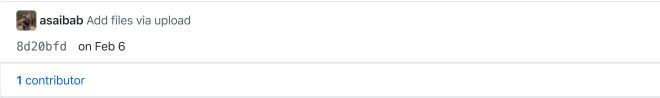
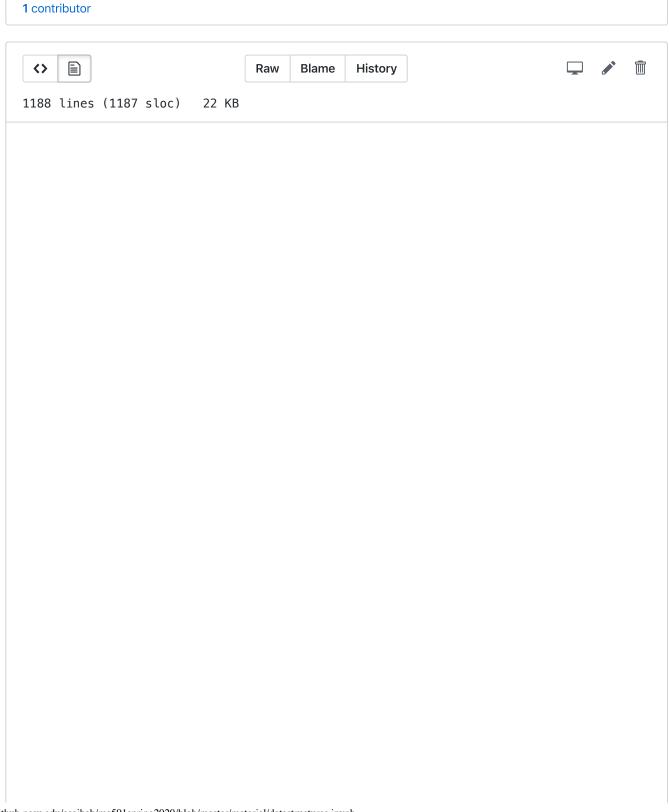
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Built-in data structures

1. Lists

$$a = [1,2,3]$$

2. Tuples

$$a = (1,2,3)$$

3. Dictionaries

```
a = {'one':1, 'two': 2, 'three': 3}
```

Lists ¶

Lists

- A list is a collection of (unlabelled) items which can be any data type.
- The elements items are comma separated
- Can change the size and the elements of a list
- A list can be used as an array, stack, queue.

Constructors

```
In [38]: lst = list()  # Empty list
lst = []
lst = [1,2,3]
print(lst)

[1, 2, 3]

In [2]: # Construct a list by enumeration
num = [i**2 for i in range(10)]
print(num)

[0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

Properties and methods

```
l.reverse()
print("Reversed list is", 1)

#Sort a list
l.sort()
print("Sorted list is ",1)

Reversed list is [3, 2, 1]
Sorted list is [1, 2, 3]
```

reverse and sort are functions associated with a list (class). We will call such functions as methods.

Adding elements to a list

```
In [5]: #Add to a list
1.append(4)
print(1)

[1, 2, 3, 4]

In [39]: # Insert an element
1.insert(5,'6') # 1st argument: position, #2nd argument: val
ue
print(1)

[1, 'a', [1, 2, 3], '6']

In [40]: ## Add two different lists
1 += [12,13]
print(1)

[1, 'a', [1, 2, 3], '6', 12, 13]
```

Data types in list

Lists can be constructed out of different data types, or even a mix of types.

Indexing

Recall that counting in Python begins from 0. However, there are multiple ways to index an element. Consider a list of size 5.

We can access the elements of the list in multiple ways:

'a'	'b'	ၟႄ	ď	-e	
0	1	2	3	4	
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	

Out of range exception

When we access an element that is out of range, this results in an error.

