

Computational Structures in Data Science



Lecture 8: Mutability



Announcements

- **Maps project due Wed 11/6**
- **Lecture Monday 11/4 still**
- **Virtual “Clicker” questions for this lecture on Gradescope**
 - **Open until the end of class, submit as often as you’d like. They count as clicker points like any other lecture.**



Computational Concepts Toolbox

- Data type: values, literals, operations,
- Expressions, Call expression
- Variables
- Assignment Statement
- Sequences: tuple, list
- **Dictionaries**
- Data structures
- Tuple assignment
- Function Definition Statement
- Conditional Statement
- Iteration: list comp, for, while
- **Lambda function expr.**
- Higher Order Functions
 - Functions as Values
 - Functions with functions as argument
 - Assignment of function values
- Higher order function patterns
 - Map, Filter, Reduce
- Function factories – create and return functions
- Recursion
 - Linear, Tail, Tree
- Abstract Data Types: **Mutability**



Review: Creating an Abstract Data Type



- **Operations**
 - Express the behavior of objects, invariants, etc
 - Implemented (abstractly) in terms of Constructors and Selectors for the object
- **Representation**
 - Constructors & Selectors
 - Implement the structure of the object
- **An *abstraction barrier violation* occurs when a part of the program that can use the higher level functions uses lower level ones instead**
 - At either layer of abstraction
- **Abstraction barriers make programs easier to get right, maintain, and modify**
 - Few changes when representation changes



Dictionaries – by example

- **Constructors :**

- `dict(hi=32, lo=17)`
- `dict([('hi',212), ('lo',32), (17,3)])`
- `{'x':1, 'y':2, 3:4}`
- `{wd:len(wd) for wd in "The quick brown fox".split() }`

- **Selectors :**

- `water['lo']`
- `<dict>.keys(), .items(), .values()`
- `<dict>.get(key [, default])`

- **Operations :**

- `in, not in, len, min, max`
- `'lo' in water`

- **Mutators**

- `water['lo'] = 33`



Objects

- An Abstract Data Type consist of data and behavior bundled together to abstract a view on the data
- An object is a concrete instance of an abstract data type.
- Objects can have state
 - mutable vs immutable
- Next lectures: Object-oriented programming
 - A methodology for organizing large(er) programs
 - A core component of the Python language
- In Python, every value is an object
 - All **objects** have **attributes**
 - Manipulation happens through **method**



Mutability

- **Immutable** – the value of the object cannot be changed
 - integers, floats, booleans
 - strings, tuples
- **Mutable** – the value of the object can ...
 - Lists
 - Dictionaries

```
>>> alist = [1,2,3,4]
>>> alist
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> alist[2]
3
>>> alist[2] = 'elephant'
>>> alist
[1, 2, 'elephant', 4]
```

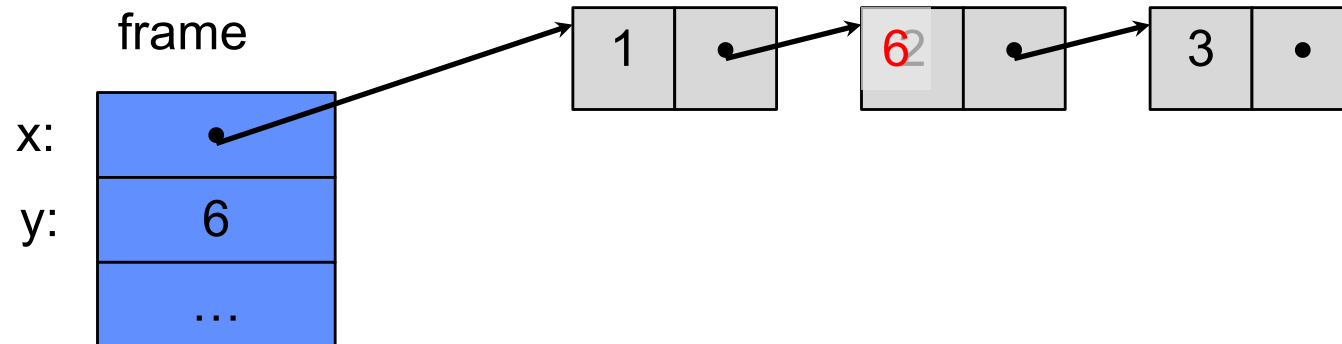
```
>>> adict = {'a':1, 'b':2}
>>> adict
{'b': 2, 'a': 1}
>>> adict['b']
2
>>> adict['b'] = 42
>>> adict['c'] = 'elephant'
>>> adict
{'b': 42, 'c': 'elephant', 'a': 1}
```



From value to storage ...

