



# **Programming for Data Science**

Lab02 – Variables, Types, Operators and  
Expression

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# Outline

- Variables
- Data types
- Statement and Expression
- Operators
  - Operator precedence

# Variables

- Variable in Python is a **named object** used for referencing **data object**
- Variables are created when first assigned, using the assignment operator (=)

```
pi = 3.14  
radius = 11  
area = pi * radius * radius
```



# Variable names

- Must begin with a letter (a - z, A - B) or underscore (\_)
- Other characters can be letters, numbers or \_
- Case Sensitive
- Can be any (reasonable) length
- There are some reserved words which you cannot use as a variable name because Python uses them for other things.

# Good variable names

- Choose meaningful name instead of short name. `film_no` is better than `fn`.
- Be consistent; `film_no` or `FilmNo`
- Begin a variable name with an underscore(`_`) character for a special case.
- For long variable names choose between two styles
  - `this_is_really_long_name`
  - `thisIsReallyLongName`

# Python keywords

```
False      None      True      and
as         assert   break     class
continue   def       del       elif
else       except   finally   for
from       global   if        import
in         is       lambda    nonlocal
not        or       pass      raise
return     try      while     with
yield
```

- You can list keywords with



```
import keyword
keyword.kwlist
```

# Example of bad naming

```
a = 3.14159
b = 11.2
c = a * b * b
```

```
pi = 3.14159
diameter = 11.2
area = pi * diameter * diameter
```

- Consider the above codes
- They are equivalent as viewed by Python interpreter
- However, the code on the right is ambiguous
- Variable diameter should be radius ?



# Just for fun

- There are competition for writing confusing codes.
- The most famous one being 'The International Obfuscated C Code Contest'
- One example of winning entries is on the next page.

