

# Structured Types in Python

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Object



# Data Model of Python

- Objects are Python's abstraction for data.
- All data in a Python program is represented by objects or by relations between objects.
  - code is also represented by objects
- Every object has an identity, a type and a value.



# Identity, Type, Value of Objects

#### Identity

- An object's identity never changes once it has been created
- you may think of it as the object's address in memory
- id() function returns an integer representing its identity
- is operator compares the identity of two objects

#### Type

- An object's type determines the operations that the object supports
- Defines the possible values for objects of that type
- type() function returns an object's type (type itself is an object)
- an object's type is also unchangeable.

#### Value

- The value of some objects can change
- Objects whose value can change are said to be mutable
- Objects whose value is unchangeable once they are created are called immutable



# Objects in Python

- Objects are never explicitly destroyed
  - however, when they become unreachable they may be garbage-collected
- Some objects contain references to "external" resources such as open files or windows
- Some objects contain references to other objects; these are called containers
  - e.g., tuples, lists and dictionaries



#### Objects in Python

- Types affect almost all aspects of object behavior
- Even object identity is affected by its type in some sense
- for immutable types, operations that compute new values may actually return a reference to an existing object with the same type and value (to save memory)
  - o after a = 1; b = 1, a and b may or may not refer to the same object with the value one, depending on the implementation
  - $\circ$  (Note that a = b = 1 always assigns the same object to both a and b.)

```
>>> a = 1
>>> b = 1
>>> a is b
True
>>> a = 2000
>>> b = 2000
>>> b = 2000
>>> a is b
False
>>> a = b = 2000
>>> a is b
True
```

```
>>> word="string"
>>> word1="string"
>>> word is word1 # string is immutable
True
>>> s='1412341234123412341234afasdf'
>>> s1='141234123412341234afasdf'
>>> s1 is s
True
```



## Objects in Python

- Types affect almost all aspects of object behavior
- Even object identity is affected by its type in some sense
- for mutable objects, it is NOT allowed for operations that compute new values to return a reference to any
  existing object
  - o after c = []; d = [], c and d are guaranteed to refer to two different, unique, newly created empty lists
  - ∘ (Note that c = d = [] assigns the same object to both c and d.)

```
>>> c = []
>>> d = []
>>> c is d
False
>>> c = d = []
>>> c is d
True
```



# The Standard Type Hierarchy

• Built-in Types: the types that are built into Python

```
None
NotImplemented
Ellipsis
numbers.Number
    numbers.Integral
        Integers(int)
        Booleans(bool)
    numbers.Real(float)
    numbers.Complex(complex)
Sequences
    Immutable sequences
        Strings
        Tuples
        Bytes
    Mutable sequences
        Lists
        Byte Arrays
```

```
Set types
    Sets
    Frozen sets
Mappings
    Dictionaries
Callable types
    User-defined functions
    Instance methods
    Generator functions
    Asynchronous generator functions
    Coroutine functions
    Classes, Class instances
Custum classes
Class instances
I/O objects
Internal types
```



#### Structured Types in Python

- Objects of structured types have an accessible internal structure
  - v.s. scalar types: int, float
- sequence types are structured types:
  - o string, list, tuple, (buffer)
  - sequence operations sorted in ascending priority

Operation	Result
x in s	True if an item of $s$ is equal to $x$ , else False
x not in $s$	False if an item of $s$ is equal to $x$ , else True
s + t	the concatenation of $s$ and $t$
s * n , n * s	n shallow copies of s concatenated
s[i]	i'th item of $s$ , origin 0
s[i:j]	slice of $s$ from $i$ to $j$
s[i:j:k]	slice of $s$ from $i$ to $j$ with step $k$
len(s)	length of s
min(s)	smallest item of s
$\max(s)$	largest item of s

