

# Principled Programming

Introduction to Coding in Any Imperative Language

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## Introduction

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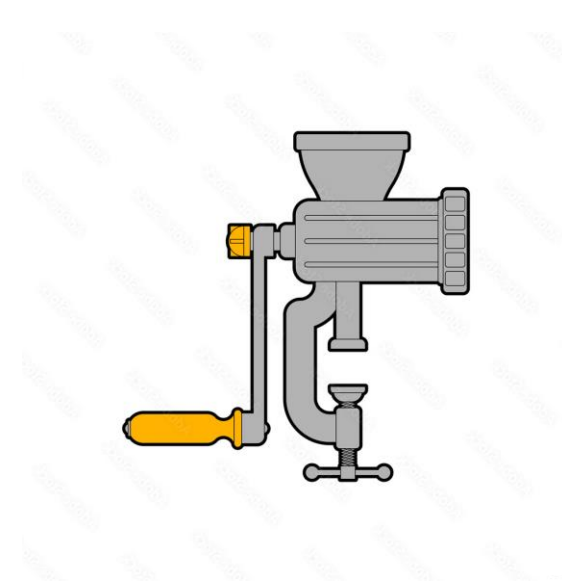
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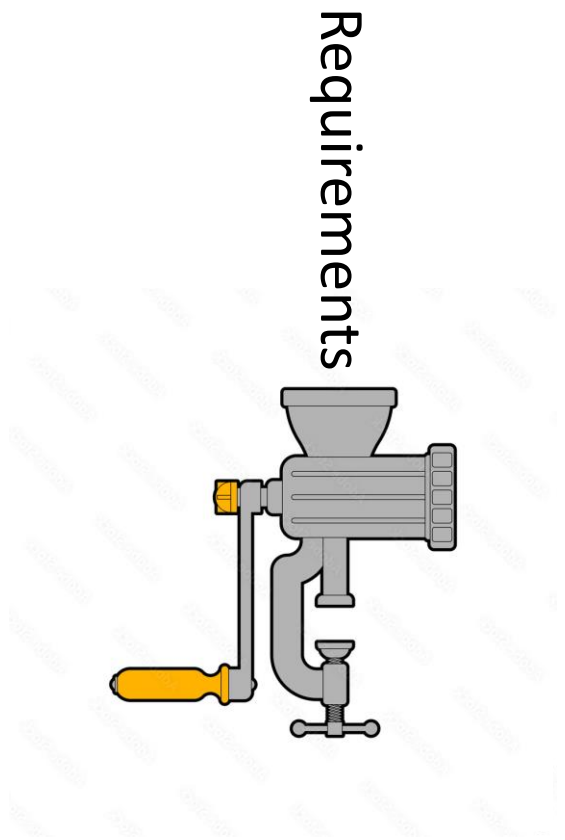
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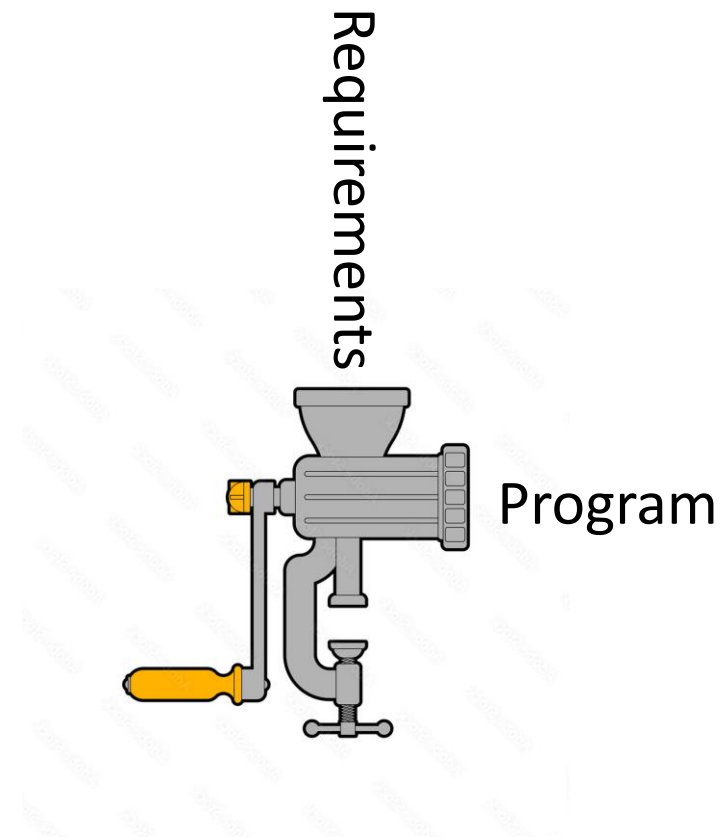
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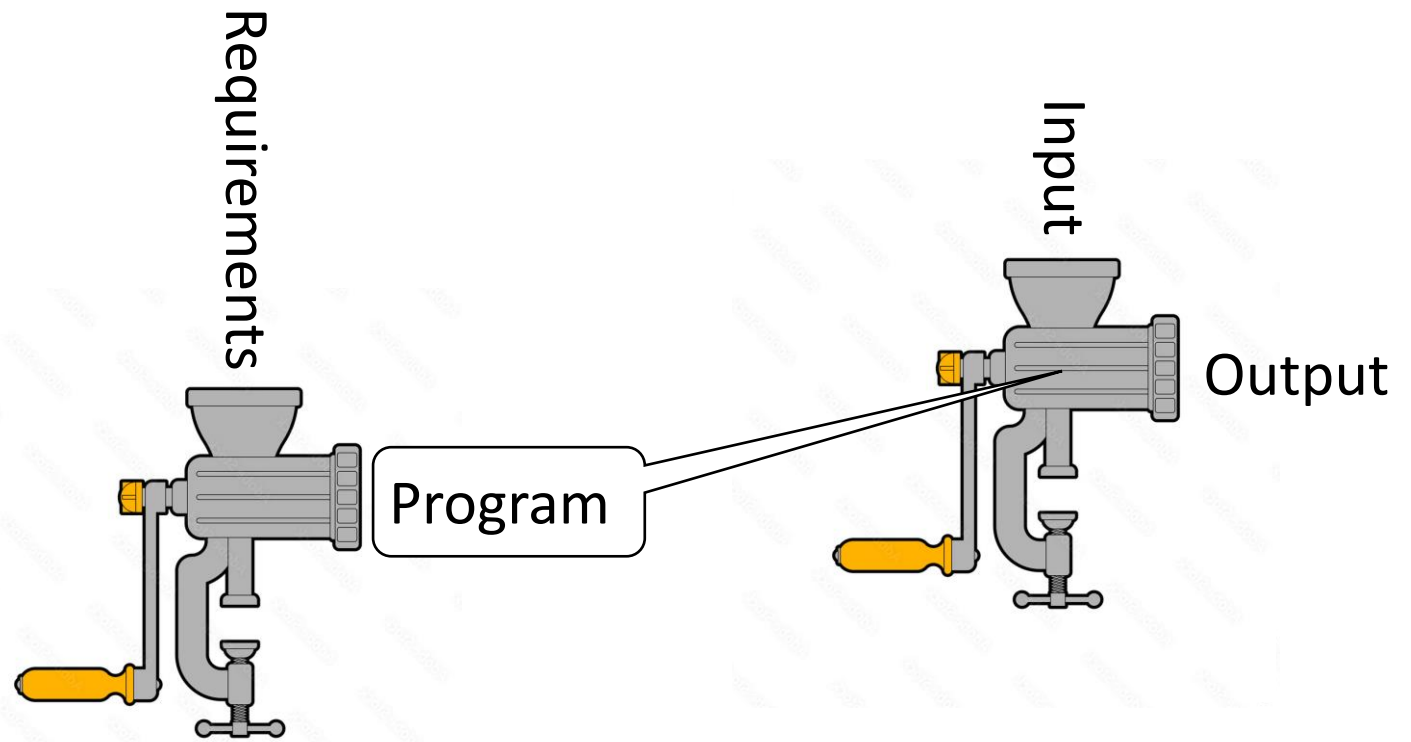
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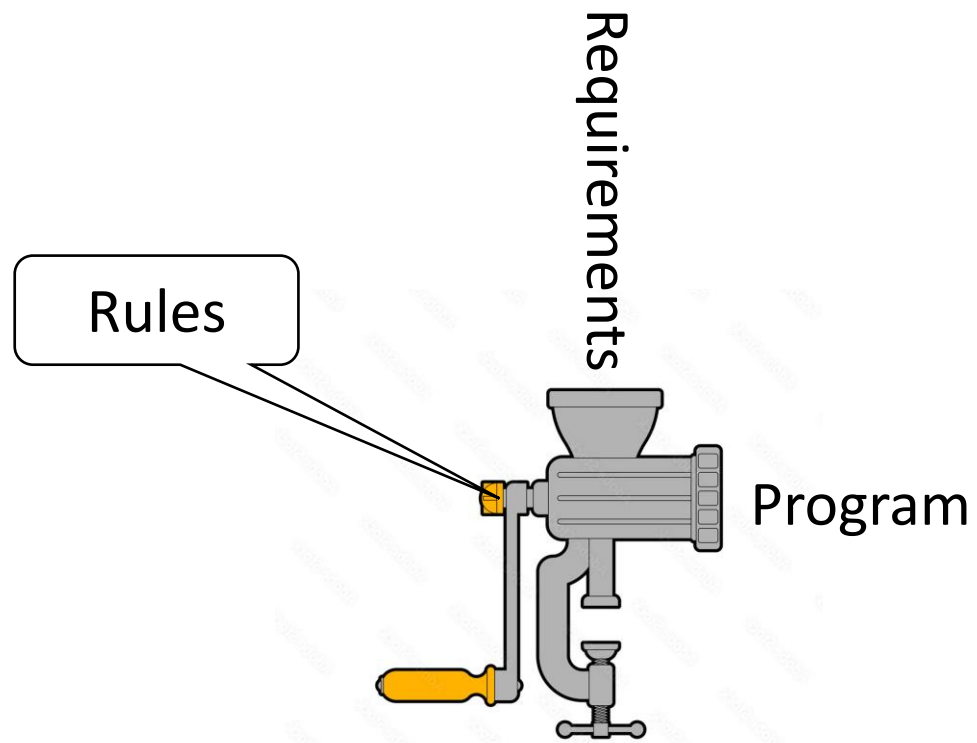
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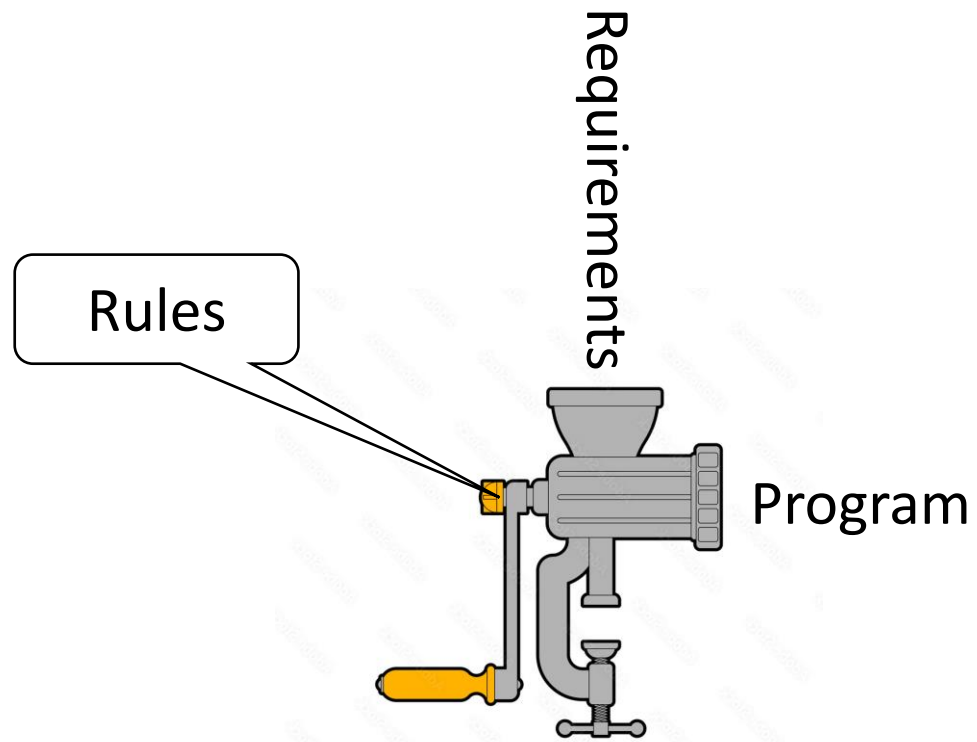
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- Effective
- Produce good code
- Efficient
- Complete

