

Computing (ES 112)

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Dictionaries

Collection: multiple items together



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What is Not a “Collection”? (Recap)

- Most of our variables have **one value** in them - when we put a new value in the variable, the old value is overwritten

```
$ python3
Python 3.10.12 (main, Jun 11 2023, 05:26:28) [GCC 11.4.0] on
linux Type "help", "copyright", "credits" or "license" for more
information.
>>> x=2
>>> x=4
>>> print(x)
4
```

List as a Collection (Recap)

- A **collection** allows us to put **many values** in a **single “variable”**
- A **collection** is nice because we can carry all many values (**even of different types**) around in **one convenient package**.

```
>>> x = 2
>>> x = 4
>>> print(x)
4
>>> x = [1, 2.35, True, 'A', 5]
>>> print(x)
[1, 2.35, True, 'A', 5]
```

The indexing is exactly like strings. It can even go negative!

```
>>> print(x[0])
1
>>> print(x[-1])
5
x=[[[]],[[]]]
>>> print(len(x))
2
Why 2? Should it be zero?
```

Collections: list, tuple, dictionary

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Slice operation :	Allowed	Allowed	Not Allowed

The notion of key-value pair is inherent in dictionaries

Negative indexing such as -1,-2,.. for dictionaries?

Dictionary: Lookup, Read, Write (Python <3.7)

- Lists **index** their entries based on the **position in the list**
- But we **index** the things we put in the **dictionary** with a **'lookup tag'** (string)
- **Read operation**: the key must be present.
- **Write operation**: creates or overwrites value.

```
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>>> purse['money'] = 12
>>> purse['candy'] = 3
>>> purse['tissues'] = 75
>>> print(purse)
{'money': 12, 'tissues': 75, 'candy': 3}
>>> print(purse['candy'])
3
>>> purse['candy'] = purse['candy'] + 2
>>> print(purse)
{'money': 12, 'tissues': 75, 'candy': 5}
```

No guarantee on ordering...

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Insertion ordering preserved...

Semantic fix!

The diagram illustrates the insertion ordering of a dictionary. A light blue oval labeled 'Insertion ordering preserved...' has three dashed blue arrows pointing to the keys 'money', 'candy', and 'tissues' in the dictionary output {'money': 12, 'candy': 3, 'tissues': 75}. A yellow oval labeled 'Semantic fix!' points to the 'candy' key in the same output, highlighting the update operation that maintains the order.

Insertion: List versus Dictionary

```
>>> lst = list()
>>> lst.append(21)
>>> lst.append(183)
>>> print(lst)
[21, 183]
>>> lst[0] = 23
>>> print(lst)
[23, 183]
```

```
>>> ddd = dict()
>>> ddd['age'] = 21
>>> ddd['course'] = 182
>>> print(ddd)
{'age': 21, 'course': 182}
>>> ddd['age'] = 23
>>> print(ddd)
{'age': 23, 'course': 182}
```

Key	Value
[0]	23
[1]	183

Key	Value
['age']	23
['course']	183

Deletion: List versus Dictionary

```
>>> L=[10,9,8,7]
```

```
>>> L.pop()
```

```
7
```

```
>>> print(L)
```

```
[10, 9, 8]
```

```
>>> L=[10,9,8,7]
```

```
>>> L.remove(8)
```

```
>>> print(L)
```

```
[10, 9, 7]
```

parameter-free

parameter-bound

```
>>> D={'a':10,'b':9,'c':-1,'c':8,'d':9}
```

```
>>> print(D)
```

```
{'a': 10, 'b': 9, 'c': 8, 'd': 9}
```

```
>>> D.popitem()
```

```
('d', 9)
```

```
>>> print(D)
```

```
{'a': 10, 'b': 9, 'c': 8}
```

```
>>> D={'a':10,'b':9,'c':-1,'c':8,'d':9}
```

```
>>> D.pop('c')
```

```
8
```

```
>>> print(D)
```

```
{'a': 10, 'b': 9, 'd': 9}
```

Last occurrence
of **c** remains

The parameter-free pop
operation removes the item that
was added most recently.
Last-In-First-Out (LIFO)

The parameter-bound pop
operation deletes the specified
item from the:

- list (first occurrence)
- dictionary (item with the key)

Dictionary Tracebacks

- It is an **error** to reference a key which is not in the dictionary
- We can use the **in** operator to see if a key is in the dictionary

```
>>> ddd = {'age': 23, 'course': 182}
>>> print(ddd['gender'])
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "", line 1, in ...
KeyError: 'gender'
```

```
>>> 'gender' in ddd
False
>>> 'age' in ddd
True
```

The **in** goes through the **keys** ONLY, not the values!

