

# An Introduction to Python

Day 3

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# Writing Modules

# Combining what we've learnt

Yesterday we learnt a lot of different bits of Python.  
Let's summarize that knowledge by writing a **module** of functions to do various analysis on values in a list.

# myStats.py

\* In a text editor:



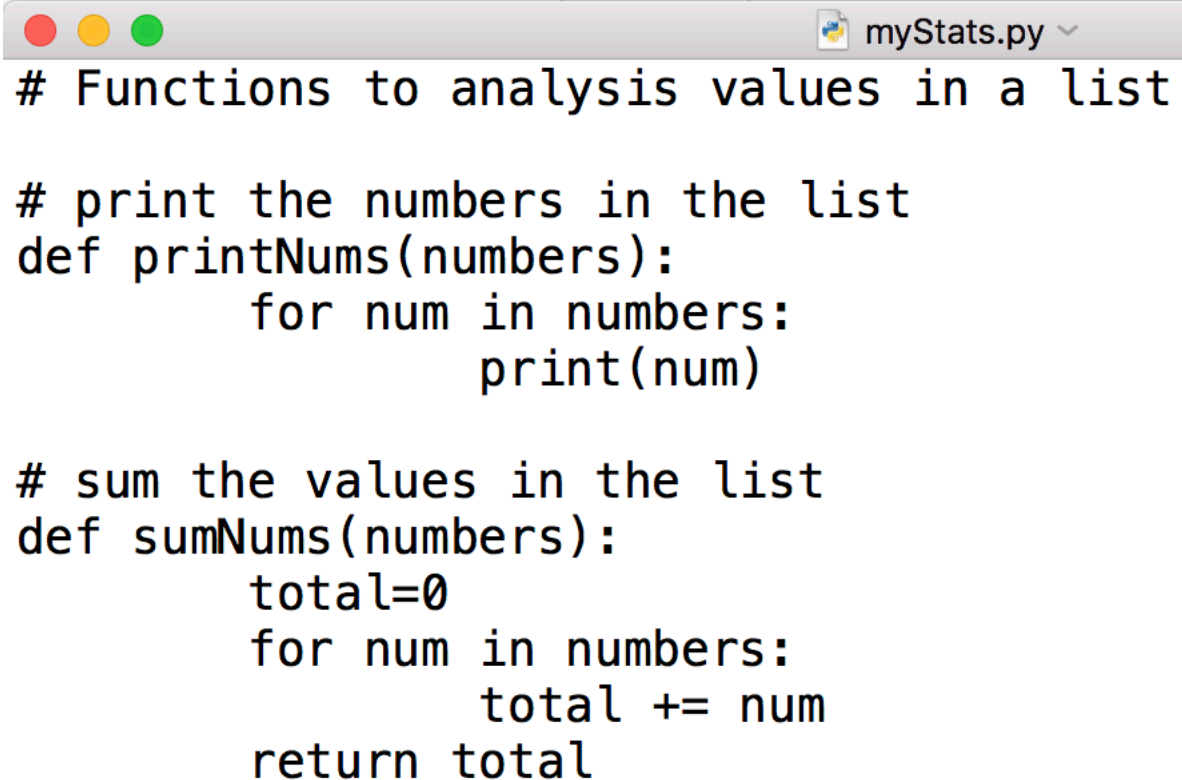
```
# Functions to analysis values in a list

# print the numbers in the list
def printNums(numbers):
    for num in numbers:
        print(num)
```

\* Comment your code well so you remember what it does when you look at it again.

