

MACHINE LEARNING LAB

Data Structures, NumPy Arrays, SciPy Functions



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Data Structures

Python offers 4 built-in data types for storing collections of data:

1. **Lists:** A collection of data which is **ordered, changeable** and **allows duplicate members**
2. **Tuples:** A collection of data which is **ordered, unchangeable** and **allows duplicate members**
3. **Sets:** A collection of data which is **unordered, changeable** and **does not allow duplicate members**
4. **Dictionaries:** A collection of data which is stored in *key:value pairs* and is **ordered, changeable** and **does not allow duplicate members** (Dictionaries were unordered before Python 3.7)

Data Structures

Examples of the collection data are given below. Notice the bracket types.

```
x_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
x_tuple = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
```

```
x_set = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5}
```

```
x_dictionary = {"name" : "Ali"  
                "age" : 31  
                "result" : False}
```

Lists

- A List is a collection of data that is
 - Ordered
 - Changeable (Mutable)
 - Allows Duplicate Members
- A List is a sequence of values (called items or elements)
- Whereas a string is a sequence of characters, a list can be a sequence of any data type
- Lists are among the commonly used data types in python
- Lists are used extensively in ROS such as in reading laser data
- A List works similar to the arrays in C++

Lists - Creation

- To create a list, the simplest way is to use square brackets to enclose the items and use commas to separate the items

```
x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
print(x)
```

Output:

```
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Lists

- Lists can hold different types of data:

```
a = [11, 2, 93, 401, 560]
b = [1.5, 6.6, 7.3, 8.9]
c = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]
d = [True, True, False, True, False]
e = []
f = list("ROBOT")
```

Output:

```
[11, 2, 93, 401, 560]
[1.5, 6.6, 7.3, 8.9]
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']
[True, True, False, True, False]
[]
['R', 'O', 'B', 'O', 'T']
```

Lists

- The same list can also hold different types of data:

```
g = [31.5, "Robotics", 4, True, 9]
```

```
print(g)
```

Output:

```
[31.5, 'Robotics', 4, True, 9]
```

Lists

- Lists can nest other lists:

```
h = ["wheels", 35, 5.2, [10, 20], 50]
```

```
print(h)
print(h[3])
print(h[3][0])
print(h[3][1])
```

Output:

```
['wheels', 35, 5.2, [10, 20], 50]
[10, 20]
10
20
```

Lists

- Lists allow duplicates of data:

```
j = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple", "watermelon"]  
  
print(j)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry',  
'apple', 'watermelon']
```

Accessing Items in a List

- To access individual items in a list, square brackets are used which contain the index number of the item
- The index of the first item starts at zero
- The index of the last item is (number of items – 1)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

```
my_list = [14, 20, 93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
```

```
print(my_list[0])
print(my_list[1])
print(my_list[5])
print(my_list[7])
```

Output:

```
14
20
77
62
```

Changing Items in a List

- The value of an item in a list can be changed by using its index

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

```
my_list = [14, 20, 93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
print(my_list)
```

```
my_list[2] = 37
print(my_list)
```

Output:

```
[14, 20, 93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
[14, 20, 37, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
```

Accessing Items with Negative Index

- Items can also be indexed from the end. This is done by using negative numbers for the index
- The negative indexing starts from -1 (not zero)

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

```
my_list = [14, 20, 93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
```

-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

```
print(my_list[-1])  
print(my_list[-2])  
print(my_list[-3])  
print(my_list[-8])
```

Output:

62
38
77
14

Changing Items with Negative Index

- Negative indexing can also be used to change the value of items

-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	--
----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----

```
my_list = [14, 20, 93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
print(my_list)
```

```
my_list[-5] = 500
print(my_list)
```

Output:

```
[14, 20, 93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
[14, 20, 93, 500, 56, 77, 38, 62]
```

Accessing Range of Items

- The access a range of items, the colon (:) is used (slice operation)
- Note the post-colon number is NOT included in the index



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

```
my_list = [14, 20, 93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
```

```
print( my_list[2:5] )
```



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

```
print( my_list[2:] )
```



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

```
print( my_list[:5] )
```



0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Output:

```
[93, 41, 56]
[93, 41, 56, 77, 38, 62]
[14, 20, 93, 41, 56]
```

Changing Range of Items

- The range of items, accessed with the colon (:), can be changed



0 | 2 3 4

```
my_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange", "mango"]
print( my_list)
```

```
my_list[2:4] = ["grapes", "melon"]
print( my_list)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'orange', 'mango']
['apple', 'banana', 'grapes', 'melon', 'mango']
```

Changing Range of Items

- If you insert more items than you replace, the list will increase in length
- In the example below, banana and cherry are replaced by 3 items

0

1

2

3

```
my_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange"]
print( my_list)
```

