

# **DATA SCIENCE 101: PYTHON ITERATIONS (PART 1)**

#### **AGENDA**



- Recap of previous lessons
- Python iterations

#### RECAP OF PREVIOUS LESSON



- Decision structure & Boolean logic:
  - Sequence structure
  - Boolean operators (conditional & relational)
  - IF, ELIF, ELSE
  - Nested decisions
  - Try-Except
  - "Not" operator
- Collections:
  - What are collections?
  - Lists
  - Tuples
  - **Dictionaries**

### **INTRODUCTION**

- Purpose of iterations?
- What are variable tasks?
- Types of iteration constructs (While & For)



#### PROBLEM: REPETITIVE TASKS



- Example of repetitive tasks: Just imagine if you were asked by your boss to write a program that can print "Hello World" one hundred times
- This is a simple program, but yet you are going to have to write 100 lines of codes just to render this 😕

#### **ANALYSIS OF PROBLEM**



- By just using the current tools available at our disposal to deal with the previous problem, we face the following disadvantages:
  - We would have ended up with a long sequence of code just to solve the previous problems
  - Writing this kind of program can be time consuming
  - If duplicated part of code needs to be corrected, then the correction must be implemented many times

#### **SOLUTION TO PROBLEM: ITERATION**



- The solution to the above disadvantages would be:
  - Write the codes for the operation one time
  - Place the codes in a repetition structure for it to be repeated as many times as possible
- This repetition structure is actually call an iteration device or more commonly known as the "loop"
- There are different kinds of iteration device we can write in python: definite and indefinite loops

#### **DEFINITE LOOPS**



- Quite often we have a list of items or lines in a file effectively a finite set of things
- We can write a loop to run the loop once for each of the items in a set using the Python "for" construct
- These loops are called "definite loops" because they execute an exact number of times
- We say that "definite loops iterate through the members of a set"

#### **FOR LOOPS**

- Applying for loops in fundamental questions (list as data type)
- Other ways to implement a loop (using range)
- Applying for loops in fundamental questions (dictionary as data type)





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    print(i)
print('Peekaboo!')
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i 2

#### Output:

5

4

3

2.



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```

print('Peekaboo!'

```
i 1
```

```
Output:
5
4
3
2
1
Peekaboo!
```

#### **SYNTAX - FOR LOOPS**



```
One variable out of
      Keywords
                                               Colon
                       the container
  for value in container_of_many_values:
          #codes to execute
          #codes to execute
                                             A list of values
          #codes to execute
                                               (iterable)
4-Spaces / Tab
(Indentations)
```

#### WHAT YOU JUST OBSERVED



- The **iteration variable** "iterates" through the **sequence** (ordered set)
- The **Action** of code is executed once for each value in the **sequence**
- The **iteration variable** moves through all of the values in the **sequence**

```
countdown = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
       for i in countdown: Sequence
           print(i) — Action
Iteration
       print('Peekaboo!')
Variable
```

#### A DEFINITE LOOP WITH STRING\*



• The for loop construct works regardless of the data type in the list

```
friends = ['Joseph', 'Glenn', 'Sally']
for friend in friends :
  print('Happy New Year:' + friend)
print('Done!')
```

```
Happy New Year: Joseph
Happy New Year: Glenn
Happy New Year: Sally
Done!
```

#### TYPES OF FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS WE CAN SOLVE



- The earlier questions involved just mindlessly accessing data and printing it, but the clever combination of iteration + condition, can allow us to introduce some intelligence to our repetition
- The following are the fundamental types of questions we can solve using a for loop (works for while loop as well, but its more compatible with for loop) and conditions, and we will explore them through a series of in-class practice:
  - Solving counting questions
  - <u>Finding and</u> returning specific elements that <u>fulfils certain conditions</u>
  - Aggregation or tally of statistics



