

# Sets

# Sets

- Mathematically a set is a collection of items not in any particular order.
- A Python set is similar to this mathematical definition with below additional conditions.
- A set is an **unordered** collection of items.
- The elements in the set **cannot be duplicates**.
- A set itself may be modified but the elements in the set are **immutable** (cannot be modified).
- There is **no index attached to any element in a python set**. So they do not support any indexing or slicing operation.
- In Python sets are written with curly brackets **{ }**.

# Creating a SET

**\* A set can be defined with curly braces ({} )**

```
>>>x = {1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
>>> y = {'apple', 'ball', 'cat'}
```

**\* you can also define a set with the built-in set() function:**

```
>>> x = set(['foo', 'bar', 'baz', 'foo', 'qux'])
```

```
>>> x  
{'qux', 'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

```
>>> x = set(('foo', 'bar', 'baz', 'foo', 'qux'))
```

```
>>> x  
{'qux', 'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

# Creating a SET

```
>>> x1 = set('spam')      # Prepare set from a string
>>> print (x1)
{'s', 'a', 'p', 'm'}
```

```
>>> x2 = set("ssspam")    # Duplicate values will be ignored
>>> print(x2)
{'s', 'm', 'p', 'a'}
```

```
>>>x3 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry", "apple"}
>>>print(x3)
{'cherry', 'apple', 'banana'}
```

To determine how many items a set has, use the `len()` method.

## Get the Length of a Set

```
>>> y1 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

```
>>> print(len(y1))
```

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# Get the Length of a Set

- Set items can be of any data type
- A set can contain different data types

```
>>> set1 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

```
>>> set2 = {1, 5, 7, 9, 3}
```

```
>>> set3 = {True, False, False}
```

```
>>> set1 = {"abc", 34, True, 40, "male"}
```

## Add Items - `add()`

- Once a set is created, you cannot change its items, but you can add new items.
- To add one item to a set use the `add()` method.

```
>>>a1 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

```
>>>a1.add("orange")
```

```
>>>print(a1)
```

```
{'orange', 'apple', 'banana', 'cherry'}
```

```
>>>Days=set(["Mon","Tue","Wed","Thu","Fri","Sat","Sun"])
```

```
>>>print(Days)
```

```
{'Mon', 'Sat', 'Tue', 'Sun', 'Wed', 'Fri', 'Thu'}
```



```
>>> S.add({'a':1})
```

```
TypeError: unhashable type: 'dict'
```

**Works for tuples:**

```
>>> S.add((1, 2, 3))
```

```
>>> S
```

```
{1.23, (1, 2, 3)}
```

```
>>> S | {(4, 5, 6), (1, 2, 3)}
```

```
{1.23, (4, 5, 6), (1, 2, 3)}
```

```
>>> (1, 2, 3) in S      # Check for tuple as a whole  
True
```

```
>>> (1, 4, 3) in S  
False
```

## Add Sets - `update()`

- To add items from another set into the current set, use the `update()` method.
- Add elements from tropical into thisset:

```
>>>q1 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
>>>q2 = {"pineapple", "mango", "papaya"}  
>>>q1.update(q2)  
>>> print(q1)
```

```
{'pineapple', 'banana', 'apple', 'papaya', 'cherry', 'mango'}
```

## Add Sets - `update()`

- To add elements of a list to a set:

```
>>>q1 = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

```
>>>l1 = ["kiwi", "orange"]
```

```
>>>q1.update(l1)
```

```
>>>print(q1)
```

```
{'apple', 'cherry', 'banana', 'orange', 'kiwi'}
```

## Remove Item - **clear()**

- All elements will **removed** from a set.

```
>>> cities = {"Stuttgart", "Konstanz", "Freiburg"}
```

```
>>> cities.clear()
```

```
>>> cities
```

```
set()
```

**# shows empty set**

## Remove Item - **discard(item)**

**item** will be removed from the set, if it is contained in the set and nothing will be done otherwise

```
>>> x = {"a","b","c","d","e"}
```

```
>>> x.discard("a")
```

```
>>> x
```

```
{'c', 'b', 'e', 'd'}
```

```
>>> x.discard("z")
```

```
>>> x
```

```
{'c', 'b', 'e', 'd'}
```

## Remove Item - **remove(item)**

works like **discard()**, but if **item** is **not a member** of the set, a **KeyError** will be raised.

```
>>> x = {"a","b","c","d","e"}
```

```
>>> x.remove("a")
```

```
>>> x
```

```
{'c', 'b', 'e', 'd'}
```

```
>>> x.remove("z")
```

