

Strings in Python 1

Midterm#1 Exam Review

CS 8: Introduction to Computer Science
Lecture #6

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Administrative

- Turn in Homework #2 today
- Homework #3 is assigned and due next Thursday
- Lab #2 is due on Friday

- Your grades are now online!
Access them through the class website
and click on “**Class Grades, CMPSC 8, Spring 2017**”

- **Don't forget your TAs' and Instructor's office hours!! 😊**

MIDTERM IS COMING!

- Material: Everything we've done, incl. up to Th. 4/20
 - Homework, Labs, Lectures, Textbook
- **Tuesday, 4/25** in this classroom
- **Starts at 3:30pm **SHARP****
- **Pre-assigned seating**
- **Duration: 1 hour long**
- **Closed book: no calculators, no phones, no computers**
- Only 1 sheet (single-sided) of written notes
 - Must be no bigger than 8.5" x 11"
 - **You have to turn it in with the exam**
- **You will write your answers on the exam sheet itself.**



***Bring your UCSB IDs
to the exam!!!***

Study Session with a TA!!

- TA Sourav Medya (medya@cs.ucsb.edu) will lead a review session for anyone interested
- **Friday, April 21st from 1:00 – 2:00 PM**
- **In PSYCH 1924**

What's on the Midterm#1?

All Lecture Materials, Including...

- What is CS? What are computers? Brief history
- What is programming? How does abstraction fit in?
- Numbers and Arithmetic in Python
- Variables in Python
- Modules in Python including **turtle**
- Loops using **for**
 - Different uses of **range**
 - Implementing accumulations
- Conditional statements using **if/elif/else**
- Boolean Logic
- Random Number Generation
- Functions – how to define them, how to call them
- Strings in Python

What's on the Midterm#1?

Textbook Readings

- Ch. 1 (all)
 - Intro to Python

- Ch. 2 (all)
 - Finding Pi:
a context to learn/use loops, functions, random numbers

- Ch. 3 (sections 3.1 and 3.2)
 - Strings and their manipulations

What's on the Midterm#1?

Homework and Labs

- Review them and understand what you did
 - The lab processes and experiences, especially

Sample Question

Multiple Choice

What is the answer to this operation: $1+3j^{**2}$?

A. $1 + 9j$

B. -9

C. $-9 + 0j$

D. -8

E. $-8 + 0j$

Sample Question

Multiple Choice

What is exactly printed by this code?

```
for z in range(3, 5, 1):  
    print( z * z)
```

- A. 3, 5, 1 on separate lines
- B. 9, 16 on separate lines
- C. 9, 16, 25 on separate lines
- D. 3, 5 on separate lines
- E. None of the above

Sample Question

Short Answer

Write Python code that does the following: if the value of a variable, `v`, is less than 5, you will print out “UCSB” `v` times. Otherwise you will print out “Gaucho” once.

```
if v < 5:
    for j in range(v):
        print “UCSB”
else:
    print “Gaucho”
```


Strings

- Chapter 3's problem context is **cryptography**, but mostly it is about **strings** and related ideas
- Strings are basically **sequences of characters**
- A string **literal** is enclosed in quotes (' ' or " " in Python):
`'hello' == "hello" >>> True`

Strings

- Actually objects of a Python class named `str`

```
type('kitty')    >>> <class 'str'>
```

- Can assign names like any other type of object

```
message = "Don't be late!"  
print(message)    >>> Don't be late!
```

- Lots of built-in functions work for string objects, and `class str` has useful operators and methods too

Operations on Strings

- Concatenation
 - Merging multiple strings into 1
 - Use the + operator
 - “say my” + “ ” + “name” = “say my name”
- Repetition
 - Easy way to multiply the contents of a string
 - Use the * operator
 - “ja ” * 3 = “ja ja ja ”

