



15-110 PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTING – F19

LECTURE 10: TUPLES, LISTS 1

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So far about Python ...

- Basic elements of a program:
 - Literal objects
 - Variables objects
 - Function objects
 - Commands
 - Expressions
 - Operators
- Utility functions (built-in):
 - `print(arg1, arg2, ...)`
 - `type(obj)`
 - `id(obj)`
 - `int(obj)`
 - `float(obj)`
 - `bool(obj)`
 - `str(obj)`
 - `input(msg)`
 - `len(non_scalar_obj)`
- Object properties
 - Literal vs. Variable
 - Type
 - Scalar vs. Non-scalar
 - **Immutable vs. Mutable**
- Conditional flow control
 - `if cond_true:
 do_something`
 - `if cond_true:
 do_something
else:
 do_something_else`
 - `if cond1_true:
 do_something_1
elif cond2_true:
 do_something_2
else:
 do_something_else`
- Data types:
 - `int`
 - `float`
 - `bool`
 - `str`
 - `None`
- Relational operators
 - `>`
 - `<`
 - `>=`
 - `<=`
 - `==`
 - `!=`
- Logical operators
 - `and`
 - `or`
 - `not`
- Operators:
 - `=`
 - `+`
 - `+=`
 - `-`
 - `/`
 - `*`
 - `*=`
 - `//`
 - `%`
 - `**`
 - `[]`
 - `[:]`
 - `[::]`
- String methods

Tuple type

- **Tuple:** (non-scalar type) ordered sequence of objects (any type, not need same type), immutable
- Purpose: **group items together in the same (immutable) object**
- Syntax: **(a , b , c , ... ,)**

- Examples of tuple variables assigned with tuple literals

```
prime_numbers = (1, 3, 5, 7, 11)
irrational_numbers = (2.71828, 3.14159, 1.41421)
fruits = ('apple', 'pear', 'banana', 'orange')
colors = ('red', 'blue', 'green')
person_info = ('Donald', 'Trump', 14, 'June', 1946, 'President')
fruit_info = ('melon', 3.6, 'yellow', 12.5)
logical_values = (True, False, True, 255)
empty_sequence = ()
one_element_sequence = (5, ) → one_integer_var = (5)
```

Tuple type

- **Syntax:** `(a, b, c, ...,)`
- ... but also **any comma-separated sequence of objects:** `a, b, c, d`

```
prime_numbers = 1, 3, 5, 7, 11
irrational_numbers = 2.71828, 3.14159, 1.41421
fruits = 'apple', 'pear', 'banana', 'orange'
colors = 'red', 'blue', 'green'
person_info = 'Donald', 'Trump', 14, 'June', 1946, 'President'
fruit_info = 'melon', 3.6, 'yellow', 12.5
logical_values = True, False, True, 255
one_element_sequence = 5,
```

`a,b,c = 1,3,6` → three variables of `int` type

`a = 1,3,6` → one variable of `tuple` type

List type

- **List:** (non-scalar type) ordered sequence of objects (any type, not need same type), mutable
- Purpose: **group items together in the same (mutable) object**
- Syntax: **[a , b , c , ... ,]**

➤ Examples of list variables assigned with list literals

```
prime_numbers = [1, 3, 5, 7, 11]
```

```
irrational_numbers = [2.71828, 3.14159, 1.41421]
```

```
fruits = ['apple', 'pear', 'banana', 'orange']
```

