

Lecture 3 : Python Basics (Part II)

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In this lecture, we will cover the following topics:

1. Flow control statements: if, for, while, pass...
2. List
3. Tuple
4. String
5. Sequence
6. Set
7. Dictionary

1. Flow control statements

More frequently used flow control statements are the following:

1. if
2. for
3. while
4. pass

1.1 if

Note: in python we use `:` and indentation to define code blocks instead of `{ }`, therefore, use `:` to enclose the statements of **if**, **for**, **while**...

- Each `:` must be accompanied by **indentation** in the next line, usually we use 4 blank spaces for indentation, sometimes the editor can do it automatically for you when you type "enter" after a `:`, like in Jupyter Notebook.

The general Python syntax for a simple **if** statement is:

```
if condition :  
    indentedStatementBlock
```

- If the condition is true, then do the indented statements. If the condition is not true, then skip the indented statements.

General Python **if-else** syntax is:

```
if condition :  
    indentedStatementBlockForTrueCondition  
else:  
    indentedStatementBlockForFalseCondition
```

- These statement blocks can have any number of statements, and can include about any kind of statement.

```
In [1]: a = 1
        b = 2

        if a<b:
            print("a is less than b")
        else:
            print("a is not less than b")

a is less than b
```

Nested **if-else** statements:

```
In [2]: a = 1
        b = 1

        if a<=b:
            if a<b:
                print("a is less than b")
            else:
                print("a equals to b")
        else:
            print("a is greater than b")

a equals to b
```

If you have multiple **if** and **else** tests, you can use **if-elif** statements. The most elaborate syntax for an **if-elif-else** statement is indicated in general below:

```
if condition1 :
    indentedStatementBlockForTrueCondition1
elif condition2 :
    indentedStatementBlockForTrueCondition2
elif condition3 :
    indentedStatementBlockForTrueCondition3
else:
    indentedStatementBlockForEachConditionFalse
```

The *if*, each *elif*, and the final *else* lines are all aligned. There can be any number of *elif* lines, each followed by an indented block. With this construction exactly **one** of the indented blocks is executed. It is the one corresponding to the first *True* condition, or, if all conditions are False, it is the block after the final *else* line.

```
In [3]: a=2
        b=1

        if a<b:
            print("a is less than b")
        elif a==b:
            print("a equals to b")
        else:
            print("a is greater than b")

a is greater than b
```

A special format of **if...else** statement in assignment.

- Ternary operator or conditional expression

```
In [4]: x = 1
result = "Y" if x>0 else "N" # ternary operator;
result
```

```
Out[4]: 'Y'
```

There are two types of loops in Python, **for** and **while**.

1.2 for

For loops iterate over a given sequence, e.g., tuple, list and string.

Syntax of for loops:

```
for iterator_var in sequence:
    indentedStatementBlock
```

```
In [5]: for i in (1,2,3): # iterate over a tuple; i=1; i=2; i=3
        print(i)
```

```
1
2
3
```

```
In [6]: for i in [1,2,3]: # iterate over a list
        print(i)
```

```
1
2
3
```

For loops can iterate over a sequence of numbers using the `range` functions. Range function returns a new list with numbers of that specified range.

- `range(start, stop, step)` function returns an object that produces a sequence of integers from start (inclusive) to stop (exclusive) by step (default to 1). Start from 0 if start is not given explicitly.

```
In [7]: for i in range(3): # default start is 0, step is 1 range(0,3,1)
        print(i)
```

```
0
1
2
```

```
In [8]: for i in range(1,3): # range(1,3,1)
        print(i)
```

```
1
2
```

```
In [9]: for i in range(1,10,2):
        print(i)
```

```
1
3
5
7
9
```

Use for loop to iterate over index of a list.

```
In [10]: a_list = list(range(1,5)) # a_list=[1,2,3,4]
         for i in [1,3]:
             print(a_list[i]) # a_list[1] => 2; a_list[3]=4

2
4
```

break and **continue** in for loops

- **break** is used to exit a for loop, whereas **continue** is used to skip the current block, and return to the **for** statement.

```
In [11]: for i in range(0,10,2): # [0,2,4,6,8]
         if i==6:
             break
         print(i)

0
2
4
```

```
In [12]: for i in range(0,10,2):
         if i==6:
             continue
         print(i)

0
2
4
8
```

1.3 While

In python, **while** loop is used to execute a block of statements repeatedly until a given condition is satisfied. And when the condition becomes false, the line immediately after the loop in program is executed.

