Introduction and lists

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Data types

- Data type system sets the stage for the capabilities of the language
- Understanding data types empowers you as a data scientist

Container sequences

- Hold other types of data
- Used for aggregation, sorting, and more
- Can be mutable (list, set) or immutable (tuple)
- Iterable

Lists

- Hold data in order it was added
- Mutable
- Index

Accessing single items in list

```
cookies = ['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'sugar']
cookies.append('Tirggel')
print(cookies)
['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'sugar', 'Tirggel']
print(cookies[2])
sugar
```



Combining Lists

Using operators, you can combine two lists into a new one

```
cakes = ['strawberry', 'vanilla']

desserts = cookies + cakes

print(desserts)
```

```
['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'sugar', 'Tirggel', 'strawberry', 'vanilla']
```

• .extend() method merges a list into another list at the end

Finding Elements in a List

• .index() method locates the position of a data element in a list

```
position = cookies.index('sugar')
print(position)
```

3

cookies[3]

'sugar'

Removing Elements in a List

• .pop() method removes an item from a list and allows you to save it

```
name = cookies.pop(position)
print(name)
```

sugar

print(cookies)

['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'Tirggel']



Iterating over lists

• for loops are the most common way of interating over a list

```
for cookie in cookies:
    print(cookie)
```

```
chocolate chip
peanut butter
Tirggel
```

Sorting lists

• sorted() function sorts data in numerical or alphabetical order and returns a new list

```
print(cookies)
['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'Tirggel']
sorted_cookies = sorted(cookies)
print(sorted_cookies)
['Tirggel', 'chocolate chip', 'peanut butter']
```



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Meet the Tuples

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Tuple, Tuple

- Hold data in order
- Index
- Immutable
- Pairing
- Unpackable

Zipping tuples

Tuples are commonly created by zipping lists together with
 zip()

Two lists: us_cookies , in_cookies

```
top_pairs = list(zip(us_cookies, in_cookies))
print(top_pairs)
```

```
[('Chocolate Chip', 'Punjabi'), ('Brownies', 'Fruit Cake Rusk'),
  ('Peanut Butter', 'Marble Cookies'), ('Oreos', 'Kaju Pista Cookies')
  ('Oatmeal Raisin', 'Almond Cookies')]
```

Unpacking tuples

• Unpacking tuples is a very expressive way for working with data

```
us_num_1, in_num_1 = top_pairs[0]
print(us_num_1)
```

Chocolate Chip

print(in_num_1)

Punjabi

More Unpacking in Loops

Unpacking is especially powerful in loops

```
for us_cookie, in_cookie in top_pairs:
    print(in_cookie)
    print(us_cookie)
```

```
Punjabi
Chocolate Chip
Fruit Cake Rusk
Brownies
# ..etc..
```

Enumerating positions

- Another useful tuple creation method is the enumerate() function
- Enumeration is used in loops to return the position and the data in that position while looping

```
for idx, item in enumerate(top_pairs):
    us_cookie, in_cookie = item
    print(idx, us_cookie, in_cookie)
```

```
(0, 'Chocolate Chip', 'Punjabi')
(1, 'Brownies', 'Fruit Cake Rusk')
# ..etc..
```

Be careful when making tuples

Use zip() , enumerate() , or () to make tuples

```
item = ('vanilla', 'chocolate')
print(item)
```

```
('vanilla', 'chocolate')
```

Beware of tailing commas!

```
item2 = 'butter',
print(item2)
```

```
('butter',)
```



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Sets for unordered and unique data

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Set

- Unique
- Unordered
- Mutable
- Python's implementation of Set Theory from Mathematics

Creating Sets

• Sets are created from a list

```
cookies_eaten_today = ['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter',
    ...: 'chocolate chip', 'oatmeal cream', 'chocolate chip']
types_of_cookies_eaten = set(cookies_eaten_today)
print(types_of_cookies_eaten)
```

```
set(['chocolate chip', 'oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter'])
```

Modifying Sets

- .add() adds single elements
- .update() merges in another set or list

```
types_of_cookies_eaten.add('biscotti')

types_of_cookies_eaten.add('chocolate chip')

print(types_of_cookies_eaten)
```

```
set(['chocolate chip', 'oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter', 'biscotti']
```

Updating Sets

```
cookies_hugo_ate = ['chocolate chip', 'anzac']

types_of_cookies_eaten.update(cookies_hugo_ate)

print(types_of_cookies_eaten)
```

```
set(['chocolate chip', 'anzac', 'oatmeal cream',
'peanut butter', 'biscotti'])
```

Removing data from sets

- .discard() safely removes an element from the set by value
- .pop() removes and returns an arbitrary element from the set (KeyError when empty)

```
types_of_cookies_eaten.discard('biscotti')
print(types_of_cookies_eaten)
```

```
set(['chocolate chip', 'anzac', 'oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter'])

types_of_cookies_eaten.pop()

types_of_cookies_eaten.pop()
```

```
'chocolate chip'
'anzac'
```



Set Operations - Similarities

.union() set method returns a set of all the names (or) .intersection() method identifies overlapping data(and) cookies_jason_ate = set(['chocolate chip', 'oatmeal cream', peanut butter']) cookies_hugo_ate = set(['chocolate chip', 'anzac']) cookies_jason_ate.union(cookies_hugo_ate) set(['chocolate chip', 'anzac', 'oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter']) cookies_jason_ate.intersection(cookies_hugo_ate)

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set(['chocolate chip'])

Set Operations - Differences

- .difference() method identifies data present in the set on which the method was used that is not in the arguments ()
- Target is important!

```
cookies_jason_ate.difference(cookies_hugo_ate)
```

```
set(['oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter'])
```

```
cookies_hugo_ate.difference(cookies_jason_ate)
```

```
set(['anzac'])
```



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