



ShiP.py

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L4A: Lists and Tuples



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Topics

PHASE I: Foundations

1. Variables, Expressions, Simple I/O

2. Boolean Decisions (branching)

3. Repetitions (loops)

4A. Collective Data Structures (Lists and Tuples)

4B. CDS (Dictionaries and Sets)

5. Functions

6. File I/O

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Lecture 4A

AGENDA

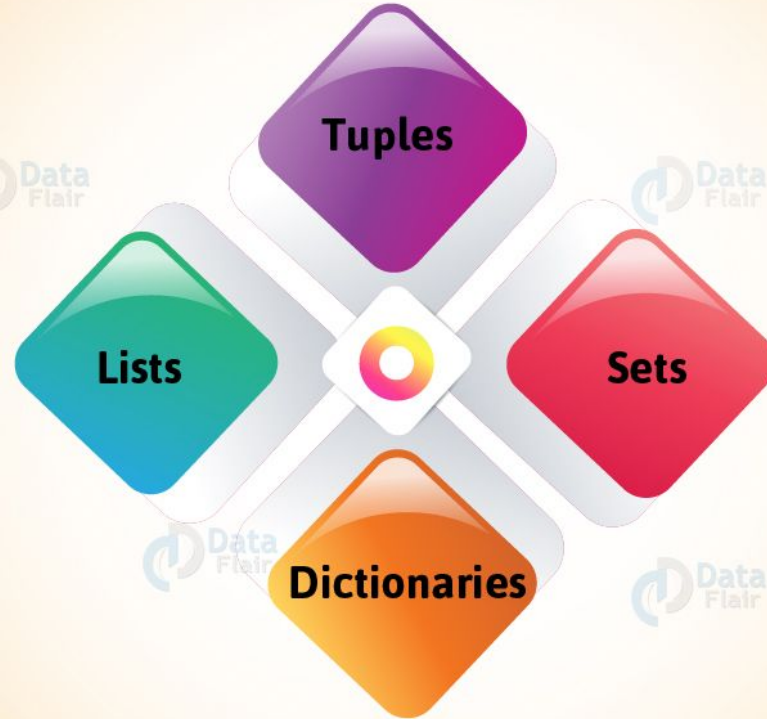
- Lists
- Nested Lists
- Indexing and Slicing
- List methods
- Tuples





Python

Data Structures



A collection of items

- I have a collection games
- I want to keep them organized
- To do so, I store them in numbered boxes
- I can retrieve a particular game by knowing the box number

GTA5	DOTA	CS-GO	AOE	AOEII	COD	FIFA20	NFS	SIMS4
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9



I have a structure to store my games, similarly python has a data structures to keep the stored data organized

Lists

A list is a sequence of values.

'H'	'o'	'w'	'd'	'y'
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Indexing starts with 0

0 1 2 3 4

-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
'foo'	'bar'	'baz'	'quux'	'quux'	'corge'
0	1	2	3	4	5

Negative Index

Positive Index



Creating a list in python

Using a square bracket notation []



```
new_list = [3, 5, 4.65, 'Howdy', 'John']  
new_list
```



```
[3, 5, 4.65, 'Howdy', 'John']
```

Using `list()` function on an iterable



```
new_list = list(range(5,10))  
new_list
```



```
[5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```



```
new_list = list('Howdy')  
new_list
```



```
['H', 'o', 'w', 'd', 'y']
```



Using list comprehension - discussed later in lecture L4B



```
new_list = [x for x in range(6)]  
new_list
```



```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```



Strings and Lists

Strings can be visualized as a collection of characters

Positive Index

0 1 2 3 4

'H o w d y'