# myStats.py

\* A function to sum values:



```
# Functions to analysis values in a list

# print the numbers in the list
def printNums(numbers):
    for num in numbers:
        print(num)

# sum the values in the list
def sumNums(numbers):
    total=0
    for num in numbers:
        total += num
    return total
```

# myStats.py

\* A function  
to average  
numbers:

```
# sum the values in the list
def sumNums(numbers):
    total=0
    for num in numbers:
        total += num
    return total

# returns the mean average of a list of numbers
def averageNums(numbers):
    sumOfNums = sumNums(numbers)
    average = sumOfNums / len(numbers)
    return average
```

Reminder: in **Python2**, should  
put a **float** somewhere

# myStats.py

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# returns the mean average of a list of numbers
def averageNums(numbers):
    sumOfNums = sumNums(numbers)
    average = sumOfNums / len(numbers)
    return average
```

```
# returns the variance of a list of numbers
def varianceNums(numbers):
    variance = [0]*len(numbers)
    average = averageNums(numbers)
    for index,num in enumerate(numbers):
        variance[index]=(num-average)**2
    return averageNums(variance)
```

\* A function  
to calculate  
the  
variance:

```
>>> myList = [0]*5
>>> myList
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
```

# myStats.py

```
# returns the variance of a list of numbers
def varianceNums(numbers):
    variance = [0]*len(numbers)
    average = averageNums(numbers)
    for index,num in enumerate(numbers):
        variance[index]=(num-average)**2
    return averageNums(variance)
```

```
# returns the standard dev. of a list of numbers
def stdDevNums(numbers):|
    variance = varianceNums(numbers)
    try:
        return variance ** .5
    except TypeError:
        print("wrong data type received")
```

\* A function to calculate the population standard deviation using the variance



# myStats.py

\* Test it

```
[>>> import myStats  
[>>> myStats.stdDevNums([3.14,5.32,1.34,5.67])  
1.7518757804136684  
[>>> myStats.varianceNums([3.14,5.32,1.34,5.67])**0.5  
1.7518757804136684
```

# Reload modules

- \* Problem when debugging a module:

An error

Have edited myStat.py

```
>>> import myStats
>>> myStats.stdDevNums([3.14,5.32,1.34,5.67])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "/Users/qbcollaboratory/myStats.py", line 33, in stdDevNums
    return vriance ** .5
NameError: name 'vriance' is not defined
>>> # I changed myStats.py
...
>>> myStats.stdDevNums([3.14,5.32,1.34,5.67]) # still an error
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "/Users/qbcollaboratory/myStats.py", line 33, in stdDevNums
    return variance ** .5
NameError: name 'vriance' is not defined
```

The error still occurs

- \* Solution 1 : Exit python, re-open python and import again
- \* Solution 2 : reload the module

# Python 2 vs 3: Reload modules

## \* Python2

- \* **reload** is directly available

```
>>> reload(myStats)
<module 'myStats' from '/Users/qbcollaboratory/myStats.py'>
>>> myStats.stdDevNums([3.14,5.32,1.34,5.67])
1.7518757804136684
```

## \* Python3

- \* Need to import **reload** via **importlib**

```
>>> from importlib import reload
>>> reload(myStats)
<module 'myStats' from '/Users/qbcollaboratory/myStats.py'>
>>> myStats.stdDevNums([3.14,5.32,1.34,5.67])
1.7518757804136684
```



Other features

# More Dictionary Methods

- \* `.items()` returns key value pairs
- \* `.keys()` returns just the keys
- \* `.values()` returns just the value

```
[>>> myDictionary = {'name': 'harry', 'hair': 'brown', 'eyes': 'green'}
[>>> print(myDictionary.items())
dict_items([('name', 'harry'), ('hair', 'brown'), ('eyes', 'green')])
[>>> print(myDictionary.keys())
dict_keys(['name', 'hair', 'eyes'])
[>>> print(myDictionary.values())
dict_values(['harry', 'brown', 'green'])
```

- \* This is useful so we can iterate over dictionaries more easily...
- \* Note: in **Python2**, they returns simple lists

# Iterating over dictionaries

Let's iterate over the keys:

```
>>> for key in myDictionary:  
...     print(key, myDictionary[key])  
...  
name harry  
hair brown  
eyes green
```

# List Comprehension

If we want to create a list that is a modified version of an existing list we usually do something like this:

```
>>> squares = []
>>> for x in range(10):
...     squares.append(x**2)
...
>>> squares
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

Python offers an easy alternative!

