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our search to the rest of the list after i_first to the end of the list, identifying the second index i_second. Finally, we can remove the element at i_second with the pop method.

The following program implements this strategy.

1.7 Tuples and Ranges



Python has a built-in **tuple** class tuple is very similar to a list in that it is an ordered collection of elements. The term "tuple" is a generalization of the terms "single," "double," "triple," "quadruple," and so on. The primary difference between a tuple and a list is that a tuple is immutable, so its elements can't be changed. The syntax for a tuple literal of elements ex is (e1, e2, ..., en). The elements can each be of any type, including tuples. For example, the following statements return tuples:

```
(0, 1, 2, 4, 5)

("foo", "bar", "baz")

([0, 1], [2, 3])

((0, 1), (2, 3))

(0, "foo", [1, 2], (3, 4))
```

Elements of a tuple can be accessed via the same syntax as is used for lists, including slicing. For instance,

```
t = (0, 1, 2)

t[1] # => 1

t[0:2] # => (0, 1)

t[1:] # => (1, 2)
```

Because tuples are immutable, there are only two built-in tuple methods, count() and index(). The count() method returns the number of times its argument occurs in the tuple. For instance,

```
t = (-7, 0, 7, -7, 0, 0)

t.count(-7) # => 2
```

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The index() method returns the index of the first occurrence of its argument. For instance,

```
t = ("foo", "bar", "baz", "foo", "bar", "baz", "baz")
t.index("baz") # => 2
```

The range built-in type is a compact way or representing sequences of integers. A range can be constructed with the range(start, stop, step) constructor function, as in the following examples:

```
list(range(0, 3, 1))  # => [0, 1, 2]
list(range(2, 6, 1))  # => [2, 3, 4, 5]
list(range(0, 3))  # => [0, 1, 2] (step=1 by default)
list(range(3))  # => [0, 1, 2] (start=0 by default)
```

Note that we have wrapped the ranges in list() functions, which converted each range to a list. This was only so we can see the values it represents; alone, an expression like range(0, 3) returns itself. This is why a range is such a compact data point—all that needs to be stored in memory are the start, stop, and step arguments because the intermediate values are implicit.

1.8 Dictionaries



The built-in Python **dictionary** class dict is an unordered collection of elements, each of which has a unique **key** and a **value**. A key can be any immutable object, but a string is most common. A value can be any object. The basic syntax to create a dict object with keys kx and values vx is $\{k1: v1, k2: v2, \ldots\}$. For instance, we can define a dict as follows:

```
| d = {"foo": 5, "bar": 1, "baz": -3}
```

Accessing a value requires its key. To access a value in dictionary d with key k, use the syntax d[k]. For example,

```
d = { # It is often useful to break lines at each key-value pair
    "name": "Spiff",
    "age": 33,
    "occupation": "spaceman",
    "enemies": ["Zorgs", "Zargs", "Zogs"]
}
print(f"{d['name']} is a {d['age']} year old"
    f"{d['occupation']} who fights {d['enemies'][0]}.")
```

This returns

```
Spiff is a 33 year old spaceman who fights Zorgs.
```

A value v with key k can be added to an existing dictionary d with the syntax d[k] = v. For instance, (Filik et al. 2019)