```
my_list[1:3] = ["carrot", "potato", "turnip"]
print( my_list)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'orange']
['apple', 'carrot', 'potato', 'turnip', 'orange']
```

Changing Range of Items

- If you insert less items than you replace, the list will decrease in length
- In the example below, banana and cherry are replaced by 1 item



```
my_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange"]
print( my_list)
```

```
my_list[1:3] = ["strawberry"]
print( my_list)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'orange']
['apple', 'strawberry', 'orange']
```

Checking Items in List

- The **in** and **not in** keywords can be used to check for items in a list:

```
my_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange"]
```

```
print( "orange" in my_list )  
print( "mango" in my_list )
```

```
print( "orange" not in my_list )  
print( "mango" not in my_list )
```

Output:

```
True  
False  
False  
True
```

Looping a List

- The **for** loop can used to iterate through the items of a list
- The number of times the loop executes is equal to the number of items
- The iterator (fruit) takes the value of each item of every iteration

```
my_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "orange"]
```

```
for fruit in my_list:  
    print(fruit)
```

Output:

```
apple  
banana  
cherry  
orange
```

Looping a List

- If the indices are needed in the loop, then the **range** and **length** functions can be used

```
my_list = [1,2,3,4,5]
```

```
for i in range(len(my_list)):  
    my_list[i] = 2 * my_list[i]
```

```
print(my_list)
```

Output:

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

List Functions

- List functions (also called methods) are useful functions that can be used with a list
- Python provides the following list functions:

- Append()
 - Insert()
 - Extend()
 - Remove()
 - Pop()
 - Count()
 - Index()
 - Reverse()
-
- The diagram illustrates the grouping of list functions. A vertical bracket on the left side of the list groups the first three functions (Append(), Insert(), Extend()) under the label "Functions to Add Items". Another vertical bracket on the right side groups the last five functions (Remove(), Pop(), Count(), Index(), Reverse()) under the label "Functions to Remove Items".

Functions to Add Items

Functions to Remove Items

Functions to Add Items

- To add items, Python provides 3 list functions:
 - Append
 - Insert
 - Extend
- The **append** function adds an item to the end of a list:

```
listA = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
print(listA)
```

```
listA.append("mango")  
print(listA)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']  
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'mango']
```

Functions to Add Items

- The **insert** function adds an item to a certain index
- The items are readjusted and the list size increases

```
listA = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
print(listA)
```

```
listA.insert(1, "mango")  
print(listA)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']  
['apple', 'mango', 'banana', 'cherry']
```

Functions to Add Items

- The **extend** function adds a list to another list

```
listA = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
print(listA)
```

```
listB = ["carrot", "onion"]  
listA.extend(listB)  
print(listA)
```

- Another way to do this is to use the addition operation to concatenate the lists

```
(listA = listA + listB)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry']  
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'carrot', 'onion']
```

Functions to Remove Items

- To remove items, Python provides 2 list functions:
 - Pop
 - Remove
- The **remove** function can remove a specified item:

```
listA = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "mango"]
print(listA)
```

```
listA.remove("cherry")
print(listA)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'mango']
['apple', 'banana', 'mango']
```

Functions to Remove Items

- The **pop** function can remove an item from a specific index:

```
listB = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "mango"]  
print(listB)
```

```
listB.pop(1)  
print(listB)
```

Output:

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'mango']  
['apple', 'cherry', 'mango']
```

Other List Functions

- The **count** function returns the total number of a specified item

```
listC = [1,1,3,4,3,5,7,4,3,7,8,3,2]  
number = listC.count(3)  
print(number)
```

Output:

4

- The **index** function returns the index of the first occurrence of a specified item

```
index_val = listC.index(3)  
print(index_val)
```

Output:

2

Other List Functions

- The **reverse** function reverses the order of the items in the list

```
listA = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "mango"]
listA.reverse()
print(listA)
```

Output:

```
[ 'mango' , 'cherry' , 'banana' , 'apple' ]
```

2-D Lists

- The following is a 2-D list (a list of lists)
- The element of such lists can be accessed by multiple indexes
- The first index selects among the “items” of the outer list
- The second index selects among the items of the inner sub-list
- Remember that indexing in python starts from zero

```
my_2d_list = [[11, 22, 33, 44, 55],  
              [71, 27, 42, 99, 58],  
              [61, 62, 63, 64, 65],  
              [83, 85, 19, 24, 21]]
```

```
print( my_2d_list[2][3] )
```

Output:

64

Strings - Review

- Python supports the string data type which is an array of characters

```
h = "Manipulator"  
print(h)
```

Output:

```
Manipulator
```

- You can get individual characters with square brackets

```
print(h[0])  
print(h[1])  
print(h[8])
```

Output:

```
M  
a  
p
```

- You can get the number of characters with the len() function

```
g = len(h)  
print(g)
```