Negative Index

-5 -4 -3 -2 -1

```
[1] # Examples of strings & the split function

items = "Apples, Oranges, Pears, Mangoes"

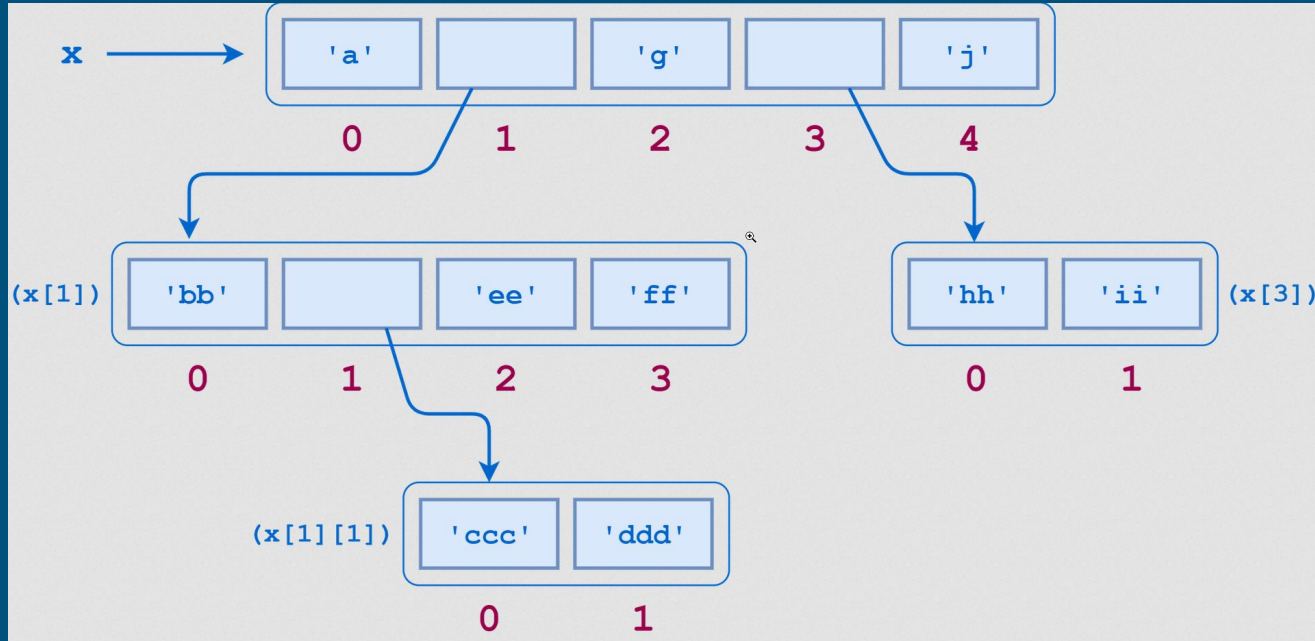
# We can convert the `items` string into a list by splitting it on the ", " string
item_list = items.split(", ")
item_list

[ ] ['Apples', 'Oranges', 'Pears', 'Mangoes']
```



Nested lists

Each element of a list could be a list itself



Nested list: Example



```
nest_list = [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```

```
print('My nested list:', nest_list)
```

```
#Accessing first element
```

```
print('First element in my list:', nest_list[0])
```

```
#Accessing 2nd element within my 1st element
```

```
print('Second element within first element:', nest_list[0][1])
```



```
My nested list: [[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
```

```
First element in my list: [1, 2, 3]
```

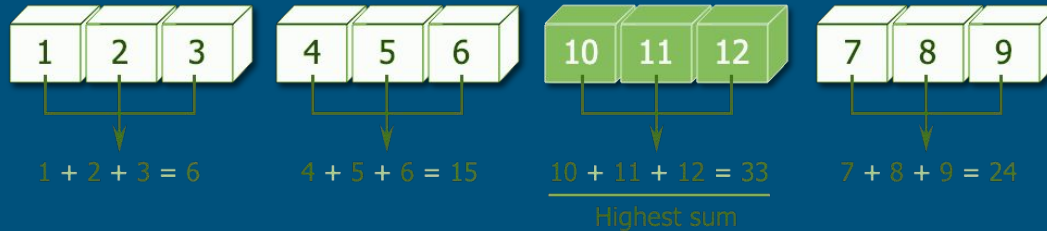
```
Second element within first element: 2
```



Nested list: Application

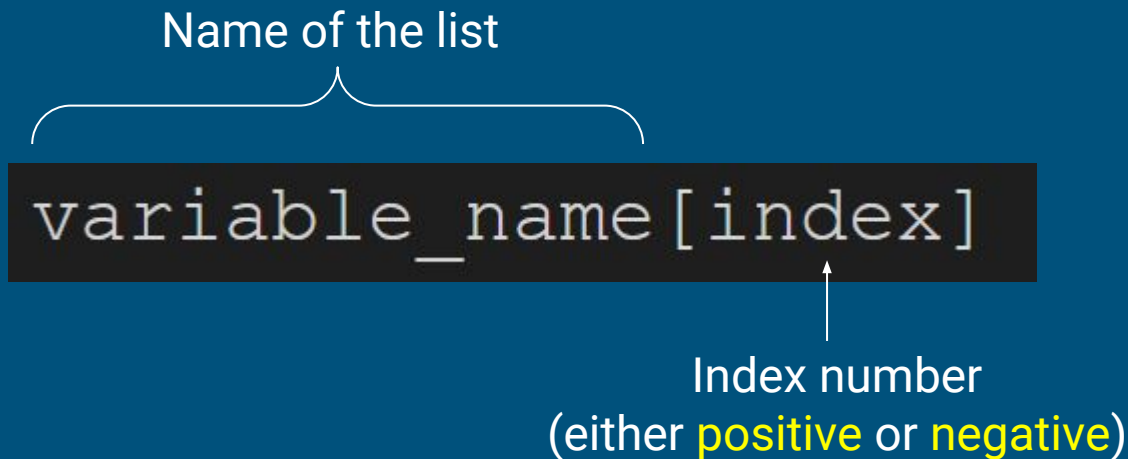


Searching the list in a list whose sum of elements is the highest



Indexing

A technique used select a particular element



Indexing for a string works in a similar way

Examples of Indexing



