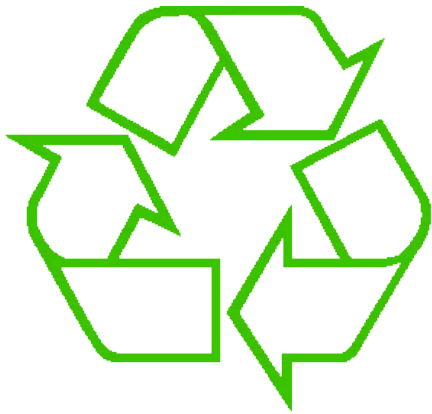


# Control flow

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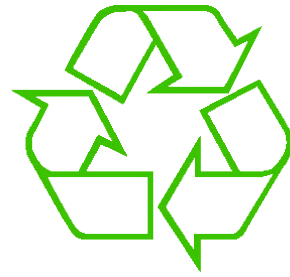


Repeating yourself



Making decisions

# Temperature conversion chart



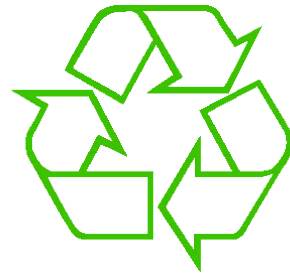
Recall exercise from previous lecture

```
fahr = 30
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print fahr, cent
fahr = 40
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print fahr, cent
fahr = 50
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print fahr, cent
fahr = 60
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print fahr, cent
fahr = 70
cent = (fahr - 32) / 9.0 * 5
print fahr, cent
print "All done"
```

Output:

30 -1.11  
40 4.44  
50 10.0  
60 15.56  
70 21.11  
All done

# Temperature conversion chart



A better way to repeat yourself:

**for** loop

loop variable or  
iteration variable

A list

Colon is  
required

Loop *body*  
is indented

Execute the body  
**5 times:**

- once with  $f = 30$
- once with  $f = 40$
- ...

Indentation  
is significant

```
for f in [30,40,50,60,70]:  
    print f, (f-32)/9.0*5  
print "All done"
```

Output:

```
30 -1.11  
40 4.44  
50 10.0  
60 15.56  
70 21.11  
All done
```

# How a loop is executed: Transformation approach

Idea: convert a **for** loop into something we know how to execute

1. Evaluate the sequence expression
2. Write an assignment to the loop variable, for each sequence element
3. Write a copy of the loop after each assignment
4. Execute the resulting statements

```
for i in [1,4,9]:  
    print i
```



```
i = 1  
print i  
i = 4  
print i  
i = 9  
print i
```

State of the  
computer:

i: 4

Printed output:

1  
4  
9


# How a loop is executed:

## Direct approach

1. Evaluate the sequence expression
2. While there are sequence elements left:
  - a) Assign the loop variable to the next remaining sequence element
  - b) Execute the loop body

```
for i in [1, 4, 9]:  
    print i
```

Current location in list



State of the  
computer:

i: 1

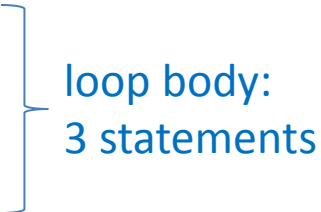
Printed output:

1  
4  
9

# The body can be multiple statements

Execute whole body, then execute whole body again, etc.

```
for i in [3,4,5]:  
    print "Start body"  
    print i  
    print i*i
```



loop body:  
3 statements

Output:

Start body  
3  
9  
Start body  
4  
16  
Start body  
5  
25

NOT:

~~Start body  
Start body  
Start body  
3  
4  
5  
9  
16  
25~~

Convention: often use i or j as loop variable if values are integers

This is an exception to the rule that  
variable names should be descriptive

# Indentation is significant

- Every statement in the body must have exactly the same indentation
- That's how Python knows where the body ends

```
for i in [3,4,5]:  
    print "Start body"
```

Error! 

```
print i  
print i*i
```

- Compare the results of these loops:


```
for f in [30,40,50,60,70]:  
    print f, (f-32)/9.0*5  
print "All done"
```

```
for f in [30,40,50,60,70]:  
    print f, (f-32)/9.0*5  
print "All done"
```



# The body can be multiple statements

How many statements does this loop contain?



```
for i in [0,1]:  
    print "Outer", i  
    for j in [2,3]:  
        print " Inner", j  
        print " Sum", i+j  
    print "Outer", i
```

"nested"  
loop body:  
2 statements

loop body:  
3 statements

Output:  
Outer 0  
Inner 2  
Sum 2  
Inner 3  
Sum 3  
Outer 0  
Outer 1  
Inner 2  
Sum 3  
Inner 3  
Sum 4  
Outer 1<sub>9</sub>

What is the output?