Output:

```
11
```

Strings - Review

- You can concatenate strings easily in python

```
c = "Computer"  
d = "Vision"  
e = c + d  
print(e)
```

Output:

ComputerVision

```
f = c + " " + d  
print(f)
```

Output:

Computer Vision

- You can check if a character is present in the string with the “in” keyword

```
print("t" in c)  
print("s" in c)
```

Output:

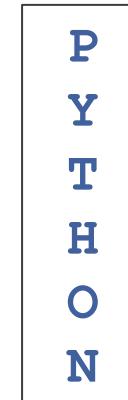
True
False

Strings - Review

- The **for** loop can go through a sequence of characters
- The iterable object will be a string variable in this case

```
for i in "PYTHON":  
    print(i)
```

Output:



P
Y
T
H
O
N

Dictionaries

- A dictionary is another data structure
- A dictionary is like a list but somewhat more general
- In a list, index positions have to be integers; in a dictionary, index positions can be (almost) any type
- A Dictionary is a collection of data that is
 - Ordered (as of Python 3.7)
 - Changeable (Mutable)
 - Does NOT Allow Duplicate Members

Dictionaries - Creation

- A dictionary is a mapping of a set of indices (called keys) to a set of values
- Each key maps to a value
- Each key-value pair is an item of a dictionary
- To create a dictionary, key-value pairs are enclosed in braces

```
eng2span = { 'one': 'uno',  
             'two': 'dos',  
             'three': 'tres' }
```

```
print(eng2span)
```

Output:

```
{ 'one': 'uno', 'two': 'dos', 'three': 'tres' }
```

Dictionaries - Accessing

- The following dictionary maps English (keys) to Spanish (values)

```
eng2span = {'one': 'uno',  
            'two': 'dos',  
            'three': 'tres'}
```

- The keys are used as indexes to look up the corresponding values

```
print(eng2span['one'])  
print(eng2span['two'])  
print(eng2span['three'])
```

Output:

```
uno  
dos  
tres
```

Dictionaries - Accessing

- The following dictionary maps English (keys) to Numbers (values)

```
eng2num = { 'one': 1,  
            'two': 2,  
            'three': 3}
```

- The keys are used as indexes to look up the corresponding values

```
print(eng2num['one'])  
print(eng2num['two'])  
print(eng2num['three'])
```

Output:

```
1  
2  
3
```

Dictionaries – Changing Value

- Consider the following dictionary which maps prices

```
prices = {'burger': 250,  
          'sandwich': 150,  
          'pizza': 400}
```

- The value can be changed by using its key:

```
prices['sandwich'] = 180  
print(prices)
```

Output:

```
{'burger': 250, 'sandwich': 180, 'pizza': 400}
```

Importing Modules

- In python, we use the **import** keyword to use libraries (modules) which contain functions and classes
- There are many libraries commonly used in python such as NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV, Matplotlib, SciPy, Tensorflow, Keras, PySerial, Math and Datetime etc
- We will use the Math library as an example:

```
import math  
var = math.sqrt(64)  
print(var)
```

8.0

- We can also assign an *alias* for the library:

```
import math as mt  
var = mt.sqrt(25)  
print(var)
```

5.0

Importing Modules

- The `math` library contains some common mathematical functions:

<code>print(math.sqrt(64))</code>	8.0
<code>print(math.ceil(1.5))</code>	2
<code>print(math.floor(1.5))</code>	1
<code>print(math.pi)</code>	3.141592653589793
<code>print(math.inf)</code>	inf
<code>print(math.sin(30))</code>	-0.9880316240928618
<code>print(math.cos(30))</code>	0.15425144988758405
<code>print(math.tan(30))</code>	-6.405331196646276
<code>print(math.log(5))</code>	1.6094379124341003
<code>print(math.log10(5))</code>	0.6989700043360189
<code>print(math.radians(180))</code>	3.141592653589793
<code>print(math.degrees(math.pi))</code>	180.0
<code>print(math.exp(4))</code>	54.598150033144236

NumPy

- NumPy (Numerical Python) is a library used for creating computationally efficient arrays for matrix operations

```
import numpy as np  
A = np.array([[1, 2, 3],  
              [4, 5, 6]])
```

- Numpy offers wide range of functions on the arrays

A + B

np.dot(A, B)

A - B

np.sum(A, axis=0)

A*B

np.mean(A, axis=0)

A/B

np.std(A, axis=1)

SciPy

- SciPy (Scientific Python) is a library used to implement different scientific functions and is compatible with numpy arrays

```
from scipy.optimize import root
def equation(x):
    return x + x*sin(x)
output = root(equation, 0)
print(output.x)
```

- In machine learning, SciPy is used mostly for minimization functions, sparse matrices, interpolation etc.

Lab Tasks

- Download the Lab Material
- Perform the Lab Tasks given in the manual
- Submit the saved manual in PDF form
- Remember to delete your manual after completing the lab session