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person_info = ['Donald', 'Trump', 14, 'June', 1946, 'President']
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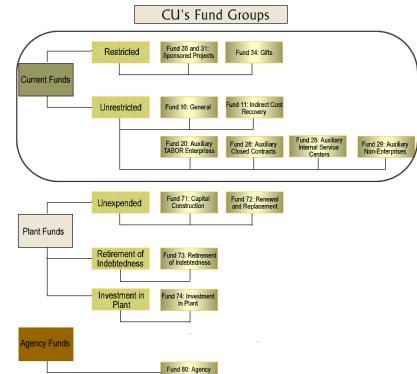
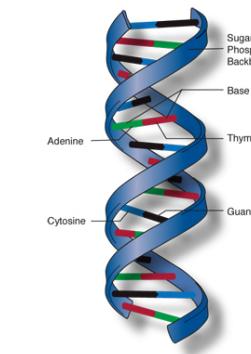
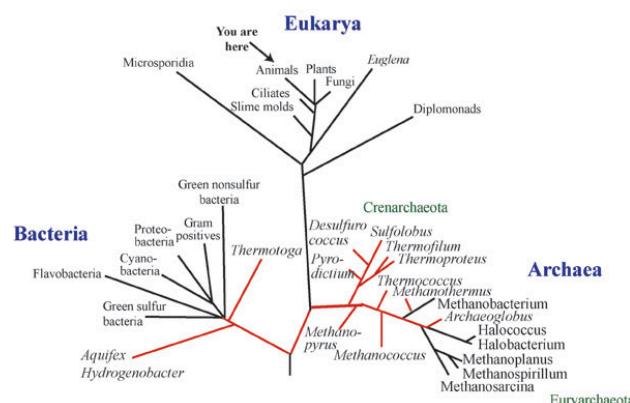
```
empty_list = []
```

```
one_element_list = [5] or one_element_list = [5, ]
```

```
list_of_lists = [1, 'sedan', ['Toyota', 'Corolla', 1.8, 2012], 52000]
```

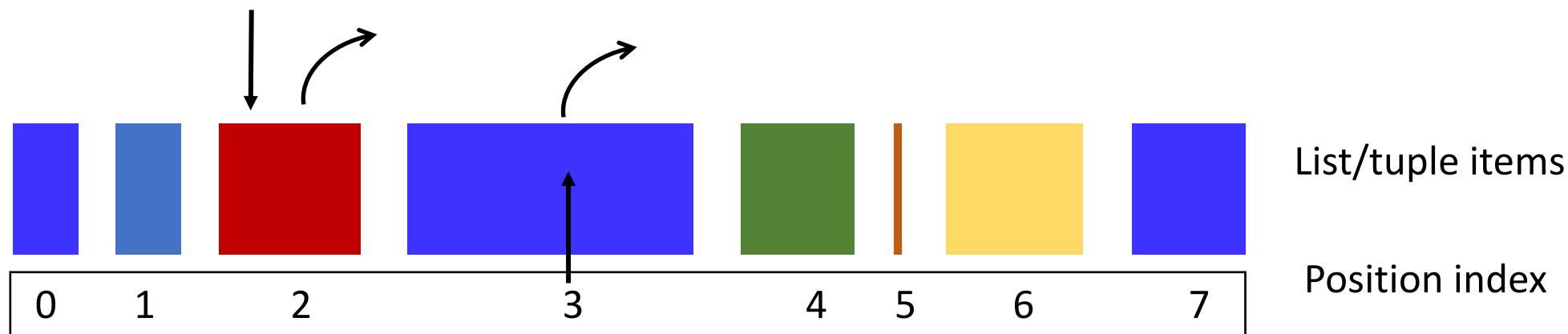
List and tuples: fundamental *data structures* in python

- **Data structure:** Container used to store data (information) in a specific organized form, a *layout*
- A given *layout* determines a data structure to be efficient in some operations and/or effective in the representation of parts of information, and maybe inefficient / ineffective in others
- E.g., the layout affects how we access *access / find / change / add / remove / sort/organize* data



List and tuples data structures: basic operations

- **Data structure:** Container used to store data (information) in a specific organized form, a *layout*
- List/tuple layout is *linear*: based on a sequential arrangement of the data → **position indexes**
- **Access (read) operations**, at any position, for both lists and tuples:
 - **get** data by index (in 2 steps time)
 - **find** data by content (linear number steps for scanning the list, depending on item's position)



