

MathsJam in Python

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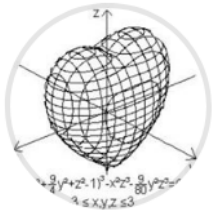
 108 is the **hyperfactorial of 3**  

My family, friends and even the local LUG didn't get my enthusiasm for such number...

Moved to London, UK 🇬🇧



Started mathdate page...



mathdate

1 min · 🌐

Today is 18/11/2018,
and $18 + 1 + 1 - 2 = 0! * 18$.

What's your **#mathdate**? 🤔

Discovered the MathsJam! 🎲 📝

(and the discussion between *Math* and *Maths*)

Moved to Berlin, Germany 🇩🇪



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and Python made its appearance...



Oh, by the way Python is from Monthy Python, not the 🐍



Moved back to Turin, Italy 🇮🇹



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"Resistance is useless..."



So on August 21, MathsJam Shout from Bristol

Make Twenty-one

Make 21 out of the numbers **1**, **5**, **6** and **7** using only basic arithmetic with the operations: $+$ $-$ \times \div and using each number exactly once. You can use brackets, but you can't make up numbers like 15 from 1 and 5.

and after a while trying...

... we started thinking how to code the solution

In [11]: *# Code by Matteo Bertini*

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import itertools

# Permutation of the four numbers
for a,b,c,d in itertools.permutations([1,5,6,7]):
    # Inserting operators
    for op1, op2, op3 in itertools.product("+*/", "+*/", "+*/"):
        # Inserting the brackets
        for prec in (f"{a} {op1} ({b} {op2} ({c} {op3} {d}))",
                    f"({a} {op1} {b}) {op2} ({c} {op3} {d})",
                    f"(({a} {op1} {b}) {op2} {c}) {op3} {d}"):
            print(prec)
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1 + (5 + (6 + 7))
(1 + 5) + (6 + 7)
((1 + 5) + 6) + 7
1 + (5 + (6 - 7))
(1 + 5) + (6 - 7)
((1 + 5) + 6) - 7
1 + (5 + (6 * 7))
(1 + 5) + (6 * 7)
((1 + 5) + 6) * 7
1 + (5 + (6 / 7))
(1 + 5) + (6 / 7)
((1 + 5) + 6) / 7
1 + (5 - (6 + 7))
(1 + 5) - (6 + 7)
((1 + 5) - 6) + 7
1 + (5 - (6 - 7))
... ..
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...and the morning after

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                    f"({a} {op1} {b}) {op2} ({c} {op3} {d})",
                    f"(({a} {op1} {b}) {op2} {c}) {op3} {d}"):
            # print(prec)

            # Evaluating all the possible operations
            try:
                res = eval(prec)
            except ZeroDivisionError:
                res = 0
            if abs(res) == 21:
                print(f"{prec} = {int(res)}")
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6 / (1 - (5 / 7)) = 21

😊 So yes, the solution is

$$\frac{6}{1 - \frac{5}{7}} = 21$$

Thanks, love you all! ❤️

I'm having so much fun 😄

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PS: slides made in markdown, Python script run in Jupyter Notebook