Python Data Structures

Quick recap

Lists



- append(x)
- extend(L)
- insert(i,x)
- remove(x)
- pop([i])
- index(x)
- count(x)

- reverse()
- sort(cmp=None,key=None, reverse=False)
- zip(L1, L2)

Dictionaries

- Unordered set of key: value pairs
 - tel = {'jack': 4098, 'sape': 4139}
 - tel['cesar'] = 2656
 - del tel['sape']
 - dict([('jack', 4098), ('sape', 4139)])
 - dict(jack=4098, sape=4139)
- Iteration:
 - for k, v in tel.iteritems(): ...
 - for k in tel: ...
 - for k in tel.keys(): ...
 - For v in tel.values(): ...
- Can be used as sets:
 - names = set(['jack', 'sape'])

List comprehension



- Convenient to create lists/dictionaries with data
 - -L = [x for x in range(10)]
 - $-D = \{x: x*x \text{ for } x \text{ in } L\}$
 - -L2 = [D[x] for x in D]
 - -L3 = [D[x] for x in D if x % 2 == 0]
 - $-S = \{x \text{ for } x \text{ in } L\}$
 - L4 = [x for x in S if x % 3 == 0]
 - -Z = [x * y for x, y in zip([0, 1, 2], [3, 4, 5])]

Sorting

- sorted([5, 2, 3, 1, 4] *or*
 - -A = [5, 2, 3, 1, 4]
 - A.sort()
- sorted("This is a test string from Andrew".split())
- sorted("This is a test string from Andrew".split(), key=str.lower)
 - -A = [('a', 2), ('c', 1), ('b', 0)]
 - sorted(A, key=lambda elm:elm[0])
 - sorted(A, key=lambda elm:elm[1])
 - sorted(A, key=lambda elm:elm[1], reverse=True)
- Note: sorting is stable: same keys, preserve order of appearance
 - sorted([('red', 1), ('blue', 1), ('red', 2), ('blue', 2)], key=lambda elm: elm[0])