PMDS508L - Python Programming Data Collections

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Python Strings



- String literals in Python are surrounded by either single quotes or double quotes.
- Example: a = 'Hello' is same as a = "Hello"
- Multiline Strings:

```
1 a = """This is a long string,
2 This is the second line of the string,
3 This is the last line of the string."""
4 print(a)
```

- We can also use three single quotes instead of three double quotes.
- Note that, the line breaks are inserted at the same position as in the code.

Strings as Arrays



- > Strings in Python are represented as arrays of bytes of unicode characters.
- In Python we don't have a character data type, a single character is simply as string of length 1.
- Square brackets can be used to access elements of the string.

```
1 s = "Hello World!"
2 print(s[1])
3 print(s[3])
```

Please note that in Python the index starts with 0 not with 1

► The Length of the string can be found by using len() command. len(s) gives the length of the string s.

String Slicing



- ▶ We can return a range of characters by using the slice syntax.
- ► For slicing the string and return the part of the string, we need to specify the start index and end index, separated by a colon.
- ► The end index character will not be included in the sliced string i.e., the string returned will begin from the start index character and till up to the end-1 character.

```
s = 'Hello World!'
print(s[2:5])
```

Negative Indexing in Strings



- ▶ We can use the negative indexes to start the slice from the end of the string
- ➤ To get the characters from 5 to position 1 (not included) counted from backwards, we cause the following command:

```
s = 'Hello World!'
print(s[-5:-2])
```

String Concatenation



► To concatenate, or combine, strings we can use + operator.

```
1 a = "Hello"
2 b = "World!"
3 c = a+b
4 print(c) #Prints "HelloWorld!"
5 c = a + " " + b
6 print(c) #Prints "Hello World!"
```



Please recall that, we cannot combine strings and numbers directly in Python i.e., the code:

```
age = 36
name = "Tom"
txt = name + " age is: " + age
print(txt)
```

returns an error.

One way to overcome is to convert the integer into string:

```
age = 36
name = "Tom"
txt = name + " age is: " + str(age)
print(txt)
```



- Another way to combine strings and number is by using format() method.
- ► The format() method takes the passed arguments, formats them, and places them in the string where the placeholders {} are:

```
age = 36
txt = "Tom age is: {}"
print(txt.format(age))
```



► The format() method takes unlimited number of arguments, and are placed into the respective placeholders:

```
name = "Tom"
age = 36
txt = "{} age is: {}"
print(txt.format(name,age))
```

► We can use index numbers {0} to be sure the arguments are placed in the correct placeholders:

```
age = 36
name = "Tom"
txt = "{1} age is: {0}"
print(txt.format(age,name))
```



```
quantity = 3
itemno = 567
price = 4000.60
myorder = "We need to by {2} items each of quantity {1}
and I have a total of {0} rupees with me."
print(myorder.format(price, quantity, itemno))
```



- Python offers a powerful feature called f-strings (formatted string literals) to simplify string formatting and interpolation.
- f-strings is introduced in Python 3.6.
- f-strings provide a concise and intuitive way to embed expressions and variables directly into strings.
- To create an f-string, prefix the string with the letter "f".



```
1 val1 = "Data"
val2 = "Science"
print(f"{val1} {val2} is the study of {val1}.")
6 name = 'Tom'
_{7} age = 22
print(f"Hello... My name is {name} and I'm {age} years
    old.")
```



Quotation Marks in f-string: To use any type of quotation marks with the f-string in Python, we have to make sure that the quotation marks used inside the expression are not the same as quotation marks used with the f-string.

```
print(f"'M.Sc Data Science'")
print(f"""M.Sc "Data" Sciences""")
print(f'''M.Sc 'Data' Science'')
print(f'M.Sc "Data" Science')
```



Evaluate Expressions with f-Strings: We can also evaluate expressions with f-strings in Python. To do so, we have to write the expression inside the curly braces in f-string and the evaluated result will be printed.

```
1 CAT1 = 45
2 CAT2 = 40
3 Quiz1 = 8
4 Quiz2 = 7
5 DA = 9

6 
7 print(f"Ram's internal mark is: {CAT1*15/50 + CAT2 *15/50 + Quiz1 + Quiz2 + DA} out of 60")
```



f-strings can be used in **input** to dynamically display the message and take the input from the user.

