes

Step 5: Code

- Remove as many as can with panCapacity
- Will the remainder fit in half the pan?
 - Yes, use warmer
 - 5 minutes instead of 10 for last batch
 - No, don't use warmer
 - 10 minutes for all sets of panCapacity
- N pancakes
- How many panCapacity can remove?
 - $N // \text{panCapacity}$
- remainder
 - $N \% \text{panCapacity}$
- Half of pan?
 - $\text{panCapacity} / 2$

Let's code it up!

In Summary

- When it comes to planning the algorithm (Steps 1-4) and coding (Step 5), each part can be easy or hard

```
7  def minutesNeeded(numCakes, capacity):  
8      full = numCakes // capacity  
9      left = numCakes % capacity  
10     minutes = 10 * full  
11     if left > capacity/2:  
12         minutes += 10  
13     elif left > 0:  
14         minutes += 5  
15     return minutes
```

What are the next steps?

6: Testing!
7: Debugging

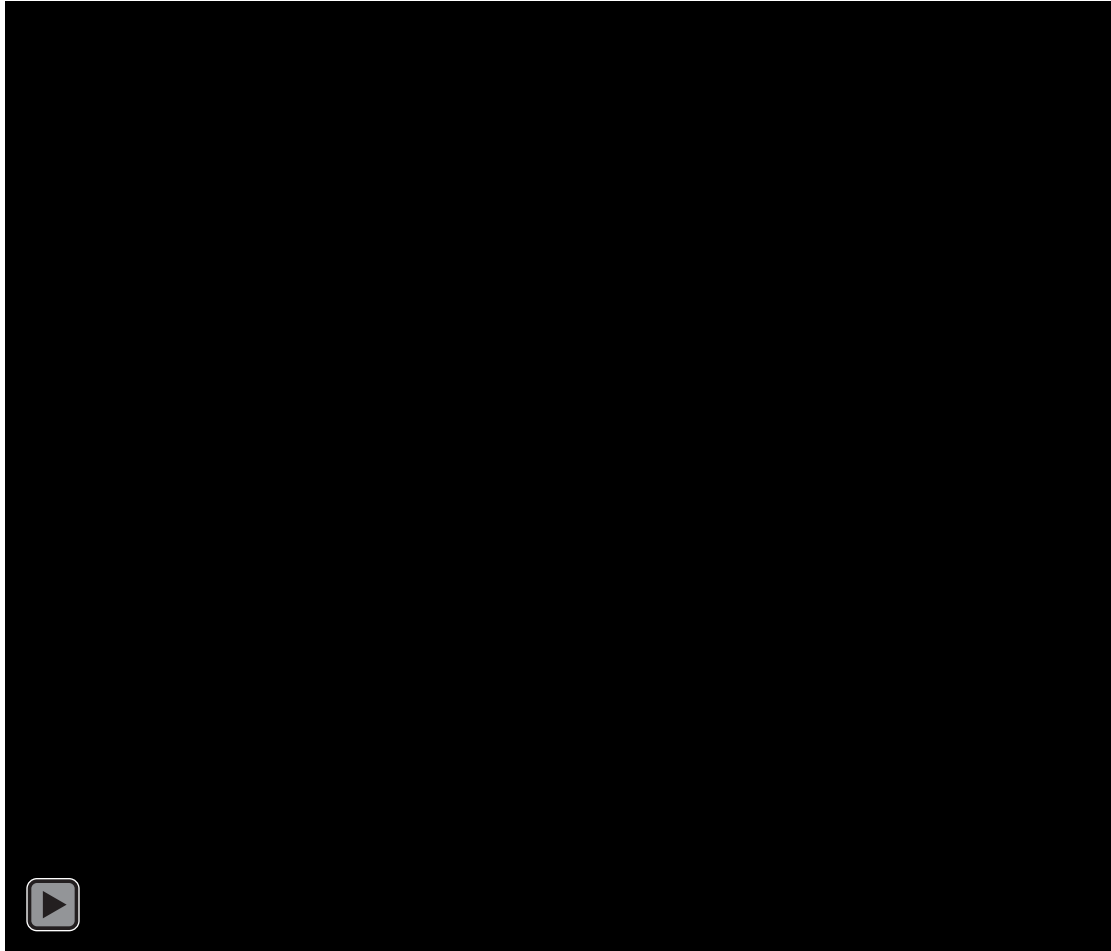
Why > and not >=?

How to teach pancake Flipping

- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_gxLKSsSIE
 - For longer, more complex robotic tasks
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4usoE981e7I>



Pancake flipping Video



Review: While Loops

- Don't know: *how many times* loop executes
 - *a priori* knowledge, we'll know afterward
- Do know: condition that should be true after loop
 - Its negation is the expression for `BOOL_CONDITION` (loop guard)

```
while BOOL_CONDITION:  
    LOOP_BODY  
    # modify variables, affect expression
```

WOTO-3 Collatz and While
<http://bit.ly/101s21-0225-3>

Parallel Lists Review

- We will use parallel lists to track data
 - Each word is stored in a list named **words**
 - Word's count is stored in a list named **counts**
 - # occurrences of **words[k]** is in **counts[k]**

```
["apple", "fox", "vacuum", "lime"]  
[5, 2, 25, 15]
```

- What happens when we read a word?

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[5, 2, 26, 15]



- What happens when we read a word?

Read word "vacuum"?

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Add into words

- What happens when we read a word?



Read word "cat"?

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[5, 2, 26, 15, 0]

Expand counts

- What happens when we read a word?

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[5, 2, 26, 15, 1]



Add one

- What happens when we read a word?

Read word "cat"?

WOTO-4 File Frequency
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