Programming Session I

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Brief Excursion on Number Systems

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- The irrational number $\sqrt{2} = 1.4142135 \ldots$ is part of the real world.
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Honorable Mention

- **Complex Numbers:** \( \mathbb{C} = a + ib \), where \( a, b \in \mathbb{R} \) and \( i = \sqrt{-1} \)
Number Systems
If-Else

If and else are organized by indentation and colons

```python
x = 3.5
is_x_4 = False
if x == 4 : #if <condition> :
    is_x_4 = True #indented block is called only
    print("x is 4") #if <condition> applies
else : #else is on the same level as if
    print("x is not 4")
#Regular program continues here
```
While Loops

- Print the numbers from 1 to 10

```python
goal = 5  # define two variables for the exit condition
test = 0
while test != goal:
    test = test + 1  # Increase test by 1
    print(test)  # prints 1,2,3,4,5 a number per loop
```
The List Datatype

- Lists allow to manage a collection of variables

```python
names = ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Carl', 'Dora']
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 5, 8]
```

- Accessing and modifying elements in a list

```python
print(names) # ['Alice', 'Bob', 'Carl', 'Dora']
single_name = names[2] # single_name = 'Carl'
first_element = numbers[0] # first_element = 1
last_name = names[len(names)-1] # last_name = 'Dora'

names[1] = 'Bert' # names ['Alice', 'Bert', 'Carl', 'Dora']
```
Operations on Lists

Example Operations

```python
numbers = [1,2,3,5,8]
names = ["Alice","Bob","Carl"]
count = len(names)  # count=3
names.append("Daisy")  # ['Alice','Bob','Carl','Daisy']
numbers2 = [13,21,34]
numbers3 = numbers + numbers2  # [1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34]
subset = numbers3[2:5]  # [3,5,8]
# characters from position 2 (included) to 5 (excluded)
```
Helpful Functions

▶ The random module

```python
import random  # import the module similar to import math
# assigns dice_roll a number between 1 and 6
dice_roll = random.randint(1, 6)
# assigns coin_flip either a 0 or 1
coin_flip = random.randint(0, 1)
```

▶ Deleting list elements

```python
names = ['alf', 'donald', 'charly brown', 'bud spencer']
delete names[1]  # deletes the second element
print(names)  # ['alf', 'charly brown', 'bud spencer']
```
Tasks: Control Statements

1. Write a script that determines whether a given input number is an integer or rational number. Print the result to the console.
   - Use python's `input` function to retrieve the input number
   - Typecast the input to an integer and store the result in a new variable
   - Typecast the input to a float and store the result in a new variable
   - Compare both variables in an if-clause to determine, whether the input was an int or float.

2. Write a Guessing Game, where the script chooses a random integer between 0 and 20 and the user has to guess it. With each guess the user gets told if his guess was higher or lower than the desired number.
   - Start by assigning a random integer to a variable using `random.randint(0, 20)`
   - Create a while-loop in which the user is asked for a number
   - Depending on the number input tell the user whether his guess was smaller, higher or equal to the desired value
   - Think about how to end the while-loop
Tasks: Lists

3. Write a script that returns the biggest element in a list
   - Create a list with arbitrary numbers of your choice
   - Loop through the list with a for loop
   - In each loop compare the current list element with your current estimate of the highest number

4. Write a script that looks for a specific element in the list and deletes it
   - Loop through the list with a for-loop and store the elements position in a variable
   - After the for loop remove the element at that position with the `del` command

5. (Bonus) Write a script that takes a list and transfers its elements to a second list in sorted order.
   - Look for the smallest element in the first list. Write it to the second list. Delete it in the first list. Repeat.