

Review of Python Basics (version 3.x)

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Data Types



type	description	mutable ?	indexing?
int	integer number	NO	N.A.
float	real number within a finite range	NO	N.A.
string	a sequence of characters	NO	character-indexing
list	a sequence of objects	YES	element-indexing
tuple	a sequence of objects	NO	element-indexing
range	a sequence of integers	NO	element-indexing
set	a collection of unique objects	YES	N.A.
dictionary	a collection of key : value pairs	YES	N.A.

int

- an **int** number in Python can represent any integer of any length

```
In [1]: int('1')
```

Out[1]: 1

In [2]:

[illegible]

Out[2]:

[illegible]

int(string) is a function that can convert a string to an integer (int)

float

- **float** numbers in Python can only represent a subset of real numbers
- In a 64-bit computer, a float number has 64-bits

type	min	max
float	-1.7976931348623157e+308	1.7976931348623157e+308

```
In [1]: float('-1.7976931348623157e+308')
```

```
Out[1]: -1.7976931348623157e+308
```

```
In [2]: float('-1.7976931348623157e+400')
```

```
Out[2]: -inf
```

```
In [1]: float('1.7976931348623157e+308')
```

```
Out[1]: 1.7976931348623157e+308
```

```
In [2]: float('1.7976931348623157e+400')
```

```
Out[2]: inf
```

string

- A string is a sequence of **characters**
- Any characters on the computer keyboard can be put into a string

```
S = "Python"
```

Char	P	y	t	h	o	n
Non-negative Index	0	1	2	3	4	5
Negative Index	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

get a character
by index

```
S[0]  
'P'
```

```
S[1]  
'y'
```

```
S[2]  
't'
```

```
S[3]  
'h'
```

```
S[4]  
'o'
```

```
S[5]  
'n'
```

```
S[-6]  
'P'
```

```
S[-5]  
'y'
```

```
S[-4]  
't'
```

```
S[-3]  
'h'
```

```
S[-2]  
'o'
```

```
S[-1]  
'n'
```

string

- Obtain a Sub-string of a String (a.k.a. slicing)

`S = "Python Data"`

	P	y	t	h	o	n		D	a	t	a
Non-negative Index →	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Negative Index →	-11	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

`S[0:6]` is "Python"

`S[7:11]` is "Data"

`S[-11:-5]` is "Python"

`S[-4:-1]` is "Dat"

string

- a string is **immutable**

```
S = "Python"
```

try to modify a character

```
S[0] = "a"
```

Error Message from Python

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File "<ipython-input-8-ad7ba156e6d6>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
S[0] = 'a'
```

```
TypeError: 'str' object does not support item assignment
```

Loop Over a String: many choices ...

many choices to loop over a string S...

a **while** loop

4 kinds of **for** loop

use whichever you like/need

```
S = "apple"
n = 0
while n < len(S):
    print("S[" + str(n) + "] is " + S[n])
    n = n + 1

# %%
S = "apple"
for letter in S:
    print("letter is", letter)

# %%
S = "apple"
for n in range(0, len(S)):
    print("S[" + str(n) + "] is " + S[n])

# %%
S = "apple"
IndexList = [1, 2, 3]
for n in IndexList:
    print("S[" + str(n) + "] is " + S[n])

# %%
S = "apple"
for n, letter in enumerate(S):
    print("S[" + str(n) + "] is " + letter)
```


list

- A list is a sequence of objects/elements
- An element of a list can be any object in Python

(1) int `x1 = [1, 2, 3]`

(2) float `x2 = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0]`

(3) string `x3 = ["Programming", "in", "Python"]`

(4) list `x4 = [x1, x2, x3]`

(5) function `x5 = [print, int, str]`

- A list is also called a container

list

```
S = ['P', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n']
```

Element	P	y	t	h	o	n
Non-negative Index	0	1	2	3	4	5
Negative Index	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

get an element
by index

S[0]
'P'

S[1]
'y'

S[2]
't'

S[3]
'h'

S[4]
'o'

S[5]
'n'

S[-6]
'P'

S[-5]
'y'

S[-4]
't'

S[-3]
'h'

S[-2]
'o'

S[-1]
'n'

list

- Obtain a Sub-list of a List (a.k.a. slicing)

```
S = ['P', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n', ' ', 'D', 'a', 't', 'a']
```

	P	y	t	h	o	n		D	a	t	a
Non-negative Index →	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Negative Index →	-11	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

S[0:6] is ['P', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n']

S[7:11] is ['D', 'a', 't', 'a']

S[-11:-5] is ['P', 'y', 't', 'h', 'o', 'n']

S[-4:-1] is ['D', 'a', 't']

list

- a list is **mutable**

```
S = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

modify an **element**

```
S[0] = 10
```

now, the list is

```
S is [10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

```
S = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

modify a **sub-list**

```
S[0:2] = [10, 11]
```

now, the list is

```
S is [10, 11, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Loop Over a List: many choices

many choices to loop over a list S

a **while** loop

4 kinds of **for** loop

use whichever you like/need

