

17-dict-II

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1 Problems involving dictionaries

In this lecture, we will use dictionaries to solve a series of problems. Use this time to see if you understand the power of dictionaries, and how to handle them.

1.1 Grade analysis

Professor Ravi recently took the 15-110 course and learned about dictionaries. Inspired by their great versatility, he decided to store all students' grades in a dictionary where the key is the student name, and the value is a list with that student's grades for all assignments. Professor Ravi wants to compute various statistics about the class, but he has been busy setting up his house for home office. Can you help him?

1.1.1 Average

Implement the function `average(d)` that takes as input a dictionary with students' grades as described above, and returns the class average.

For example, if:

```
grades = { "mohammed": [9,7,6,10,0],
           "ahmed": [10,10,6,8,4],
           "nour": [9,8,4,6,7],
           "carlos": [10,8,10,5,6],
           "bob": [10,9,10,8,5]
         }
```

then `average(grades)` should return 37.0.

```
In [1]: def average(d):
        return 42
```

1.1.2 Median

Implement the function `median(d)` that takes as input a grade dictionary, and returns the class median grade.

For example `median(grades)` should return 38.

```
In [2]: def median(d):
        return 42
```

1.1.3 Top of the class

Now professor Ravi would like to know who is the student with the highest grade.

Implement the function `highest(d)` that takes as input a dictionary as before, and returns the name of the student with the highest grade. If there is more than one student, return any of them.

For example, `highest(grades)` should return "jane".

```
In [3]: def highest(d):  
        return ""
```

1.1.4 Below average

It is important for professors to keep track of the students that are below average, to see if/how they are improving in the course.

Implement the function `belowAvg(d)` that takes as input the grade dictionary, and returns a list with the names of all students whose grade is below the class average.

For example, `belowAvg(grades)` should return the list ['mohammed', 'nour'].

HINT: You can use the `average(d)` function implemented above if you think this will make life easier.

```
In [4]: def belowAvg(d):  
        return []
```

1.1.5 Merge

Professor Ravi thought it would be useful to keep a separate dictionary for quizzes and another one for exams, but he has changed his mind. He would like to have one dictionary with all grades, so now we need to merge the existing ones.

Implement the function `merge(d1, d2)` that will merge two grade dictionaries in the following way:

- If a student is in one dictionary but not in the other, keep the student and their grades as is.
- If a student is in both dictionaries, the new entry should contain that student's grades for both the exams and quizzes (in one list).

For example, suppose the dictionaries are:

```
exams = { "daniel": [7,9],  
          "agata": [9,10]  
        }  
quizzes = { "agata": [6,8,9,8],  
            "martin": [9,9,8,10],  
            "daniel": [6,7,5]  
          }
```

then `merge(exams, quizzes)` should return:

```
{'agata': [9, 10, 6, 8, 9, 8],  
 'daniel': [7, 9, 6, 7, 5],  
 'martin': [9, 9, 8, 10]}
```

```
In [5]: def merge(d1, d2):  
        return {}
```

1.1.6 Final grades

At the end of the semester, Professor Ravi would like to have a dictionary where the keys are students' names, and the values are their final grade (instead of a list of grades per assignment).

Implement the function `finalGrades(d)` that takes as input a grade dictionary, and returns a dictionary of final grades, where each student is associated with one integer, their final grade.

For example, `finalGrades(grades)` should return the dictionary:

```
{'ahmed': 38,  
 'bob': 42,  
 'carlos': 39,  
 'mohammed': 32,  
 'nour': 34}
```

```
In [6]: def finalGrades(d):  
         return {}
```