# List Comprehension

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>>> squares = []
>>> for x in range(10):
...     squares.append(x**2)
...
>>> squares
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

```
>>> squares = [x**2 for x in range(10)]
>>> squares
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```



# List Comprehension

```
>>> squares = [x**2 for x in range(10)]  
>>> squares  
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

To create a list this way:

```
newList = [expression for value in oldList]
```

# List Comprehension

```
>>> compDict={'A':'T','T':'A','C':'G','G':'C'}
>>> seq = 'AAATCGAT'
>>> revComp = [compDict[x] for x in seq.upper() if x in 'ACGT']
>>> revComp
['T', 'T', 'T', 'A', 'G', 'C', 'T', 'A']
>>> revComp.reverse()
>>> ''.join(revComp)
'ATCGATTT'
```

Reverse complement function we wrote previous in much less code!

Have to **reverse()** the list and then use a **string** method (**join**) to turn the list of characters into a **string**.

# Slicing Up a List (with step)

`listName[start:end:step]`

From 1<sup>st</sup> value to 6<sup>th</sup>, choosing every 3<sup>rd</sup> value.

From 2<sup>nd</sup> value to 9<sup>th</sup> value, choosing every 4<sup>th</sup>

List with values with only pairwise index

Entire list, every value, in reverse

2<sup>nd</sup> value down to the beginning

9<sup>th</sup> value down to the beginning

From beginning of list to 4<sup>th</sup> value, in reverse

```
>>> myList = list(range(11))
>>> myList
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
>>> myList[:6:3]
[0, 3]
>>> myList[2:9:4]
[2, 6]
>>> myList[::2]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
>>> myList[::-1]
[10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
>>> myList[2::-1]
[2, 1, 0]
>>> myList[9::-1]
[9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
>>> myList[:4:-1]
[10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5]
>>>
```

# Lambda functions

An alternative way to define a function.

```
[>>> def byThreeClassic(x):  
[...     return x % 3 == 0  
[...  
[>>> byThreeClassic(9)  
True  
[>>> byThreeLambda = lambda x:x%3 == 0  
[>>> byThreeLambda(9)  
True
```

More compact, but also useful in conjunction with other functions.

# Filters

The function `filter(function, list)`

```
[>>> def byThreeClassic(x):  
[...     return x % 3 == 0  
[...  
[>>> myList = [9,3,2,17,18]  
[>>> filter( byThreeClassic , myList) ←  
<filter object at 0x10232def0>  
[>>> list(filter( byThreeClassic , myList))  
[9, 3, 18]
```

Like for `range`, in `Python2`, `filter` would directly returns a list

# Let's combine **lambda** and **filter**

```
>>> myList = [9,3,2,17,18]
>>> list(filter(lambda x:x%3==0 , myList))
[9, 3, 18]
```

- \* Only 1 line !
- \* To compare with the old fashioned way :

4 lines



```
>>> myList = [9,3,2,17,18]
>>> myNewList = []
>>> for num in myList:
...     if num%3 == 0:
...         myNewList.append(num)
...
>>> myNewList
[9, 3, 18]
```



# File Input/Output

# File Input.

Reading from a file is the main way of getting biological data into Python.

```
fileVariable = open("fileName.txt", "w")
```

```
fileVariable.read(size)
```

size is optional and specifies how many bytes to read

```
fileVariable.readLine()
```

reads and returns a single line of the file



# File Output

Writing results to a file is useful for large data sets and for exporting to other programs to create graphs etc.

***fileVariable.write(string)***

writes the contents of *string* to the file.

***fileVariable.tell()***

returns an integer value representing how far through the file you currently are, in bytes.