```
In [12]: L = ['a','b','c','d','e']

try:
    print(L[5])
except IndexError:
    print('IndexError: list index out of range')
```

IndexError: list index out of range

Slicing lists

Slicing the list has the general syntax

```
listname[start:end:stride]
```

where

- start determines starting point
- end is one index higher than the end point
- stride is the spacing between selected elements

Slicing lists

One or more quantities can be skipped while slicing. Let's look at some examples

```
In [14]: print(L[:3:1])
                            #skip the beginning (context dependent)
                            #skip the end (context dependent)
         print(L[2::1])
         print(L[:3])
                            #skip the stride, default stride is 1
                            #skip everything, gives the whole list
         print(L[::])
         ['a', 'b', 'c']
         ['c', 'd', 'e']
         ['a', 'b', 'c']
         ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e']
In [15]: print(L[3:0:-1]) # Negative stride
         print(L[3::-1]) # The end point is now the start of the a
         rray
         print(L[-1:-6:-1]) # reverses the array
         print(L[::-1])
                           # easier way to reverse array
         ['d', 'c', 'b']
         ['d', 'c', 'b', 'a']
         ['e', 'd', 'c', 'b', 'a']
         ['e', 'd', 'c', 'b', 'a']
```

Assignment/Modification using slicing and indexing

We can not only access elements using slicing and indexing, but we can also assign/modify the elements.

```
In [43]: L = [1,2,3,4,5]

L[0] = 17.1
print(L)
L[1:3] = ['a','b','c']
print(L)
L[-1] += 5.
print(L)

[17.1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
[17.1, 'a', 'b', 'c', 4, 5]
[17.1, 'a', 'b', 'c', 4, 10.0]
```

Shallow vs deep copy

```
In [17]: a = [1,2,3]
b = a
b.append(4)
print(a, b)
[1, 2, 3, 4] [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

What happened here? b is not a copy of a, but a **pointer to** a. This means, when b is changed, a is also changed. This kind of copying is called a *shallow copy*. There is also an option for

deep copy.

```
In [18]: b = a.copy()
b.append(5)
print(a,b)
[1, 2, 3, 4] [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Other useful commands

```
In [19]: L = [1,2,3,3,4]
    print(min(L))  #Minimum entry
    print(max(L))  #Count number of entries that have
        the given value
    print(type(L))  #Prints the datatype of L
    print(isinstance(L,list)) #Checks if L is a list

1
    4
    2
    <class 'list'>
    True
```

Tuples

Tuples

Tuples are like lists except they are immutable (can't add or change entries).

Most of the commands used in the context of lists are also appropriate here.

Tuples cannot be manipulated

```
In [22]: try:
    t[1] = 4
    t.append(4)
    except:
        print('An error occured because a tuple cannot be manipu
```

```
lated.')
```

An error occured because a tuple cannot be manipulated.

Tuples into lists and back

```
In [23]: T = (1,2,'3')
    print(T)
    L = list(T)
    L.append(4.0)
    print(L)

    (1, 2, '3')
    [1, 2, '3', 4.0]

In [24]: M = tuple(L)
    print(M)

    (1, 2, '3', 4.0)
```

Dictionaries

Dictionary

Is a collection of key value pairs. As motivation, consider two different lists:

```
In [25]: names = ['Newton', 'Einstein', 'VonNeumann']
year = [1643, 1879, 1903]
```

The year corresponds to the names; but maintaining two different lists can be cumbersome.

```
In [26]: scientists = {'Newton': 1643, 'Einstein': 1879, 'VonNeumann'
    :1903}
#or
scientists = dict(Newton = 1643, Einstein = 1879, VonNeumann
    = 1903)
print(scientists)

{'Newton': 1643, 'Einstein': 1879, 'VonNeumann': 1903}
```

Details of dictionaries

Dictionary maintains two lists of keys and values.

```
In [27]: #List of keys
print(scientists.keys())

dict_keys(['Newton', 'Einstein', 'VonNeumann'])
In [28]: #List of values
print(scientists.values())
```

```
dict_values([1643, 1879, 1903])
In [29]: scientists['Raman'] = 1888 #Adds Raman to the list
print(scientists)

{'Newton': 1643, 'Einstein': 1879, 'VonNeumann': 1903, 'Rama
n': 1888}
```

More details of dictionaries

Accessing values through keys

```
In [30]: print("The birth year of Einstein is ", scientists['Einstein'])
The birth year of Einstein is 1879
```

What if a key is not present in a dictionary?

Keys need not be strings!

Any immutable object such as int, float, complex, str, tuple can be used as a key. Consider as an example a quadratic polynomial

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

We can store the coefficients of the polynomial as a dictionary.

Be careful of integers vs floating point numbers.

```
In [34]: D = {1:5, 1.:2.0}
print(D)
print(D[1.])
```

Summary of Useful commands