



PROGRAMMING IN PYTHON

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Course 2

LAMBDA FUNCTIONS

A lambda function is a function without any name. It has multiple roles (for example it is often used as a pointer to function equivalent when dealing with other functions that expect a callback).

Lambdas are useful to implement closures.

A lambda function is defined in the following way:

```
lambda <list_of_parameters> : return_value
```

The following example uses lambda to define a simple addition function

| Python 3.x(without lambda) | Python 3.x(with lambda) |
|--|---|
| <pre>def addition (x,y): return x+y print (addition (3,5))</pre> | <pre>addition = lambda x,y: x+y print (addition(3,5))</pre> |

LAMBDA FUNCTIONS

Lambdas are bind during the run-time. This mean that a lambda with a specific behavior can be build at the run-time using the data dynamically generated.

Python 3.x

```
def CreateDivizableCheckFunction(n) :  
    return lambda x: x%n==0  
  
fnDiv2 = CreateDivizableCheckFunction (2)  
fnDiv7 = CreateDivizableCheckFunction (7)  
x = 14  
print ( x, fnDiv2(x), fnDiv7(x) )
```

In this case fnDiv2 and fnDiv7 are dynamically generated.
This programming paradigm is called closure.

Output

14 True True

SEQUENCES

A sequence in python is a data structure represented by a vector of elements that don't need to be of the same type.

Lists have two representation in python:

- ❖ **list** → mutable vector (elements from that list can be added, deleted, etc). List can be defined using [...] operator or the **list** keyword
- ❖ **tuple** → immutable vector (the closest equivalent is a constant list) → addition, deletion, etc operation can not be used on this type of object. A tuple is usually defined using (...) or by using the **tuple** keyword

list and **tuple** keywords can also be used to initialized a tuple or list from another list of tuple

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Python 3.x

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>x = list ()</code> | <code>#x is an empty list</code> |
| <code>x = []</code> | <code>#x is an empty list</code> |
| <code>x = [10,20,"test"]</code> | <code>#x is list</code> |
| <code>x = [10,]</code> | <code>#x is list containing [10]</code> |
| <code>x = [1,2] * 5</code> | <code>#x is list containing [1,2, 1,2, 1,2, 1,2, 1,2]</code> |
| <code>x,y = [1,2]</code> | <code>#x is 1 and y is 2</code> |
| <hr/> | |
| <code>x = tuple ()</code> | <code>#x is an empty tuple</code> |
| <code>x = ()</code> | <code>#x is an empty tuple</code> |
| <code>x = (10,20,"test")</code> | <code>#x is a tuple</code> |
| <code>x = 10,20,"test"</code> | <code>#x is a tuple</code> |
| <code>x = (10,)</code> | <code>#x is tuple containing (10)</code> |
| <code>x = (1,2) * 5</code> | <code>#x is tuple containing (1,2, 1,2, 1,2, 1,2, 1,2)</code> |
| <code>x = 1,2 * 5</code> | <code>#x is tuple containing (1,10)</code> |
| <code>x,y = (1,2)</code> | <code>#x is 1 and y is 2 (the same happens for x,y = 1,2)</code> |

SEQUENCES

Elements from a list can be accessed in the following way

Python 3.x

```
x = ['A', 'B', 2, 3, 'C']  
  
x[0]      #Result is A  
x[-1]     #Result is C  
x[-2]     #Result is 3  
x[:3]     #Result is ['A', 'B', 2]  
x[3:]     #Result is [3, 'C']  
x[1:3]    #Result is ['B', 2]  
x[1:-3]   #Result is ['B']
```

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Elements from a tuple can be accessed in the same way

Python 3.x

```
x = ('A', 'B', 2, 3, 'C')  
  
x[0]      #Result is A  
x[-1]     #Result is C  
x[-2]     #Result is 3  
x[:3]     #Result is ('A', 'B', 2)  
x[3:]     #Result is (3, 'C')  
x[1:3]    #Result is ('B', 2)  
x[1:-3]   #Result is ('B')
```

SEQUENCES

tuple and **list** keywords can also be used to convert a tuple to a list and vice-versa.

