Compsci 101
7-steps, Functions, Order of Execution

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C is for ...

- **Computer Science and Computing**
  - It’s what we do

- **Cookies**
  - Good for the web and for ...

- **CSV**
  - Comma Separated Values: Data

- **ChatGPT**
  - Trained AI model to answer questions
Ayanna Howard

- Educator, Researcher and Innovator
- BS Brown, MS/PhD USC, MBA Claremont
- Was Professor, Georgia Tech
- Now Dean of Engineering at Ohio State
- Robotics – Robots and Bias, Robots changing lives of children with disabilities, Robots beyond part of the family
- 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, January 26
• Assignment 0 due Today!
  • Due to Drop/Add -> ok to turn in by Jan 26
• 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 Jan 26

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

• Functions
• Order of execution
• 7 steps of programming
• APTs
• Testing and Submitting APTs
Go over answers from last WOTO

\[
x = 8 \\
y = 3 \\
z = 2.0
\]

\[
x/y*z  \\
x + y * y  \\
(x+y)*z**3
\]

\[
a = "Duke"  \\
b = "CoolColors"
\]

\[
a+a  \\
a+3  \\
a*3  \\
a+b
\]
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:
Functions in the Real World: calculator

• Function has:
  • Name: calculator
  • Input: number(s), operator
    • Example: 25, squareroot
  • Calculates:
  • Returns back:
Functions in the Real World: Counting words in Microsoft Word

• Function has:
  • Name:
  • Input:
  • Calculates:
  • Returns back:
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:**

```python
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:

```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"
```
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
print() function

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

- print("hi cat")
  - Name:
  - Input:
Example with lines numbered:

1. \( x = \text{float}(6) \)
2. \( \text{print}("x is", \ x) \)
3. \( y = \text{print}("x is", \ x) \)
4. \( \text{print}("y is", \ y) \)

Output:
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)
  ```
Writing your own Python function

- **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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What happens when executes?

Output:

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

if __name__ == '__main__':
    answer = inchesToCentimeters(10.0)
    print(answer)
    answer = inchesToCentimeters(3.0)
    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.
Let’s go see this in Pycharm and add a function:

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

Add this function

```python
newWord = pluralize("fish")
print(newWord)
word1 = "dress"
word2 = pluralize(word1)
print(word2)
word1 = "book"
print(pluralize(word1))
```

Add these lines of code that call the function
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
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)
• After devising the algorithm, translate to code
  • Plan first, then code
  • Bridge analogy: blue prints, then construction
  • Essay analogy: outline, then prose
The Seven Steps
Programming Process: High-level

- Next test our program
  - Testing important, often under-taught skill
The Seven Steps
Programming Process: High-level

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

Programming Process: High-level

- 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 5: let’s convert it to code!

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

Steps 1-4

Steps 1-7
Solving Laundry APT

- Navigate to APTs in class website and ...

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**APTs**

There will be two APT Quizzes that are just like APTs but are your own work and are timed quizzes, but not until you are ready to take the quiz.

**APT Quiz**

**APTs**

See below for hints on what to do if your APT doesn't run.

For each problem in an APT set, complete these steps by the due date:

- first click on the APT set below to go to the APT page.
- write the code, upload the file, select the problem, and click the *Submit* link.
- check your grade on the grade code page by clicking on *check submissions*.

In solving APTs, your program should work for all cases, not just the test cases we provide. Additional data.

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Solving Laundry APT

APT Grading: CompSci 101, Spring 2023

This is the webpage for grading and submitting your APTs.

Check Grades

click submissions

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Test file: Browse... No file selected.  

test/run
Solving Laundry APT

- Navigate to APTs in class website and ...

**Problem Statement**

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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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filename: Laundry.py
def minutesNeeded(m):
    """
    Return integer number of minutes to launder m (integer) loads
    """
    # you write code here
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Reading an APT

• Step 1: Work an instance yourself
• Step 2: Write down exactly what you just did
  What should be a variable?
• Step 3: Generalize your steps
• Step 4: Test your steps (with new input)

Examples

1. m = 1
   returns: 60
   You must wash minutes.

2. m = 2
   returns: 85
Solving Laundry APT – Steps 3 and 4


• What is important info?

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Solving an APT

• Create new project
  • File > New Project
  • Existing interpreter (first project you made from installation)

• Create new Python File
  • Right click on project > New > Python File

• Create function within module
  • Name it properly!