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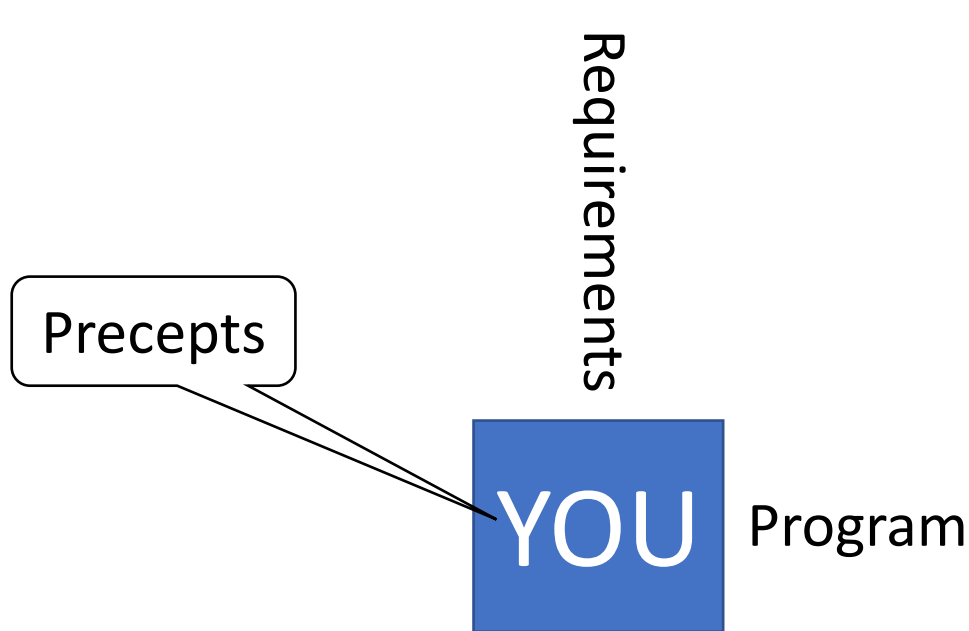


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**Code with deliberation. Be mindful.**

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**Sample precept**

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**Sample precept**, with an application:

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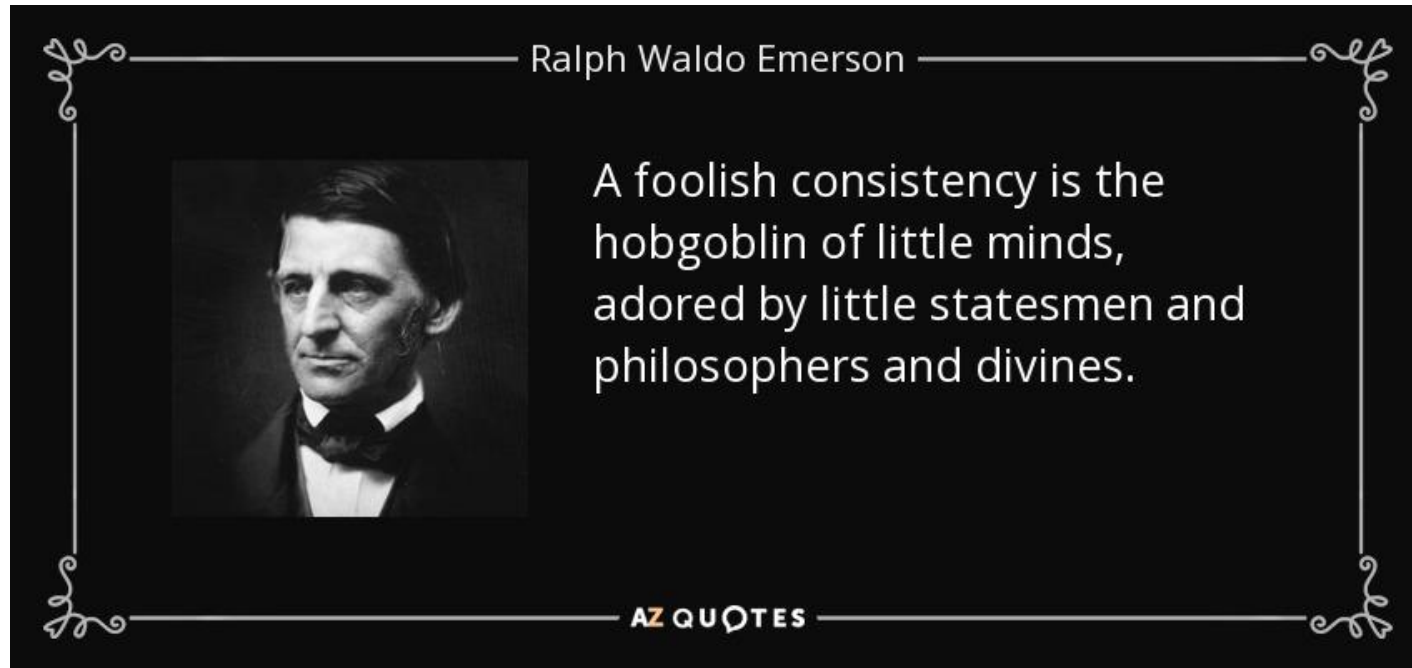
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 Use single-letter variable names when it makes code more understandable.

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Exercise judgement

Make tradeoffs

Don't make decisions casually

Indulge in personal preference



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Despite your humility, aim for perfection

- The quality of the code you write
- The quality of the process you use to write it



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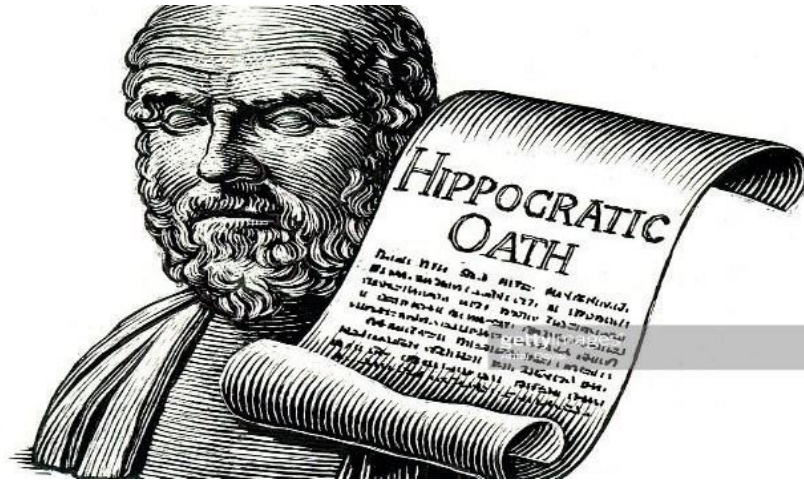
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## Process quality: Hippocratic Coding



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*A pattern is a structure containing placeholders.*

The *structure* is an arrangement of *computational elements*.

The *placeholders* are named slots to be filled in:

They may be words or phrases in *italics*.

They may be *comments*, which are hash marks (#) followed by text.

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Sample programming problem



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- **The *Compute* and *Use* placeholders are gone, but the *compute-use pattern* is the skeleton that underlies the code.**



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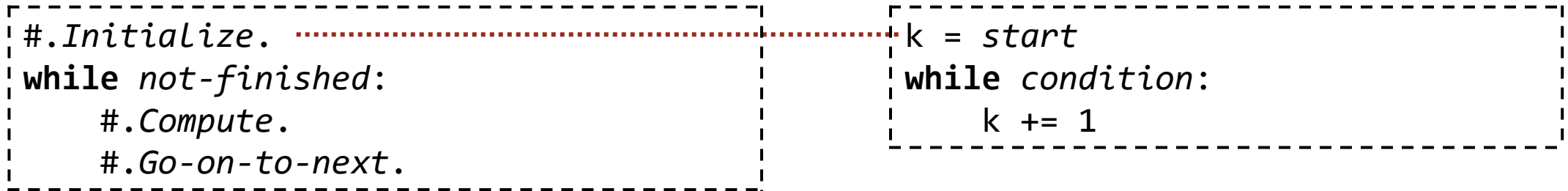
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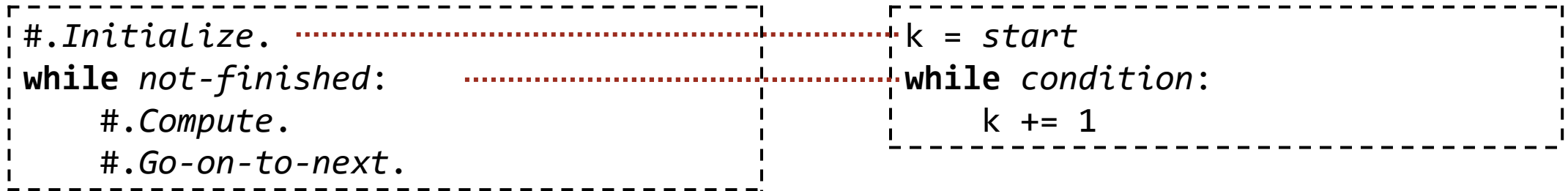
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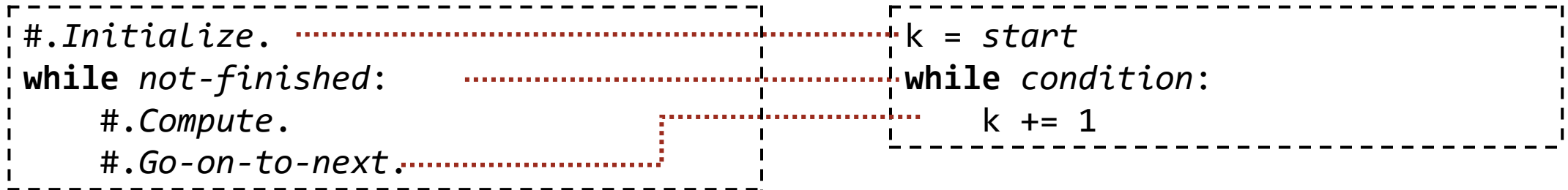


