Fundamentos de Programação

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Summary

- Sequence types
 - Lists
 - Tuples
 - Strings

Sequences

Data Types Simple types (bool, int, float, complex) Compound types (Collections) Sequences: (list, tuple, str) Mappings: Sets: (dict) (set, frozenset)

Lists

- A list is a <u>mutable sequence</u> of values of any type.
- The values in a list are called elements or items.
- List literals are written in brackets.

```
numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40]

fruits = ['banana', 'pear', 'orange']

empty = []  # an empty list

things = ['spam', 2.0, [1, 2]] # a list inside a list!
```

Function len returns the length of a collection.

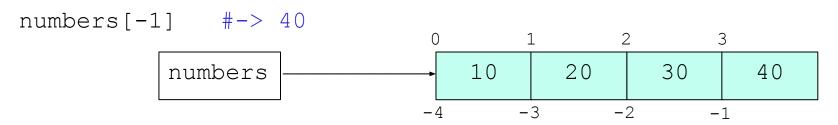
```
len(numbers) \#->4
len(empty) \#->0
len(things) \#->3
```

Indexing

 We can access each element of a sequence using the bracket operator and a value – the *index*.

```
numbers[0] #-> 10 (index starts at 0) Play▶
fruits[2] #-> 'orange'
```

A negative index counts backward from the end.



Any integer expression may be used as an index.

```
numbers [(9+1) %4] #-> 30
```

Using an index outside the list bounds is an error.

```
numbers[4] #-> IndexError
numbers[-5] #-> IndexError
```

Slicing

We can extract a subsequence using slicing.

```
numbers[1:3] #-> [20, 30]

numbers[0:4:2] #-> [10, 30] (step = 2)

numbers[2:2] #-> []

0 1 2 3 4

numbers 10 20 30 40
```

Negative indices may be used too.

```
numbers[-4:-2] #-> [10, 20]
numbers[1:-1] #-> [20, 30]
```

Indices may be omitted for the start or end.

```
numbers[:2] #-> [10, 20]
numbers[3:] #-> [40]
numbers[:] # a full copy of numbers
```

Traversing

• The most common way to traverse the elements of a sequence is with a **for** loop.

pear

orange

```
for f in fruits:
    print(f)
```



We may also traverse a sequence using the indexes.

In this case, we may use a while loop instead.

```
i = 0
while i < len(numbers):
    print(i, fruits[i])
    i += 1</pre>
```

Or traverse the indexes and items simultaneously.

```
for i, f in enumerate(fruits):
    print(i, f)
```

Sequence operations

The + operator concatenates and * repeats sequences.

```
s = [1, 2, 3] + [7, 7] #-> [1, 2, 3, 7, 7]

s2 = [1, 2, 3] * 2 #-> [1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3]

s3 = 3*[0] #-> [0, 0, 0]
```

• Operator in checks if an element is included in the sequence. Operator not in means the opposite.

```
7 in s #-> True
4 not in s #-> True
```

Some built-in functions apply to sequences.

```
sum(s) #-> 20

min(s) #-> 1

max(s) #-> 7
```

Lists are mutable

Lists are mutable, i.e., we can change their contents.

```
numbers[1] = 99

numbers \#-> [10, 99, 20, 40]
```



We can even change a sublist.

```
numbers[2:3] = [98, 97]
numbers \#-> [10, 99, 98, 97, 40]
```

Lists have several methods to change their contents.

```
lst = [1, 2]

lst.append(3)  # appends 3 to end of lst \rightarrow [1, 2, 3]

x = lst.pop()  # lst \rightarrow [1, 2], x \rightarrow 3

lst.extend([4, 5])  # lst \rightarrow [1, 2, 4, 5]

lst.insert(1, 6)  # lst \rightarrow [1, 6, 2, 4, 5]

x = lst.pop(0)  # lst \rightarrow [6, 2, 4, 5], x \rightarrow 1
```

List methods

• List objects have several useful methods.



lst.append(item)	Add item to the end
lst.insert(pos, item)	Insert item at the given position
lst.extend(collection)	Add all the items in the argument
lst.pop()	Remove last item
lst.pop(pos)	Remove item in given position
lst.remove(item)	Remove first occurence of given item (if any)
lst.sort()	Sort the items in the list
lst.reverse()	Reverse the order of items in the list
lst.index(item)	Position of first occurrence of given item
lst.count(item)	Number of occurrences of given item

Mutable sequence operations (Python documentation)

Exercises 1

• Do these <u>codecheck exercises</u>.



