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Lists

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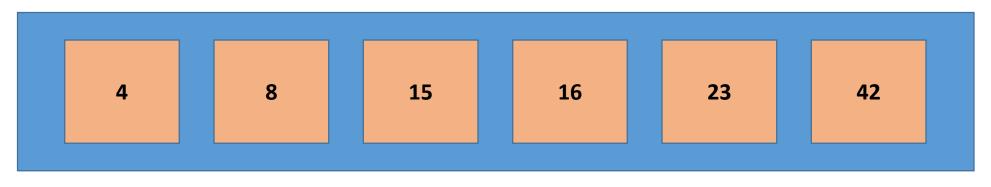
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What is a list?

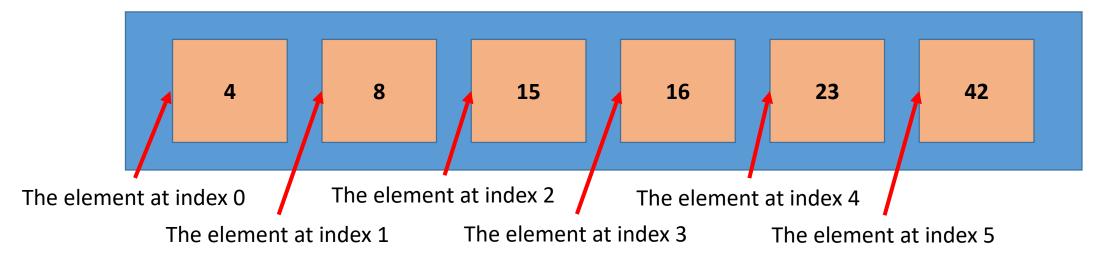
- An *list* is a sequence object that has multiple values.
 - Another way to look at it is a variable that has multiple values.



A list of ints

List Terminology

- An index (or subscript) is the number representing the position of a list element.
 - First index is always zero.
 - The index is always an int.
- An element is the data or object referenced by an index.



Creating a List

• The elements are comma separated, enclosed in square brackets.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
values = [35.6, 32.76, 51.4]
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
```

The data types of a list may vary.

```
mixed_values = [35.6, 15, "cat"]
```

An empty list:

```
example = []
```

Printing a List

- When passed to the print function, the entire list is printed.
 - Includes commas and brackets.
 - Useful for testing/debugging.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
print(numbers)
```

```
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
```

Getting the Length of a List

- A list's length is the total number of elements contained within it.
 - Python's built-in len function returns the length of a sequence data type.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
length = len(pets)
print(length)
```

Retrieving an Element from a List

- Elements of a list are referenced using subscript notation.
 - Specify the index of the list's element.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
test_value1 = numbers[0]
print(test_value1)

test_value2 = numbers[4]
print(test_value2)

print(numbers[2])

4

23

15
```

Changing an Element from a List

- Lists are mutable, meaning the elements can be changed.
 - Specify the index of the list's element and assign to it a new value.

```
values = [35.6, 32.76, 51.4]
print(values[1])
values[1] = 27.21
print(values[1])
```

32.76

27.21

Relative Indexes

Negative indexes retrieve elements relative to the end of the list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
print(numbers[-1])
numbers[-4] = 100
print(numbers[-4])
print(numbers[2])
42
100
100
```

IndexError Exception

 An IndexError exception will be raised if you try to access an index that does not exist.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
print(numbers[10])

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 8, in <module>
        print(numbers[10])
IndexError: list index out of range
>>>
```

IndexError Exception

IndexError exceptions can be handled using a try...except statement.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
try :
   print(numbers[10])
except IndexError :
   print("Value not found")
```

Iterating Over a List

• For loops can iterate over the values of a list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
for number in numbers:
   print(number)

print()

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
for animal in pets:
   print(animal)
dog
cat
bird
fish
```

Iterating Over a List

• For loops (using the range function) can iterate over the entire list or a segment of the list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
for i in range(0, 3):
   print(numbers[i])

print()

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
for i in range(1, len(pets)):
   print(pets[i])
```

Determining if an Element Exists in a List

- An if statement can be used to find if an element/value is present in a list.
 - Utilizes the **in** keyword.
 - Does not tell us where (what index) the element was found.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
value = 7
if value in numbers :
   print("Value exists in list")
else :
   print("Value does not exist in list")

Value does not exist in list
```

Index Function

- A list's index function returns the index of an element/value.
 - Returns the index of the first matching element/value.
 - Case sensitive.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
found_index = numbers.index(8)
print(found_index)
```

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Index Function

• If the list's index function does not find a matching element/value a ValueError exception will be raised.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird"]
found_index = pets.index("fish")
print(found_index)

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 9, in <module>
        foundIndex = pets.index("fish")
ValueError: 'fish' is not in list
>>>
```

