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Linear Algebra with Applications

Intoduction to Python - Part 1

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/// Introductory Classes

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Student Assessment

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- Theoretical assignment
  (with Wojciech, 23/10 - 16/11)

- Weekly Python assignments
  (with us)

    7-point grading scale
    external censor

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- Programming Assignment
  (with Luìs, 19/10 - 6/11)

- Weekly Python assignments
  (with us)

    7-point grading scale
    external censor

Weekly Assignments

Weekly Python assignments from now on ⤳ labs

All scored from 0 to 100 (some with extra points)

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Labs: Practicalities

- Submissions via **git**

  - Read the Appendix A and B

  - Check that your repository exists in `https://git.imada.sdu.dk`

- Specifications file with examples

- Automatic grading up to the deadline (every hour at minute 00)
  Only the last grading on the day of the deadline counts

git data transport commands

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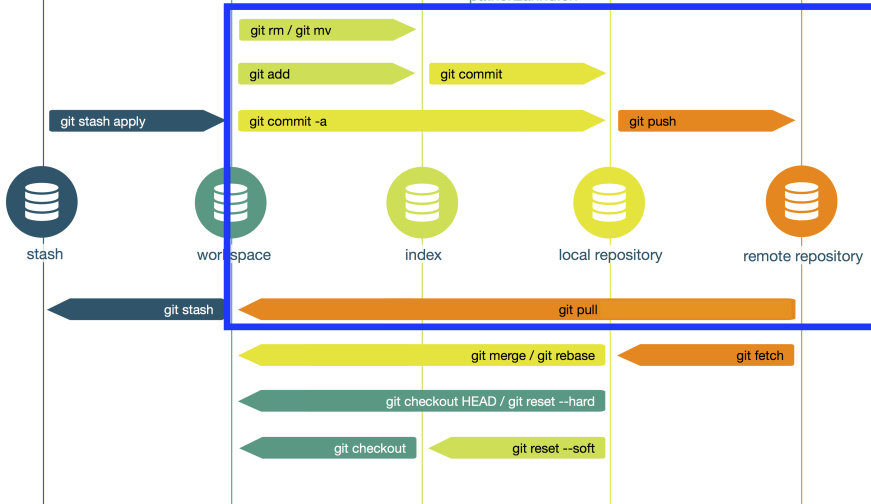
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Running Python — Scripts

A Python script

```python
# python_intro.py
"""This is the file header.
The header contains basic information about the file.
"""

if __name__ == "__main__":
    print("Hello, world!\n")    # indent with four spaces (not TAB)
```

- insert in a file with a text editor, for example, Atom, emacs, vim, VS code.

- execute from command prompt on Terminal on Linux or Mac and Command Prompt on Windows

Running Python — Interactively

Python:

```
$ python                            # Start the Python interpreter.
>>> print("This is plain Python.")  # Execute some code.
This is plain Python.
```

IPython:

```
>>> exit()                          # Exit the Python interpreter.
$ ipython                           # Start IPython.

In [1]: print("This is IPython!")   # Execute some code.
This is IPython!

In [2]: %run python_intro.py         # Run a particular Python script.
Hello, world!
```

IPython

- Object introspection: quickly reveals all methods and attributes associated with an object.
- help() provides interactive help.

```
# A list is a basic Python data structure. To see the methods associated with
# a list, type the object name (list), followed by a period, and press tab.
In [1]: list.    # Press 'tab'.
            append()   count()   insert()   remove()
            clear()    extend()  mro()      reverse()
            copy()     index()   pop()      sort()

# To learn more about a specific method, use a '?' and hit 'Enter'.
In [1]: list.append?
Docstring: L.append(object) -> None -- append object to end
Type:      method_descriptor

In [2]: help()                       # Start IPython's interactive help utility.
help> list                           # Get documentation on the list class.
Help on class list in module __builtin__:
...
<<help> quit                         # End the interactive help session.
```

Resources

- Use IPython side-by-side with a text editor to test syntax and small code snippets quickly.