s and t are sequences of the same type; n, i and j are integers



String



#### String: Text Sequence Type

- immutable
- Indexing, Concatenation, Repetition

```
>>> word = 'Pvthon'
>>> word[0] # character in position 0
'P'
>>> word[5] # character in position 5
'n'
>>> word[-1] # last character
'n'
>>> word[-6]
'P'
>>> word[42] # the word only has 6 characters
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
IndexError: string index out of range
>>> 'Python'[1]
'y'
```

```
# the position of the indices
+---+---+
| P | y | t | h | o | n |
+---+---+
0 1 2 3 4 5 6
-6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1
```

```
>>> 'Py' 'thon' # concatenation
'Python'
>>> word + '3' # concatenation
'Python3'
>>> word * 3 # repetition
'PythonPythonPython'
```



#### Iterating over a Sequence

• in, not in, iteration

```
>>> word = 'Python'
>>> 'P' in 'Python'
True
>>> 'p' not in word
True
>>> for c in word:
... print(c, end='/')
P/y/t/h/o/n/
```



# Slicing

- the start is always included, and the end is always excluded
- slice indices have useful defaults:
  - o an omitted first index defaults to zero.
  - o an omitted second index defaults to the size of the string being sliced

```
>>> word = 'Python'
>>> word[0:2] # characters from position 0 (included) to 2 (excluded)
'Pv'
>>> word[2:5] # characters from position 2 (included) to 5 (excluded)
'tho
>>> word[:2] + word[2:]
'Python'
>>> word[:4] + word[4:]
'Pvthon'
>>> word[:2] # character from the beginning to position 2 (excluded)
'Py'
>>> word[4:] # characters from position 4 (included) to the end
'on'
>>> word[-2:] # characters from the second-last (included) to the end
'on'
```



# Slicing

• out of range slice indexes are handled gracefully when used for slicing:

```
>>> word[4:42]
'on'
>>> word[42:]
''
>>> numbers = '0123456789'
>>> numbers[0:10:2] # an omitted third value (i.e., step) defaults to 1
'02468'
>>> numbers[1:10:2]
'13579'
```



# Slicing

• Python strings cannot be changed — they are immutable

```
>>> word[0] = 'J'
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
>>> word[2:] = 'pv'
Traceback (most recent call last):
 File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
>>>
>>>
>>> jython = 'J' + word[1:]
>>> jython
'Jython'
>>> word[:2] + 'py'
'Pypy'
```



#### Some Methods on Strings

- str.count(s1)
- str.find(s1)
- str.rfind(s1)
- str.index(s1) # raise an exception if s1 is not in str
- str.rindex(s1) # raise an exception if s1 is not in str
- str.lower()
- str.replace(old, new)
- str.rstrip()
- str.strip()
- str.split(d)
  - return a list with strings after splitting str using a delimiter, d
  - when d is omitted, white space is used as a delimiter
- for more information:
  - https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#str



Tuple



# Tuples

- Like strings, tuples are immutable ordered sequences of elements
- The elements of a tuple can be of any type
- The elements need not be of the same type as each other
- Literals of type tuple

```
>>> t1 = () # empty tuple

>>> t2 = (1, 'two', 3.0)

>>> print(t1)

()

>>> print(t2)

(1, 'two', 3.0)

>>>

>>> t3 = (1) # (1) is the same as integer 1

>>> t4 = (1,) # singleton tuple with integer 1

>>> print(t3)

1

>>> print(t4)

(1,)
```



# Repetition, Concatenation, Indexing, and Slicing

```
t1 = 3 * ('1', 2)

t2 = (1, 'two', 3.0)

t3 = (t2, 3.35)

print(t1)  # prints ('1', 2, '1', 2, '1', 2)

print(t3)  # prints ((1, 'two', 3.0), 3.35)

print(t2 + t3)  # prints (1, 'two', 3.0, (1, 'two', 3.0), 3.35)

print((t2 + t3)[3])  # prints (1, 'two', 3.0)

print((t2 + t3)[2:5]  # prints (3.0, (1, 'two', 3.0), 3.35)
```



