



Control Flow

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Repeating yourself



Making decisions

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Temperature Conversion Chart



Recall the exercise from the previous lecture

```
fahr = 30
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print(fahr, cent)
fahr = 40
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print(fahr, cent)
fahr = 50
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print(fahr, cent)
fahr = 60
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print(fahr, cent)
fahr = 70
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print(fahr, cent)
print("All done")
```

Output:
30 -1.11
40 4.44
50 10.0
60 15.55
70 21.11
All done

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Temperature Conversion Chart



A better way to repeat yourself:

```
for f in [30, 40, 50, 60, 70]:
    print(f, (f - 32) / 9.0 * 5)
print("All done")
```

Annotations:

- for loop
- loop variable or iteration variable
- A list
- Colon is required
- Loop body is indented
- Execute the body 5 times:
 - once with f = 30
 - once with f = 40
 - once with f = 50
 - once with f = 60
 - once with f = 70
- Indentation is significant

Output:

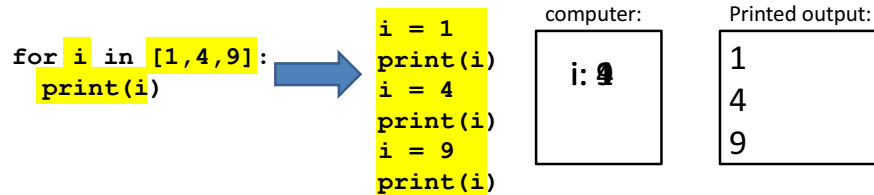
```
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All done
```

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How a Loop is Executed: Transformation Approach

Idea: convert a `for` loop into something we know how to execute

1. Evaluate the sequence expression
2. Write an assignment to the loop variable, for each sequence element
3. Write a copy of the loop after each assignment
4. Execute the resulting statements



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How a Loop is Executed: Direct Approach

1. Evaluate the sequence expression
2. While there are sequence elements left:
 - a) Assign the loop variable to the next remaining sequence element
 - b) Execute the loop body



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The Body can be Multiple Statements

Execute whole body, then execute whole body again, etc.

```
for i in [3,4,5]:
    print("Start body")
    print(i)
    print(i*i)
```

loop body:
3 statements

Output:	NOT:
Start body	Start body
3	Start body
9	Start body
Start body	3
4	4
16	5
Start body	9
5	16
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Convention: often use `i` or `j` as loop variable if values are integers

This is an exception to the rule that variable names should be descriptive

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Indentation in Loop is Significant

- Every statement in the body must have exactly the same indentation
- That's how Python knows where the body ends

```
for i in [3,4,5]:
    print("Start body")
    print(i)
    print(i*i)
```

Error! █

- Compare the results of these loops:

```
for f in [30,40,50,60,70]:
    print(f, (f-32)/9.0*5)
print("All done")
```

```
for f in [30,40,50,60,70]:
    print(f, (f-32)/9.0*5)
print("All done")
```

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The Body can be Multiple Statements

How many statements does this loop contain?

```
for i in [0,1]:
    print("Outer", i)
    for j in [2,3]:
        print(" Inner", j)
        print(" Sum", i+j)
    print("Outer", i)
```

“nested” loop body: 2 statements

loop body: 3 statements

What is the output?

```
Output:
Outer 0
Inner 2
Sum 2
Inner 3
Sum 3
Outer 0
Outer 1
Inner 2
Sum 3
Inner 3
Sum 4
Outer 1
```

Understand Loops Through the Transformation Approach

Key idea:

1. Assign each sequence element to the loop variable
2. Duplicate the body

```
for i in [0,1]:
    print("Outer", i)
for j in [2,3]:
    print(" Inner", j)
    print(" Sum", i+j)
print("Outer", i)
```

```
i = 0
print("Outer", i)
for j in [2,3]:
    print(" Inner", j)
    print(" Sum", i+j)
i = 1
print("Outer", i)
for j in [2,3]:
    print(" Inner", j)
    print(" Sum", i+j)
```

```
i = 0
print("Outer", i)
j = 2
print(" Inner", j)
j = 3
print(" Inner", j)
i = 1
print("Outer", i)
for j in [2,3]:
    print("Outer", i)
    print(" Inner", j)
```

Fix This Loop

```
# Goal: print 1, 2, 3, ..., 48, 49, 50
for tens_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:
    for ones_digit in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:
        print(tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit)
```

What does it actually print?

