

# Scientific Programming

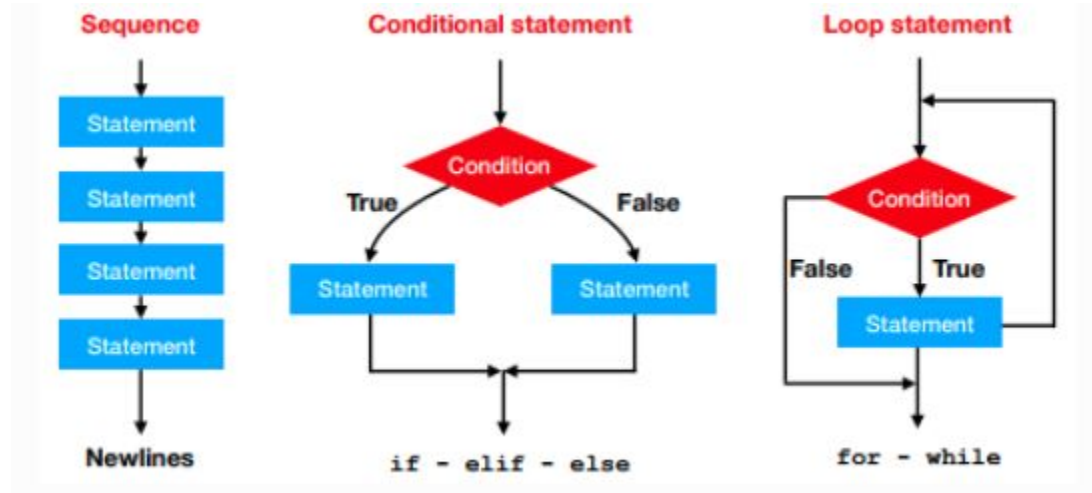
## Practical 5

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### Introduction

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# More on loops...



# Ternary operator

In some cases it is handy  
to be able to initialize a  
variable depending on  
the value of another one.

**Example:** The discount rate applied to a purchase depends on the amount of the sale. Create a variable *discount* setting its value to 0 if the variable *amount* is lower than 100 euros, to 10% if it is higher.

```
[1]: amount = 110
      discount = 0

      if amount > 100:
          discount = 0.1
      else:
          discount = 0 # not necessary

      print("Total amount:", amount, "discount:", discount)
```

Total amount: 110 discount: 0.1

# Ternary operator

In some cases it is handy  
to be able to initialize a  
variable depending on  
the value of another one.

## Syntax:

```
variable = value if condition else other_value
```

```
amount = 110  
discount = 0.1 if amount > 100 else 0  
print("Total amount:", amount, "discount:", discount)  
  
Total amount: 110 discount: 0.1
```

NOTE: this is considered  
non-pythonic!

# Continue - Break

Sometimes it is useful to **skip an entire iteration** of a loop or **end the loop before its supposed end**.

This can be achieved with two different statements:

**continue** and **break**.



# Continue

Within a **for** or **while** loop, **continue** makes the interpreter skip that iteration and move to the next.

**Example:** Print all the odd numbers from 1 to 20.

```
#Two equivalent ways
#1. Testing remainder == 1
for i in range(21):
    if i % 2 == 1:
        print(i, end = " ")

print("")

#2. Skipping if remainder == 0 in for
for i in range(21):
    if i % 2 == 0:
        continue
    print(i, end = " ")
```

```
1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19
1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19
```

# Continue

Continue can be used also within **while** loops but we need to **be careful and remember to update the value of the variable before reaching the continue statement** or we will get stuck in never-ending loops.

**Example:** Print all the odd numbers from 1 to 20.

```
#Wrong code:  
i = 0  
while i < 21:  
    if i % 2 == 0:  
        continue  
    print(i, end = " ")  
    i = i + 1 # NEVER EXECUTED IF i % 2 == 0!!!!
```

# Continue

Continue can be used also within **while** loops but we need to **be careful and remember to update the value of the variable before reaching the continue statement** or we will get stuck in never-ending loops.

**Example:** Print all the odd numbers from 1 to 20.

```
i = -1
while i < 20:      #i is incremented in the loop, so 20!!!
    i = i + 1      #the variable is updated no matter what
    if i % 2 == 0:
        continue
    print(i, end = " ")
```

1 3 5 7 9 11 13 15 17 19



# Break

**Example:** Pick a random number from 1 and 50 and count how many times it takes to randomly choose number 27. Limit the number of random picks to 40 (i.e. if more than 40 picks have been done and 27 has not been found exit anyway with a message).

