
Working with Data Structures 2

Summary

- Data Types Properties
- Tuples
- Sets
- Dictionaries



Data Types

Data Types Properties

- Mutability
- Immutability
- Hashable

Mutability

A mutable object can be changed after it is created — its content can be modified.

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3]
my_list[0] = 99      # Modifies the list in place
print(my_list)       # Output: [99, 2, 3]
```

Common Mutable Types: Lists, Dictionaries, Sets

Great when you need to store collections that will change dynamically.

Immutability

An immutable object cannot be changed after it is created – any change results in a new object.

```
my_tuple = (1, 2, 3)
my_tuple[0] = 99          # This would raise a TypeError

name = "Alice"
name = name.replace("A", "M")
print(name)               # "Mlice" (new string created)
```

Common Mutable Types: Integer, Float, Strings, Tuples

Used in concurrent programming and as **dictionary keys**

Hashability

An object is hashable if it has a hash value that does not change during its lifetime.

Hashable = Immutable + `__hash__()` method

```
# Immutable and hashable
```

```
my_dict = {(1, 2): "tuple key"}
```

```
# Tuple can be a dict key
```

```
print(my_dict[(1, 2)])          # "tuple key"
```

```
# Unhashable example
```

```
my_dict = {[1, 2]: "list key"}  # Raises TypeError, list is unhashable
```

Common Hashable Types: Integer, Float, Strings, Tuples(if all elements of the tuple are also hashable)

Needed when using objects as keys in dictionaries or elements in sets.



Tuples

Tuples

A **tuple** in Python is a collection that can store multiple items in a single variable. Think of it like a box that holds values—like numbers, words, or even other tuples—but once packed, you can't change what's inside.

- Tuples are ordered: Items have a fixed position (called an index).
- Tuples are unchangeable (immutable): Once created, you can't add, change, or remove items.
- Tuples can contain different data types: numbers, strings, booleans, etc.
- Tuples are written with parentheses: ()

Tuples

- Similar with lists but immutable

```
coords = (10, 20)
coords[0]          # 10
coords[0] = 30     # TypeError - tuple is immutable
```

Tuples

- Tuples can be hybrid

```
my_tuple = tuple()           # empty tuple
my_tuple = ()                # empty tuple
my_tuple = (1, "hello", 3.14) # tuple with values
my_tuple = (1, )              # tuple containing (1)
my_tuple = (1, 2) * 3         # tuple containing (1,2, 1,2, 1,2)
```

- Unpacking

```
x, y = coords
print(x, y)    # 10 20
```

Tuples

- Accessing elements can be done in the same way as for lists

```
my_tuple = (1, "hello", 3.14)
```

```
my_tuple[0]          # 1
my_tuple[-1]         # 3.14
my_tuple[-2]         # 'hello'
my_tuple[:2]         # (1, 'hello')
my_tuple[1:]         # ('hello', 3.14)
my_tuple[0:2]        # (1, 'hello')
my_tuple[1:-1]       # ('hello')
```

Tuples

- Tuples can be concatenated

```
my_tuple = (1, "hello", 3.14)
```

```
new_tuple = my_tuple + (5, "bye", True)
```

```
print(new_tuple) #(1, 'hello', 3.14, 5, 'bye', True)
```

- Can't concatenate a tuple with a list!

Tuples

- Tuples can be used to simulate a matrix

```
matrix = (  
    (1, 2, 3),  
    (4, 5, 6)  
)  
  
print(matrix[0][1])    # 2 (row 0, column 1)  
print(matrix[1][2])    # 6 (row 1, column 2)  
  
matrix[1][1] = 99      # TypeError
```

Tuples

- Tuples are also used to return multiple values from a function.

