Python Lists

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Python Data Types

- float real numbers
- int integer numbers
- str string, text
- bool True, False

Each variable represents single value

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Problem

- Data Science: many data points
- Height of entire family

```
height1 = 1.73
height2 = 1.68
height3 = 1.71
height4 = 1.89
```

Inconvenient

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Python List

• [a, b, c]

```
[1.73, 1.68, 1.71, 1.89]
```

[1.73, 1.68, 1.71, 1.89]
fam = [1.73, 1.68, 1.71, 1.89]

fam

```
[1.73, 1.68, 1.71, 1.89]
```

- Name a collection of values
- Contain any type
- Contain different types

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Python List

• [a, b, c]

```
fam = ["Liz", 1.73, "emma", 1.68, "mom", 1.71, "dad", 1.89]
                                                        fam
```

```
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
                                                      fam2 = [["liz", 1.73],
["emma", 1.68],
                                                                                                       ["mom", 1.71],
                                                                                                                                  ["dad", 1.89]]
```

```
[['liz', 1.73], ['emma', 1.68], ['mom', 1.71], ['dad', 1.89]]
```

fam2

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List type

type(fam)

list

type(fam2)

list

- Specific functionality
- Specific behavior

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Let's practice!

Subsetting Lists

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Subsetting lists

```
fam = ["liz", 1.73, "emma", 1.68, "mom", 1.71, "dad", 1.89]
fam
```

```
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
```

fam[3]

1.68



Subsetting lists

```
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
```

fam[6]

'dad'

fam[-1]

fam[7] 1.89

1.89

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Subsetting lists

```
['Liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
```

fam[6]

'dad'

fam[-1] # <-

1.89

fam[7] # <-

1.89

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List slicing

fam

```
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
```

fam[3:5]

[1.68, 'mom']

fam[1:4]

[1.73, 'emma', 1.68]

[start:end]
inclusive exclusive

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List slicing

fam

```
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
```

fam[:4]

```
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68]
```

fam[5:]

[1.71, 'dad', 1.89]

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Manipulating Lists

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List Manipulation

- Change list elements
- Add list elements
- Remove list elements



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Changing list elements

```
fam = ["liz", 1.73, "emma", 1.68, "mom", 1.71, "dad", 1.89]
                                              fam
```

```
['liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.89]
                                                                                                            fam[7] = 1.86
```

```
['Liz', 1.73, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.86]
```

```
fam[0:2] = ["Lisa", 1.74]
```

```
['lisa', 1.74, 'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.86]
```

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Adding and removing elements

```
fam + ["me", 1.79]
```

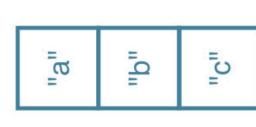
```
['lisa', 1.74,'emma', 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.86, 'me', 1.79]
```

```
fam_ext = fam + ["me", 1.79]
                   del fam[2]
                                        fam
```

```
['lisa', 1.74, 1.68, 'mom', 1.71, 'dad', 1.86]
```

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Behind the scenes (1)



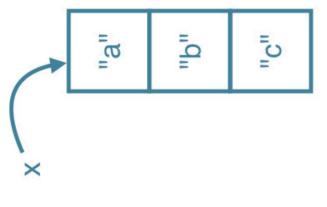


Behind the scenes (1)





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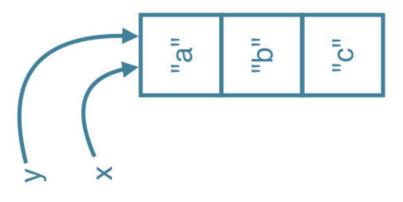


Behind the scenes (1)





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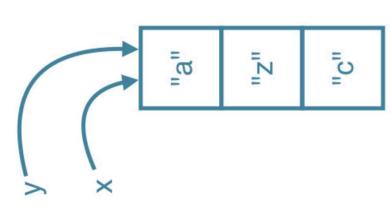
Behind the scenes (1)





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['2', 'c']

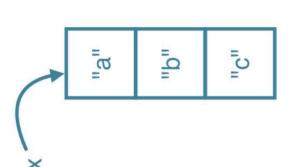




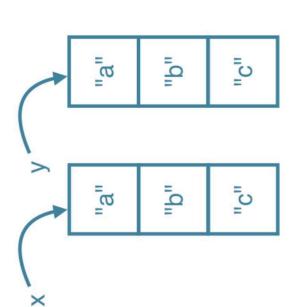
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Behind the scenes (2)

X = ["a", "b", "c"]



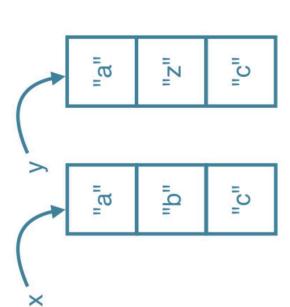
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Behind the scenes (2)

```
X = ["a", "b", "c"]
              y = list(x)
                                              y[1] = "z"
                              y = x[:]
```





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