PS643 - Introduction to AI, Data and Policy Python Basics and Introduction to NLP

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Python Basics

1. Dictionary

- A dictionary in Python is an unordered collection of items. Each item is a key-value pair, where the key must be unique, and the value can be any data type.
- Represented by {}
- Not in order
- Example:

```
q = {'tomato': 5, 1: 3, 4: 'potato', 'tortoise': 'rabbit'}
```

2. Set

- A set is an unordered collection of unique elements. Unlike lists, sets automatically remove duplicate entries.
- Example:

```
A = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4]
b = set(A)
# b = {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

3. Tuple

- Uses circular brackets ()
- A tuple is an ordered collection of elements enclosed in parentheses.
- Unlike lists, tuples are immutable (can't modify with append, remove, delete)
- Example:

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

Loop - Iteration

1. For Loop

• A for loop is used to iterate over a sequence (e.g., list, tuple, dictionary, set, or string) in Python.

```
# Example 1
for x in A:
    print(x)
# Example 2
for x in range(5, 11):
    print(x)
# Output: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
# Multiplication table example
for x in range(0, 10):
    for y in range(0, 10):
        print(f''\{x\} X \{y\} = \{x*y\}'')
    print("\n")
# Example of continue and break
x = 10
for i in range(1, 100):
    if i % x == 0:
        continue
    else:
        print(i)
for i in range(1, 10):
    if i % x == 0:
        break
    else:
        print(i)
2. While Loop
x = 50
while True:
    print(x)
    x -= 1
    if x < 20:
        break
# Output:
# 50
# 49
# 48
# ...
# 21
x = 50
while x \ge 20:
```

```
print(x)
    x -= 1

# Output:
# 50
# 49
# 48
# ...
# 20
```

Functions

```
• Piece of code similar to loop
```

```
• Built-in functions: print(), len(), split(), join()
```

```
def avg(x, y, z):
    return (x + y + z) / 3

# Usage: avg(10, 20, 30) returns 20.0

def func1(x, y, z):
    a = x + y + z

# Usage: func1("cat", "dog", "cat") # Output: catdogcat
```

Recursion

 $\bullet\,$ A function calls itself to solve a smaller instance of the same problem.

```
# Fibonacci series
def fib1(x, y):
    print(x + y)
    fib1(y, x + y)
def fib(x, y):
   print(x)
   print(y)
    fib1(x, y)
# Output:
# 1
# 1
# 2
# 3
# 5
# 8
# 13
```

```
# 21
# 34
# 55
#...
#...
#Ctrl+C : To interupt the loop
```

Note:

• Iteration consumes computation time, while recursion consumes memory and may be less efficient for large problems

Installation

- pip (Python package installer): pip is the package installer for Python.
 You can use it to install packages from the Python Package Index and other indexes.
- To install a package using pip: pip install package_name
- For example, to install NLTK: pip install nltk
- Reference for NLTK (Read Chapter 0-6)
 - After installing NLTK, you may need to download additional data: import nltk nltk.download()

Introduction to NLP (Natural Language Processing)

• Subarea of ML, focused on generating and understanding language through computers

Key Concepts:

- 1. POS (Part-of-Speech) Tagging
 - Labeling each word in a sentence with its corresponding part of speech (e.g., noun, verb, adjective)
 - Classification task (Supervised ML)
 - Uses training data with annotated POS tags
 - Dependent on previous words
- 2. Tokenization
 - Splitting text into individual words or sentences
- 3. Segmentation
 - Segmentation divides a text into sentences or larger chunks. This can be tricky due to abbreviations and other punctuation issues. As full stops can be end of sentence or abbreviations.
- 4. NER (Named Entity Recognition)
 - NER is the process of identifying and classifying entities (e.g., names of people, organizations, locations) in text.

• Example: Zanzeer is an interesting movie.

NER breakdown: Zanzeer - (Movie title) is a named entity interesting - Not a named entity movie - Not a named entity

In this example, **Zanzeer** is recognized as a named entity, specifically a work of art (movie title)

5. Tagging

• POS, NER, Relation Tagging

6. Coreference Resolution

- Identifying subphrases that refer to the same entity in the text.
- Example:

"John went to the store. He bought milk." \rightarrow "He" refers to "John"