```
def calculate_sum_and_product(numbers):  
    total_sum = sum(numbers)  
    total_product = 1  
    for num in numbers:  
        total_product *= num  
    return (total_sum, total_product)
```

```
result = calculate_sum_and_product([2, 3, 4])  
print(result)  # (9, 24)
```

Tuples

- Tuples can be iterated with for keyword

```
for i in (10, 20, 30, 40, 50):  
    print(i)                # 10 20 30 40 50
```

- To find out how many items are in a tuple the built-in len() function can be used

```
nums = (10, 20, 30, 40, 50)  
print(len(nums))           # 5
```




Sets

Sets

A **set** in Python is a collection used to store multiple items in a single variable — like a bag that holds things, but it doesn't care about the order, and it doesn't allow duplicates.

- Sets are unordered: Items don't have a fixed position or index, and the order may change every time you access it.
- Sets are mutable: You can add, remove, or update items after the set is created.
- Sets do not allow duplicates: If you add a value that's already in the set, it will be ignored.
- Sets can contain different data types: numbers, strings, booleans, etc. (as long as they're hashable).
- Sets are written with curly braces: { }

Sets

- Collection of unique elements

```
my_list = [1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3]
unique = set(my_list)           # {1, 2, 3}

my_set = set()
my_set = {1, 2, 3}
my_set = {1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 3}     # {1, 2, 3}
my_set = {1, 2, "aa", 1, "AA", 3} # {1, 2, 3, "AA", "aa"}
my_set = set((1, 1, 3, 2))      # {1, 2, 3}
my_set = set("Hello")           # {'h', 'e', 'l', 'o'}
```

Sets

- Elements of a set can't be accessed, and two sets doesn't support the addition operation

```
my_set = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
my_set[0]          # TypeError
```

```
my_set[1]          # TypeError
```

```
my_set + {0, 10}   # TypeError
```

Sets

- Sets offer several functions to modify their contents, including the add method for adding a single element, the update method for adding multiple elements, and the |= operator for the same purpose

```
my_set = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
my_set.add(4) # {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
my_set.update({5, 6}) # {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}
```

```
my_set.update({5}, {7, 8}) # {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8}
```

```
my_set |= {10} # {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10}
```

Sets

- To remove an element from a set can be used remove or discard. Remove throws an error if the element it's not in the set
- Clear it's used to empty an entire set

```
my_set = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
my_set.remove(2)    # {1, 3}
```

```
my_set.remove(5)    # KeyError
```

```
my_set.discard(3)   # {1}
```

```
my_set.discard(3)   # {1}
```

```
my_set.clear()      # {}
```

Sets

- Union operation can be performed by using the operator `|` or the method `union`

```
a = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
b = {3, 4, 5}
```

```
c = a | b                                # {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
```

```
d = c.union({10}, {10, 11, 12})         # {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12}
```

Sets

- Intersection can be performed by using the operator & or method intersection

```
a = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
b = {3, 4, 5}
```

```
c = {5, 6, 7}
```

```
d = a & b                # {3}
```

```
e = b.intersection(c)    # {5}
```

```
f = c.intersection(e, {4, 8}) # {}
```


Sets

- For difference exists the operator - or also the method difference

```
a = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
b = {3, 4, 5}
```

```
c = a - b           # {1, 2}
```

```
d = c.difference({2}) # {1}
```

```
e = c.difference({2}, {1}) # {}
```

Sets

- Symmetric difference can be performed using `^` or `symmetric_difference` method

```
a = {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
b = {3, 4, 5}
```

```
c = a ^ b                                # {1, 2, 5}
```

```
d = c.symmetric_difference(b)           # {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
e = c.symmetric_difference(b, {1})      # TypeError, just one argument
```

Sets

- To check if an element exists in a set we can use operator in and not in. The length of a set it's found using len method

```
s = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
x = 2 in s      # True
```

```
y = 4 not in s  # True
```

```
l = len(s)      # 3
```

Sets

- To check if a set has no common elements with another one exists method `isdisjoint`

```
a = {1, 2}
b = {3, 4}
```

```
c = a.isdisjoint(b)  # True
```

- If a check is included in another there are `issubset` and `issupers set` methods and also `<=` and `>=` operators

```
a = {1, 2}
b = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
a.issubset(b)      # True
a <= b
```

```
b.issuperset(a)    # True
b >= a
```

Set Comprehension

- Just like for lists, we can create sets in one line using {} instead of []

```
a = {_ for _ in range(5)} # {0, 1, 2, 3, 4}
b = {number for number in range(5) if number % 2 == 0} # {0, 2, 4}
c = {i*i for i in range(1, 6)} # {1, 4, 9, 16, 25}
```

Set with Built-in functions

- The default built-in functions like map, filter, sorted, min or others can be used also with sets.