# Iterate over a tuple

```
def intersect(t1, t2):
   11 11 11
   Assumes t1 and t2 are tuples
   Returns a tuple containing elements that are in both t1 and t2
   11 11 11
   result = ()
   for e in t1:
      if e in t2:
         result += (e,) # result references a new tuple object
   return result
result = intersect((1, 2, 3), (2, 3, 4))
print(result) # prints (2, 3)
                                                                                                                Visualize
                                                                                                        Run Code
```



# Sequences, Unpacking, and Multiple Assignment

```
x, y = (3, 4)  # unpacking
print(x, y)  # prints 3 4
x, *y = (3, 4, 5, 6)
print(x, y)  # prints 3 [4, 5, 6]

*x, y = (3, 4, 5, 6)
print(x, y)  # prints [3, 4, 5] 6
a, b, c = 'xyz'  # unpacking
print(a, b, c)  # prints x y z
a, *b = 'xyz'  # unpacking
print(a, b)  # prints x ['y', 'z']
Run Code Visualize
```



### Returning Multiple Objects as a Tuple

```
def sum_and_mul(a, b):
    return a + b, a * b  # returns a tuple

result = sum_and_mul(1, 2)
print(result)  # prints (3, 2)

sum, mul = sum_and_mul(1, 2)  # unpacking the tuple into two objects
print(sum)  # prints 3
print(mul)  # prints 2

Run Code Visualize
```



#### Ranges

- Like strings and tuples, ranges are immutable
- The built-in function range returns an object of type range
- All of the operations on tuples are also available for ranges
  - but contatenation and repetition are not

```
for num in range(5):
    print(num, end=' ')
# prints 0 1 2 3 4

for num in range(1, 6):
    print(num, end=' ')
# prints 1 2 3 4 5

for num in range(1, 10, 2):
    print(num, end=' ')
# prints 1 3 5 7 9
```



#### Ranges

• two range objects are equal if they represent the same sequence of integers

```
>>> range(0, 7, 2) == range(0, 8, 2)

True
>>> range(0, 7, 2) == range(6, -1, -2) # the order of elements matters

False
```

- amount of memory space occupied by a range is not propotional to its length
- but it is for a tuple/string/list



List



#### Lists

- Python has a number of compound data types, used to group together other values (possibily of different types)
- Some objects contain references to other objects; these are called containers
  - e.g., tuple, list and dictionary
- The most versatile is the list
  - o written as a list of comma-separated values (items) between square brackets

```
>>> squares = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
>>> squares
[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
>>> squares[0] # indexing returns the item at the given index
1
>>> squares[-1]
25
>>> one2ten = list(range(1, 11))
>>> one2ten
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```



#### Lists are Mutable

• lists are a mutable type, i.e. it is possible to change their content

```
>>> cubes = [1, 8, 27, 65, 125]
>>> 4 ** 3 # the cube of 4 is 64, not 65!
64
>>> cubes[3] = 64 # replace the wrong value
>>> cubes
[1, 8, 27, 64, 125]
>>>
>>> cubes.append(216) # add the cube of 6
>>> cubes.append(7 ** 3) # and the cube of 7
>>> cubes
[1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343]
```



# Slicing and Concatenation

- All slice operations return a new list containing the requested elements
  - note: slice on the left side of assignment mutates the original list



#### **Nested Lists**

• It is possible to nest lists (create a list than contains other lists)

```
>>> a = ['a', 'b', 'c']

>>> n = [1, 2, 3]

>>> x = [a, n]

>>> x

[['a', 'b', 'c'], [1, 2, 3]]

>>> x[0]

['a', 'b', 'c']

>>> x[0][1]

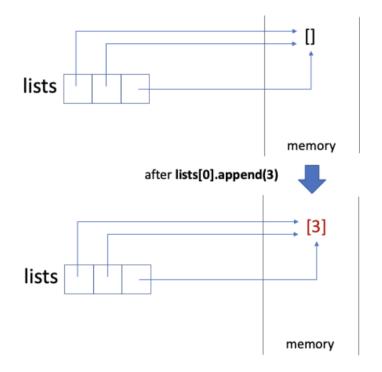
'b'
```



#### Repetition: Returns Shallow Copy of a List

• Repetition returns a concatenated list of shallow copies of a list:

```
>>> lists = [[]] * 3
# 3 shallow copies of [[]] are concatenated!
>>> lists
[[], [], []]
>>> lists[0].append(3)
>>> lists
[[3], [3], [3]]
>>> lists[1].append(4)
>>> lists
[[3, 4], [3, 4], [3, 4]]
```

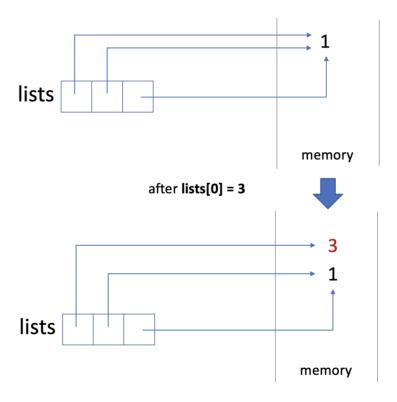




#### Repetition: Returns Shallow Copy of a List

• Repetition returns a concatenated list of shallow copy of a list:

```
>>> lists = [1] * 3
>>> lists
[1, 1, 1]
>>> lists[0] = 3
>>> lists
[3, 1, 1]
>>> lists[1]=4
>>> lists
[3, 4, 1]
```

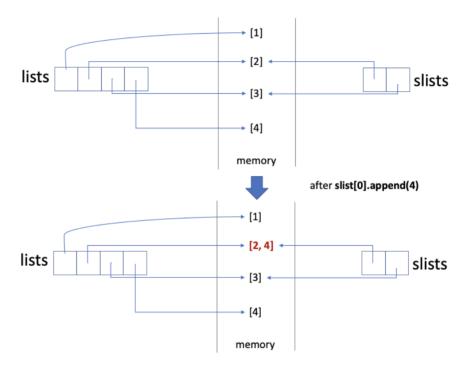




# Slicing: Returns Shallow Copy of a List

• Slicing returns a shallow copy of the list:

```
>>> lists = [[1], [2], [3], [4]]
>>> slists = lists[1:3]
>>> slists
[[2], [3]]
>>> slist[0].append(4)
>>> slists
[[2, 4], [3]]
>>> lists
[[1], [2, 4], [3], [4]]
>>>
```





### Assignment to Slices

- Assignment to slices is also possible
  - when slice is on the left side of assignment
  - note: slice on the right side returns a new list
- The original list is mutated

```
>>> letters = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g']
>>> letters
['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g']
>>> # replace some values
>>> letters[2:5] = ['C', 'D', 'E'] # letters is mutated!
>>> letters
['a', 'b', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'f', 'g']
>>> # now remove them
>>> letters[2:5] = []
>>> letters
['a', 'b', 'f', 'g']
>>> # clear the list by replacing all the elements with an empty list
>>> letters[:] = []
>>> letters
```



# Lists and Mutability

```
>>> Techs = ['KAIST', 'Postech']
>>> Sky = ['SNU', 'Korea', 'Yonsei']
>>> Univs = [Skv, Techs]
>>> Univs1 = [['SNU', 'Korea', 'Yonsei'], ['KAIST', 'Postech']]
>>> Univs == Univs1 # test value equality
True
>>> id(Univs) == id(Univs1) # test equality of object identities
False
>>> Univs is Univs1 # test object identity
False
>>> Techs.append('GIST')
>>> Univs
[['SNU', 'Korea', 'Yonsei'], ['KAIST', 'Postech', 'GIST']]
```

- aliasing: happens when there are two distinct paths to the same object
  - alias is another name for an object



#### Side Effect

- The append method has a side effect:
  - It doesn't return anything (no main effect), but mutates the existing list
- Function or expression is said to have a side effect
  - if it modifies some variable value(s) outside its local environment
  - o if it makes an observable effect besides returning a value (the main effect) to the invoker of the operation
- Examples
  - modifying a non-local variable (global variable, or variable from outer scope)
  - (modifying a static local variable)
  - modifying a mutable argument passed by reference
  - performing I/O or calling other side-effect functions



### List Processing



#### Methods associated with Lists