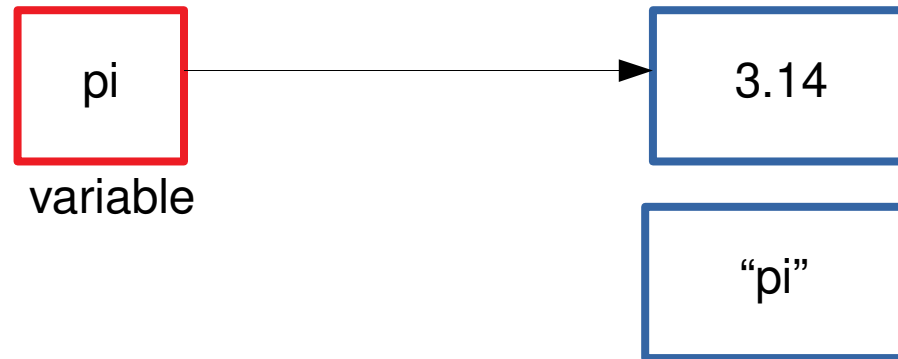


```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <time.h>
#define p return
#define X typedef
#define E {
#define B }
#define stup(y)printf("%.11s\n", (char*)y);
#define $ printf("\x1b"
#define G(y)usleep(y);fflush(stdout);
#define O _DATE_+7
#define K printf(
X unsigned short P;
X int _;
s=41456; //Sleeping time factor
X char H;
o,b,a,f,g,k, m; // Oh, be a fine girl, kiss me
FILE *W;
X enum {T,F} z; //True & False
X double w;
a5 , N = 11,A4=1<<3,a8 =17,A8=2*2,aI =~-( _FLT MAX EXP <<F);
H \[ ]="uDSYT8|TCPZ8|TVCTKp]X^EY|XKPC8aYTRUPp]ZPXU";H I[ ]="Fo~y*lcdn*yego*0ky~ox*ommy";/*
      ^
      c
      [9];
alpha Ursae Minoris A
      main
      */_ a1,
      a3 ,a4=
      024;P a2
      ,a5;w Z( w
      D, Y)E if(Y
      ==T)p F;if(Y
      ==!0)p D; w b=
      Z(D,Y/2);if(Y>2 /* alpha Ursae Minoris Ab*/
      )p b*b*D;p b*b ;
      B _u( _ x) E if( x <2)p
      F;p x*u(x-unix); B
/*alpha Ursae Minoris B*/
      vir(H _[ ] ) E _e,
      q=0;for(e=T;e[ _ ];e++)
      q=q*
      ~9+ [e]-48;p q;B P A
      (H *a7 , _ a6 _ );w V( _ v
      , _ i){v%=0550;w D='-'-'-'';
      for(i=-i;i^ CHAR BIT _ ;i++)
)D+=Z( POSIX_TRACE,i)*Z(0x1.1df46a226e211p-6 *v,2*i)/u(2*i);p D;B _ main(a6,n) _a6;H**n;E _ a7,A1,a1 _a8,t,
A6,D,Y;size t a3 ; A2[ ]=E'q',W OK,5911774,'y',13,1052160,77,15,1709568,'5',a8 ,1314816,34,18,1446400
,91,22,1314816,12,28,F OK B;time t j =time(NULL);a4 *=' ' ;float and [ ] =/*trolling is a art */
E 4612954808543207739097088.0, 207.285645, 214354950132336733650542884425029386240.0 B ;
struct tm R = *localtime (&j);for (;t=aI , a5 [l]); l[a5 ++] ^=~ LINE ; A6=a4 +=
R.tm_year;a4 /='d';ssize t A3 =1;k=A6/'d',b=k/A8,a=k%4,o=(k-(k+A4)/25)+1)/F TEST
,m=(19*(A6*a4 )+k-b-o+ DBL DIG _ )%30,k=(A6/'d')/R OK;H*a2 =NULL;f=(A6/'d')%
R OK,g=(' '+2*a+SEEK END*k-m-f)%7,k= ATOMIC SEQ CST;W=fopen( FILE _ ,
"r" ); s"[40m\033[2J\033[H\x1b[?25l"];if(*(H *) ( [ ] )E X OK B)stup
(and)A3 =getdelim(&a2 ,&a3 ,'\0', W);b=((A6%19)+N*m+22*g)/(N*
')',o=m+g-(~A4)*b+'r',D=o/31;for(;a1[I];a1++,a5 =0xb3)
I[a1 ]^='-'-'#';Y=o%~-' ' +F;for(a3 =T;a3<A3 ;++
a3 )a2 =(a2 +a2 [a3 ])%255,a5 =(a5 +a2 )%t;
if((a5 <<8|a2 )^s) goto a4 ;$ "[1;12H " )
;G(a4 *s)a4 ^=a4 ;k*=2172211;while(a5 -->-1)
E $ "[40m\x1b[2J]";for(a6=W OK;a6<025;a6 +=3)
E a7 = A2 [ a6 - _FLT RADIX _ ] - 0102, a8 =k
+ a6 [A2],a1 = A2[~-a6 ] *0x1.db6db6db6a92ap+0 ;
a1=~- DBL DIG _ ,a1 =a7 *V(a5 , XOPEN VERSION ) -
a1*V(90-a5 ,a7 )+66,A1 =(a7*V(90-a5 ,a1 ) +a1 *V (
a5 ,a8 )+0xe)/1.8571428571;if(A1 >T&&a1 >0) E $"[3"
"8;2;%d;%d;%dm", (a8>> 16 )&t,(a8>>8)& 255,a8 &t);$
"%d;%dH%c %.*s",A1,a1 _ ,a5 >90746:111,6,a5 >45
?"":l+ ((a6-F TLOCK) / _ ATOMIC RELEASE)*6);
B B G(u(A4 ) )B/**/ a4 :$ _ "[H\x1b[0m"
"\x1b[?25h" );if( _ ( D^ (R.tm_mon+1))
== (Y-= R./ * / tm_mday ) ) E K
"%s\n",I);B K _ "" "%s\n",
vir(0 ) );p a4 ;B //END\
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```

# Types of Data Objects



- Variable can point to any of data objects (but not at the same time).
  - This is very convenient for Python programmer
- We can use a function `type()` to investigate object type.

# Some basic data types

- `int` – Integer 1,3,5,9,-5,-100
- `float` – Floating point number 2.2,500.1,-10.5
- `complex` – Complex number 1+2j
- `str` – String, list of character “abc”, ‘def’, “”
- `bool` – True, False
- `list` – [1, “good”, True]

# Some Built-in Types

```
01 # Some Builtin Types
02 import math
...
05 def f():
06     print("This is a user-defined function")
07
08 print("Some basic types in Python:")
09 print(type(2))           # int
10 print(type(2 ** 500))   # int
11 print(type(2.2))        # float
12 print(type("2.2"))      # str (string)
13 print(type(2 < 2.2))    # bool (boolean)
14 print(type(math))        # module
15 print(type(math.tan))    # builtin_function_or_method
16 print(type(f))          # function (user-defined function)
17 print(type(type(42)))    # type
```

# Some Built-in Types [2]