```
x = set(filter(lambda i: i%2==0, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]))          # {2, 4}
y = set(map(lambda element: element * element, {1, 2, 3, 4})) # {1, 4, 9, 16}
z = set(filter(lambda x: x%5 == 1, range(20)))              # {1, 6, 11, 16}
```

Frozenset

- A frozenset is an immutable version of a set. Once created, you cannot add or remove elements.
- Useful for using as dictionary key, storing sets in other sets, ensuring read-only access

```
fs = frozenset([1, 2, 3])
```

```
print(fs)          # frozenset({1, 2, 3})
```

```
print(2 in fs)     # True
```

```
fs.add(4)          # AttributeError: 'frozenset' object has no attribute 'add'
```



Dictionaryes

Dictionaries

A **dictionary** in Python is a collection that stores data in **key-value** pairs, similar to a hashmap in java or a JSON object.

- Dictionaries are unordered (they maintain insertion order, but conceptually they're not position-based)
- Items are accessed by their keys, not by position (index)
- Dictionaries are changeable (mutable)
- Dictionaries can have different data types for keys and values: Keys are usually strings or numbers (must be immutable), and values can be anything
- Dictionaries are written with curly braces: `{ }`

Dictionaries

- Dictionaries can be created in multiple ways

```
my_dict = dict()           # empty dictionary
my_dict = {}               # empty dictionary
my_dict = {"key1": 1, "key2": 2}  # dictionary with 2 keys: key1 and key2

my_dict = dict(a=1, b=2)    # {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
my_dict = dict({"a":1, "b":2})  # {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
my_dict = dict([("a", 1), ("b", 2)])  # {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
my_dict = dict((( "a", 1), ("b", 2)))  # {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
my_dict = dict(zip(["a", "b"], [1, 2]))  # {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
my_dict = dict.fromkeys(["a", "b"], 2)  # {'a': 2, 'b': 2}
```

Dictionaries

- Accessing an element of a dictionary can be made with [] or method get

```
person = {"name": "Alice", "age": 30}
```

```
person["name"]                # Alice
```

```
person.get("name")            # Alice
```

```
person.get("country", "Not Found") # Not Found
```

```
person.get("address")         # None
```

Dictionaries

- An element can be added directly with [] operator or using update and setdefault method

```
person = {"name": "Alice"}
```

```
person["city"] = "Iasi"      # {'name': 'Alice', 'city': 'Iasi'}
```

```
person.update({"age": 30})   # {'name': 'Alice', 'city': 'Iasi', 'age': 30}
```

```
person.setdefault("h", 164) # {'name': 'Alice', 'city': 'Iasi', 'age': 30, 'h': 164}
```

Dictionaries

- To delete a value exists del operator or pop method. Also clear to empty the entire dictionary

```
person = {"name": "Alice", "age": 30, "city": "Iasi"}
```

```
del person["age"]  
print(person)           # {'name': 'Alice', 'city': 'Iasi'}
```

```
name = person.pop("name") # Alice  
val = person.pop("key", 0) # 0  
val = person.pop("key")   # KeyError, no default provided
```

```
person.clear()           # {}
```

Dictionaries

- There are methods used to retrieve the keys and values of a dictionary

```
person = {"name": "Alice", "age": 30}
```

```
person.keys()                # dict_keys(['name', 'age'])
```

```
person.values()              # dict_values(['Alice', 30])
```

```
check = "name" in person.keys() # True
```

Dictionaries

- A dictionary can be iterated in for loops using items

```
person = {"name": "Alice", "age": 30}
```

```
for key in person.keys():  
    print(key, person[key])  
# name Alice  
# age 30
```