Syntax:

```
while expression:
    indentedStatementBlock
```

```
In [13]: i=1
         sum=0
         while i<=10:
             sum += i # 0+1+2+3+...+10 = 55
             i += 1
             # i++ not allowed in python

         print(sum)

55
```

We can use **else** in loops. When the loop condition of **for** or **while** statement fails then code part in **else** is executed.

- If **break** statement is executed inside for loop then the **else** part is skipped.
- **else** part is executed even if there is a **continue** statement.

```
In [14]: i=1
sum=0
while i<=10:
    sum += i
    i += 1
    if i == 6:
        continue
    print(i,sum)
else:
    print("here is else")
```

```
2 1
3 3
4 6
5 10
7 21
8 28
9 36
10 45
11 55
here is else
```

```
In [15]: i=1
sum=0
while i<=10:
    sum += i
    i += 1
    if i==6:
        continue
    if i == 9:
        break
    print(i, sum)
else:
    print("here is else")
```

```
2 1
3 3
4 6
5 10
7 21
8 28
```

1.4 Pass

Pass means empty statement, the program will do nothing to this statement and go to next statement directly. It is useful as a placeholder when a statement is required syntactically, but no code needs to be execute.

```
In [16]: a= 1
b= 0
if (a<=b):
    pass
else:
    print(b)
```

```
0
```

2. List

2.1 Definition

List is a mutable container (similar to ArrayList in Java), each element in the list has an index.

There are three ways to define a list.

1. Use []

```
In [17]: test_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
         test_list
```

Out[17]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

1. Use Assignment

```
In [18]: test_list_2 = test_list
         test_list_2
```

Out[18]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]

1. Use explicit conversion

```
In [19]: test_list_3 = list("I love data science")
          test_list_3
          # If no argument is given, the constructor creates a new empty list.
          # The argument must be iterable if specified.
          # b = list()
          # b
```

```
Out[19]: ['l',
           ', ',
           'l',
           ', ',
           'o',
           ', ',
           'v',
           ', ',
           'e',
           ', ',
           'd',
           ', ',
           'a',
           ', ',
           't',
           ', ',
           'a',
           ', ',
           's',
           ', ',
           'c',
           ', ',
           'l',
           ', ',
           'e',
           ', ',
           'n',
           ', ',
           'c',
           ', ',
           'e']
```

You can check the length of a list using **len()**

```
In [20]: len(test_list)
```

Out[20]: 9

2.2 Index

You can refer to an element in the list using index.

Note: the index of a list starts from 0 (which means the first element in the list) and ends at `len(your_list)-1`

```
In [21]: test_list
```

```
Out[21]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

```
In [22]: print(test_list[0])
         print(test_list[8])
```

```
1
9
```

```
In [23]: # test_list[9] # list index out of range
```

You can even use negative integers in the index, for example, -1 which means start counting from the last element, etc

```
In [24]: print(test_list[-1])
         print(test_list[-5])
```

```
9
5
```

2.3 Slicing

We can get a part of lists using python's slicing operator (`:`) which has following syntax:

```
test_list[start:stop:step]
```

- which means slice the `test_list` from(and including) the **start** index, end at (but not including) the **stop** index, and the step size is **step**.
- either **start**, **stop**, **step** can be omitted and can also be negative integers.

