

Function throws_to_chars()

This file is part of the [bowling project \(bowling.ipynb\)](#).

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Specifications

Here we shall develop function `throws_to_chars()` with the following specs:

- Input: a legal sequence of throws, i.e. list of pins knocked down by a player in his/her individual throws.
- Output: list of at most 21 characters representing the individual throws in 'graphical' form. Strikes shall be denoted by 'X', spares by '/', as usual. In case of strike, the function shall insert a ' ' in front of 'X'.

Let's start with some test again.

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In [1]: from testing import *
        set_default_test_verbosity(0)
```

Simple frames

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In [2]: def test_throws_to_chars():
        test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
```

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In [3]: def throws_to_chars(throws):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        return []
        test_throws_to_chars()
```

OK, we are up and running. Let's define some real test cases.

```
In [4]: def test_throws_to_chars():
        test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
        test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
        test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
        test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
```

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In [5]: def throws_to_chars(throws):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        chars = []
        for throw in throws:
            chars.append(str(throw))
        return chars
        test_throws_to_chars()
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Great, simple cases are not hard. What about some strikes?

What can we do to pass the test? It seems that the output is almost OK, but we got 9 instead of /. Seems that we have to check whether the sum of last 2 throws is 10, and in that case put / in the chars instead the second throw. For that purpose, however, we need to remember the most recent throw. Let's introduce a new variable last_throw.

```
In [12]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        chars = []
        frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
        first_ball_in_frame = True
        last_throw = 0
        for throw in throws:
            if throw == 10:      # Strike!
                if frame < n_frames:
                    chars.append(' ')
                    chars.append('X')
                    frame += 1
            else:
                if throw + last_throw == 10:      # Spare!
                    chars.append('/')
                else:
                    chars.append(str(throw))
                    last_throw = throw
                if not first_ball_in_frame:
                    frame += 1
                first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
        return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
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Great! The tests pass now, but I think that there is still a mistake. This shall show up when the sum of the second throw of the (i-1)-th frame and the first throw of the i-th frame will be equal to 10. Let's create a test case for this:

```

In [13]: def test_throws_to_chars():
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([]), [], 'No chars for no throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1]), ['1'], 'Single simple throw')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4]), ['1', '4'], 'Two simple throws')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,4,2]), ['1', '4', '2'], 'Three simple throws')
    # Strikes
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10]), [' ', 'X'], 'Single strike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10]), [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X'], 'Pair of strikes')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]),
        [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', 'X'],
        'Perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10]), ['1', '2', ' ', 'X'], 'Strike after simple fr
ame')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,1,2]), [' ', 'X', '1', '2'], 'Simple frame after str
ike')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,1,2]),
        [' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', '1', '2'],
        'Perfect game spoiled at the end')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10]),
        ['1', '2', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', 'X'],
        'Bad first frame followed by a perfect game')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,2,10,3,4,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,5]),
        ['1', '2', ' ', 'X', '3', '4', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', ' ',
        ' ', 'X', ' ', 'X', 'X', 'X', '5'],
        'Mixed simple frames and strikes')
    # Spares
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9]), ['1', '/'], 'Single spare')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([1,9,1]), ['1', '/', '1'], 'Spare + sum 10 across frames
')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([2,7,3]), ['2', '7', '3'], 'Non-spare + sum 10 across fr
ames')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([0,10,0]), ['0', '/', '0'], 'Zero-Spare-Zero')
    test_equal(throws_to_chars([10,0,10]), [' ', 'X', '0', '/'], 'Strike-Zero-Spare')
test_throws_to_chars()

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Test 'Spare + sum 10 across frames' at line 25 FAILED.
['1', '/', '1'] expected, but got ['1', '/', '/'].

Test 'Non-spare + sum 10 across frames' at line 26 FAILED.
['2', '7', '3'] expected, but got ['2', '7', '/'].

Test 'Zero-Spare-Zero' at line 27 FAILED.
['0', '/', '0'] expected, but got ['0', ' ', 'X', '0'].

Test 'Strike-Zero-Spare' at line 28 FAILED.
[' ', 'X', '0', '/'] expected, but got [' ', 'X', '0', ' ', 'X'].

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As expected, these new tests failed. The condition checking for spare does not take into account the frame boundaries. We can take advantage of the `first_ball_in_frame` variable, which is set to `False` on the second throw in a frame.

```
In [14]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        chars = []
        frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
        first_ball_in_frame = True
        last_throw = 0
        for throw in throws:
            if throw == 10:      # Strike !
                if frame <= 9:
                    chars.append(' ')
                    chars.append('X')
                    frame += 1
            else:
                if not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10:  # Spare!
                    chars.append('/')
                else:
                    chars.append(str(throw))
                    last_throw = throw
                    if not first_ball_in_frame:
                        frame += 1
                    first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
        return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
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Test 'Zero-Spare-Zero' at line 27 FAILED.
['0', '/', '0'] expected, but got ['0', ' ', 'X', '0'].