Mutability and aliasing

In Python, variables store references to objects.

```
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```

```
a = [1, 2, 3]
b = a

# a and b refer to the same object!
# In other words, a and b are aliases.
```

We can confirm that a and b refer to the same object.

```
a is b #-> True
```

 If object is changed under one name, it is changed under all names! This may seem strange, at first.

```
b[0] = 9  # object referenced by b is modified
b  #-> [9, 2, 3] of course!
a  #-> [9, 2, 3] even though we did not change a!
```

Aliasing = Different names referring to the same object.

Aliasing and argument passing

- Aliasing occurs whenever we pass objects as arguments.
- If the function changes the object, this reflects outside, too.

```
def grow(lst):
    lst.append(3)
    return lst[0] + lst[-1]

lst1 = [1, 2]
x = grow(lst1)
print(x, lst1) # What's the output?
```

- This is memory-efficient and can be very useful.
- But if you don't want it, just make a copy before changing.

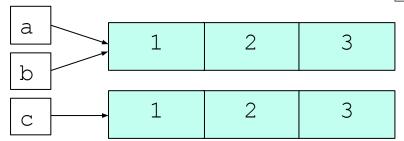
```
def grow(lst):
    r = lst[:]
    r.append(3)
    return r[0] + r[-1]
```

Equality versus identity

Objects may be equal without being the same!

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```
a = [1, 2, 3]
b = a
c = a[:]
```



We test equality with == (or !=).

• We test identity with is (or is not).

```
a is b #-> True a is not b #-> False
a is c #-> False
a is not c #-> True
```

- Identity <u>implies</u> equality!
- Equality <u>does not imply</u> identity.

Identity and immutable types

Don't use is when you mean ==!

```
[1, 2] == [1, 2] #-> True
[1, 2] is [1, 2] #-> False
"abx"[:2] == "ab" #-> True
"abx"[:2] is "ab" #-> False (probably...)
1000+1 is 1001 #-> False (probably...)
```

• For some immutable types, Python can <u>sometimes</u> detect equal values and share the same object to save space.

```
"ab" is "ab" #-> probably True, but ...

10+1 is 11 #-> probably True, but ...
```

This is implementation-dependent, so do not rely on it!

Cloning

- Sometimes, we need to make <u>a copy</u> of an object, so we can change it without changing the original.
- To clone lists, we may use the slicing operator [:].

```
a = [1, 2]
b = a[:] # slicing creates a new list

b is a #-> False
b.append(3)
```

We could also use the more general copy method.

```
b = a.copy() # clone a
b is a #-> False
```

- Other mutable types (such as sets and dictionaries) also have a copy method.
- Immutable types (tuples, strings) don't need one.

Exercises 2

• Do these <u>codecheck exercises</u>.



Strings

- Strings are <u>sequences</u> of characters.
- String literals are delimited by single or double quotes.

```
fruit = 'orange'
```

Like other sequences, we can use <u>indexing</u> and <u>slicing</u>.

```
letter = fruit[0] #-> 'o' (1st character)
len(fruit) #-> 6 (length of string)
fruit[1:4] #-> 'ran'
fruit[:-1] #-> 'orang'
fruit[::-1] #-> 'egnaro'
```

We can also <u>concatenate</u> and <u>repeat</u> strings.

```
name = 'tom' + 'cat' #-> 'tomcat'
gps = 2 * 'tom' #-> 'tomtom'
```

Strings are immutable

Unlike lists, strings in *Python* are **immutable**. Once a string is created it can't be modified.

```
fruit[0] = 'a' #-> TypeError
```

But we can create new strings by combining existing ones.

```
ape = fruit[:-1] + 'utan' #-> 'orangutan'
```