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

```
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
```

```
KeyError: 'z'
```

## Remove Item - **pop()**

- `pop()` removes the last item and returns the removed item.
- Remember that sets are unordered, so you will not know what item that gets removed.
- The method raises a **KeyError** if the set is empty

```
>>> x = {"a","b","c","d","e"}
```

```
>>> x.pop()
```

```
'a'
```

```
>>> x.pop()
```

```
'c'
```



## Remove Item - **del()**

- The del keyword will delete the set completely:

```
>>>x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
>>>del x  
>>>print(x)
```

Traceback (most recent call last):

File "demo\_set\_del.py", line 5, in <module>

print(thisset) #this will raise an error because the set no longer exists

NameError: name 'thisset' is not defined

# Set Operations

Let  $S1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

## Union (|)

$S2 = \{1, 5, 3, 6\} | S1$

`print(S2)`                      `# prints {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6}`

## Intersection (&)

$S2 = S1 \& \{1, 3, 7\}$

`print(S2)`                      `# prints {1, 3}`

# Set Operations

Let  $S1 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

**Difference (-)**

$S2 = S1 - \{1, 3, 4\}$

`print(S2)`                      **# prints {2}**

```
>>> {1, 2, 3} | {3, 4}    #union  
{1, 2, 3, 4}
```

```
>>> {1, 2, 3} | [3, 4]  
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for |: 'set'  
and 'list'
```

```
>>> {1, 2, 3} | set([3, 4])    #Convert list to set and work  
{1, 2, 3, 4}
```

\* a set cannot have mutable elements like lists, sets or dictionaries as its elements.

## Set Methods - union()

```
>>> {1, 2, 3}.union([3, 4])  
{1,2,3,4}
```

```
>>> {1, 2, 3}.union({3, 4})  
{1,2,3,4}
```

```
>>> x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
>>> y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}  
>>> z = x.union(y)  
>>> print(z)  
{'banana', 'microsoft', 'google', 'apple', 'cherry'}
```

## Set Methods - intersection()

- Returns a set, that is the intersection of two or more sets

```
>>>x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

```
>>> y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}
```

```
>>> z = x.intersection(y)
```

```
>>> print(z)
```

```
{'apple'}
```

## Set Methods - difference()

- Returns a set containing the difference between two or more sets

```
>>>x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}
```

```
>>>y = {"google", "microsoft", "apple"}
```

```
>>>z = x.difference(y)
```

```
>>>print(z)
```

```
{'cherry', 'banana'}
```

## Set Methods - difference()

```
>>> x1 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

```
>>> x2 = {'baz', 'qux', 'quux'}
```

```
>>> x1.difference(x2)
```

```
{'foo', 'bar'}
```

```
>>> x1 - x2
```

```
{'foo', 'bar'}
```



## Set Methods - difference()

```
>>> a = {1, 2, 3, 30, 300}  
>>> b = {10, 20, 30, 40}  
>>> c = {100, 200, 300, 400}
```

```
>>> a.difference(b, c)  
{1, 2, 3}
```

```
>>> a - b - c  
{1, 2, 3}
```

When multiple sets are specified, the operation is performed from left to right. In the example above,  $a - b$  is computed first, resulting in  $\{1, 2, 3, 300\}$ . Then  $c$  is subtracted from that set, leaving  $\{1, 2, 3\}$ .

## Set Methods - **isdisjoint()**

- This method returns True if two sets have a null intersection. Return True if no items in set x is present in set y

```
x = {"apple", "banana", "cherry"}  
y = {"google", "microsoft", "facebook"}
```

```
z = x.isdisjoint(y)
```

```
print(z)
```

```
True
```

## Set Methods - `issubset()`

- Return True if all items in set x are present in set y
- `x.issubset(y)` returns True, if x is a subset of y

```
x = {"a", "b", "c"}
```

```
y = {"f", "e", "d", "c", "b", "a"}
```

```
z = x.issubset(y)
```

```
print(z)
```

TRUE

- Set Methods - `issubset()`

```
>>> x1 = {'foo', 'bar'}
>>> x2 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
>>> x1 < x2
True
```

```
>>> x1 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
>>> x2 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
>>> x1 < x2
False
```

```
>>> x1 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
>>> x2 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
>>> x1 <= x2
True
```