```
S = ['tic', 'tac', 'toe', 'rock', 'paper', 'scissors']
n = 0
while n < len(S):
    print("element " + str(n) + " is", S[n])
    n = n + 1
```

```
# %%
S = ['tic', 'tac', 'toe', 'rock', 'paper', 'scissors']
for element in S:
    print("element is " + element)
```

```
###
S = ['tic', 'tac', 'toe', 'rock', 'paper', 'scissors']
for n in range(0, len(S)):
    print("element " + str(n) + " is " + S[n])
```

```
###
S = ['tic', 'tac', 'toe', 'rock', 'paper', 'scissors']
IndexList = [3, 4, 5]
for n in IndexList:
    print("element " + str(n) + " is " + S[n])
```

```
# %%
S = ['tic', 'tac', 'toe', 'rock', 'paper', 'scissors']
for n, element in enumerate(S):
    print("element " + str(n) + " is " + element)
```

tuple

- A tuple is a sequence of objects (similar to a list)
- An element of a tuple can be any object in Python
- A tuple is **immutable**

(1) int `x1 = (1, 2, 3)`

(2) float `x2 = (1.0, 2.0, 3.0)`

(3) string `x3 = ("Tuple", "is", "similar", "to", "List")`

(4) list `x4 = ([1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b', 'c'])`

(5) tuple `x5 = (x1, x2, x3, x4)`

(6) function `x6 = (print, int, str)`

range

- a range object is created by the function range(a, b, c)
- a range object is often used in a for loop

```
x=[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
for n in range(1, len(x)):
    x[n] = 2*x[n-1]

print(x)
```

Output

```
[1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512]
```

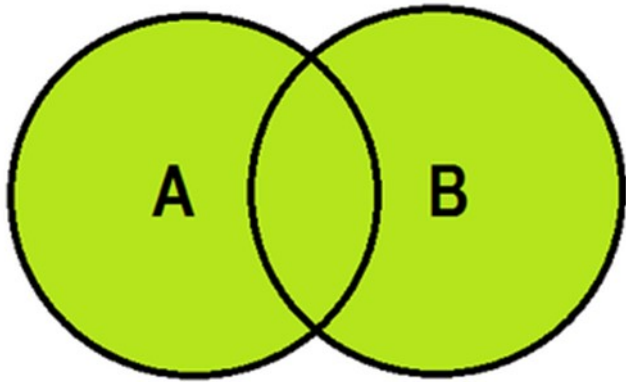
set

- A set is an unordered collection of distinct objects
- The objects of a set are called elements

Example: $\text{Set1} = \{3, 5, 6, 7, 1\} = \{1, 3, 5, 6, 7\}$

Set Operation: **union**

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A.union(B) or A|B

x in the set $C=A|B$
x **in** A **or** x **in** B

```
In [1]: A = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
In [2]: B = {2, 3, 4}
```

```
In [3]: C = A.union(B)
```

```
In [4]: C
```

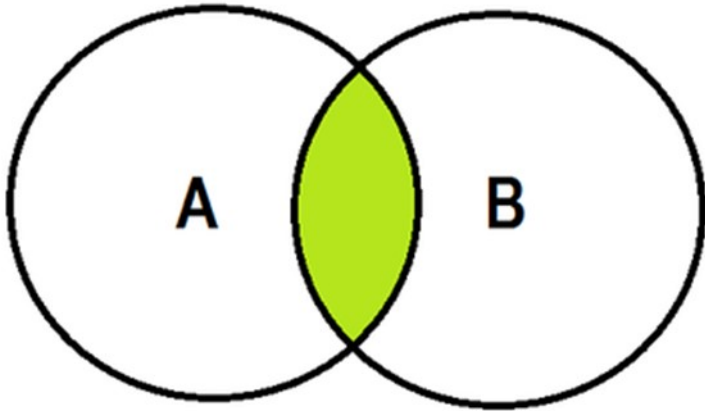
```
Out[4]: {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
In [5]: D = A | B
```

```
In [6]: D
```

```
Out[6]: {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

Set Operation: intersection



A.intersection(B) or A&B

x in the set $C=A\&B$

x **in** A **and** x **in** B

```
In [1]: A = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
In [2]: B = {2, 3, 4}
```

```
In [3]: C = A.intersection(B)
```

```
In [4]: C
```

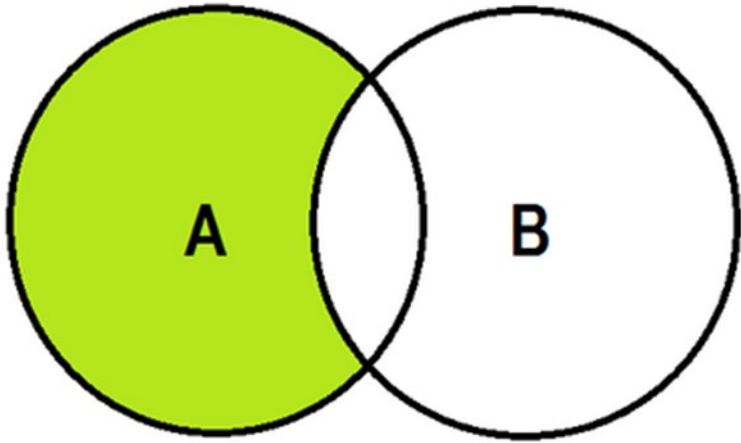
```
Out[4]: {2, 3}
```

```
In [5]: D = A & B
```

```
In [6]: D
```

```
Out[6]: {2, 3}
```