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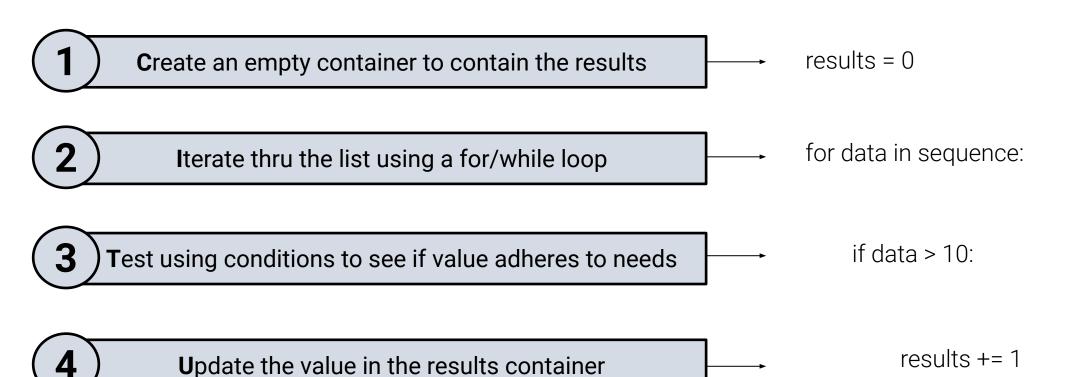


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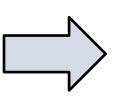
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Create an empty container to contain the results

Iterate thru the list using a for/while loop

Test using conditions to see if value adheres to needs

**U**pdate the value in the results container



The CITU / CIU framework applies to most problem sets!!

This depends on whether there is a need to test conditions

### **SOLVING COUNTING QUESTIONS**



- The question format and principle for solving counting questions are as follows:
  - Given the sequence: [3, -4, 12, 9, -72, 0, 15], count the number of positive numbers in the sequence
  - Thought process for solving this problem:
  - 1. Create a counter/tally variable and set count to zero
  - 2. Iterate through the list itself
  - 3. Using a condition, check if the number is positive, if it is positive, I will increment the count by

4. Once the iteration end, I will print the counter to illustrate the total number of positive numbers in the sequence

#### **IN-CLASS PRACTICE: UNDERSTANDING FOR LOOPS\***



- Given the sequence: [3, -4, 12, 9, -72, 0, 15],
  - Count the <u>number of positive numbers</u> in the sequence
  - Count the <u>number of negative numbers</u> in the sequence

### **SOLVING SEARCHING QUESTIONS**



- The question format and principle for solving counting questions are as follows:
  - Given the sequence: [3, -4, 12, 9, -72, 0, 15], return the largest positive number
  - Thought process for solving this problem:

- 1. Create a highest\_number variable and assign the first value of the list to it
- 2. Iterate through the list itself
- 3. **T**est if the number is larger than the number contained within the highest\_number variable
- 4. **U**pdate the highest\_number variable with the current number if it is larger than the number stored in highest\_number

### **IN-CLASS PRACTICE: UNDERSTANDING FOR LOOPS\***



- Given the sequence: [3, -4, 12, 9, -72, 0, 15],
  - Find the biggest number in the sequence
  - Find the smallest number in the sequence

### **AGGREGATION & STATISTICAL TALLY QUESTIONS**



- The question format and principle for solving counting questions are as follows:
  - Given the sequence: [3, -4, 12, 9, -72, 0, 15], return the aggregate of the sequence
  - Thought process for solving this problem:
  - 1. Create a total variable and set it to zero
  - 2. Iterate through the list itself
  - 3. **U**pdate the total\_variable by adding current number to total variable (total\_variable += num)

#### **IN-CLASS PRACTICE: UNDERSTANDING FOR LOOPS\***



- Given the sequence: [3, -4, 12, 9, -72, 0, 15],
  - Find the sum of all the numbers in the sequence
  - Find the mean (average) of the sequence
  - Hint: Combine the aggregation concept + the counting concept



```
total = 0
data = [5, 4, -3, 2, 1]

for number in data:
    total += number
    print('Total =', total)
print('Final Total =', total)
```



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                                 total:
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```

for number in data:



#### total:



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total = 0
data = [5, 4, -3, 2, 1]
```

for number in data:
 total += number

# number 5

#### total:

$$Total = 5$$



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#### for number in data:

total += number print('Total =', total) print('Final Total =', total)

# number

#### total:

$$Total = 5$$



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for number in data:



#### total:

$$Total = 5$$



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for number in data: total += number

# number

#### total:

$$Total = 5$$
  
 $Total = 9$ 



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#### for number in data:

total += number print('Total =', total) print('Final Total =', total)

### number -3

#### total:

$$Total = 5$$
  
 $Total = 9$ 



for number in data:

## number -3

#### total:

$$Total = 5$$
  
 $Total = 9$ 