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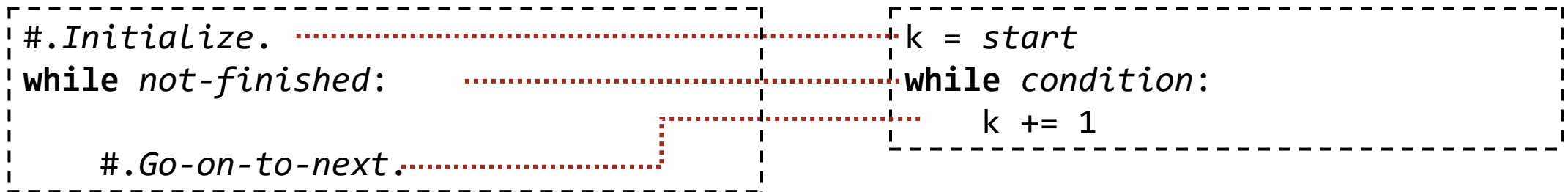


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**Another Shorthand:** iterative computation with index **decreasing** by 1

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for name in range(expression1, expression2, -1):  
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    name = expression1  
    while name > expression2:  
        #.Compute.  
        name -= 1
```

A diagram consisting of two dashed-line boxes. The top box contains the code snippet: `for name in range(expression1, expression2, -1):` followed by an indented `compute` line. The bottom box contains the equivalent code: `name = expression1`, `while name > expression2:`, an indented `#.Compute.` line, and an indented `name -= 1` line. Red dotted lines connect the `range` function in the top box to the `name = expression1` and `while` loop in the bottom box. A red dotted oval highlights the `-1` in the `range` function, and another red dotted oval highlights the `name -= 1` line.

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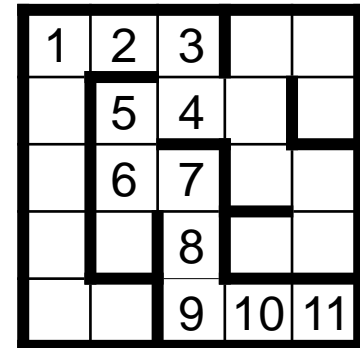
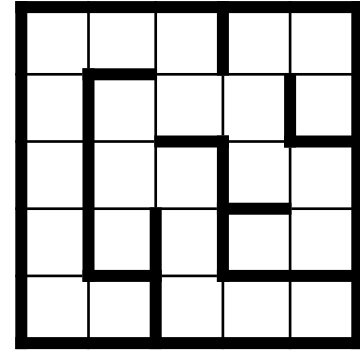
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## Analysis

- Problem
- Architecture
- Data
- Components



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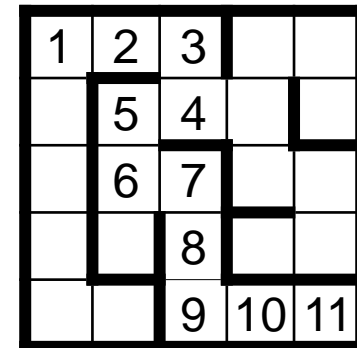
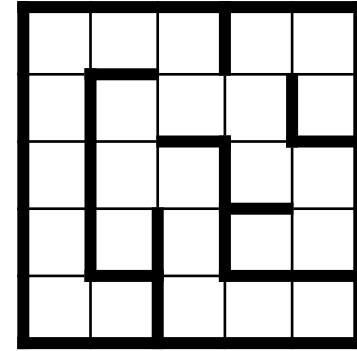
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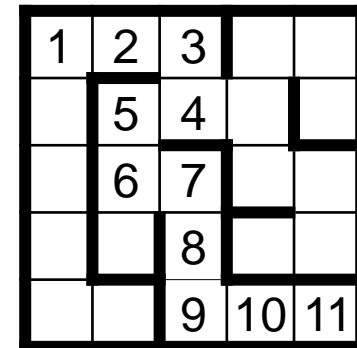
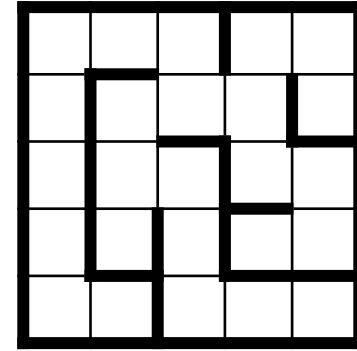
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- Do I understand each noun: *maze*, *grid*, *cell*, *wall*, *path*, and *direct path*?
- Do I understand the verbs: Specifically, how does one *move* between cells?
- How is a maze represented in the input?
- Is there any upper limit on the size of a maze? Is there a lower limit?
- What is the expected program behavior if the input is not well-formed?
- Is a *direct* path the same as a *shortest* path?
- What if there is more than one direct path?
- How is a path to be displayed in the output?



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- **Online.** Read a sequence of inputs, and process them on the fly.
- **Offline.** Read all inputs, perform a computation, then output the result.
- **Other.**

## Architecture: Offline computation pattern

