CSC108 Notes Template 10 - Dictionaries

1 Tuples

A *tuple* is a new kind of object that is like a list (it has elements that you can index and slice), but it is immutable.

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We define a tuple with parentheses:  \begin{array}{l} t = (\text{'one', 'two', 'three'}) \\ t = (\text{'one', 'two', 'three'}) \\ t = (\text{'one', 'two', 'three'}) \\ t[0] \\ \text{'one'} \\ t[1] \\ \text{'two'} \\ t[2] \\ \text{'three'} \\ t[1:] \\ \text{('two', 'three'}) \\ \end{array}
```

Q. Since it's immutable, what can you NOT do with it?

A. We cannot:

```
t[0] = 'seven' # error

1. Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "<string>", line 1, in <fragment>
    TypeError: 'tuple' object does not support item assignment
```

cannot assign to an element

t.append('four') # error
 Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<string>", line 1, in <fragment>
 AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'append'

cannot call methods or functions that change it

In fact, there are no tuple *methods* you can call. Even these list methods that *do not* change a list are not provided for tuples:

dir(tuple)

However, you can still call function **len** and *loop* through a tuple:

```
len(t)
3
for item in t:
    print item
one
two
three
```

```
years = [1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1902, 2002]
emissions = [1, 70, 74, 79, 82, 215630, 1733297] # metric tons of carbon, 1000s
```

2 Dictionaries

2.1 Motivation

Suppose we need to represent years and the total North American fossil fuel CO2 emissions for those years.

Q. How should we do this?

Option one: # to add an entry: need to insert or append to both lists # to edit the emissions for a particular year: need to find # the year in the years list and modify the corresponding

element in the emissions list

Option two: # better, but still a bit of pain to look up a year # must search the list to find the year

There is a better way: a new type of object called dictionary (type dict).

2.2 Dictionary Basics

A dictionary keeps track of associations for you. A dictionary entry has two parts: a key and a value. This is similar to a regular dictionary where a **key** is a word and the **value** is the definition of that word.

```
emission_by_year = {1799: 1, 1800: 70, 1801: 74, 1802: 82, 1902: 215630, 2002: 1733297} emission_by_year[1801] 74 # 1801 is a key and 74 is its value # keys must be unique # values can be duplicated emission_by_year[1950] =734914 emission_by_year {1799: 1, 1800: 70, 1801: 74, 1802: 82, 1902: 215630, 2002: 1733297, 1950: 734914} # dictionary is mutable emission_by_year[1802] = 100 emission_by_year {1799: 1, 1800: 70, 1801: 74, 1802: 100, 1902: 215630, 2002: 1733297, 1950: 734914}
```

```
To define a dict:
  mydictionary = {key1:value1, key2:value2, etc.}
 To look up a key's value:
  mydictionary[key]
 To add another (key, value) pair:
  mydictionary[new_key] = new_value
 key can be any immutable object (string, int, tuple).
 value can be any object.
Some dictionary examples:
# braces indicate that you are defining a dictionary
                                                           see the stuffs above
# Look up the emissions for the given year
# Add another year to the dictionary
# Key's don't have to be numbers, but they have to be immutable.
                                                        >>> d = \{1:5, 3:45, 4:10\}
                                                        >>> d[[1, 2, 3]] = 100 # error
                                                        Traceback (most recent call last):
                                                         File "<string>", line 1, in <fragment>
                                                        TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'
                                                        >>> d[(1, 2, 3)] = 100 # tuples are immutable, so this is fine.
# values can be any type, mutable or not \stackrel{>>>}{}
                                                        {1: 5, 3: 45, 4: 10, (1, 2, 3): 100}
                                      >>> d[5] = ["Diane", "Paul", "Karen"]
                                      >>> d['weird'] = ['hello', 'bye']
                                      >>> d['nested'] = {'diane':4236, 'paul':4234}
                                      {1: 5, 3: 45, 4: 10, 5: ['Diane', 'Paul', 'Karen'], (1, 2, 3): 100, 'weird':
                                      ['hello', 'bye'], 'nested': {'paul': 4234, 'diane': 4236}}
Dictionaries themselves are mutable: >>> d['nested']
                                      {'paul': 4234, 'diane': 4236}
                                      >>> d['nested']['paul']
```

4234

>>> id(d)

17224304

>>> id(d) 17224304

>>> d['me'] = 'you'

