Python for scientists Lesson 3

Data comparison and conditional statements



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Data comparison: boolean expressions

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A boolean expression is a comparison between two data values and returns *True* or *False*. *True* and *False* values are from another data type: boolean type.

```
>>> a = 'apples'
>>> b = 'pears'
>>> a == b
False
>>> c = 'apples'
>>> a == c
True
>>> b == c
False
>>> a = 123
>>> b = 456
>>> c = 579
>>> a == b
False
>>> a == c
False
>>> c == a + b
True
```

"True"

"False"

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```
>>> easter_countries = ['Poland','Ukraine']
>>> western_countries = ['France', 'Spain']
>>> easter_countries == western_countries
False
>>> copy_easter_countries = easter_countries.copy()
>>> copy_easter_countries
['Poland', 'Ukraine']
>>> easter_countries == copy_easter_countries
True
>>> a = 1
>>> b = 2
>>> a = b # Be careful '=' is not the same than '=='
>>> a == b
True
>>> a
2
```

'=' and '==' are not the same thing



Data comparison: operators

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The comparison operators provided by Python are:

	>>> a = 524			
	>>> $b = 525$			
	>>> a == b	x == y	x is equal than y	
- 0.	False	•	,	
	>>> a != b	x != y	x is different than y	
	True	<i>x</i> · <i>y</i>		
	>>> a < b	x < y	x is lower than y	
	True	x < y	X is lower triair y	
	>>> a > b		v is anoston than v	
- 0.	False	x > y	x is greater than y	
	>>> a <= b			
	True	x <= y	x is lower or equal than y	
	>>> a >= b			
- 0.	False	x >= y	x is greater or equal than y	
	>>> a == b-1	-	-	
	True			

Data comparison: operators

The comparison operators provided by Python are:

```
>>> a <= b-1
True
                                      x is equal than y
>>> a >= b-1
                           x == y
True
>>> c = 'potatoes'
                                      x is different than y
                           x != y
>>> d = 'pears'
>>> a == c
                                      x is lower than y
                           x < y
False
>>> a != c
                                      x is greater than y
True
                           x > y
>>> c != d
True
                                      x is lower or equal than y
                           x <= y
>>> c = 'pears'
>>> c != d
                                      x is greater or equal than y
                           x >= y
False
>>> c == d
True
```

Data comparison: logical operators

The logical operators allow to combine multiple comparisons (boolean expressions):

"and"

"or"

"not"

```
>>> 1+1==2 and 2+2==4 # Both comparisons are true
True
>>> 1+1==2 and 2+2==5 # One comparison is true and one false
False
>>> 1+1==2 or 2+2==5 # One comparison is true and one false
True
>>> 1+1==3 or 2+2==4 # One comparison is false and one true
True
>>> 1+1==3 or 2+2==5 # Both comparisons are false
False
>>> not 1+1==2 # 'not' reverses true to false
False
>>> not 1+1==3 # or false to true
True
>>> 1+1==2 and not 2+2==5 # One comparison is true and one false but reversed with 'not'
True
>>> not 1+1==3 or not 2+2==5 # Both comparisons are false but...
True
```

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"and"

"or"

Α	В	A and B == 1	A or B == 1
1	1		
1	0		
0	1		
0	0		

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"and"

"or"

Α	В	A and B == 1	A or B == 1
1	1	1	1
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
0	0	0	0

A **conditional statement** decides about the execution or not of a block of code based in some data comparison:

```
>>> if 1+1==2:
        # If the data comparison is true prints the message
        print("Clever...")
Clever...
>>> if 1+2!=5:
        # If the data comparison is true prints the message
        print("Clever...")
Clever...
>>> if 1+1==5:
        # If the data comparison is false does nothing
        print("Clever...")
>>> if 1+1==5:
        # If the data comparison is false doesn't print this message
        print("Clever...")
else:
        # But prints this other message
        print ("Come back to school...")
Come back to school...
```



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Code must be indented 4 spaces

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       # If the data comparison is false does nothing
        print("Clever...")
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       # If the data comparison is false doesn't print this message
        print("Clever...")
else:
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        print("Come back to school...")
Come back to school...
```

```
>>> if temperature<0:
if <condition1>:
                                           print("It's frozen")
                                    elif temperature>=0 and temperature<20:
         <code1>
                                           print("It's cold")
                                    elif temperature>=20 and temperature<25:
else if <condition2>:
                                           print("It's warm")
                                    else:
         <code2>
                                           print("It's hot")
else if <condition3>:
                                    It's cold
         <code3>
                                    >>> city='Poznan'
                                    >>> if city=='Madrid' or city=='Barcelona':
else if <condition4>:
                                           print(city,"is in Spain")
                                    elif city=='London' or city=='Manchester':
         <code4>
                                           print(city, "is in UK")
                                    elif city=='Warsaw' or city=='Poznan':
else:
                                           print(city, "is in Poland")
                                    else:
          <code5>
                                           print(city,"is elsewhere")
                                    Poznan is in Poland
```