- Spyder3

- Consult the internet with appropriate keywords; eg, stackoverflow.com

- The official Python tutorial: http://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/introduction.html

- PEP8 - Python Enhancement Proposals style guide:
  http://www.python.org/dev/peps/pep-0008/
  pylint: linter, a static code analysis tool https://www.pylint.org/

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Arithmetics

- +, -, *, /, **, and // operators.
- ** exponentiation; % modular division.
- underscore character _ is a variable with the value of the previous command's output

```
>>> 12 * 3
36
>>> _ / 4
9.0
```

- Data comparisons like < and > act as expected.
- == operator checks for numerical equality and the <= and >= operators correspond to $\leq$ and $\geq$
- Operators and, or, and not (no need for parenthesis)

```
>>> 3 > 2.99
True
>>> 1.0 <= 1 or 2 > 3
True
>>> 7 == 7 and not 4 < 4
True
```

Variables

Basic types: numbers (integer, float), Boolean, string

Dynamically typed language: does not require to specify data type

```
>>> x = 12                          # Initialize x with the integer 12.
>>> y = 2 * 6                       # Initialize y with the integer 2*6 = 12.
>>> x == y                          # Compare the two variable values.
True

>>> x, y = 2, 4                     # Give both x and y new values in one line.
>>> x == y
False
```

Functions: Syntax

```
>>> def add(x, y):
...     return x + y              # Indent with four spaces.
```

- mixing tabs and spaces confuses the interpreter and causes problems.
- most text editors set the indentation type to spaces (soft tabs)

Functions are defined with parameters and called with arguments,

```
>>> def area(width, height):      # Define the function.
...     return width * height
...
>>> area(2, 5)                     # Call the function.
10
```

```
>>> def arithmetic(a, b):
...     return a - b, a * b        # Separate return values with commas.
...
>>> x, y = arithmetic(5, 2)        # Unpack the returns into two variables.
>>> print(x, y)
3 10
```

Functions: `lambda`

The keyword `lambda` is a shortcut for creating one-line functions.

```python
# Define the polynomials the usual way using 'def'.
>>> def g(x, y, z):
...     return x + y**2 - z**3

# Equivalently, define the polynomials quickly using 'lambda'.
>>> g = lambda x, y, z: x + y**2 - z**3
```

Functions: Docstrings

```
>>> def add(x, y):
...     """Return the sum of the two inputs."""
...     return x + y

>>> def area(width, height):
...     """Return the area of the rectangle with the specified width
...     and height.
...     """
...     return width * height
...
>>> def arithmetic(a, b):
...     """Return the difference and the product of the two inputs."""
...     return a - b, a * b
```

Functions: Returned Values

```
>>> def oops(i):
...     """Increment i (but forget to return anything)."""
...     print(i + 1)
...
>>> def increment(i):
...     """Increment i."""
...     return i + 1
...
>>> x = oops(1999)              # x contains 'None' since oops()
2000                            # doesn't have a return statement.
>>> y = increment(1999)         # However, y contains a value.
>>> print(x, y)
None 2000
```

Functions: Arguments

Arguments are passed to functions based on position or name
Positional arguments must be defined before named arguments.

```python
# Correctly define pad() with the named argument after positional arguments.
>>> def pad(a, b, c=0):
...     """Print the arguments, plus a zero if c is not specified."""
...     print(a, b, c)
# Call pad() with 3 positional arguments.
>>> pad(2, 4, 6)
2 4 6
# Call pad() with 3 named arguments. Note the change in order.
>>> pad(b=3, c=5, a=7)
7 3 5
# Call pad() with 2 named arguments, excluding c.
>>> pad(b=1, a=2)
2 1 0
# Call pad() with 1 positional argument and 2 named arguments.
>>> pad(1, c=2, b=3)
1 3 2
```

Functions: Generalized Input

- `*args` is a list of the positional arguments
- `**kwargs` is a dictionary mapping the keywords to their argument.

```python
>>> def report(*args, **kwargs):
...     for i, arg in enumerate(args):
...         print("Argument " + str(i) + ":", arg)
...     for key in kwargs:
...         print("Keyword", key, "-->", kwargs[key])
...
>>> report("TK", 421, exceptional=False, missing=True)
Argument 0: TK
Argument 1: 421
Keyword missing --> True
Keyword exceptional --> False
```

