

CISC 108: Introduction to Computer Science I

## Python, Part 2

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# Lists

- ▶ Python has several “sequence” data structures similar to ISL lists
- ▶ `list`
  - ▶ `[item0, item1, item2]`
  - ▶ a **mutable** sequence of data
  - ▶ (we will see what “mutable” means soon)
- ▶ `tuple`
  - ▶ `(item0, item1, item2)`
  - ▶ an immutable sequence of data
  - ▶ note: singleton tuple must be written: `(item0,)`

We're going to use `lists`.



## Translation of ISL primitives

ISL	Python
(list 1 2 3)	[1, 2, 3]
(list 1)	[1]
empty	[]
(first alist)	alist[0]
(rest alist)	alist[1:]
(empty? alist)	not alist
(cons? alist)	isinstance(alist, list) and alist
(length alist)	len(alist)

# Translation of ISL list functions

```
empty = []

def cons(x, a_list):
    return [x]+a_list

def first(a_list):
    return a_list[0]

def rest(a_list):
    return a_list[1:]

def is_empty(a_list):
    return not a_list
```

## Example: Adding a number to every element of a list

```
(define (add-to-all lon n)
  (cond
    [(empty? lon) empty]
    [(cons? lon)
     (cons (+ (first lon) n) (add-to-all (rest lon) n))]))
```

```
def add_to_all(lon, n):
    if is_empty(lon):
        return empty
    else:
        return cons(first(lon) + n, add_to_all(rest(lon), n))
```







# Local functions

Function definitions in a local scope are also possible:

```
def super_local(los):
    """
    Consumes:
        [List-of str] : list of strings
    Produces: list of strings obtained by prepending "SUPER-"
    to each element in los
    """
    def make_super(astring):
        return "SUPER-" + astring
    if is_empty(los):
        return empty
    else:
        return cons(make_super(first(los)), super_local(rest(los)))

assert super_local(["cool", "CISC108"]) == ["SUPER-cool", "SUPER-CISC108"]
```

# Lambda!

Syntax:

```
lambda var1, var2, ..., varn : expr
```

Example:

```
def add2(f):  
    return f(1)+f(2)  
  
print(add2(lambda x: 2*x))
```



## Example: define filter

```
def my_filter(f, lox):  
    """  
    Consumes:  
        (X -> boolean) f  
        [List-of X] lox  
    Produces: sub-list of lox consisting of all those elements x for  
        which f(x) is true  
    """  
    if is_empty(lox):  
        return empty  
    elif f(first(lox)):  
        return cons(first(lox), my_filter(f, rest(lox)))  
    else:  
        return my_filter(f, rest(lox))  
  
assert my_filter(lambda x: x%2==0, [1,2,3,4]) == [2,4]
```



# List of structures!

Design function which computes total cost of list of snakes:

```
BILL = Snake("Bill", 10, "green")
SALLY = Snake("Sally", 35, "blue")
SL2 = [BILL, SALLY]

def total_cost(snake_list):
    """
    Consumes:
        [List-of Snake] snake_list
    Produces: sum of prices of snakes
    """
    if is_empty(snake_list):
        return 0
    else:
        return first(snake_list).get_price() + \
            total_cost(rest(snake_list));

assert total_cost(SL2) == BILL.get_price() + SALLY.get_price()
```

## Better: use reduce

```
def total_cost_v2(snake_list):  
    return my_reduce(lambda s, t: s.get_price() + t, 0, snake_list)  
  
assert total_cost_v2(SL3) == total_cost(SL3)
```







## Filter on list of structures

```
def extract_tigers(animal_list):  
    """  
    Consumes:  
        [List-of Animal] animal_list  
    Produces: list of Tigers occurring in animal_list  
    """  
    return my_filter(lambda a: isinstance(a, Tiger), animal_list)  
  
assert extract_tigers(AL1) == [TONY]
```

## Example of a `map` on list of structures

- ▶ Given list of Animals, return list of their names, but for a Dillo use "Some Dillo" in place of the name...



# Mutation!

- ▶ a new concept: **memory** (**state**)
  - ▶ until now, all functions have been *pure functions*, like in math
  - ▶ given same input, they will always return the same result
  - ▶ the result returned is entirely independent of anything that has happened in the past
  - ▶ the functions have no “memory”



## Example: state required

A simple counter:

```
>>> c = Counter(0)
>>> c.count()
0
>>> c.count()
1
>>> c.count()
2
```

- ▶ same method called three times in a row
- ▶ same arguments (just implicit argument `self`)
- ▶ different result each time
- ▶ the method **remembers** how many times it has been called





# What is state?

- ▶ each **scope** maintains a mapping of variable names to values
- ▶ the values can change
- ▶ each object has its own scope
- ▶ there is also the global (file) scope
- ▶ there are also local scopes within each function definition
- ▶ **all of these scopes have state that can be changed**