Set Operation: **difference**



A.difference(B) or A - B

x in the set $C=A-B$

x **in** A **and** x **not in** B

```
In [1]: A = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
In [2]: B = {2, 3, 4}
```

```
In [3]: C = A.difference(B)
```

```
In [4]: C
```

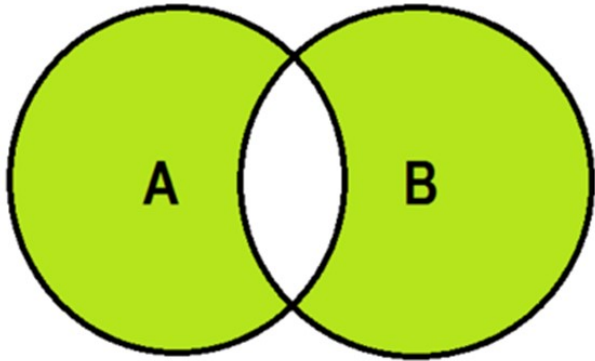
```
Out[4]: {1}
```

```
In [5]: D = A - B
```

```
In [6]: D
```

```
Out[6]: {1}
```

Set Operation: **symmetric difference**



A.symmetric_difference(B) or $A \wedge B$

x in the set $C=A \wedge B$
(x **in** A **and** x **not in** B)
or (x **in** B **and** x **not in** A)

```
In [1]: A = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
In [2]: B = {2, 3, 4}
```

```
In [3]: C = A.symmetric_difference(B)
```

```
In [4]: C
```

```
Out[4]: {1, 4}
```

```
In [5]: D = A ^ B
```

```
In [6]: D
```

```
Out[6]: {1, 4}
```

A set has no duplicate elements

define a set with duplicate numbers and strings

```
In [1]: Set1 = {1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 'a', 'a', 'b', 'b'}
```

Python removes redundant copies of the elements

```
In [2]: Set1
```

```
Out[2]: {'b', 1, 2, 'a'}
```

Use a set to remove duplicate elements in a list

```
In [1]: CourseList = ['Physics101', 'Biology101', 'Math101', 'CSC101', 'Physics101']  
      ...: CourseSet = set(CourseList)
```

```
In [2]: CourseSet
```

```
Out[2]: {'Biology101', 'CSC101', 'Math101', 'Physics101'}
```

```
In [3]: CourseList = list(CourseSet)
```

```
In [4]: CourseList
```

```
Out[4]: ['CSC101', 'Math101', 'Physics101', 'Biology101']
```

dictionary

- A dictionary is a collection of *key: value* pairs
x={"name": "Python", "version": 3.7}
- A **value** in a dictionary can be any object in Python

```
d1 = {"int":1,  
      "float": 1.0,  
      "str":"string",  
      "list": [1, 2, 3],  
      "tuple": (3, 2, 1),  
      "set": {'a', 'b', 'c'},  
      "function":print,  
      "dictioanry":{"key0":0, "key1":1, "key2":2}}
```

a dictionary is a mapping from **Key** to **Value**

- (Math) a mapping from **x** to **y** is a function: $y = f(x)$

map the name of a day to a number

```
f = {"Monday": 0,  
     "Tuesday": 1,  
     "Wednesday": 2,  
     "Thursday": 3,  
     "Friday": 4,  
     "Saturday": 5,  
     "Sunday": 6}
```

Key		Value
Monday	→	0
Tuesday	→	1
Wednesday	→	2
Thursday	→	3
Friday	→	4
Saturday	→	5
Sunday	→	6

f is the name of the dictionary object

- Access a **Value** by **Key**: **f["Monday"]** is **0**

Arguments, Parameters and Returns of a Function

function name

Parameters

use **def** to define a function

4 blank spaces for indentation

```
def f(x1, x2):  
    y1 = x1 + x2  
    y2 = x1 - x2  
    return y1, y2
```

multiple returns

call/run/use the function by its name
and pass arguments

Arguments

```
a, b = f(1, 2)
```

Conditional Execution Using an **if**, **elif**, **else** Block

an **if**, **elif**, **else** Block



```
if condition0:
    ... #code under condition0
elif condition1:
    ... #code under condition1
elif condition2:
    ... #code under condition2
else:
    ... #code in else section
```

- Python will check each boolean condition (**if** / **elif**) from top to bottom
- If a condition is **True**, then the code under that condition is executed, and other **elif** / **else** sections are ignored
- If every condition is **False**, then the code in the **else** section will run

online reference

https://www.python-course.eu/python3_course.php

<https://jakevdp.github.io/PythonDataScienceHandbook/>