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Numerical types

Python has four numerical data types: `int`, `long`, `float`, and `complex`.

```
>>> type(3)                        # Numbers without periods are integers.
int

>>> type(3.0)                      # Floats have periods (3. is also a float).
float
```

Division:

```
>>> 15 / 4                         # Float division performs as expected. (but not↩
    in Py 2.7!)
3.75
>>> 15 // 4                        # Integer division rounds the result down.
3
>>> 15. // 4
3.0
```

Strings

Strings are created with " or '
To concatenate two or more strings, use the + operator between string variables or literals.

```
>>> str1 = "Hello"  # either single or double quotes.
>>> str2 = 'world'
>>> my_string = str1 + " " + str2 + '!'    # concatenation
>>> my_string
'Hello world!'
```

Slicing

- Strings are arrays of characters. Indexing begins at 0!
- Slicing syntax is [start:stop:step]. Defaults: [0:len():1].

```
>>> my_string = "Hello world!"
>>> my_string[4]                  # Indexing begins at 0.
'o'
>>> my_string[-1]                 # Negative indices count backward from the end.
'!'
# Slice from the 0th to the 5th character (not including the 5th character).
>>> my_string[:5]
'Hello'
# Slice from the 6th character to the end.
>>> my_string[6:]
'world!'
# Slice from the 3rd to the 8th character (not including the 8th character).
>>> my_string[3:8]
'lo wo'
# Get every other character in the string.
>>> my_string[::2]
'Hlowrd'
```

Built-in Types

The built-in data structures:

- tuple, list, set, dict
- `collections` module
- Various built in operations

These are always available:

- all versions of Python
- all operating systems
- all distributions of Python
- you do not need to install any package

Fast development:

- exploring ideas
- building prototypes
- solving one-off problems

If you need performance need to optimize or change language

Tuple

- aka, record, structure, a row in a database: ordered collection of elements
- packing and unpacking (unfolding) values.

```
# Basic usage
record = (val1, val2, val3)
a, b, c = record
val = record[n]
```

```
>>> row = ("Mike", "John", "Mads")
>>> row[1]
"John"
>>> both = arithmetic(5,2) # or get them both as a ←
    tuple.
>>> print(both)
(3, 10)
```

Mutable vs Immutable Objects

Immutable Objects: built-in types like `int`, `float`, `bool`, `string`, `tuple`. Objects of these types can't be changed after they are created.

```
message = "Welcome to DM561"
message[0] = 'p'
print(message)

# Error :
#
# Traceback (most recent call last):
#   File "/home/←
    ff856d3c5411909530c4d328eeca165b.←
    py", line 3, in
#     message[0] = 'p'
# TypeError: 'str' object does not ←
    support item assignment
```

```
tuple1 = (0, 1, 2, 3)
tuple1[0] = 4
print(tuple1)

# Error :
#
# Traceback (most recent call last):
#   File "←
    e0eaddff843a8695575daec34506f126.←
    py", line 3, in
#     tuple1[0]=4
# TypeError: 'tuple' object does not ←
    support item assignment
```

Mutable Objects: are the following built-in types `list`, `dict`, `set` and custom classes

List

- Mutable sequence, array
- Enforcing order

```
# Basic usage
items = [val1, val2, .., ↩
    val3]
x = items[n]
items[n] = x
del items[n]
items.append(value)
items.sort()
items.insert(n, value)
items.remove(value)
items.pop()
```

```
>>> my_list = ["Hello", 93.8, "world", 10]
>>> my_list[0]
'Hello'
>>> my_list[-2]
'world'
>>> my_list[:2]
['Hello', 93.8]
```

List

```
>>> my_list = [1, 2]                # Create a simple list of two integers.
>>> my_list.append(4)               # Append the integer 4 to the end.
>>> my_list.insert(2, 3)            # Insert 3 at location 2.
>>> my_list
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> my_list.remove(3)               # Remove 3 from the list.
>>> my_list.pop()                   # Remove (and return) the last entry.
4
>>> my_list
[1, 2]
```