```
list.append(x) Add an item to the end of the list. Equivalent to a[len(a):] = [x]
list.extend(iterable) Extend the list by appending all the items from the iterable. Equivalent to a[len(a):] = iterable
list.insert(i, x) Insert an item at a given position. The first argument is the index of the element before which to
insert
list.remove(x) Remove the first item from the list whose value is equal to x. It raises a ValueError if there is no such
item
list.pop([i]) Remove the item at the given position in the list, and return it. If no index is specified, a.pop() removes
and returns the last item in the list
list.clear() Remove all items from the list. Equivalent to del a[:]
list.index(x[, start[, end]]) Return zero-based index in the list of the first item whose value is equal to x. Raises a
ValueError if there is no such item.
list.count(x) Return the number of times x appears in the list
list.sort(key=None, reverse=False) Sort the items of the list in place.
list.reverse() Reverse the elements of the list in place.
list.copy() Return a shallow copy of the list. Equivalent to a[:]
```



#### When Cloning is Necessary

- Avoid mutating a list over which one is iterating!
- an internal counter for a for loop is incremented at the end of each iteration
- the loop ends when the counter reaches the current length of the list

```
def removeDups(L1, L2):
   11 11 11
      Assumes that I1 and I2 are lists.
      Removes any element from L1 that also occurs in L2
   11 11 11
   for e1 in L1:
       if e1 in L2:
          L1.remove(e1)
L1 = [1, 2, 3, 4]
L2 = [1, 2, 5, 6]
removeDups(L1, L2)
print('L1 = ', L1) # prints L1 = [2, 3, 4]
```



### When Cloning is Necessary

- Iterate over a clone of the original list!
- All slice operations return a new list containing the requested elements
- L1[:] is evaluated just once before the first iteration!

```
def removeDups(L1, L2):
   11 11 11
      Assumes that I1 and I2 are lists.
      Removes any element from L1 that also occurs in L2
   11 11 11
   for e1 in L1[:]:
       if e1 in L2:
          L1.remove(e1)
L1 = [1, 2, 3, 4]
L2 = [1, 2, 5, 6]
removeDups(L1, L2)
print('L1 = ', L1) # prints L1 = [3, 4]
                                                                                                           Run Code
                                                                                                                   Visualize
```



#### Processing a List

- Avoid mutating a list over which one is iterating!
- It is sometimes tempting to change a list while you are looping over it
- however, it is often simpler and safer to create a new list instead

```
import math
raw_data = [56.2, float('NaN'), 51.7, 55.3, 52.5, float('NaN'), 47.8]
filtered_data = []
for value in raw_data:
    if not math.isnan(value):
        filtered_data.append(value)

print(filtered_data)

Run Code Visualize
```



#### List Comprehension

- a concise way to appy an operation to each element in a sequence
- it creates a new list in which each element is the result of applyting the given operation to each element in the sequence

```
map(function, iterable, ...)
```

• Return an iterator that applies function to every item of iterable, yielding the results



#### List Comprehension

```
>>> [(x, y) for x in [1, 2, 3] for y in [3, 1, 4] if x != y]
[(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 1), (2, 4), (3, 1), (3, 4)]
```

is equivalent to:

• Note that the order of the for and if statements is the same in both snippets



### List Comprehension

```
>>>  vec = [-4, -2, 0, 2, 4]
>>> # apply an operation (e.g., a function) to all the elements
>>> [abs(x) for x in vec]
[4, 2, 0, 2, 4]
>>>
>>>  vec = [[1,2,3], [4,5,6], [7,8,9]]
>>> [num for elem in vec for num in elem]
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
>>>
>>> from math import pi
>>> [str(round(pi, i)) for i in range(1, 6)]
['3.1', '3.14', '3.142', '3.1416', '3.14159']
```

#### round(number[, ndigits])

- Return number rounded to ndigits precision after the decimal point
- If ndigits is omitted or is None, it returns the nearest integer to its input



#### Nested List Comprehension