Python 3.x

```
x = ('A', 'B', 2, 3, 'C')
y = list(x) #y = ['A', 'B', 2, 3, 'C']
```

```
x = ['A', 'B', 2, 3, 'C']
y = tuple(x) #y = ('A', 'B', 2, 3, 'C')
```

Both lists and tuples can be concatenated, **but not with each other.**

Python 3.x

```
x = ('A', 2)
y = ('B', 3)
z = x + y
#z = ('A', 2, 'B', 3)
```

```
x = ['A', 2]
y = ['B', 3]
z = x + y
#z = ['A', 2, 'B', 3]
```

```
x = ('A', 2)
y = ['B', 3]
z = x + y
#!!! Error !!!
```


SEQUENCES

Tuples are also used to return multiple values from a function.

The following example computes both the sum and product of a sequence of numbers

Python 3.x

```
def ComputeSumAndProduct(*list_of_numbers):  
    s = 0  
    p = 1  
    for i in list_of_numbers:  
        s += i  
        p *= i  
    return (s,p)  
  
suma,produs = ComputeSumAndProduct(1,2,3,4,5)  
#suma =15, produs = 120
```

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tuple and **list** can also be organized in matrixes:

Python 3.x

```
x = ((1,2,3), (4,5,6))
x = ([1,2,3], (4,5,6)) #matrix sub components don't have to be of the
                        #same type
x = ( ((1,2,3), (4,5,6)), ((7,8), (9,10,11, 12)) )
#a matrix does not have to have the same number of elements on each
#dimension

#the same rules from tuples apply to lists as well
x = [[1,2,3], [4,5,6]]
x = [[1,2,3], (4,5,6)]
```

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Both **tuples** and **lists** can be enumerated with a **for** keyword:

Python 3.x

```
for i in [1,2,3,4,5]:  
    print(i)
```

Python 3.x

```
for i in (1,2,3,4,5):  
    print(i)
```

Output

1
2
3
4
5

Lists and tuples have a special keyword (**len**) that can be use to find out the size of a list/tuple:

Python 3.x

```
x = [1,2,3,4,5]  
y = (10,20,300)  
print (len(x), len(y))
```

Output 3.x

5 3

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One can also use the **enumerate** keyword to enumerate a list and get the index of the item at the same time:

Python 3.x

```
for index, name in enumerate(["Dragos", "Mihai", "Nicu", "Vlad"]):  
    print("Index:%d => %s" % (index, name))
```

Or use an external variable:

Python 3.x

```
index = 0  
for name in ["Dragos", "Mihai", "Nicu", "Vlad"]:  
    print("Index:%d => %s" % (index, name))  
    index += 1
```

Output

```
Index:0 => Dragos  
Index:1 => Mihai  
Index:2 => Nicu  
Index:3 => Vlad
```

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enumerate functions also allows a second parameter to specify the index base (default is 0 → just like in C-like languages).

Python 3.x

```
for index, name in enumerate(["Dragos", "Mihai", "Nicu", "Vlad"], 2):  
    print("Index:%d => %s" % (index, name))
```

In this example, the index base will be 2:

- Dragos (the first name) will have index 2
- Mihai (the second name) will have index 3
- And so on ...

Output

Index:2 => Dragos
Index:3 => Mihai
Index:4 => Nicu
Index:5 => Vlad

LISTS AND FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

A list can also be build using functional programming.

