Itertools - Functions creating iterators for efficient looping

An arrangement of a set of n objects in a given order is called a permutation of the objects (taken all at a time).

Practice with permutations

In [1]:

```
from itertools import permutations
print(list(permutations(['a','b','c'], 3)))
```

```
[('a', 'b', 'c'), ('a', 'c', 'b'), ('b', 'a', 'c'), ('b', 'c', 'a'), ('c', 'a', 'b'), ('c
', 'b', 'a')]
```

In [3]:

```
from itertools import permutations
print(list(permutations(['a','b','c'], 2)))
```

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[('a', 'b'), ('a', 'c'), ('b', 'a'), ('b', 'c'), ('c', 'a'), ('c', 'b')]
```

In [4]:

```
from itertools import permutations
print(list(permutations(['a','b','c'], 1)))
```

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[('a',), ('b',), ('c',)]
```

In [2]:

```
from itertools import permutations
l = list(permutations(range(1, 5)))
print (l)
```

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

In [3]:

```
from itertools import permutations
l = list(permutations(range(1, 6)))
print (l)
```

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

Practice with combinations

In [8]:

```
from itertools import combinations
print(list(combinations(['a','b','c', 'd', 'e'], 1)))
```

```
[('a',), ('b',), ('c',), ('d',), ('e',)]
```

In [9]:

```
from itertools import combinations
print(list(combinations(['a','b','c', 'd', 'e'], 2)))
```

```
[('a', 'b'), ('a', 'c'), ('a', 'd'), ('a', 'e'), ('b', 'c'), ('b', 'd'), ('b', 'e'), ('c'
, 'd'), ('c', 'e'), ('d', 'e')]
```

In [10]:

```
from itertools import combinations
print(list(combinations(['a','b','c', 'd', 'e'], 3)))
```

```
[('a', 'b', 'c'), ('a', 'b', 'd'), ('a', 'b', 'e'), ('a', 'c', 'd'), ('a', 'c', 'e'), ('a
', 'd', 'e'), ('b', 'c', 'd'), ('b', 'c', 'e'), ('b', 'd', 'e'), ('c', 'd', 'e')]
```

In [11]:

```
from itertools import combinations
print(list(combinations(['a','b','c', 'd', 'e'], 4)))
```

```
[('a', 'b', 'c', 'd'), ('a', 'b', 'c', 'e'), ('a', 'b', 'd', 'e'), ('a', 'c', 'd', 'e'),
('b', 'c', 'd', 'e')]
```

In [12]:

```
from itertools import combinations
print(list(combinations(['a','b','c', 'd', 'e'], 5)))
```

```
[('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e')]
```

In [14]:

```
from itertools import combinations_with_replacement
print(list(combinations_with_replacement(['a','b','c', 'd', 'e'], 2)))
```

```
[('a', 'a'), ('a', 'b'), ('a', 'c'), ('a', 'd'), ('a', 'e'), ('b', 'b'), ('b', 'c'), ('b'
, 'd'), ('b', 'e'), ('c', 'c'), ('c', 'd'), ('c', 'e'), ('d', 'd'), ('d', 'e'), ('e', 'e'
)]
```

In [21]:

```
from itertools import product
print(list(product('ABCD', repeat = 2)))
```

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[('A', 'A'), ('A', 'B'), ('A', 'C'), ('A', 'D'), ('B', 'A'), ('B', 'B'), ('B', 'C'), ('B'
, 'D'), ('C', 'A'), ('C', 'B'), ('C', 'C'), ('C', 'D'), ('D', 'A'), ('D', 'B'), ('D', 'C'
), ('D', 'D')]
```