```
In [25]: test_list
```

```
Out[25]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

```
In [26]: test_list[1:6:1]
```

```
Out[26]: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
In [27]: test_list[1:6] # step default to 1
```

```
Out[27]: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
In [28]: test_list[1:6:2]
```

```
Out[28]: [2, 4, 6]
```

Omit the **start** and **step** arguments, the default value of **start** is 0, **step** is 1

```
In [29]: test_list[:6] # test_list[0:6:1]
```

```
Out[29]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

Omit the **stop** and **step** arguments, the default value of **end** is length of the list, **step** is 1

```
In [30]: test_list[1:]
```

```
Out[30]: [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

Omit all arguments

```
In [31]: test_list[:]
```

```
Out[31]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

Negative arguments

```
In [32]: test_list[::-1] # start from 0, end at last index, step is 1
```

```
Out[32]: [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

Perform inverse traversal using slicing operator and `reversed()` function.

- Note: Slicing will not affect the original list

```
In [33]: test_list[::-1] # step=-1, reverse direction step is 1
```

```
Out[33]: [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

```
In [34]: list(reversed(test_list)) # the same as above, but use reversed()
```

```
Out[34]: [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

```
In [35]: test_list
```

```
Out[35]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

However, the following built-in function for list will change the list itself to its reverse

```
In [36]: test_list.reverse()  
test_list
```

```
Out[36]: [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

2.4 extend and append

In Python, use list methods `append()` and `extend()` to add items to a list or combine other lists. You can also use `+` to combine lists.

You can add an item to the end of a list with `append()` .


```
In [37]: test_list_1 = [1,2,3]
test_list_2 = [5,6,7]
test_list_1.append(4)
print(test_list_1)
```

```
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

If the argument is a list object, **append()** will append the list with another list as a whole.

```
In [38]: test_list_1.append(test_list_2)
test_list_1
```

```
Out[38]: [1, 2, 3, 4, [5, 6, 7]]
```

You can combine another list at the end with `extend()`. Different with `append()` method, all items are added to the end of the original list.

```
In [39]: test_list_1 = [1,2,3]
test_list_2 = [4,5,6]
test_list_1.extend(test_list_2) # the argument in extend method must be iterable
test_list_1
```

```
Out[39]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

It is also possible to combine using the `+` operator instead of `extend()`. In the case of the `+` operator, a new list is returned. You can also add to the existing list with `+=`.

```
In [40]: test_list_1 = [1,2,3]
test_list_2 = [4,5,6]
test_list_1 += test_list_2
test_list_1
```

```
Out[40]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

2.5 List comprehensions

List comprehensions provide a concise way to create lists.

- It consists of brackets containing an expression followed by a for clause, then zero or more for or if clauses. The expressions can be anything, meaning you can put in all kinds of objects in lists.
- The following is the basic structure of a list comprehension:

```
output_list = [expression for var in input_list if (var satisfies this condition)]
```

```
In [41]: clist1 = [1 for i in range(10)] #[1,1,1,....,1]
clist1
```

```
Out[41]: [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]
```

```
In [42]: clist2 = [i for i in range(1,10)] # [1,2,....,9]
clist2
```

```
Out[42]: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

```
In [43]: clist3 = [i for i in range(1,10,2)]
         clist3
```

```
Out[43]: [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
```

```
In [44]: type_list = [type(elements) for elements in [1,1.0,'1',True]]
         type_list
```

```
Out[44]: [int, float, str, bool]
```

```
In [45]: ["my student id is %d"%i for i in range(5)] # string format specifier "%d %s"%(var1,var2), similar to printf in C
```

```
Out[45]: ['my student id is 0',
          'my student id is 1',
          'my student id is 2',
          'my student id is 3',
          'my student id is 4']
```

2.6 insert and delete

`insert()` : Inserts an element before/at specified index.

Syntax: `list.insert(index, element)`

```
In [46]: L = [1,2,3]
         L.insert(1,0)
         L
```

```
Out[46]: [1, 0, 2, 3]
```

`pop()` : Delete an element, index is not a necessary parameter, if not mentioned takes the last index.

Syntax: `list.pop([index])`

```
In [47]: L = [1,2,3]
         L.pop(2)      # delete by index
         L
```

```
Out[47]: [1, 2]
```

```
In [48]: L =[1,2,3]
         L.pop()      # delete the last element
         L
```

```
Out[48]: [1, 2]
```

`del` : Element to be deleted is mentioned using list name and index.