Slicing is also very useful for replacing values in a list.

```
>>> my_list = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
>>> my_list[0] = -1
>>> my_list[3:] = [8, 9]
>>> print(my_list)
[-1, 20, 30, 8, 9]
```

List

The `in` operator quickly checks if a given value is in a list (or another iterable, including strings).

```
>>> my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> 2 in my_list
True
>>> 6 in my_list
False
>>> 'a' in "xylophone"              # 'in' also works on strings.
False
```

Set

- unordered sequence
- uniqueness, membership test

```
# Basic usage
s = {val1, val2, ..., valn}
s.add(val)
s.discard(val)
s.remove(val) # throws ←
    exception if the element←
     is not present in the ←
    set
val in s
s.union({val})
s.intersection({val})
s.difference({val})
s.symmetric_difference({val←
    })
```

```
# Initialize some sets. Repeats are not added.
>>> gym_members = {"John", "John", "Jane", "Bob"}
>>> print(gym_members)
{'John', 'Bob', 'Jane'}

>>> gym_members.add("Josh")
>>> gym_members.discard("John")
>>> print(gym_members)
{'Josh', 'Bob', 'Jane'}

>>> gym_members.intersection({"Josh", "Ian", "Jared"←
    })
{'Josh'}
>>> gym_members.difference({"Bob", "Sarah"})
{'Josh', 'Jane'}
```

Dict

- mapping, associative (key,value) array (implemented as a hash table)
- unordered
- lookup table, indices, key values need to be immutable

```python
# Basic usage
d = { key1: val1, key2: val2,↩
      key3: val3 }
val = d[key]
d[key] = val
del d[key]
key in d
d.keys()
d.values()
d.pop(key)
```

```python
>>> my_dictionary = {"business": 4121, "math": 2061,↩
        "visual arts": 7321}
>>> print(my_dictionary["math"])
2061

>>> my_dictionary["science"] = 6284
>>> my_dictionary.pop("business")
4121
>>> print(my_dictionary)
{'math': 2061, 'visual arts': 7321, 'science': 6284}

>>> my_dictionary.keys()
dict_keys(['math', 'visual arts', 'science'])
>>> my_dictionary.values()
dict_values([2061, 7321, 6284])
```

Further Collections

```
>>> from collections import namedtuple
>>> Person = namedtuple('Person', ['first','last','address'])
>>> row = Person('Marco','Chiarandini','Campusvej')
>>> row.first
'Marco'
```

```
>>> from collections import Counter # histograms
>>> c = Counter('xyzzzy')
>>> c
Counter({'x': 1, 'y': 2, 'z': 3})
```

```
>>> from collections import defaultdict  # multidict, one-many relationships
>>> d = defaultdict(list)
>>> d['spam'].append(42)
>>> d['blah'].append(13)
>>> d['spam'].append(10)
>>> d
{'blah': [42], 'spam': [13, 10]}
```

Further Collections

```python
>>> from collections import OrderedDict  # remembers the order entries were added
>>> # regular unsorted dictionary
>>> d = {'banana': 3, 'apple': 4, 'pear': 1, 'orange': 2}

>>> # dictionary sorted by key
>>> OrderedDict(sorted(d.items(), key=lambda t: t[0]))
OrderedDict([('apple', 4), ('banana', 3), ('orange', 2), ('pear', 1)])

>>> # dictionary sorted by value
>>> OrderedDict(sorted(d.items(), key=lambda t: t[1]))
OrderedDict([('pear', 1), ('orange', 2), ('banana', 3), ('apple', 4)])

>>> # dictionary sorted by length of the key string
>>> OrderedDict(sorted(d.items(), key=lambda t: len(t[0])))
OrderedDict([('pear', 1), ('apple', 4), ('orange', 2), ('banana', 3)])
```