# Understand loops through the transformation approach

Key idea:

1. Assign each sequence element to the loop variable
2. Duplicate the body

```
for i in [0,1]:
    print "Outer", i
    for j in [2,3]:
        print " Inner", j

i = 0
print "Outer", i
for j in [2,3]:
    print " Inner", j
i = 1
print "Outer", i
for j in [2,3]:
    print " Inner", j

i = 0
print "Outer", i
j = 2
print " Inner", j
j = 3
print " Inner", j
i = 1
print "Outer", i
for j in [2,3]:
    print " Inner",10j
```

# Fix this loop

```
# Goal: print 1, 2, 3, ..., 48, 49, 50  
for tens_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:  
    for ones_digit in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:  
        print tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit
```

What does it actually print?

How can we change it to correct its output?

Moral: Watch out for *edge conditions* (beginning or end of loop)

# Some Fixes

```
for tens_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:
    for ones_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:
        print tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit + 1

for tens_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]:
    for ones_digit in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]:
        print tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit

for ones_digit in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:
    print ones_digit
for tens_digit in [1, 2, 3, 4]:
    for ones_digit in [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]:
        print tens_digit * 10 + ones_digit
print 50
```

# Test your understanding of loops

Puzzle 1:

```
for i in [0,1]:  
    print i  
print i
```

Output:

0  
1  
1

Puzzle 2:

```
i = 5  
for i in []:  
    print i
```

(no output)

Puzzle 3:

```
for i in [0,1]:  
    print "Outer", i  
    for i in [2,3]:  
        print " Inner", i  
    print "Outer", i
```

Reusing loop variable  
(don't do this!)

inner  
loop  
body

outer  
loop  
body

Outer 0  
  Inner 2  
  Inner 3  
Outer 3  
Outer 1  
  Inner 2  
  Inner 3  
Outer 3

# The range function

A typical for loop does not use an explicit list:

```
for i in range(5):
```

The list  
[0,1,2,3,4]

```
    ... body ...
```

Upper limit  
(*exclusive*)

```
range(5) = [0,1,2,3,4]
```

Lower limit  
(*inclusive*)

```
range(1, 5) = [1,2,3,4]
```

step (distance  
between elements)

```
range(1, 10, 2) = [1,3,5,7,9]
```

# Some Loops

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
```

```
result = 0
for element in range(5):
    result = result + element
print "The sum is: " + str(result)
```

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
```

```
result = 0
for element in range(5,1,-1):
    result = result + element
print "The sum is:", result
```

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
```

```
result = 0
for element in range(0,8,2):
    result = result + element
print "The sum is:", result
```

```
# Sum of a list of values, what values?
```

```
result = 0
size = 5
for element in range(size):
    result = result + element
print "When size = " + str(size) + " result is " + str(result)
```

# Some More Loops