Syntax:

`del list[index]`

```
In [49]: L = [1,2,3]
         del L[1]      # delete by index
         L
```

```
Out[49]: [1, 3]
```

`remove()` : Element to be deleted is mentioned using list name and element, not index.

Syntax: `list.remove(element)`

```
In [50]: L = [1,2,3]
         L.remove(2) # compare with the pop function
         L
```

Out[50]: [1, 3]

```
In [51]: L = ['a','b','c']
         L.remove('a') # delete by value
         L
```

Out[51]: ['b', 'c']

```
In [52]: L = ['a','a','b','c','d']
         L.remove('a') # delete by value, only delete the first 'a', how to delete all 'a' in the list?
         L
```

Out[52]: ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']

```
In [53]: L = ['a','a','b','c','d']
         L = [x for x in L if x!='a']
         L
```

Out[53]: ['b', 'c', 'd']

3. Tuple

Think about **tuple** as immutable **list**. The operations of **tuple** are similar to **list** except the elements in a tuple cannot be modified directly

```
In [54]: test_tuple = 2,4,6,8,0
         test_tuple
```

Out[54]: (2, 4, 6, 8, 0)

```
In [55]: test_tuple = (2,4,6,8,0) # the same as above
         test_tuple
```

Out[55]: (2, 4, 6, 8, 0)

```
In [56]: test_tuple = 2,4,6,8,0
         # test_tuple[2] = 5
```

Exercise: check all the operations of **list** mentioned in previous sections and see if they can be applied to **tuple**

4. String

In Python, Strings are arrays of bytes representing Unicode characters. However, Python does not have a character data type, a single character is simply a string with a length of 1.

Strings in Python can be created using **single quotes** or **double quotes** or even **triple quotes**.

```
In [57]: print('abc')           #you can either use ' or " to quote the strings
print("abc")
print("abc loves 'data science'")
print('abc loves "data science"')

# if you need strings with \n, use '''
print('''
    abc
    loves
    data
    science
    ''')
```

abc
abc
abc loves 'data science'
abc loves "data science"

abc
loves
data
science

Square brackets can be used to access elements of the string. To access a range of characters in the String, method of slicing is used.

```
In [58]: str1= 'test'
str1[2]           # access single character of the string
```

Out[58]: 's'

```
In [59]: str1[1:3]       # access a range of characters use slicing
```

Out[59]: 'es'

In Python, updation or deletion of characters from a String is not allowed. The following example will cause an error because item assignment or item deletion from a String is not supported.

```
In [60]: str1='test'
# str[1]='a'
```

In Python, there are a few ways to concatenate – or combine - strings. In order to merge two strings into a single string, you may use the + operator.

```
In [61]: 'I'+'love'+'DS'
```

Out[61]: 'IloveDS'

The join method is used to concatenate a list of strings.

```
In [62]: print('**'.join(['I', 'love', 'DS'])) # reverse string using join method

print(''.join(reversed("hello")))

I**love**DS
olleh
```

`strip` method will delete all the spaces, tabs, etc before or after letters, but not the ones in the middle

```
In [63]: "    I love \tz  \t DS \n".strip()

Out[63]: 'I love \tz  \t DS'
```

```
In [64]: str(1234) # return the string format of the object

Out[64]: '1234'
```

```
In [65]: 'data science'.upper()

Out[65]: 'DATA SCIENCE'
```

```
In [66]: 'DATA SCIENCE'.lower()

Out[66]: 'data science'
```

Special character and paths.

```
In [67]: my_file_path = 'C:\windows\desktop' # as \ is escaping character, special character \ will be es
         my_file_path

Out[67]: 'C:\\windows\\desktop'

In [68]: my_url='http://www.uic.edu.hk'
         my_url

Out[68]: 'http://www.uic.edu.hk'
```

Strings in Python can be formatted with the use of `format()` method which is very versatile and powerful tool for formatting of Strings.

