Mutable and Immutable Objects

Lecture 7

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Introduction

- Mutable: It is the ability of objects to change their values.
 - Example: List, Set and Dictionary.
- Immutable: If an object cannot be changed its values over time.
 - Example: Strings and Tuples.
- Elementary forms of data such as numeric and Boolean are called scalar data types.
- Several applications require more complex forms of data. For example;
 - The name of a person
 - A coordinates of a point
 - A set of objects, or
 - A list of personal records of individuals.

Lists

- A list is an ordered sequence of values. It is a non-scalar type.
- A list can store values of heterogeneous type:
 - string
 - integer
 - float
 - list
- Example, a list may be used to store the names of subjects:
 - >>> **subjects** = ['Hindi', 'English', 'Maths', 'History']
- The elements of a list are enclosed in square brackets, separated by commas.
- Elements of a list are arranged in a sequence beginning index 0, just like characters in a string.

Lists (Cont.)

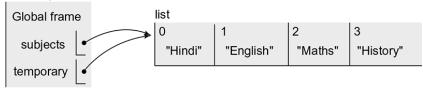
Representation of the list "subjects" as in PythonTutor.



- Function id() returns object identifier for the list object subjects:
 >>> id(subjects)
 - 57135752
- Different variables may refer to the same list object
 - >>> temporary = subjects
 - >>> id(*temporary*)
 - 57135752

Lists (Cont.)

- Each of the names **subjects** and **temporary** is associated with the same list object having object id = 57135752.
- PythonTutor representation of the lists subjects and temporary, at this point, is shown below:



 This method of accessing an object by different names is known as aliasing.

Lists (Cont.)

 Modifying the component *temporary*[0] of the list *temporary*, the change is also reflected in *subjects*[0] as shown below:

```
>>> temporary[0] = 'Sanskrit'

>>> print(temporary)

['Sanskrit', 'English', 'Math', 'History']

>>> print(subjects)

['Sanskrit', 'English', 'Math', 'History']

>>> print(id(subjects), id(temporary))

57135752 57135752
```

Two-dimensional Lists

- Two-dimensional list: List of lists
- **Example**: A list of subjects and their corresponding subject codes.

- A list of lists such as subjectCodes, each of whose elements itself is a list, is called a two-dimensional list.
- Thus, subjectCodes[1] being a list, its components may be accessed as subjectCodes[1][0] and subjectCodes[1][1]:
 >>> subjectCodes[1]
 ['English', 85]
 >>> print(subjectCodes[1][0], subjectCodes[1][1])
 English 85

Lists as User-Input

- For this purpose, we use the function input for taking the input from the user, and subsequently apply the function eval for transforming the raw string to a list:
- For example:
 - >>> **details** = eval(input('Enter details of Megha: ')) Enter details of Megha: ['Megha Verma', 'C-55, Raj Nagar, Pitam Pura, Delhi - 110034', 9876543210]
 - >>> details

['Megha Verma', 'C-55, Raj Nagar, Pitam Pura, Delhi - 110034', 9876543210]

Lists Operations

Consider the following lists:

>>> list1, list2 = ['Red', 'Green'], [10, 20, 30]

Operation	Example
Multiplication	>>> list2 * 2
Operator *	[10, 20, 30, 10, 20, 30]
Concatenation Operator +	>>> list1=list1 + ['Blue']
	>>> list1
	['Red', 'Green', 'Blue']
Length	>>> len(list1)
Operator len	3
Indexing	>>> list2[-1]
	30
Slicing Syntax: start:end:inc	>>> list2[0:2]
	[10, 20]
	>>> list2[0:3:2]
	[10, 30]
Function min	>>> min(list2)
	10

Lists Operations (Cont.)

Consider the following lists:

Operation	Example
Function max	>>> max(list1)
Function max	'Red'
Function sum (Not defined	>>> sum(list2)
on strings)	60
Mambarahin anaratar in	>>> 40 in list2
Membership operator in	False

Lists Operations (Cont.)