```
#.Input.  
#.Compute.  
#.Output.
```

**Architecture:** Restate the problem within the architectural structure.

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**Programs:** Instructions for manipulating values

**Instructions:** code

**Values:** data

**Patterns and Architecture:** Code-centered perspective

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**Specify how individual program steps will cooperate with one another.**

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 **A program’s internal data representation is central to the code; consider it early.**

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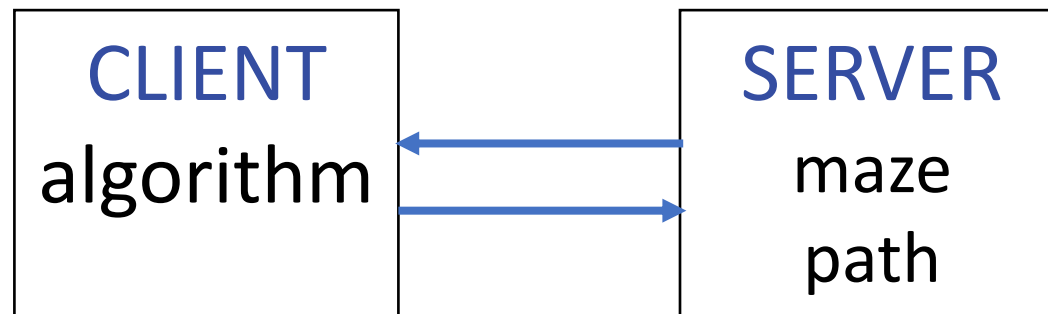
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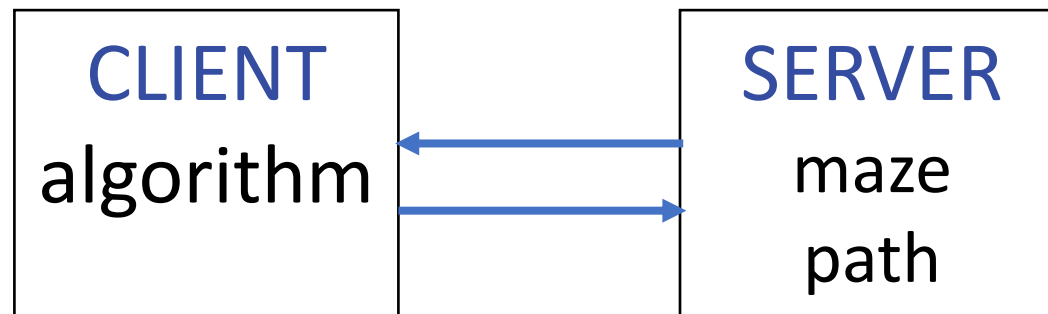
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- Resolve differences by negotiation.



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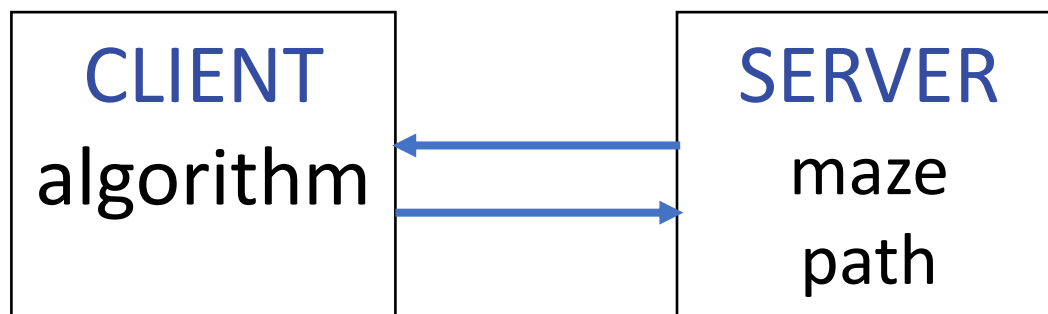
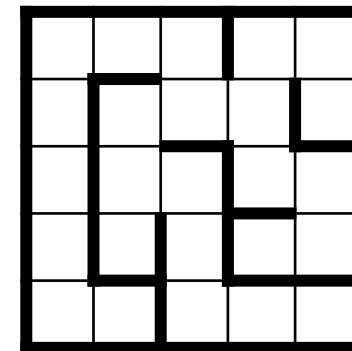
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- Other aspects of data are **dynamic**, i.e., change (path)
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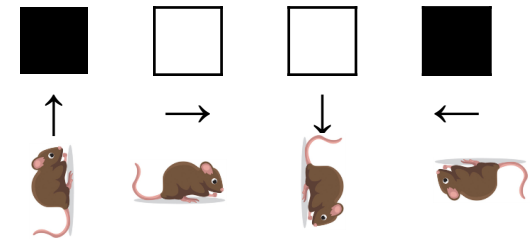
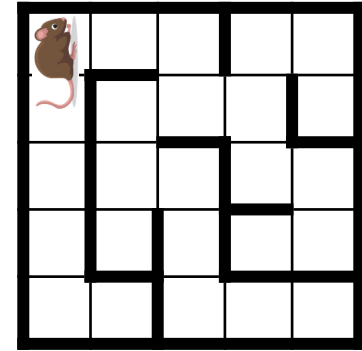
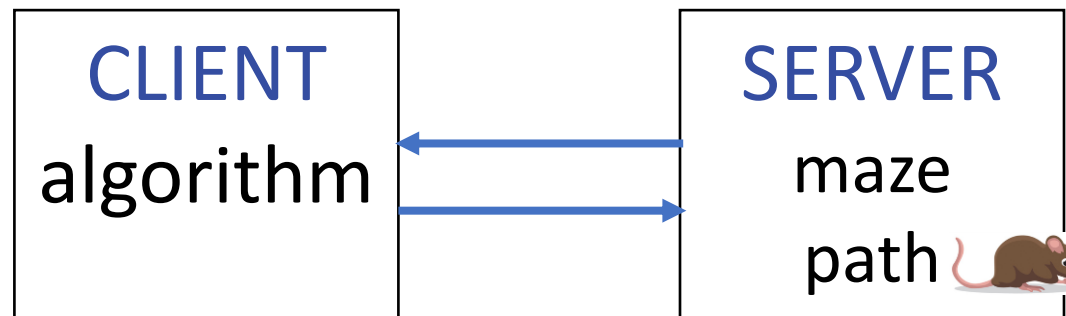
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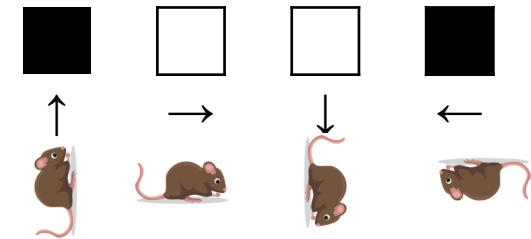
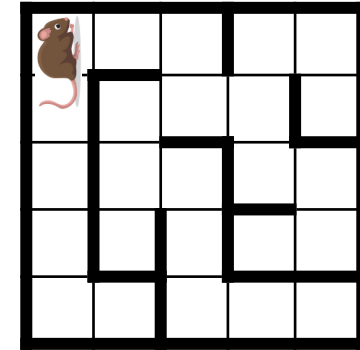
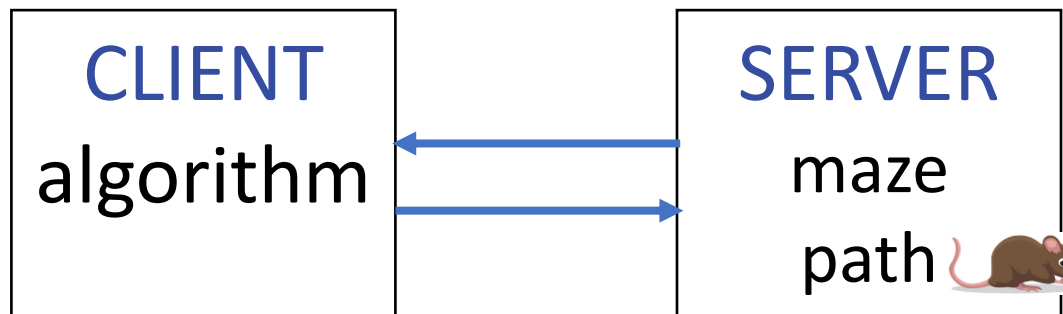
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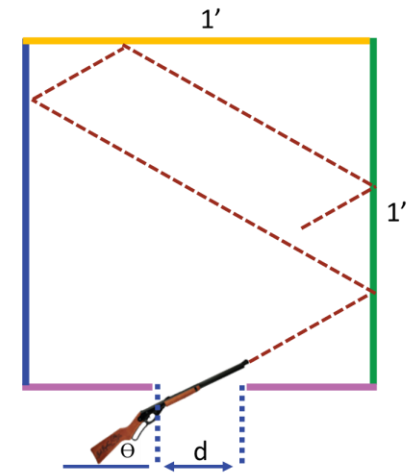
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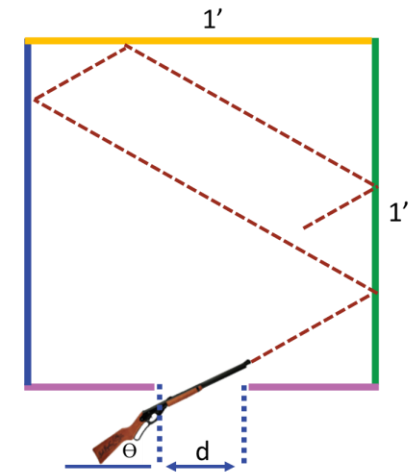
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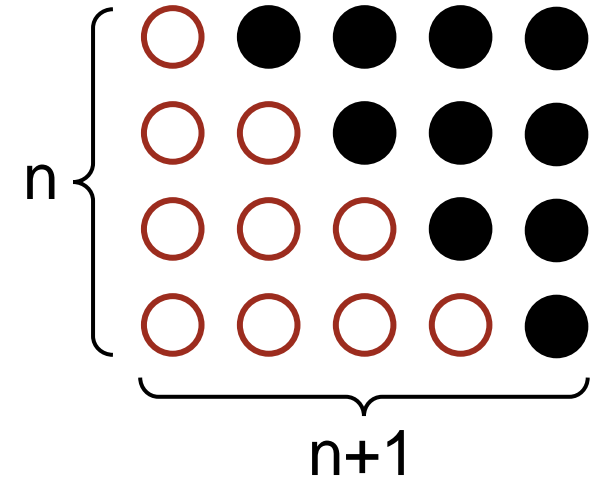
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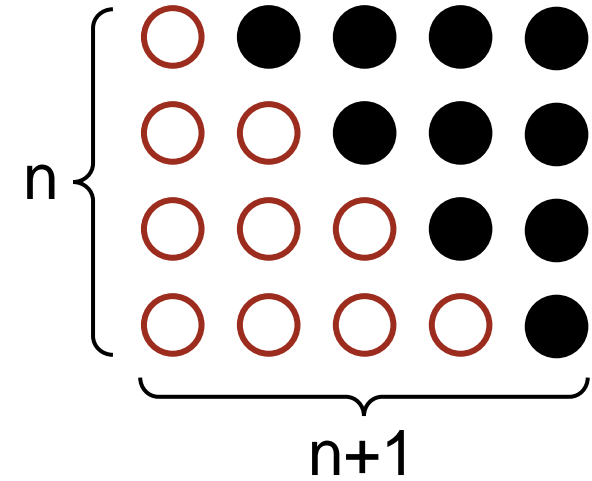
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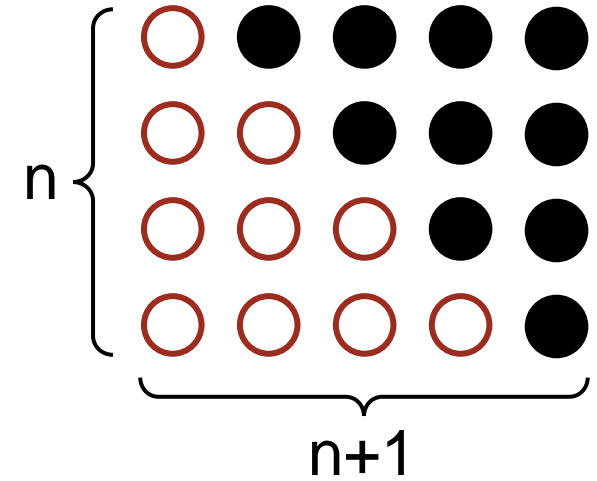
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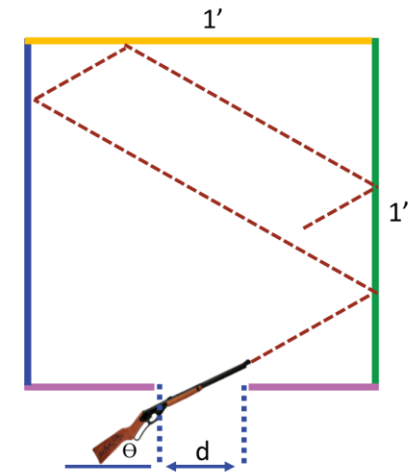
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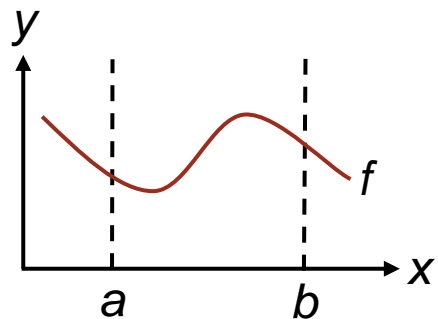
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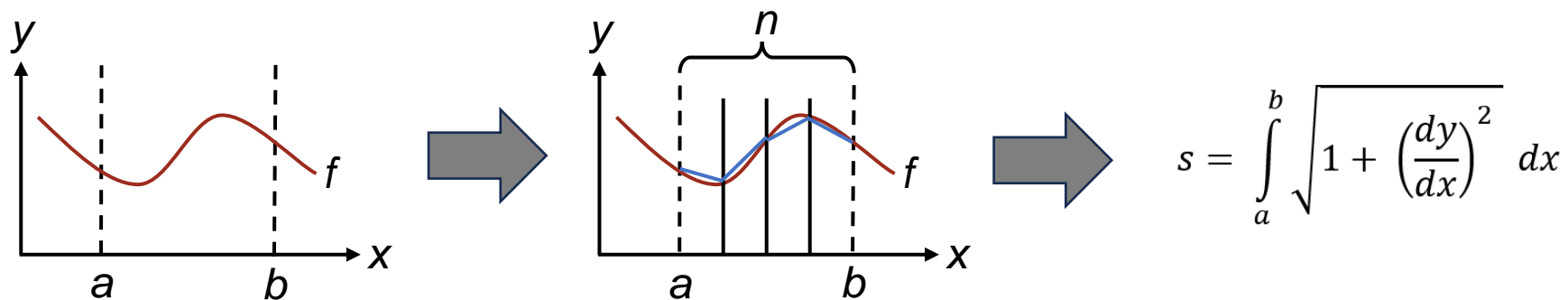
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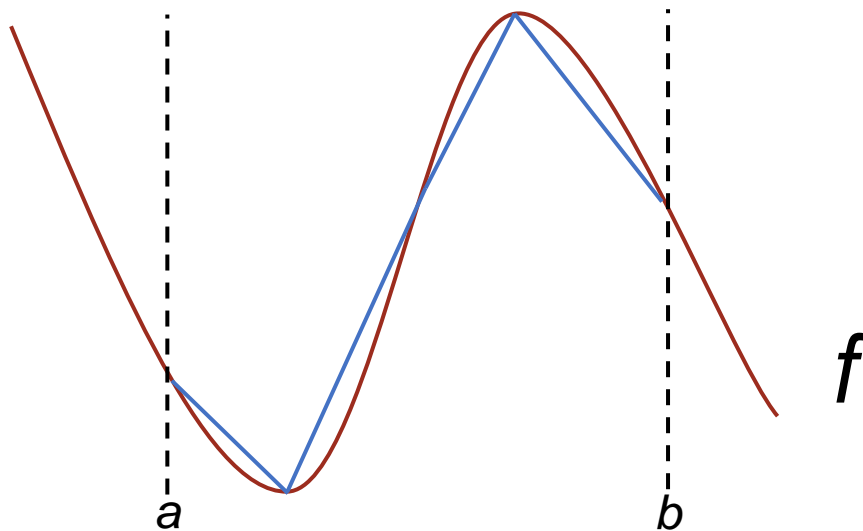


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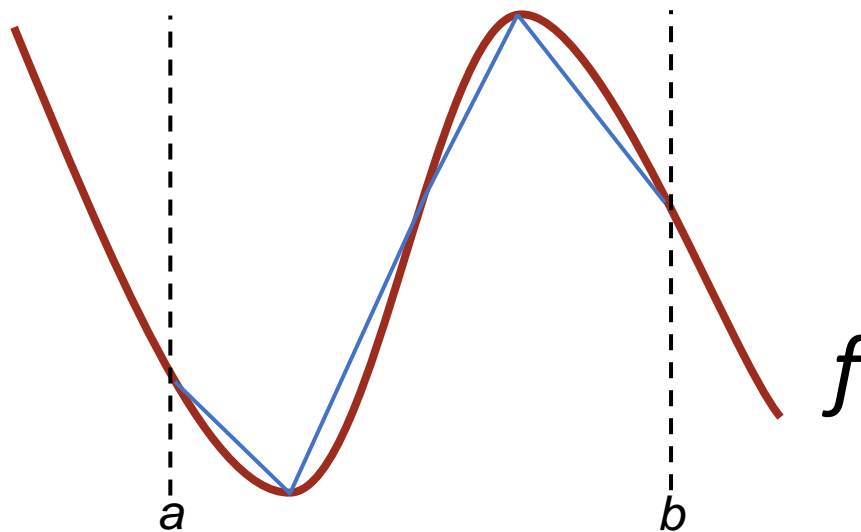




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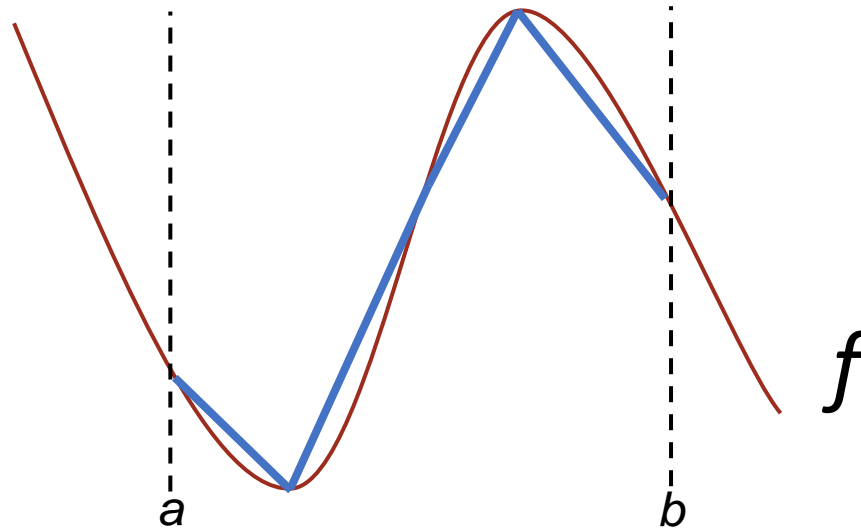


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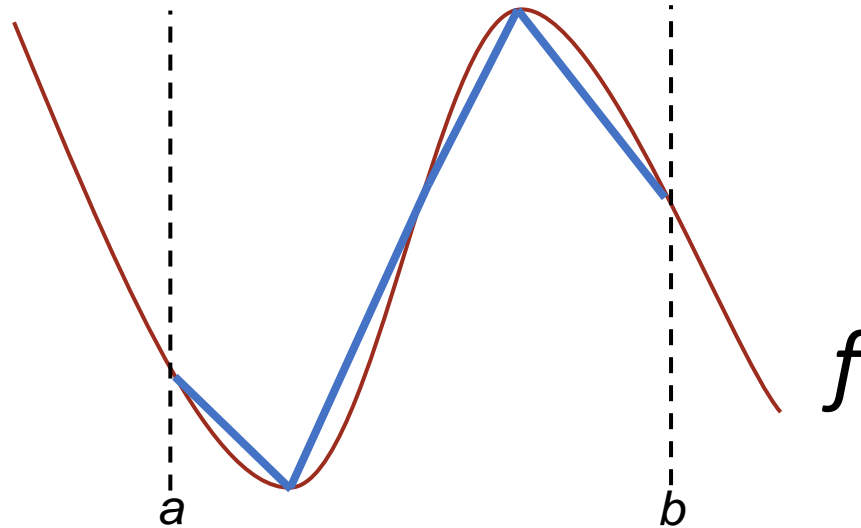