Referencing Non-existent Keys without Error

- We can do this using the `get()` function for dictionaries.

- arg #1: `key`
- arg #2: `default value`
if key not found

```
>>> ddd = {'age': 23, 'course': 182}
>>> val = ddd.get('gender', None)
>>> print(val)
None
>>> val = ddd.get('age', None)
>>> print(val)
23
```

Default value if key does not exist (and no Traceback)

Retrieving Lists of Keys and Values

We can get a **list** of **keys**, **values**, or **items** (both) from a dictionary

List of tuples

[('a', 1),
('b', 2),
('c', 3),
('d', 4)]

```
>>> D={'a':1,'b':2,'c':3,'d':4}
>>> print(D)
{'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3, 'd': 4}
>>> print(D.items())
dict_items([('a', 1), ('b', 2), ('c', 3), ('d', 4)])
>>> print(D.keys())
dict_keys(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'])
>>> print(D.values())
dict_values([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> print(list(D))
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
>>> print(list(D.items()))
[('a', 1), ('b', 2), ('c', 3), ('d', 4)]
>>> print(list(D.keys()))
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
>>> print(list(D.values()))
[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

Definite Loops and Dictionaries

We can write a for loop that goes through all the entries in a dictionary - actually it goes through all of the keys in the dictionary and looks up the values

```
>>> D={'a':1,'b':2,'c':3,'d':4}
```

```
>>> for i in D:
```

```
...     print(D[i])
```

```
...
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
4
```

```
>>> for i,j in D.items():
```

```
...     print(i,j)
```

```
...
```

```
a 1
```

```
b 2
```

```
c 3
```

```
d 4
```

One iteration
variable

Two iteration
variables

Programs for Python... (Recap)

the clown ran after the car and the car ran into the tent and the tent fell down on the clown and the car

Which is the
most frequently
occurring word
here?




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Count the most frequent word v1 (Recap)

```
name = input('Enter file:')
handle = open(name)
counts = dict()
for line in handle:
    words = line.split()
    for word in words:
        counts[word] = counts.get(word,0) + 1
bigcount = None
bigword = None
for word,count in counts.items():
    if bigcount is None or count > bigcount:
        bigword = word
        bigcount = count

print(bigword, bigcount)
```



```
python3 words.py
Enter file: clown.txt
the 7
```



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Concatenation	+ (plus)	+ (plus)	(pipe)
Basic comparison	<, >, <=, >=, ==, != lexicographical	<, >, <=, >=, ==, != lexicographical	==, != unordered

Tuples are like Lists

- Tuples are another kind of sequence that functions much like a list
- They have elements which are **indexed** starting at 0
- Even **negative** indexing is also possible. Hence, **slicing** is also possible.

```
>>> x=('I','A','N','R')
>>> print(x[2])
N
>>> print(x[-1])
R
>>> y=(1,2,3)
>>> print(y)
(1, 2, 3)
>>> print(y[1:])
(2, 3)
>>> print(y[1:2])
(2,)
>>> print(y[1:1])
()
```

Iteration? Yes

```
>>> x=['I','A','N','R']
>>> print(x[2])
N
>>> print(x[-1])
R
>>> y=[1,2,3]
>>> print(y)
[1, 2, 3]
>>> print(y[1:])
[2, 3]
>>> print(y[1:2])
[2]
>>> print(y[1:1])
[]
```

By def'n, a tuple **must be at least be a couple** so, the comma after performing slicing remains, the second component is blank

Tuples are like Lists but immutable

Unlike a list, **once you create a tuple, it is read-only** - like a string

```
>>> x = [9, 8, 7]
>>> x[2] = 6
>>> print(x)
[9, 8, 6]
```

```
>>> x = 'ABC'
>>> x[2] = 'D'
Traceback (most recent
call last): File "",
line 1, in TypeError:
'str' object does not
support item assignment
```

```
>>> z = (5,4,3)
>>> z[2] = 0
Traceback (most recent
call last): File "",
line 1, in TypeError:
'tuple' object does not
support item assignment
```

- Since Python does not have to build tuple structures to be modifiable, they are simpler and **more efficient in terms of memory use and performance than lists**
- Hence, in our program when we are making “temporary variables” we prefer tuples over lists

Things (not) to do with Tuples

Because tuples are read-only, you cannot perform the following operations as they would mutate the tuple.