 The membership operator "in" may be used in a "for" loop for sequentially iterating over each element in the list.

Example 1:

```
>>> students = ['Ram', 'Shyam', 'Gita', 'Sita']
>>> for name in students:
print(name)
```

Ram

Shyam

Gita

Sita

Lists Operations (Cont.)

• Example 2:

Lists Built-in Functions

- Many of these functions are used to modify the list. Example:
 - append(e): Insert the element "e" at the end of list L. Example:

```
>>> a = [10, 20, 30, 40]
>>> a.append(35)
>>> a
[10, 20, 30, 40, 35]
```

extend(L2): Insert the item in sequence L2 at the end of list L. Example:

```
>>> a = [10, 20, 30]

>>> a.extend([35, 40])

>>> a

[10, 20, 30, 35, 40]

>>> a.extend('abc')

>>> a

[10, 20, 30, 35, 40, 'a', 'b', 'c']
```

Lists Built-in Functions

- Many of these functions are used to modify the list. Example:
 - pop(i): Removes and return the element from the list **L** at index "i". >>> a = [10, 20, 30, 10, 50, 20, 60, 20, 30, 55]

```
>> a.pop(3)
```

10

>>> a.pop(3)

50

>>> a

[10, 20, 30, 20, 60, 20, 30, 55]

emove(e): Removes the first occurrence of the element e from the list.

```
>>> a.remove(20)
```

>>> a

[10, 30, 20, 60, 20, 30, 55]

del: Removes a subsequence of elements (*start:end:increment*) from the list.

```
>>> del a[2:6:2]
```

>>> a

[10, 30, 60, 30, 55]



Lists Built-in Functions: Case Study

- >>> names = ['Ram', 'Shyam', 'Sita', 'Gita', 'Sita']>>> rollNums = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
- Remove a student entry "Shyam" from the lists:

```
>>> rollNums.pop(names.index('Shyam'))
2
>>> names.remove('Shyam')
>>> print(names, rollNums)
['Ram', 'Sita', 'Gita', 'Sita'] [1, 3, 4, 5]
```

Lists Built-in Functions

- Many of these functions are used to modify the list. Example:
 - reverse(): Reverses the order of elements in the list.
 - 2 sort(): Sorts the elements of list.

Example 1:

```
>>> names = ['Ram', 'Sita', 'Gita', 'Anya']
```

>>> names.sort()

>>> names

['Anya', 'Gita', 'Ram', 'Sita']

Example 2:

```
>>> names.sort(reverse = True)
```

>>> names

['Sita', 'Ram', 'Gita', 'Anya']

insert(i, e): Inserts element e at index i in list.

```
>>> names = ['Ram', 'Sita', 'Gita', 'Sita']
```

>>> names.inset(2, 'Shyam')

>>> names

['Ram', 'Sita', 'Shyam', 'Gita', 'Sita']

Lists Built-in Functions

- Functions such as count and index do not modify the list.
 - count(e): Returns count of occurrences of object e in the list L.
 >>> a = [10, 30, 20, 60, 20, 30, 55, 20]
 a.count(20)
 3
 - index(e): Returns index of an object e, if present in list.
- dir(list) outputs the list including all the functions that can be applied to objects of the type list.

List Comprehension

- List comprehension provides a shorthand notation for creating lists.
- **Example**: Create a list that contains cubes of numbers ranging from 1 to 10.

 Alternatively, a simple one line statement can be used for achieving the same task.

```
>>> cubes = [x**3 for x in range(1, end + 1)]
```

List Comprehension (Cont.)

 Example: Create a list comprising of student whose height exceed or equal a threshold.