- Format method in String contains curly braces `{}` as placeholders which can hold arguments according to **position** or **keyword** to specify the order.

```
In [69]: s1 = "{} {} {}".format('I', 'love', 'DS')
         print("String in default order: ", s1)

String in default order:  I love DS
```

```
In [70]: s2 = "{0} {2} {1}".format('I', 'DS', 'love')
         print("String in positional order: ", s2)

String in positional order:  I love DS
```

```
In [71]: s3 = "{ffff} {s} {t}".format(ffff = 'I', s = 'love', t = 'DS')
         print("String in order of Keywords: ", s3)

String in order of Keywords:  I love DS
```

5. Sequence

In python, sequence is not a specific data type, but a category of container data types, which contains a set of elements with specific order. Typical sequence includes **string**, **list**, and **tuple**. Particularly, **set** is not sequence, because the elements in **set** do not have order.

```
In [72]: mySeq1="I love data science"
         mySeq2=[5, 2, 0]
         mySeq3=(1, 3, 1, 4)
```

```
In [73]: not_my_seq = {'a', 'c', 'b'}
```

There are some common operations on data types that are sequences

5.1 Slicing

Syntax of slicing on sequence: `my_seq[start:stop:step]`

```
In [74]: mySeq1[0:3], mySeq2[0:3], mySeq3[0:3]
```

```
Out[74]: ('I l', [5, 2, 0], (1, 3, 1))
```

5.2 Indexing

```
In [75]: my_str="I love data science"
         my_str[0]
```

```
Out[75]: 'I'
```

```
In [76]: my_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
         my_list[-1]
```

```
Out[76]: 5
```

```
In [77]: my_tuple = ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd')
         my_tuple[3]
```

```
Out[77]: 'd'
```

5.3 Iteration

Sequence is **iterable**, can be used after **in** keyword in **for** statements

```
In [78]: my_str = 'I love data science'
         for i in my_str:
             print(i)
```

```
I
l
o
v
e

d
a
t
a

s
c
i
e
n
c
e
```

```
In [79]: my_index = [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
         my_list = [100, 98, 99, 85, 92, 90, 80, 60, 80, 88]
         for i in my_index:
             print(my_list[i])
```

```
100
99
92
80
80
```

5.4 Unpacking assignment

Sequence unpacking in python allows you to take objects in a collection and store them in variables for later use.

- In unpacking of a sequence, we extract items stored in the sequence into separate variables.
- The number of variables on left hand side should be equal to number of values in given sequence.

```
In [80]: student_list = ['amy', 'bob', 'candy', 'david']
         s1, s2, s3, s4 = student_list
         print(s1, s2, s3, s4)
```

```
amy bob candy david
```

5.5 The repeating operator *

Repetition operator is denoted by a * symbol and is useful for repeating sequences to a certain length.

```
In [81]: my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)
         my_tuple*3
```

```
Out[81]: (1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3)
```

```
In [82]: my_str = 'i love data science '  
my_str*3
```

```
Out[82]: 'i love data science i love data science i love data science '
```

5.6 Common functions

Functions that can be applied to all sequence type(tuple, list, string, etc) variables.

- len
- sorted
- reversed
- enumerate
- zip

```
In [83]: my_str = 'i love data science'  
my_list= [1,9,6,5,4,8]  
my_tuple = [1,2,3,6,5,4]  
len(my_str),len(my_list),len(my_tuple)    # return the length of a sequence
```

```
Out[83]: (19, 6, 6)
```

```
In [84]: sorted(my_str),sorted(my_list),sorted(my_tuple,reverse=True) #return a sorted sequence of original sequence
```

```
Out[84]: (' ',  
' ',  
' ',  
'a',  
'a',  
'a',  
'c',  
'c',  
'd',  
'e',  
'e',  
'e',  
'i',  
'i',  
'l',  
'n',  
'o',  
's',  
't',  
'v'],  
[1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9],  
[6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1])
```

```
In [85]: reversed(my_str), reversed(my_list),reversed(my_tuple) #the function returns an iterator which will be discussed later
```

```
Out[85]: (<reversed at 0x2335d6a79b0>,  
<list_reverseiterator at 0x2335d6a7b00>,  
<list_reverseiterator at 0x2335d6a7b70>)
```



```
In [86]: list(reversed(my_str)), list(reversed(my_list)), list(reversed(my_tuple))
```

```
Out[86]: (['e',  
'c',  
'n',  
'e',  
'i',  
'c',  
's',  
,  
,  
'a',  
't',  
'a',  
'd',  
,  
,  
'e',  
'v',  
'o',  
'l',  
,  
,  
'i'],  
[8, 4, 5, 6, 9, 1],  
[4, 5, 6, 3, 2, 1])
```