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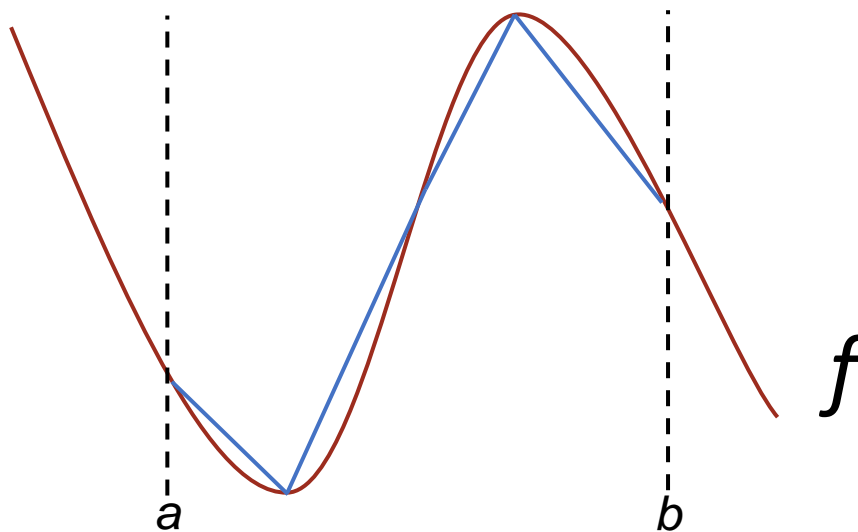
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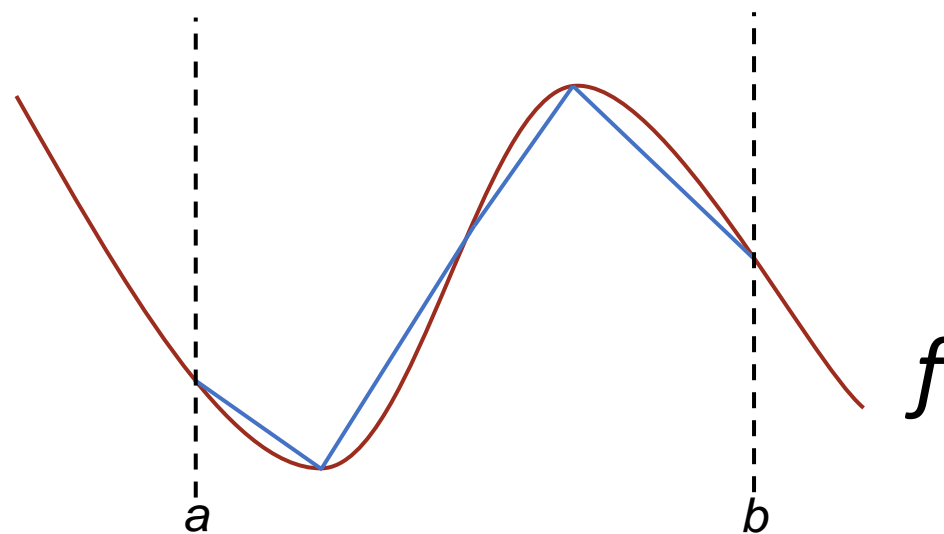


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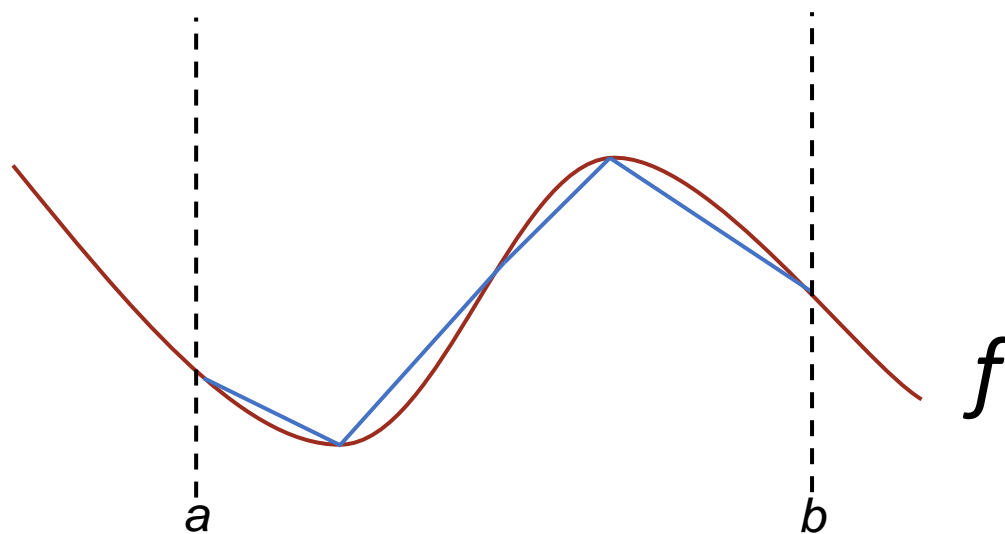
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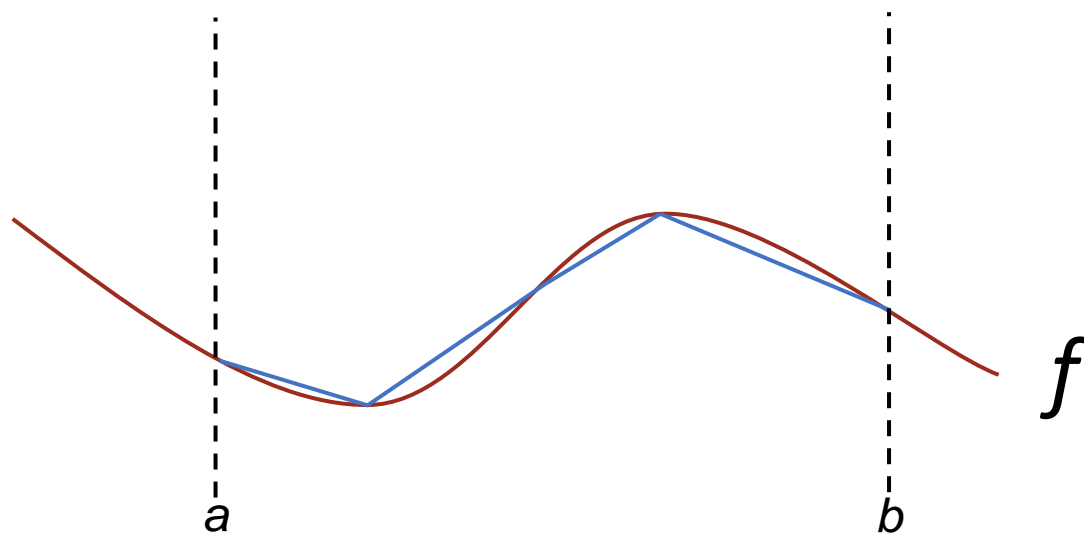
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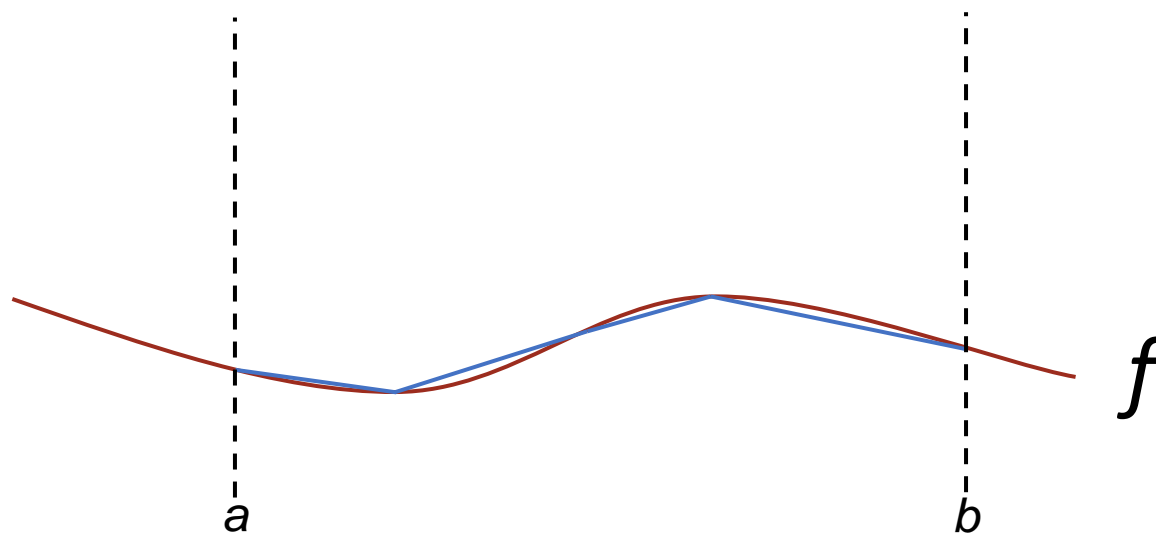


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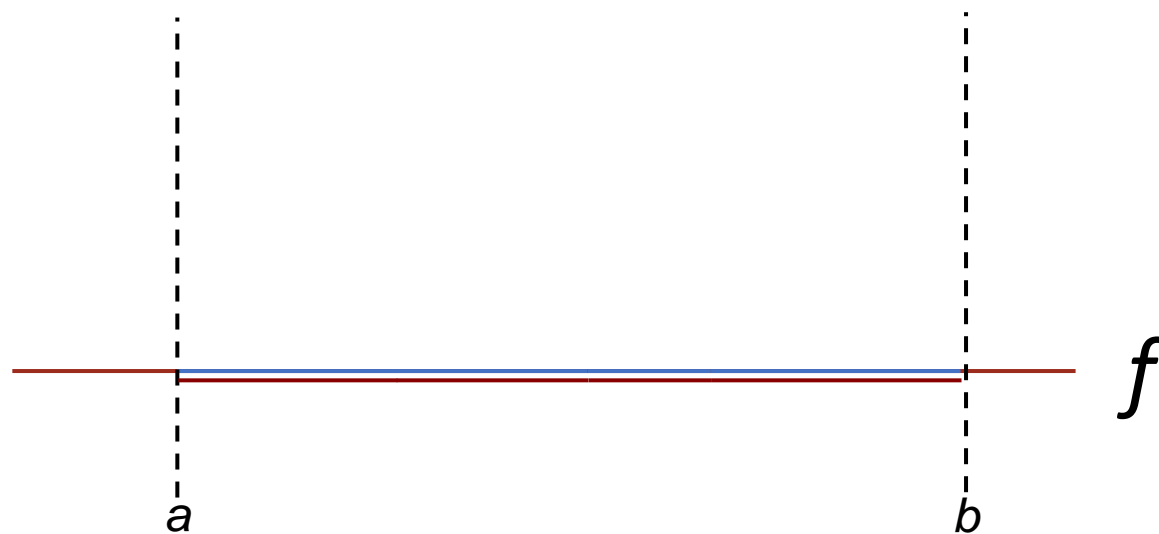




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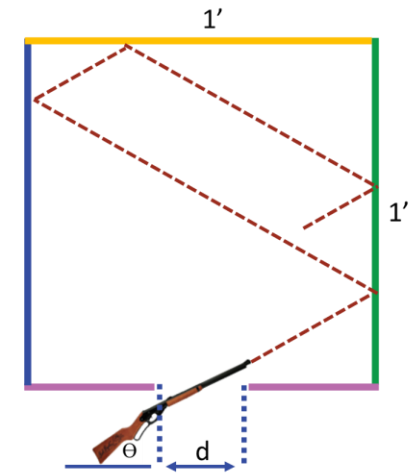
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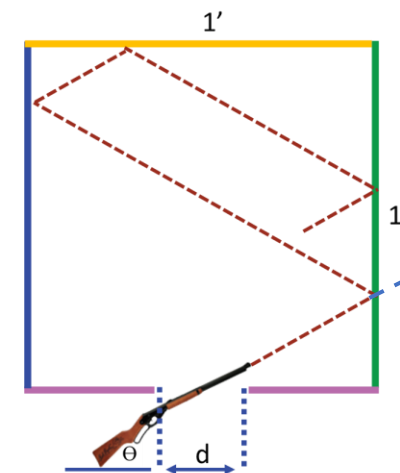


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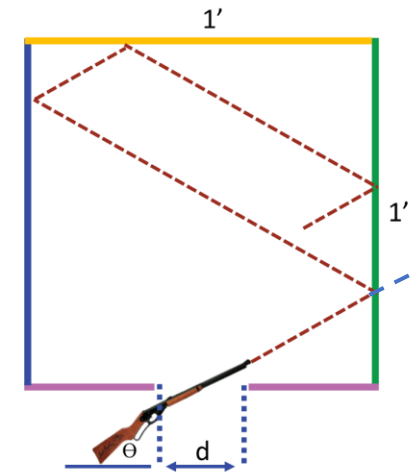
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# Indeterminate iteration
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- B. In what packaging will we run the code fragment?
- C. What, if any, additional details must be addressed before the program can run?

We refer to these matters as “Pragmatics”.

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## Pragmatics

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# Obtain an integer n ≥ 0 from the user.  
n = int(input("Enter integer:"))  
  
# Given n ≥ 0, output the Integer Square Root of n.  
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# Let r be the integer part of the square root of n ≥ 0.  
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while (r + 1) * (r + 1) ≤ n:  
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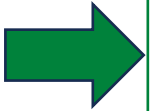
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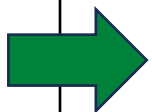
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- C. What, if any, additional details must be addressed before the program can run?

None. The program is ready to run.

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There are a few optional thing we may choose to do:

- Type annotations
- Static type checking.

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  - Optional *type-annotations* for method parameters and return types are also recommended.

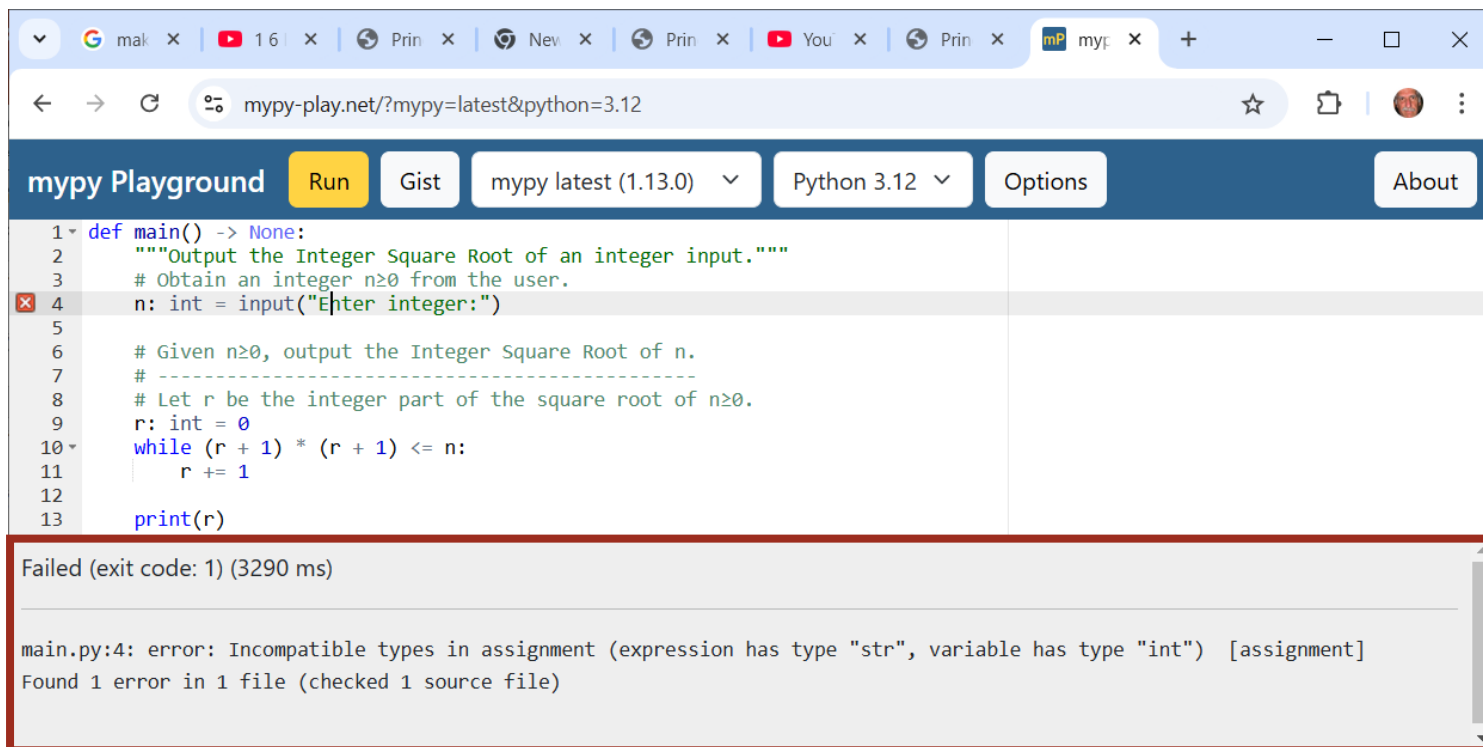
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The screenshot shows the mypy Playground interface. The code editor contains the following Python code:

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13    print(r)
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The error message displayed below the code is:

