

Section 4.5.2, Miller 3rd ed, Mode (the most frequently occurring value)

Examples of different modes:

Mode of [1, 2, 4, 2, 9, 2, 7] → 2
Mode of ['a', 'b', 'c', 'a', 'b'] → 'a' and 'b'
Mode of [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6] → 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Mode of ['Ben', 'Ben', 'Ben', 'Ben', 'Ben'] → 'Ben'

Algorithm to compute mode

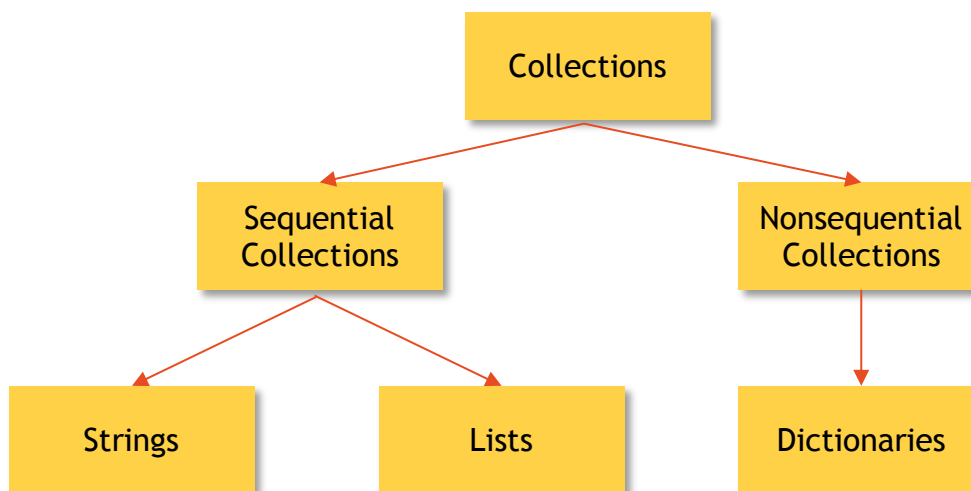
1. Go through list - count how many times each item appears
[4, 1, 2, 4, 2, 9, 9, 4, 2, 7]

Item	Count
4	
1	
2	
9	
7	

2. Find max count
Max count: 3
3. Go through counts and find every item with that count
4 and 2 both have count 3
Mode is 4 and 2

Dictionary

Implement algorithm with a Python dictionary



1. Dictionary contains key:value pairs
Pairs are written inside { }

2. Simple example - ages

Dictionary literal

```
ages = {'sean':27, 'rebekah':33, 'connor':20}
```

→ ages: {'sean': 27, 'rebekah': 33, 'connor': 20}

give a key - get the value

```
ages['rebekah'] → 33
```

Change value with assignment

```
ages['connor'] = 21
```

→ ages: {'sean': 27, 'rebekah': 33, 'connor': 21}

```
ages['sean'] += 1
```

→ ages: {'sean': 28, 'rebekah': 33, 'connor': 21}

Add a new key:value pair the same way

```
ages['grace'] = 25
```

→ ages: {'sean': 28, 'rebekah': 33, 'connor': 21, 'grace': 25}

Not guaranteed to be stored in any particular order
(It's a non-sequential collection)

len gives the number of key:value pairs

```
len(ages) → 4
```

3. Dictionary Methods

```
ages = {'sean':27, 'rebekah':33, 'connor':20, 'grace':25}
```

keys()

```
ages.keys() → dict_keys(['sean', 'rebekah', 'connor', 'grace'])
```

Similar to:

```
list(ages) → ['sean', 'rebekah', 'connor', 'grace']
```

values()

```
ages.values() → dict_values([27, 33, 20, 25])
```

`ages.items()`

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→ Returns: dict_items([('sean', 27), ('rebekah', 33), ('connor', 20), ('grace', 25)])

Iterating over key:value pairs

for key in ages:

 print(f'{key} is {ages[key]} years old')

sean is 27 years old

rebekah is 33 years old

connor is 20 years old

grace is 25 years old

This is more "Pythonic" - Uses Multiple Assignment

for key, value in ages.items():

 print(f'{key} is {value} years old')

sean is 27 years old

rebekah is 33 years old

connor is 20 years old

grace is 25 years old

get(key) returns value for key, None if key not found

`ages.get('rebekah')`

→ 33

`ages.get('marie')`

→ None

Similar to:

`ages['rebekah']`

→ 33

`ages['marie']`

→ KeyError

get(key, alternate) returns value for key, "alternate" if key not found

`ages.get('sean', 'not found')`

→ 27

`ages.get('marie', 'not found')`

→ 'not found'

4. Dictionary Containment

key in dictionary / key not in dictionary

`'sean' in ages`

→ True

`'sean' not in ages`

→ False

`'marie' in ages`

→ False

`'marie' not in ages`

→ True

5. Removing key:value Pair from Dictionary

```
ages → {'sean': 27, 'rebekah': 33, 'connor': 20, 'grace': 25}
```

```
del ages['rebekah']
```

```
ages → {'sean': 27, 'connor': 20, 'grace': 25}
```

6. Ways to create a dictionary

An Empty Dictionary

```
ages {} → {}  
ages['sean'] = 27 → {'sean': 27}
```

Dictionary Literal - what we've seen

```
ages = {'sean': 27, 'rebekah': 33, 'connor': 20, 'grace': 25}  
→ ages: {'sean': 27, 'rebekah': 33, 'connor': 20, 'grace': 25}
```

Using initializer with (key, value) pairs

```
ages = dict([('sean', 27), ('molly', 31), ('pat', 29), ('grace', 25)])  
→ ages: {'sean': 27, 'molly': 31, 'pat': 29, 'grace': 25}
```

Using zip function

```
keys = ['pat', 'grace', 'molly']  
values = [29, 25, 31]
```

```
zip(keys, values) → Returns: <zip object>
```

```
list(zip(keys, values)) → [('pat', 29), ('grace', 25), ('molly', 31)]
```

```
ages = dict(zip(keys, values)) → ages: {'pat': 29, 'grace': 25, 'molly': 31}
```

7. More on zip

First list is shorter

```
list(zip([1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']))  
→ [(1, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (3, 'c')]
```

Second list is shorter

```
list(zip([1, 2, 3, 4], ['a', 'b', 'c']))  
→ [(1, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (3, 'c')]
```

More than one list

```
list(zip([1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b', 'c'], [7, 8, 9]))  
→ [(1, 'a', 7), (2, 'b', 8), (3, 'c', 9)]
```