Type Casting

```
# Cast numerical values as different kinds of numerical values.
>>> x = int(3.0)
>>> y = float(3)

# Cast a list as a set and vice versa.
>>> set([1, 2, 3, 4, 4])
{1, 2, 3, 4}
>>> list({'a', 'a', 'b', 'b', 'c'})
['a', 'c', 'b']

# Cast other objects as strings.
>>> str(['a', str(1), 'b', float(2)])
"['a', '1', 'b', 2.0]"
```

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The If Statement

```
>>> food = "bagel"
>>> if food == "apple":              # As with functions, the colon denotes
...     print("72 calories")          # the start of each code block.
... elif food == "banana" or food == "carrot":
...     print("105 calories")
... else:
...     print("calorie count unavailable")
...
calorie count unavailable
```

The While Loop

```
>>> i = 0
>>> while True: # i < 10
...     print(i, end=' ')
...     i += 1
...     if i >= 10:
...         break                 # Exit the loop.
...
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

>>> i = 0
>>> while i < 10:
...     i += 1
...     if i % 3 == 0:
...         continue              # Skip multiples of 3.
...     print(i, end=' ')
1 2 4 5 7 8 10
```

The For Loop

- A `for` loop iterates over the items in any iterable.
- Iterables include (but are not limited to) strings, lists, sets, and dictionaries.

```
>>> colors = ["red", "green", "blue", "yellow"]
>>> for entry in colors:
...     print(entry + "!")
...
red!
green!
blue!
yellow!
```

- The `break` and `continue` statements also work in for loops
- but a `continue` in a for loop will automatically increment the index or item

Built-in Functions

1. `range(start, stop, step)`: Produces a sequence of integers, following slicing syntax.
2. `zip()`: Joins multiple sequences so they can be iterated over simultaneously.
3. `enumerate()`: Yields both a count and a value from the sequence. Typically used to get both the index of an item and the actual item simultaneously.
4. `reversed()`: Reverses the order of the iteration.
5. `sorted()`: Returns a new list of sorted items that can then be used for iteration.

```python
# Iterate through the list in sorted (alphabetical) order.
>>> for item in sorted(colors):
...     print(item, end=' ')
...
blue purple red white yellow
```

They (except for `sorted()`) are generators and return an iterator.
To put the items of the sequence in a collection, use `list()`, `set()`, or `tuple()`.

List Comprehension

```
>>> loop_output = []
>>> for i in range(5):
...     loop_output.append(i**2)
...
>>> list_output = [i**2 for i in range(5)]
```

```
[ expression for x in iterable if conditions ] # list
{ expression for x in iterable if conditions } # set
{ key: val for key, val in iterable if conditions } # dict
```

```
>>> colors = ["red", "blue", "yellow"]
>>> {"bright " + c for c in colors}
{'bright blue', 'bright red', 'bright yellow'}

>>> {c[0]:c for c in colors}
{'y': 'yellow', 'r': 'red', 'b': 'blue'}
```

Generators

```
( expression for x in iterable if condition )
```

```
>>> nums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
>>> squares = (i*i for i in nums)
>>> squares
<generator object <genexpr> at 0x110468200>
>>> for n in squares:
    print(n)
1
4
9
16
25
36
```

Decorators — Function Wrappers

```python
>>> def typewriter(func):
...     """Decorator for printing the type of output a function returns"""
...     def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
...         output = func(*args, **kwargs)      # Call the decorated function.
...         print("output type:", type(output)) # Process before finishing.
...         return output                        # Return the function output.
...     return wrapper
```

```python
>>> @typewriter
... def combine(a, b, c):
...     return a*b // c
```

```python
>>> combine = typewriter(combine)
```

Now calling `combine()` actually calls `wrapper()`, which then calls the original `combine()`.

```python
>>> combine(3, 4, 6)
output type: <class 'int'>
2
>>> combine(3.0, 4, 6)
output type: <class 'float'>
2.0
```

Decorators — Function Wrappers

```
>>> def repeat(times):
...     """Decorator for calling a function several times."""
...     def decorator(func):
...         def wrapper(*args, **kwargs):
...             for _ in range(times):
...                 output = func(*args, **kwargs)
...             return output
...         return wrapper
...     return decorator
...
>>> @repeat(3)
... def hello_world():
...     print("Hello, world!")
...
>>> hello_world()
Hello, world!
Hello, world!
Hello, world!
```