How can we change it to correct its output?

Moral: Watch out for *edge conditions* (beginning or end of loop)

Some Fixes

```
# Goal: print 1, 2, 3, ..., 48, 49, 50
```

```
for tens_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:
    for ones_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:
        print(tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit + 1)

for tens_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:
    for ones_digit in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]:
        print(tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit)

for tens_digit in [1, 2, 3, 4]:
    for ones_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:
        print(tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit)
print 50
```

- Analyze each of the above

Test Your Understanding of Loops

Puzzle 1:

```
for i in [0,1]:
    print(i)
    print(i)
```

Output:

```
0
1
1
```

Puzzle 2:

```
i = 5
for i in []:
    print(i)
```

(no output)

Puzzle 3:

```
for i in [0,1]:
    print("Outer", i)
    for i in [2,3]:
        print(" Inner", i)
    print("Outer", i)
```

Reusing loop variable (don't do this!)

inner loop body

outer loop body

```
Outer 0
Inner 2
Inner 3
Outer 3
Outer 1
Inner 2
Inner 3
Outer 3
```

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The Range Function

As an implicit list:

for i in range(5):

The list [0,1,2,3,4]

... body ...

Upper limit (exclusive)

range(5) = [0,1,2,3,4]

Lower limit (inclusive)

range(1, 5) = [1,2,3,4]

step (distance between elements)

range(1, 10, 2) = [1,3,5,7,9]

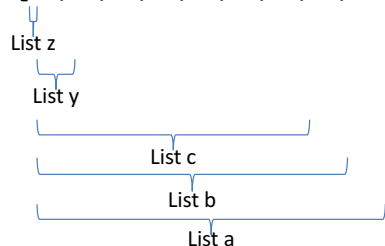
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Decomposing a List Computation

- To compute a value for a list:
 - Compute a partial result for all but the last element
 - Combine the partial result with the last element

Example: sum of a list:

[3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6, 5]



```
sum(List a) = sum(List b) + 5
sum(List b) = sum(List c) + 6
...
sum(List y) = sum(List z) + 3
sum(empty list) = 0
```

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How to Process a List: One Element at a Time

- A common pattern when processing a list:

```
result = initial_value
for element in list:
    result = updated result
use result
```

```
# Sum of a list
result = 0
for element in mylist:
    result = result + element
print(result)
```

- initial_value** is a correct result for an empty list
- As each element is processed, **result** is a correct result for a prefix of the list
- When all elements have been processed, **result** is a correct result for the whole list

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Some Loops

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
result = 0
for element in range(5): # [0,1,2,3,4]
    result = result + element
print("The sum is: " + str(result))
```

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
result = 0
for element in range(5,1,-1):
    result = result + element
print("The sum is:", result)
```

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
result = 0
for element in range(0,8,2):
    result = result + element
print("The sum is:", result)
```

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
result = 0
size = 5
for element in range(size):
    result = result + element
print("When size = " + str(size) + ", the result is " + str(result))
```

Some More Loops

```
for size in [1, 2, 3, 4]:
    result = 0
    print("size=" + str(size))
    for element in range(size):
        result = result + element
        print(" adding " + str(element)+" , result so far=" + str(result))
    print("Done. size=" + str(size) + " result=" + str(result))
print("All done!")
```

Output?

Some More Loops

```
result = 0
for size in [1, 2, 3, 4]:
    result = 0
    print("size=" + str(size))
    for element in range(size):
        result = result + element
        print(" adding " + str(element)+" , result so far=" + str(result))
    print("Done. size=" + str(size) + " result=" + str(result))
print("All done!")
```

What happens if we move `result = 0` to be the first line of the program instead?

