Collections: Lists, Tuples, Aliasing

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Overview

- Collections
 - Sequences
 - Strings
 - Lists
 - Tuples



Collections

collection are data type composed of smaller pieces

- Strings
- Lists
- Tuples
- Dictionaries
- Sets



Lists

- A list is a linear data structure, meaning that its elements have a linear ordering.
- List is a sequential collection of data objects
- Items in a list can be accessed by indexing, and sublists can be accessed by slicing.
- Lists are mutable; individual items or entire slices can be replaced through assignment statements.
- Lists support a number of convenient and frequently used methods.
- Lists will grow and shrink as needed. With append, access insert, update, concatenate and delete operations.

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- A list is a linear data structure, meaning that its elements have a linear ordering.
- An example of a list is sequence of daily temperatures for a given week:

0:	68.8
1:	70.2
2:	67.2
3:	71.8
4:	73.2
5:	75.6
6:	74.0

The location at index 0 stores the temperature for Sunday, the location at index 1 stored the temperature for Monday, and so on. It is customary in programming languages to begin numbering sequences of items with an index value of 0 rather than 1. **This is referred to as** zero-based indexing.

Lists: Basics

 Like strings, except the list items can be any type, even strings or even other lists

```
pets = ['ant', 'bat', 'cod', 'dog','elk']
lst = [0, 1, 'two', 'three', [4, 'five']]
nums = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

 A list within a list is nested – inner list can be referred to as sublist



Accessing List Elements

- List items are accessed through indexes
- pets = ['ant', "bird", 'cod', 'dog',
 'elk']
- pets[1] = 'bird'
- mixlist = [44, 'bird', 12.9, [False,
 'dog'], True]
- mixlist[2] → 12.9
- mixlist[3][1] → 'dog'

Common List Operations

- Many operations are similar to strings: len, in and not in, concatenation (+), repetition, slicing
- mixlist = [44, "bird", 12.9, [False,
 'dog'], True]
- len (mixlist) \rightarrow 5
- Operations directly work on the top level of the list, not the nested elements.
- len (mixlist[3]) \rightarrow 2
- •len(mixlist[3][1]) \rightarrow 3

Lists are Mutable

```
mixlist = [44, 'bird', 12.9, [False,
'dog'], True ]
mixlist[1] = 'animal'
    → [44, 'animal', 12.9, [False,
'dog'], True ]
mixlist[3:5] = []
                            #deletion
    → [44, 'animal', 12.9
```

List Methods: Adding and Removing elements

- lst.append(item): Adds item to the end
- lst.insert(position, item): Adds item at position
- lst.pop(position): Removes and returns the item at postions last item by default
- lst.sort(), lst.reverse()
- lst.remove(item): removes first occurrence of item
- lst.index(item): return pos of first occurrence of item
- 1st.count(item): return # of occurrences of the item

Lists: Review

 A list traversal is a means of accessing, one-by-one, each element of a list.

- List traversal may be used, for example, to:
 - search for a particular item in a list
 - add up all the elements of a list

Lists: Review

- List can be accessed in loops
- Directly with items

```
listofnames = ['Mary', 'Susan', 'John']
for name in listofnames:
```

Or through indices