Within a **for** or **while** loop, **break** makes the interpreter exit the loop and continue with the sequential execution. Sometimes it is useful to get out of the loop if to complete our task we do not need to get to the end of the loop.

```
import random

iterations = 1
picks = []
while iterations <= 40:
    pick = random.randint(1,50)
    picks.append(pick)

    if pick == 27:
        break
    iterations += 1    #equal to: iterations = iterations + 1

if iterations == 41:
    print("Sorry number 27 was never found!")
else:
    print("27 found in ", iterations, "iterations")

print(picks)

27 found in 9 iterations
[39, 7, 30, 21, 39, 30, 5, 22, 27]
```

# Break

**Example:** Pick a random number from 1 and 50 and count how many times it takes to randomly choose number 27. Limit the number of random picks to 40 (i.e. if more than 40 picks have been done and 27 has not been found exit anyway with a message).

```
import random

iterations = 1
picks = []
while iterations <= 40:
    pick = random.randint(1,50)
    picks.append(pick)

    if pick == 27:
        break
    iterations += 1    #equal to: iterations = iterations + 1

if iterations == 41:
    print("Sorry number 27 was never found!")
else:
    print("27 found in ", iterations, "iterations")

print(picks)

27 found in  9 iterations
[39, 7, 30, 21, 39, 30, 5, 22, 27]
```

```
import random
found = False # This is called flag
iterations = 1
picks = []
while iterations <= 40 and found == False: #the flag is used to exit
    pick = random.randint(1,50)
    picks.append(pick)
    if pick == 27:
        found = True    #update the flag, will exit at next iteration
    iterations += 1

if iterations == 41 and not found:
    print("Sorry number 27 was never found!")
else:
    print("27 found in ", iterations -1, "iterations")

print(picks)

27 found in  4 iterations
[10, 20, 40, 27]
```

Using breaks or flags....

# List comprehension

List comprehension is a quick way to create a list.

The resulting list is normally obtained by **applying a function** or a **method** to the **elements of another list** that **remains unchanged**.

```
new_list = [ some_function (x) for x in start_list if condition]
```

or

if condition  
optional



```
new_list = [ x.some_method() for x in start_list if condition]
```

# List comprehension

**Example:** Given a list of strings ["hi", "there", "from", "python"] create a list with the length of the corresponding element (i.e. the one with the same index).

```
elems = ["hi", "there", "from", "python"]  
  
newList = [len(x) for x in elems]  
  
for i in range(0, len(elems)):  
    print(elems[i], " has length ", newList[i])
```

```
hi has length 2  
there has length 5  
from has length 4  
python has length 6
```

# List comprehension

**Example:** Given the list: ["Hotel", "Icon", " Bus", "Train", "Hotel", "Eye", "Rain", "Elephant"] create a list with all the first letters.

```
myList = ["Hotel", "Icon", " Bus", "Train", "Hotel", "Eye", "Rain", "Elephant"]
initials = [x[0] for x in myList]
```

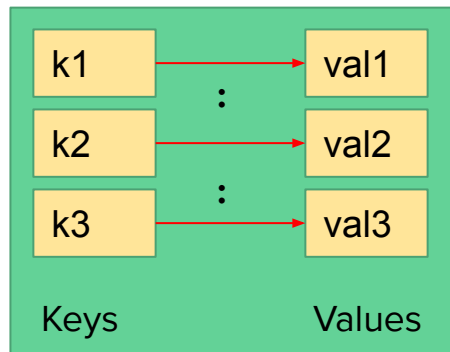
```
print(myList)
print(initials)
print("".join(initials))
```

```
['Hotel', 'Icon', ' Bus', 'Train', 'Hotel', 'Eye', 'Rain', 'Elephant']
['H', 'I', ' ', 'T', 'H', 'E', 'R', 'E']
HI THERE
```

# Dictionaries

A **dictionary** is a map between one object, the **key** and another object, the **value**. Dictionaries are **mutable objects** and contain sequences of mappings *key* → *object* but **there is not specific ordering among them**.

