



Introduction and lists

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Data types

- Data type system sets the stage for the capabilities of the language
- Understanding data types empowers you as a data scientist



Container sequences

- Hold other types of data
- Used for aggregation, sorting, and more
- Can be mutable (list, set) or immutable (tuple)
- Iterable

Lists

- Hold data in order it was added
- Mutable
- Index

```
In [1]: cookies = ['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'oatmeal', 'sugar']
In [2]: cookies.append('Tirggel')
In [3]: print(cookies)
['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'oatmeal', 'sugar', 'Tirggel']
In [4]: print(cookies[2])
oatmeal
```



Combining Lists

• Using operators, you can combine two lists into a new one

```
In [1]: cakes = ['strawberry', 'vanilla']
In [2]: desserts = cookies + cakes
In [3]: print(desserts)
['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'oatmeal', 'sugar', 'Tirggel', 'strawberry', 'vanilla']
```

.extend() method merges a list into another list at the end



Finding and Removing Elements in a List

• .index() method locates the position of a data element in a list

```
In [1]: position = cookies.index('sugar')
In [2]: print(position)
3
In [3]: cookies[3]
'sugar'
```

.pop() method removes an item from a list and allows you to save it

```
In [1]: name = cookies.pop(position)
In [2]: print(name)
sugar
In [3]: print(cookies)
['chocolate chip', 'peanut butter', 'oatmeal', 'Tirggel',
'Biscotti', 'digestive', 'fortune']
```

Iterating and Sorting

for loops are the most common way of interating over a list

```
In [1]: for cookie in cookies:
    ...:    print(cookie)
chocolate chip
peanut butter
oatmeal
Tirggel
Biscotti
digestive
fortune
```

• sorted() function sorts data in numerical or alphabetical order and returns a new list

```
In [1]: print(cookies)
['chocolate chip', 'oatmeal', 'Tirggel', 'Biscotti', 'digestive', 'fortune']
In [2]: sorted_cookies = sorted(cookies)
In [3]: print(sorted_cookies)
['Biscotti', 'Tirggel', 'chocolate chip', 'digestive', 'fortune', 'oatmeal']
```





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Meet the Tuples

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Tuple, Tuple

- Hold data in order
- Index
- Immutable
- Pairing
- Unpackable



Zipping and Unpacking

- Tuples are commonly created by zipping lists together with zip()
- Two lists: us_cookies, in_cookies

```
In [1]: top_pairs = zip(us_cookies, in_cookies)
In [2]: print(top_pairs)
[('Chocolate Chip', 'Punjabi'), ('Brownies', 'Fruit Cake Rusk'),
('Peanut Butter', 'Marble Cookies'), ('Oreos', 'Kaju Pista Cookies'),
('Oatmeal Raisin', 'Almond Cookies')]
```

Unpacking tuples is a very expressive way for working with data

```
In [1]: us_num_1, in_num_1 = top_pairs[0]
In [2]: print(us_num_1)
Chocolate Chip
In [3]: print(in_num_1)
Punjabi
```



More Unpacking in Loops

Unpacking is especially powerful in loops

```
In [1]: for us_cookie, in_cookie in top_pairs:
    ...:    print(in_cookie)
    ...:    print(us_cookie)
Punjabi
Chocolate Chip
Fruit Cake Rusk
Brownies
# ..etc..
```



Enumerating positions

- Another useful tuple creation method is the enumerate() function
- Enumeration is used in loops to return the position and the data in that position while looping

```
In [1]: for idx, item in enumerate(top_pairs):
    ...:    us_cookie, in_cookie = item
    ...:    print(idx, us_cookie, in_cookie)
(0, 'Chocolate Chip', 'Punjabi')
(1, 'Brownies', 'Fruit Cake Rusk')
# ..etc..
```

Be careful when making tuples

• Use zip(), enumerate(), or () to make tuples

```
In [1]: item = ('vanilla', 'chocolate')
In [2]: print(item)
('vanilla', 'chocolate')
```

Beware of tailing commas!

```
In [1]: item2 = 'butter',
In [2]: print(item2)
('butter',)
```





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Sets for unordered and unique data

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Set

- Unique
- Unordered
- Mutable
- Python's implementation of Set Theory from Mathematics



