

Programming  
Summer 2020

Exercises

Number 03, Submission Deadline: May 8, 2020

1. Use a `for`-loop to compute the *arithmetic mean* of the following list of numbers: (2 P)  
[87, 98, 95, 9, 80, 70, 1, 43, 92, 23]
2. Python provides a module called `random` for generating pseudo-randomized numbers. (2 P)  
Use the `random()` function of this module to sample pseudo-random floating point numbers from the interval  $[0, 1)$ . Use a `while`-loop to count the number of samples needed to receive a pseudo-random number that is smaller than a given threshold value  $a$ , e.g., say  $a = 0.1$ .
3. Write a function `getDuplicates(lst, x)` that returns elements that occur at least  $x$  times in the given list `lst`. Do not use the list's `count()` function in your implementation. Make sure to report each such identified duplicate element only once. You may assume that all elements of list `lst` are immutable. Test your function on the following list, using different values for threshold  $x$ . (2 P)  
[2, 'test', 2, (1, 2), 3, 2, 'test', (1, 2), 1, 2, 4, 3]
4. Functions can have optional parameters by assigning default values. Note that optional parameters must always succeed required parameters in order, as illustrated in this example: (2 P)  

```
def myFunction(a, b=None, c=1, d='text'):  
    return (a, b, c, d)  
  
myFunction(42)  
# will return (42, None, 1, 'text')  
myFunction(list(), set())  
# will return ([], set(), 1, 'text')  
myFunction(list(), d='Hello World', c=3)  
# will return ([], None, 3, 'Hello World')
```

Extend the *constructor*, i.e., the `__init__()` function, of the `Library` class shown in the lecture by default parameters so that (i) it can be called without any required arguments and (ii) an initial list of books can be supplied.
5. Explain in your own words the difference between class and instance variables/functions. Create a class of your own to illustrate your explanation. (3 P)
6. The following function performs a matrix multiplication of the given two-dimensional matrices `M1` and `M2`. Identify the assumptions that the code makes and translate these into Python `assert` statements that are checked prior to the code that performs the matrix multiplication. Augment each assertion with a meaningful message (as shown in the lecture) so that the user is properly informed in case the assertion is not met. (3 P)

```
def matrixMultiplication(M1, M2):
    # insert assertions here ...
    m = len(M1)
    n = len(M2[0])

    M3 = list()
    for i in range(m):
        M3.append(list())
        for j in range(n):
            M3[-1].append(0)
            for k in range(len(M1[i])):
                M3[i][j] += M1[i][k] * M2[k][j]
    return M3
```

**Important:**

Please submit your solution as (adequately commented) Python file. Use the cell separator comment “`##%`” to partition your Python file analog to the six exercises. Make sure your Python file contains only valid Python code.