## 3. What Are Tuples?

• A **Tuple** is a **data type** in Python, like strings or lists.

Syntax: defined with parentheses ().

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)
```

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- Types of brackets in programming:
  - () → Parentheses
  - [] → Square brackets (lists)
  - {} → Curly braces (dict, set)

## 4. Key Property

Tuples are **immutable**  $\rightarrow$  cannot be changed after creation.

```
spices = ("cardamom", "clove", "cinnamon")
# You CANNOT do: spices[0] = "ginger" X
```

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## 5. Example: Masala Spices

```
masala_spices = ("cardamom", "clove", "cinnamon")
```

These values are fixed → once defined, they can't be changed.

## 6. Tuple Unpacking

Assigning tuple values into multiple variables at once.

```
spice1, spice2, spice3 = masala_spices
print(spice1, spice2, spice3)
# Output: cardamom clove cinnamon
```

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• Condition: the number of variables must match the number of values.

#### 7. Tuple with Ratios

Tuples can store numeric values, like proportions:

```
ginger_ratio, cardamom_ratio = (2, 1)
print(ginger_ratio, cardamom_ratio)
# Output: 2 1
```

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• Behind the scenes, Python is unpacking the tuple (2, 1).

## 8. Swapping Variables

Python allows swapping values without a temporary variable.

```
ginger_ratio, cardamom_ratio = cardamom_ratio, ginger_ratio
```

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- Very concise and powered by tuples.
- Example:
  - Before swap → ginger = 2, cardamom = 1
  - After swap → ginger = 1, cardamom = 2

## 9. Membership Test

Check if a value exists inside a tuple with in.

```
masala_spices = ("cardamom", "clove", "cinnamon")
print("ginger" in masala_spices) # False
print("cinnamon" in masala_spices) # True
```

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# Summary

- Tuples are:
  - Created with ()
  - o **Immutable** (cannot be changed)
  - Useful for storing fixed sets of values
  - Support **unpacking** into multiple variables
  - Enable swapping variables easily
  - o Allow membership checks with in

 ← They are like lists, but unchangeable. Perfect for data you don't want to modify.