Dictionaries are defined using the curly braces **{key1 : value1, key2 : value2}** and : to separate keys from values.



```
first_dict = {"one" : 1, "two": 2, "three" : 3, "four" : 4}
print("First:", first_dict)

empty_dict = dict()
print("Empty:", empty_dict)

second_dict = {1 : "one", 2 : "two", "three" : 3 } #BAD IDEA BUT POSSIBLE!!!
print(second_dict)

third_dict = dict(zip(["one", "two", "three", "four"], [1, 2, 3, 4]))
print(third_dict)
print(first_dict == third_dict)

First: {'one': 1, 'two': 2, 'three': 3, 'four': 4}
Empty: {}
{1: 'one', 2: 'two', 'three': 3}
{'one': 1, 'two': 2, 'three': 3, 'four': 4}
True
```

# Dictionaries

**Keys must be immutable objects**

```
a = (1,2,3) #a,b are tuples: hence immutable  
b = (1,3,5)
```

```
my_dict = {a : 6, b : 9}  
print(my_dict)
```

```
c = [1,2,3] #c,d are lists: hence mutable  
d = [1,3,5]
```

```
dict2 = {c : 6, d : 9}  
print(dict2)
```

```
{(1, 3, 5): 9, (1, 2, 3): 6}
```

```
-----  
TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)  
<ipython-input-49-0fe98c7f5acd> in <module>()  
      8 d = [1,3,5]  
      9  
>>> 10 dict2 = {c : 6, d : 9}  
      11 print(dict2)
```

```
TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'
```



# Dictionaries

## Functions on dictionaries

Result	Operator	Meaning
bool	obj in dict	Return True if a key is present in the dictionary
int	len(dict)	Return the number of elements in the dictionary
obj	dict[obj]	Read the value associate with a key
	dict[obj] = obj	Add or modify the value associated with a key



R/W  
mutable!

```
myDict = {"one" : 1, "two" : 2, "twentyfive" : 25}
|
print(myDict)
myDict["ten"] = 10
myDict["twenty"] = 20
print(myDict)
myDict["ten"] = "10-again"
print(myDict)
print("The dictionary has ", len(myDict), " elements")
print("The value of \"ten\" is:", myDict["ten"])
print("The value of \"two\" is:", myDict["two"])

print("Is \"twentyfive\" in dictionary?", "twentyfive" in myDict)
print("Is \"seven\" in dictionary?", "seven" in myDict)

{'one': 1, 'two': 2, 'twentyfive': 25}
{'one': 1, 'two': 2, 'twentyfive': 25, 'ten': 10, 'twenty': 20}
{'one': 1, 'two': 2, 'twentyfive': 25, 'ten': '10-again', 'twenty': 20}
The dictionary has 5 elements
The value of "ten" is: 10-again
The value of "two" is: 2
Is "twentyfive" in dictionary? True
Is "seven" in dictionary? False
```



# Dictionaries

## Methods of dictionaries

Return	Method	Meaning
list	<code>dict.keys()</code>	Returns the list of the keys that are present in the dictionary
list	<code>dict.values()</code>	Returns the list of the values that are present in the dictionary
list of tuples	<code>dict.items()</code>	Returns the list of pairs (key, value) that are present in the dictionary

**ERRATUM:** `dict.keys()` returns a `dict_keys` object not a list. To cast it to list, we need to call `list(dict.keys())`.

NOTE: the same applies to `dict.values()`

```
D = {"k1" : 1, "k2" : 2 , "k3" : 3}

print("keys:" , D.keys(), "values:", D.values())
print("")
print("keys:", list(D.keys()), "values:", list(D.values()))
```

keys: dict\_keys(['k1', 'k2', 'k3']) values: dict\_values([1, 2, 3])

keys: ['k1', 'k2', 'k3'] values: [1, 2, 3]

# Dictionaries

Accessing a value through the key of a dictionary requires that the pair key-value one searches for is **present** in the dictionary. If the searched key is not present the interpreter crashes out throwing a `KeyError`

```
myDict = {"one" : 1, "two" : 2, "three" : 3}
```

```
print(myDict["one"])  
print(myDict["seven"])
```

```
1
```

```
-----  
KeyError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
```

```
<ipython-input-5-a05b31e54a02> in <module>
```

```
2
```

```
3 print(myDict["one"])
```

```
----> 4 print(myDict["seven"])
```

```
KeyError: 'seven'
```

# Dictionaries

## Explicitly test presence of key

```
myDict = {"one" : 1, "two" : 2, "three" : 3}
search_keys = ["one", "seven"]

for s in search_keys:
    if s in myDict:
        print("key:", s, "value:", myDict[s])
    else:
        print("key", s, "not found in dictionary")
```

```
key: one value: 1
key seven not found in dictionary
```