```
>>> # iterate over a dict
2.3 Dictionary Operations
                                                                                             for key in emissions_by_year:
                                                                                             print key
emissions by year
                                                                                             1799
                                                                                             1800
# extend (add a new key and its value)
                                                                                             1801
  >>> # extend
                                                                                             1802
  emissions_by_year[2009] = 1000000
                                                                                             1902
# update (change the value associated with a key)
                                                                                             2002
                                                                                             2009
  >>> # update
  emissions_by_year[2002] = 10
                                                                                             >>> for key in d:
                                                                                             print key
# check for membership
 >>> # check for membership
                                      >>> 2002 in emissions_by_year
                                                                                             me
 >>> 1950 in emissions_by_year
                                      True
 False
                                                                                             3
                                                                                             4
# remove a key-value pair
                                                                                             5
 >>> # remove a key-value pair
                                                                                             (1, 2, 3)
 >>> del emissions by year[1803]
                                                                                             weird
 >>> 1803 in emissions by year
                                                                                             nested
 False
                                                                                             >>> # Dictionaries are unordered.
# determine length (number of key-value pairs)
                                                                                             The order that the keys
 >>> # determine length
                                                            >>> # Methods
                                                                                             >>> # are traversed is arbitrary: no
 >>> len(emissions_by_year)
                                                            >>> dir(dict)
                                                                                             guarantee that it
                                                              _class__', '__cmp__', '__contai
                                                                                             >>> # will be the order that they
                                                           ns_','__delattr__','__delitem__
'__doc__','__eq__','__format__
                                                                                             were added to it.
# Iterating over the dictionary
                                                           |'__ge__', '__getattribute__', '__ge
titem__', '__gt__', '__hash__', '__i
nit__', '__iter__', '__le__', '__len_
                                                                                             >>> for key in emissions_by_year:
                                                                                             print emissions_by_year[key]
                                                            _', '__lt__', '__ne__', '__new__', '_
_reduce__', '__reduce_ex__', '__re
                                                            pr__', '__setattr__', '__setitem__',
                                                             _sizeof__', '__str__', '__subclass | 82
2.4 Dictionary Methods
                                                            hook__', 'clear', 'copy', 'fromkeys', 215630
                                                            'get', 'has_key', 'items', 'iteritems', 10
Use dir (dict) to see a list of dictionary methods.
                                                            'iterkeys', 'itervalues', 'keys', 'pop', 1000000
                                                            'popitem', 'setdefault', 'update', 'va
                                                            lues', 'viewitems', 'viewkeys', 'vie
# keys
                                                            wvalues']
 >>> emissions_by_year.keys()
 [1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1902, 2002, 2009]
# values
 >>> emissions_by_year.values()
 [2, 70, 74, 82, 215630, 10, 1000000]
                                                                                             >>> empty_dict = { }
                                                                                             >>> empty_dict.keys()
# items: the (key, value) pairs as a list of tuples
                                                                                             []
 >>> emissions_by_year.items()
                                                                                             >>> empty_dict.values()
 [(1799, 2), (1800, 70), (1801, 74), (1802, 82), (1902, 215630), (2002, 10), (2009, 1000000)]
                                                                                             []
                                                                                             >>> empty_dict.items()
                                                                                             # get: Same as [] notation, but doesn't crash when the key is not there.
>>> emissions_by_year.get(1802)
>>> emissions_by_year.get(1805)
>>> print emissions_by_year.get(1805)
                                                      4
>>> emissions by year[1805]
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

```
File "<string>", line 1, in <fragment>
            KeyError: 1805
            >>> emissions_by_year.get(1805)
            >>> emissions_by_year.get(1805, -1) # asking to get -1 return if key not there
            >>> emissions_by_year.get(1805, "not there")
            'not there'
            # update: copies values from one dictionary into another
>>> dict1 = {'978-6025': 'Diane', '978-3965' : 'Tom'}
>>> dict2 = {'978-6360' : 'UG office', '978-6025' : 'main office'}
>>> dict1.update(dict2) # add dict2 contents to dict1; updates keys from dict1 with key-value pairs from dict2
{'978-6025': 'main office', '978-3965': 'Tom', '978-6360': 'UG office'}
>>> help(dict.update)
Help on method_descriptor:
update(...) # Can use update to extend a dictionary (as we just saw) or to modify it
   D.update(E, **F) -> None. Update D from dict/iterable E and F.
   If E has a .keys() method, does: for k in E: D[k] = E[k]
   If E lacks .keys() method, does: for (k, v) in E: D[k] = v
   In either case, this is followed by: for k in F: D[k] = F[k]
>>> d1 = \{1:1, 2:2\}
>>> d2 = \{2: 222, 3:3\}
>>> d1.update(d2)
>>> d1
{1: 1, 2: 222, 3: 3}
>>> d2
{2: 222, 3: 3}
            # clear: removes the dictionary's contents
              >>> d2.clear()
              >>> d2
               {}
```

