

Python Tuple - Complete Explanation

A tuple in Python is an ordered, immutable collection of items. It is similar to a list but cannot be changed once created.

Basic Syntax:

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 'Python', 4.5)
```

Key Features:

- Ordered and indexed
- Immutable (cannot be changed)
- Allows duplicates
- Can hold different data types

Creation Methods:

1. Using (): `my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)`
2. Using `tuple()`: `my_tuple = tuple([1, 2, 3])`
3. Single-element tuple: `my_tuple = (5,)`
4. Empty tuple: `my_tuple = ()`

Accessing Elements:

```
print(my_tuple[0])  
print(my_tuple[-1])
```

Slicing:

```
print(my_tuple[1:4])  
print(my_tuple[::-1]) # Reverse
```

Immutability:

Once created, tuples cannot be modified. Example:

```
my_tuple[1] = 10 # ■ This will cause an error
```

Looping Through Tuple:

```
for item in my_tuple:  
    print(item)
```

Tuple Operations:

- Concatenation: `(1, 2) + (3, 4)`
- Repetition: `(1, 2) * 3`
- Membership: `2 in (1, 2, 3)`
- Length: `len(my_tuple)`
- Counting and Indexing: `my_tuple.count(2)`, `my_tuple.index(3)`

Tuple Packing and Unpacking:

```
person = ('Gaurav', 21, 'CSE')  
name, age, branch = person
```

Nested Tuples:

```
nested = ((1, 2), (3, 4))  
print(nested[1][0]) # Output: 3
```

Advantages of Tuples Over Lists:

- Faster performance (due to immutability)
- Can be used as keys in dictionaries (lists cannot)
- Protects data from accidental modification

Example - Returning Multiple Values from a Function:

```
def stats(a, b):  
    return (a + b, a * b)
```

```
result = stats(3, 4)
print(result) # Output: (7, 12)
```

Summary:

Create: `t = (1, 2, 3)`

Access: `t[0]`

Length: `len(t)`

Count: `t.count(2)`

Index: `t.index(3)`

Combine: `t1 + t2`

Repeat: `t * 2`

Unpack: `a, b = (1, 2)`