### Introduction to



### with Application to Bioinformatics

- Day 5

### Sharing code

#### Hackmd

- Pair programming section
   Share code snippet
  - Pastebin

Collaboration space for notebooks

Colab

Share codebase - Advanced option

• Github

### Review

- Lists
- Create a list named letters\_list containing the elements 'a', 'b', 'c'.
- Reverse the list letters\_list
- Dictionaries
  - Create a dictionary called letters\_dict containing the keys a and b. Both should have the value 1.
  - Change the value of a to 2.
- Formatting
  - Set the variable title to "A movie"
  - Set the variable rating to 10.
  - Use formatting to produce the following string:

"The movie A movie got rating 10!"

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# Create a list containing the elements `'a'`, `'b'`, `'c'`
In [16]:
# Reverse it
```

```
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In [13]:

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### **TODAY**

- review
- regex
- sumup

## Review Day 4

- More control!
  - variables scope
  - None
  - keyword arguments
  - documentation, comments...
- Pandas

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None

```
In [21]:
```

```
# `None` means "nothing". Use it to check your variables

variable = None
if variable:
    print('if variable')
if not variable:
    print('if not variable')
if variable is not None:
    print('if variable is not None')
if variable is None:
    print('if variable is None')
```

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### **Keyword arguments**

```
open(filename, encoding="utf-8")
```

open(file, mode='r', buffering=-1, encoding=None, errors=None, newline=None, closefd=True, opener=None)

### Documentation and getting help

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- write comments # why do I do this?
- write documentation """what is this? how do you use it?"""

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Care about the names of your variables and functions

### **Pandas**

Read tables

```
dataframe = pandas.read_table('mydata.txt', sep='|', index_col=0)
dataframe = pandas.read_csv('mydata.csv')
```

• Select rows and colums

```
dataframe.columname
dataframe.loc[rowname]
dataframe.loc[dataframe.age == 20 ]
```

• Plot it

```
dataframe.plot(kind='line', x='column1', y='column2')
```

### **TODAY**

- Regular expressions
- Sum up of the course

- A smarter way of searching text
- search&replace
- Relatively advanced topic

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- Examples:
  - Find variations in a protein or DNA sequence
    - "MVR???A"
    - o "ATG???TAG"
  - American/British spelling, endings and other variants:
    - salpeter, salpetre, saltpeter, nitre, niter or KNO3
    - hemaglobin, heamoglobin, hemaglobins, heamoglobin's
    - o catalyze, catalyse, catalyzed...
  - A pattern in a vcf file
    - o a digit appearing after a tab

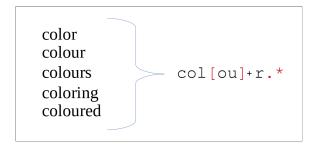
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### Defining a search pattern



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- https://regexr.com/

### → Notebook Day\_5\_Exercise\_1 (~30 minutes)

Regular expressions in Python

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```
In [22]:
    import re

In [23]:
    p = re.compile('ab*')
    p

Out[23]:
    re.compile(r'ab*', re.UNICODE)
```

```
In [34]:
                     p = re.compile('ab*')
                     p.search('abc')
Out[34]:
                     <re.Match object; span=(0, 2), match='ab'>
In [35]:
                     print(p.search('cb'))
                     None
In [36]:
                     p = re.compile('HELLO')
                     m = p.search('gsdfgsdfgs HELLO __!@£$≈[|ÅÄÖ,...'fi]')
                     print(m)
                     <re.Match object; span=(12, 17), match='HELLO'>
```

## **Case insensitiveness**

```
In [37]:

p = re.compile('[a-z]+')
result = p.search('ATGAAA')
print(result)
```

None

## Case insensitiveness

result.group() : Return the string matched by the expression
result.start() : Return the starting position of the match
result.end() : Return the ending position of the match
result.span() : Return both (start, end)

```
In [41]:
                  p = re.compile('[a-z]+', re.IGNORECASE)
                  result = p.search('123 ATGAAA 456')
Out[41]:
                  <re.Match object; span=(4, 10), match='ATGAAA'>
            result.group(): Return the string matched by the expression
            result.start(): Return the starting position of the match
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Out[43]:
```

In [44]:	result.end()	
Out[44]:	10	)
In [45]:	result.span()	
Out[45]:	(4, 10)	1

```
In [46]:
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```

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The \* is **greedy**.

