KOLT Python Functions

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Agenda

1. Recap

2. Functions



Lists

- Group values together. my_values = [1, 'a', None]
- You can think of each element as a variable, accessed by indexing
- You can do everything you do to variables to list elements:
 - Assign new values: my_values[0] = 3
 - Use shorthand assignment operators: my_values[1] += 'bc'
 - Learn their type: type (my_values[2]) # => <class 'NoneType'>
 - Change their type: my_values[2] = True
 - Compare their value: if my_values[0] == my_values[1]: ...
- What happens when we call my_values[3] = 3? # => IndexError

List Indexing

Access elements at a particular index

```
x = [1, 2, 'a', 'hello']
x[0] # => 1
x[1] # => 2
x[2] # => 'a'
x[3] # => 'hello'
x[-1] # => 'hello'
x[-2] # => 'a'
x[-3] # => 2
```

List Slicing

Access collection of elements by specifying [start:stop:step] Gives a list, even when number of elements is not bigger than 1.

```
numbers[0::2] # => [0, 2, 4]
numbers[:] # => [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
numbers[1:] # => [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
numbers[-2:] # => [4, 5]
numbers[1:4] # => [1, 2, 3]
numbers[1:1] # => []
numbers[-99:99] # => [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
numbers[::-1] # => [5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
numbers[::-2] # => [5, 3, 1]
```

Slices with step = 1 are called **Basic Slice**. Slices with step != 1 are called **Extended Slice**.



List Mutation

```
list.append(x): Append x to end of the sequence
list.insert(i, x): Insert x to index i
list.pop(i=-1): Remove and return element at index i
list.remove(x): Remove first occurrence of x
list.extend(iterable): Add all elements in iterable to end of list
list[i] = new_value: Update value of index i with new value
list[basic_slice] = iterable: Change elements in basic slice with
elements in iterable, sizes can be different: numbers[:] = []
list[extended_slice] = iterable: Change elements in extended
slice with elements in iterable 1-1, sizes must be equal.
```

Some Other List Operations

in operator: Check whether an element is in list. 3 in numbers ⇒ True
len(list): Returns the length of list(and other collections).
list.index(value, start=0, stop=len(list)): Return first index

of value.

list.count (value): Count number of occurrences of value in list.

list.reverse(): Reverse the list (in-place)

list.sort(): Sort list elements (in-place)

For more, type help(list) in your interactive interpreter.

Strings

Special kind of lists! name = 'Python'
You can do:

- Indexing: name[2] ⇒ 't'
- Slicing: name [::-1] \Rightarrow 'nohtyP'
- Search by in operator: 'yt'in name ⇒ True

You can not do:

String mutation: name[2]='H' ⇒ TypeError

```
Special functions about strings: str.isnumeric(),
str.capitalize(), str.format(...), str.find() ...
```





Loops

Do something for many elements or based on a condition.

Similar to simple if blocks, but runs again and again until condition check fails.

Iterable: collection of **ordered** elements.
What is next after this item?



For Loops

What is next after this item? numbers[1] is after numbers[0] \neq numbers[1] > numbers[0] Examples of iterables: lists, strings, ranges

Ranges

range (start, stop, step): creates a sequence of integers from start (inclusive) to stop (exclusive) by step.

Can be indexed and sliced

len() and in operator can be used

For Loops

```
names = ['Mario', 'Peter', 'Anna', 'Paul', 'Anna']
for number in range (2, 5):
    # In every iteration, we have a different value from iterable
    # We can access the value with the name we specified
    print (number)
    # range is collection of integers, we can use ints in indexing
    print('Hello', names[number])
    # Nested loops
    for name in names:
        # In every iteration name changes, in the order of names
        if name != names[number]:
            print(name, 'says hello to', names[number])
```



Break, Continue

Break terminates the closest for or while loop

```
for i in range(0, 5):
   if i % 2 == 1:
        break
   print(i)
```

```
x = 1
while x < 100:
    x *= 2
    if (x+1) % 3 == 0:
        break
    print(x)</pre>
```

Continue continues with the next iteration of the loop

```
for i in range(0, 5):
    if i % 2 == 1:
        continue
    print(i)
```

```
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    print(x)</pre>
```



For Else, While Else

else in branching: executed when all of the conditions in upper if/elif blocks are False else in loops: executed when loop is terminated without a break statement

```
while <condition>:
    <expression>
    if <condition>:
        hreak
    <expression>
# This block is executed if
# while loop is not terminated by break
# Note: this block runs even when
# condition is False at initial evaluation
else:
    <expression>
    <expression>
```





Functions

Functions are

- pieces of codes written to carry out some specified tasks.
- used to bundle a set of instructions that you want to use repeatedly.
- block of codes which only call when needed to avoid complexity.
- The def keyword is used to define a new function.



