**Algorithms & Abstraction**

*Algorithms:* procedures that specify how to do a task or solve a problem

*Abstraction:* changing the level of detail used to represent/interact with a system

Designing algorithms:

*Little abstraction*: assume no prior knowledge, need to define everything

*Moderate abstraction:* assume user has some basic knowledge already

*Heavy abstraction*: can make a lot more assumptions about incoming knowledge

**Programming Basics**

*Integer (*int*):* whole numbers (14)

*Floating point number (*float*):* numbers with a fractional part (5.735)

*Boolean (*bool*):* truth value (True)

*String (*str*):* text in quotes ("Sup all")

*List* (list): ordered collection of data values ([1, 'a'])

*Number operations*: +, -, \*, /, \*\*, %, //

*Text operations*: +, \*

*Comparison ops*: <, >, <=, >=, ==, !=

*Expression:* code that evaluates to a data value

*Statement:* code that can change the state of the program

*Variable assignment:* x = expr stores the value of expr in the variable x

*Variables:* x evaluates to the value stored in the variable x

*Augmented assignment:* shorthand to update a variable in place; x += 1

**Errors, Debugging, and Testing**

*Syntax Error:* an error that occurs when Python cannot tokenize or structure code. Examples: SyntaxError, IndentationError, Incomplete Error

*Runtime Error:* an error that occurs when Python encounters a problem while running code. Examples: NameError, TypeError, ZeroDivisionError

*Logical Error:* an error that occurs when code runs properly but does not produce the intended result. Often (but not always) caused by a failed test case with AssertionError

**assert(**funName**(**input**)** **==** output**)**

*When dealing with an error:*

1. Look for the line number
2. Look at the error type
3. For SyntaxErrors, look for the inline arrow
4. For Runtime Errors, read the error message
5. For Logical Errors, run the function call to get the actual output

*Debugging Strategies:* rubber duck debugging, printing and experimenting, thorough tracing

*Test Case:* a line of code that tests whether a function when called on a specific input returns the correct output. Test normal, large, edge, and special cases, and produce varying outputs.

**Function Calls**

*Function:* an algorithm implemented abstractly in Python that can be called on specific inputs

*Arguments:* input values to function call

*Returned value:* evaluated result, the output. If no output, defaults to None

*Side effect:* visible things that happen as the function runs (printing, graphics, etc)

*Built-in Functions:*

print(expr) - show expr in interpreter

abs(num) - absolute value of num

pow(x, y) - raises x to power of y

round(x, y) - round x to y sig. digits

type(expr) - type of evaluated expr

input(msg) - turns user input into string

*Library:* a collection of functions that need to be imported to be used

import libraryName

math.ceil(x) - ceiling of x

math.log(x, y) - log of x with base y

math.radians(x) - degrees to radians

math.pi - pi (to some number of digits)

random.randint(x, y) - random int in range [x, y]

random.random() - random float in range [0, 1)

canvas.create\_rectangle(a,b,c,d) - draw a rectangle from point (a, b) to point (c, d). Use canvas.create\_oval to draw an oval & canvas.create\_line to draw a line with similar coordinates.

canvas.create\_polygon(a,b,c,d,e,f) - draw a polygon using the (x,y) points

canvas.create\_text(a,b,text=s) - draw the text in s at (a,b)

canvas.create\_image(a,b,file=f) - draw the image store in f at (a,b)

*Keyword argument:* an argument that can be included or can be left out and set to a default value. Tkinter examples: fill, width, font, anchor

canvas.create\_rectangle(a,b,c,d,

fill="blue")

**Function Definitions**

*Function definition:* abstract implementation of an algorithm. Provides input with *parameters* (abstract variables), produces a result with a *return statement*.

**def** funName**(**args**):**

# body

**return** result

*Local scope:* variables in function definitions (including parameters) are only accessible within that function.

*Global scope:* variables at the global (top) level are accessible at the top-level, and by any function.

*Function Call Tracing:* Python keeps track of the functions it is currently calling in nested function calls. When Python reaches a return statement, it returns the value to the most recent function that called the current function.

**Booleans, Conditionals, & Errors**

*Logical operators:* and, or, not

*Short circuit evaluation:* Python only evaluates the second half of a logical operation if it needs to

*Conditional statement:* control structure that allows you to make choices in a program.