## Set Methods - **issuperset()**

- **x.issuperset(y)** returns True, if x is a superset of y.
- Return True if all items set y are present in set x

```
>>>x = {"f", "e", "d", "c", "b", "a"}
```

```
>>> y = {"a", "b", "c"}
```

```
>>> z = x.issuperset(y)
```

```
>>> print(z)
```

```
TRUE
```

## Set Methods - **issuperset()**

```
>>> x1 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

```
>>> x2 = {'foo', 'bar'}
```

```
>>> x1 > x2
```

True

```
>>> x1 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

```
>>> x2 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

```
>>> x1 > x2
```

False

```
>>> x1 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

```
>>> x2 = {'foo', 'bar', 'baz'}
```

```
>>> x1 >= x2
```

True

```
>>> x = {"a","b","c","d","e"}
```

```
>>> y = {"c","d"}
```

```
>>> x.issuperset(y)
```

```
True
```

# Immutable constraints and frozen sets

- Can only contain immutable (a.k.a. “hashable”) object types
- **lists and dictionaries cannot be embedded in sets**, but **tuples can** if you need to store compound values.
- Tuples **compare by their full values** when used in set operations:

```
>>> S = {1.23}
```

```
>>> S.add([1, 2, 3])
```

```
TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'
```



# Copy

Creates a **shallow copy**, which is returned.

```
>>> more_cities = {"Winterthur", "Schaffhausen", "St. Gallen"}
```

```
>>> cities_backup = more_cities.copy()
```

```
>>> more_cities.clear()
```

```
>>> cities_backup # copied value is still available  
{ 'St. Gallen', 'Winterthur', 'Schaffhausen' }
```

## symmetric\_difference()

The symmetric difference of two sets A and B is the set of elements that are in either A or B, but not in their intersection.

```
>>> A = {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd'}
```

```
>>> B = {'c', 'd', 'e' }
```

```
>>> C = {}
```

```
>>> print(A.symmetric_difference(B))
```

```
{'b', 'a', 'e'}
```

```
>>> print(B.symmetric_difference(A))
```

```
{'b', 'e', 'a'}
```

```
>>> print(A.symmetric_difference(C))
```

```
{'b', 'd', 'c', 'a'}
```

```
>>> print(B.symmetric_difference(C))
```

```
{'d', 'e', 'c'}
```

# Set comprehensions

- run a loop and collect the result of an expression on each iteration
- result is a new set you create by running the code, with all the normal set behaviour

```
>>> {x ** 2 for x in [1, 2, 3, 4]}  
{16, 1, 4, 9}
```

```
>>> {x for x in 'spam'}  
{ 'm', 's', 'p', 'a' }
```

```
>>> S = {c * 4 for c in 'spam'}
```

```
>>> print(S)
```

```
{'pppp', 'aaaa', 'ssss', 'mmmm'}
```

```
>>>> S = {c * 4 for c in 'spamham'}
```

```
{'pppp', 'aaaa', 'ssss', 'mmmm', 'hhhh'}
```

```
>>> S | {'mmmm', 'xxxx'}
```

```
{'pppp', 'xxxx', 'mmmm', 'aaaa', 'ssss'}
```

```
>>> S & {'mmmm', 'xxxx'}
```

```
{'mmmm'}
```

## Get Input from user for SET

```
people = set()
```

```
for i in range(5):  
    people.add(input())
```

```
print("\nSet after adding element:", end = " ")  
print(people)
```

## **Problem:**

An University has published the results of the term end examination conducted in April. List of failures in physics, mathematics, chemistry and computer science is available. Write a program to find the number of failures in the examination. This includes the count of failures in one or more subjects

## PAC For University Result Problem

Input	Processing	Output
Read the register number of failures in Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Computer Science	Create a list of register numbers who have failed in one or more subjects  Count the count of failures	Print Count

# Pseudocode

```
READ maths_failure, physics_failure, chemistry_failure and cs_failure
Let failure be empty
FOR each item in maths_failure
    ADD item to failure
FOR each item in physics_failure
    IF item is not in failure THEN
        ADD item to failure
    END IF
FOR each item in chemistry_failure
    IF item is not in failure THEN
        ADD item to failure
    END IF
FOR each item in cs_failure
    IF item is not in failure THEN
        ADD item to failure
    END IF
SET count = 0
FOR each item in failure
    count = count + 1
PRINT count
```