An Introduction to Python

Day 3

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Combining what we've learnt

Yesterday we learnt a lot of different bits of Python.

Let's summarize that knowledge by writing functions to do various analysis on values in a list.

myStats.py

* In a text editor:

myStats.py

```
#Functions to analyse values in a list

#print the numbers in the list.
def printNums(numbers):
        for num in numbers:
                print num
```

* Comment your code well so you remember what it does when you look at it again.

myStats.py

* A function to sum values:

```
#sum the values in the list
def sumNums(numbers):
        total = 0
        for num in numbers:
                total += num
        return total
```

myStats.py

* A function to average numbers:

```
#returns a mean average of the numbers in the list
def averageNums(numbers):
        sumOfNums = sumNums(numbers)
        average = float(sumOfNums) / len(numbers)
        return average
```

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* A function to calculate the variance:

```
#retuns the variance of a list of numbers
def varianceNums(numbers):
        variance = 0
        average = averageNums(numbers)
        for num in numbers:
                variance += (average-num) **2
        return float(variance)/len(numbers)
```

myStats.py

* A function to calculate the standard deviation, given the variance:

```
#returns the standard deviation given the variance:
def stdDevNums(variance):
        try:
                return variance ** .5
        except TypeError:
                print "Variance was not a numer"
```

myStats.py

* Test it

```
>>> myList=[4,7,5,2,8,5,8,3]
>>> import myStats
>>> myStats.stdDevNums(myStats.varianceNums(myList))
```

Quiz Time:

What Is the average and standard deviation of:

[3.14, 5.32, 1.34, 5.67]

More Dictionary Methods

* .items() returns key value pairs
* .keys() returns just the keys
* .values() returns just the value

```
>>> myDictionary={'name':'harry','hair':'brown','eyes':'brown'}
>>> print myDictionary.items()
[('hair', 'brown'), ('eyes', 'brown'), ('name', 'harry')]
>>> print myDictionary.keys()
['hair', 'eyes', 'name']
>>> print myDictionary.values()
['brown', 'brown', 'harry']
```

* This is useful so we can iterate over dictionaries more easily…

Iterating over dictionaries

The comma means “on the same line”:

```
>>> for key in myDictionary:
...     print key,myDictionary[key]
...
hair brown
eyes brown
name harry
>>> for key in myDictionary:
...     print key,myDictionary[key],
...
hair brown eyes brown name harry
```

List Comprehension

If we want to create a list that is a modified version of an existing list we usually do something like this:

```
>>> squares = []
>>> for x in range(10):
...     squares.append(x**2)
...
>>> squares
[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

Python offers an easy alternative!

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To create a list this way:

newList = [expression **for** value **in** oldList]

List Comprehension

```
>>> seq = 'AAATCGAT'
>>> revComp = [compDict[x] for x in seq.upper() if x in 'ACGT']
>>> revComp
['T', 'T', 'T', 'A', 'G', 'C', 'T', 'A']
>>> revComp.reverse()
>>> ''.join(revComp)
'ATCGATTT'
```

Reverse complement function we wrote previous in much less code!

Have to **reverse()** the list and then use a **string** method (**join**) to turn the list of characters into a **string**.

Slicing Up a List (with Stride)

listName[start:end:stride]

From 1st value to 6th, choosing every 3rd value.

From 2nd value to 9th value, choosing every 4th

Entire list, every other value

Entire list, every value, in reverse

2nd value to 1st, don't skip any

9th value to end of list, in reverse

From beginning of list to 4th value, in reverse

```
>>> myList = range(11)
>>> myList
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
>>> myList[:6:3]
[0, 3]
>>> myList[2:9:4]
[2, 6]
>>> myList[::2]
[0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
>>> myList[::-1]
[10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
>>> myList[2::-1]
[2, 1, 0]
>>> myList[9::-1]
[9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
>>> myList[:4:-1]
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```

Lambda functions

An alternative way to define a function.

```
>>> def byThree(x):
...     return x % 3 == 0
...
>>> byThree(9)
True
>>> lambda x:x%3==0
<function <lambda> at 0x10a51e398>
```

Not useful on its own but for use in conjunction with other functions!

Filters (use lambda functions!)

filter(function, list)

```
>>> def byThree(x):
...     return x % 3 == 0
...
>>> myList = range(16)
>>> print filter(byThree,myList)
[0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15]
```

```
>>> print filter(lambda x:x%3==0,myList)
[0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15]
```

Filters (use lambda functions!)

