

# Tuple with a List Inside – Why This Code Fails?

## Python Brain Teaser



### Code:




```
In [ ]: # Defining a tuple with a list inside
        t = (1, 2, [3, 4])
        # Trying to modify an element inside the tuple
        t[2, 0] = 10
        print(t)
```

### ✗ Error Alert!

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TypeError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[35], line 4
      2 t = (1, 2, [3, 4])
      3 # Trying to modify an element inside the tuple
----> 4 t[2, 0] = 10
      5 print(t)

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

### Why the Error Happens?

- ✦  $t \rightarrow$  Tuple (Immutable) 
- ✦  $t[2] \rightarrow$  List Inside Tuple (Mutable) 
- ✦  $t[2,0] \rightarrow$  But ,Python sees this expression as modifying the tuple itself(since the syntax is wrong), which isn't allowed 

### Fixing the Code!

Modify the **list** inside, **not the tuple**!

```
In [35]: t = (1, 2, [3, 4])
         t[2][0] = 10 # ✅ Correct
         print(t)    # Output: (1, 2, [10, 4])
```

## 👁️ Output:

```
In [36]: t = (1, 2, [3, 4])
         t[2][0] = 10 # ✅ Correct
         print(t)    # Output: (1, 2, [10, 4])

(1, 2, [10, 4])
```

## 💡 Key Difference:

❌ `t[2,0]` → Tries to modify the tuple (Not Allowed!)

✅ `t[2][0]` → Modifies the list inside (Allowed!)

🔥 **Takeaway:** Tuples are immutable, but lists inside them can be modified! 🚀

💬 Did you spot the error? Comment below! 😊👉

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# When Python Breaks Its Own Rules!



## 🔍 Exact Reasoning for above meme :

- ◆ **Tuples are immutable** 🚫, meaning their structure (the references they hold) **cannot be changed**. 🔗❌
- ◆ **BUT...** if a tuple contains a **mutable object** (like a list 📝), the **reference to the list remains the same**(which is tuple itself), but its **contents can be modified!** 🖋️✅

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In [39]: #Example with Memory Addresses:

t = (1, 2, [3, 4])

print(id(t[2])) # Memory address of the list inside tuple
t[2][0] = 10 # Modify list content
print(id(t[2])) # Address remains the same, proving list is modified in place
print(t)

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(1, 2, [10, 4])
```