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replace() - method replaces a string/character with another string/character

```
s = "Hello World!"
print(s.replace("H", "J")) #Prints "Jello World!"
print(s.replace("Hello", "Hai")) #Prints "Hai World
!"
```



split() - this method splits the string into substrings if it finds the instance of the separator/character we have supplied and omitting that separator/character.

```
s = "Hello, World!"

print(s.split(",")) #Prints "['Hello', ' World!']"

print(s.split(" ")) #Prints "['Hello,', 'World!']"

print(s.split("o")) #Prints "['Hell', ' , W', 'rld !']"
```



To check if a certain character of phrase is present in a string or not, we can use the keywords in or not in.

```
txt = "There is a Rainbow in the Sky"
x = "ain" in txt
print(x) #Prints "True"
x1 = "rain" in txt
x2 = "Rain" in txt
x = "ain" not in txt
print(x) #Prints "False"
```



strip() - This method removes any whitespace from the beginning or the end of the string

```
s = " Hello World! "
print(s.strip()) #returns "Hello World!"
```

- lower() This method returns the string in lower case
- upper() This method returns the string in upper case
- capitalize() This method converts the first character to upper case
- title() This method returns the string in title case i..e, the first character of each word in upper case.
- swapcase() This methods swaps cases, lower case by upper case and vice versa



```
s = "hello World!"
_2 s1 = s.lower()
print(s1) #prints "hello world!"
_{4} s2 = s.upper()
print(s2) #prints "HELLO WORLD!"
6 s3 = s2.capitalize()
print(s3) #prints "Hello world!"
_{8} s4 = s1.title()
print(s4) #prints "Hello World!"
_{10} s5 = s4.swapcase()
print(s5) #prints "hELLO wORLD!"
```



- islower() Returns true if the string is in lower case
- isupper() Returns true if the string is in upper case
- istitle() Returns true if the string is in title case
- rstrip() Return the right trim version of the string
- lstrip() Return the left trim version of the string



- count() Returns the number of times a specified value occurs in string
- find() Searches for the specified for the string in the given string and returns the first position where it is found.
- isalnum() Checks whether the string is alpha numeric
- isalpha() Checks if all the characters in the string are alphabets
- isdigit() Checks if all the characters in the string are digits

Python Collections (Arrays)



There are four collection data types in the Python programming language:

- ► **List** is a collection which is ordered and changeable (mutable). Allows duplicate members.
- ► **Tuple** is a collection which is ordered and unchangeable (immutable). Allows duplicate members.
- ▶ **Set** is a collection which is unordered and unindexed (mutable). No duplicate members.
- Dictionary is a collection which is ordered¹, changeable and indexed (mutable). No duplicate members.

¹As of Python 3.7 and later dictionaries are ordered. In Python 3.6 and earlier dictionaries are unordered



In Pyhton a **list** is a collection which is ordered and changeable. In Python lists are written with square brackets.

```
myList = ["First", "Second", "Third", "Fourth", "Fifth"
print(myList)
3
4 print(myList[1]) #Prints the second element in the list
    . Index in Python starts from 0
5
print(myList[-1]) #Print the last element in the list.
    -1 refers to last element. -2 refers to second last
    element etc.
```



```
myFruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "
    kiwi", "melon", "mango"]
print(myFruits[2:5]) # Prints the elements starts with
    index 2 and upto index 5 (not included)
3
4 print(myFruits[:4]) # Prints all the elements from
    starting first element to upto 4th element
5
6 print(myFruits[3:]) # Prints all the elements from
    starting with thrid index to last
```



```
print(myFruits[-4:-1]) # Prints the element from index
        -4 (included) to index -1 (excluded)

myFruits[1] = "grape" # Changes the entry in the index
        1
print(myFruits)

"apple" in myFruits # Returns True if the apple is
        present in myFruits list otherwise returns False
```



Method	Description
append()	Adds an element at the end of the list
clear()	Removes all the elements from the list
copy()	Returns a copy of the list
count()	Returns the number of elements with the specified value
extend()	Add the elements of a list (or any iterable), to the end of the cur-
	rent list
index()	Returns the index of the first element with the specified value
insert()	Adds an element at the specified position
pop()	Removes the element at the specified position
remove()	Removes the item with the specified value
reverse()	Reverses the order of the list