```
for i in range(len(listofnames)):
    name = listofnames[i]
```

Lists (Sequences) in Python

 A list in Python is a mutable, linear data structure of variable length, allowing mixed-type elements.

• By *mutable* is meant that the contents of the list may be altered. **Lists in Python use zero-based indexing**. Thus, all lists have index values 0..n-1, where n is the number of elements in the list.

Examples

- Lists are denoted by a comma-separated list of elements within square brackets,
- [1, 2, 3] ['one', 'two', 'three'] ['apples', 50, True]
- An empty list is denoted by an empty pair of square brackets, []. Elements of a list are accessed by use of an index value within square brackets,
- For lst = [1, 2, 3],
 - $|st[0] \rightarrow 1$ access of first element
 - $lst[1] \rightarrow 2$ access of second element
 - $lst[2] \rightarrow 3$ access of third element

Examples

- The following prints the first element of list lst,
 print (lst[0])
- The elements of lst can be summed as follows,

$$sum = lst[0] + lst[2] + lst[2]$$

- To update, lst[2] = 4 replacement of 3 with 4 at index 2
- To delete, del lst[2] removal of 4 at index 2
- To insert, lst.insert(1,3) insertion of 3 at index 1
- To append, lst.append(4) appends 4 to end of list

Operation	<pre>fruit = ['banana', 'apple, 'cherry']</pre>		
Replace	fruit[2] = 'coconut'	['banana', 'apple', 'coconut']	
Delete	del fruit[0]	['apple', 'cherry']	
Insert	<pre>fruit.insert(2, 'pear')</pre>	['banana', 'apple', 'pear', 'cherry']	
Append	fruit.append('peach')	['banana', 'apple', 'cherry', 'peach']	
Sort	fruit.sort()	['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']	
Reverse	fruit.reverse()	['cherry', 'apple', 'banana']	

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Let's Try It

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>>> 1st = [10, 20, 30]	>>> del 1st[2]
>>> 1st	>>> 1st
???	???
>>> lst[0]	>>> lst.insert(1, 15)
???	>>> 1st
	???
>>> lst[0] = 5	
>>> lst	>>> lst.append(40)
???	>>> 1st
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Tuples

- A **tuple** is an *immutable* linear data structure. Thus, in contrast to lists, once a tuple is defined it cannot be altered. Otherwise, tuples and lists are essentially the same.
- To distinguish tuples from lists, tuples are denoted by parentheses instead of square brackets as given below,

```
nums = (10, 20, 30)
student = ('John Smith', 48, 'Computer Science', 3.42)
```

Single Element Tuples

 Another difference of tuples and lists is that tuples of one element must include a comma following the element. Otherwise, the parenthesized element will not be made into a tuple, as shown below,

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• CORRECT WRONG

>>> (1,)

(1)

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Accessing Tuples

- An empty tuple is represented by a set of empty parentheses, ().
- The elements of tuples are accessed the same as lists, with square brackets,

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 Any attempt to alter a tuple is invalid. Thus, delete, update, insert and append operations are not defined on tuples.

Sequences

 A sequence in Python is a linearly-ordered set of elements accessed by index number.

 Lists, tuples and strings are all sequences. Strings, like tuples, are immutable, therefore they cannot be altered.



Operation		String s = 'hello' w = '!'	Tuple s = (1,2,3,4) w = (5,6)	List s = [1,2,3,4] w = [5,6]
Length	len(s)	5	4	4
Select	s[0]	'h'	1	1
Slice	s[1:4] s[1:]	'ell' 'ello'	(2, 3, 4) (2, 3, 4)	[2 ,3, 4] [2, 3, 4]
Count	s.count('e') s.count(4)	1	 1	 1
Index	<pre>s.index('e') s.index(3)</pre>	1	 2	 2
Membership	'h' in s	True	False	False
Concatenation	s + w	'hello!'	(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)	[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
Minimum Value	min(s)	'e'	1	1
Maximum Value	max(s)	'0'	4	4
Sum	sum(s)	n/a	10	10

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```
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>>> s[4:7]
                  >>> s[1:3]
                                                >>> s[1:3]
                                                ???
???
                     ???
>>> s.count('o')
                  >>> s.count(10)
                                                >>> s.count(10)
???
                    ???
                                                ???
>>> s.index('o')
                  >>> s.index(10)
                                                >>> s.index(10)
???
                     ???
                                                ???
                                                >>> s + [40, 50]
>>> s + ' juice'
                  >>> s + (40, 50)
???
                    ???
                                                ???
```

Nested Lists

• Lists and tuples can contain elements of any type, including other sequences.