Test 'Strike-Zero-Spare' at line 28 FAILED.
[' ', 'X', '0', '/'] expected, but got [' ', 'X', '0', ' ', 'X'].
```

Well, that helped, but not completely. The test for strike must also be augmented to fire only when a 10 is thrown on the first ball of frame.

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In [15]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        chars = []
        frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
        first_ball_in_frame = True
        last_throw = 0
        for throw in throws:
            if first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10:  # Strike !
                if frame <= 9:
                    chars.append(' ')
                    chars.append('X')
                    frame += 1
            else:
                if not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10:  # Spare !
                    chars.append('/')
                else:
                    chars.append(str(throw))
                    last_throw = throw
                    if not first_ball_in_frame:
                        frame += 1
                    first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
        return chars
test_throws_to_chars()
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Let's introduce a few other tests to check the function:


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In [17]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        chars = []
        frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
        first_ball_in_frame = True
        last_throw = 0

        def strike():
            return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

        def process_strike():
            nonlocal frame, chars
            if frame < n_frames:
                chars.append(' ')
                chars.append('X')
                frame += 1

        for throw in throws:
            if strike():
                process_strike()
            else:
                if not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10:
                    chars.append('/')
                else:
                    chars.append(str(throw))
                    last_throw = throw
                    if not first_ball_in_frame:
                        frame += 1
                    first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame
        return chars
test_throws_to_chars()

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The code works the same way as in previous case, but by extracting 2 parts of code and giving them meaningful names, the main body of the function is much more readable.

Let's continue with this process and let's separate also the else-block into a function, and the part of code that increments frame as well:

```

In [18]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        chars = []
        frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
        first_ball_in_frame = True
        last_throw = 0

        def strike():
            return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

        def process_strike():
            nonlocal frame, chars
            if frame < n_frames:
                chars.append(' ')
                chars.append('X')
                frame += 1

        def spare():
            return not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10

        def update_frame():
            nonlocal last_throw, first_ball_in_frame, frame
            last_throw = throw
            if not first_ball_in_frame:
                frame += 1
            first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame

        for throw in throws:
            if strike():
                process_strike()
            else:
                if spare():
                    chars.append('/')
                else:
                    chars.append(str(throw))
                    update_frame()
        return chars
test_throws_to_chars()

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This is already quite readable, and we may be happy with that. Somebody may consider the following version even more clear and intention revealing:

```

In [19]: def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
        """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
        chars = []
        frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
        first_ball_in_frame = True
        last_throw = 0

        def strike():
            return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

        def process_strike():
            nonlocal frame, chars
            if frame < n_frames:
                chars.append(' ')
                chars.append('X')
                frame += 1

        def spare():
            return not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10

        def update_frame():
            nonlocal last_throw, first_ball_in_frame, frame
            last_throw = throw
            if not first_ball_in_frame:
                frame += 1
            first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame

        def process_spare():
            nonlocal chars
            chars.append('/')
            update_frame()

        def process_simple_throw():
            nonlocal chars
            chars.append(str(throw))
            update_frame()

        for throw in throws:
            if strike():
                process_strike()
            elif spare():
                process_spare()
            else:
                process_simple_throw()
        return chars
test_throws_to_chars()

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With all these refactorings, the code gets lengthy, but also more modular, and easier to understand. The last version of the main function has a crystal clear structure on the top level!

All these refactorings are actually made possible thanks to the fact we have a test suite which would detect any (well, not exactly true) error we could make during the refactorings.

Output module just for reuse

```

In [20]: %%writefile bowling_1.py
def throws_to_chars(throws, n_frames=10):
    """Return a list of characters representing the throws of a bowling player"""
    chars = []
    frame = 1      # We enter game in the first frame
    first_ball_in_frame = True
    last_throw = 0

    def strike():
        return first_ball_in_frame and throw == 10

    def process_strike():
        nonlocal frame, chars
        if frame < n_frames:
            chars.append(' ')
            chars.append('X')
            frame += 1

    def spare():
        return not first_ball_in_frame and throw + last_throw == 10

    def update_frame():
        nonlocal last_throw, first_ball_in_frame, frame
        last_throw = throw
        if not first_ball_in_frame:
            frame += 1
        first_ball_in_frame = not first_ball_in_frame

    def process_spare():
        nonlocal chars
        chars.append('/')
        update_frame()

    def process_simple_throw():
        nonlocal chars
        chars.append(str(throw))
        update_frame()

    for throw in throws:
        if strike():
            process_strike()
        elif spare():
            process_spare()
        else:
            process_simple_throw()
    return chars

```

Overwriting bowling_1.py

Notebook config

Some setup follows. Ignore it.

```
In [21]: from notebook.services.config import ConfigManager
cm = ConfigManager()
cm.update('livereveal', {
    'theme': 'Simple',
    'transition': 'slide',
    'start_slideshow_at': 'selected',
    'width': 1268,
    'height': 768,
    'minScale': 1.0
})
```

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Out[21]: {'height': 768,
          'minScale': 1.0,
          'start_slideshow_at': 'selected',
          'theme': 'Simple',
          'transition': 'slide',
          'width': 1268}
```

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In [22]: %%HTML
<style>
.reveal #notebook-container { width: 90% !important; }
.CodeMirror { max-width: 100% !important; }
pre, code, .CodeMirror-code, .reveal pre, .reveal code {
    font-family: "Consolas", "Source Code Pro", "Courier New", Courier, monospace;
}
pre, code, .CodeMirror-code {
    font-size: inherit !important;
}
.reveal .code_cell {
    font-size: 130% !important;
    line-height: 130% !important;
}
</style>
```

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In [ ]:
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