Lists (List as Arguments)

```
1 def listUpdate(a, i, value):
   Objective: To change a value at a particular index in list
4
   Input Parameters:
5 a - list
6 i - index of the object in the list to be updated
7
   value - modified value at index i
   Return value: None'''
8
   a[i] = value
9
10
11 def main():
12
   Objective: To change a value at a particular index in list
13
   Input Parameters: None,
14
   Return value: None'''
15
   lst = [10, 20, 30, [40, 50]]
16
17
   listUpdate(lst, 1, 15)
18
   print(lst)
19
main()
```

Lists (List as Arguments)

- The function listUpdate updates the list a by replacing the object a[i] by value.
- The main function invokes the function listUpdate with the arguments lst, 1, and 15 corresponding to the formal parameters a, i, and value.
- As arguments are passed by reference, during execution of the function listUpdate, an access to the formal parameter a means access to the list lst created in the main function.
- Consequently, when we update the list a in the function listUpdate, it results in the corresponding update of the list Ist.
- Thus, the value at index 1 of the list lst gets updated to the value 15.

 assigning a list to another name does not create another copy of the list, instead it creates another reference

```
>>> list1 = [10, 20, [30, 40]]
>>> list2 = list1
```

 As the names list1 and list2 refer to the same list object, any changes made in the list will relate to both the names list1 and list2, for example:

```
>>> list1[1] = 22
>>> list1
[10, 22, [30, 40]]
>>> list2
[10, 22, [30, 40]]
```

 To create another instance of the list object having different storage, we need to import the copy module and invoke the function copy.copy():

```
>>> import copy
>>> list1 = [10, 20, [30, 40]]
>>> list3 = copy.copy(list1)
```

the copy function creates a new copy list3 of the list1.
 Consequently, on modifying list1[1], list3[1] remains unaltered:

```
>>> list1[1] = 25
>>> list1
[10, 25, [30, 40]]
>>> list3
[10, 20, [30, 40]]
```

- However, the copy function creates a shallow copy i.e. it does not create copies of the nested objects. Thus, the two lists share the same nested objects.
- list1[2] and list3[2] refer to the same nested list [30, 40].
- let us modify list1[2][0] in sub-list list1[2] of list list1 to value 35.

```
>>> list1[2][0] = 35
>>> list1
[10, 25, [35, 40]]
>>> list3
[10, 20, [35, 40]]
```

- To create a copy of a list object so that the nested objects (at all levels) get copied to new objects, we use the function deepcopy of the copy module:
- deepcopy(): To create a copy of a list including copies of the nested objects at all level

```
>>> import copy

>>> list1 = [10, 20, [30, 40]]

>>> list4 = copy.deepcopy(list1)

>>> list1[2][0] = 35

>>> list1

[10, 20, [35, 40]]

>>> list4

[10, 20, [30, 40]]
```

Lambda Expression

- Lambda expression is used for defining a short and anonymous functions.
- Syntax for lambda expression:lambda argument(s): expression
- Lambda expression can take any number of arguments, but only a one expression.
- Example 1: lambda expression to compute the cube of a number
 >>> cube = lambda x: x ** 3
 >>> cube(3)
 27
- Example 2: lambda expression to compute sum of cubes of two numbers

```
>>> sum2Cubes = lambda x, y: x**3 + y**3
>>> sum2Cubes(2, 3)
35
```

- Python provides several built-in functions based on expressions, which work faster than loop-based user defined code.
- The function map is used for transforming every value in a given sequence by applying a function to it.
- It takes two input arguments: the iterable object (i.e. object which can be iterated upon) to be processed and the function to be applied, and returns the map object obtained by applying the function to the list as follows:
- result = map(function, iterable object)
- The function to be applied may have been defined already, or it may be defined using a lambda expression which returns a function object.

Mapping every value in the sequence to its cube

```
>>> lst = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> list(map(lambda x: x ** 3, lst))
[1, 8, 27, 64, 125]
>>> list(map(cube, lst))
[1, 8, 27, 64, 125]
```

 We may also use any system defined or user-defined function as an argument of the map function, for example:

```
>>> list(map(abs, [-1, 2, -3, 4, 5])) [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

- Suppose we wish to compute the sum of cubes of all elements in a list.
- Adding elements of the list is a repetitive procedure of adding two elements at a time.
- The function reduce, available in functools module, may be used for this purpose. It takes two arguments: a function, and a iterable object, and applies the function on the iterable object to produce a single value:

```
>>> lstCubes = list(map(lambda x: x ** 3,lst))
>>> import functools
>>> sumCubes = functools.reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, lstCubes)
>>> sumCubes
```

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- To compute the sum of cubes of only those elements in the list lstCubes that are even.
- Thus, we need to filter the even elements from the list lstCubes
- Python provides the function filter that takes a function and a iterable object as the input parameters and returns only those elements from the iterable object for which function returns True.
- Since the function filter returns a filter object, we have used the function list to convert it to list.

