

Outline for October 3, 2012

Reading: §2

1. Simple assignment: `variable = expression`
2. Expressions
 - a. Operators `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`, `//`, `%`, `**`
 - b. Precedence
 - i. Parentheses for grouping `(,)`
 - ii. Exponentiation `**`; associates right to left
 - iii. Positive, negative (unary `+`, `-`)
 - iv. Multiplication, division, integer division, remainder `*`, `/`, `//`, `%`
 - v. Addition, subtraction (binary `+`, `-`)
 - vi. In general, operators of equal precedence are evaluated from the left to the right (associativity); exception noted above
3. Input: input statement
 - a. `input(prompt)` prints prompt, waits for user
 - b. When user hits enter, it returns what was typed as a string
4. Type converter functions `int`, `float`
5. `import` statement
 - a. `import math`
6. Example: program to compute the length of the hypotenuse of a right triangle [*hypotf.py*]
 - a. What is the math formula? (Pythagoras: $z = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$)
 - b. Steps in the program:
 - i. Ask user for length of two other sides
 - ii. Compute hypotenuse, using math library's square root function
 - iii. Print result
 - c. Implementation (line by line)
7. Another form of the `import` statement
 - a. `from math import sqrt` [*hypot.py*]