Examples of List Processing

- Product of a list:

```
result = 1
for element in mylist:
    result = result * element
```

- Maximum of a list:

```
result = mylist[0]
for element in mylist:
    result = max(result, element)
```

- Approximate the value 3 by $1 + 2/3 + 4/9 + 8/27 + 16/81 + \dots = (2/3)^0 + (2/3)^1 + (2/3)^2 + (2/3)^3 + \dots + (2/3)^{10}$

```
result = 0
for element in range(11):
    result = result + (2.0/3.0)**element
```

`result = initial value`
`for element in list:`
`result = updated result`

The first element of the list (counting from zero)

Exercise with Loops

- Write a simple program to add values between two given inputs a, b
- e.g., if a=5, b=9, it returns sum of (5+6+7+8+9)
- Hint: we did some 'algorithmic thinking' and 'problem solving' here!

```
a=5
b=9
total = 0
for x in range(a, b+1):
    total += x
print(total)
```

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Another Type of Loops

- The **while** loop is used for repeated execution as long as an expression is true

```
n = 100
s = 0
counter = 1
while counter <= n:
    s = s + counter
    counter += 1
print("Sum of 1 until %d: %d" % (n,s))
```

```
Sum of 1 until 100: 5050
```

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Making Decisions



- How do we compute absolute value?

```
abs(5) = 5
abs(0) = 0
abs(-22) = 22
```

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Absolute Value Solution

- If** the value is negative, negate it.
- Otherwise**, use the original value.

```
val = -10

# calculate absolute value of val
if val < 0:
    result = -val
else:
    result = val

print(result)
```

Another approach that does the same thing without using **result**:

```
val = -10

if val < 0:
    print(-val)
else:
    print(val)
```

In this example, **result** will always be assigned a value.

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Absolute Value Solution

As with loops, a sequence of statements could be used in place of a single statement inside an if statement:

```
val = -10

# calculate absolute value of val
if val < 0:
    result = -val
    print("val is negative!")
    print("I had to do extra work!")
else:
    result = val
    print("val is positive")
print(result)
```

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Absolute Value Solution

What happens here?

```
val = 5

# calculate absolute value of val
if val < 0:
    result = - val
    print("val is negative!")
else:
    for i in range(val):
        print("val is positive!")
    result = val
print(result)
```

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Another if

It is not required that anything happens...

```
val = -10

if val < 0:
    print("negative value!")
```

What happens when val = 5?

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The if Body can be Any Statements

Written differently! but more efficient!

```
# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print("space")
else:
    if height > 50:
        print("mesosphere")
    else:
        if height > 20:
            print("stratosphere")
        else:
            print("troposphere")
```

then clause {

else clause {

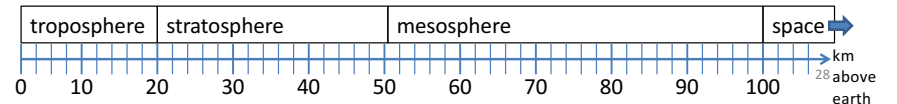
f {

f {

Execution gets here only if "height > 100" is false

Execution gets here only if "height > 50" is false AND "height > 100" is false

Execution gets here only if "height > 20" is false



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Version 1

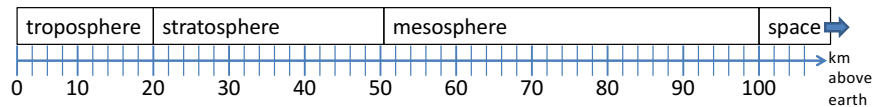
```
# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print("space")
else:
    if height > 50:
        print("mesosphere")
    else:
        if height > 20:
            print("stratosphere")
        else:
            print("troposphere")
```

then clause

Execution gets here only if "height <= 100" is true

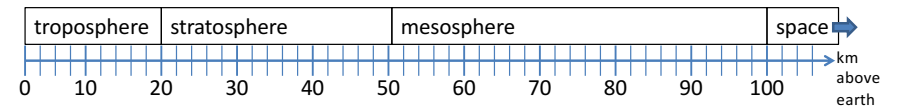
Execution gets here only if "height <= 100" is true AND "height > 50" is true

else clause



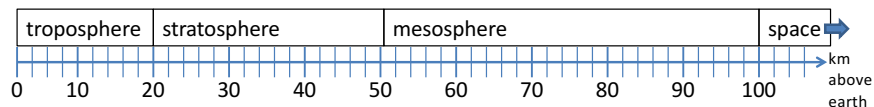
Version 1

```
# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print("space")
else:
    if height > 50:
        print("mesosphere")
    else:
        if height > 20:
            print("stratosphere")
        else:
            print("troposphere")
```