Index Function

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird"]
try :
   found_index = pets.index("fish")
   print(found_index)
except ValueError :
   print("Value not found")
```

Adding to Lists

 Values can be added/concatenated to a list using the addition operator ONLY if the values are in list form.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + 100
print(numbers)

Error

[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + [100]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100]
```

Adding to Lists

• Two lists are merged/concatenated together when combined using the addition operator.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + [100, 101, 102]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100, 101, 102]
```

Adding to Lists

 Another way to add values to a list is with the addition combined assignment operator.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers += [100, 101, 102]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100, 101, 102]
```

Append Function

• A list's append function can add a single element to the end of a list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers.append(100)
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100]
```

Append Function vs Addition Operator

- A list's append function can only add a single element to the end of a list.
 - Does not have to be in list form.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers.append(100)
print(numbers)
```

- Concatenating data to the end of a list using the addition/combined assignment operator can be used to add one or multiple elements.
 - Must be in list form.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = numbers + [100]
print(numbers)
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
numbers += [100, 101, 102]
print(numbers)
```

- To remove an element by index, use the **del** (delete) keyword to remove it.
 - Any subsequent elements will be shifted over.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
del numbers[3]
print(numbers)
[4, 8, 15, 23, 42]
```

- To remove an element by value, the list's remove function will delete the element.
 - Only removes the first match.
 - Case-sensitive.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "cat", "fish"]
pets remove("cat")
print(pets)

["dog", "bird", "cat", "fish"]
```

• If the element is not found, a ValueError exception will be raised.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "cat", "fish"]
pets.remove("CAT")
print(pets)

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 9, in <module>
        pets.remove("CAT")
ValueError: list.remove(x): x not in list
>>>
```

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "cat", "fish"]
try :
    pets.remove("CAT")
    print(pets)
except ValueError :
    print("Value not found")
```

Remove Function vs del Keyword

- The value to delete must be known in order to use the list's remove function.
 - May raise a ValueError exception.

- When deleting using the del keyword, only the index must be known.
 - May raise an IndexError exception if the index does not exist.

Insert Function

- A list's insert function places a value at a specified index.
 - The existing elements are shifted over to make room.
 - First argument is the index.
 - If the specified index is beyond the length of the list, the value will be inserted at the end of the list.
 - Second argument is the value to insert.

```
numbers = [10, 20, 40, 50]
numbers.insert(2, 30)
print(numbers)
```

```
[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

Sort Function

 A list's sort function rearranges a list so the values are in ascending order.

```
numbers = [30, 40, 20, 10]
numbers.sort()
print(numbers)
[10, 20, 30, 40]
```

Strings are sorted in ascending, lexicographical order

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "Cat", "fish"]
pets.sort()
print(pets)
['Cat', 'bird', 'cat', 'dog', 'fish']
```

Reverse Function

 A list's reverse function rearranges a list so the values are in reverse order.

```
numbers = [20, 40, 10, 30]
numbers.reverse()
print(numbers)

[30, 10, 40, 20]
```

Reverse Function

• We can use the sort and reverse functions together to sort a list in descending order.

Min Function

• Python's built-in min function returns the smallest value from a list.

```
numbers = [20, 40, 10, 30]
min_value = min(numbers)
print(min_value)
10
```

• For strings, the smallest value would be the one that is lexicographically first.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "Cat", "fish"]
min_value = min(pets)
print(min_value)

Cat
```

Max Function

• Python's built-in max function returns the largest value from a list.

```
numbers = [20, 40, 10, 30]
max_value = max(numbers)
print(max_value)
40
```

• For strings, the largest value would be the one that is lexicographically last.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "Cat", "fish"]
max_value = max(pets)
print(max_value)

fish
```

List Slicing

- Slicing selects a range of elements from a sequence type.
- The general syntax for slicing a list is:

list[startIndex:endIndex]

- This will return a list containing the values between those indexes.
 - The start index is inclusive.
 - The end index is exclusive.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[1:4]
print(slice)
[8, 15, 16]

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[0:2]
print(slice)
['dog', 'cat']
```

 Specifying only start index will return a slice beginning with the start index's element through the end of the list.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[2:]
print(slice)

[15, 16, 23, 42]

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[1:]
print(slice)
['cat', 'bird', 'fish']
```

• Specifying only an ending index will return a slice beginning with the start of the list up to, but not including, the ending index.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[:3]
print(slice)

[4, 8, 15]

pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[:2]
print(slice)
['dog', 'cat']
```

• Slicing is safe from IndexError exceptions.

 If the starting index is greater than the ending index, an empty list will be returned.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[3:1]
print(slice)
[]
```

• If the ending index is beyond the length of the list, Python will use the length as the ending index.

