## ROBOTICS LAB 2

# Data Structures and Modules in Python

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### Data Structures

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

- I. 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, unchangeable 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.

- 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)
```

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

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")
print(a)
print(b)
print(c)
print(d)
print(e)
print(f)
```

```
[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']
```

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

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

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

• 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])
```

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

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```

• Lists allow duplicates of data:

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

```
['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)

## Changing Items in a List

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

```
[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 -I (not zero)

```
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])
```

```
62387714
```

## Changing Items with Negative Index

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

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

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

print(my_list)

my_list[-5] = 500

print(my list)
```

```
[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

```
[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

```
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

```
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 I 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 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 )
```

```
True
False
True
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)
```

```
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]

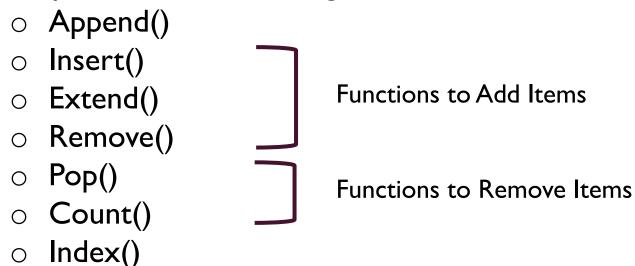
print(my_list)
```

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

### List Functions

Reverse()

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



### 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)
```

```
['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)
```

```
['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

## 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:

a
print(h[8])
```

• 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)

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

Output: ComputerVision

Output: Computer Vision
```

• You can check if a character is present in the string with the "in" keyword



## 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:

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)
```

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

## Dictionaries - Accessing

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

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

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

```
uno
dos
tres
```

## Dictionaries - Accessing

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

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

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

```
1
2
3
```

## Dictionaries – Changing Value

Consider the following dictionary which maps prices

• The value can be changed by using its key:

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

```
Output:
```

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

### **Dictionaries**

• The following example illustrates a use of dictionaries:

- Each key is a command for a robot's movement
- Note that the value in this case is a list of two elements
- The first element of the list is the linear motion
- The second element of the list is the angular motion

## Import in Python

- 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 for the current lab:

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

• We can also assign an alias for the library:

```
8.0
```

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

5.0

## Import in Python

• The math library contains some common mathematical functions:

```
print( math.sqrt(64))
print( math.ceil(1.5) )
print( math.floor(1.5) )
print( math.pi )
print( math.inf )
print( math.sin(30) )
print( math.cos(30) )
print( math.tan(30) )
print( math.log(5) )
print( math.log10(5) )
print( math.radians(180) )
print( math.degrees(math.pi) )
print( math.exp(4) )
```

```
8.0
3.141592653589793
inf
-0.9880316240928618
0.15425144988758405
-6.405331196646276
1.6094379124341003
0.6989700043360189
3.141592653589793
180.0
54.598150033144236
```

## Lab Tasks

- Download the manual and slides from LMS
- Perform the Lab Tasks given in the manual and submit it on LMS
- Remember to execute scripts with the terminal