```
total = 0
data = [5, 4, -3, 2, 1]
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for number in data: total += number

### number -3

#### total:



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```

#### for number in data:

total += number print('Total =', total) print('Final Total =', total)

# number

#### total:

$$Total = 5$$
 $Total = 9$ 
 $Total = 6$ 



#### for number in data:

# number

#### total:



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for number in data:
 total += number

# number

#### total:



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### number

#### total:



#### for number in data:

# number [

#### total:



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for number in data: total += number

# number

#### total:



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for number in data:
    total += number
    print('Total =', total)
print('Final Total =', total)
```

# number 1

#### total:

#### OTHER WAYS TO IMPLEMENT A FOR LOOP



• Using the range() function in for loop

```
for i in range(0,5):
  print(i)
print("Peekaboo")
```

#### Output:

Peekaboo!

#### OTHER WAYS TO IMPLEMENT A FOR LOOP



```
for i in range(0,5):
  print(i)
print("Peekaboo")
```

Same as the following

```
the_list = [0,1,2,3,4]
for i in the list :
  print(i)
print("Peekaboo")
```

- You can think of range(0,5) as a method that returns you a list: [0,1,2,3,4]
- Observe also that range does not include the last number

#### **IN-CLASS PRACTICE: FILTERING LOOPS USING RANGE\***



 Use the "for range" method to count and print the number of positive odd numbers in the following list: [3, -4, 12, 9, -72, 0, 15]

#### Hint:

- len() methods return the size of the list
- Recall that using the index (i.e "list[0]") function will return you a specific element for the list



We learnt how to solve various fundamental types of questions we can solve using a for loop + conditions with list as the datatype. The same exact principle applies to dictionary, just that you have to do some extra

List	Dictionary
seq = [10,20,30,40] large_num = seq[0]	<pre>seq = {'num_1':10,'num_2':20,'num_3':30} large_num = seq['num_1']</pre>
<pre>for i in seq:    if i &gt; large_num:      large_num = I</pre>	<pre>for key,value in seq.items()   if value &gt; large_num:     large_num = value  print(large_num)</pre>
<pre>print(large_num)</pre>	



Let's understand it a bit more in detail

```
seq = { 'num_1':10, 'num_2':20, 'num_3':30}
for key, value in seq.items():
                                                                               By using .items() on a dictionary, it
       print('key =', key)
                                                                               returns two items to you each
                                                                               iteration, instead of the usual 1
       print('value =', value)
                                                                               items for a list
       print('----')
                                                                           Key & value are just arbitrary
                                                                           variables I created to contain the
                                                                           two items returned
                                                                  When I print the 2 of them, we will
                                                                  realise that it is actually just a key,
                                                                  and its associated value
```



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print('value =',value)

print('----')

```
key = num 1
value = 10
```



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    print('value =',value)
    print('----')
```

```
key = num 1
value = 10
key = num 2
value = 20
```



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```

```
key = num 1
value = 10
key = num 2
value = 20
key = num 3
value = 30
```

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT\***



• So how do we for example find the sum of seq?

```
seq = {'num_1':10,'num_2':20,'num_3':30}
```

### **SUMMARY**

- Definite and Indefinite Loops
- for loops (definite)
  - Finding the largest/smallest
  - Counting
  - Summing
  - Average
  - Filtering results
- Range for loop
- Dictionary



# WHILE LOOP (SELF STUDY)

- Execution
- What are variable tasks?
- Types of iteration constructs (While & For)