- ❖ A list of numbers from 1 to 9

Python 3.x

```
x = [i for i in range(1,10)] #x = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
```

- ❖ A list of all divisor of 23 smaller than 100

Python 3.x

```
x = [i for i in range(1,100) if i % 23 == 0] #x = [23, 46, 69, 92]
```

- ❖ A list of all square values for number from 1 to 5

Python 3.x

```
x = [i*i for i in range(1,6)] #x = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

LISTS AND FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

A list can also be build using functional programming.

- ❖ A list of pairs of numbers from 1 to 10 that summed up produce a number that divides with 7

Python 3.x

```
x=[ [x, y] for x in range(1,10) for y in range(1,10) if (x+y)%7==0]  
#x = [[1, 6], [2, 5], [3, 4], [4, 3], [5, 2], [5, 9], [6, 1],  
#      [6, 8], [7, 7], [8, 6], [9, 5]]
```

- ❖ A list of tuples of numbers from 1 to 10 that summed up produce a number that divides with 7

Python 3.x

```
x=[ (x, y) for x in range(1,10) for y in range(1,10) if (x+y)%7==0]  
#x = [(1, 6), (2, 5), (3, 4), (4, 3), (5, 2), (5, 9), (6, 1),  
#      (6, 8), (7, 7), (8, 6), (9, 5)]
```

LISTS AND FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING

A list can also be build using functional programming.

- ❖ A list of prime numbers that a smaller than 100

Python 3.x

```
x=[x for x in range(2,100) if len([y for y in range(2,x//2+1) if x % y==0])==0]
#x = [2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53,
      59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97]
```

Using functional programming in Python drastically reduces the size of code. However, depending on how large the expression is to build a list, functional programming may not be advisable if your aim is readability.

LISTS

Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ Add a new element in the list (either use the member function(method) **append** or the operator **+=**). To add lists or tuples use **extend** method

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3]          #x = [1, 2, 3]
x.append(4)             #x = [1, 2, 3, 4]
x += [5]                #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
x += [6, 7]             #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
x += (8, 9, 10)         #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
x[len(x) :] = [11]     #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11]
x.extend([12, 13])      #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13]
x.extend((14, 15))     #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
                        #      14, 15]
```

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- ❖ Insert a new element in the list using member function(method) **insert**

Python 3.x

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <code>x = [1, 2, 3]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 3]</code> |
| <code>x.insert(1, "A")</code> | <code>#x = [1, <u>"A"</u>, 2, 3]</code> |
| <code>x.insert(-1, "B")</code> | <code>#x = [1, "A", 2, <u>"B"</u>, 3]</code> |
| <code>x.insert(len(x), "C")</code> | <code>#x = [1, "A", 2, "B", 3, <u>"C"</u>]</code> |

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- ❖ Insert a new element or multiple elements can be done using `[:]` operator. Similarly `[]` operator can be used to change the value of one element

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]          #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
x[2] = 20                   #x = [1, 2, 20, 4, 5]
x[3:] = ["A", "B", "C"]     #x = [1, 2, 20, "A", "B", "C"]
x[:4] = [10]                #x = [10, "B", "C"]
x[1:3] = ['x', 'y', 'z']    #x = [10, "x", "y", "z"]
```

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Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ Remove an element in the list → using member function(method) **remove**. This method removes the first element with a given value

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3]          #x = [1, 2, 3]
x.remove(1)            #x = [2, 3]
x.remove(100)          #!!! ERROR !!! - 100 is not a value from x
```

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Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ To remove an element from a specific position the **del** keyword can be used.

Python 3.x

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <code>x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]</code> |
| <code>del x[2]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 4, 5]</code> |
| <code>del x[-1]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 4]</code> |
| <code>del x[0]</code> | <code>#x = [2, 4]</code> |
| <code>del x[1000]</code> | <code>#!!! ERROR !!! - 1000 is not a valid index</code> |

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <code>x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]</code> |
| <code>del x[4:]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 3, 4]</code> |
| <code>del x[:2]</code> | <code>#x = [3, 4]</code> |

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <code>x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]</code> |
| <code>del x[2:4]</code> | <code>#x = [1, 2, 5]</code> |

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Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ To **pop** method can be used to remove an element from a desired position and return it. This method can be used without any parameter (and in this case it refers to the last element)