```
my_list = [2, 4, 5.2, 'Howdy', 'John']  
print('First Element:', my_list[0])  
print('Third Element:', my_list[2])  
print('Last Element:', my_list[-1])  
print('Second to last element:', my_list[-2])
```



```
First Element: 2  
Third Element: 5.2  
Last Element: John  
Second to last element: Howdy
```



```
name = 'Jimbo Fisher'  
print('First Character:', name[0])  
print('Third Character:', name[2])  
print('Last Character:', name[-1])  
print('Second to last character:', name[-2])
```



```
First Character: J  
Third Character: m  
Last Character: r  
Second to last character: e
```



Slicing

A technique used to select a part of a the collection

could be a list, tuple or a string

Stop index
Default = End of collection

```
variable_name[start: stop : step]
```

Starting index
Default=0

Step size to count
Default=1



Examples of Slicing

```
▶ nums = list(range(1,10))
print(nums)

#First 3 elements
print('First 3 elements', nums[:3])

#Last 3 elements
print('Last 3 elements', nums[6:])

#Index 3 to 5
print('3rd to 5th elements', nums[2:5])

#Every other element
print('Every other element', nums[::2])

#Reverse the order
print('Reverse', nums[::-1])
```

```
↳ [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
First 3 elements [1, 2, 3]
Last 3 elements [7, 8, 9]
3rd to 5th elements [3, 4, 5]
Every other element [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
Reverse [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

```
▶ name = 'Jimbo Fisher'
print(name)

#First 3 elements
print('First 3 elements:', name[:3])

#Last 3 elements
print('Last 3 elements:', name[9:])

#Index 3 to 5
print('3rd to 5th elements:', name[2:5])

#Every other element
print('Every other element:', name[::2])

#Reverse the order
print('Reverse:', name[::-1])
```

```
↳ Jimbo Fisher
First 3 elements: Jim
Last 3 elements: her
3rd to 5th elements: mbo
Every other element: JmoFse
Reverse: rehSiF obmiJ
```



Common list methods

`append()`



```
#Add an item to the end of the list  
list_items = [12, 6, 13, 'John', 'Howdy']  
list_items.append(5)  
list_items
```

```
[12, 6, 13, 'John', 'Howdy', 5]
```

`remove()`



```
#Remove an item from the list whose value is x  
list_items.remove(13)  
list_items
```

```
[12, 6, 'John', 'Howdy', 5]
```

`insert()`



```
#Insert an item x at a given position i  
list_items.insert(2, 'Dora')  
list_items
```

```
[12, 6, 'Dora', 'John', 'Howdy', 5]
```



`reverse()`



```
#Reverse the elements of a list in place
list_items.reverse()
list_items
```



```
[5, 'Howdy', 'John', 'Dora', 6, 12]
```

`count()`



```
#counting number of an item occurs in list
print(list_items.count('John'))
```



```
1
```

`pop()`



```
#removing last item
print(list_items)
list_items.pop()
print(list_items)
```



```
[5, 'Howdy', 'John', 'Dora', 6, 12]
[5, 'Howdy', 'John', 'Dora', 6]
```



```
#removing an item at a given index
print(list_items)
list_items.pop(3)
print(list_items)
```



```
[5, 'Howdy', 'John', 'Dora', 6, 12]
[5, 'Howdy', 'John', 6, 12]
```