```
>>> evenCubes = list(filter(lambda x: x%2== 0, lstCubes))
>>> evenCubes
    [8, 64]
>>> sumEvenCubes = functools.reduce(lambda x, y: x + y, evenCubes)
>>> sumEvenCubes
    72
```

Alternatively, the sum of odd cubes may be computed as follows:

```
>>> sumEvenCubes = functools.reduce(lambda x, y: x + y,
filter(lambda x: x%2 == 0, lstCubes))
>>> sumEvenCubes
72
```

 The functions map, reduce, and filter are often used to exploit the parallelism of the system to distribute computation to several processors.

Sets

- A comma separated unordered sequence of values enclosed within curly braces is called Set.
- Function set() is used to convert a sequence to a set.

```
>>> vowels = set('aeiou')
>>> vowels
{'e', 'a', 'o', 'u', 'i'}
>>> vehicles = set(['Bike', 'Car', 'Bicycle', 'Scooter'])
>>> vehicles
{'Scooter', 'Car', 'Bike', 'Bicycle'}
>>> digits = set((0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,8, 9))
>>> digits
{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}
```

Sets

- Elements of a set must be immutable.
- Set type does not support indexing, slicing, + operator, and * operator.
- We can iterate over elements of the set using in operator

```
>>> for v in vowels:
print(v, end = ' ')
e a o u i
```

 The functions min, max, sum, and len work for sets in the same manner as defined for lists.

```
>>> len(vehicles)
```

 The membership operator in checks whether an object is in the set.

```
>>> 'Bike' in vehicles
True
```

Sets (Functions)

 List of some important built-in functions that can be applied to sets.

Function	Description
S.add(e)	Adds the elements to the set S, if not present already.
S1.update(L1)	Add the items in object L1 to the set S1, if not already present.
S.remove(e)	Removes the element e from set S.
S.pop()	Removes an element from the set S.
S.clear()	Removes all elements from the set S.
S.copy()	Creates a copy of the set S.
S1.union(S2)	Returns union of the Sets S1 and S2.
S1.intersection(S2)	Returns a set containing common elements of sets S1 and S2.

Sets (Functions)

 List of some important built-in functions that can be applied to sets.

Function	Description
S1.difference(S2)	Returns a set containing elements
	in set S1 but not in set S2.
S1.symmetric_difference(S2)	•
	that are in one of the two sets S1 and S2, but not in both.

Table 1: Set Functions

 The operators <=, ==, and >= may be used to check whether a given set is a subset, equal, or superset of another set.

Sets (Set Comprehension)

- Set comprehension is applied to find common factors
- A common factor cannot exceed smaller of the two numbers, say n1 and n2.
- To build a set of common factors, we make use of comprehensions. For each number i in range(1, min(n1,n2) + 1), we include it in the set if it is a factor of each of n1 and n2.
- Thus, our code comprises just one line:

```
1 commonFactors = {i for i in range(1,min(n1+1, n2+1)) if n1%
i == 0 and n2%i ==0}
```

Tuples

- A tuple is a non-scalar type defined in Python. Just like a list, a tuple is an ordered sequence of objects.
- However, unlike lists, tuples are immutable, i.e. elements of a tuple cannot be overwritten.
- A tuple may be specified by enclosing in the parentheses, the elements of the tuple (possibly of heterogeneous types), separated by commas, for example, the tuple t1 comprises five objects:

```
>>> t1 = (4, 6, [2, 8], 'abc', {3,4})
>>> type(t1)
< class 'tuple' >
```

Tuples

 If a tuple comprises a single element, the element should be followed by a comma to distinguish a tuple from a parenthesized expression, for example:

```
>>> (2,) (2,)
```

- A tuple having a single element is also known as singleton tuple.
- Another notation for tuples is just to list the elements of a tuple, separated by commas:

Elements of a tuple may be mutable

Tuple Operations

 we summarize the operations on tuples and use the following tuples t1 and t2 for the purpose of illustration:

```
>>> t1 = ('Monday', 'Tuesday')
>>> t2 = (10, 20, 30)
```

Operation	Example	
Multiplication	>>> t1 * 2	
Operator *	('Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Monday', 'Tuesday')	
Concatenation Operator +	>>> t3=t1 + ('Wednesday',)	
	>>> t3	
	('Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday')	
Length	>>> len(t1)	
Operator len	2	
Indexing	>>> t2[-2]	
	20	

Tuple Operations

Operation	Example
Slicing Syntax:	>>> t1[1:2]
start:end:inc	('Tuesday',)
Function min	>>> min(t2)
i unction iiiii	10
Function max	>>> max(t2)
I unction max	30
Function sum	>>> sum(t2)
(not defined on strings)	60
Membership operator in	>>> 'Friday' in t1
Wembership operator III	False

Table 2: Summary of operations that can be applied on tuples

Functions Tuple and Zip

 The function tuple can be used to convert a sequence to a tuple, for example:

```
>>> vowels = 'aeiou'
>>> tuple(vowels)
('a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u')
```

- The function zip is used to produces a zip object (iterable object), whose ith element is a tuple containing ith element from each iterable object passed as argument to the zip function.
- We have applied list function to convert the zip object to a list of tuples. For example,

```
>>> colors = ('red', 'yellow', 'orange')
>>> fruits = ['cherry', 'banana', 'orange']
>>> fruitColor = list(zip(colors, fruits))
>>> fruitColor
[('red', 'cherry'),('yellow', 'banana'),('orange', 'orange')]
```

Functions count and index

 The function count is used to find the number of occurrences of a value in a tuple, for example:

```
>>> age = (20, 18, 17, 19, 18, 18)
>>> age.count(18)
```

 The function index is used to find the index of the first occurrence of a particular element in a tuple, for example:

```
>>> age.index(18)
```

Function	Explanation	
T.count(e)	Returns count of occurrences of e in Tuple T	
T.index(e)	Returns index of first occurrences of e in Tuple T	

Table 3: Tuple Functions

Dictionary

- Unlike lists, tuples, and strings, a dictionary is an unordered sequence of key-value pairs.
- Indices in a dictionary can be of any immutable type and are called keys.
- Beginning with an empty dictionary, we create a dictionary of month_number-month_name pairs as follows:

Dictionary