```
23 print("Later in the course...")
24 print(type(Exception()))      # Exception
25 print(type(range(5)))         # range
26 print(type([1, 2, 3]))        # list
27 print(type((1, 2, 3)))        # tuple
28 print(type({1, 2}))           # set
29 print(type({1: 42}))          # dict (dictionary or map)
30 print(type(2 + 3j))           # complex (complex number)
31
32 # Some Builtin Constants
33 print("Some builtin constants:")
34 print(True)
35 print(False)
36 print(None)
```

# Dynamic typing

- Assigning new value of different type to existing variable

```
>>> theSum = 0
>>> theSum
0
>>> theSum = theSum + 1
>>> theSum
1
>>> theSum = True
>>> theSum
True
```



Figure 1.3: Variables Hold References to Data Objects

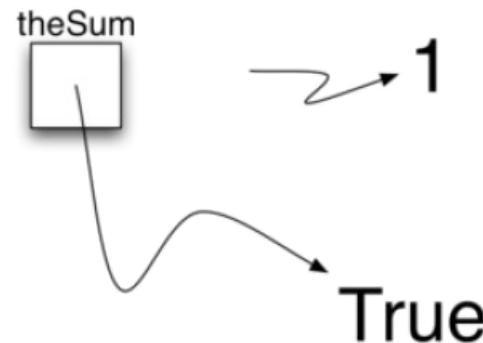


Figure 1.4: Assignment changes the Reference

# Garbage collection

- Unreferenced data object becomes garbage
- Garbages will be collected by Python automatically

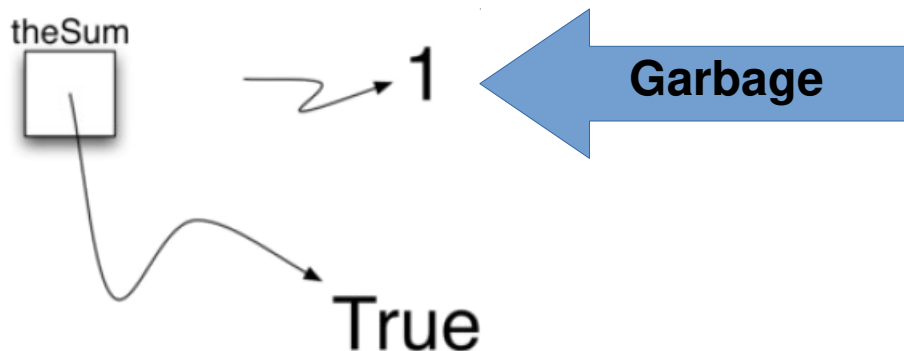


Figure 1.4: Assignment changes the Reference

# Expression and Statement

- An expression is a combination of values, variables, and operators.
  - An expression can be evaluated to a value
- A statement is a unit of code that the Python interpreter can execute.
- Expression has value; a statement does not.

```
>>> x = 3      # statement
>>> x == 3    # expression
True
>>> x         # expression
3
```





# Operators

- There are 5 groups of operators in Python
  - Arithmetic operators
  - Relational operators
  - Bitwise operators
  - Assignment operators
  - Logical operators

# List of Operators

Category	Operators
Arithmetic	<code>+</code> , <code>-</code> , <code>*</code> , <code>/</code> , <code>//</code> , <code>**</code> , <code>%</code> , <code>-</code> (unary), <code>+</code> (unary)
Relational	<code>&lt;</code> , <code>&lt;=</code> , <code>&gt;=</code> , <code>&gt;</code> , <code>==</code> , <code>!=</code> ,
Bitwise	<code>&lt;&lt;</code> , <code>&gt;&gt;</code> , <code>&amp;</code> , <code> </code> , <code>^</code> , <code>~</code>
Assignment	<code>+=</code> , <code>-=</code> , <code>*=</code> , <code>/=</code> , <code>//=</code> , <code>**=</code> , <code>%=</code> , <code>&lt;&lt;=</code> , <code>&gt;&gt;=</code> , <code>&amp;=</code> , <code> =</code> , <code>^=</code>
Logical	<code>and</code> , <code>or</code> , <code>not</code>

## Note

- `/` is normal division `3 / 2 == 1.5`
- `//` is floored division `3 // 2 == 1`  
`-3 // 2 == -2`
- `**` is power

# Data Types Affect Semantics