```
for size in [1, 2, 3, 4]:  
    result = 0  
    for element in range(size):  
        result = result + element  
    print "size=" + str(size) + " result=" + str(result)  
print " We are done!"
```

What happens if we move **result = 0**  
to be the first line of the program instead?

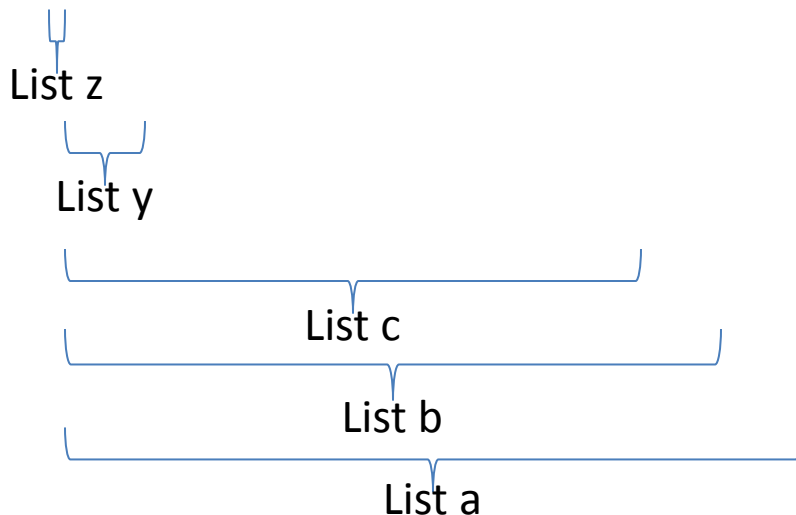


# Decomposing a list computation

- To compute a value for a list:
  - Compute a partial result for all but the last element
  - Combine the partial result with the last element

Example: sum of a list:

[ 3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6, 5 ]



$\text{sum}(\text{List a}) = \text{sum}(\text{List b}) + 5$   
 $\text{sum}(\text{List b}) = \text{sum}(\text{List c}) + 6$   
...  
 $\text{sum}(\text{List y}) = \text{sum}(\text{List z}) + 3$   
 $\text{sum}(\text{empty list}) = 0$

# How to process a list: One element at a time

- A common pattern when processing a list:

```
result = initial_value  
for element in list:  
    result = updated result  
use result
```

```
# Sum of a list  
result = 0  
for element in mylist:  
    result = result + element  
print result
```

- *initial\_value* is a correct result for an empty list
- As each element is processed, **result** is a correct result for a prefix of the list
- When all elements have been processed, **result** is a correct result for the whole list

# Examples of list processing

- Product of a list:

```
result = 1
for element in mylist:
    result = result * element
```

```
result = initial_value
for element in list:
    result = updated result
```

- Maximum of a list:

```
result = mylist[0]
for element in mylist:
    result = max(result, element)
```

The first element of the list (counting from zero)

- Approximate the value 3 by  $1 + 2/3 + 4/9 + 8/27 + 16/81 + \dots$   
 $= (2/3)^0 + (2/3)^1 + (2/3)^2 + (2/3)^3 + \dots + (2/3)^{10}$

```
result = 0
for element in range(11):
    result = result + (2.0/3.0)**element
```

# Making decisions



- How do we compute absolute value?

$$\text{abs}(5) = 5$$

$$\text{abs}(0) = 0$$

$$\text{abs}(-22) = 22$$

# Absolute value solution

If *the value is negative*, negate it.

Otherwise, use the original value.

```
val = -10

# calculate absolute value of val
if val < 0:
    result = - val
else:
    result = val

print result
```

Another approach  
that does the same thing  
without using **result**:

```
val = -10

if val < 0:
    print - val
else:
    print val
```

In this example, **result** will always be assigned a value.

# Absolute value solution

As with loops, a sequence of statements could be used in place of a single statement:

```
val = -10

# calculate absolute value of val
if val < 0:
    result = - val
    print "val is negative!"
    print "I had to do extra work!"
else:
    result = val
    print "val is positive"
print result
```

# Absolute value solution

What happens here?

```
val = 5

# calculate absolute value of val
if val < 0:
    result = - val
    print "val is negative!"
else:
    for i in range(val):
        print "val is positive!"
    result = val
print result
```

# Another if

It is **not required that anything happens...**

```
val = -10

if val < 0:
    print "negative value!"
```

What happens when val = 5?



# The if body can be any statements

```

# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print "space"
else:
    if height > 50:
        print "mesosphere"
    else:
        if height > 20:
            print "stratosphere"
        else:
            print "troposphere"

```

then clause

else clause