## Changing state of global scope

```
# Global state changing...  
X = 1  
print(X)  
X = X+1  
print(X)
```

Output:

```
1  
2
```

## Changing state of an object: Counter

```
class Counter:
    def __init__(self, initial_val):
        self.val = initial_val
    def count(self):
        result = self.val
        self.val = result + 1
        return result
```

```
>>> c = Counter(0)
>>> c.count()
0
>>> c.count()
1
>>> c.count()
2
```

## Changing state of objects: multiple counters

each object has its own “memory”

```
>>> C1 = Counter(56)
>>> C2 = Counter(397)
>>> C1.count()
56
>>> C2.count()
397
>>> C1.count()
57
>>> C2.count()
398
```







## References

- ▶ a **reference** to an object can be thought of as something that “points” to that object, rather than the object itself
- ▶ in Python, operations on objects and lists happen through references
- ▶ two different variables may hold a reference to the same object
  - ▶ in the following code:

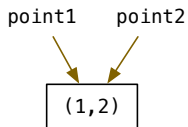
```
class Point:
    def __init__(self, x, y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
    def __str__(self):
        return "(" + str(self.x) + "," + str(self.y) + ")"
    def __repr__(self):
        return self.__str__()
point1 = Point(1,2)
point2 = point1
```

- ▶ only one instance of `Point` is created
- ▶ `point1` holds a reference to the new `Point` object
- ▶ the assignment assigns this reference to `point2`
- ▶ now both variables hold reference to the same object

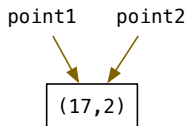


## Aliased

```
point1 = Point(1,2)  
point2 = point1
```

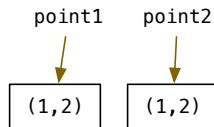


```
point1.x = 17
```

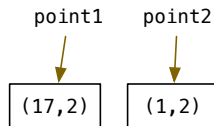


## Non-aliased

```
point1 = Point(1,2)  
point2 = Point(1,2)
```



```
point1.x = 17
```



- Exercise: what happens in the following?

```
point1 = Point(1,2);  
point2 = point1;  
point3 = Point(3,4);  
point1 = point3;
```



# Equality

Two notions of equality:

- ▶ `is`
  - ▶ `a is b` tells you if two references are the same
  - ▶ meaning: `a` and `b` point to the same object
  - ▶ if `a is b` then certainly `a == b`
  - ▶ but if `a == b` then maybe `a is b` or maybe not
- ▶ `==` tests if two objects are equivalent in some way:
  - ▶ two numbers are `==` if they are the same
  - ▶ two strings are `==` if they have the same sequence of characters
  - ▶ two lists are `==` if they have the same length and corresponding elements are `==`
  - ▶ `==` is a matter of **interpretation**
    - ▶ how you interpret data to represent information
    - ▶ if you define your own class, you need to tell Python how to decide if two objects of that class are considered `==`
    - ▶ define a method `__eq__(self, other)`



# References and performance

- ▶ suppose
  - ▶ class `C` has 1 `int` field
  - ▶ class `D` has 1,000,000 `int` fields
  - ▶ variables `c1` and `c2` have type `C`
  - ▶ variables `d1` and `d2` have type `D`
- ▶ how long does it take to execute the assignments ...
  - ▶ `c1 = c2;` vs.
  - ▶ `d1 = d2;`







## Setters

Often provide **setters** and getters for each field.

```
class Point:
    def __init__(self,x,y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y
    def get_x(self):
        return self.x
    def set_x(self, x):
        self.x = x
    def get_y(self):
        return self.y
    def set_y(self, y):
        self.y = y
    def __str__(self):
        return "("+str(self.x)+", "+str(self.y)+")"
    def __repr__(self):
        return self.__str__()
    def __eq__(self, other):
        return self.x==other.x and self.y==other.y
```

## Example: set/get with two objects

```
point1 = Point(0,0);
point2 = Point(0,0);

point1.set_x(1);
point1.set_y(2);
point2.set_x(3);
point2.set_y(4);

print(point1.get_x()); // prints 1
print(point1.get_y()); // prints 2
print(point2.get_x()); // prints 3
print(point2.get_y()); // prints 4
```

## Example: aliasing

```
point1 = Point(0,0);  
point2 = point1;  
  
point1.set_x(1);  
point1.set_y(2);  
point2.set_x(3);  
point2.set_y(4);  
  
print(point1.get_x()); // prints 3  
print(point1.get_y()); // prints 4  
print(point2.get_x()); // prints 3  
print(point2.get_y()); // prints 4
```

## Exercise

```
point1 = Point(1,2);
point2 = Point(3,4);
```

```
point2 = point1;  
point2.set_x(5);
```

```
print(point1.get_x()); // ?
print(point1.get_y()); // ?
print(point2.get_x()); // ?
print(point2.get_y()); // ?
```