```
>>> print(3 * 2)           # normal multiplication
6

>>> print(3 * "abc")      # string repetition
abcabcabc

>>> print(3 + 2)          # normal addition
5

>>> print("abc" + "def")  # for concatenating strings
abcdef

>>> print(3 + "def")
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and
'str'
```

# Arithmetic Operator Precedence

- Follows PEMDAS rule
  - Parentheses
  - Exponentiation
  - Multiplication and Division
  - Addition and Subtraction
- Operators with same precedence evaluated from left to right
- Let's calculate  $2^{3^5}$

# Relational Operators and Boolean Expression

- Boolean Expression is an expression which evaluated to truth value (either True or False)

```
>>> 5 == 5
True
>>> 5 == 6
False
```

- True or False is not a string but it is a data object of type **bool**

# Boolean Expressions [2]

- Operator (==) is called a relational operator
- There are other relational operators

```
x != y      # x is not equal to y
x > y       # x is greater than y
x < y       # x is less than y
x >= y      # x is greater than or equal to y
x <= y      # x is less than or equal to y
```

# Boolean Expression [3]

- Be careful with floating-point number comparisons

```
>>> print(0.1 + 0.1 == 0.2)
True           # True, but...

>>> print(0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1 == 0.3)
False

>>> print(0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1)
0.3           # seems ok

>>> print((0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1) - 0.3)
5.55111512313e-17 # (tiny, but non-zero!)
```

# Better way to do comparison with Float

```
09 d1 = 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1
10 d2 = 0.3
11 print(d1 == d2)           # still False, of course
12 epsilon = 10 ** -10
13 print(abs(d2 - d1) < epsilon) # True!
14
15 # Once again, using an almostEqual function
16 # (that we will write)
17 def almostEqual(d1, d2, epsilon=10 ** -10):
18     return (abs(d2 - d1) < epsilon)
19
20 d1 = 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.1
21 d2 = 0.3
22 print(d1 == d2)           # still False, of course
23 # True, and now packaged in a reusable function!
24 print(almostEqual(d1, d2))
```



# Bitwise operators

- Bitwise operation is to perform and (&), or (|), exclusive or (^) and not (~) on number(s) bit by bit
- Example

	0110		0110		0110		
&	<u>1100</u>		<u>1100</u>	~	<u>1100</u>	~	<u>1100</u>
	0100		1110		1010		0011

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# Bitwise “~” operators

- “~” is used to reverse bit
- Python uses two’s complement number representation
  - Positive number Most Significant Bit (MSB) bit is 0. Example, 3 is stored as 011
  - Negative number MSB is 1
- So executing `~3` in Python is like
  - `~[011] → [100] →` which is -4 in two’s complement notation.
  - What’s `[1010]` in decimal ?

# Bitwise “~” operators [2]

- Let's do it for negative number -35
  - 35 = [0100011]
  - -35 = [1011100] + [0000001] = [1011101]
  - $\sim(-35) = [0100010] = 34$
- In general,  $\sim x$  is equal to  $-x-1$

```
>>> ~-35
34
>>> int('0100010', 2) # convert number in base 2
34
```

# Exercise: Bitwise Operations

```
# 0 1 1 0 = 4 + 2 = 6
# 0 1 0 1 = 4 + 1 = 5
>>> print("6 & 5 =", (6 & 5))
6 & 5 = _____
>>> print("6 | 5 =", (6 | 5))
6 | 5 = _____
>>> print("6 ^ 5 =", (6 ^ 5))
6 ^ 5 = _____
>>> print("6 << 1 =", (6 << 1))
6 << 1 = _____
>>> print("6 << 2 =", (6 << 2))
6 << 2 = _____
>>> print("6 >> 1 =", (6 >> 1))
6 >> 1 = _____
```

# Shift operations

- You can shift bit representation of number in Python to the left or to the right using
  - left shift ( $\ll$ ) and
  - right shift ( $\gg$ ) operator
- Left shifting is to shift bit representation of  $x$  to the left 2 positions and to **fill empty bits with zeros**
  - $0010 \ll 2$
  - $10\_ \rightarrow 1000$

# Shift operations

- For right shift, **the left-most bit will be used** to fill the empty bits to preserve the sign

Operation	Values	
Argument x	[01100011]	[10010101]
$x \ll 4$	[0011 <u>0000</u> ]	[0101 <u>0000</u> ]
$x \gg 4$ (arithmetic)	[ <u>0000</u> 0110]	[ <u>1111</u> 1001]

- Exercise
  - $(x \ll n)$  equals to \_\_\_\_\_
  - $(x \gg n)$  equals to \_\_\_\_\_

# Logical Operators

- There are 3 types of logical operators in Python – **and**, **or**, **not**
- Example
  - $x > 0$  **and**  $x < 10$  evaluates to True when  $x$  is greater than 0 and  $x$  is less than 10
  - $n \% 2 == 0$  or  $n \% 3 == 0$  evaluates to True when either one is true
- Usually operands of logical operator should be boolean expression but non-zero number is treated as True