A **tuple** is a collection which is ordered and $\underline{\text{unchangeable or immutable}}$. In Python tuples are written with round brackets.

```
myFruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
print(myFruits)
```



You cannot add or delete or change the elements of a tuple. To change them we need to convert a tuple into a list.

```
myList = list(myFruits)
print(myList)
myList[1] = "organge"
myFruits = tuple(myList)
print(myFruits)
```



Create Tuple With One Item

To create a tuple with only one item, you have add a comma after the item, unless Python will not recognize the variable as a tuple.

```
myTuple = ("apple",)
print(type(myTuple))

#NOT a tuple
mytuple = ("apple")
print(type(mytuple))
```



Remove Items from Tuple

One cannot remove items from a Tuple as Tuples are **unchangeable**. But we can delete completely the Tuple. using the del command.

```
myFruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
del myFruits
print(myFruits) #this will raise an error because the tuple no longer exists
```



Few more commands...

Join two Tuples

```
tuple1 = ('First','Second','Third')
tuple2 = ('Fourth','Fifth','Sixith')
tuple3 = tuple1 + tuple2
print(tuple3)
```

- To know the number of times an element appears in a Tuple tuple3.count('element')
- ► To know the index of a particular entry in a Tuple tuple3.index('Fourth')



Few more commands...

Repeat the elements of a tuple

```
tuple1 = ('First','Second','Third')
tuple2 = tuple1 * 3
print(tuple2) # Prints the tuple1 3 times
```

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Python Sets



- Sets are unordered collection of objects.
- ▶ In Python sets are written with curly brackets.
- We can also creates sets using the set() constructor by passing list of elements.
- Sets are unordered, so you cannot be sure in which order the items will appear.
- You cannot access items in a set by referring to an index, since sets are unordered the items has no index.
- But we can loop through the elements of a set using for and membership function in

Python Sets



```
myfruits = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
print(myfruits)
3
4 for x in myfruits:
   print(x)
 print("banana" in myfruits)
8
print("orange" in my fruits)
```

Python Sets



- ➤ To add an element(s) we can use add('item') or update(['items']) commands.
- To remove an element we can use either remove('item') or discard('item')
- remove() returns an error if the element does not exist in the Set.
- discard() does not return an error.
- ► We can also use pop() method. But as Sets are unordered, we will not know which element gets removed by using pop() command.



```
myfruits = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
myfruits.add("orange")
g print(myfruits)
s myfruits.update(["orange", "mango", "grapes"])
6 print(myfruits)
7
print(len(myfruits)) # Prints the no.of elements in the
     set
9
 myfruits.remove("banana")
print(myfruits)
```



```
myfruits.discard("banana")
print(myfruits)
_{4} x = myfruits.pop()
5 print(x)
6 print(myfruits)
8 myfruits.clear()
print(myfruits)
10
myfruits = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
del myfruits
```



Method	Description
add()	Adds an element to the set
clear()	Removes all the elements from the set
copy()	Returns a copy of the set
difference()	Returns a set containing the difference between two or more sets
difference_update()	Removes the items in this set that are also included in another, specified set
discard()	Remove the specified item
<pre>intersection()</pre>	Returns a set, that is the intersection of two other sets
<pre>intersection_update()</pre>	Removes the items in this set that are not present in other, specified set(s)
isdisjoint()	Returns whether two sets have a intersection or not



Method	Description
issubset()	Returns whether another set contains this set or
	not
issuperset()	Returns whether this set contains another set or
	not
pop()	Removes an element from the set
remove()	Removes the specified element
<pre>symmetric_difference()</pre>	Returns a set with the symmetric differences of two sets
<pre>symmetric_difference_update()</pre>	inserts the symmetric differences from this set and another
union()	Return a set containing the union of sets
update()	Update the set with the union of this set and others



```
set1 = { "x", "y", "z"}
_{2} set2 = {1,2,3,4,5}
set3 = set1.union(set2) #union of set1 and set2
print(set3)
_{7} set4 = {"x","z",4,2,7,10}
set5 = set4.intersection(set1) #intersection of set4, set1
set6 = set4.intersection(set2) #intersection of set4, set2
10
print(set5)
print(set6)
14 set1.update(set2) # adds the elements of set2 to set1
```



- ► A dictionary is a collection which is ordered², changeable and indexed.
- A dictionary is represented by a pair of curly braces {} in which enclosed are the "key: value" pairs separated by a comma.
- Python dictionary keys are immutable (which cannot be changed) data types that can be either strings or numbers.
- However, a key can not be a mutable data type, for example, a list.
- Keys are unique within a dictionary and can not be duplicated inside a dictionary.
- Key connects with the value, hence, creating a map-like structure.