Indexing

- Every character in a string has an index associated with it

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
y	o		m	a	m	a	,	s

- In Python, indexing always starts at 0.
 - So the 1st character in the string is character #0
 - Indexing is called out with square brackets [*n*]
- If name = “Jimbo Jones”, then:
 - name[0] = “J”
 - name[4] = “o”
 - name[5] = “ ”
 - name[15] is undefined (error)

(Fun)ctions for Strings

- Length of string: `len(string)`
 - Example: `len("Gaucho") = 6`
- Slice a string into a smaller string: `[i:j]`
 - Where i = starting index, j = ending index
 - Example: `"Gaucho"[2:4] = "uc"`
- Combinations are possible!
 - Example:
`(("o" + "Gaucho"[2:5] + " ") * 3) + "!"`

More (Fun)ctions!

- Boolean operators **in** and **not in** to check if a sub-string is found inside a longer string

Examples:

- “fun” **in** “functions” = True
- “fun” **in** “Functions” = False
- “Fan” **not in** “Functions” = True

String Methods

See Table 3.2 in textbook

Assume: name = 'Bubba'

- `name.center(9) = ' Bubba '` ← centers w/ spaces on each side
- `name.count('b') = 2` ← counts how many times 'b' occurs
- `name.count('ubb') = 1`
- `name.ljust(9) = 'Bubba '` ← left justifies name in 9 spaces
- `name.rjust(9) = ' Bubba'` ← right justifies name in 9 spaces
- `name.upper() = 'BUBBA'` ← all uppercase letters
- `name.lower() = 'bubba'` ← all lowercase letters
- `name.index('bb') = 2` ← Index of first occurrence of first letter
- `name.find('bb') = 2` ← Index of first occurrence of first letter
- `name.find('z') = -1` if not found, then returns -1
- `name.replace('bb', 'dd') = 'Budda'`

Example

Assume string $s =$

“ h o w n o w b r o w n c o w m e o w ! ”

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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What is:

- $s.find('m') = 18$
- $s.find('r') = 9$
- $s.find('ow') = 1$
- $s.find('s') = -1$
- $s.replace(' meow', 'moo?') = \text{“how now brown cowmoo?!”}$
 ← *note: one space before meow*

Functions `chr(n)` and `ord(c)`

- Characters are stored as numbers in memory
 - There are standard codes for characters, e.g. ASCII codes, UTF-8, etc...
- For example, 'A' has code 65 in ASCII
 - Use `ord` function to verify: `ord('A') >>> 65`
 - Notice 'A' is not same as 'a': `ord('a') >>> 97`
- Every character, **seen** (e.g. %, !, G, =, ...) and **unseen** (e.g. CONTROL-X, newline...) has ASCII code

Functions `chr(n)` and `ord(c)`

- Likewise, you can find character associated with a particular code using `chr` function

```
chr(65) >>> 'A'
```

- Can manipulate numbers to process characters

```
chr(ord('a') + 3) >>> 'd'
```

- Notice digit characters have codes too!

```
ord('6') >>> 54
```

Examples

- How can I find out what's 13 letters after 'e'??
 - `chr(ord('e') + 13)`
- How can I “add” '3' and '4' and get '7'??
 - First ask: how can I make '3' into 3? **HINT**: We need a baseline!
- `ord('3') – ord('0') = 3`
- So the “addition” is done like this:

$$\text{ord}('3') - \text{ord}('0') + \text{ord}('4') - \text{ord}('0') = 7$$

$$\text{or, } \underline{\text{ord}('3') + \text{ord}('4') - 2 * \text{ord}('0')} = 7$$

Then:

$$\text{chr}(\underline{\text{ord}('3') + \text{ord}('4') - 2 * \text{ord}('0')} + \text{ord}('0')) = '7'$$

So I Can Create a Function to do This!

```
def addChars(char1, char2):  
    numAddASCII = ord(char1) + ord(char2) - ord('0')  
    charNum = chr(numAddASCII)  
    return charNum
```

Important Caveat!

Only works with 1 character numbers!

YOUR TO-DOs

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