```
>>> 17 and True
True
```

# Short-Circuit Evaluation

- Python stops evaluating long boolean expression once the result becomes 100% clear
- For example
  - Expr1 **and** Expr2 **and** Expr3
    - If Expr1 is False the rest is not needed because the whole thing will be False



# Short-Circuit Evaluation [2]

```
>>> x = 1
>>> y = 0
>>> print((y != 0) and ((x / y) != 0)) # Works!
False
>>> print(((x / y) != 0) and (y != 0)) # Crashes!
...
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero

>>> print((y == 0) or ((x / y) == 0)) # Works!
True
>>> print(((x / y) == 0) or (y == 0)) # Crashes!
...
ZeroDivisionError: division by zero
```

# Short-Circuit Evaluation [3]

```
25 def isPositive(n):
26     result = (n > 0)
27     print("isPositive(", n, ") =", result)
28     return result
29
30
31 def isEven(n):
32     result = (n % 2 == 0)
33     print("isEven(", n, ") =", result)
34     return result
35
36 print("Test 1: isEven(-4) and isPositive(-4)")
37 print(isEven(-4) and isPositive(-4)) # Calls both
38 print("-----")
39 print("Test 2: isEven(-3) and isPositive(-3)")
40 print(isEven(-3) and isPositive(-3)) # Calls only one
```

# Truth Value Testing

- In Python every object is associated with “truth value”
- The following is evaluated to **False**
  - **None**
  - **False**
  - zero of any numeric type, for example, **0**, **0.0**, **0j**.
  - any empty sequence, for example, **''**, **()**, **[]**.
  - any empty mapping, for example, **{}**.

# Assignment operators

- For assigning values to variables

Assignment operators in Python

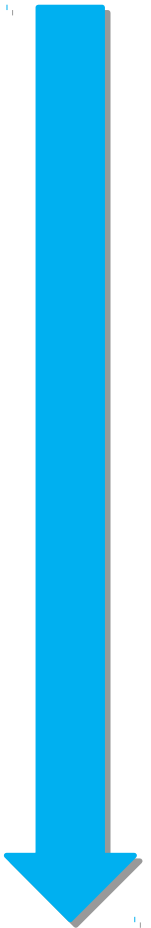
Operator	Example	Equivalent to
=	x = 5	x = 5
+=	x += 5	x = x + 5
-=	x -= 5	x = x - 5
*=	x *= 5	x = x * 5
/=	x /= 5	x = x / 5
%=	x %= 5	x = x % 5
//=	x //= 5	x = x // 5

# Assignment operators [2]

<code>**=</code>	<code>x **= 5</code>	<code>x = x ** 5</code>
<code>&amp;=</code>	<code>x &amp;= 5</code>	<code>x = x &amp; 5</code>
<code> =</code>	<code>x  = 5</code>	<code>x = x   5</code>
<code>^=</code>	<code>x ^= 5</code>	<code>x = x ^ 5</code>
<code>&gt;&gt;=</code>	<code>x &gt;&gt;= 5</code>	<code>x = x &gt;&gt; 5</code>
<code>&lt;&lt;=</code>	<code>x &lt;&lt;= 5</code>	<code>x = x &lt;&lt; 5</code>

Operator	Description
(expressions...), [expressions...], {key: value...}, {expressions...}	Binding or tuple display, list display, dictionary display, set display
x[index], x[index:index], x(arguments...), x.attribute	Subscription, slicing, call, attribute reference
**	Exponentiation <span style="float: right;">Arithmetic Operators</span>
+x, -x, ~x	Positive, negative, bitwise NOT
*, /, //, %	Multiplication, division, remainder
+, -	Addition and subtraction
<<, >>	Shifts
&	Bitwise AND
^	Bitwise XOR
	Bitwise OR
in, not in, is, is not, <, <=, >, >=, !=, ==	Comparisons, including membership tests and identity tests
not x	Boolean NOT
and	Boolean AND
or	Boolean OR <span style="float: right;">Boolean Operators</span>
if - else	Conditional expression
lambda	Lambda expression

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