# Finding all the matching patterns

```
In [49]:

p = re.compile('HELLO')
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print(objects)

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In [50]:
                      for m in objects:
                          print(f'Found {m.group()} at position {m.start()}')
                      Found HELLO at position 14
                      Found HELLO at position 32
In [51]:
                      objects = p.finditer('lots of text HELLO more text HELLO ... and characters!!! ^^')
                      for m in objects:
                          print('Found {} at position {}'.format(m.group(), m.start()))
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# How to find a full stop?

```
In [52]:

txt = "The first full stop is here: ."
p = re.compile('.')

m = p.search(txt)
print('"{}" at position {}'.format(m.group(), m.start()))
```

"T" at position 0

## How to find a full stop?

# More operations

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salt?pet(er|re) | nit(er|re) | KNO3

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```
In [54]:

txt = "Do it becuase I say so, not becuase you want!"
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In [54]:
                     txt = "Do it becuase I say so,
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In [55]:
                     import re
                     p = re.compile('becuase')
                     txt = p.sub('because', txt)
                     print(txt)
                     Do it
                            because I say so,
                                                   not because you want!
In [56]:
                     p = re.compile('\s+')
                     p.sub(' ', txt)
Out[56]:
                     'Do it because I say so, not because you want!'
```

#### Overview

• Construct regular expressions

```
p = re.compile()
```

Searching

```
p.search(text)
```

• Substitution

```
p.sub(replacement, text)
```

## **Typical code structure:**

```
p = re.compile( ... )
m = p.search('string goes here')
if m:
    print('Match found: ', m.group())
else:
    print('No match')
```

## Regular expressions

- A powerful tool to search and modify text
- There is much more to read in the docs
- Note: regex comes in different flavours. If you use it outside Python, there might be small variations in the syntax.

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Read more: full documentation https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/re.html → Notebook Day\_5\_Exercise\_2 (~30 minutes)

Sum up!

## **Processing files - looping through the lines**

```
fh = open('myfile.txt')
for line in fh:
    do_stuff(line)
```

#### **Store values**

```
iterations = 0
information = []

fh = open('myfile.txt', 'r')
for line in fh:
    iterations += 1
    information += do_stuff(line)
```

#### **Values**

• Base types:

```
- str "hello"
- int 5
- float 5.2
- bool True
```

• Collections:

```
- list ["a", "b", "c"]
- dict {"a": "alligator", "b": "bear", "c": "cat"}
- tuple ("this", "that")
- set {"drama", "sci-fi"}
```

#### **Assign values**

```
iterations = 0
score = 5.2
```

## Compare and membership

```
+, -, *,... # mathematical
and, or, not # logical
==, != # comparisons
<, >, <=, >= # comparisons
in # membership
```

```
In [57]:
```

```
value = 4
nextvalue = 1
nextvalue += value
print('nextvalue: ', nextvalue, 'value: ', value)
```

```
nextvalue: 5 value: 4
```

```
In [57]:
                      value = 4
                      nextvalue = 1
                      nextvalue += value
                      print('nextvalue: ', nextvalue, 'value: ', value)
                      nextvalue: 5 value: 4
In [58]:
                     y = 7
                      x > 6 and y == 7 or z > 1
Out[58]:
                      True
In [59]:
                      (x > 6 \text{ and } y == 7) \text{ or } z > 1
Out[59]:
                      True
```

Works like a list of characters

```
s += "more words" # add content

s[4] # get character at index 4

'e' in s # check for membership

len(s) # check size
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```
> s[2] = 'i'
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

#### Raw text

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• Regular expressions help you find and replace strings.

```
p = re.compile('A.A.A')
p.search(dnastring)

p = re.compile('T')
p.sub('U', dnastring)
```

```
import re
p = re.compile('p.*\sp') # the greedy star!
p.search('a python programmer writes python code').group()
```

Out[60]:

 $\verb|'python programmer writes p'|\\$ 

#### **Collections**

Can contain strings, integer, booleans...

- Mutable: you can add, remove, change values
  - Lists:

```
mylist.append('value')
```

■ Dicts:

```
mydict['key'] = 'value'
```

Sets:

```
myset.add('value')
```

### **Collections**

• Test for membership:

value **in** myobj

• Check size:

len(myobj)

### Lists

• Ordered!