***fileVariable.seek(offset,0)***

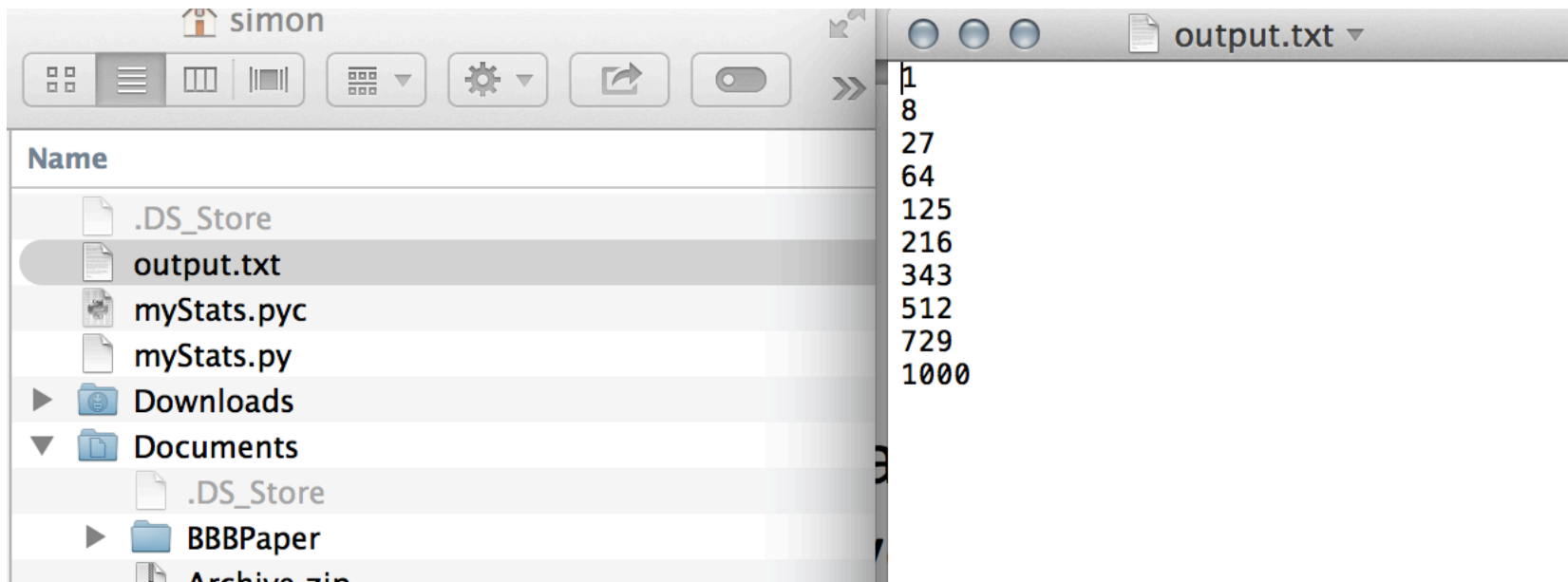
change current position in file to *offset* bytes from the beginning. To offset from current position or end do *seek(offset,1)* or *seek(offset,2)* respectively.

# File Input/Output Example.

\* Write in a file:

```
>>> myList = [x**3 for x in range(1,11)]
>>> file = open("output.txt", 'w')
>>> for item in myList:
...     i = file.write(str(item) + '\n')
...
>>> file.close()
```

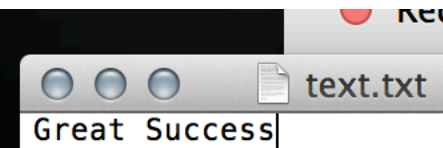
# File Output.



# Always close() Files

It's important to `close()` a file when you have finished writing or reading from it.

```
>>> with open("text.txt","w") as fileVariable:
...     fileVariable.write("Great Success")
...
>>> fileVariable
<closed file 'text.txt', mode 'w' at 0x10a4e9780>
>>> fileVariable.closed
True
>>> █
```



Alternatively use **with open() as variable:** to automatically close the file after the code is executed.

# File Mode

What does the “w” do in: `Open(“fileName.txt”, “w”)`

*mode* can be `'r'` when the file will only be read, `'w'` for only writing (an existing file with the same name will be erased), and `'a'` opens the file for appending; any data written to the file is automatically added to the end. `'r+'` opens the file for both reading and writing. The *mode* argument is optional; `'r'` will be assumed if it's omitted.

# File Mode

```
[>>> myFile = open("output.txt", "r")
[>>> print(myFile.readline())
1

[>>> print(myFile.readline())
8

[>>> print(myFile.readline())
27

[>>> print(myFile.readline())
64

[>>> print(myFile.read())
125
216
343
512
729
1000

[>>> myFile.close()
```

# fastQ file

Contain reads for sequencing analysis.

