

SICP

God's Programming Book

Lecture-09 Containers



Containers

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Lists

(Demo)

Working with Lists

```
>>> digits = [1, 8, 2, 8]
```

The number of elements

```
>>> len(digits)
4
```

An element selected by its index

```
>>> digits[3]
8
```

Concatenation and repetition

```
>>> [2, 7] + digits * 2
[2, 7, 1, 8, 2, 8, 1, 8, 2, 8]
```

Nested lists

```
>>> pairs = [[10, 20], [30, 40]]
>>> pairs[1]
[30, 40]
>>> pairs[1][0]
30
```

```
>>> digits = [2//2, 2+2+2+2, 2, 2*2*2]
```

```
>>> getitem(digits, 3)
8
```

```
>>> add([2, 7], mul(digits, 2))
[2, 7, 1, 8, 2, 8, 1, 8, 2, 8]
```

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Built-in operators for testing whether an element appears in a compound value

```
>>> digits = [1, 8, 2, 8]
>>> 1 in digits
True
>>> 8 in digits
True
>>> 5 not in digits
True
>>> not(5 in digits)
True
```

For Statements

Sequence Iteration

```
def count(s, value):  
    total = 0  
    for element in s:
```

Name bound in the first frame
of the current environment
(not a new frame)

```
        if element == value:  
            total = total + 1  
    return total
```


For Statement Execution Procedure

```
for <name> in <expression>:  
    <suite>
```

1. Evaluate the header <expression>, which must yield an iterable value (a sequence)
2. For each element in that sequence, in order:
 - A. Bind <name> to that element in the current frame
 - B. Execute the <suite>

Sequence Unpacking in For Statements

A sequence of
fixed-length sequences

```
>>> pairs = [[1, 2], [2, 2], [3, 2], [4, 4]]
```

```
>>> same_count = 0
```

A name for each element in a
fixed-length sequence

Each name is bound to a value, as in
multiple assignment

```
>>> for x, y in pairs:  
...     if x == y:  
...         same_count = same_count + 1
```

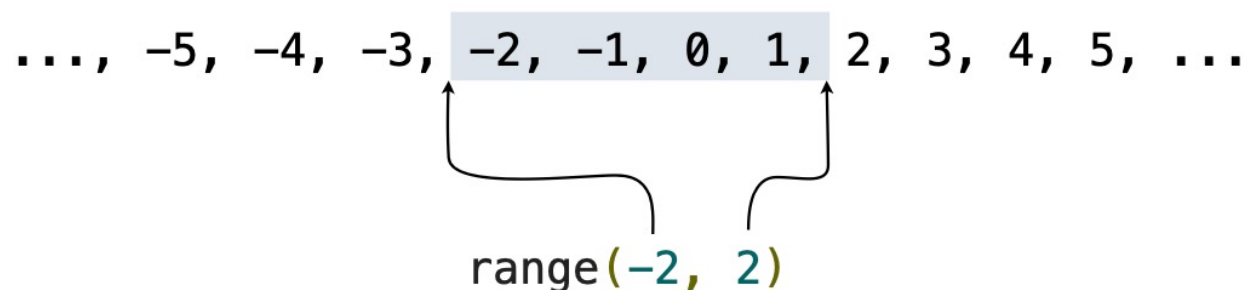
```
>>> same_count  
2
```

Ranges

The Range Type

A range is a sequence of consecutive integers.

- Ranges can actually represent more general integer sequences.



Length: ending value - starting value

Element selection: starting value + index

The Range Type

```
>>> list(range(-2, 2))  
[-2, -1, 0, 1]
```

List constructor

```
>>> list(range(4))  
[0, 1, 2, 3]
```

Range with a 0 starting value

Recursive Sums

(Demo)

List Comprehensions

(Demo)

List Comprehensions

```
[<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp> if <filter exp>]
```

Short version:

```
[<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp>]
```

A combined expression that evaluates to a list using this evaluation procedure:

1. Add a new frame with the current frame as its parent
2. Create an empty result list that is the value of the expression
3. For each element in the iterable value of `<iter exp>`:
 - A. Bind `<name>` to that element in the new frame from step 1
 - B. If `<filter exp>` evaluates to a true value, then add the value of `<map exp>` to the result list

Strings

Strings are an Abstraction

Representing data:

`'200'` `'1.2e-5'` `'False'` `'[1, 2]'`

Representing language:

```
"""And, as imagination bodies forth  
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen  
Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing  
A local habitation and a name.  
"""
```

Representing programs:

```
'curry = lambda f: lambda x: lambda y: f(x, y)'
```

String Literals Have Three Forms

```
>>> 'I am string!'
'I am string!'
```

```
>>> "I've got an apostrophe"
"I've got an apostrophe"
```

Single-quoted and double-quoted strings are equivalent

```
>>> '您好'
'您好'
```

```
>>> """The Zen of Python
claims, Readability counts.
Read more: import this."""
'The Zen of Python\nclaims, Readability counts.\nRead more: import this.'
```

A backslash "escapes" the following character

"Line feed" character represents a new line

Reversing a String

(Demo)

Thanks for Listening