```
for key, value in person.items():  
    print(key, value)  
# name Alice  
# age 30
```

Dictionaries

- A dictionary can be iterated in for loops also with enumerate

```
person = {"name": "Alice", "age": 30}
```

```
for elements in enumerate(person):  
    print(elements)  
# (0, 'name')  
# (1, 'age')
```


Dictionaries

- Dictionaries can be concatenated in multiple ways

```
dict1 = {"a": 1, "b": 2}
```

```
dict2 = {"b": 3, "c": 4}
```

```
result1 = {**dict1, **dict2} # {'a': 1, 'b': 3, 'c': 4}
```

```
result2 = dict1 | dict2 # {'a': 1, 'b': 3, 'c': 4}
```

```
dict1.update(dict2) # {'a': 1, 'b': 3, 'c': 4} modify dict1
```

Dictionaries

- Python also supports nested dictionaries

```
students = {  
    "Alice": {"math": 90, "science": 85},  
    "Bob": {"math": 75, "science": 80}  
}
```

```
print(students["Alice"]["math"]) # 90
```

Dictionary Comprehension

- Like lists and sets also for dictionary exists the concept of comprehension

```
numbers = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
squares = {}
```

```
for x in numbers:
```

```
    squares[x] = x**2
```

```
squares = {x : x**2 for x in range(5)}
```

```
# 0: 0, 1: 1, 2: 4, 3: 9, 4: 16}
```

Default dict

```
from collections import defaultdict

my_defaultdict = defaultdict()
my_defaultdict.update({"aloha": 1})

for i in range(0, 4):
    my_defaultdict["aloha"] += 1

print(my_defaultdict)          # defaultdict(None, {'aloha': 5})
```

Dictionary of frequencies

- Method 1: using classic dictionary

```
freq = {}  
words = ['Aaa', 'Aa', 'AAA', 'aa', 'AAA', 'Aa', 'Aa', 'B']  
  
for w in words:  
    if w in freq.keys():  
        freq[w] = 1 + freq[w]  
    else:  
        freq[w] = 1  
  
print(freq) # {'Aaa': 1, 'Aa': 3, 'AAA': 2, 'aa': 1, 'B': 1}
```

Dictionary of frequencies

- Method 2: classic dictionary without verification

```
freq = {}  
words = ['Aaa', 'Aa', 'AAA', 'aa', 'AAA', 'Aa', 'Aa', 'B']  
  
for w in words:  
    freq[w] = 1 + freq.get(w, 0)  
  
print(freq)  # {'Aaa': 1, 'Aa': 3, 'AAA': 2, 'aa': 1, 'B': 1}
```

Dictionary of frequencies

- Method 3: default dict

```
from collections import defaultdict
```

```
freq= defaultdict(int)
```

```
words = ['Aaa', 'Aa', 'AAA', 'aa', 'AAA', 'Aa', 'Aa', 'B']
```

```
for w in words:
```

```
    freq[w] += 1
```

```
print(freq)
```

```
# defaultdict(<class 'int'>, {'Aaa': 1, 'Aa': 3, 'AAA': 2, 'aa': 1, 'B': 1})
```

Dictionary of frequencies

- Method 4: Counter

```
from collections import Counter
```

```
print(Counter(words)) # Counter({'Aa': 3, 'AAA': 2, 'Aaa': 1, 'aa': 1, 'B': 1})
```


Dictionary of frequencies

- Method 5: dictionary comprehension

```
print({i:words.count(i) for i in set(words)})
```

```
# {'aa': 1, 'AAA': 2, 'Aa': 3, 'B': 1, 'Aaa': 1}
```

```
# {'AAA': 2, 'B': 1, 'Aa': 3, 'aa': 1, 'Aaa': 1}
```

```
# It's different from run to run because sets are unordered!!
```

Dictionary of frequencies

- Method 6: dictionary comprehension but fixed

```
print({i:words.count(i) for i in dict.fromkeys(words)})
```

```
# {'Aaa': 1, 'Aa': 3, 'AAA': 2, 'aa': 1, 'B': 1}
```

```
# Keep the initial order
```