```
Failed (exit code: 1) (3290 ms)

main.py:4: error: Incompatible types in assignment (expression has type "str", variable has type "int") [assignment]
Found 1 error in 1 file (checked 1 source file)
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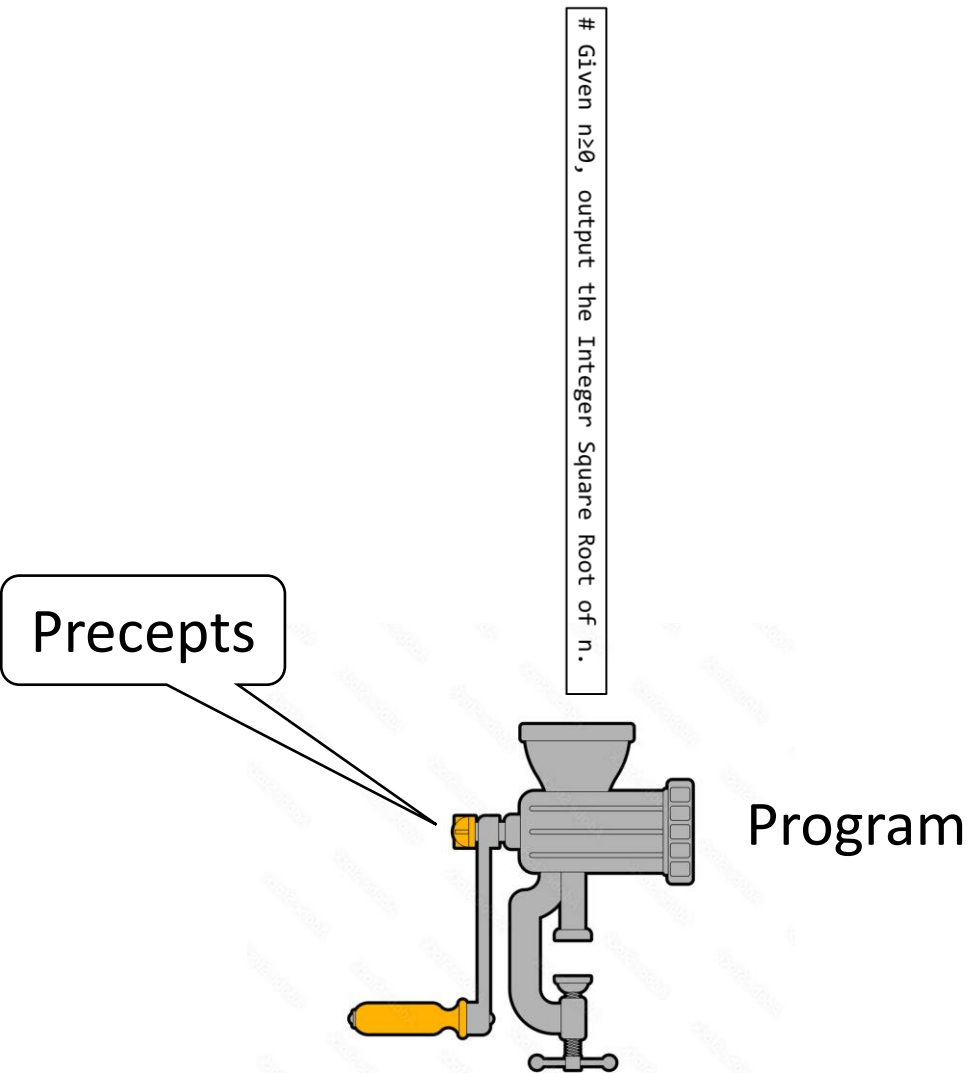
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  - The tool **mypy** detects such errors *before* program execution, and can save you much grief.