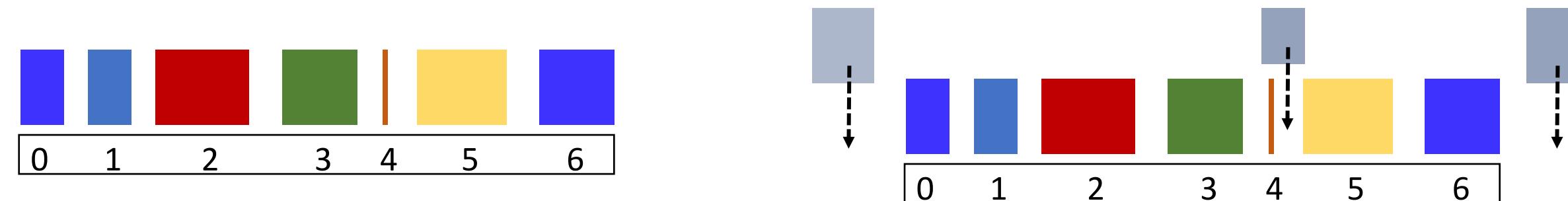
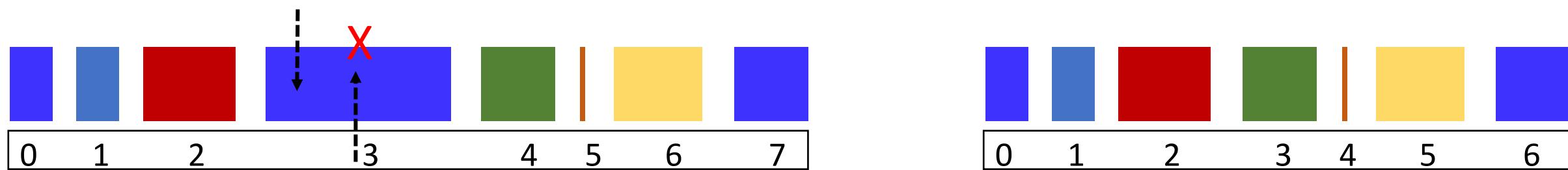
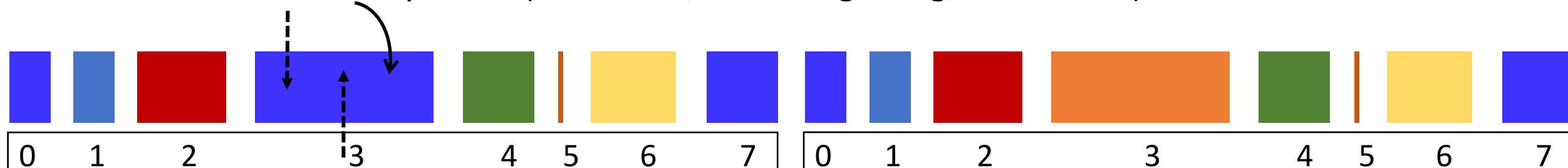
List data structures: basic operations