**if** booleanExpr**:**

*ifBody*

**elif** booleanExpr**:**

*elifBody*

**else:**

*elseBody*

**Loops**

*For loop:* a control structure that lets you repeat actions a specific number of times, or over a specific data structure.

**for** var **in** range**(**rangeArgs**):**

*forBody*

**for** var **in** *sequenceValue***:**

*forBody*

*Range:* a function that generates values for the loop control variable in a for loop. Can take 1-3 inputs.

range(end) # [0, end)

range(start, end) # [start, end)

range(start, end, step)

# step provides the increment

*While loop:* a control structure that lets you repeat actions while a given Boolean expression is True

**while** booleanExpr**:**

*whileBody*

*Infinite loop:* a while loop that never exits due to the state of the program

*Loop control variable:* a variable used to manipulate the number of times a loop iterates. Requires a start value, update action, and continuing condition.

**Nesting and Top-Down Design**

*Nesting:* a control structure can be included in the body of another control structure through use of indentation.

*Nested conditionals:* when two conditionals are nested, both must evaluate to True to reach the inner body

*Nested loop:* a loop with another loop in its body. The inner loop is fully executed for each iteration of the outer loop.

*Nesting in functions:* when a return statement is reached in a nested structure, the function immediately exits.

*Helper function:* a function that helps solve a big problem by solving a subpart of the problem.

*Top-down design:* solve a complicated problem by breaking it into several smaller problems and solving separately

**Strings and Lists**

*Membership:* can check if an item exists in a sequence or not

*value* in *sequence*

*Index:* access a specific value in a sequence based on its position. Positions start at 0 and end at len(seq)-1. Non-existent indexes result in IndexError.

seqExpr**[**index**]**

*Slice*: access a subsequence of a larger sequence based on a given start, end (not inclusive), and step

seqExpr**[**start**:**end**:**step**]** # slice

seqExpr**[**start**:**end**]** # also slice

# default to 0:len(seqExpr):1

*Looping over sequences:* use range and indexing to access one value at a time.

**for** i **in** range**(**len**(**seqExpr**)):**

*something with seqExpr[i]*

*Method:* a function called directly on a data value

result = value**.**method**(**args**)**

*Methods:*

s.isdigit()/s.islower()/ s.isupper() - checks that property of s

L.count(item) - # times item appears

L.index(x) - index of x, error if missing

s.lower()/s.upper() - makes new version of s that is lowercase/uppercase

s.replace(a, b) - new version of s with a replaced by b

s.split(delim) - makes a list of parts of s separated by delim

*Destructive Method:* a method that modifies the value it is called on directly instead of returning a new result

value.method(args) # no assign

*Destructive Methods:*

L.append(val) - adds val to end

L.remove(val) - removes val from L

L.sort() - sorts L

**User Interaction**

*Text-based Interaction:* create an interactive program loop by asking the user for input with input, using print to display output, and looping with while until some condition is met.

*Input Validation:* ensure that user input matches requirements, and force them to type the input again if it doesn't.

*Event-Based Interaction:* create an interactive program loop by receiving input from mouse and keyboard and displaying output as graphics.

*MVC (Model-View-Controller):* an interaction framework where functions work in tandem using a shared data structure instead of running sequentially. Store components in the *model*; update graphics from the *view*; call rule functions from the *controllers*.

# set up initial model

# data.var = value

makeModel(data)

# display current model

# use data.var in canvas call

makeView(data, canvas)

# update data.var on key event

# check event.char, event.keysym

keyPressed(data, event)

# update data.var on mouse event

# check event.x, event.y

mousePressed(data, event)

**Real-World Coding**

*Style:* the decisions you make while coding about how to organize and implement algorithms

*Clarity Principles:* to write code that is easy to read, use consistent formatting, use good naming conventions, don't include unnecessary code, and remember to document.

*Robustness Principles:* to write code that will be easy to modify later on, avoid repetitive code, avoid magic numbers, join up related conditionals, and test all functions.

*External library:* a library outside of the main Python language that can be installed into Python.

*Documentation:* instructions on how to use a library available online. Describes existing functions and what they do.

*Install modules with:*

pip install name