`sort()`

```
▶ new_list = ['c','d','ab','aa']  
  new_list.sort()  
  print(new_list)
```

```
☞ ['aa', 'ab', 'c', 'd']
```

```
▶ #sorting the elements in a list  
  new_list = [53, 32, 21, 12, 15]  
  new_list.sort()  
  new_list
```

```
☞ [12, 15, 21, 32, 53]
```

`clear()`

```
▶ #Deleting all elements from the list  
  new_list = [53, 32, 21, 12, 15]  
  new_list.clear()  
  new_list
```

```
☞ []
```



For an exhaustive discussion, check out python's documentation

<https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/datastructures.html>

Properties of lists



- Lists are **mutable** - we can **change elements after creating it**
- We can add and remove elements from a list
- Lists are dynamic - size of list changes as we add or remove elements



Changing value of the first element

```
▶ var = [1,2,3,4,5]  
  var[0] = 6  
  print(var)
```

➞ [6, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Changing value of the first two elements

```
▶ var = [1,2,3,4,5]  
  var[0:1] = [6,5]  
  print(var)
```

➞ [6, 5, 2, 3, 4, 5]

Adding an element to the list

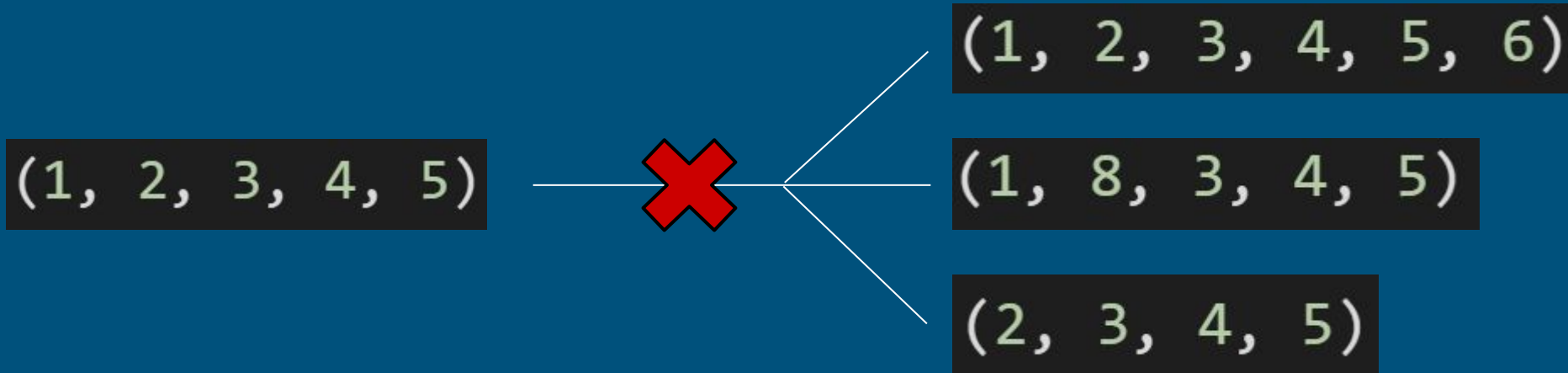
```
▶ var = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
  var.append(8)  
  print(var)
```

➞ [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8]



Tuples

Same as lists (a collection of objects) but **immutable**





```
# Creating a Tuple & trying to add an element
tuple_items = (12, 6, 13, 'John', 'Howdy')
tuple_items.append(5)
```



```
-----
AttributeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-8-a5588c0abf24> in <module>()
      1 tuple_items = (12, 6, 13, 'John', 'Howdy')
----> 2 tuple_items.append(5)

AttributeError: 'tuple' object has no attribute 'append'
```

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Creating a tuple

Using ()



```
new_tuple = (3, 5, 4.65, 'Howdy', 'John')  
new_tuple
```



```
(3, 5, 4.65, 'Howdy', 'John')
```

Using tuple() function



```
new_tuple = tuple(range(5,10))  
new_tuple
```



```
(5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
```



```
new_tuple = tuple('Howdy')  
new_tuple
```



```
('H', 'o', 'w', 'd', 'y')
```



PYTHON TUPLES VS LISTS

TUPLES

LISTS

The items are surrounded in paranthesis ().

Syntax

The items are surrounded in square brackets [].

Tuples are immutable in nature.

Mutability

Lists are mutable in nature.

There are 33 available methods on tuples.

Methods

There are 46 available methods on lists.

In dictionary, we can create keys using tuples.

Usability

In dictionary, we can't use lists as keys.



Next Lecture

Dictionaries and Sets

Sat, May 02 (11 am-12 noon CDT)