>>> temperature=10

Data comparison: looking for list values

```
>>> polish_cities=['Warsaw','Krakow','Poznan','Wroclaw','Lodz','Lublin']
>>> spanish cities=['Madrid','Barcelona','Zaragoza','Sevilla','Valencia']
>>> british cities=['London','Manchester','Liverpool','Glasgow','Edinburg']
>>> city='Zaragoza'
>>> if city in polish cities:
        print(city, "is in Poland")
elif city in spanish cities:
        print(city, "is in Spain")
elif city in british cities:
                                                  if <value> in <list>:
        print(city, "is in UK")
else:
        print(city,"is unknown")
Zaragoza is in Spain
>>> world cities={'Poland':polish cities,'Spain':spanish cities,'UK':british cities}
>>> world cities
{'Spain': ['Madrid', 'Barcelona', 'Zaragoza', 'Sevilla', 'Valencia'], 'UK': ['London', 'Manchester
', 'Liverpool', 'Glasgow', 'Edinburg'], 'Poland': ['Warsaw', 'Krakow', 'Poznan', 'Wroclaw', 'Lodz'
, 'Lublin'] }
>>> city='Zielona Gora'
>>> if city in world cities['Poland']:
        print(city, "is in Poland")
elif city in world cities['Spain']:
        print(city, "is in Spain")
elif city in world cities['UK']:
        print(city, "is in UK")
else:
        print(city,"is unknown")
Zielona Gora is unknown
```

Data comparison: nested conditionals

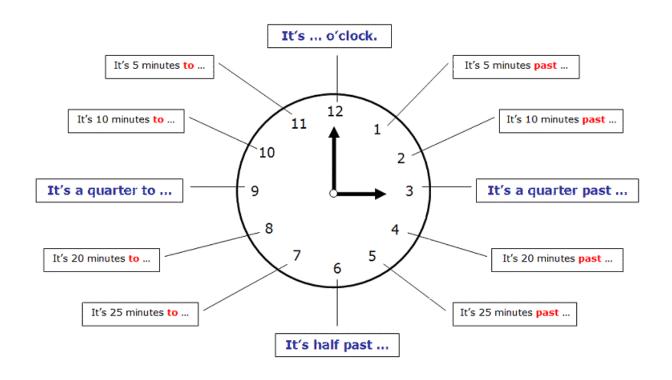
```
>>> spanish cities=['Madrid','Barcelona','Zaragoza','Sevilla','Valencia']
>>> italian cities=['Rome','Milan','Firenze','Venice','Napoly']
>>> polish cities=['Warsaw','Krakow','Poznan','Wroclaw','Lodz','Lublin']
>>> german cities=['Berlin','Hamburg','Munich','Cologne','Frankfurt']
>>> city='Poznan'
>>> temperature=17
>>> if ((city in spanish cities or city in italian cities) and temperature>=30) or ((city in polish cities or
city in german cities) and temperature>=25):
       print("It's hot")
elif ((city in spanish cities or city in italian cities) and (temperature<30 and temperature>=20)) or ((city
in polish cities or city in german cities) and (temperature<25 and temperature>=15)):
       print("It's warm")
else:
       print("It's cold")
It's warm
>>> citv='Zaragoza'
>>> if city in spanish cities or city in italian cities:
    if temperature>=30:
  print("It's hot")
 elif temperature<30 and temperature>=20:
     print("It's warm")
     else:
            print("It's cold")
elif city in polish cities or city in german cities:
 if temperature>=25:
   print("It's hot")
    elif temperature<25 and temperature>=15:
          print("It's warm")
     →else:
           print("It's cold")
It's cold
```

This is a big mess

Using nested conditionals we can improve code readability

Exercise: What's the time?

Write a Python code to tell the hour in English or Polish formal way.



Exercise: What's the time?

A little help...

```
>>> hour = 10
>>> minutes = 40
>>> if minutes>30 and minutes<60:
        minutes2=60-minutes
        hour2=hour+1
        print("It's", minutes2, "minutes to", hour2)
It's 20 minutes to 11
    else if...
    else if...
    else ...
```

Python for scientists

Next lesson...
User data input and 'while' loops