```

# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print "space"
elif height > 50:
    print "mesosphere"
elif height > 20:
    print "stratosphere"
else:
    print "troposphere"

```

Execution gets here only if "height > 100" is false

Execution gets here only if "height > 100" is false AND "height > 50" is true

0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 km above earth

troposphere stratosphere mesosphere space

# Version 1

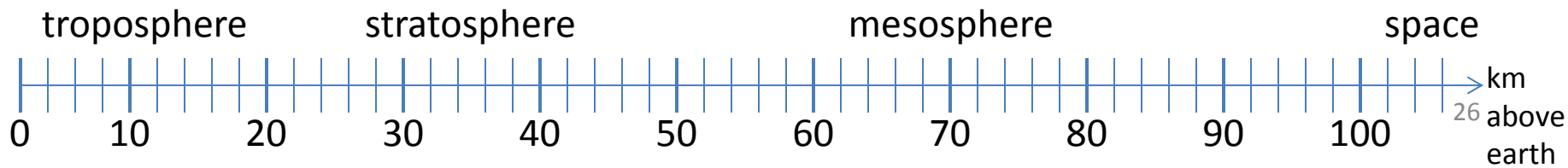
```
# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print "space"
else:
    if height > 50:
        print "mesosphere"
    else:
        if height > 20:
            print "stratosphere"
        else:
            print "troposphere"
```

then clause

Execution gets here only if "height <= 100" is true

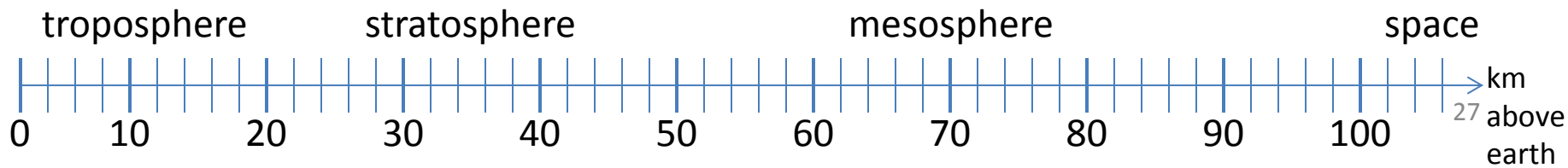
Execution gets here only if "height <= 100" is true AND "height > 50" is true

else clause



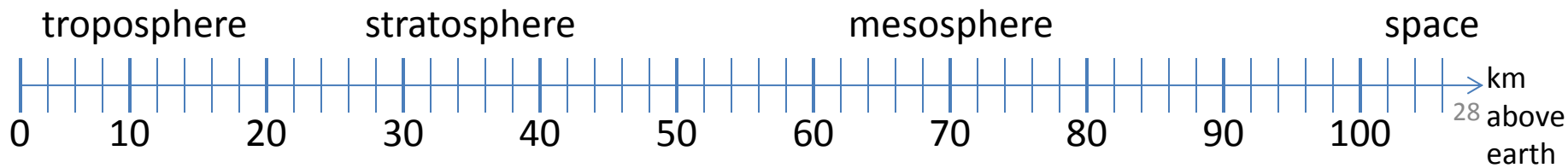
# Version 1

```
# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print "space"
else:
    if height > 50:
        print "mesosphere"
    else:
        if height > 20:
            print "stratosphere"
        else:
            print "troposphere"
```



# Version 2

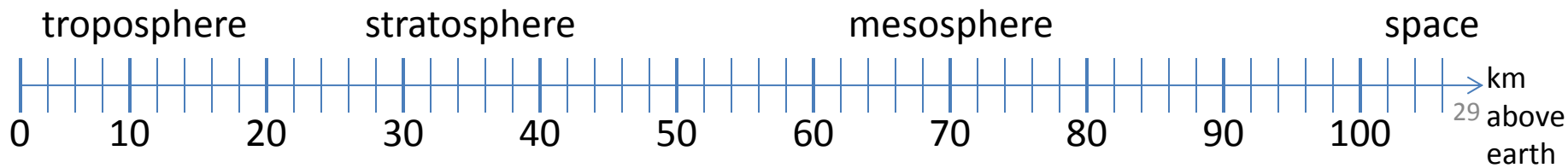
```
if height > 50:
    if height > 100:
        print "space"
    else:
        print "mesosphere"
else:
    if height > 20:
        print "stratosphere"
    else:
        print "troposphere"
```



# Version 3