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Functions

```
def sayHello():
    print("Hello")
sayHello() # => Hello
```

```
def getANumber():
    num = int(input("Enter a number: "))
    print("Your number is", num)

getANumber()
# Enter a number: 10
# Your number is 10
```

Functions

```
def sum(a, b, c):
    print(a+b+c)

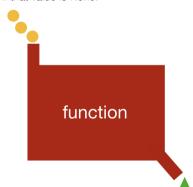
sum(1, 2, 3) # => 6
sum(2, 5, 6) # => 13
sum(0, 0, 0) # => 0
```

You should call the function in your code to make it work.

```
def factorial(n):
    result = 1
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        print(1)
   else:
        for i in range (1, n+1):
            result *= i
        print(result)
factorial(0) # => 1
factorial(1) # => 1
factorial(3) # => 6
factorial(4) # => 24
factorial(5) # => 120
```

Return

All functions return some value even if that value is None.





Return

```
def factorial(n):
    result = 1
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1

for i in range(1,n+1):
        result *= i
    return result
```

You should call the function and assign it to a variable to hold the value.

```
a = factorial(0)
b = factorial(1)
c = factorial(3)
d = factorial(4)
e = factorial(5)

print(a) # => 1
print(b) # => 1
print(c) # => 6
print(d) # => 24
print(e) # => 120
```

Return

```
def sum(a, b, c):
    return a+b+c

num = sum(1, 2, 3)
print(num) # => 6
```

```
def double(a):
    return a*2
    print("Doubled")

num = double(4)
print(num)
```

Return terminates the function. So, the output is 8.

Default Parameters

The values of parameters can be set to used as default.

In print (*args, sep=' ', end='\n'), sep and end are defined as default parameters.

```
def info(num, name='NoInfo', surname='NoInfo', ID='NoInfo'):
    print(num, name, surname, ID)
```

```
# 1 positional argument
info(2)
# 2 positional arguments
info(2, 'Jane')
# 3 positional arguments
info(2, 'Jane', 'Doe')
# 4 positional arguments
info(2, 'Jane', 'Doe', 20)
```

```
# 1 keyword argument
info(num=1)
# 2 keyword arguments
info(name='Jane', num=9)
# 2 keyword arguments
info(num=9, name='Jane')
# 1 positional, 1 keyword
info(2, 'John', ID=13)
```

Default Parameters

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```
def info(num, name='NoInfo', surname='NoInfo', ID='NoInfo'):
    print(num, name, surname, ID)
```

```
# required argument missing
info()
# non-keyword argument after a keyword argument
info(num=2, 'Jane')
# duplicate value for the same argument
info(2, num=3)
# unknown keyword argument
info(person='Jane')
```



Variadic Positional Arguments

It is used to let the function accept any number of arguments.

In print (*args, sep=' ', end='\n'), you can put as many args as you want.

Suppose we want a product function that works as so: product(3, 5) gives 15. product(3, 4, 2) gives 24. product(3, 5, scale=10) gives 150.

```
def product(*nums, scale = 1):
    p = scale
    for n in nums:
        p *= n
    return p
```

Local & Global Variables

- Local variables are created in functions.
- Global variables are created out of the functions.

```
x = 10 # => global

def func():
    x = 5 # => local
    y = 7 # => local
    print(x, y)

func()
print(x)
```

```
x = 10
def func():
    print(x)
func() # => 10
```

```
def func():
    a = 2
    print(a)

func()
print(a) # => not defined (gives error)
```

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Local & Global Variables

```
x = 2

def func(num):
    num = 6
    print(num)

func(x)
print(x)
```

```
Prints
6
2
```

```
x = 2
def func():
    x = 6
    print(x)

func()
print(x)
```

```
Prints
6
2
```

```
x = 2

def func():
    global x
    x = 6
    print(x)

func()
print(x)
```

```
Prints
6
```



Lambda

We can write short functions in one line by using lambda.

```
function_name = lambda parameter1, parameter2, ... : return_value
```

```
def double(x):
    return x*2
```

```
def sumAndPrint(x,y,z):
   print(x+y+z)
```

```
def reverseString(s):
    return s[::-1]
```

```
double = lambda x : x*2
```

```
sumAndPrint = \textbf{lambda} x, y, z : print(x+y+z)
```

```
reverseString = lambda s: s[::-1]
```