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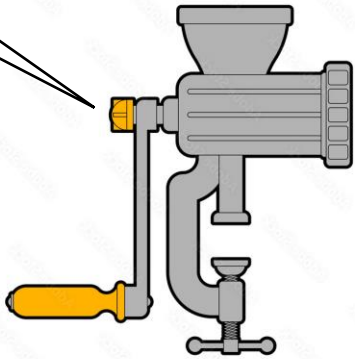
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Precepts



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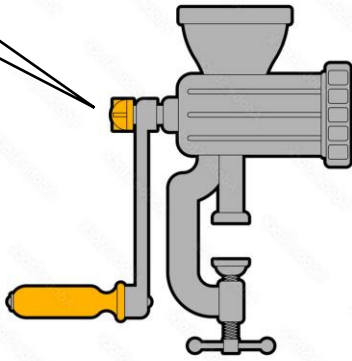
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Precepts



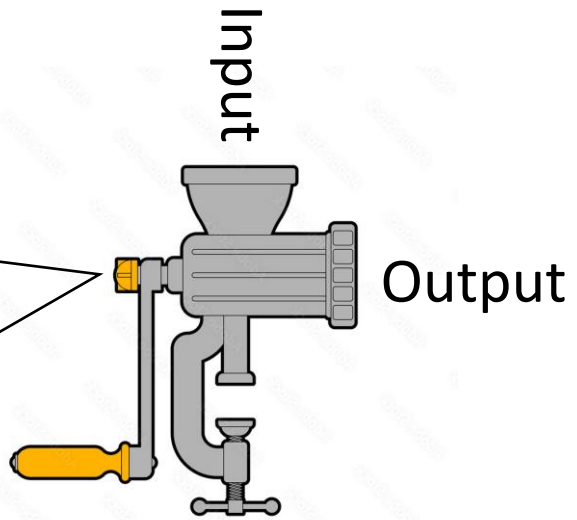
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    # -----
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    r: int = 0
    while (r + 1) * (r + 1) <= n:
        r += 1

    print(r)
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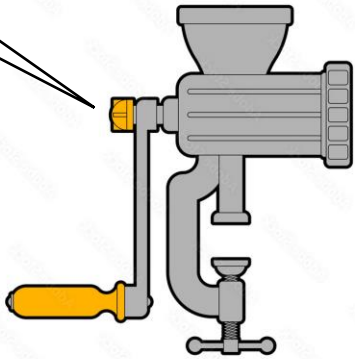
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Input

Output

Precepts



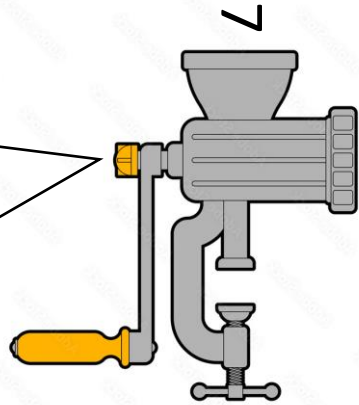
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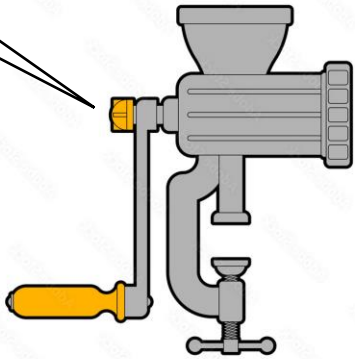
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Output

Precepts



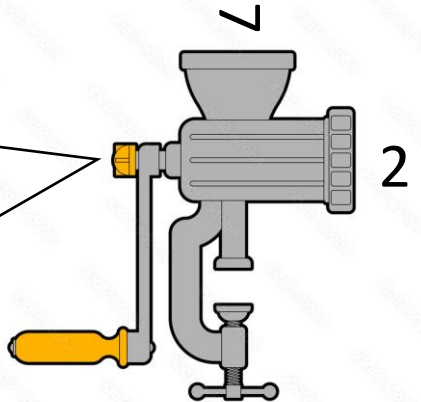
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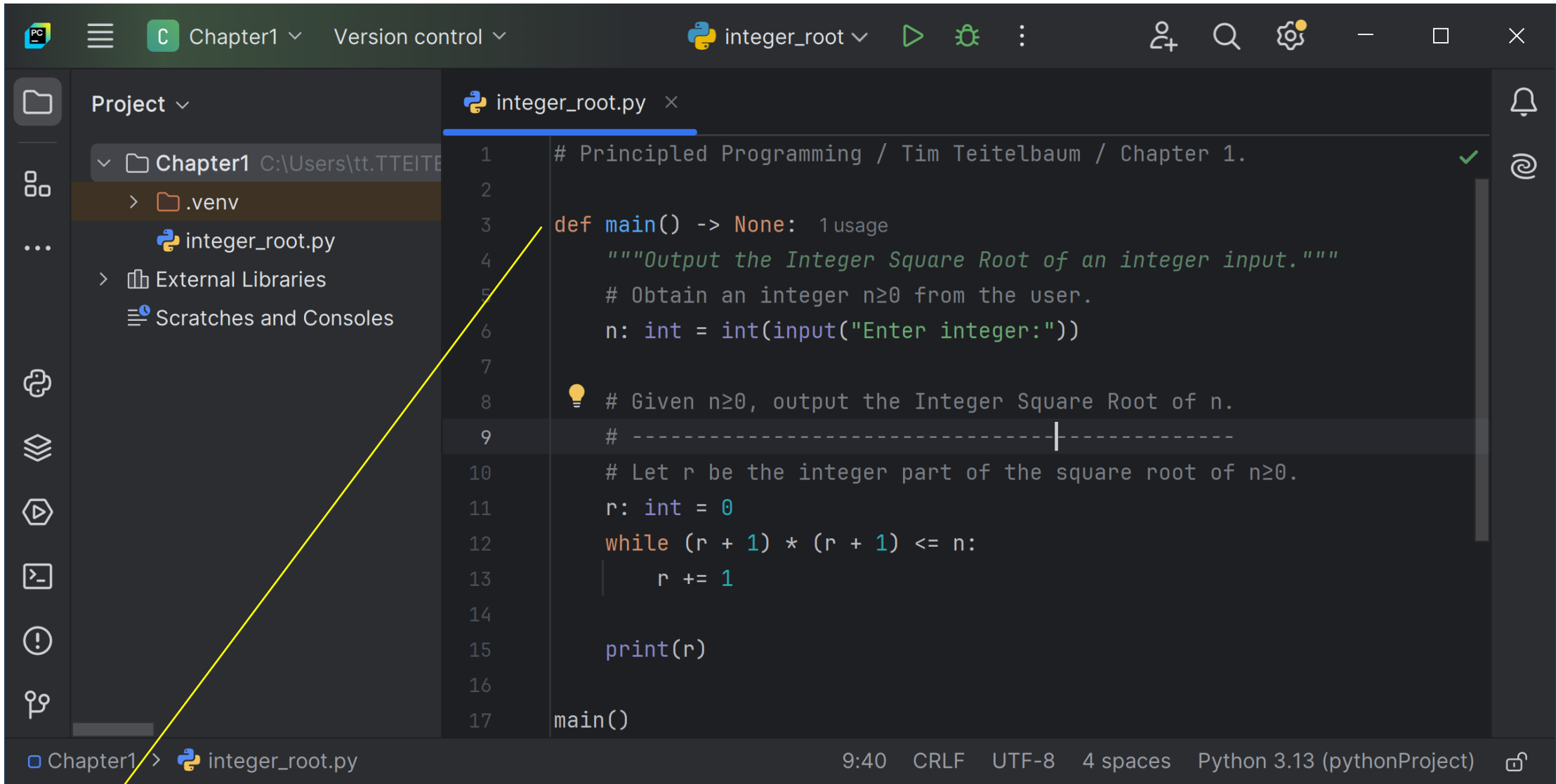
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The screenshot shows the PyCharm IDE interface. The top toolbar includes icons for file operations, version control, and execution. The left sidebar displays the project structure for 'Chapter1', including a virtual environment folder '.venv' and the file 'integer\_root.py'. The main editor window shows the code for 'integer\_root.py' with line numbers 1 through 17. A yellow line points from the text box below to the file 'integer\_root.py' in the project sidebar.