```
>>> x = (3, 2, 1)
>>> x.sort() ✗
Traceback:
AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'sort'
>>> x.append(5) ✗
Traceback:
AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'append'
>>> x.reverse() ✗
Traceback:
AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'reverse'
```

```
>>> x = (3, 2, 1)
>>>
>>> x = tuple(sorted(x)) ✓
>>> print(x)
(1, 2, 3)
>>>
>>> x += (1, 2) ✓
>>> print(x)
(1, 2, 3, 1, 2)
>>>
>>> x=tuple(sorted(x,reverse=True)) ✓
>>> print(x)
(3, 2, 2, 1, 1)
```

Assignment, Packing, and Unpacking

- We can also put a tuple on the left-hand side of an assignment statement

- We can even omit the parentheses

```
>>> (x,y) = (1,'India')
>>> print(y)
India
>>> a,b = (2,3)
>>> print(a)
2
>>> print(b)
3
```

- When we create a tuple, we normally assign values to it. This is called "**packing**" a tuple.

```
>>> fruits = ("apple", "banana", "cherry")
>>> print(fruits)
('apple', 'banana', 'cherry')
```

- We are also allowed to extract the values back into variables. This is called "**unpacking**"

```
>>> green,yellow,red = fruits
>>> print(green)
apple
```

The number of variables on the L.H.S must be sufficient enough, otherwise ValueError happens and program crashes

Concatenation: List, Tuple, Dictionary

List

```
>>> a = [1,2,3]
>>> b = a + [5]
>>> print(b)
[1, 2, 3, 5]
>>>
>>> c = [1,5] + [3,4]
>>> print(c)
[1, 5, 3, 4]
>>>
>>> c += c
>>> print(c)
[1, 5, 3, 4, 1, 5, 3, 4]
```

Tuple

```
>>> a = (1,2,3)
>>> b = a + (5,)
>>> print(b)
(1, 2, 3, 5)
>>>
>>> c = (1,5) + (3,4)
>>> print(c)
(1, 5, 3, 4)
>>>
>>> c += c
>>> print(c)
(1, 5, 3, 4, 1, 5, 3, 4)
```

Dictionary

```
>>> D = {'a':1,'b':2,'c':3}
>>> E = D | {'d':5}
>>> print(E)
{'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 3, 'd': 5}
>>>
>>> F={'a':2,'b':3} | {'e':6,'k':1}
>>> print(F)
{'a': 2, 'b': 3, 'e': 6, 'k': 1}
>>>
>>> D |= {'b':8}
>>> print(D)
{'a': 1, 'b': 8, 'c': 3}
```

On duplication attempt, **ONLY the last occurrence remains.**

Comparison Operators: List, Tuple, Dictionary

List

```
>>> [1,2,3] > [1,3,2]
False
>>> [1,2,3] == [1,3,2]
False
>>> [1,2,3] == [1,2,3]
True
>>> [1,5] < [1,5,1]
True
>>> [1,5,2] < [1,5,1]
False
>>> [1,1,5,] == [1,5,1]
False
```

Tuple

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False
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True
>>> (1,5,2) < (1,5,1)
False
>>> (1,1,5) == (1,5,1)
False
```

Dictionary

```
>>> {'a':1,'b':2,'c':3} ==
{'a':1,'c':3,'b':2}
True
>>>
>>>
>>> {'a':1,'b':5} <
{'a':1,'b':5,'c':1}
Traceback (most recent call
last): File "", line 1, in
TypeError: '<' not supported
between instances of 'dict' and
'dict'
```

The comparison operators work with lists and tuples in the same capacity as it works with string comparisons, i.e., lexicographically performed