Use **enumerate** to trace and show the index of each element in a sequence

```
In [87]: list(enumerate(my_str))  
#The enumerate object yields pairs containing a count (from start, which defaults to zero) and  
# a value yielded by the iterable argument.  
# enumerate?
```

```
Out[87]: [(0, 'i'),  
(1, ' '),  
(2, 'l'),  
(3, 'o'),  
(4, 'v'),  
(5, 'e'),  
(6, ' '),  
(7, 'd'),  
(8, 'a'),  
(9, 't'),  
(10, 'a'),  
(11, ' '),  
(12, 's'),  
(13, 'c'),  
(14, 'i'),  
(15, 'e'),  
(16, 'n'),  
(17, 'c'),  
(18, 'e')]
```

`zip(sequence1, sequence2, ...)` returns a zip object whose `.__next__()` method returns a tuple where the i^{th} element comes from the i^{th} iterable argument.

```
In [88]: print(my_list, my_tuple)  
list(zip(my_list, my_tuple))      # combine sequences element by element
```

```
[1, 9, 6, 5, 4, 8] [1, 2, 3, 6, 5, 4]
```

```
Out[88]: [(1, 1), (9, 2), (6, 3), (5, 6), (4, 5), (8, 4)]
```

6. Set

Set in Python is a data structure equivalent to sets in mathematics. It may consist of **unordered** collections of **unique** elements; the order of elements in a set is undefined.

- You can add and delete elements of a set, you can iterate the elements of the set, you can perform standard operations on sets (union, intersection, difference).

```
In [89]: my_set = {1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6} # create set using {}  
my_set
```

```
Out[89]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

```
In [90]: my_set_2 = my_set # create set by assignment  
my_set_2
```

```
Out[90]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

```
In [91]: my_list = [1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3]  
my_set_3 = set(my_list) # create set using explicit conversion  
my_set_3
```

```
Out[91]: {1, 2, 3}
```

Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can add new items using `add()` method. To add items from another set into the current set, use the `update` method.

```
In [92]: my_set = {1, 2, 3}  
my_set.add(4)  
print(my_set)  
my_set.update({'a', 'b', 'c'})  
my_set
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
Out[92]: {1, 2, 3, 4, 'a', 'b', 'c'}
```

To remove an item in a set, use the `remove()` , or the `discard()` method.

- If the item to remove does not exist, `remove()` will raise an error.
- If the item to remove does not exist, `discard()` will NOT raise an error.

```
In [93]: my_set.remove(1)  
print(my_set)  
my_set.discard(1)  
print(my_set)  
# my_set.remove(1)  
  
{2, 3, 4, 'b', 'a', 'c'}  
{2, 3, 4, 'b', 'a', 'c'}
```

Use `in` to check if an element belongs to a set

```
In [94]: 1 in my_set_3
```

```
Out[94]: True
```

```
In [95]: '1' in my_set_2
```

```
Out[95]: False
```

Set does not support indexing, because it is unordered

```
In [96]: # my_set[0]
```

```
In [97]: my_set_a = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
my_set_b = {3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
In [98]: 3 in my_set_a, 3 not in my_set_b
```

```
Out[98]: (True, False)
```

```
In [99]: my_set_a == my_set_b, my_set_a != my_set_b
```

```
Out[99]: (False, True)
```

```
In [100]: {1, 2, 3} < my_set_a # is subset ?
# my_set_a.issubset?
{1, 2, 3}.issubset(my_set_a)
```

```
Out[100]: True
```

```
In [101]: # my_set_b.issuperset, my_set_b.union, my_set_b.difference
# my_set_a.symmetric_difference?
print(my_set_b > {5, 6, 7} ) # is superset ?
print(my_set_a | my_set_b ) #union
print(my_set_a & my_set_b ) #intersection
print(my_set_a - my_set_b ) #difference
print(my_set_a ^ my_set_b )# symmetric_difference, returns new set with elements in either s or t
but not both
```

```
True
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
{3, 4, 5}
{1, 2}
{1, 2, 6, 7}
```