```
numbers = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42]
slice = numbers[2:100]
print(slice)
[15, 16, 23, 42]
```

 If the starting index is negative, Python will use 0 as the starting index.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-5:2]
print(slice)
['dog', 'cat']
```

 This is not the case if there is no ending index or the ending index is negative.

• When only a negative starting index is specified, the slice will begin relative to the end of the list.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-3:]
print(slice)
['cat', 'bird', 'fish']
```

• When both starting and ending indexes are negative, the slice will begin and end relative to the end of the list.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-3:-2]
print(slice)
['cat']
```

• If a negative starting index is greater (closer to zero) than the negative ending index, an empty list will be returned.

```
pets = ["dog", "cat", "bird", "fish"]
slice = pets[-2:-3]
print(slice)
[]
```

Copying Lists

- Copying a list like the example below creates a shallow copy.
 - Shallow copies are multiple variables referencing the same data.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = first_list
third_list = first_list
second_list
third_list

Dog, Cat, Bird
third_list
```

Shallow Copies

• Since the variables reference the same list, changing one appears to change any others.

Copying Arrays

- To create a second, separate list with the same contents you need to perform a *deep copy*.
 - A deep copy copies the contents of one list into a second list.

```
original = [3, 5, 7, 9]
copy = []

Empty List
```

```
for element in original :
   copy.append(element)
```

Deep Copies

 Since the variables reference different lists, changing one does not alter the original.

Deep Copies

- An alternative, simpler way to deep copy a list.
 - Concatenate the original list with an empty list.

```
original = [3, 5, 7, 9]
copy = [] + original

for element in copy :
    print(element)
    7
9
```

• The equality operator (==) compares lists to determine if they are equal.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]

if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")

else :
   print("The lists are not equal")

The lists are equal
```

Order of the elements matter when determining equality.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Cat", "Bird", "Dog"]

if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")
else :
   print("The lists are not equal")
The lists are not equal
```

- Elements must be exact matches.
 - Not the case for numeric types. 10 and 10.0 would be a match.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["DOG", "CAT", "BIRD"]

if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")
else :
   print("The lists are not equal")

The lists are not equal
```

Must be the same length.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Dog", "Cat"]

if first_list == second_list :
   print("The lists are equal")
else :
   print("The lists are not equal")
The lists are not equal
```

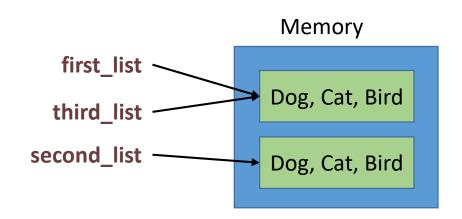
Testing Equality of Arrays

- The **is** keyword tests if two variables reference the same object.
 - In other words, the is keyword will determine if two list variables are shallow copies.

```
first_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
second_list = ["Dog", "Cat", "Bird"]
third_list = first_list #Shallow Copy

if first_list is third_list :
   print("These lists are shallow copies")

if first_list is second_list :
   print("These lists are shallow copies")
```



- When an list contains lists, it is called *multidimensional*.
 - A one dimensional list:

$$my_1d_1ist = [2, 4, 6]$$

A two dimensional list:

$$my_2d_1ist = [[8, 3, 7], [1, 9, 9], [5, 6, 9]]$$

• It's often better to write two dimensional lists like this:

• This way, it's easier to see each row (first dimension) and column (second dimension).

- Elements in a two dimensional list are referenced by row and column.
 - Row and column numbers start at zero.

```
my_2d_list[1][2] = 2 #Assignment
print(my_2d_list[0][1]) #Retrieval
```

```
What element is at my_2d_list[0][2]? What element is at my_2d_list[3][1]? What element is at my_2d_list[1][0]?
```

- Rows in a multidimensional array do not have to be the same length.
 - This is called a Ragged List.

 Be careful with ragged lists as not all rows have the same number of columns.

my_2d_list[2][1] does not exist, even though every other row has a column 1.

Two for loops are required to iterate through a two dimensional array.

Iteration without using indexes.

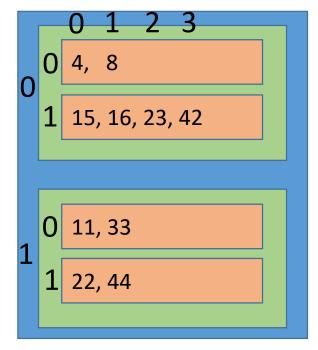
There is no limit to the number of dimensions an list can have.

A three dimensional list:

$$my_3d_1ist = [[[4,8],[15,16,23,42]],[[11,33],[22,44]]]$$

• In the case of a three dimensional array, the rows themselves have rows.

What element is at my_3d_list[0][1][2]? What element is at my_3d_list[1][0][0]?



• Three for loops are required to iterate through a three dimensional list.

Iteration without using indexes.

Tuples

- A **tuple** is a sequence type and is very much like a list, however tuples are immutable.
 - The elements in a tuple cannot be changed.
- Tuples contain comma separated values in parentheses.
 - The elements/values can be of different types.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
values = (35.6, 32.76, 51.4)
pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird", "fish")
mixed_values = (35.6, 15, "cat")
```