- A variable assigned a compound value (object) is a *reference* to that object.
- Mutable object can be changed but the variable(s) still refer to it

```
x = [1, 2, 3]  
y = 6  
x[1] = y  
x[1]
```





Mutation makes sharing visible

Python 3.6

```
1 x = 2
2 y = 3
3 print(x+y)
4 x = 4
→ 5 print(x+y)
```

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Frames

Objects

Global frame

x	4
y	3

Python 3.6

```
1 x = [1, 2, 3]
2 y = x
3 print(y)
4 x[1] = 11
→ 5 print(y)
```

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[1, 2, 3]
[1, 11, 3]

Frames

Objects

Global frame

x	•
y	•

list

0	1	2
1	11	3



Copies, 'is' and '=='

```
>>> alist = [1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> alist == [1, 2, 3, 4]    # Equal values?
True
>>> alist is [1, 2, 3, 4]    # same object?
False
>>> blist = alist             # assignment refers
>>> alist is blist           # to same object
True
>>> blist = list(alist)       # type constructors copy
>>> blist is alist
False
>>> blist = alist[ : ]        # so does slicing
>>> blist is alist
False
>>> blist
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>>
```



Mutating Input Data

- Functions can mutate objects passed in as an argument
- Declaring a new variable with the same name as an argument only exists within the scope of our function
- BUT, we can still modify the object passed in, even though it was created in some other frame or environment.
- [Python Tutor](#)



Creating mutating ‘functions’

- Pure functions have *referential transparency*
 - `c = greet() + name()` is “referentially transparent” if we can replace that expression with the value, maybe that’s “Hello, CS 88”
- Result value depends only on the inputs
 - Same inputs, same result value
- Functions that use global variables are not pure
- They can be “mutating”

```
>>> counter = -1
>>> def count_fun():
...     global counter
...     counter += 1
...     return counter
...
>>> count_fun()
0
>>> count_fun()
1
```



Creating mutating 'functions'

```
>>> counter = -1
>>> def count_fun():
...     global counter
...     counter += 1
...     return counter
...
>>> count_fun()
0
>>> count_fun()
1
```

How do I make a second counter?

```
>>> def make_counter():
...     counter = -1
...     def counts():
...         nonlocal counter
...         counter += 1
...         return counter
...     return counts
...
>>> count_fun = make_counter()
>>> count_fun()
0
>>> count_fun()
1
>>> nother_one = make_counter()
>>> nother_one()
0
>>> count_fun()
2
```



Are these 'mutations' ?

```
def sum(seq):  
    psum = 0  
    for x in seq:  
        psum = psum + x  
    return psum  
  
def reverse(seq):  
    rev = []  
    for x in seq:  
        rev = [x] + rev  
    return rev
```



- A) Yes, both
- B) Only sum
- C) Only reverse
- D) None of them

Solution:

D) No change of seq



Creating mutable objects

- Follow the ADT methodology, enclosing state within the abstraction



Useless bank account

```
def account(name, initial_deposit):  
    return (name, initial_deposit)  
  
def account_name(acct):  
    return acct[0]  
  
def account_balance(acct):  
    return acct[1]  
  
def deposit(acct, amount):  
    return (acct[0], acct[1]+amount)  
  
def withdraw(acct, amount):  
    return (acct[0], acct[1]-amount)
```

```
>>> my_acct = account('David Culler', 175)  
>>> my_acct  
( 'David Culler', 175)  
>>> deposit(my_acct, 35)  
( 'David Culler', 210)  
>>> account_balance(my_acct)  
175
```