## Use get

```
myDict = {"one" : 1, "two" : 2, "three" : 3}
search_keys = ["one", "seven"]

for s in search_keys:
    print("key:", s, "value:", myDict.get(s, "not found"))
```

```
key: one value: 1
key: seven value: not found
```

# Dictionaries

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list	<code>dict.keys()</code>	Returns the list of the keys that are present in the dictionary
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Use the in-line help...

```
22
23 A = dict()
24
25 A.
```

- clear
- copy
- fromkeys
- get
- items
- keys
- pop
- popitem
- setdefault
- update
- values
- class

```
def clear(self)
dict() -> new empty dictionary
dict(mapping) -> new dictionary initialized from a
mapping object's
(key, value) pairs
dict(iterable) -> new dictionary initialized as if via:
d = {}
for k, v in iterable:
d[k] = v
dict(**kwargs) -> new dictionary initialized with
the name=value pairs
```

# Dictionaries

**Example** Given the protein sequence below, store in a dictionary all the aminoacids present and count how many times they appear. Finally print out the stats (e.g. how many amino-acids are present, the most frequent, the least frequent and the frequency of all of them in alphabetical order).

```
MGNAAAAKKGSEQSVKEFLAKAKEDFLKKWENPAQNTAHL
The number of amino-acids present is 20
A is present 23 times
C is present 2 times
D is present 18 times
E is present 27 times
F is present 25 times
G is present 22 times
H is present 9 times
I is present 21 times
K is present 34 times
L is present 32 times
M is present 8 times
N is present 17 times
P is present 14 times
Q is present 14 times
R is present 15 times
S is present 16 times
T is present 14 times
V is present 20 times
W is present 6 times
Y is present 14 times
Amino C has the lowest freq. ( 2 )
Amino K has the highest freq. ( 34 )
```

```
protein = ""MGNAAAAKKGSEQSVKEFLAKAKEDFLKKWENPAQNTAHLDQFERIKTLGTGSFGRVML
VKHMETGNHYAMKILDQKQVVKLKQIEHTLNEKRILQAVNFPFLVKLEFSFKDNSNLYMV
MEYVPGGEMFSLHRRIGRFSEPHARFYAAQIVLTFEYLHSLDLIYRDLKPENLLIDQQGY
IQVTDGFGAKRVKGRWTLCGTPEYLAPEIILSGYKAVDWWALGVLIYEMAAGYPPFF
ADQPIQIYEKIVSGKVRFPSPHFSSDLKDLLRNLLQVDLTKRFGNLTGNDIKNHKWFAT
TDWIAIYQQRKEAPFIPKFKGPGDTSNFDYEEEEIRVSINEKCGKEFSEF""

protein = protein.replace("\n","")

print(protein)

amino_acids = dict()

for a in protein:
    if a in amino_acids:
        amino_acids[a] = amino_acids[a] + 1
    else:
        amino_acids[a] = 1

num_aminos = len(amino_acids)

print("The number of amino-acids present is ", num_aminos)
#let's get all aminoacids
#and sort them alphabetically
a_keys = list(amino_acids.keys())

a_keys.sort()

mostF = {"frequency" : 0, "aminoacid" : "-"}
leastF = {"frequency" : len(protein), "aminoacid" : "-"}

for a in a_keys:
    freq = amino_acids[a]
    if(mostF["frequency"] < freq):
        mostF["frequency"] = freq
        mostF["aminoacid"] = a

    if(leastF["frequency"] > freq):
        leastF["frequency"] = freq
        leastF["aminoacid"] = a
    print(a, " is present", freq, "times")

print("Amino", leastF["aminoacid"], "has the lowest freq. (",leastF["frequency"],")")
print("Amino", mostF["aminoacid"], "has the highest freq. (",mostF["frequency"],")")
```



Exercises

1. Given the following two lists of integers: [1, 13, 22, 7, 43, 81, 77, 12, 15,21, 84,100] and [44,32,7, 100, 81, 13, 1, 21, 71]:
- 1. Sort the two lists
  - 2. Create a third list as intersection of the two lists (i.e. an element is in the intersection if it is present in both lists).
  - 3. Print the three lists.