```
>>> price = {'tomato':40, 'cucumber':30, 'potato':20, 'cauliflower':70,
       'cabbage':50, 'lettuce':40, 'raddish':30, 'carrot':20, 'peas':80}
>>> price['potato']
       20
>>> price['carrot']
       20
>>> price.keys()
      dict_keys(['tomato', 'cucumber', 'potato', 'cauliflower', 'cabbage',
       'lettuce', 'raddish', 'carrot', 'peas'])
>>> price.values()
      dict_values([40, 30, 20, 70, 50, 40, 30, 20, 80])
>>> price.items()
       dict_items([('tomato', 40), ('cucumber', 30), ('potato', 20),
       ('cauliflower', 70), ('cabbage', 50), ('lettuce', 40), ('raddish', 30),
       ('carrot', 20), ('peas', 80)])
```

Dictionary

- The search in a dictionary is based on the key. Therefore, in a dictionary, the keys are required to be unique.
- As keys in a dictionary are immutable, lists cannot be used as keys.
- Keys in a dictionary may be of heterogeneous types, for example:>>> counting = {1:'one', 'one':1, 2:'two', 'two':2}

Dictionary Operations

 some operations that can be applied to a dictionary and illustrate these operations using a dictionary of digit-name pairs: digits = {0:'Zero', 1:'One', 2:'Two', 3:'Three', 4:'Four', 5:'Five', 6:'Six', 7:'Seven', 8:'Eight', 9:'Nine'}

Operation	Examples
Length operator len (number of	>>> len(digits)
key-value pairs in dictionary)	10
Indexing	>>> digits[1]
Indexing	'One'
Function min	>>> min(digits)
T difficition min	0
Function max	>>> max(digits)
I difficition max	9
Function sum (assuming keys	>>> sum(digits)
are compatible for addition)	45

Dictionary Operations

Table 4: Summary of operations that can be applied on dictionaries

Operation	Examples
	>>> 5 in digits
Membership operator in	True
Wembership operator III	>>> 'Five' in digits
	False

- Consider a dictionary named as winter:>>> winter = {11:'November', 12: 'December', 1:'January', 2:'February'}
- Membership operation in, and functions min, max and sum apply only to the keys in a dictionary.

Dictionary Operations

Thus, applying these operations on the dictionary winter is equivalent to applying them on winter.keys() as shown below:
 >> 2 in winter, min(winter), max(winter), sum(winter)
 (True, 1, 12, 26)
 >>> 2 in winter.keys(), min(winter.keys()), max(winter.keys()), sum(winter.keys())
 (True, 1, 12, 26)

 We may remove a key-value pair from a dictionary using del operator, for example:

```
>>> del winter[11]
>>> winter
(12: 'December', 1: ' le')
```

{12: 'December', 1: 'January', 2: 'February'}

To delete a dictionary, we use del operator:>> del winter

Dictionary Functions

Table 5: Dictionary Functions

Function	Explanation
D.items()	Returns an object comprising of tuples of key-
	value pairs present in dictionary D
D.keys()	Returns an object comprising of all keys of dic-
	tionary D
D.values()	Returns an object comprising of all values of
	dictionary D
D.clear()	Removes all key-value pairs from dictionary D
D.get(key, default)	For the specified key , the function returns the
	associated value. Returns the default value in
	the case key is not present in the dictionary D
D.copy()	Creates a shallow copy of dictionary D
D1.update(D2)	Adds the key-value pairs of dictionary D2 to
	dictionary D1

Inverted Dictionary

- Suppose we are maintaining a dictionary of words and their meanings of the form word:meaning. For simplicity, we assume that each word has a single meaning.
- There might be a few words that may have shared meaning.
 Given this dictionary, we wish to find synonyms of a word, i.e. given a word, we wish to find the list of words that have the same meaning.
- For this purpose, we would like to build an inverted dictionary invDict of meaning:list-of-words.

```
>>> Enter word meaning dictionary: {'dubious':'doubtful', 'hilarious':'amusing', 'suspicious':'doubtful', 'comical':'amusing', 'hello':'hi'}
Inverted Dictionary:
{'doubtful': ['dubious', 'suspicious'], 'amusing': ['hilarious', 'comical']}
```

Inverted Dictionary Code

```
1 def buildInvDict(dict1):
   Objective: To construct inverted dictionary
   Input parameter: dict1: dictionary
   Return value: invDict: dictionary
   invDict = \{\}
   for key, values in dict1.items():
     if value in invDict:
        invDict[value].append(key)
     else:
        invDict[value] = [key]
    invDict={x:invDict[x] for x in invDict if len(invDict[x]>1)}
13
   return invDict
```

Inverted Dictionary Code

```
1 def main():
   111
   Objective: To find inverted dictionary
   Input parameters: None
4
   Return value: None
   ,,,
   wordMeaning = eval(input('Enter word meaning dictionary:'))
   meaningWord = buildInvDict(wordMeaning)
8
   print('Inverted dictionary:\n', meaningWord)
9
10
11 # Statements to initiate the call to main function.
13
   main()
```

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Thank You Any Questions?