```
matrix = [
    [1, 2, 3, 4],
    [5, 6, 7, 8],
    [9, 10, 11, 12],
]

transposed = [[row[i] for row in matrix] for i in range(4)]
print(transposed)
# prints [[1, 5, 9], [2, 6, 10], [3, 7, 11], [4, 8, 12]]
```

- the nested listcomp is evaluated in the context of the for that follows it
- the nested listcomp above is equivalent to:

```
transposed = []
for i in range(4):
    transposed.append([row[i] for row in matrix])
print(transposed)
```



#### built-in function zip

```
>>> x = [1, 2, 3]

>>> y = [4, 5, 6]

>>> zipped = zip(x, y)

>>> list(zipped)

[(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)]
```

#### zip(\*iterables)

• Returns an iterator of tuples, where the i-th tuple contains the i-th element from each of the argument sequences or iterables



#### zip and unpacking

```
>>> x = [1, 2, 3]
>>> v = [4, 5, 6]
>>> zipped = zip(x, y)
>>> list(zipped) # iterator 'zipped' is exhausted
[(1, 4), (2, 5), (3, 6)]
>>> zipped = zip(x, y) # get the iterator again
>>> print(*zipped) # unpacking zipped
(1, 4) (2, 5) (3, 6)
>>> zipped = zip(x, y) # get the iterator again
>>> zzipped = zip(*zipped)
>>> list(zzipped)
[(1, 2, 3), (4, 5, 6)]
>>>
>>>
>>> x2, y2 = zip(*zip(x, y)) # unpacking and zip
>>> x == list(x2) and y == list(y2)
True
```



#### Transpose a matrix with unpack and zip

```
>>> matrix = [[1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7, 8], [9, 10, 11, 12],]
>>> print(*matrix)
[1, 2, 3, 4] [5, 6, 7, 8] [9, 10, 11, 12]
>>> a, b, c = matrix # unpacking the matrix list
>>> a
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> b
[5, 6, 7, 8]
>>> C
[9, 10, 11, 12]
>>> list(zip(a, b, c))
[(1, 5, 9), (2, 6, 10), (3, 7, 11), (4, 8, 12)]
>>>
>>> a, *b = matrix
>>> a
[1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> b
[[5, 6, 7, 8], [9, 10, 11, 12]]
```



#### Transpose a matrix with unpack and zip



# Higher-order Programming with List and Function

- Functions are first-class objects like objects of any other type, e.g., int, float or list
- Higher-order programming
  - o an individual function operates on functions.
  - using functions as arguments of other functions

```
def apply2Each(L, f): # defining a high-order function
   """Assumes L is a list, f a function
    Mutates L by replacing each element, e, of L by f(e)"""
    for i in range(len(L)):
        L[i] = f(L[i])

L = [1, -2, 3.33]
    apply2Each(L, abs)
    print('L = ', L)  # prints L = [1, 2, 3.33]
    apply2Each(L, int)
    print('L = ', L)  # prints L = [1, 2, 3]
Run Code
Visualize
```



```
map(function, iterable, ...)
```

• applies function to every item of iterable, returning a sequence (iterator)

```
squares = list(map(lambda x: x**2, range(10)))
print(squares)
for i in map(round, [1.3, 2.6, 3.2]):
   print (i)
L1 = [1, 28, 36]
L2 = [2, 57, 9]
mins = list(map(min, L1, L2))
print(mins)
L = []
for i in map(lambda x, y: x**y, [1, 2, 3, 4], [3, 2, 1, 0]):
   L.append(i)
print(L)
                                                                                                                         Run Code
                                                                                                                                   Visualize
```



- Built-in function: filter(function, iterable)
  - Construct an iterator from those elements of iterable for which function returns True