```
todolist = ["work", "sleep", "eat", "work"]

todolist.sort()
todolist.reverse()
todolist[2]
todolist[-1]
todolist[2:6]
```

```
In [61]:
                    todolist = ["work", "sleep", "eat", "work"]
In [62]:
                    todolist.sort()
                    print(todolist)
                    ['eat', 'sleep', 'work', 'work']
In [63]:
                    todolist.reverse()
                    print(todolist)
                    ['work', 'work', 'sleep', 'eat']
In [64]:
                    todolist[2]
Out[64]:
                    'sleep'
In [65]:
                    todolist[-1]
Out[65]:
                    'eat'
In [66]:
```

todolist[2:]

Out[66]:

['sleep', 'eat']

### **Dictionaries**

• Keys have values

```
mydict = {"a": "alligator", "b": "bear", "c": "cat"}
counter = {"cats": 55, "dogs": 8}

mydict["a"]
mydict.keys()
mydict.values()
```

```
Out[67]:
```

```
{'cats': 2, 'others': 2}
```

### Sets

- Bag of values
  - No order
  - No duplicates
  - Fast membership checks
  - Logical set operations (union, difference, intersection...)

```
myset = {"drama", "sci-fi"}
myset.add("comedy")
myset.remove("drama")
```

```
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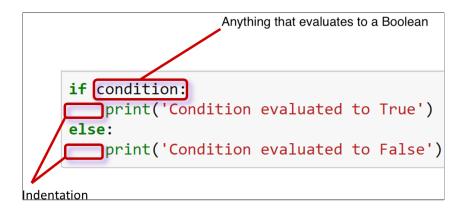
# Deciding what to do

```
if count > 10:
    print('big')
elif count > 5:
    print('medium')
else:
    print('small')
```

```
In [75]:
```

Better to stay at home

# Deciding what to do - if statement



# Program flow - for loops

```
information = []
fh = open('myfile.txt', 'r')

for line in fh:
    if is_comment(line):
        use_comment(line)
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### Program flow - while loops

```
keep_going = True
information = []
index = 0

while keep_going:
    current_line = lines[index]
    information += read_line(current_line)
    index += 1
    if check_something(current_line):
        keep_going = False
```

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### Different types of loops

### For loop

is a control flow statement that performs operations over a known amount of steps.

### While loop

is a control flow statement that allows code to be executed repeatedly based on a given Boolean condition.

#### Which one to use?

For loops - standard for iterations over lists and other iterable objects

While loops - more flexible and can iterate an unspecified number of times

```
In [76]:
    user_input = "thank god it's friday"
    for letter in user_input:
        print(letter.upper())
```

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```

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```

```
i = 0
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# **Controlling loops**

- break stop the loop
- continue go on to the next iteration

```
In [78]:
```

```
user_input = "thank god it's friday"
for letter in user_input:
    print(letter.upper())
    if letter == 'd':
        break
```

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While loops may be infinite!

### Input/Output

```
In:
Read files: fh = open(filename, 'r')
for line in fh:
fh.read()
fh.readlines()
Read information from command line: sys.argv[1:]
Out:
Write files: fh = open(filename, 'w')
fh.write(text)
```

Printing: print('my\_information')

# Input/Output

- Open files should be closed:
  - fh.close()

### **Code structure**

- Functions
- Modules

#### **Functions**

A named piece of code that performs a certain task.

- Is given a number of input arguments
  - to be used (are in scope) within the function body
- Returns a result (maybe None)

### Functions - keyword arguments

```
def prettyprinter(name, value, delim=":", end=None):
   out = "The " + name + " is " + delim + " " + value
   if end:
      out += end
   return out
```

- used to set default values (often None)
- can be skipped in function calls
- improve readability

### Using your code

Any longer pieces of code that have been used and will be re-used should be saved

- Save it as a file .py
- To run it: python3 mycode.py
- Import it: import mycode

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- Try to keep your code readable: use informative variable and function names

```
def count_variants(infile, out):
    out = open(out,"w")
    out = out =
```

## Why programming?

Endless possibilities!

- reverse complement DNA
- custom filtering of VCF files
- plotting of results
- all excel stuff!

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- You will get faster

### Final advice (for real)

- Getting help
  - ask colleauges
  - talk about your problem (get a rubber duck https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rubber\_duck\_debugging)
  - search the web
  - NBIS drop-ins

Now you know Python!



Well done!