Bank account using dict

```
def account(name, initial_deposit):  
    return {'Name' : name, 'Number': 0,  
            'Balance' : initial_deposit}  
  
def account_name(acct):  
    return acct['Name']  
  
def account_balance(acct):  
    return acct['Balance']  
  
def deposit(acct, amount):  
    acct['Balance'] += amount  
    return acct['Balance']  
  
def withdraw(acct, amount):  
    acct['Balance'] -= amount  
    return acct['Balance']
```

```
>>> my_acct = account('David Culler', 93)  
>>> account_balance(my_acct)  
93  
>>> deposit(my_acct, 100)  
193  
>>> account_balance(my_acct)  
193  
>>> withdraw(my_acct, 10)  
183  
>>> account_balance(my_acct)  
183  
>>> your_acct = account("Fred Jones", 0)  
>>> deposit(your_acct, 75)  
75  
>>> account_balance(my_acct)  
183
```



State for a class of objects

```
account_number_seed = 1000

def account(name, initial_deposit):
    global account_number_seed
    account_number_seed += 1
    return {'Name' : name, 'Number': account_number_seed,
            'Balance' : initial_deposit}

def account_name(acct):
    return acct['Name']

def account_balance(acct):
    return acct['Balance']

def account_number(acct):
    return acct['Number']

def deposit(acct, amount):
    acct['Balance'] += amount
    return acct['Balance']

def withdraw(acct, amount):
    acct['Balance'] -= amount
    return acct['Balance']
```

```
>>> my_acct = account('David Culler', 100)
>>> my_acct
{'Name': 'David Culler', 'Balance': 100,
 'Number': 1001}
>>> account_number(my_acct)
1001
>>> your_acct = account("Fred Jones", 475)
>>> account_number(your_acct)
1002
>>>
```



Hiding the object inside

```
account_number_seed = 1000
accounts = []

def account(name, initial_deposit):
    global account_number_seed
    global accounts
    account_number_seed += 1
    new_account = {'Name' : name, 'Number': account_number_seed,
                   'Balance' : initial_deposit}
    accounts.append(new_account)
    return len(accounts)-1

def account_name(acct):
    return accounts[acct]['Name']

. . .
def deposit(acct, amount):
    account = accounts[acct]
    account['Balance'] += amount
    return account['Balance']

def account_by_number(number):
    for account, index in zip(accounts, range(len(accounts))):
        if account['Number'] == number:
            return index
    return -1
```



Hiding the object inside

```
>>> my_acct = account('David Culler', 100)
>>> my_acct
0
>>> account_number(my_acct)
1001
>>> your_acct = account("Fred Jones", 475)
>>> accounts
[{'Name': 'David Culler', 'Balance': 100, 'Number': 1001},
 {'Name': 'Fred Jones', 'Balance': 475, 'Number': 1002}]
>>> account_by_number(1001)
0
>>> account_name(account_by_number(1001))
'David Culler'
>>> your_acct
1
>>> account_name(your_acct)
'Fred Jones'
>>>
```



Hazard Beware

```
def remove_account(acct):  
    global accounts  
    accounts = accounts[0:acct] + accounts[acct+1:]
```

```
>>> my_acct = account('David Culler', 100)  
>>> your_acct = account("Fred Jones", 475)  
>>> nother_acct = account("Wilma Flintstone", 999)  
>>> account_name(your_acct)  
'Fred Jones'  
>>> remove_account(my_acct)  
>>> account_name(your_acct)  
'Wilma Flintstone'  
>>>
```



A better way ...

```
account_number_seed = 1000
accounts = []

def account(name, initial_deposit):
    global account_number_seed
    global accounts
    account_number_seed += 1
    new_account = {'Name' : name, 'Number': account_number_seed,
                   'Balance' : initial_deposit}
    accounts.append(new_account)
    return account_number_seed

def _get_account(number):
    for account in accounts:
        if account['Number'] == number:
            return account
    return None

def account_name(acct):
    return _get_account(acct) [ 'Name' ]

. . .
```



A better way ...

```
account_number_seen = 0
accounts = []

def account(name, number):
    global account_number_seen
    if account_number_seen == 0:
        account_number_seen = 1
    accounts.append({'Name': name, 'Number': number})
    return account

def _get_account(number):
    for account in accounts:
        if account['Number'] == number:
            return account
    return None

def account_name(acct):
    return _get_account(acct['Number'])['Name']

... 
```