Creating Sets

Sets are created from a list



Modifying Sets

- .add() adds single elements
- .update() merges in another set or list

```
In [1]: types_of_cookies_eaten.add('biscotti')
In [2]: types_of_cookies_eaten.add('chocolate chip')
In [3]: print(types_of_cookies_eaten)
set(['chocolate chip', 'oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter', 'biscotti'])
In [4]: cookies_hugo_ate = ['chocolate chip', 'anzac']
In [5]: types_of_cookies_eaten.update(cookies_hugo_ate)
In [6]: print(types_of_cookies_eaten)
set(['chocolate chip', 'anzac', 'oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter', 'biscotti'])
```



Removing data from sets

- .discard() safely removes an element from the set by value
- .pop() removes and returns an arbitrary element from the set

(KeyError when empty)

```
In [1]: types_of_cookies_eaten.discard('biscotti')
In [2]: print(types_of_cookies_eaten)
set(['chocolate chip', 'anzac', 'oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter',
'biscotti'])
In [3]: types_of_cookies_eaten.pop()
'chocolate chip'
In [4]:types_of_cookies_eaten.pop()
'anzac'
```



Set Operations - Similarities

- .union() set method returns a set of all the names ()
- .intersection() method identifies overlapping data (&)



Set Operations - Differences

- .difference() method identifies data present in the set on which the method was used that is not in the arguments (-)
- Target is important!

```
In [1]: cookies_jason_ate.difference(cookies_hugo_ate)
set(['oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter'])
In [2]: cookies_hugo_ate.difference(cookies_jason_ate)
set(['anzac'])
```





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Using dictionaries

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Creating and looping through dictionaries

- Hold data in key/value pairs
- Nestable (use a dictionary as the value of a key within a dictionary)
- Iterable
- Created by dict() or {}



Safely finding by key

- Getting a value from a dictionary is done using the key as an index
- If you ask for a key that does not exist that will stop your program from running in a KeyError



Safely finding by key (cont.)

- .get() method allows you to safely access a key without error or exception handling
- If a key is not in the dictionary, .get() returns None by default or you can supply a value to return

```
In [5]: art_galleries.get('Louvre', 'Not Found')
Out[5]: 'Not Found'
In [6]: art_galleries.get('Zarre Andre Gallery')
Out[6]: '10011'
```



Working with nested data

- The .keys() method shows the keys for a given dictionary
- Common way to deal with repeating data structures
- Can be accessed using multiple indices or the .get() method





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Altering dictionaries

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Adding and extending dictionaries

- Assignment to add a new key/value to a dictionary
- .update() method to update a dictionary from another dictionary,

tuples or keywords



Popping and deleting from dictionaries

- del instruction deletes a key/value
- .pop() method safely removes a key/value from a dictionary.

```
In [1]: del art_galleries['11234']
In [2]: galleries_10310 = art_galleries.pop('10310')
In [3]: print(galleries_10310)
{'New Dorp Village Antiques Ltd': '(718) 815-2526'}
```





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Pythonically using dictionaries

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Working with dictionaries more pythonically

• .items() method returns an object we can iterate over

```
In [1]: for gallery, phone_num in art_galleries.items():
    ...:    print(gallery)
    ...:    print(phone_num)
'Miakey Art Gallery'
'(718) 686-0788'
'Morning Star Gallery Ltd'
'(212) 334-9330'}
'New York Art Expo Inc'
'(212) 363-8280'
```



Checking dictionaries for data

- .get() does a lot of work to check for a key
- in operator is much more efficient and clearer

```
In [1]: '11234' in art_galleries
Out[1]: False

In [2]: if '10010' in art_galleries:
    ...:    print('I found: %s' % art_galleries['10010'])
    ...: else:
    ...:    print('No galleries found.')
I found: {'Nyabinghi Africian Gift Shop': '(212) 566-3336'}
```





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Working with CSV files

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CSV Files

NAME, TEL, ADDRESS1, ADDRESS2, CITY, ZIP O'reilly William & Co Ltd, (212) 396-1822, 52 E 76th St,, New York, 10021

Reading from a file using CSV reader

- Python csv module
- open() function provides a variable that represents a file, takes a path and a mode
- csv.reader() reads a file object and returns the lines from the file as tuples
- .close() method closes file objects

