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Who am I?

Who are you?

- Python basics
- Python for data analytics

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Talking to Python

```
>>> 2 + 2
4
>>> 50 - 5*6
20
>>> (50 - 5.0*6) / 4
5.0
>>> 8 / 5.0
1.6
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>>> 'Monty' + '_' + 'Python'      # concatenation
'Monty_Python'
>>> 'Monty_Python'[4]             # index starts at 0
'y'
```

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Talking to Python

```
>>> width = 42
>>> width
42
>>> width * 2
84
>>> height
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'height' is not defined
```

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>>> primes = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
>>> primes
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11]
>>> primes[3]
7
>>> primes + [13, 17, 19]
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19]
```


Functions

Define your own functions



Double the input

```
>>> def double(n):    # define function named 'double'
...     return 2*n    # return value of expression
...
>>> double(21)
42
>>> double("la")     # oops
'la la'
```

Important: Indentation (PEP-8)

The function body needs to be indented by four spaces.

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Solving this task requires a *comparison* and a *conditional*.

Comparison Operators

- `==`, `!=` “equals” and “not equals”
- `<`, `>` “less than” and “greater than”
- `<=`, `>=` “less than or equal” and “greater than or equal”

Properties

- both operands must have the same type
- most types are sensible (numbers, strings, ...)
- result is `False` or `True`

Conditional

Examples



```
>>> if 4<5:
...     print("yes")
... else:
...     print("no")
...
yes
>>> if "max" < "fred":
...     print("max goes first")
... else:
...     print("fred goes first")
...
fred goes first
```

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Python implementation

```
>>> def check_test(max_marks, percentage, marks):  
...     if marks >= max_marks * percentage / 100:  
...         return "pass"  
...     else:  
...         return "fail"  
...  
>>> check_test(100, 50, 49)  
'fail'  
>>> check_test(100, 50, 50)  
'pass'  
>>> check_test(100, 50, 99)  
'pass'
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def check_test(max_marks, p, marks):  
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    if marks < 0 or marks > max_marks:  
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Python logical operators

or, and, not.

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```
>>> def coffee_drinkable(temp):  
...     return 50 <= temp <= 60  
...     # returns a boolean, True or False  
...  
>>> coffee_drinkable(10)  
False  
>>> coffee_drinkable(100)  
False  
>>> coffee_drinkable(55)  
True
```

More discerning temperature check



Coffee temperature

Given the temperature in a cup of coffee, return “too hot” if the temperature exceeds 60 degrees, “just right” if the temperature is between 50 and 60 degrees, and “too cold” if it is below 50.

Conditional for coffee judgment

```
>>> def coffee_judgment(temp):  
...     if temp < 50:  
...         return "too_cold"  
...     if temp < 60:  
...         return "just_right"  
...     else:  
...         return "too_hot"  
...  
>>> coffee_judgment(45)  
'too_cold'  
>>> coffee_judgment(55)  
'just_right'  
>>> coffee_judgment(65)  
'too_hot'
```

Functions

Solving a quadratic equation



Task: solve $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ using the quadratic formula

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Implementation of quadratic formula

```
>>> import math
>>> def midnight(a, b, c):
...     return (-b + math.sqrt(b*b - 4*a*c))/2/a
...
>>> midnight(1,0,-1)
1.0
```

Looks good! 1.0 is a root of $x^2 - 1 = (x + 1)(x - 1)$

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- Ok, got both now ... are we done?

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```
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[-1.0, -1.0]
>>> # unsatisfactory. should return one value
```

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```
>>> midnight2(1,0,1)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "<stdin>", line 3, in midnight2
ValueError: math domain error
>>> # oops! this equation has no real roots!
```

Consider equation E :

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Let $d = b^2 - 4ac$

- E has two distinct real solutions if $d > 0$
- E has one real solution if $d = 0$
- E has no real solutions if $d < 0$

We need to model this case distinction in the `midnight` function using a conditional `if, else`.

Case distinction: if-else

Final implementation of quadratic formula

```
>>> def midnight3(a, b, c):  
...     d = b*b - 4*a*c  
...     if d < 0:  
...         return []  
...     elif d == 0:  
...         return [-b/2/a]  
...     else:  
...         return [(-b + math.sqrt(d))/2/a,  
...                 (-b - math.sqrt(d))/2/a]  
...  
>>> midnight3(1,0,-1)  
[1.0, -1.0]  
>>> midnight3(1,2,1)  
[-1]  
>>> midnight3(1,0,1)  
[]
```


- 1 The present way of dealing with $d < 0$ is unsatisfactory. Python also supports complex numbers: just `import cmath` and use `cmath.sqrt` to compute the two roots in this case.
- 2 Try `midnight3 (0,1,2)`. What happens?

On if, elif, and else



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- `f (0, 20)` : return 2

On if, elif, and else III



elif skips execution after indented block