²As of Python version 3.7, dictionaries are ordered. In Python 3.6 and earlier, dictionaries are unordered



```
myDict = {
    "brand": "HP",
    "btype": "Convertible",
    "byear": 2019

print(myDict)
```



We can use the dict() constructor also to make a new dictionary:

Python Dictionaries Unique Keys



The keys in a dictionary have to be unique:

```
dictionary_unique = {"a": "Alpha", "b": "Beta", "g": "
    Gamma"}
print(dictionary_unique)
3
4 #Output: {'a': 'Alpha', 'b': 'Beta', 'g': 'Gamma'}
5
6 dictionary_unique = {"a": "Alpha", "b": "Beta", "g": "
    Gamma", "g": "Omega"}
print(dictionary_unique)
8
9 #Output: {'a': 'Alpha', 'b': 'Beta', 'g': 'Omega'}
```

Python Dictionaries Accessing Keys and Values



If we want to access both the key, value pair, we could use .items() method, which will return a list of dict_items in the form of key, value tuple pairs.

```
ditems = dictionary_unique.items()
print(ditems)

print(myDict.items())
```

To access the keys of a dictionary:

```
print(myDict.keys())
```

To access the values of a dictionary:

```
print(myDict.values())
```



we could even access a value by specifying a key as a parameter to the dictionary. To access the items of a dictionary we can either

- refer to its key name, inside square brackets
- we can use the get() method

```
1 x = myDict["type"]
2 print(x)
3 x = myDict.get("type")
4 print(x)
```



To change the value of a specific item we refer to its key name: For example to change the "brand" to "Lenovo" we can use

```
myDict["brand"] = "Lenovo"
print(myDict)
```



To remove an item from dictionary we can use pop() method and by passing the key name:

```
myDict = {
    "brand": "Lenovo",
    "btype": "Tablet",
    "byear": 2019

myDict.pop("btype")
print(myDict)
```



The method popitem() removes the last inserted item (In Python versions before 3.7, this method removes a random item)

```
myDict = {
    "brand": "Lenovo",
    "btype": "Tablet",
    "byear": 2019

myDict.popitem()
print(myDict)
```



The del keyword deletes the complete dictionary

```
clear() function empties the dictionary:
 myDict = {
   "brand": "Lenovo",
  "btvpe": "Tablet".
  "byear": 2019
6 print(myDict)
 myDict.clear()
8 print(myDict)
```

del myDict
print(myDict)



The copy() command will be useful in making a copy of the dictionary already existing.

```
myDict = {
    "brand": "Lenovo",
    "btype": "Tablet",
    "byear": 2019

print(myDict)
myDict2 = myDict.copy()
print(myDict2)
```

Python Dictionaries Nested Dictionaries



We can even create nested dictionaries

```
myDict = {
     "prod1": {
         "bname": "HP",
         "btype": "Computer",
         "byear": 2019
     "prod2": {
         "bname": "Lenovo".
         "btype": "Tablet",
         "byear":2019
     "prod3": {
         "bname": "Microsoft",
         "btype": "Convertible",
         "byear": 2020
16
print(myDict)
```

Python Dictionaries Nested Dictionaries



Another method

```
prod1 = {
         "bname": "HP",
       "btype": "Computer",
         "byear": 2019
prod2 =
         "bname": "Lenovo".
         "btype": "Tablet",
        "byear":2019
prod3 =
      "bname": "Microsoft",
      "btype": "Convertible",
         "byear": 2020
mvDict = {
    "prod1": prod1.
    "prod2": prod2.
    "prod3": prod3
print(myDict)
```

