IbraFSG™ 3 - Week 7; List Comprehensions

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Welcome back to IbraFSGs™

- Welcome back to IbraFSGs™! Hello to new people and welcome back to tenured members.

- This week we will be discussing *list comprehensions*.

- List Comprehensions are a way to create lists in Python using very little code. They are a very powerful tool that you will use in the future (A2)

Quick House Keeping Notes: Would you rather IbraFSGs™ continue to provide harder, "worst-case-scenario" midterm-style problems, or would you like to see more "real-world" problems?

Today I've tried to mix the two together, but I'd like to know your thoughts.

A Recap of the UltraSheet™

- An *UltraSheet™* is a "cheat sheet" that you compile for **yourself** to review course materials
  - Sharing UltraSheets™ is **counter-productive** and **will not help you learn the material**
  - However, reviewing content in a group and simultaneously updating your UltraSheets™ is a good idea
- It acts like your own personalized textbook chapter
  - It allows you to **regurgitate all the course information in a contigous, organized manner** and helps you **find gaps in your knowledge**
- UltraSheets™ help with type 1 and 2 questions
  - Can you remember what type 1 and 2 questions are?

Midterm Debrief

How did the midterm go! In parciular:

- Which course content did the midterm emphasize?
- Which types of questions did you notice were emphasized? (Type I, II, III)
- Which studying tactics worked? Which ones didn't?
- What will you do differently for next time?

Key Terms

- **List Comprehension:** A way to create lists in Python using very little code.

- **Expression:** A piece of code that returns a value.

- **Iterable:** An object that can be iterated over.

...Yeah that's about it for this week. **Note:** Your UltraSheets™ should be filled with examples and explanations of these terms, and specifically how they relate to List Comprehensions.

A Trick to Understanding List Comprehensions

List Comprehensions may seem scary at first, but they are actually quite simple. The trick to understanding them is to relate them to MAT102: Example:

$$\{x^2 : x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}\} \qquad \Longleftrightarrow \qquad$$

```
[x**2 for x in range(6)]
```

Fun Fact: You can include conditionals in list comprehensions, and items to be added if the condition is not met! Example:

```
[x**2 for x in range(6) if x % 2 == 0 else x**3]
```

would return a list like this:

```
[0, 1, 4, 27, 16, 125]
```

Practice Problem I: Loop2LstComp

Convert the following for loops to an equivalent list comprehension:

```python
# Q1:
lst = []
for i in songs: # songs is an arbitrary list of Song
    objects; implementation is irrelevant for this
    question
  lst.append(i.title)
# Q2:
filter = []
for song in songs:
    if song.is_liked():
        filter.append(song)
```

Practice Problem I: Loop2LstComp (hard mode)

```python
# Q3 (aka the end of all of you)
lst = []
for song in songs:
  if song.genre == "Rock":
    filter.append("Rock on!")
  elif song.genre == "Pop":
    filter.append("Pop on!")
  elif song.genre == "Love":
    filter.append("No Swifties Allowed")
  else:
    filter.append("euuuh, brother euuuh")
```

Hint: You can't use `elif` in a List Comprehension, but you can use `if` and `else`. How can we replicate the `elif` functionality using only `if` and `else`?

Hint 2: Start by eliminating `elif` in the original problem

Hint 3: Think of the chain rule from MAT135

Practice Problem II: List Comprehensions IRL

Remember our Deepcopy method from last week? Let's implement it using a list comprehension!

Recall the recursive step of the deepcopy method:

```python
to_return = []
for i in range(len(lst)):
    to_return.append(deep_copy(lst[i]))
return to_return
```

Debrief: Complexity Analysis

Hash the following out in your groups:

- What is the time complexity of a list comprehension?
- What is the time complexity of the for-loop equivalent of a list comprehension?
- Given the above, which is faster? Why?

A final challenge...

Recall from last week our challenge problem:

Sharon Goodwin delves into Python in her free time. She's trying to create a series of recursive functions that mutually recurse over each other to determine whether a positive integer is even or odd. Help her create these two functions.

RESTRICTIONS:

- You are **NOT** allowed to use **ANY** of Python's integer operations **EXCEPT** subtraction.
- You may **NOT** use **Modulo**.
- Each function must have **EXACTLY** one base-case.
- You **MUST** use mutual recursion.
- You **MAY NOT** use any helper methods.

A final challenge...

Continue solving this problem today:

```python
def is_even(num: int) -> bool:
    """
    Method which uses mutual recursion to determine
    whether an integer is even or odd.
    """
    # TODO: Implement this method with a recursive
    call to is_odd


def is_odd(num: int) -> bool:
    """
    Method which uses mutual recursion to determine
    whether an integer is even or odd.
    """
        # TODO: Implement this method with a recursive
    call to is_even
```