Tuple with a List Inside - Why This Code Fails?

Python Brain Teaser



Code:

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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)
```

X Error Alert!

Why the Error Happens?

- ★ t → Tuple (Immutable)
- \star t[2,0] → But ,Python sees this expression as modifying the tuple itself(since the syntax is wrong), which isn't allowed

K Fixing the Code!

Modify the list inside, not the tuple!

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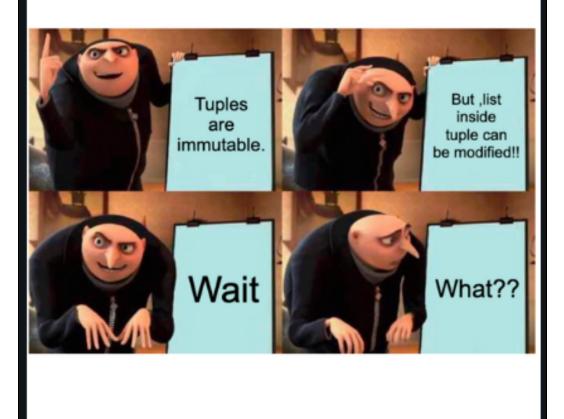
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Key Difference:

- \times t[2,0] \rightarrow Tries to modify the tuple (Not Allowed!)
- **Takeaway:** Tuples are immutable, but lists inside them can be modified! 🚀
- 💬 Did you spot the error? Comment below! 😜 🤊
- ♣ Follow for more Python tricks! 🔊

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])
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