```
def g(a, b):  
    d = 0  
    if a > 10:  
        d = 1  
    elif b > 10:  
        d = 2  
    return d
```

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- `g (20,20)` : returns 1 (elif skips when `a > 10`)
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Check first letter



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Solution

```
>>> def check_first(str, ch):  
...     return str[0] == ch  
...  
>>> check_first('Larynx', 'L')  
True  
>>> check_first('atama', 'x')  
False  
>>> check_first([2,3,5], 2) # works for lists!  
True
```

Output and formatting

Printing

The print statement takes any object and prints it.

Talking to Python

```
>>> print(42)
42
>>> print(4/5)
0.8
>>> print(True)
True
>>> print("flame")
flame
>>> "flame" # an expression with string value
'flame'
>>> 1*print('c')
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for *: 'int' and
```

Printing any object

```
>>> print([1,2,3])
[1, 2, 3]
>>> print([[ ], [1], [1,2]])
[[ ], [1], [1, 2]]
>>> def double(x):
...     return 2*x
...
>>> print(double)
<function double at 0x10acd62a8>
```

Formatted Printing

String operations create a string in the desired form, then **print**.

f-Strings

String literals with holes for expressions.

```
>>> captain = "Jim"
>>> message = f"He's {captain}."
"He's {captain}."
```

Additional formatting for numbers

```
>>> f"pi is {math.pi}"
'pi is 3.141592653589793'
>>> f"pi is {math.pi:10.2}"
'pi is 3.141592653589793'
>>> f"pi is {math.pi:10.8}"
'pi is 3.141592653589793'
```

More Formatting

String Alignment

These methods align their receiver string inside a given space of n characters.

- `ljust()` align to left
- `rjust()` align to right
- `center()` align in center

```
>>> "x".rjust(5)
'    x'
>>> "x".ljust(5)
'x    '
>>> "x".center(5)
'  x  '
```

More useful string operations may be found here <https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/stdtypes.html#string-methods>

String Formatter

Given a template string, the `format` method can fill in the holes.

```
>>> "Dear {}, I'm so {} today!".format("diary", "cold")
"Dear diary, I'm so cold today!"
```

If the sequence of arguments is different, then the template can use explicit positions.

```
>>> "Dear {1}, I'm {0} today!".format(24, "Mum")
"Dear Mum, I'm 24 today!"
```

Many further options to format numbers and other data.

<https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/string.html#formatstrings>

Input

Reading text from the console

Line Input

The console is called *standard input* `stdin`. The function `input` reads a line and returns it as a string.

```
>>> x = input()
wurstbrot
>>> x
'wurstbrot'
```

Word Input

To read multiple words, we need to split the line.

```
>>> y = input()
first things      first
>>> y
'first_things_first'
>>> y.split()
['first', 'things', 'first']
```

Number input

Each numeric type comes with a function to read a number from a string or to convert it from another numeric format.

- `int` builds a machine integer from a string or another number
- `float` builds a floating point number ...
- `long` builds an integer with unlimited precision
- `complex` builds a complex number

Example Uses

```
>>> int("32")
32
>>> int("-768")
-768
>>> int("   1024   ")
1024
>>> int("   1024_!_")
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
ValueError: invalid literal for int() with
base 10: '   1024_!_'
```

Number Format

Only legal number characters allowed!

Example: Reading Input for a Task

Task

Read two integers a and b in this order from STDIN and print three lines where:

- 1 The first line contains the sum of the two numbers.
- 2 The second line contains the difference ($a - b$).
- 3 The third line contains the product of the two numbers.

Input format

The first line contains the first integer, a . The second line contains the second integer, b .

Constraints

$$1 \leq a \leq 10^{10}$$

$$1 \leq b \leq 10^{10}$$

```
def solution():  
    a = int(input())  
    b = int(input())  
    print(a+b)  
    print(a-b)  
    print(a*b)
```

Testing

```
>>> solution()  
123  
234  
357  
-111  
28782
```

Same Task, Different Input Format

Input format

The first line contains both integers, a and b , in this order.

```
def solution2():  
    line = input().split()  
    a = int(line[0])  
    b = int(line[1])  
    print (a+b)  
    print (a-b)  
    print (a*b)
```

Testing

```
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```

- Can you write a solution that is flexible as to whether the input is on one or two lines?

End Part I