Tuples

- Tuples that contain only one element must include a trailing comma.
 - Python interpreter treats the parentheses as part of an arithmetic expression:

• Python interpreter treats the parentheses as part of a tuple:

Getting the Length of a Tuple

- A tuple's length, like a list, is the total number of elements contained within it.
 - Python's built-in len function returns the length of a sequence data type.

```
pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird", "fish")
length = len(pets)
print(length)
```

Retrieving an Element from a Tuple

- Elements of a tuple are referenced using subscript notation.
 - Specify the index of the tuple's element.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
test_value1 = numbers[0]
print(test_value1)

test_value2 = numbers[4]
print(test_value2)

print(numbers[2])

4
23
15
```

IndexError Exception

 An IndexError exception will be raised if you try to access an index that does not exist.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
print(numbers[10])

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 14, in <module>
        print(numbers[10])
IndexError: tuple index out of range
>>>
```

IndexError Exception

IndexError exceptions can be handled using a try...except statement.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
try:
   print(numbers[10])
except IndexError:
   print("Value not found")
```

Relative Indexes

Negative indexes retrieve elements relative to the end of the tuple.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
print(numbers[-1])
        Length - 1 = 6 - 1 = 5
print(numbers[-4])
        Length - 4 = 6 - 4 = 2
print(numbers[2])
```

42

15

15

Printing a Tuple

- When passed to the print function, the entire tuple is printed.
 - Includes commas and parentheses.
 - Useful for testing/debugging.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
print(numbers)
```

```
(4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
```

Iterating Over a Tuple

• For loops can iterate over the values of a tuple.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
for number in numbers:
   print(number)

print()

pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird", "fish")
for animal in pets:
   print(animal)
dog
cat
bird
fish
```

Iterating Over a Tuple

• For loops can iterate over the values of a tuple.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
for i in range(0, 3):
   print(numbers[i])

print()

pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird", "fish")
for i in range(1, len(pets)):
   print(pets[i])
```

Combining Tuples

• While values cannot be appended to tuples, tuples can be concatenated together.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
numbers = numbers + 100
print(numbers)

Error

numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
numbers = numbers + (100)
print(numbers)

(4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100)
```

Combining Tuples

• Two tuples are concatenated together when combined using the addition operator.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
numbers = numbers + (100, 101, 102)
print(numbers)
(4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42, 100, 101, 102)
```

Determining if an Element Exists in a Tuple

- An if statement can be used to find if an element/value is present in a tuple.
 - Utilizes the **in** keyword.
 - Does not tell us where (what index) the element was found.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
value = 7
if value in numbers :
  print("Value exists in tuple")
else :
  print("Value does not exist in tuple")

Value does not exist in list
```

Index Function

- A tuple's index function returns the index of an element/value.
 - Returns the index of the first matching element/value.
 - Case sensitive.

```
numbers = (4, 8, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42)
found_index = numbers.index(8)
print(found_index)
```

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Index Function

 If the tuple's index function does not find a matching element/value a ValueError exception will be raised.

```
pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird")
found_index = pets.index("fish")
print(found_index)

Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "C:\testing\examples.py", line 8, in <module>
        foundIndex = pets.index("fish")

ValueError: tuple.index(x): x not in tuple
>>>
```

Index Function

```
pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird")
try :
   found_index = pets.index("fish")
   print(found_index)
except ValueError :
   print("Value not found")
```

Min Function

Python's built-in min function returns the smallest value from a tuple.

```
numbers = (20, 40, 10, 30)
min_value = min(numbers)
print(min_value)
10
```

• For Strings, the smallest value would be the first, lexicographically.

```
pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird", "Cat", "fish")
min_value = min(pets)
print(min_value)

Cat
```

Max Function

Python's built-in max function returns the largest value from a tuple.

```
numbers = (20, 40, 10, 30)
max_value = max(numbers)
print(max_value)
40
```

• For Strings, the largest value would be the last, lexicographically.

```
pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird", "Cat", "fish")
max_value = max(pets)
print(max_value)

fish
```

Converting Lists to/from Tuples

• Python's built-in tuple function returns a list argument as a tuple.

```
numbers = [20, 40, 10, 30]
numbers = tuple(numbers)
print(numbers)
(20, 40, 10, 30)
```

• Python's built-in list function returns a tuple argument as a list.

```
pets = ("dog", "cat", "bird", "Cat", "fish")
pets = list(pets)
print(pets)
['dog', 'cat', 'bird', 'Cat', 'fish']
```