- A. 1 2 3 4  
B. 1 2 5 4  
C. 5 2 5 4  
D. 5 2 5 2  
E. 5 4 5 4

## Loops!

```
for x in a_list:
    do something with x
    ...
```

- ▶ iterates over each element of the list
- ▶ first, `x` is assigned element 0 of the list
- ▶ body of `for` statement is executed
- ▶ then `x` is assigned element 1 of the list
- ▶ body of `for` statement is executed
- ▶ repeat for every element of list

In general can use any **iterable** object in place of `a_list`

- ▶ `range(n)`: returns an iterable for ints  $0, 1, \dots, n-1$

## Exercises with loops

1. write a function to print the integers from 0 to  $n - 1$
2. design a function to print every element in a list
3. print every other element in a list
4. design a function to create a copy of a list of numbers
5. add up all numbers in a list of numbers (not using reduce)
6. given a list of numbers, multiply every element by 2 (mutation!)
7. given a list of Point, add 1 to every x coordinate (mutation!)
8. given a list of Point, swap the x and y coordinate of each point (mutation!)

## Clicker 1: equality

What does the following print?

```
l1 = [1, 2, 3]
l2 = [1, 2]
l2.append(3)
print(l1 is l2)
print(l1 == l2)
```

- A. True True
- B. True False
- C. False True
- D. False False
- E. ERROR

## Clicker 2: Sharing

What does the following print?

```
l1 = [1, 2, 3]
l2 = l1
l1[1] = 9
print(l2)
```

- A. [1, 2, 3]  
B. [1, 9, 3]  
C. ERROR



## Clicker 3: Sharing

What does the following print?

```
p1 = Point(1,2)
p2 = Point(3,4)
l1 = [p1, p2]
l1[1].set_x(9)
print(l1)
print(p2)
```

- A. [(1,2), (3,4)]      (3,4)
- B. [(1,2), (3,4)]      (9,4)
- C. [(1,2), (9,4)]      (3,4)
- D. [(1,2), (9,4)]      (9,4)

## Clicker 4: Sharing

What does the following print?

```
p1 = Point(1,2)
l1 = [p1, p1]
l1[0].set_y(9)
print(l1)
print(p1)
```

- A. [(1,9), (1,2)]      (1,2)
- B. [(1,2), (1,2)]      (1,9)
- C. [(1,9), (1,2)]      (1,9)
- D. [(1,9), (1,9)]      (1,9)

## Clicker 5: Sharing

What does the following print?

```
p1 = Point(1,2)
l1 = [p1, p1]
l1[0].set_y(9)
l1[1].set_y(10)
print(l1[0] is l1[1])
print(l1[0] == l1[1])
```

- A. True    True
- B. True    False
- C. False   True
- D. False   False

# Scope

What does the following print?

```
x=1
def f():
    x=2
    print(x)
f()
print(x)
```

## Scope

What does the following print?

```
x=1
def f():
    x=2
    print(x)
f()
print(x)
```

Answer: 2 1

Why? The second **x** is a **local** variable.

Its scope is the **code block** in which it occurs.

In general:

- ▶ any assignment to a variable in a scope implicitly declares that variable to be a **local** variable in that scope
- ▶ parameters are also local

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## Scope

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```
x=1
def f():
    print(x)
f()
print(x)
```

Answer: 1 1

## Why?

Because there is no **assignment** to **x** in the local block, **x** is not declared to be local. Instead **x** refers to the **global x**.

# Scope

What does the following print?

```
x=1
def f():
    y = x
    print(y)
    y = 9
    print(x)
f()
print(x)
```



## Scope

What does the following print?

```
x=1
def f():
    y = x
    print(y)
    y = 9
    print(x)
f()
print(x)
```

- ▶ 1 1 1
- ▶ `y` is local
- ▶ `x` is global
- ▶ setting `y` to 9 does not change what is stored in `x`



## The global keyword

```
x=1
def f():
    global x
    def g():
        x=999    # this is a local x
    g()
    print(x)     # this is the global x
f()
```

► output: 1







## why `while` loops are the only loops you need

```
lon = [1,2,3]
```

```
for i in range(len(lon)):  
    lon[i] = 2*lon[i]
```

and

```
i=0  
while i<len(lon):  
    lon[i] = 2*lon[i]  
    i = i+1
```

do the exact same thing.

## Estimate $\pi$ to within some tolerance

Exercise: write function to approximate  $\pi$  to within a given **tolerance** using the formula.

$$\begin{aligned}\pi &= 4 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i+1}}{2i-1} \\ &= 4(1/1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + \dots).\end{aligned}$$

When two successive partial sum are within tolerance, stop.

You can either **return** value immediate or **break** out of loop.



# Checking input

The `raise` statement:

- ▶ If something goes wrong, `raise` an `exception`.
- ▶ There are various kinds of exceptions.
- ▶ We will use `ValueError`:
- ▶ `raise ValueError("Some nice error message")`
- ▶ Typical pattern: check inputs satisfy some condition.
- ▶ If they don't, raise a `ValueError`.