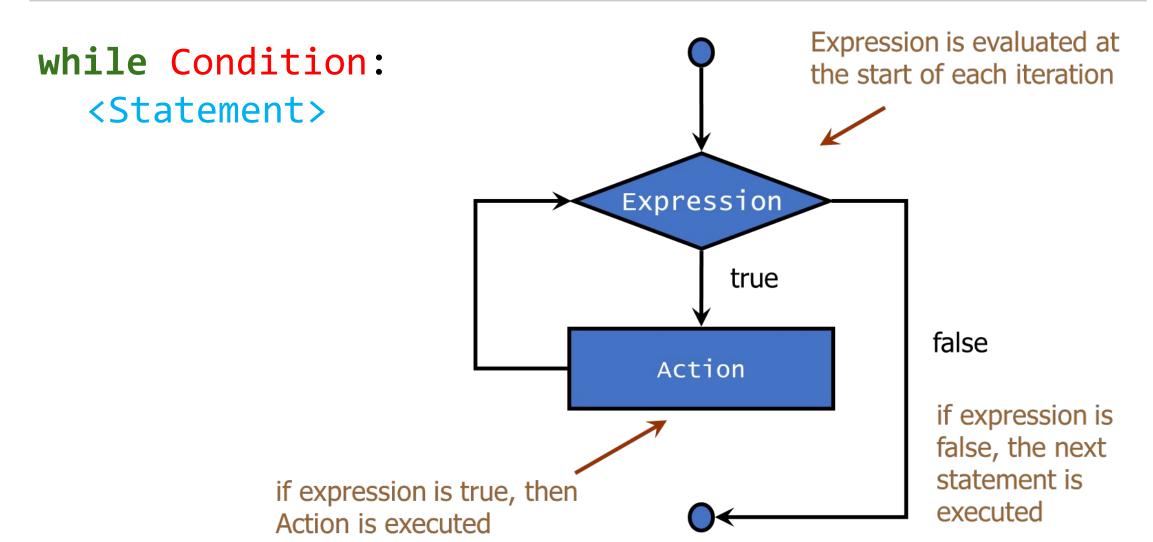
#### INDEFINITE LOOPS



- while loops are called "indefinite loops" because they keep going until a logical condition becomes False
- The loops we have seen so far are pretty easy to examine to see if they will terminate or if they will be " infinite loops "
- Sometimes it is a little harder to be sure if a loop will terminate

#### WHILE LOOP CONSTRUCT





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#### returns True OR False

#### while Condition:

Statement

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**Statement** 

Statements will be executed if condition is true

#### WHILE LOOP: SIMPLE EXAMPLE\*



#### while Condition:

Statement Statement Statement Try these two simple examples to convince yourself that all the while loop really needs is a True/False to work!

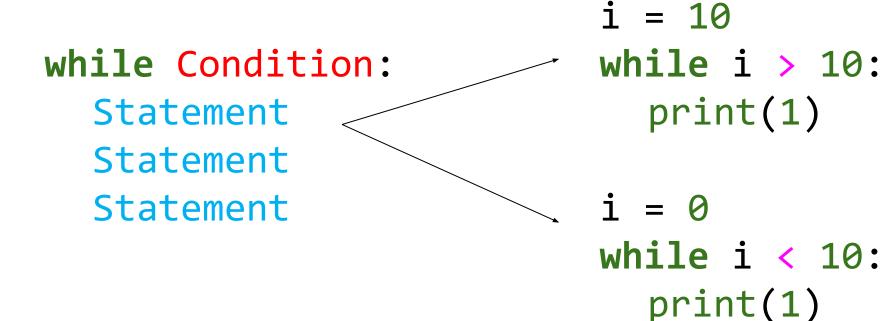
And as long as the condition is True, the action will always be performed, as along as the condition is False, nothing will ever happen while True: print(1)

while False: print(1)

### WHILE LOOP: TRUE / FALSE CONDITION TO WORK\*



Any conditions that return a true/false to the while construct would work



You would realise that this loop is never ending though. How do we address this?

#### WHILE LOOP: CONDITIONS THAT ARE DEFINITE\*



Basically to end a loop, we create a condition that is only true for a limited amount of time

# while Condition: Statement Statement Statement

As i increments every round, it means that the condition of i<10 does not hold true forever. This means that there will be an end to things!

#### **EXECUTION TRACE: WHILE LOOP\***



```
video titles = [
   'despacito',
   'see you again',
   'im yours'
num_of_videos = len(video_titles)
current_video_index = 0
while current_video_index < num_of_videos:</pre>
   print(video_titles[current_video_index])
   current video index += 1
print('that's all folks!')
```

output



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num\_of\_videos 3

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current_video_index 0

output

despacito
```



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see you again



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current_video_index
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      see you again
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