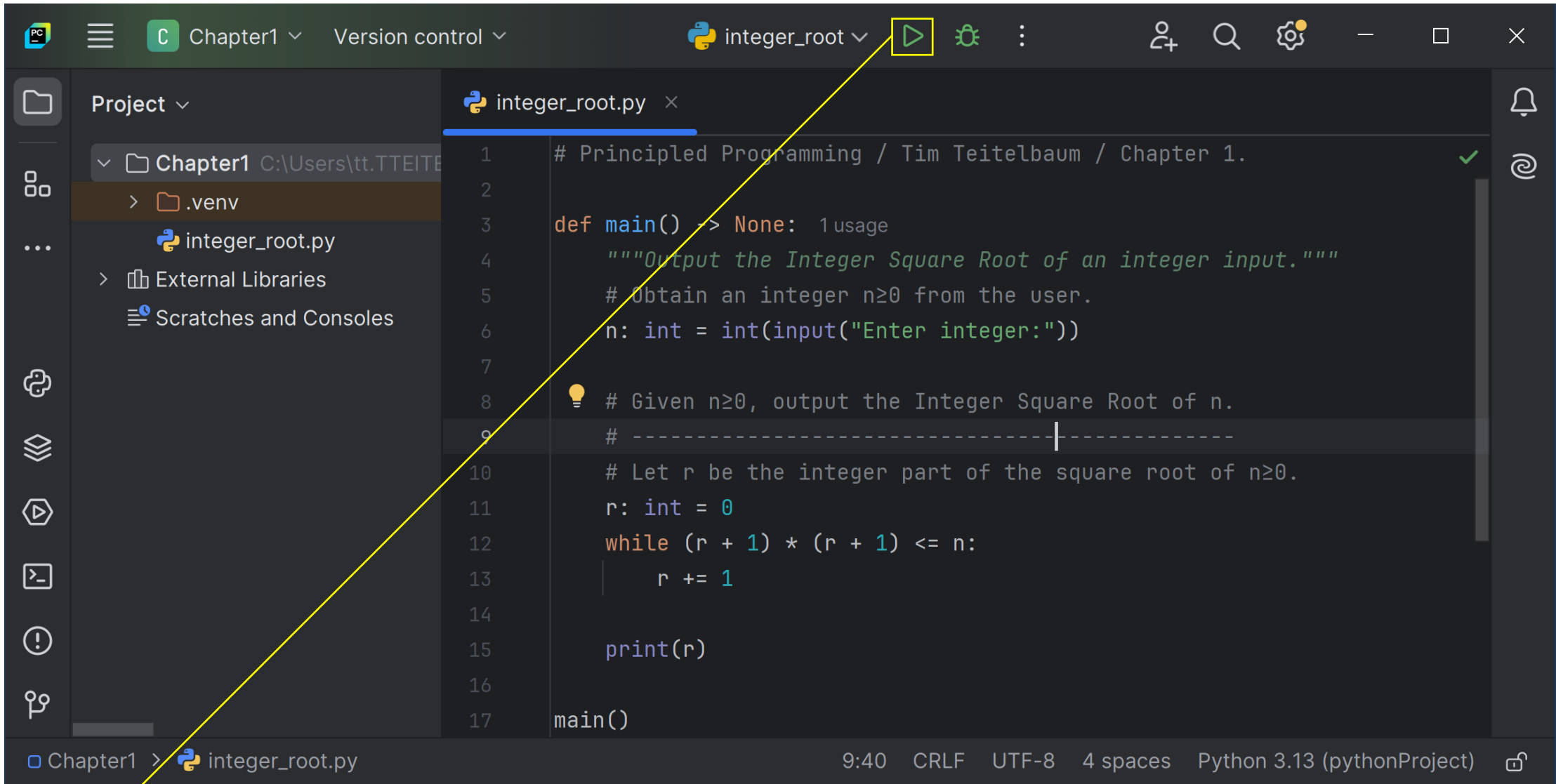
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1 # Principled Programming / Tim Teitelbaum / Chapter 1.
2
3 def main() -> None:
4     """Output the Integer Square Root of an integer input."""
5     # Obtain an integer n ≥ 0 from the user.
6     n: int = int(input("Enter integer:"))
7
8     # Given n ≥ 0, output the Integer Square Root of n.
9     # -----|-----
10    # Let r be the integer part of the square root of n ≥ 0.
11    r: int = 0
12    while (r + 1) * (r + 1) <= n:
13        r += 1
14
15    print(r)
16
17 main()
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Code is typically edited and executed in an Integrated Development Environment (IDE), for example, PyCharm.

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```

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Here, we had appended a line to the end of the code file that invokes method `main`.



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We click the icon requesting program execution.

The screenshot shows a Python IDE with a project named 'Chapter1'. The file 'integer\_root.py' is open, containing the following code:

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12     while (r + 1) * (r + 1) <= n:
13         r += 1
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15     print(r)
16
17     main()
18
19
```

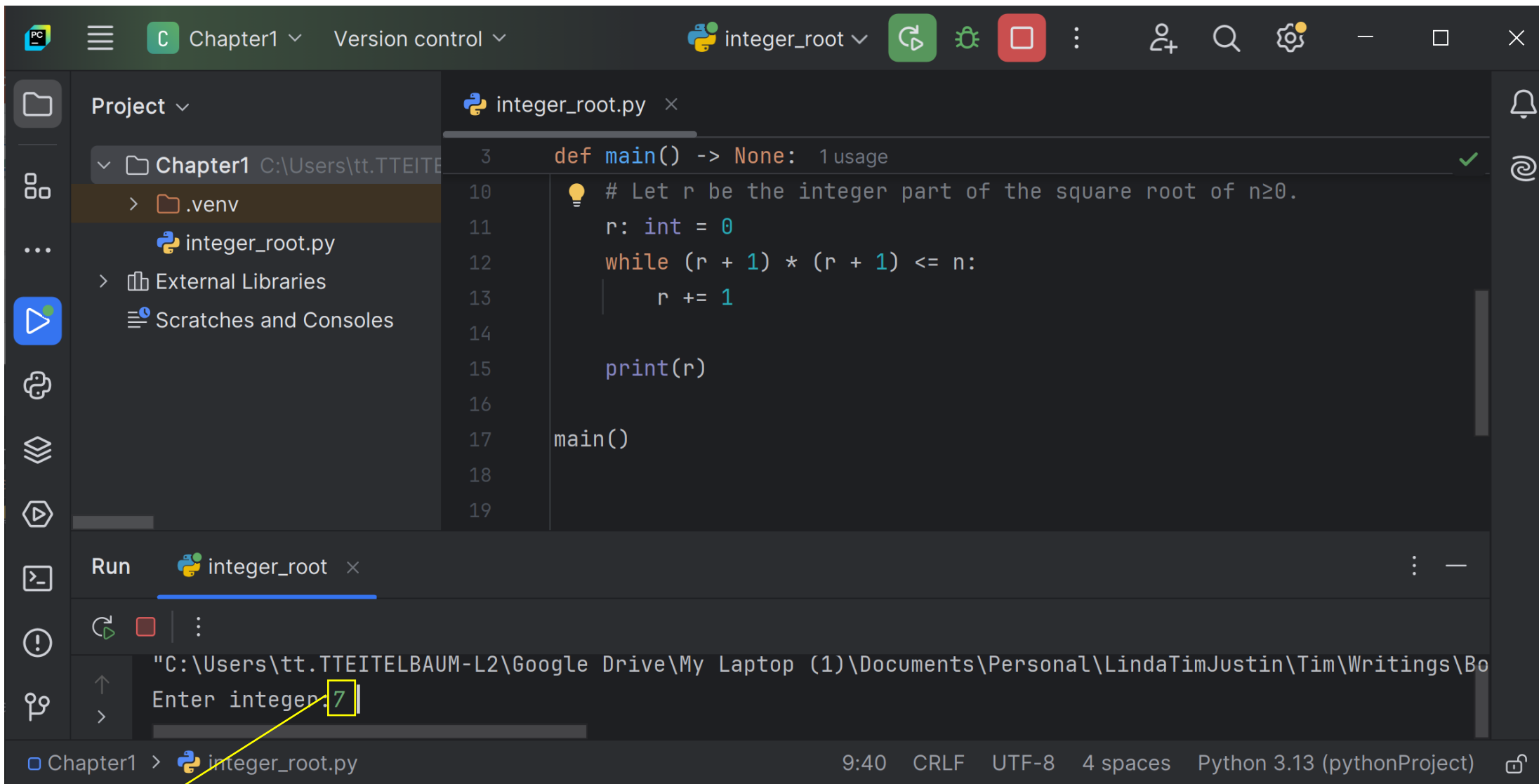
The Run window shows the command prompt output:

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Enter integer:"
```

The prompt 'Enter integer:' is highlighted with a yellow box, and a yellow arrow points from this box to the text below.

The prompt requesting an integer input appears in the terminal window.





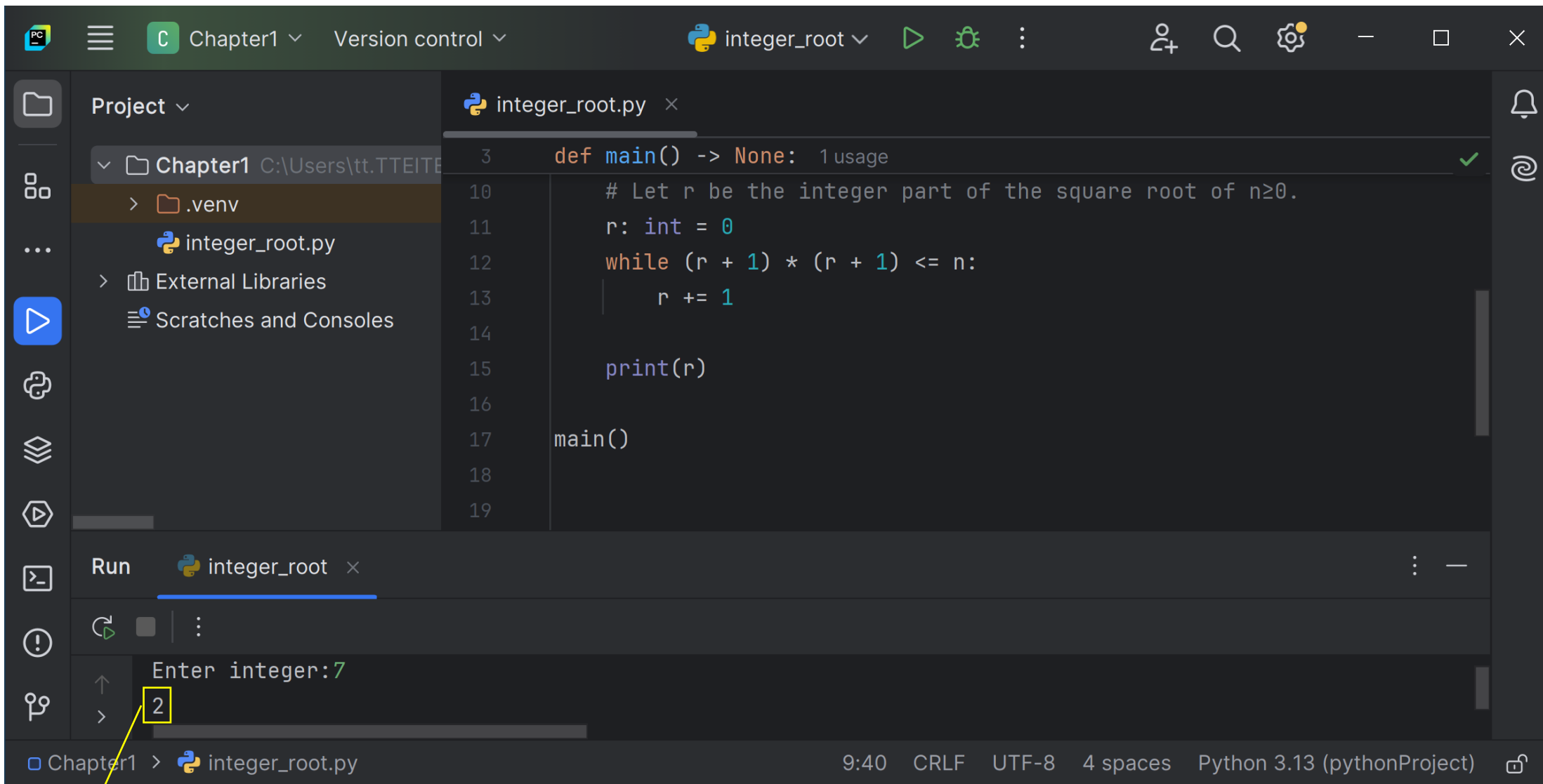
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    r += 1
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main()
```

Run integer\_root

Enter integer: 7

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We enter "7".



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    r: int = 0
    while (r + 1) * (r + 1) <= n:
        r += 1

    print(r)

main()
```

Run integer\_root ×

Enter integer: 7

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The program responds with “2”, and then completes its execution.

Goals

Elements of methodology

- Precepts, Patterns, Analysis, Process

Core programming-language constructs

- (almost all that we will need)

Illustrated the approach with a complete example