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Built-in Functions

Common built-in functions for numerical calculations:

Function	Returns
`input()`	Gets input from console
`abs()`	The absolute value of a real number, or the magnitude of a complex number.
`min()`	The smallest element of a single iterable, or the smallest of several arguments. Strings are compared based on lexicographical order: numerical characters first, then upper-case letters, then lower-case letters.
`max()`	The largest element of a single iterable, or the largest of several arguments.
`len()`	The number of items of a sequence or collection.
`round()`	A float rounded to a given precision in decimal digits.
`sum()`	The sum of a sequence of numbers.

See https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html for more detailed documentation on all of Python's built-in functions.

Built-in Functions

Function	Description
all()	Return True if bool(entry) evaluates to True for every entry in the input iterable.
any()	Return True if bool(entry) evaluates to True for any entry in the input iterable.
bool()	Evaluate a single input object as True or False.
eval()	Execute a string as Python code and return the output.
map()	Apply a function to every item of the input iterable and return an iterable of the results.
filter()	Apply a filter to the elements of the input iterable and return an set.

Modules

- A module is a Python file containing code that is meant to be used in some other setting
- All `import` statements should occur at the top of the file, below the header but before any other code.

1. `import <module>` makes the specified module available under the alias of its own name.

```
>>> import math              # The name 'math' now gives
>>> math.sqrt(2)             # access to the math module.
1.4142135623730951
```

2. `import <module> as <name>` creates an alias for an imported module. The alias is added to the current namespace, but the module name itself is not.

```
>>> import numpy as np       # The name 'np' gives access to the numpy
>>> np.sqrt(2)               # module, but the name 'numpy' does not.
1.4142135623730951
>>> numpy.sqrt(2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'numpy' is not defined
```

Modules

3. `from <module> import <object>` loads the specified object into the namespace without loading anything else in the module or the module name itself. This is used most often to access specific functions from a module. The `as` statement can also be tacked on to create an alias.

```
>>> from random import randint    # The name 'randint' gives access to the
>>> r = randint(0, 10000)         # randint() function, but the rest of
>>> random.seed(r)                # the random module is unavailable.
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
NameError: name 'random' is not defined
```

Running and Importing

```python
# example1.py

data = list(range(4))
def display():
    print("Data:", data)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    display()
    print("This file was executed from the command line or an interpreter.")
else:
    print("This file was imported.")
```

```
$ python example1.py
Data: [0, 1, 2, 3]
This file was executed from the command line or an interpreter.
```

The Python Standard Library

Module	Description
cmath	Mathematical functions for complex numbers.
csv	Comma Separated Value (CSV) file parsing and writing.
itertools	Tools for iterating through sequences in useful ways.
math	Standard mathematical functions and constants.
os	Tools for interacting with the operating system.
random	Random variable generators.
string	Common string literals.
sys	Tools for interacting with the interpreter.
time	Time value generation and manipulation.
timeit	Measuring execution time of small code snippets.

Explore the documentation in IPython

Python Packages

- A package is simply a folder that contains a file called `__init__.py`.
- This file is always executed first whenever the package is used.
- A package must also have a file called `__main__.py` in order to be executable.
- Executing the package will run `__init__.py` and then `__main__.py`
- Importing the package will only run `__init__.py`

- Use `from <subpackage.module> import <object>` to load a module within a subpackage.
- Once a name has been loaded into a package's `__init__.py`, other files in the same package can load the same name with `from . import <object>`.

To execute a package, run Python from the shell with the flag `-m` (for "module-name") and exclude the extension `.py`.

```
$ python -m package_name
```

See https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/modules.html#packages for examples and more details.

