

Pipeline Design, Strings, Evaluation

Problem Solving using Python - Week 5

Homework and Last Week Q&A

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Image Pre-Processing

- **Input:** image (=2D pixels, `list` of `list` of `list` of `int`)
- **Output:** standardized image
- **Steps:** resize/crop to a fix size, balance brightness, grayscale conversion

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Detour is a 1945 American film noir directed by Edgar G. Ulmer starring Tom Neal and Ann Savage.

In 1992, *Detour* was selected for preservation in the United States National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant".

The film is in the **public domain** and is freely available from online sources.

Source: [Wikipedia](#)

Problem: Subtitles Synchronization

Goal

Sync the subtitles to the video

i.e., shift in time the appearance of the subtitles

(e.g., 2 seconds forward)

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2. *Split* each subtitle quote to its lines
3. *Take* the second line (`timing`)
4. *Split* to start and end timing
5. *Add* the `shift` to each of the timing
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**We will solve first the
"smaller"/"internal" sub-problems and
the "bigger"/"external" ones,
because this makes it easier to solve **this
problem incrementally****

Jupyter Notebook!

From Jupyter Notebook To a Python Script

Pipeline Design

Wrap-up + Q&A

(this is not the end yet)

Evaluate Phase

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Evaluation Criteria

1. Functionality
2. ➡ Design and code
3. Readability, style & documentation

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code

1. Structure and flow
2. Modularization
3. Data structure
4. Idiomatic python

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Structure and Flow

```
def is_sorted_v1(seq):  
    """Check whether a sequence is ordered or not."""  
  
    result = True  
  
    for i in range(len(seq)):  
        for j in range(i+1, len(seq)):  
            is_pair_ordered = (seq[i] <= seq[j])  
            result = result and is_pair_ordered  
  
    return result
```

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Structure and Flow

```
def is_sorted_v2(seq):  
    """Check whether a sequence is ordered or not."""  
  
    result = True  
    i = 0  
    for i in range(len(seq)-1):  
        is_pair_ordered = (seq[i] <= seq[i+1])  
        result = result and is_pair_ordered  
  
    return result
```

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Modularization

```
def calc_mean_difference_v1(first_group, second_group):  
    """Calculate the mean difference between two groups."""  
  
    # calculate the mean of the first group  
    first_total = 0  
    for item in first_group:  
        first_total += item  
    first_mean = first_total / len(first_group)  
  
    # calculate the mean of the second group  
    second_total = 0  
    for item in second_group:  
        second_total += item  
    second_mean = second_total / len(second_group)  
  
    return first_mean - second_mean
```


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```
def calc_mean(group):  
    "Calculate the mean of a group."  
    total = 0  
    for item in group:  
        total += item  
    return item / len(group)  
  
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    """Calculate the mean difference between two groups."""  
    first_mean = calc_mean(first_group)  
    second_mean = calc_mean(second_group)  
    return first_mean - second_mean
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Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Data Structure

```
country2capital = [('Germany', 'Berlin'),  
                   ('Japan', 'Tokyo'),  
                   ('Cuba', 'Havana')]  
  
for item in country2capital:  
    if item[0] == 'Cuba':  
        print(item[1])
```

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```
country2capital = {'Germany': 'Berlin',  
                  'Japan': 'Tokyo',  
                  'Cuba': 'Havana'}  
  
print(country2capital['Cuba'])
```

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Idiomatic Python - 1

```
def join_with_comma(strings):  
    """Join a list of strings into one string with comma."""  
    line = ''  
  
    for s in strings[:-1]:  
        line += s + ', '  
  
    if strings:  
        line += strings[-1]  
  
    return line
```

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Idiomatic Python - 1

```
','.join(['one', 'two', 'three'])
```

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Idiomatic Python - 2

```
def sum_v1(seq):  
    """Sum the elements of a list of numbers."""  
    total = 0  
    for i in range(len(seq)):  
        total += seq[i]  
    return i
```

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Idiomatic Python - 2

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    """Sum the elements of a list of numbers."""  
    total = 0  
    for item in seq:  
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```

Evaluate Phase - Design and Code - Idiomatic Python - 2

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sum([1, 3, 5])
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