


Module 14: Python – Collections, Functions, and Modules

1) Accessing List

Theory

- Lists are ordered, mutable collections that can store mixed data types.
- Indexing:
 - Positive indexing starts at 0 from the left.
 - Negative indexing starts at -1 from the right.
- Slicing: list[start  step] returns a new list with selected elements (end is exclusive).

Lab Solutions

1. Create a list with elements of multiple data types

```
mixed_list = [42, "hello", 3.14, True, None, [1, 2], ("a", "b")]
print(mixed_list)
```

2. Access elements at different index positions

```
lst = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango', 'kiwi', 'grape']
print(lst[0]) # first
print(lst)   # third
print(lst[-1]) # last
print(lst[-3]) # third from end
```

Practical Examples

1. Create a list of multiple data type elements

```
data = [10, "python", 2.5, False, {"key": "value"}]
print(data)
```

2. Find the length of a list using len()

```
items = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
print(len(items))
```

2) List Operations

Theory

- Common operations:
 - Concatenation: `a + b`
 - Repetition: `a * n`
 - Membership: `x in a`
- Useful methods: `append()`, `insert()`, `remove()`, `pop()`, `extend()`, `clear()`

Lab Solutions

1. Add elements using `insert()` and `append()`

```
nums = [1, 2, 3]
nums.append(4)      # [1, 2, 3, 4]
nums.insert(1, 99)  # [1, 99, 2, 3, 4]
print(nums)
```

2. Remove elements using `pop()` and `remove()`

```
fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'mango', 'banana']
fruits.remove('banana') # removes first 'banana'
popped = fruits.pop(1)  # removes element at index 1
print(fruits, popped)
```

Practical Examples

3. Update list using `insert()` and `append()`

```
lst = [10, 20, 30]
lst.append(40)
lst.insert(0, 5)
print(lst)
```

4. Remove elements using pop() and remove()

```
lst = ['x', 'y', 'z', 'y']  
lst.remove('y') # first 'y'  
last = lst.pop() # removes last  
print(lst, last)
```

3) Working with Lists

Theory

- Iteration: for x in list
- Sorting:
 - list.sort() sorts in place, returns None
 - sorted(list) returns a new sorted list
- Slicing and updates work due to mutability

Lab Solutions

1. Iterate over a list using a for loop

```
languages = ['Python', 'C', 'C++', 'Java']  
for lang in languages:  
    print(lang)
```

2. Sort using sort() and sorted()

```
nums = [5, 2, 9, 1]  
nums_sorted = sorted(nums) # new list  
print(nums_sorted, nums) # original unchanged  
nums.sort(reverse=True) # in-place descending  
print(nums)
```

Practical Examples

5. Iterate through a list and print each element

```
colors = ['red', 'green', 'blue']
for c in colors:
    print(c)
```

6. Insert elements into an empty list using a for loop and append()

```
result = []
for i in range(5):
    result.append(i * i)
print(result)
```

4) Tuple

Theory

- Tuples are ordered, immutable sequences.
- Can contain mixed data types.
- Support indexing, slicing, membership, concatenation, repetition.

Lab Solutions

1. Create a tuple with multiple data types

```
t = (1, "two", 3.0, False, None)
print(t)
```

2. Concatenate two tuples

```
a = (1, 2)
b = ('x', 'y')
c = a + b
print(c)
```

Practical Examples

7. Convert a list into a tuple

```
lst = [1, 2, 3]
tup = tuple(lst)
```

```
print(tup)
```

8. Create a tuple with multiple data types

```
t = ("python", 3.11, True)
print(t)
```

9. Concatenate two tuples into one

```
t1 = (10, 20)
t2 = (30, 40)
t3 = t1 + t2
print(t3)
```

10. Access the value of the first index in a tuple

```
t = ('a', 'b', 'c')
print(t[0])
```

5) Accessing Tuples

Theory

- Positive/negative indexing works like lists.
- Slicing: $t[\text{start} \xleftarrow{\text{step}} \text{end}]$ returns a new tuple.