• Thus, **lists and tuples can be nested** to create arbitrarily complex data structures



class_grades = [[85, 91, 89], [78, 81, 86], [62, 75, 77], ...]

This list stores three exam grades for each student.

```
class_grades[0] equals [85, 91, 89]
class_grades[1] equals [78, 81, 86]
```

To access the first exam grade of the first student in the list,

```
student1_grades = class_grades[0] \rightarrow [85, 91, 89]
student1_exam1 = student1_grades[0] \rightarrow 85
```

OR

class grades[0][0]
$$\rightarrow$$
 85

To calculate the average on the first exam for group of students, a while loop can be constructed that iterates over the first grade of each student's list of grades,

```
sum = 0
k = 0

while k < len(class_grades):
    sum = sum + class_grades[k][0]
    k = k + 1

average_exam1 = sum / float(len(grades))</pre>
```



To produce a new list names <code>exam_avgs</code> containing the exam average for each student in the class,

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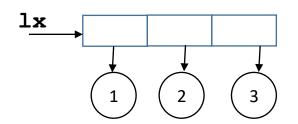
Storage of Objects

```
x = 'myname'
y = 'myname'
How many copies of the string are in memory?
x == y (The values of the variables is same)
x is y? (it is the same object in memory)
```

Storage of List Objects

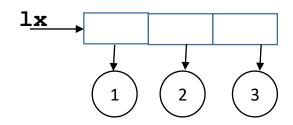
$$1x = [1, 2, 3]$$

$$1y = [1, 2, 3]$$





Storage of List Objects





Passing Lists as Parameters

```
def listfun (lpar):
     lpar[1]=100
     return lpar
1x = [1, 2, 3]
ly = listfun(lx)
print (ly)
                                   100
print (lx)
                          lx
```

Pure Functions

Function Side Effects: Changes to variable values in the calling program as a result of function call

A pure function has no side effects!

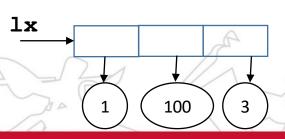
(Functions should preferably not have side effects but there are exceptions)



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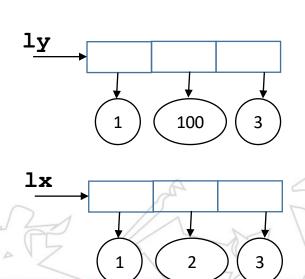
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print (lx)
```



Pure Function?

```
def listfun (lpar):
    loclist = lpar[:]
    loclist[1]=100
    return loclist
```



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- 2. For nums = [10, 30, 20, 40], what does the following for loop output?

for k in range(1, 4):

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- 3. For fruit = 'strawberry', what does the following for loop output?

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List Comprehension

• The range function allows for the generation of sequences of integers in fixed increments.

• List comprehensions in Python can be used to generate more varied sequences.



List Comprehension

Example List Comprehensions	Resulting List	
(a) [x**2 for x in [1, 2, 3]]	[1, 4, 9]	
(b) [x**2 for x in range(5)]	[0, 1, 4, 9, 16]	
(c) nums = $[-1, 1, -2, 2, -3, 3, -4, 4]$		
[x for x in nums if $x \ge 0$]	[1, 2, 3, 4]	
(d) [ord(ch) for ch in 'Hello']	[72, 101, 108, 108, 111]	
<pre>(e) vowels = ('a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u') w = 'Hello' [ch for ch in w if ch in vowels]</pre>	['e', 'o']	

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Let's Try It

From the Python Shell, enter the following and observe the results.

```
>>> temperatures = [88, 94, 97, 89, 101, 98, 102, 95, 100]
>>> [t for t in temperatures if t >= 100]
???
>>> [(t - 32) * 5/9.0 for t in temps]
???
```



Classwork

 Write a program to take a number K as input, reads K names (one at a time), store them in a list, and then print them in reverse (prefer not to use the reverse method)