```
if height > 100:
    print "space"
elif height > 50:
    print "mesosphere"
elif height > 20:
    print "stratosphere"
else:
    print "troposphere"
```

ONE of the print statements is guaranteed to execute:  
whichever condition it encounters first that is true

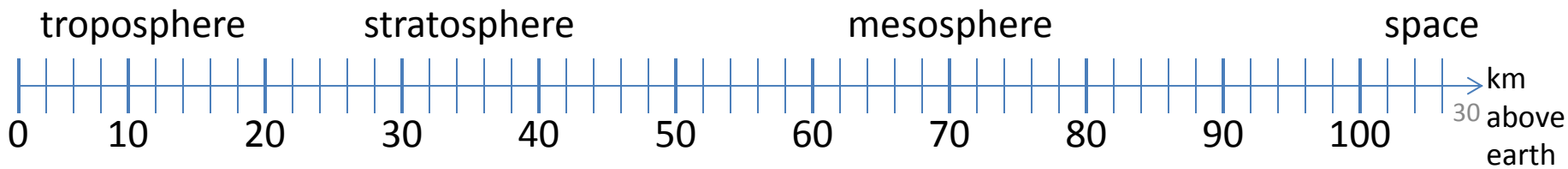


# Order Matters

```
# version 3
if height > 100:
    print "space"
elif height > 50:
    print "mesosphere"
elif height > 20:
    print "stratosphere"
else:
    print "troposphere"
```

```
# broken version 3
if height > 20:
    print "stratosphere"
elif height > 50:
    print "mesosphere"
elif height > 100:
    print "space"
else:
    print "troposphere"
```

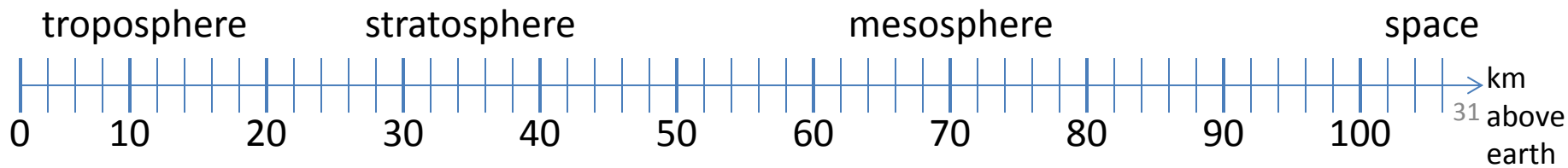
Try height = 72 on both versions, what happens?



# Version 3

```
# incomplete version 3
if height > 100:
    print "space"
elif height > 50:
    print "mesosphere"
elif height > 20:
    print "stratosphere"
```

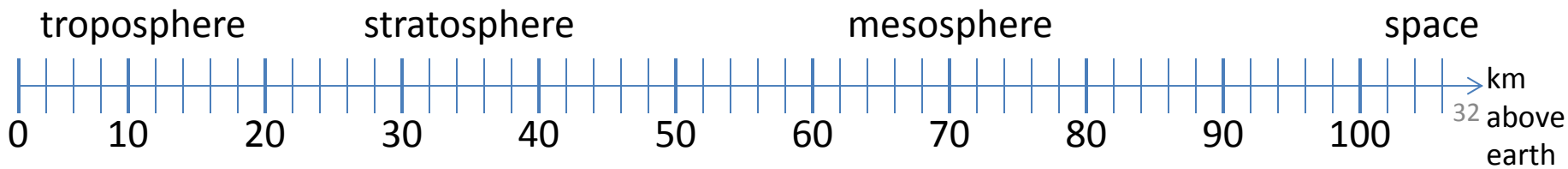
In this case it is possible that nothing is printed at all, when?



# What Happens here?

```
# height is in km
if height > 100:
    print "space"
if height > 50:
    print "mesosphere"
if height > 20:
    print "stratosphere"
else:
    print "troposphere"
```

Try height = 72





# The then clause *or* the else clause is executed

```
speed = 54
limit = 55
if speed <= limit:
    print "Good job!"
else:
    print "You owe $", speed/fine
```

What if we change speed to 64?