Introduction to: Computers & Programming: Post-Midterm 1 Review

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Summary

• Some Procedural Matters
• Review of Concepts from Test
• Review of Part 1
• Review of Part 2
• Lab Tomorrow
## Grading Curve

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CSCI-UA.0002
GradeScope

• There was a learning curve, but overall, I think it was a better way to grade.
• One change for the future: each question in section 2 will have a designated 2 or 3 pages.
• I think the feedback and organization is more consistent than the on-paper version
• There may be some scanning errors if anyone used light pencil.
• Please let me know if you think any part of GradeScope added to the normal type of grading errors.
Raw Score vs Letter Score

• Only the Letter Score counts for the final grade, e.g., there is no difference between a 72 and a 74 if both are part of the same range.

• It is only worth haggling over your grade if:
  – the change in score will effect your letter grade, e.g.,
    • raw score is on the borderline between 2 grades
    • discrepancy is worth 5-10 points
    • Etc.

• Of course, understanding everything you got wrong is important regardless of the grade.
Your Final Grade in Python

- def calc_grade1(Quiz, HW, Mid1, Mid2, Final):
  
  # Quiz is the average grade for quizzes  
  # HW is the average grade for programming assignments  
  # Mid1 is your Midterm 1 grade  
  # Mid2 is your Midterm 2 grade  
  # Final is your grade on the Final Exam
  
  Grade = (Quiz * .05) + (HW * .2) + (Mid1 * .20) + (Mid2 * .20) + (Final * .35)  
  return(Grade)

- def calc_grade2(Quiz, HW, Mid1, Mid2, Final):
  
  Grade = (Quiz * .05) + (HW * .2) + (max(Mid1, Mid2) * .30) + (Final * .45)  
  return(Grade)

- def final_grade(Quiz, HW, Mid1, Mid2, Final):
  
  Grade = max(calc_grade1(Quiz, HW, Mid1, Mid2, Final), calc_grade2(Quiz, HW, Mid1, Mid2, Final))  
  return(Grade)

- Bonus for A Grade on 2 Midterms: One A counts as an A+ for purpose of calculating average
Grading Considerations

• Therefore:
  – If you do better on the 2nd midterm than the first, only the 2nd midterm grade will probably count
  – If you get As on both midterms, you get a bonus of .3 added to one midterm
• Thus improvement over the course of the class can influence the final grade.
• **Main purpose of final grade:** Indicator of state of knowledge at end of class.
• **Administrative purposes:**
  – C is the minimum grade in this class if you want to take the JAVA programming class.
  – A or A- average is recommended if you want to be a CS major
• **Take this class Pass/Fail (deadline March 30) if:**
  – Your worries about the grade are getting in the way of the learning process and you are not planning to be a CS major or minor
Your Middle-of-the-Term Grade

• Purpose of Grade: Advisory Only
  – Will not go on transcript

• Grade will be calculated as follows:
  – def middle_grade(mid1,quiz,hw):
    ## mid1 = Midterm1 grade 0-4
    ## quiz = Average Quiz 1-7 converted to 0-4
    ## hw = Average HW 1-5 converted to 0-4
    grade = (.05 * quiz) + (.4 * hw) + (.55 * mid1)
    return(grade)

• Different than final grade:
  – HW has only .2 weight on final grade
  – There are 3 tests instead of 1
  – There will be an extra credit opportunity
Printing and Strings

• A string is an object consisting of characters and represented in Python as being surrounded by quotes, e.g.,
  – 'TThherre iss nnotthhinngg tto ffearr!!'
  – ' ---\n|Fox|\n ---'
  – '   \\\   '/

• Printing a string causes the representations of the characters to be interpreted, including escape characters like '\n' and '\\\n
  – TThherre iss nnotthhinngg tto ffearr!!
  –   ---
      |Fox|
  ---
  –   \\   /
“Break” vs “Pass”

- **break** – causes a loop to exit
  - num = 1
  while True:
    print(num)
    num = num + 1
  if num>5:
    break

- **pass** – do nothing under if/elif/else
  - def identify_duck(animal):
    if animal == 'dog':
      pass
    elif animal == 'goose':
      pass
    elif animal == 'duck':
      print('Yes')
Correct Use of input function

• input(string) returns whatever user enters
• Example:
  – answer = input('Why did the chicken cross the road?')
    • First 'Why did the chicken cross the road?' prints
    • Then user enters whatever they want
    • Then the variable answer is set to whatever the user typed.
• On tests, the connection between the variable (answer) and the input statement was not always clear.
Tests and Answers

• Test Version1 (Section 009)
  – Test Part1: https://cs.nyu.edu/courses/spring18/CSCI-UA.0002-004/midterm1_version1_with_corrections.pdf
  – Answers: https://cs.nyu.edu/courses/spring18/CSCI-UA.0002-004/midterm1_version1.py

• Test Version2 (Section 004)
  – Test Part2: https://cs.nyu.edu/courses/spring18/CSCI-UA.0002-004/midterm1_part2_version2.pdf
  – Answers: https://cs.nyu.edu/courses/spring18/CSCI-UA.0002-004/midterm1_version2.py
Middle of Term Grades

- \(0.05 \times \text{Quizzes} + 0.45 \times \text{HW} + 0.5 \times \text{Midterm}\)
- Unofficial Grade – will not go on your transcript
- Purpose: Advisory Only