```
source_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
filtered_list = list(filter(lambda x: (x % 2 == 0), source_list))
print(filtered_list)  # prints [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
Run Code Visualize
```



- Built-in function: sorted(iterable, \*, key=None, reverse=False)
  - Return a new sorted list from the items in an iterable
  - Has two optional arguments which must be specified as keyword arguments
  - key specifies a function of one argument that is used to extract a comparison key from each element in iterable
    - The default value is None (compare the elements directly)
  - o reverse is a boolean value. If set to True, then the list elements are sorted as if each comparison were reversed

```
result = sorted([5, 2, 3, 1, 4])
print(result) # prints [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]

result = sorted("This is a test string from Andrew".split(), key=str.lower)
print(result) # prints ['a', 'Andrew', 'from', 'is', 'string', 'test', 'This']
Run Code Visualize
```



```
student_tuples = [
    ('john', 'A', 15),
    ('jane', 'B', 12),
    ('dave', 'B', 10),
]
result = sorted(student_tuples, key=lambda student: student[2])  # sort by age
print(result)
# prints [('dave', 'B', 10), ('jane', 'B', 12), ('john', 'A', 15)]
Run Code Visualize
```



#### Other Higher-order Functions

```
from functools import reduce # import reduce from the module 'functools'

result = reduce(lambda x, y: x+y, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
# calculates ((((1+2)+3)+4)+5)
print(result) # prints 15
Run Code Visualize
```

- functools.reduce(function, iterable[, initializer])
  - Apply function of two arguments cumulatively to the items of sequence, from left to right, so as to reduce the sequence to a single value



### Comparison of Sequence Types

Type	Type of elements	Examples of literals	Mutable
str	characters	", 'a', 'abc'	No
tuple	any type	(), (3,), ('abc', 4)	No
range	integers	rang(10), range(1, 10, 2)	No
list	any type	[], [3], ['abc', 4.0]	Yes



#### Common Operations on Sequence Types

- seq[i]
- len(seq)
- seq1 + seq2 (not available for ranges)
- n \* seq or seq \* n (not available for ranges)
- seq[start:end]
- e in seq
- e not in seq
- for e in seq:



Set



#### Sets

- A set is an unordered collection with no duplicate elements
  - o compound data type, container
- set is mutable
- Basic uses include membership testing and eliminating duplicate entries
- union, intersection, difference, and symmetric difference
- Curly braces or the set() function can be used to create sets
- Note: to create an empty set, you have to use set(), not {};
  - the latter creates an empty dictionary



#### Set Construction and Membership Testing

```
>>> basket = {'apple', 'orange', 'apple', 'pear', 'orange', 'banana'}
>>> print(basket)  # show that duplicates have been removed
{'orange', 'banana', 'pear', 'apple'}
>>> 'orange' in basket  # fast membership testing
True
>>> 'crabgrass' in basket
False
```



#### Set Operations

```
>>> # Demonstrate set operations on unique letters from two words
>>> a = set('abracadabra')
>>> b = set('alacazam')
                       # unique letters in a (duplicates removed)
>>> a
{'a', 'r', 'b', 'c', 'd'}
>>> h
            # unique letters in b (duplicates removed)
{'a', 'l', 'm', 'c', 'z'}
         # letters in a but not in b (difference)
>>> a - b
{'r', 'd', 'b'}
>>> a | b # letters in a or b or both (union)
{'a', 'c', 'r', 'd', 'b', 'm', 'z', 'l'}
>>> a & b
         # letters in both a and b (intersection)
{'a', 'c'}
>>> a ^ b
          # letters in a or b but not both (symmetric difference)
{'r', 'd', 'b', 'm', 'z', 'l'}
```



#### Set Operations

```
len(s)
x in s
x not in s
isdisjoint(other)
issubset(other)
set <= other
set < other
issuperset(other)
set >= other
set > other
union(*others)
set | other | ...
intersection(*others)
set & other & ...
difference(*others)
set - other - ...
symmetric difference(other)
set ^ other
```