- **Update operations, at any position, only for lists:**

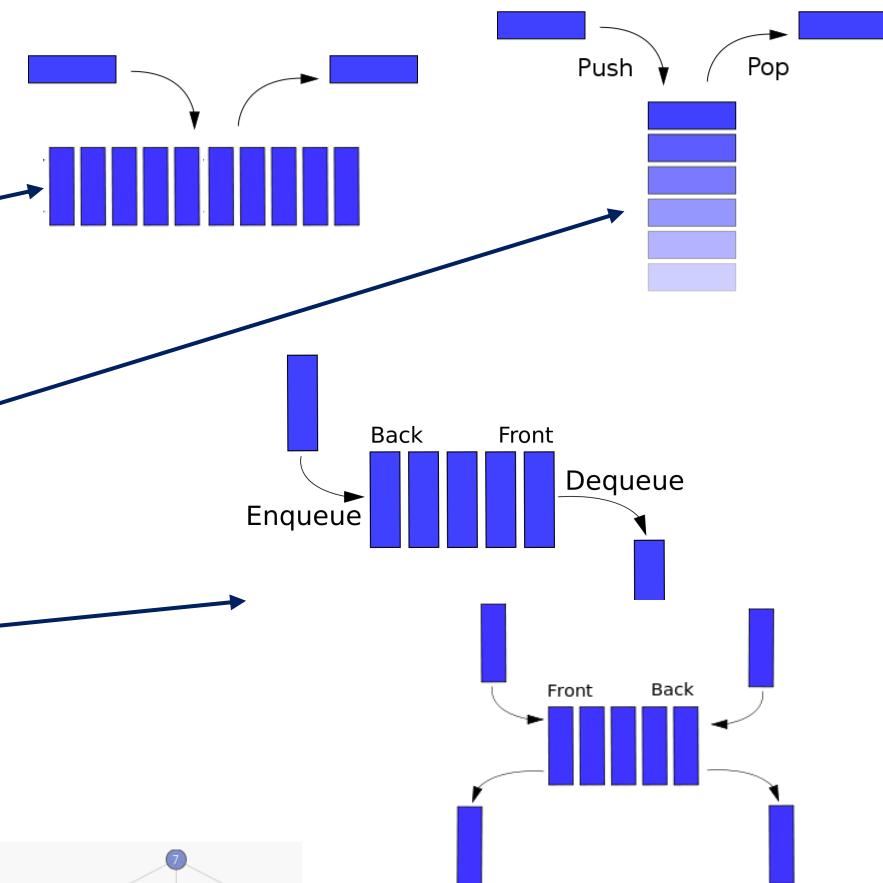
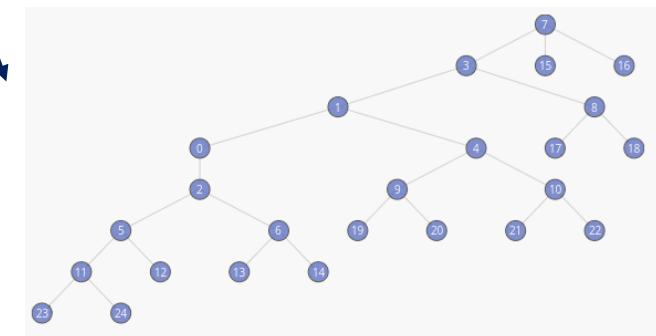
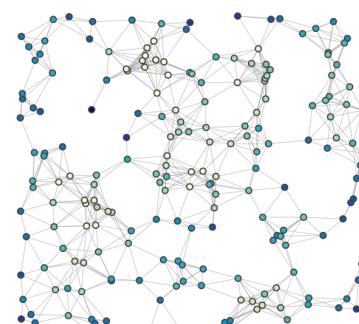
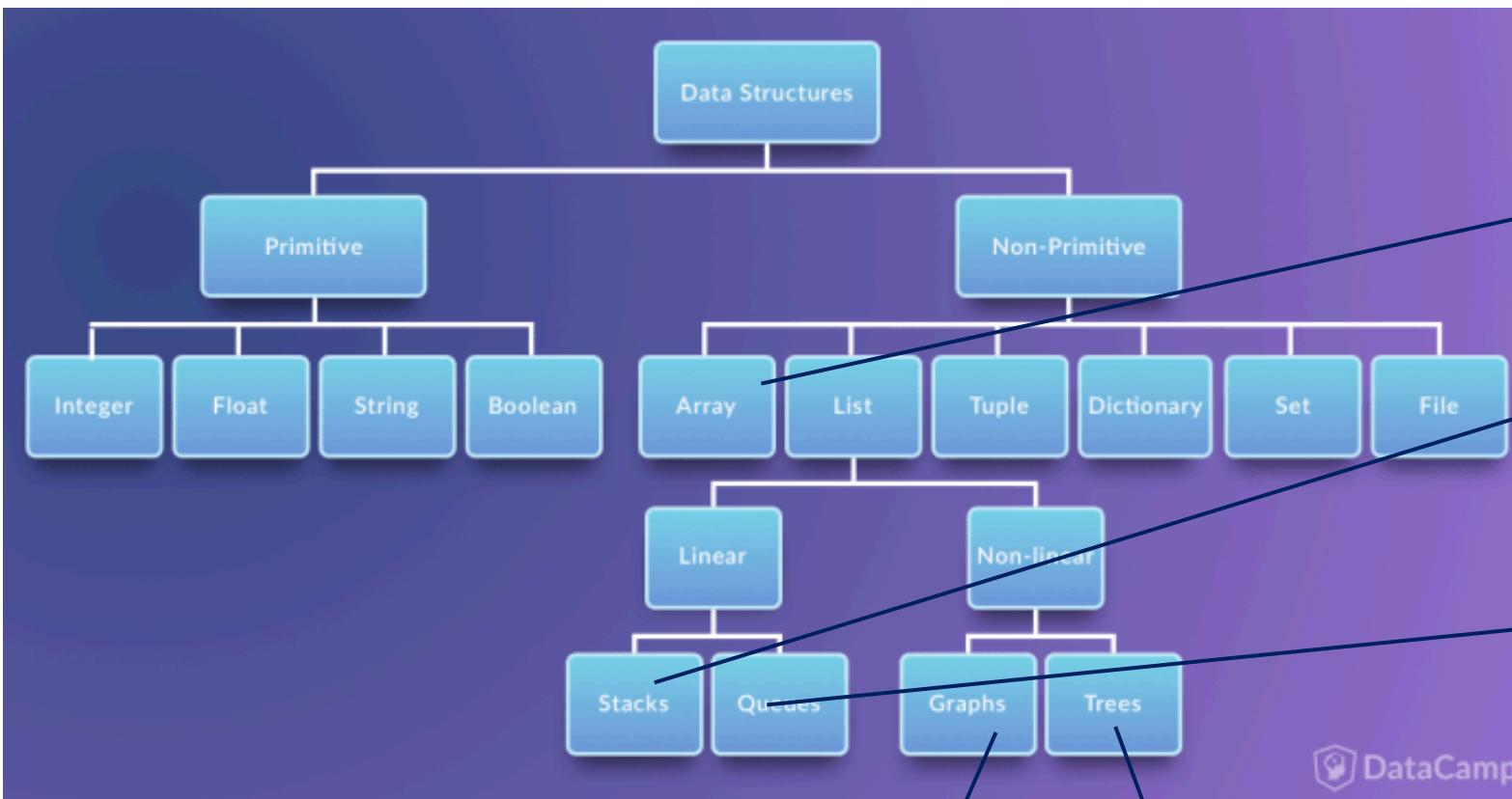
➤ **change** the value of an item