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]          #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y = x.pop(2)                #x = [1, 2, 4, 5]      y = 3
y = x.pop(0)                #x = [2, 4, 5]         y = 1
y = x.pop(-1)               #x = [2, 4]           y = 5
y = x.pop()                 #x = [2]              y = 4
y = x.pop(1000)             #!!! ERROR !!! - 1000 is not a valid index
```

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Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ To clear the entire list the **del** command can be used

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]          #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
del x[:]                     #x = []
```

- ❖ Python 3.x also has a method **clear** that can be used to clear an entire list

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]          #x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
x.clear()                     #x = []
```

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Be aware that using the operator (=) does not make a copy but only a reference of a list.

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3]
y = x
y.append(10)
#x = [1, 2, 3, 10]
#y = [1, 2, 3, 10]
```

If you want to make a copy of a list, use the **list** keyword:

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3]
y = list (x)
y.append(10)
#x = [1, 2, 3]
#y = [1, 2, 3, 10]
```


LISTS

Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ Python 3.x also has a method **copy** that can be used to create a shallow copy of a list

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3]          #x = [1, 2, 3]
b = x.copy()          #x = [1, 2, 3]    b = [1, 2, 3]
b += [4]               #x = [1, 2, 3]    b = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

- ❖ The operator `[:]` can also be used to achieve the same result

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3]          #x = [1, 2, 3]
b = x[:]               #x = [1, 2, 3]    b = [1, 2, 3]
b += [4]               #x = [1, 2, 3]    b = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

LISTS

Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ Use **index** method to find out the position of a specific element in a list

Python 3.x

```
x = ["A", "B", "C", "D"] #x = ["A", "B", "C", "D", "E"]
y = x.index("C")        #y = 2
y = x.index("Y")        #!!! ERROR !!! - "Y" is not part of list x
```

- ❖ The operator **in** can be used to check if an element exists in the list

Python 3.x

```
x = ["A", "B", "C", "D"] #x = ["A", "B", "C", "D", "E"]
y = "C" in x            #y = True
y = "Y" in x            #y = False
```

LISTS

Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ Use **count** method to find out how many elements of a specific value exists in a list

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 2] #x = [1, 2, 3, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 2]
y = x.count(2)                    #y = 4 [1, 2, 3, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4, 2]
y = x.count(0)                    #y = 0
```

- ❖ The **reverse** method can be used to reverse the elements order from a list

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3]                    #x = [1, 2, 3]
x.reverse()                       #x = [3, 2, 1]
```

LISTS

Lists support a set of functions that can be used to modify and access elements and modify the list of elements. Some of these functionalities can also be achieved by using some operators.

- ❖ Use **sort** method to sort elements from the list

```
sort(key=None, reverse=False)
```

Python 3.x (version 3.7.4 → sort algorithm might be different from one version to another)

```
x = [2, 1, 4, 3, 5]
x.sort()
x.sort(reverse=True)
x.sort(key = lambda i: i%3)
x.sort(key = lambda i: i%3, reverse=True)
```

```
#x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
#x = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
#x = [3, 4, 1, 2, 5]
#x = [5, 2, 4, 1, 3]
```

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **map** to create a new list where each element is obtained based on the lambda expression provided.

```
map ( function, iterableElement1, [iterableElement2,... iterableElementn])
```

Python 3.x

```
x = [1,2,3,4,5]
y = list(map(lambda element: element*element,x))    #y = [1,4,9,16,25]

x = [1,2,3]
y = [4,5,6]
z = list(map(lambda e1,e2: e1+e2,x,y))              #z = [5,7,9]
```

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ **map** function returns an iterable object in Python 3.x

Python

```
x = [1, 2, 3]
y = map(lambda element: element*element, x)
#y = iterable object → Python 3.x
```

- ❖ to create a list from an iterable object, use the **list** keyword

Python