Python Dictionaries Nested Dictionaries



Accessing the elements of a nested dictionary:

```
print(myDict["prod1"])
2 #Output: { 'bname': 'HP', 'btype': 'Computer', 'byear':
    2019}
3
myDict["prod1"]["bname"]
5 #Output: 'HP'
6
myDict["prod3"]["btype"]
8 #Output: 'Convertible'
```

Python Dictionaries Looping through dictionaries



```
for x in myDict:
    print(x) #Prints the key
    print(myDict[x]) #Prints the value
```

We can also use values() function to return the values of a dictionary:

```
for x in myDict.values():
    print(x) #Prints the value
```

To loop through keys and values we can use items() function

```
for x,y in myDict.items():
print(x, y) #Prints the key, value
```

Python For Loop and Dictionary Word Frequency



We can combine the for loop and dictionary data type in Python to count the word frequency in a string.

```
rand_str = 'Video provides a powerful way to help you prove
    your point. \
     When you click Online Video you can paste in the embed
    code for the video you want to add.'
3
word_freq = dict()
rand_str_word = str(rand_str).split()
6 for word in range(len(rand_str_word)):
     if rand_str_word[word] not in word_freg:
         word_freq[rand_str_word[word]] = 1
8
     else:
          word_freq[rand_str_word[word]] += 1
```

Python List Comprehension



Consider the following Mathematical Lists:

$$S = \{0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81\};$$

$$V = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, 2048, 4096\};$$

$$M = \{0, 4, 16, 36, 64\}$$

Loop Version



```
_{1} S = \Gamma
for x in range(10):
S.append(x**2)
print(S)
6 V = []
7 for i in range(13):
 V.append(2**i)
print(V)
11 M = []
12 for x in S:
 if x\%2 == 0:
 M.append(x)
print(M)
```

Python List Comprehension



- List comprehension is an important techniques using which we can create a list of numbers and dictionaries easily.
- List comprehension in Python is surrounded by brackets, but instead of the list of data inside it, you enter an expression followed by for loop and if-else clauses.
- ► A most basic form of List comprehension in Python is constructed as follows: list_variable = [expression for item in collection]
- ▶ The above expression generates elements in the list followed by a for loop over some collection of data which would evaluate the expression for every item in the collection.

Conditional List Comprehension



List Comprehension with an if condition:

```
listcomp = [expression for item in iterable if
  condition == True]
```

The above code is equivalent to the following for loop:

```
listcomp =[]
for item in iterable:
    if condition == True:
        listcomp.append(expression)
```

Conditional List Comprehension



List Comprehension with an if...else condition:

```
listcomp = [expression1 if condition == True else
expression2 for item in iterable]
```

The above code is equivalent to the following for loop:

```
listcomp =[]
for item in iterable:
    if condition == True:
        listcomp.append(expression1)
else:
    listcomp.append(expression2)
```

List Comprehension Version



The Python code with List Comprehension technique is:

```
S = [x**2 \text{ for } x \text{ in range}(10)]
2 # Output: S = [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
_{3} V = [2**i for i in range(13)]
_{4} # Output: V = [1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512,
    1024, 2048, 4096]
_{5} M = [x for x in S if x % 2 == 0]
_{6} # Output M = [0.4, 16.36, 64]
_{7} M1 = [x \text{ if } x\%2 == 0 \text{ else } x/2 \text{ for } x \text{ in } S]
_{8} # Output M1 = [0, 0.5, 4, 4.5, 16, 12.5, 36, 24.5, 64,
    40.57
```

Advantages of List Comprehension



- ► Time-efficient and space-efficient than loops.
- Require fewer lines of code.
- ► Transforms iterative statement into a formula.

Nested List Comprehension



Consider the example of preparing a matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

Nested List Comprehension



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Nested List Comprehension



Consider the example of preparing a matrix

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \end{bmatrix}$$

the Python code using the for loop and list comprehension is:

Python Set Comprehension



```
set_comprehension = {i**3 for i in range(10)}

print(set_comprehension)

for value in set_comprehension:
    print(value, end=" ")
```

Python Dictionary Comprehension



```
dict_comprehension = {i: i**3 for i in range(10)}

for key,value in dict_comprehension.items():
    print(key,value)
```