 Even methods that imply modification actually only return a new string object.

```
fruit.upper() #-> 'ORANGE'
fruit.replace('a', 'A') #-> 'orAnge'
fruit #-> 'orange' (not changed)
```

String - traversal

One way to traverse strings is with a for loop:

```
fruit = 'banana'
for char in fruit:
    print(char)
```

Another way:

```
index = 0
while index < len(fruit):
    letter = fruit[index]
    print(letter)
    index = index + 1</pre>
```

Another example:

```
prefixes = 'JKLMNOPQ'
suffix = 'ack'
for letter in prefixes:
    print(letter + suffix)
```

Examples

 The following program counts the number of times the letter 'a' appears in a string:

• This prints the common characters in two strings. (For strings, the in operator returns True iff the first string appears as a substring in the second.)

```
for letter in word1:
    if letter in word2:
        print(letter)
```

More on strings

 The relational operators work on strings and other sequences.

```
if word < 'banana':
    print(word, 'comes before banana.')
elif word > 'banana':
    print(word, 'comes after banana.')
else:
    print('the same')
```

- Characters (letters, digits, punctuation) are stored as numeric codes (according to Unicode).
 - ord(c) returns the code of the character c.
 - chr (n) returns the character represented by code n.
- The str class has various built-in methods for checking for different classes of characters (isalpha, ...).

String methods

Strings have a lot of useful methods.



str.isalpha() str.isdigit() str.is	True if all characters are alphabetic. True if all characters are digits
str.upper() str.lower()	Convert to uppercase. Convert to lowercase
<pre>str.strip() str.lstrip() str.rstrip()</pre>	Remove leading and trailing whitespace. Remove leading whitespace. Remove trailing whitespace.
str.split()	Split str by the whitespace characters.
str.split(sep)	Split str using sep as the delimiter.
sep.join(lst)	Join the strings in lst using delimiter sep.

String methods (Python documentation).

Tuples

- A tuple is an <u>immutable sequence</u> of values of any type.
- The values are indexed by integers, like in lists. The important difference is that tuples are immutable.
- Syntactically, a tuple is a comma-separated list of values.

```
t = 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e'
```

• It is common (and sometimes necessary) to enclose tuples in parentheses.

```
t = ('a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e')
```

 To create a tuple with a single element, you have to include a final comma:

```
t1 = ('a',)
type(t1) #-> <type 'tuple'>
```

Tuples (2)

Another way to create a tuple is the built-in function tuple.
 With no argument, it creates an empty tuple:

```
t = tuple() 	 # t \rightarrow ()
```

 If the argument is a sequence (string, list or tuple), the result is a tuple with the elements of the sequence:

```
t = tuple('ape') # t \rightarrow ('a', 'p', 'e')

t = tuple([1, 2]) # t \rightarrow (1, 2)
```

- Most list operators also work on tuples.
- We can't modify the elements in a tuple, but we can replace one tuple with another.

```
t = t + (3, 4) # t \rightarrow (1, 2, 3, 4)
```

Exercises 3

• Do these <u>codecheck exercises</u>.



Zipping and Enumerating

 The built-in function zip takes two or more sequences and generates a sequence of tuples, each containing one element from each sequence.

```
s = 'abc'

t = [4, 3, 2]

list(zip(s, t)) # 	o [('a', 4), ('b', 3), ('c', 2)]
```

enumerate generates a sequence of (index, item) pairs.

```
enumerate('abc') \# \to (0, 'a'), (1, 'b'), (2, 'c')
```

 You can use tuple assignment in a for loop to traverse a sequence of tuples:

```
s = 'somestuff'
for i, c in enumerate(s):
    print(i, c)
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```

Sequence ordering

- The **relational operators** work with sequences:
 - Python starts by comparing the first element from each sequence.
 - If they are equal, it compares the next elements and repeats.
 - When the elements differ, it returns the result of their comparison.

```
"aba" < "abel" #-> True

(0, 1, 2) < (0, 3, 4) #-> True
```

• The sorted function and the list sort method work the same way. They sort primarily by first element, but in the case of a tie, they sort by second element, and so on.