



# Introduction to Programming

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## Week 4: More Arithmetic and Input



# Recall Operators and Expressions

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- Operators:  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$ ,  $\%$ ,  $//$ ,  $**$
- Example of an expression:  
 $(p+4)*5$   
where 4, 5 are number literals and  $p$  is a variable
- If  $p$  is assigned a numerical value then the expression can be evaluated to yield a number



# Recall Precedence of Operators

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- In order of decreasing precedence  
exponentiation \*\*  
multiplication and division \* / // %  
addition and subtraction + -
- If in any doubt then use brackets,  
 $3-5-6 = (3-5)-6$



# Recall Built-in Functions

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The following functions are always available

- `abs(-5)`
  - # returns 5
- `round(3.4)`
  - # returns 3
- `round(3.452, 2)`
  - # returns 3.45
- `max(1, 5, 2, 9, 3)`
  - # returns 9
- `min(1, 5, 2, 9, 3)`
  - # returns 1



# Arithmetic Expression Examples

Mathematical Expression	Python Expression	Comments
$\frac{x+y}{2}$	<code>(x+y)/2</code>	Parentheses required. <code>x+y/2</code> has the value <code>x+(y/2)</code>
$\frac{xy}{2}$	<code>x*y/2</code>	Parentheses not required. Operators with the same precedence are evaluated left to right
$\left(1 + \frac{r}{100}\right)^n$	<code>(1+r/100)**n</code>	Parentheses are required
$\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$	<code>sqrt(a**2+b**2)</code>	Import the <code>sqrt</code> function from the <code>math</code> module
$\pi$	<code>pi</code>	<code>pi</code> is a constant declared in the <code>math</code> module



# Balanced Parentheses

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- The following formula

$$((a+b)*t/2*(1-t))$$

is not correct. The parentheses are not balanced.

- Check: count from left to right starting at 0, add 1 for a left bracket, subtract 1 for a right bracket. In this case,

0 1 2 1 2 1

- What about  $(a+b))*(t/2*(1-t))$ ?

0 1 0 -1 0 1 0

- The parentheses are balanced if and only if
  - the count is always non-negative and
  - the final count is 0



# Examples of Function Calls

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- price = 124  
rate = 0.173  
tax1 = round(price\*rate, 2)           # price\*rate = 21.452  
          # round to 2 decimal places  
tax2 = round(price\*rate)  
          # round to the nearest integer  
# The value of tax1 is 21.45. The value of tax2 is 21.
- best = min(price1, price2, price3, price4)  
# The function min has an arbitrary number of arguments



# Standard Library

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- All Python systems have the **standard library**
- The standard library contains built in functions that can be used immediately in your programs, e.g. **abs, float, int, input, min, max, print, round** ...
- The standard library also contains a **math module** with functions such as **sqrt, cos, sin, tan, exp**, etc.
- See PFE Appendix D





# Selected Functions in the Math Module

Function	Returns
<code>sqrt(x)</code>	The square root of $x$ ( $x \geq 0$ )
<code>trunc(x)</code>	Truncates floating-point value $x$ to an integer
<code>cos(x)</code>	The cosine of $x$ radians
<code>sin(x)</code>	The sine of $x$ radians
<code>tan(x)</code>	The tangent of $x$ radians
<code>exp(x)</code>	$e^x$
<code>degrees(x)</code>	Convert $x$ radians to degrees (returns $x \cdot 180/\pi$ )
<code>radians(x)</code>	Convert $x$ degrees to radians (returns $x \cdot \pi/180$ )
<code>log(x)</code> <code>log(x, base)</code>	The natural logarithm of $x$ (to base $e$ ) or the logarithm of $x$ to the given base



# Obtaining a math Module Function

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- To use e.g. `sqrt`, put this statement at the top of the program  
`from math import sqrt`
- Multiple functions can be obtained using a single statement  
`from math import sqrt, sin, cos`
- To obtain everything use  
`from math import *`
- See PFE Appendix D, math Module



# Exercise

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- Write the following mathematical expressions in Python
- $s = s_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} g t^2$
- $G = 4\pi^2 \frac{a^3}{p^2(m_1+m_2)}$
- $FV = PV \left(1 + \frac{INT}{100}\right)^{YRS}$
- $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2 - 2a b \cos(\gamma)}$



# Roundoff Errors

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```
price = 4.35
```

```
quantity = 100
```

```
total = price * quantity # Should be 100 * 4.35 = 435
```

```
print(total) # Prints 434.999999999999994
```

```
# The number 4.35 cannot be represented exactly as a
```

```
# binary floating point number
```



# User Input

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```
first = input("Enter your first name: ")
```

```
# The input function displays the string argument (prompt) in  
# the console window and places the cursor on the same line,  
# immediately following the string.
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```
Enter your first name: _
```

```
# The program waits until the user types a string followed  
# by Enter. The string is stored as the value of first.
```



# Numerical Input

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```
userInput = input("Please enter the number of bottles: ")
```

```
bottles = int(userInput)
```

```
# The input function reads in a string and returns the string to  
# the calling program. The function int converts the string to  
# an integer.
```

```
bottles = int(input("Please enter the number of bottles: "))
```

```
userInput2 = input("Enter price per bottle: ")
```

```
price = float(userInput2)
```

```
# The function float converts the string to a floating point value.
```

```
price = float(input("Enter price per bottle: "))
```



# The Function int

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```
print(int("5"))
```

```
# print 5
```

```
print(int("test"))
```

```
# invalid literal for int
```

```
print(int(7.6))
```

```
# truncate to 7, not round to 8
```

```
print(int(-7.6))
```

```
# truncate to -7, not round to -8
```

```
print(int("5.6"))
```

```
# invalid literal for int, one-step transformation only
```



# Description of int in Appendix D

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The Python Standard Library  
Built-in Functions

`int(x)`

This function converts a number or string to an integer.

**Parameter:** `x`      *A string or numerical value*

**Returns:**              The new integer object





# The Function float

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```
print(float("5"))
```

```
# print 5.0
```

```
print(float("test"))
```

```
# ValueError: could not  
# convert string to float
```

```
print(float("7.6"))
```

```
# print 7.6
```

```
print(float("3E2"))
```

```
# print 300.0
```

```
print(float(7.6))
```

```
# print 7.6
```

```
print(float("3e2"))
```

```
# print 300.0
```

Remark: `print(int("5.6"))` error, but `print(float("5"))` works



# Vending Machine

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Write a program that simulates a vending machine.

A customer selects an item for purchase and inserts a bill into the vending machine. The vending machine dispenses the purchased item and gives change.

Assumption 1: only one bill is inserted to purchase an item

Assumption 2: only one item is purchased at a time

Assumption 3: the bill is no less than the purchase price

Assumption 4: all item prices are multiples of 25 cents

Assumption 5: the machine gives all change in

dollar coins (1 dollar) and quarters (25 cents).

Compute how many coins of each type to return



# Preliminaries

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Step 1: identify inputs and outputs.

Step 2: Work out an example by hand, e.g. the item costs \$2.25 and a \$5 bill is inserted.

Step 3: Write pseudo code for computing the answers.



# Coding

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Step 4: Declare the variables and constants that are needed.

Step 5: Turn the pseudo code into Python statements.

Step 6: Provide input and output.

Step 7: Write the program.