Mutable vs Immutable Objects

- a mutable object can be changed after it is created, and an immutable object can't.
- Objects of built-in types like (int, float, bool, str, tuple, unicode) are immutable
- Objects of built-in types like (list, set, dict) are mutable

```
>>> x = "Holberton"
>>> y = "Holberton"
>>> id(x)
140135852055856
>>> id(y)
140135852055856
>>> print(x is y) '''comparing the types'''
True

>>> a = 50
>>> type(a)
<class: 'int'>
>>> b = "Holberton"
>>> type(b)
<class: 'string'>
```

Mutable vs Immutable Objects

```python
>>> holy = {"moly": 1.99, "hand_grenade": 3, "grail": 1975.41}
>>> tax_prices = holy                   # Try to make a copy for processing.
>>> for item, price in tax_prices.items():
...     # Add a 7 percent tax, rounded to the nearest cent.
...     tax_prices[item] = round(1.07 * price, 2)
...
# Now the base prices have been updated to the total price.
>>> print(tax_prices)
{'moly': 2.13, 'hand_grenade': 3.21, 'grail': 2113.69}

# However, dictionaries are mutable, so 'holy' and 'tax_prices' actually
# refer to the same object. The original base prices have been lost.
>>> print(holy)
{'moly': 2.13, 'hand_grenade': 3.21, 'grail': 2113.69}
```

To avoid this problem, explicitly create a copy of the object by casting it as a new structure.

```python
>>> tax_prices = dict(holy)
```

Pass by-value or by-reference

- A pointer refers to a variable by storing the address in memory where the corresponding object is stored.

- Python names are essentially pointers, and traditional pointer operations and cleanup are done automatically.

- Python automatically deletes objects in memory that have no names assigned to them (no pointers referring to them). This feature is called garbage collection.

- All objects that are arguments of functions are passed by reference

Shallow vs Deep Copy

1. `b = a`: Reference assignment, Make `a` and `b` points to the same object.


```
a = {1: [1, 2, 3]}
b = a
```
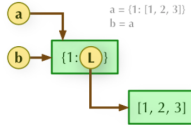
2. `b = a.copy()`: Shallow copying, `a` and `b` will become two isolated objects, but their contents still share the same reference


```
a = {1: [1, 2, 3]}
b = a.copy()
```
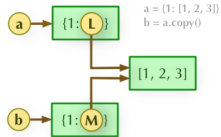
3. `b = copy.deepcopy(a)`: Deep copying, `a` and `b`'s structure and content become completely isolated.
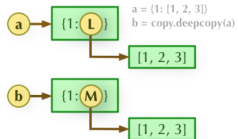

```
a = {1: [1, 2, 3]}
b = copy.deepcopy(a)
```

Outline

Classes

A class is a template for an object that binds together specified variables and routines.

```python
class Backpack:
    """A Backpack object class. Has a name and a list of contents.

    Attributes:
        name (str): the name of the backpack's owner.
        contents (list): the contents of the backpack.
    """
    def __init__(self, name):            # This function is the constructor.
        """Set the name and initialize an empty list of contents.

        Parameters:
            name (str): the name of the backpack's owner.
        """
        self.name = name                 # Initialize some attributes.
        self.contents = []
```

Instantiation

```
# Import the Backpack class and instantiate an object called 'my_backpack'.
>>> from object_oriented import Backpack
>>> my_backpack = Backpack("Fred")
>>> type(my_backpack)
<class 'object_oriented.Backpack'>

# Access the object's attributes with a period and the attribute name.
>>> print(my_backpack.name, my_backpack.contents)
Fred []

# The object's attributes can be modified after instantiation.
>>> my_backpack.name = "George"
>>> print(my_backpack.name, my_backpack.contents)
George []
```

Methods

```python
class Backpack:
    # ...
    def put(self, item):
        """Add an item to the backpack's list of contents."""
        self.contents.append(item)  # Use 'self.contents', not just 'contents'.

    def take(self, item):
        """Remove an item from the backpack's list of contents."""
        self.contents.remove(item)
```

```python
>>> my_backpack.put("notebook")          # my_backpack is passed implicitly to
>>> my_backpack.put("pencils")           # Backpack.put() as the first argument.
>>> my_backpack.contents
['notebook', 'pencils']

# Remove an item from the backpack.   # This is equivalent to
>>> my_backpack.take("pencils")          # Backpack.take(my_backpack, "pencils")
>>> my_backpack.contents
['notebook']
```