```
x = [1, 2, 3]
y = [4, 5, 6, 7]
z = list(map(lambda e1, e2: e1+e2, x, y)) #z = [5, 7, 9] → Python 3.x
```

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **filter** to create a new list where each element is filtered based on the lambda expression provided.

Filter (*function, iterableElement*)

Python 3.x

```
x = [1,2,3,4,5]
y = list(filter(lambda element: element%2==0,x))    #y = [2,4]
```

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Both **filter** and **map** can also be used to create a list (usually in conjunction with **range** keyword)

Python 3.x

```
x = list(map(lambda x: x*x, range(1,10)))
```

```
#x = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

```
x = list(filter(lambda x: x%7==1, range(1,100)))
```

```
#x = [1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 36, 43, 50, 57, 64, 71, 78, 85, 92, 99]
```


BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **min** and **max** functions to find out the biggest/smallest element from an iterable list based on the lambda expression provided.

| | |
|---|---|
| <code>max (iterableElement, [key])</code> <code>max (el₁, el₂, ... [key])</code> | <code>min (iterableElement, [key])</code> <code>min (el₁, el₂, ... [key])</code> |
|---|---|

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
y = max (x)                #y = 5
y = max (1, 3, 2, 7, 9, 3, 5) #y = 9
y = max (x, key = lambda i: i % 3) #y = 2
```

- ❖ If you want to use a key for max and/or min function, be sure that you added with the parameter name decoration: `key = <function>`, and not just the `key_function` or a lambda.

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **sum** to add all elements from an iterable object. Elements from the iterable objects should allow the possibility of addition with other elements.

```
sum (iterableElement, [startValue])
```

- ❖ *startValue* represent the value from where to start summing the elements. Default is 0

Python 3.x

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
y = sum (x)
```

```
#y = 15
```

```
y = sum (x, 100)
```

```
#y = 115 (100+15)
```

```
x = [1, 2, "3", 4, 5]
```

```
y = sum (x)
```

```
#ERROR→ Can't add int and string
```

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **sorted** to sort the element from a list (iterable object). The key in this case represents a compare function between two elements of the iterable object.

```
sorted (iterableElement, [key],[reverse])
```

- ❖ The *reverse* parameter if not specified is considered to be False

Python 3.x

```
x = [2,1,4,3,5]
y = sorted (x)                                #y = [1,2,3,4,5]
y = sorted (x, reverse=True)                 #y = [5,4,3,2,1]
y = sorted (x, key = lambda i: i%3)           #y = [3,1,4,2,5]
y = sorted (x, key = lambda i: i%3, reverse=True) #y = [2,5,1,4,3]
```

- ❖ Just like in the precedent case, you have to use the optional parameter with their name

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **reversed** to reverse the element from a list (iterable object).

Python 3.x

```
x = [2,1,4,3,5]
y = list (reversed(x))           #y = [5,3,4,1,2]
```

- ❖ Use **any** and **all** to check if at least one or all elements from a list (iterable objects) can be evaluated to true.

Python 3.x

```
x = [2,1,0,3,5]
y = any(x)           #y = True, all numbers except 0 are evaluated to True
y = all(x)           #y = False, 0 is evaluated to False
```

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **zip** to group 2 or more iterable objects into one iterable object

Python 3.x

```
x = [1,2,3]
y = [10,20,30]
z = list(zip(x,y))    #z = [(1,10) , (2,20) , (3,30)]
```

- ❖ Use **zip** with * character to unzip such a list. The unzip variables are tuples

Python 3.x

```
x = [(1,2) , (3,4) , (5,6)]
a,b = zip(*x)          #a = (1,3,5) and b = (2,4,6)
```

BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS FOR LIST

Python has several build-in functions design to work with list (iterators). These functions rely heavily on lambda expressions:

- ❖ Use **del** to delete a list or a tuple

Python 3.x

```
x = [1,2,3]
del x
print (x)          #!!!ERROR!!! x no longer exists
```