```
update(*others)
set |= other | ...
intersection_update(*others)
set &= other & ...
difference_update(*others)
set -= other | ...
symmetric_difference_update(other)
set ^= other
add(elem)
remove(elem)
discard(elem) # no exception
pop() # Remove and return an arbitrary element
clear()
```



# Set Comprehension

```
>>> a = {x for x in 'abracadabra' if x not in 'abc'}
>>> a
{'r', 'd'}
```

the set comprehension above is equivalent to:

```
a = set();
for x in 'abracadabra':
    if x not in 'abc':
        a.add(x)
print(a)
Run Code Visualize
```



## Dictionary



#### **Dictionaries**

- Objects of type dict
- Dictionary: a set of key-value pairs
  - o dictionaries are indexed by keys, which can be any immutable type
    - strings and numbers can always be keys, but not lists
  - the keys are unique (within one dictionary)
  - {}: creates an empty dictionary

- Entries in a dict are
  - unordered insertion ordered and cannot be accessed with an index
    - monthNumber[1] refers to the entry with the key 1 (not the second entry)



#### Dictionaries are mutable!

- Associative retrieval of a value by a key is quite fast
  - o the lookup can be done in time that is nearly independent of the size of the dictionary
    - constant-time 0(1) lookup on average
  - hashing technique



#### **Dictionary Construction**

```
>>> dict([('sape', 4139), ('guido', 4127), ('jack', 4098)])
{'sape': 4139, 'guido': 4127, 'jack': 4098}
>>> {x: x**2 for x in (2, 4, 6)}
{2: 4, 4: 16, 6: 36}
>>> dict(sape = 4139, guido = 4127, jack = 4098) # using keyword arguments
{'sape': 4139, 'guido': 4127, 'jack': 4098}
```



#### **Dictionary Operations**

```
>>> tel = {'jack': 4098, 'sape': 4139}
>>> tel['guido'] = 4127
>>> tel
{'jack': 4098, 'sape': 4139, 'guido': 4127}
>>> tel['jack']
4098
>>> del tel['sape'] # delete an entry
>>> tel['irv'] = 4127
>>> tel
{'jack': 4098, 'guido': 4127, 'irv': 4127}
>>> list(tel) # returns a list of all the keys
['jack', 'guido', 'irv']
>>> sorted(tel)  # returns a list of all the keys after sorting them
['guido', 'irv', 'jack']
>>> 'quido' in tel # To check whether a single key is in the dictionary
True
>>> 'jack' not in tel
False
```



# Arbitrary Argument Lists



# Looping Techniques

```
knights = {'gallahad': 'the pure', 'robin': 'the brave'}
for k, v in knights.items():
    print(k, v) # prints key/value pairs
for k in knights:
    print(k) # prints only the keys
for i, v in enumerate(['tic', 'tac', 'toe']):
    print(i, v) # prints index and value
for i, v in enumerate(knights):
    print(i, v) # prints keys with index
                                                                                                    Run Code
                                                                                                           Visualize
```



#### Comparing Sequences and Other Types

• Sequence objects typically may be compared to other objects with the same sequence type



### Comparing Sequences and Other Types

- The comparison uses lexicographical ordering:
  - o first, the first two items are compared, and
  - if they differ, this determines the outcome of the comparison
  - o if they are equal, the next two items are compared, and so on, until either sequence is exhausted
- If all items of two sequences compare equal, the sequences are considered equal
- If two items to be compared are themselves sequences of the same type, the lexicographical comparison is carried out recursively
- If one sequence is an initial sub-sequence of the other, the shorter sequence is the smaller (lesser) than the longer



#### Wrap-up

- All data in a Python program is represented by **objects** or by relations between **objects**.
  - Every object has an identity, a type and a value.
- Object
- String
- Tuple
- List
- List Processing
- Set
- Dictionary



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