

Model 0 Integers and Floats

Every value in Python has a *type* which determines what can be done with the value. Consider the following statements and expressions that were entered into a Python Shell.

Python code	Shell output
<code>integer = 3</code>	
<code>type(integer)</code>	<class 'int'>
<code>type("integer")</code>	<class 'str'>
<code>pi = 3.1415</code>	
<code>type(pi)</code>	<class 'float'>
<code>word = str(pi)</code>	
<code>word</code>	'3.1415'
<code>number = float(word)</code>	
<code>print(word * 2)</code>	3.14153.1415
<code>print(number * 2)</code>	6.283
<code>print(word + 2)</code>	TypeError
<code>print(number + 2)</code>	5.14159
<code>euler = 2.7182</code>	
<code>int(euler)</code>	2
<code>round(euler)</code>	3

Questions (15 min)

Start time:

1. What is the value and type (`int`, `float`, or `str`) of the following variables?

Variable	Value of Variable	Type of Value
<code>integer</code>		
<code>word</code>		
<code>number</code>		
<code>euler</code>		

2. List the function calls that convert a value to another type.

3. How does the behavior of the operators (+ and *) depend on the data type?

4. What is the difference between the `int` function and the `round` function?

5. What is the value of $3 + 3 + 3$? What is the value of $.3 + .3 + .3$? Enter these expressions into a Python Shell—what do you notice about the results?

6. Based on the previous question:
 - a) In order to store a number with 100% accuracy, what data type is required?
 - b) How might you precisely represent a bank account balance of \$123.45?

7. Try calculating a very large integer in a Python Shell, for example, 123^{456} . Is there a limit to the integers that Python can handle?

8. Try calculating a very large floating-point number in a Python Shell, for example, 123.0^{465} . Is there a limit to the floating-point numbers that Python can handle?

9. Summarize the difference between the numeric data types (`int` and `float`). What are their pros and cons?