Inheritance

Superclass ⤳ Subclass

```python
class Knapsack(Backpack): # Inherit from the Backpack class in the class definition
    """Attributes:
        name (str): the name of the knapsack's owner.
        color (str): the color of the knapsack.
        max_size (int): the maximum number of items that can fit inside.
        contents (list): the contents of the backpack.
        closed (bool): whether or not the knapsack is tied shut.
    """
    def __init__(self, name, color, max_size=3):
        """Use the Backpack constructor to initialize the name, color,
        and max_size attributes. A knapsack only holds 3 item by default.
        """
        Backpack.__init__(self, name, color, max_size)
        self.closed = True
```

Inheritance

- all methods defined in the superclass class are available to instances of the subclass.
- methods from the superclass can be changed for the subclass by overridden
- New methods can be included normally.

```
>>> from object_oriented import Knapsack
>>> my_knapsack = Knapsack("Brady", "brown")

# A Knapsack is a Backpack, but a Backpack is not a Knapsack.
>>> print(issubclass(Knapsack, Backpack), issubclass(Backpack, Knapsack))
True False
>>> isinstance(my_knapsack, Knapsack) and isinstance(my_knapsack, Backpack)
True

# The Knapsack class has a weight() method, but the Backpack class does not.
>>> print(hasattr(my_knapsack, 'weight'), hasattr(my_backpack, 'weight'))
True False
```

Magic Methods

- special methods used to make an object behave like a built-in data type.
- begin and end with two underscores, like the constructor `__init__()`.
- all variables and routines of a class are public
- magic methods are hidden

```
In [1]: %run object_oriented.py
In [2]: b = Backpack("Oscar", "green")
In [3]: b.            # Press 'tab' to see standard methods and attributes.
        color     max_size take()
        contents  name
        dump()    put()
In [3]: b.__          # Press 'tab' to see magic methods and hidden attributes.
        __getattribute__    _ _new__()          __class__
        __delattr__         __hash__            __reduce_ex__()
        __dict__            __init__()          __repr__
        __dir__()           __init_subclass__() __setattr__
        __doc__             __sizeof__()        __reduce__()
        __str__             __format__()        __module__
        __subclasshook__()  __weakref__
```

Magic Methods

Method	Arithmetic Operator
__add__()	+
__sub__()	-
__mul__()	*
__pow__()	**
__truediv__()	/
__floordiv__()	//

Method	Comparison Operator
__lt__()	<
__le__()	<=
__gt__()	>
__ge__()	>=
__eq__()	==
__ne__()	=

Operator overloading:

```python
class Backpack:
    def __add__(self, other):
        return len(self.contents) + len(other.contents)
```

```python
class Backpack(object)
    def __lt__(self, other):
        return len(self.contents) < len(other.contents)
```

Static Attributes and Methods

Static attributes and methods are defined without `self` and can be accessed both with and without instantiation

```python
class Backpack:
    # ...
    brand = "Adidas"                  # Backpack.brand is a static attribute.
```

```python
class Backpack:
    # ...
    @staticmethod
    def origin():                     # Do not use 'self' as a parameter.
        print("Manufactured by " + Backpack.brand + ", inc.")
```

More Magic Methods and Hashing

Method	Operation	Trigger Function
`__bool__()`	Truth value	`bool()`
`__len__()`	Object length or size	`len()`
`__repr__()`	Object representation	`repr()`
`__getitem__()`	Indexing and slicing	`self[index]`
`__setitem__()`	Assignment via indexing	`self[index] = x`
`__iter__()`	Iteration over the object	`iter()`
`__reversed__()`	Reverse iteration over the object	`reversed()`
`__contains__()`	Membership testing	`in`

A hash value is an integer that uniquely identifies an object.
If the `__hash__()` method is not defined, the default hash value is the object's memory address (accessible via the built-in function `id()`) divided by 16, rounded down to the nearest integer.

```python
class Backpack:
    def __hash__(self):
        return hash(self.name) ^ hash(self.color) ^ hash(len(self.contents))
```

Summary