set is mutable, **frozenset** is immutable. **frozenset** is used when you don't want the elements in a set to be changed accidentally

```
In [102]: my_set = {1, 2, 3}
my_set.add(4)
my_set.remove(1)
my_set.update({3, 5})
my_set.pop() # pop of set will delete an element at random
my_set
```

```
Out[102]: {3, 4, 5}
```

```
In [103]: my_frozenset = frozenset({1, 2, 3})
my_frozenset
```

```
Out[103]: frozenset({1, 2, 3})
```

```
In [104]: # my_frozenset.add(4)
```

7. Dictionary

A dictionary is a collection which is unordered, changeable and indexed. In Python dictionaries are written with curly brackets, and they have keys and values.

- It is best to think of a dictionary as a set of `key: value` pairs, with the requirement that the keys are unique (within one dictionary).

Unlike sequences, which are indexed by a range of numbers, dictionaries are indexed by keys, which can be any **immutable type** (e.g., numeric data type, string, tuple, frozenset).

The main operations on a dictionary are storing a value with some key and extracting the value given the key.

```
In [105]: my_dict = {'id':123, 'name':'abc', 'age':18, 8:True}
          my_dict
          # dic = {{1,2,3}:'a'} # error
          # dic = {(1,2,3):'a'}
          # dic
```

```
Out[105]: {'id': 123, 'name': 'abc', 'age': 18, 8: True}
```

Question: What are the keys and what are the values to each key in the above definition?

```
In [106]: my_dict['id']
```

```
Out[106]: 123
```

Note: you can always use keys to access a particular value

```
In [107]: my_dict[8]
```

```
Out[107]: True
```

```
In [108]: my_dict['name'] = 'abcd' # update dictionary
          my_dict
```

```
Out[108]: {'id': 123, 'name': 'abcd', 'age': 18, 8: True}
```

```
In [109]: my_dict['gender'] = 'male' # add new item to dictionary
          my_dict
```

```
Out[109]: {'id': 123, 'name': 'abcd', 'age': 18, 8: True, 'gender': 'male'}
```

To update the dictionary with the items from the given arguments (must be a list of key:value pairs or another dictionary), you can use `update()` method.

```
In [110]: newDict = {"1":"a", "2":"b"}
          my_dict.update(newDict)
          my_dict
```

```
Out[110]: {'id': 123,
          'name': 'abcd',
          'age': 18,
          8: True,
          'gender': 'male',
          '1': 'a',
          '2': 'b'}
```

To remove items from a dictionary, you can use the `pop()` method, which removes the item with the specified key name.

```
In [111]: my_dict.pop("1")
          my_dict
```

```
Out[111]: {'id': 123, 'name': 'abcd', 'age': 18, 8: True, 'gender': 'male', '2': 'b'}
```

Dictionaries can be iterated over, just like a list. However, a dictionary, unlike a list, does not keep the order of the values stored in it. To iterate over key value pairs, use the following syntax:

```
In [112]: for k in my_dict:
          print(k, my_dict[k])
```

```
id 123
name abcd
age 18
8 True
gender male
2 b
```

```
In [113]: for k,v in my_dict.items():
          print("Key:%s; Value:%s"%(k,v))
```

```
Key:id; Value:123
Key:name; Value:abcd
Key:age; Value:18
Key:8; Value:True
Key:gender; Value:male
Key:2; Value:b
```

```
In [114]: del my_dict['gender']; # It deletes only the key with the name 'gender'
          print(my_dict)

          my_dict.clear();# The above code removes all entries in dictionary & makes the dictionary empty
          print(my_dict)
```

```
{'id': 123, 'name': 'abcd', 'age': 18, 8: True, '2': 'b'}
{}
```