Announcements

- Exam 1 is Thursday, Oct 5
- RQ Reviews available today – not for credit
- Practice exams on today’s date
  - Work them **on paper** before Tuesday
- Assignment 4 due Tuesday, try for Monday!
- No Lab next 2 weeks

Today:
- Loops – While, While True
- Problem Solving

Lab 5 – First part

- Practicing the first four steps of the 7 steps for problem solving
- Find the pattern, what is next, then generalize

Pattern 1
Developing an Algorithm

- [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEBbsZK39es](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AEBbsZK39es)

$193, $540, $820, $700, $749. Are these reasonable? Why?

I'm thinking of a number …

- You guess. I'll tell you high, low, or correct
  - Goal: guess quickly, minimal number of guesses
  - Number between 1 and 100…
  - Number between 1 and 1000…

- Can you describe an algorithm, instructions, that would allow someone to use your instructions to play this game correctly. Start with 1 and 100, but ideally your instructions work with 1 and N


Analyzing the *binary search* algorithm

- Is the algorithm correct?
  - Try it, again, and again and …
  - Reason about it: logically, informally, …

- How efficient is the algorithm?
  - How many guesses will it take (roughly, exactly)
  - Should we care about efficiency?

- When do we really care about efficiency?
  - Examples?

Find Narten

1. Anderson
2. Applegate
3. Bethune
4. Brooks
5. Carter
6. Douglas
7. Edwards
8. Franklin
9. Griffin
10. Holhouser
11. Jefferson
12. Klatchy
13. Morgan
14. Munson
15. Narten
16. Oliver
17. Parker
18. Rivers
19. Roberts
20. Stevenson
21. Thomas
22. Wilson
23. Woodrow
24. Yarbrow
Looking for a Needle in a Haystack

- If a computer can examine 10 million names/numbers a second, suppose the list isn't sorted, or I say "yes/no", not "high/low"
  - How long to search a list of 10 million?
  - How long to search a list of a billion?
  - 14 billion pixels in a 2 hour blu-ray movie
- What about using binary search? How many guesses for 1000, $10^6$, $10^9$, $10^{12}$
  - One of the things to remember: $2^{10} = 1024$

Review - Searching for words

- If we had a million words in alphabetical order, how many would we need to look at worst case to find a word?

Prime Numbers

- An integer > 1 is prime if it has no positive divisors other than 1 and itself.
- 12 is not prime!
  - 12 is divisible by 2, 3, 4, 6
  - $3 \times 4 = 12$, $2 \times 6 = 12$
- Prime numbers: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23
- Is 8315411 prime?

Is number a Prime number?

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```python
def isPrime(number):
    if number < 2: # must be greater than 1
        return False
    if number < 4: # 2 and 3 are prime
        return True
    for n in range(4,number):
        if number/n * n == number:
            return False
    return True
```
Write Helper functions to help solve problems!!!!

• Find all the primes between 10 and 100
  – Use isPrime as a helper function
• Assignment 4 helper functions
  – isVowel(letter) – return true if letter is a vowel
  – NoVowels(word) – return True if no vowels in word
  – Automatic Decrypt, what helper function?

Undetermined Repetition

• Game of chess, when does it end?
• What is the 100th prime number?
• Guessing a number from 1 to 100?

While loops

• Repetition when you stop a loop based on a condition
• while CONDITION:
  BODY

  – As long as condition is true, keep executing loop.
  – Must have an update in the body to get closer to condition being false

Example for while

• Playing chess

while (game not over)
  make a move in the game
  (game must get closer to ending)
Example 2 for while

• What is the 100th prime number?
  number = 2
  while (not 100th prime)
    is number prime?
    update count
    generate next number to check
    (program must get closer to ending)

Example 3 - Factorial

• 5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 120
• 3! = 3 * 2 * 1 = 6

Example with while loop

def factorial(num):
    result = 1
    while num > 0:
        result = result * num
        num = num - 1
    return result

for n in range(8):
    print n, factorial(n)

Mystery While example

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def mystery(strng, letter):
    pos = 0
    count = 0
    result = ''
    while count < 4 and pos < len(strng):
        if strng[pos] == letter:
            result += strng[pos] + strng[pos]
            count += 1
        else:
            result += strng[pos]
        pos += 1
    result += strng[pos:]
    return result

print mystery("September December", "e")
Looping with while
– not sure when to stop
• Playing chess
• Determining the 100th prime number

• Another way – while True – EASIER!
  – Must have ways to break out of infinite loop
  – Must have update – gets closer to ending

while condition vs while True

while condition:
  body
  if condition:
    break
  continue

while True:
  body
  break
  continue

While condition is true - must update
- must get closer to making condition false
- use break to exit

Format of While True

initialize
while True:
  if something:
    break
  if something2:
    update
  update
Continue or return

Revisit Factorial with while True

def factorial(num):
  result = 1
  while True:
    if num == 0:
      break
    result = result * num
    num = num - 1
  return result
def mystery2(string, letter):
    pos = 0
    count = 0
    result = ''
    while True:
        # missing code to break out of while
        if string[pos] == letter:
            result += string[pos] + string[pos]
            count += 1
        else:
            result += string[pos]
        pos += 1
    result += string[pos:]
    return result