A FASTQ file normally uses four lines per sequence.

- Line 1 begins with a '@' character and is followed by a sequence identifier and an *optional* description (like a [FASTA](#) title line).
- Line 2 is the raw sequence letters.
- Line 3 begins with a '+' character and is *optionally* followed by the same sequence identifier (and any description) again.
- Line 4 encodes the quality values for the sequence in Line 2, and must contain the same number of symbols as letters in the sequence.

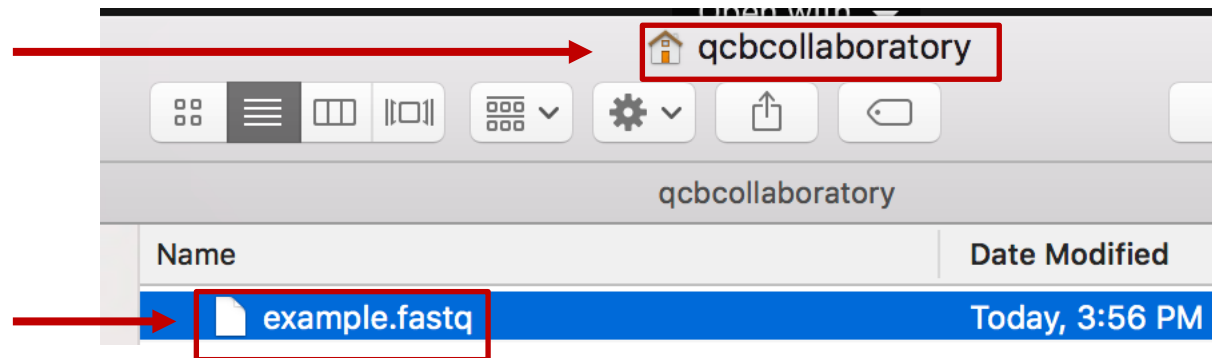
A FASTQ file containing a single sequence might look like this:

```
@SEQ_ID
GATTTGGGGTTCAAAGCAGTATCGATCAAATAGTAAATCCATTTGTTCAACTCACAGTTT
+
! '*((( (**+))%%#+)(%%%).1***-+*' ) **55CCF>>>>>CCCCCCC65
```

# fastQ file

Download the fastQ file at : <https://goo.gl/tYYftm>

In **home**  
directory



**.fastq**  
extension



# fastQ Example

Code to find which reads contain an adapter sequence

```
fastQAdapter.py
myFile = open("example.fastq","r")

adapterSequence = 'GCCAAT'
totalLines = 0
countOfAdapter = 0
for line in myFile:
    if line[0]!='N':
        if adapterSequence in line:
            countOfAdapter += 1
        totalLines += 1

myFile.close()

print("Total lines: %i" % totalLines)
print("Count of adapter: %i" % countOfAdapter)

percentage = (countOfAdapter / totalLines) * 100
print("Percentage of reads containing the adapter: %.2f"% percentage)
```

Reminder: in **Python2**,  
should put a **float**  
somewhere

# fastQ Example

Let's test it!

```
fastQAdapter.py
myFile = open("example.fastq","r")

adapterSequence = 'GCCAAT'
totalLines = 0
countOfAdapter = 0
for line in myFile:
    if line[0]=='N':
        if adapterSequence in line:
            countOfAdapter += 1
        totalLines += 1

myFile.close()

print("Total lines: %i" % totalLines)
print("Count of adapter: %i" % countOfAdapter)

percentage = (countOfAdapter / totalLines) * 100
print("Percentage of reads containing the adapter: %.2f"% percentage)
```

```
QCBs-MacBook-Pro:~ qbcollaboratory$ python3 fastQAdapter.py
Total lines: 25
Count of adapter: 9
Percentage of reads containing the adapter: 36.00
```

# To continue with Python:

- \* Other workshops

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**W17: Machine Learning with Python**

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- \* <http://www.codecademy.com/en/tracks/python>

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