Lab Solutions

1. Access values between index 1 and 5 in a tuple

```
t = (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
print(t[1:6]) # elements at 1,2,3,4,5
```

2. Access alternate values between index 1 and 5

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

Practical Examples

11. Access values between index 1 and 5

```
t = ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'g')
print(t[1:6])
```

12. Access the value from the last index in a tuple

```
t = (10, 20, 30)
print(t[-1])
```

6) Dictionaries

Theory

- Dicts store key-value pairs.
- Keys must be hashable (immutable types commonly used).
- Core methods: `keys()`, `values()`, `items()`, `get()`, `update()`, `pop()`

Lab Solutions

1. Create a dictionary with 6 key-value pairs

```
student = {
    "id": 101,
    "name": "Asha",
    "age": 20,
    "dept": "CS",
    "cgpa": 8.7,
    "active": True
}
print(student)
```

2. Access values using dictionary keys

```
print(student["name"])
print(student.get("cgpa")) # safe access
```

Practical Examples

13. Create a dictionary of 6 key-value pairs

```
config = {  
    "host": "localhost",  
    "port": 5432,  
    "debug": True,  
    "retries": 3,  
    "timeout": 30.0,  
    "env": "dev"  
}  
print(config)
```

14. Access values using keys

```
print(config["host"])  
print(config.get("missing", "default-value"))
```

7) Working with Dictionaries

Theory

- Iterate:
 - for key in d
 - for key, value in d.items()
- Merge two lists into dict with zip()
- Frequency counting with dict

Lab Solutions

1. Update a value in a dictionary

```
profile = {"name": "Ravi", "city": "Pune"}  
profile["city"] = "Mumbai"  
profile.update({"age": 25})  
print(profile)
```

2. Merge two lists into one dictionary using a loop

```
keys = ["id", "name", "age"]
vals = [1, "Kiran", 22]
merged = {}
for i in range(min(len(keys), len(vals))):
    merged[keys[i]] = vals[i]
print(merged)
```

Practical Examples

15. Update a value at a particular key

```
d = {"a": 1, "b": 2}
d["b"] = 200
print(d)
```

16. Separate keys and values using keys() and values()

```
d = {"x": 10, "y": 20, "z": 30}
keys_list = list(d.keys())
values_list = list(d.values())
print(keys_list, values_list)
```

17. Convert two lists into one dictionary using a for loop

```
countries = ["IN", "US", "UK"]
capitals = ["New Delhi", "Washington, D.C.", "London"]
mapping = {}
for i in range(len(countries)):
    mapping[countries[i]] = capitals[i]
print(mapping)
```

18. Count how many times each character appears in a string

```
s = "banana"
freq = {}
for ch in s:
    freq[ch] = freq.get(ch, 0) + 1
print(freq) # {'b':1,'a':3,'n':2}
```


8) Functions

Theory

- Functions are defined with def.
- Types:
 - With/without parameters
 - With/without return value
- Lambda: small anonymous functions for simple expressions.

Lab Solutions

1. Function that takes a string and prints it

```
def echo(text):  
    print(text)  
  
echo("Hello, Functions!")
```

2. Calculator using functions

```
def add(a, b): return a + b  
def sub(a, b): return a - b  
def mul(a, b): return a * b  
def div(a, b): return a / b  
  
op = '+'  
a, b = 10, 5  
ops = {'+': add, '-': sub, '*': mul, '/': div}  
result = ops[op](a, b)  
print(result)
```

Practical Examples

19. Print a string using a function

```
def show():  
    print("Hello from function!")  
show()
```

20. Parameterized function to print sum

```
def print_sum(x, y):  
    print(x + y)  
print_sum(3, 4)
```

21. Lambda function with one expression

```
square = lambda x: x * x  
print(square(6))
```

22. Lambda function with two expressions (two-argument lambda)

```
power = lambda a, b: a ** b  
print(power(2, 5))
```

9) Modules

Theory

- Modules are files containing Python code (functions, variables, classes).
- Importing: import module, from module import name
- Standard library: math, random, datetime, etc.
- Custom modules: any .py file importable via PYTHONPATH.

Lab Solutions

1. Import math and use sqrt(), ceil(), floor()

```
import math  
print(math.sqrt(25))  
print(math.ceil(2.1))  
print(math.floor(2.9))
```

2. Generate random numbers using random

```
import random  
print(random.randint(1, 100)) # inclusive  
print(random.random())      # [0.0, 1.0)
```

```
print(random.choice(['a', 'b', 'c']))
```

Practical Examples

23. Demonstrate functions from math module

```
import math
values = [3.7, -4.2, 16]
print(math.fabs(values[1]))
print(math.sqrt(values))
print(math.floor(values), math.ceil(values))
```

24. Generate random numbers between 1 and 100

```
import random
nums = [random.randint(1, 100) for _ in range(5)]
print(nums)
```