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2. The sequence below is the Sars-Cov2 ORF1a polypeptin. 1. Count and print how many aminoacids it is composed of and 2. put in a dictionary all the indexes of the occurrences of the following four aminoacids: `TTLT`, `GFAV`, `KMLL` (i.e. the key of the dictionary is the sequence and the value is the list of all positions at which the four-mers appear).

```
ORF1a = ""MESLVPGFNEKTHVQLSLPVLQVRDVLVRGFGDSVEEVLSEARQHLKDGTGGLVEVEKGVLPQLQEPVVF
IKRSDARTAPGHVMVELVALEGIQYGRSGETLGLVPHVGEIPVAYRKVLLRKNNGKAGGHSYGADL
KSFDLGDELGTDYPYEDFQENWNTHKSSGVTRLMRELNGGAYTRYVDNNFCGPDGYPLECIKDLLARAGK
ASCTLSEQLDFIDTKRGVYCCREHEHETAMYTERSEKSYELQTPFEIKLAKKFDTFNGECPNFVFLNSI
IKTIQPRVEKKLDGFMGRISVYPVSPNECNQMLSTLTKCDHCGETSQGTGDFVKATCFECGTENLT
KEGATTCGYLPQNAVVKIYCPACHNSEVGPEHSLAEYHNESGLKTLIRKGGRTIAFGGCVFSYVGCHNKC
AYWPRASANIICNHTGVVGGSEGLNDNLLEILQKEKVNINIVGDFKLNEEIAIILASFSASTSAFVET
VKGLDYKAFKQIVESCNGFKVTGKAKKGAWNIGEQKSLSPLYAFASEAARVRSIFSRTLETAQNSVR
VLQKAAITILDGISQYSRLIDAMMFTSDLATNNLVMAVITGGVVQLTSQWLNTNIFGTVYEKLPVLDW
LEEFKEGVEFLRDGWEIVKFISTCACEIVGGQIVTCAKEIKESVQTFKKLVNKFALCADSIIGGAKL
KALNGETFVTHSGKLRKCVKSREETGLMPLKAPKEIIFLEGETLPTEVLTEEVVLTGDLQPLEQPT
SEAVEAPLVGTPVCINGLMLLEIKDTEKYCALAPNMVNTNTFTLKGGAFTKVFGDGTVEVQGYKSVN
ITFELDERIDKVLNEKCSAYTVELGTEVNEFACVAVADAVIKTLQPVSELLTFLGIDLDEWSMATYYLDE
SGEFKLASHMYCSFYPPDEDEEGDCHEEFEPSTQYEGTEDDYQKPLEFGATSAALQPEEEQEDWL
DDDSQQTGVQGGQDSEDNTTTITQIVTEVPQLEMLETPVQTIENVNFSGYLKLTONVYIKNADIVEEAK
VKPPTVVVNAANVYLKHGGGVAGALNKATNNAMQVESDDYATNGPLKVGSGCVLSGHNLAHKCHLVHVP
NVNKGEDIQLKSAYENFNQHEVLLAPLLSAGIFGADPTHSLRVCVDTVRTNVYLVAVFDKNLYDKLVSSF
LEMSEKQVEQKIAEIPKEEVKPIETESKPSVEQRKQDKKIKACVEEVTTLEETKFLTENLLLYIDIN
GNLHPDSATVSDIITFLKDDAPYIVGDVVQGVGLTAVVPTPKAGGTTMLAKALRKVPDNTYITTP
GQGLNGYTVEEAKTVLKKCSAFYILPSIISNEKQILGTVSNLREMLAHAEETRLMPVCVETKAIVS
TIQRKYGKIQEGGVVDYGARFYEYTSKTTVASLINTLNDLNETLVTMPLGYVTHGLNLEEAARYMRSLK
VPATVSVSSPDVATYNGYLTSSSKTPEEHFIETISLAGSYKOWSYSGQSTQLGIEFLKRGDKSVYITSN
PTTFHLDGEVITFDNLKTLTSLREVRTIKVFTVDNINLHTQVDMSTYQQFGPTYLDGADVTKIKPH
NSHEGKTFYVLPNDOTLVEAFEYHYHTDPSFLGRYMSALNHTKKWYQPVNGLTSIKWADNVCYLALAT
LTQQIQLKFNPPALQDAYYRAGEAANFALILAYCNKTYGELGDVRETMYSYLFQHANLDSCKRVLNV
VCKTCGQQQTGTVLGEAVMYMGTLSYEQFKKGVPCTCGKQATKYLVQGESPFVMSAPPAQYELKHGT
FTCASEYTGNYQCGHYKHITSKTLICYIDGALLTKSSEYKGPITDVFYKENSYTTIKPVTYKLDGVVCT
```