➤ **remove** one item

➤ **add** a new item anywhere (at the end, at the beginning, in between)



Other data structures in python (building on lists)



Accessing tuple / list values: [], [:], [::]

- **Syntax:** the same used for strings!

- Single tuple/list element: `[index]`
- Subsequence of the tuple/list: `[start : end]`
- Subsequence with a stride: `[start : end : step]`

tuple

```
prime_numbers = (1, 3, 5, 7, 11)
```

list

```
even_numbers = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

`x = prime_numbers[0]` → `x` is of type `int` and has value 1

`x = even_numbers[2]` → `x` is of type `int` and has value 6

`x = prime_numbers[-3]` → `x` is of type `int` and has value 5

`x = prime_numbers[1:3]` → `x` is of type `tuple` and has value `(3, 5)`

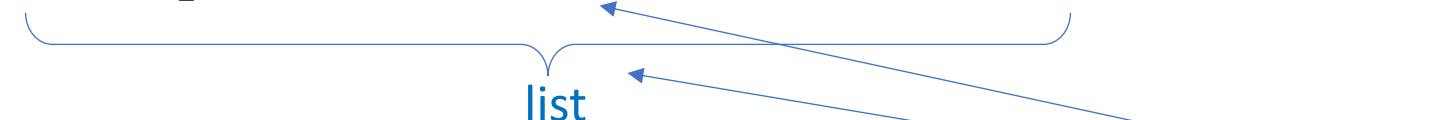
corresponding to the tuple elements of index 1 and 2

`x = even_numbers[1:4:2]` → `x` is of type `list` and has value `(3, 7)`

corresponding to the list elements of index 4 and 8

Accessing tuple/list values that are inside tuples/lists

```
cars = [1, 'sedan', ['Toyota', 'Corolla', 1.8, 2012], 52000]
```



- How do we access the item Corolla in the list variable `cars`?

```
model = cars[2][1]
```

list list[1]

Equivalent to:

```
model = (cars[2])[1]
```

```
['Toyota', 'Corolla', 1.8, 2012]
```

'Corolla'

- How do we access to the 4rd character in the `model` variable? (of type `str`)

Equivalent to:

```
model = ((cars[2])[1])[3]
```

```
model3 = cars[2][1][3]
```

list list[1] list[1][3]

```
['Toyota', 'Corolla', 1.8, 2012]
```

'Corolla' 'o'

Updating tuple values: No!

- Updating tuple values: **No!** tuples are immutable types, like strings

- *Invalid operations:*

```
prime_numbers = (1, 3, 5, 7, 11)
```

```
prime_numbers[4] = 13 → an existing element cannot be modified
```

```
prime_numbers[5] = 13 → it cannot be extended to an additional element
```

- “Update” the tuple by creating a new tuple from the existing one

```
prime_numbers = (1, 3, 5, 7, 11)
```

```
new_prime_numbers = (1, 3, 5, 7, 13)
```

```
new_prime_numbers = prime_numbers[0:4] + (13, )
```

```
new_prime_numbers = prime_numbers + (13, 17)
```