2.5 Iterating Through A Dictionary

```
phone = {'555-7632': 'Paul', '555-9832': 'Andrew', '555-6677': 'Dan', \
'555-9823': 'Michael', '555-6342' : 'Cathy', '555-7343' : 'Diane'}
```

```
    Going through the keys

>>> # The proper way:
>>> for key in phone:
 print key
555-7632
                                 >>> # The equivalent, but not considered good style.
                                                                                       Paul
555-9999
                                 >>> for key in phone.keys():
                                                                                       Andrew
555-3333
                                 print key
                                                                                       Karen
555-2222
                                                                                       Michael
555-1111
                                 555-7632
                                                                                       Dan
                                 555-9999
                                 555-3333

    Going through the values

                                                                                       >>> for item in phone.items():
                                 555-2222
                                                                                       print item
                                 555-1111
                                                                                       ('555-7632', 'Paul')
                                 >>> for value in phone.values():
                                                                                       ('555-9999', 'Andrew')
                                  print value
                                                                                       ('555-3333', 'Karen')
                                                                                       ('555-2222', 'Michael')
                                                                                       ('555-1111', 'Dan')
```

```
>>> # You can pull the pieces of the tuple out as you go:
>>> for (number, name) in phone.items():
print "Name: %s; Phone number: %s" % (name, number)
Name: Paul; Phone number: 555-7632
Name: Andrew; Phone number: 555-9999
Name: Karen; Phone number: 555-3333
Name: Michael; Phone number: 555-2222
Name: Dan; Phone number: 555-1111
>>> x = 4
>>> y = 3.4
>>> print 'hello %d, by %f' % (x, y)
hello 4, by 3.400000
>> print 'hello ' + str(x) + ', by ' + str(y)
hello 4, by 3.4
```

5-6677': 'Dan', '555-2222': 'Paul'}

else:

>>> for (number, name) in phone.items():

new_phone[name].append(number)

new_phone[name] = [number]

if name in new_phone:

2.6 Inverting A Dictionary

>>> phone

['555-7632', '555-2222'], 'Anna': ['555-7343']}

>>> [3]

>>> [x]

[78]

>>> x = 78

>>> x = 'hello'>>> [x]['hello']

[3]

Going through the key-value pairs

The dictionary **phone** maps phone numbers to names. Some people have more than one phone number.

```
phone = {'555-7632': 'Paul', '555-9832': 'Andrew', '555-6677': 'Dan', \
'555-9823': 'Michael', '555-6342': 'Karen', '555-2222': 'Paul', \
 '555-7343' : 'Anna'}
```

Suppose we want to create a list of all of Paul's phone numbers:

```
{'555-7632': 'Paul', '555-9832': 'Andrew', '555-7343': 'Anna', '555-9823': 'Michael', '555-6342': 'Karen', '555-6677': 'Dan', '555-2222': '
>>> # we want Paul's phone numbers
>>> phone.values()
['Paul', 'Andrew', 'Anna', 'Michael', 'Karen', 'Dan', 'Paul']
>>> for name in phone.values():
# no easy way to get num associated with name
print name
                 Q. But what if we want to be able to do this for all people? Is there some object you could create
                                                        >>> # Invert the dictionary
                 to make this easy?
Paul
                                                        >>> # Goal: new dict with names as keys, numbers as values
Andrew
                                                        >>> new_phone = { }
Anna
                 Α.
                                                        >>> phone
Michael
                                                         {'555-7632': 'Paul', '555-9832': 'Andrew', '555-7343': 'Anna', '555-9823': 'Michael', '555-6342':
Karen
                                                         'Karen', '555-6677': 'Dan', '555-2222': 'Paul'}
Dan
                                                        >>> phone.items()
Paul
                                                        [('555-7632', 'Paul'), ('555-9832', 'Andrew'), ('555-7343', 'Anna'), ('555-9823', 'Michael'),
>>> # Instead loop over keys
                                                        ('555-6342', 'Karen'), ('555-6677', 'Dan'), ('555-2222', 'Paul')]
>>> for number in phone:
                                                        >>> for (number, name) in phone.items():
if phone[number] == 'Paul':
                                                                 new_phone[name] = number
print number
                                                        >>> new_phone
555-7632
                                                        {'Dan': '555-6677', 'Michael': '555-9823', 'Andrew': '555-9832', 'Karen': '555-6342', 'Paul': '555
555-2222
                                                        -2222', 'Anna': '555-7343'}
>>> paul = []
                                                        >>> new phone = { }
>>> for key in phone:
                                                        >>> for (number, name) in phone.items():
if phone[key] == 'Paul':
                                                                 if name in new_phone:
 paul.append(key)We call this an inverted dictionary.
                                                                        new_phone[name].append(number)
                                                                 else:
>>> paul
                                                                        new_phone[name] = [number]
['555-7632', '555-2222']
                                                                                                 >>> phone
                                                                                                 {'555-7632': 'Paul', '555-9832': 'Andrew', '555-7343':
>>> new_phone
                                                                                                 'Anna', '555-9823': 'Michael', '555-6342': 'Karen', '55
{'Dan': ['555-6677'], 'Michael': ['555-9823'], 'Andrew': ['555-9832'], 'Karen': ['555-6342'],
```

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