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```
>>> names = ["john","simon","jane","jenny"]
>>> print filter(lambda x:x == 'simon', names)
['simon']
>>> myList = range(50)
>>> print filter(lambda x:x%3==0 and x%4==0, myList)
[0, 12, 24, 36, 48]
```

File Input.

Reading from a file is the main way of getting biological data into Python.

fileVariable = open("fileName.txt" , "w")

fileVariable.read(size)

size is optional and specifies how many bytes to read

fileVariable.readLine()

reads and returns a single line of the file

File Output

Writing results to a file is useful for large data sets and for exporting to other programs to create graphs etc.

fileVariable.write(string)

writes the contents of *string* to the file.

fileVariable.tell()

returns an integer value representing how far through the file you currently are, in bytes.

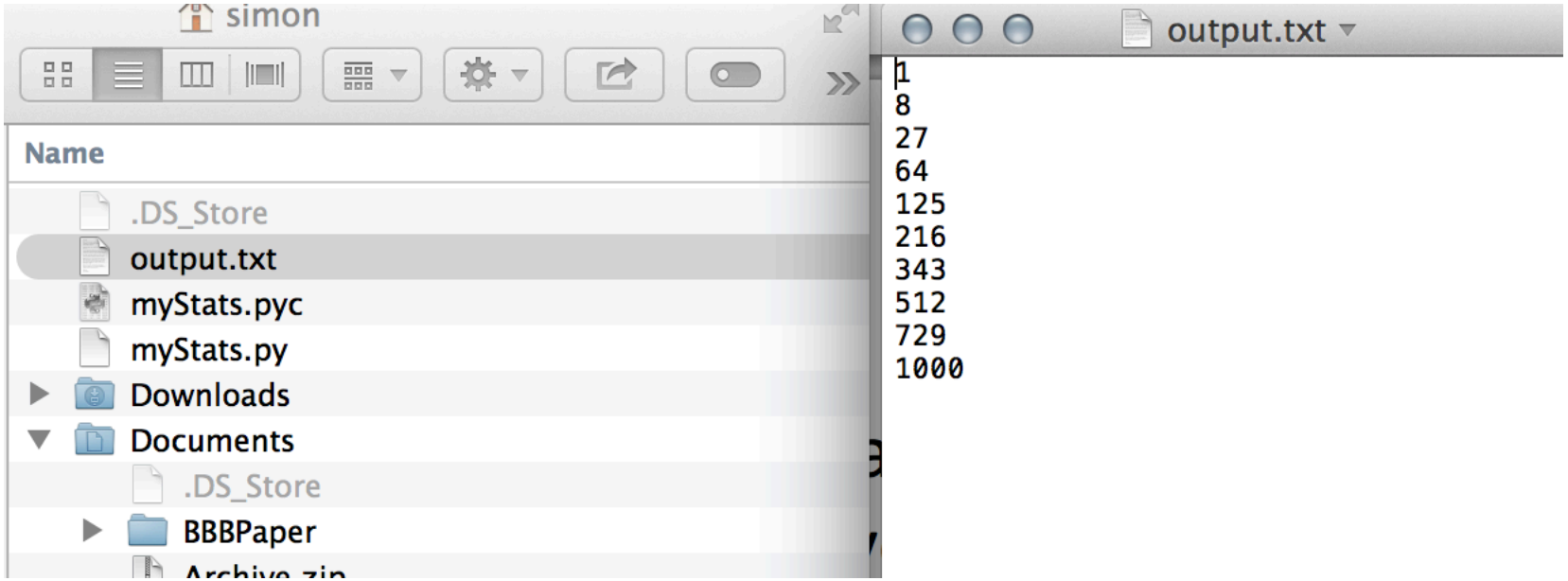
fileVariable.seek(offset,0)

change current position in file to *offset* bytes from the beginning. To offset from current position or end do *seek(offset,1)* or *seek(offset,2)* respectively.

File Input/Output Example.

```
>>> myList = [x**3 for x in range(1,11)]
>>> file = open("output.txt","w")
>>> for item in myList:
...     file.write(str(item) + "\n")
...
>>> file.close()
>>>
```

File Output.


simon
Name
.DS_Store
output.txt
myStats.pyc
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Documents
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1
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27
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729
1000

Always close() Files

It's important to close() a file when you have finished writing or reading from it.

```
>>> with open("text.txt","w") as fileVariable:
...     fileVariable.write("Great Success")
...
>>> fileVariable
<closed file 'text.txt', mode 'w' at 0x10a4e9780>
>>> fileVariable.closed
True
>>>
```

text.txt

Great Success

Alternatively use **with open() as variable:** to automatically close the file after the code is executed.

File Mode

What does the “w” do in: Open(“fileName.txt”, “w”)

mode can be `'r'` when the file will only be read, `'w'` for only writing (an existing file with the same name will be erased), and `'a'` opens the file for appending; any data written to the file is automatically added to the end. `'r+'` opens the file for both reading and writing. The *mode* argument is optional; `'r'` will be assumed if it’s omitted.

File Mode

```
>>> myFile = open("output.txt","r")
>>> print myFile.readline()
1

>>> print myFile.readline()
8

>>> print myFile.readline()
27

>>> print myFile.readline()
64

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>>> myFile.close
<built-in method close of file object at 0x10a4e98a0>
>>> myFile.close()
```

fastQ file

Contain reads for sequencing analysis.

A FASTQ file normally uses four lines per sequence.

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- Line 2 is the raw sequence letters.
- Line 3 begins with a '+' character and is *optionally* followed by the same sequence identifier (and any description) again.
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fastQ Example

Code to find which reads contain an adapter sequence

```
>>> myFile=open("example.fastq","r")
>>> adapterSequence='GCCAAT'
>>> totalLines=0
>>> countOfAdapter=0
>>> for line in myFile:
...     if line[0] == 'N':
...             if adapterSequence in line:
...                     countOfAdapter+=1
...             totalLines+=1
...
>>> totalLines
25
>>> countOfAdapter
9
>>> percentage=(float(countOfAdapter)/totalLines)*100
>>> print "%d percent of reads contain the adapter seque
nce" % percentage
36 percent of reads contain the adapter sequence
```

Thanks!

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