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dict_values([1, 2, 3, 4])
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['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']
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Count the most frequent word v2

```
fname = input('Enter a file name:')
fp = open(fname)
d = {}
while True:
    i = fp.readline()
    if len(i) == 0:
        break
    else:
        k = i.split()
        if len(k) != 0:
            for j in k:
                d[j] = d.get(j,0) + 1
z = [(x,y) for y,x in d.items()]
freq,high = sorted(z,reverse=True)[0]
print(high,freq)
fp.close()
```

What are we doing **here?**

- Comprehension
- Reverse sorting
- Double iteration variable y,x

python3 words.py
Enter file: clown.txt
the **7**

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Count the most frequent word v2

Writing programs or programming is a very creative and rewarding activity. You can write programs for many reasons ranging from making your living to solving a difficult data analysis problem to having fun to helping someone else solve a problem. This book assumes that everyone needs to know how to program and that once you know how to program, you will figure out what you want to do with your newfound skills.

We are surrounded in our daily lives with computers ranging from laptops to cell phones. We can think of these computers as our personal assistants who can take care of many things on our behalf. The hardware in our current-day computers is essentially built to continuously ask us the question: What would you like me to do next?

Our computers are fast and have vast amounts of memory and could be very helpful to us if we only knew the language to speak to explain to the computer what we would like it to do next. If we knew this language, we could tell the computer to do tasks on our behalf that were repetitive. Interestingly, the kinds of things computers can do best are often the kinds of things that we humans find boring and mind-numbing.

```
python words.py
Enter file: words.txt
to 16
```

Dictionary State During Final Search

```
[(1, 'Writing'), (2, 'programs'), (1, 'or'), (1, 'programming'), (2, 'is'), (3, 'a'), (2, 'very'),  
(1, 'creative'), (5, 'and'), (1, 'rewarding'), (1, 'activity'), (1, 'You'), (4, 'can'), (1,  
'write'), (1, 'for'), (2, 'many'), (1, 'reasons'), (2, 'ranging'), (2, 'from'), (1, 'making'), (2,  
'your'), (1, 'living'), (16, 'to'), (1, 'solving'), (1, 'difficult'), (1, 'data'), (1,  
'analysis'), (2, 'problem'), (1, 'having'), (1, 'fun'), (1, 'helping'), (1, 'someone'), (1,  
'else'), (1, 'solve'), (1, 'This'), (1, 'book'), (1, 'assumes'), (4, 'that'), (1, '{\\em'), (1,  
'everyone}'), (1, 'needs'), (2, 'know'), (2, 'how'), (1, 'program'), (1, 'once'), (4, 'you'), (1,  
'program,'), (1, 'will'), (1, 'figure'), (1, 'out'), (2, 'what'), (1, 'want'), (5, 'do'), (2,  
'with'), (1, 'newfound'), (1, 'skills'), (2, 'We'), (3, 'are'), (1, 'surrounded'), (2, 'in'), (5,  
'our'), (1, 'daily'), (1, 'lives'), (5, 'computers'), (1, 'laptops'), (1, 'cell'), (1, 'phones'),  
(1, 'think'), (5, 'of'), (1, 'these'), (1, 'as'), (1, 'personal'), (1, 'assistants'), (1, 'who'),  
(1, 'take'), (1, 'care'), (3, 'things'), (2, 'on'), (2, 'behalf'), (1, 'The'), (1, 'hardware'),  
(1, 'current-day'), (1, 'essentially'), (1, 'built'), (1, 'continuously'), (1, 'ask'), (2, 'us'),  
(6, 'the'), (1, 'question'), (1, 'What'), (2, 'would'), (2, 'like'), (1, 'me'), (2, 'next'), (1,  
'Our'), (1, 'fast'), (1, 'have'), (1, 'vast'), (1, 'amounts'), (1, 'memory'), (2, 'could'), (1,  
'be'), (1, 'helpful'), (1, 'if'), (5, 'we'), (1, 'only'), (2, 'knew'), (2, 'language'), (1,  
'speak'), (1, 'explain'), (2, 'computer'), (1, 'it'), (1, 'If'), (1, 'this'), (1, 'tell'), (1,  
'tasks'), (1, 'were'), (1, 'reptitive'), (1, 'Interestingly,'), (2, 'kinds'), (1, 'best'), (1,  
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