Version 2

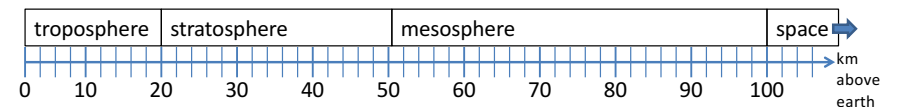
```
if height > 50:
    if height > 100:
        print("space")
    else:
        print("mesosphere")
else:
    if height > 20:
        print("stratosphere")
    else:
        print("troposphere")
```



Version 3

```
if height > 100:
    print("space")
elif height > 50:
    print("mesosphere")
elif height > 20:
    print("stratosphere")
else:
    print("troposphere")
```

ONE of the print statements is guaranteed to execute: whichever condition it encounters **first** that is true

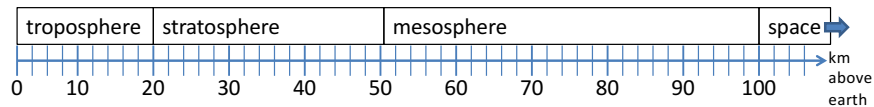


Order Matters

```
# version 3
if height > 100:
    print("space")
elif height > 50:
    print("mesosphere")
elif height > 20:
    print("stratosphere")
else:
    print("troposphere")

# broken version 3
if height > 20:
    print("stratosphere")
elif height > 50:
    print("mesosphere")
elif height > 100:
    print("space")
else:
    print("troposphere")
```

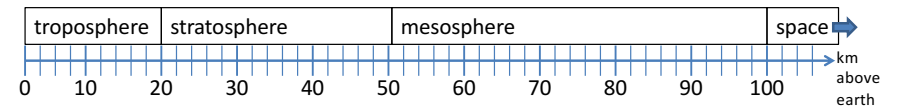
Try height = 72 on both versions, what happens?



Version 3

```
# incomplete version 3
if height > 100:
    print("space")
elif height > 50:
    print("mesosphere")
elif height > 20:
    print("stratosphere")
```

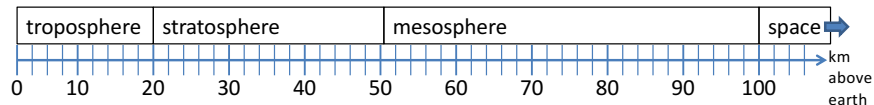
In this case it is possible that nothing is printed at all, when?



What Happens Here?

```
# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print("space")
if height > 50:
    print("mesosphere")
if height > 20:
    print("stratosphere")
else:
    print("troposphere")
```

Try height = 72



The then Clause or the else Clause is Executed

```
speed = 54
```

```
limit = 55
```

```
if speed <= limit:
```

```
    print("Good job, safe driver!")
```

```
else:
```

```
    print("You owe $", speed/fine)
```



What if we change speed to 64?

The break Statement

- The **break** statement terminates the current loop and resumes execution at the next statement

```
for letter in 'hollywood':  
    if letter == 'l':  
        break  
    print('Current Letter :', letter)
```

```
Current Letter : h  
Current Letter : o
```

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The continue Statement

- The **continue** statement in Python returns the control to the beginning of the while loop.

```
for letter in 'hollywood':  
    if letter == 'l':  
        continue  
    print ('Current Letter :', letter)
```

```
Current Letter : h  
Current Letter : o  
Current Letter : y  
Current Letter : w  
Current Letter : o  
Current Letter : o  
Current Letter : d
```

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