Creating a dictionary from a file

- Often we want to go from CSV file to dictionary
- DictReader does just that
- If data doesn't have a header row, you can pass in the column names





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Counting made easy

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Collections Module

- Part of Standard Library
- Advanced data containers



Counter

Special dictionary used for counting data, measuring frequency

```
In [1]: from collections import Counter
In [2]: nyc_eatery_count_by_types = Counter(nyc_eatery_types)
In [3]: print(nyc_eatery_count_by_type)
Counter({'Mobile Food Truck': 114, 'Food Cart': 74, 'Snack Bar': 24, 'Specialty Cart': 18, 'Restaurant': 15, 'Fruit & Vegetable Cart': 4})
In [4]: print(nyc_eatery_count_by_types['Restaurant'])
15
```



Counter to find the most common

 .most_common() method returns the counter values in descending order

```
In [1]: print(nyc_eatery_count_by_types.most_common(3))
[('Mobile Food Truck', 114), ('Food Cart', 74), ('Snack Bar', 24)]
```





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Dictionaries of unknown structure - defaultdict

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Dictionary Handling



Using defaultdict

- Pass it a default type that every key will have even if it doesn't currently exist
- Works exactly like a dictionary

defaultdict (cont.)





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Maintaining Dictionary Order with OrderedDict

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Order in Python dictionaries

- Python version < 3.6 NOT ordered
- Python version > 3.6 ordered



Getting started with OrderedDict



OrderedDict power feature

• .popitem() method returns items in reverse insertion order

```
In [1]: print(nyc_eatery_permits.popitem())
('2029-04-28', {'name': 'Union Square Seasonal Cafe',
'location': 'Union Square Park', 'park_id': 'M089',
'start_date': '2014-04-29', 'end_date': '2029-04-28',
'description': None, 'permit_number': 'M89-SB-R', 'phone': '212-677-7818',
'website': 'http://www.thepavilionnyc.com/', 'type_name': 'Restaurant'})
In [2]: print(nyc_eatery_permits.popitem())
('2027-03-31', {'name': 'Dyckman Marina Restaurant',
'location': 'Dyckman Marina Restaurant', 'park_id': 'M028',
'start_date': '2012-04-01', 'end_date': '2027-03-31',
'description': None, 'permit_number': 'M28-R', 'phone': None,
'website': None, 'type_name': 'Restaurant'})
```



OrderedDict power feature (2)

 You can use the last=False keyword argument to return the items in insertion order

```
In [3]: print(nyc_eatery_permits.popitem(last=False))
('2012-12-07', {'name': 'Mapes Avenue Ballfields Mobile Food Truck',
'location': 'Prospect Avenue, E. 181st Street', 'park_id': 'X289',
'start_date': '2009-07-01', 'end_date': '2012-12-07',
'description': None, 'permit_number': 'X289-MT', 'phone': None,
'website': None, 'type_name': 'Mobile Food Truck'})
```





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What is a namedtuple?

- A tuple where each position (column) has a name
- Ensure each one has the same properties
- Alternative to a pandas DataFrame row



Creating a namedtuple

Pass a name and a list of fields

```
In [1]: from collections import namedtuple
In [2]: Eatery = namedtuple('Eatery', ['name', 'location', 'park id',
   ...: 'type name'])
In [3]: eateries = []
In [4]: for eatery in nyc eateries:
            details = Eatery(eatery['name'],
                              eatery['location'],
                             eatery['park id'],
                             eatery['type name'])
   . . . :
          eateries.append(details)
   . . . :
In [5]: print(eateries[0])
Eatery(name='Mapes Avenue Ballfields Mobile Food Truck',
location='Prospect Avenue, E. 181st Street',
park id='X289', type name='Mobile Food Truck')
```



Leveraging namedtuples

• Each field is available as an attribute of the namedtuple

```
In [1]: for eatery in eateries[:3]:
            print(eatery.name)
        print(eatery.park id)
            print(eatery.location)
Mapes Avenue Ballfields Mobile Food Truck
X289
Prospect Avenue, E. 181st Street
Claremont Park Mobile Food Truck
X008
East 172 Street between Teller & Morris avenues
Slattery Playground Mobile Food Truck
X085
North corner of Valenti Avenue & East 183 Street
```





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There and Back Again a DateTime Journey

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From string to datetime

- The datetime module is part of the Python standard library
- Use the datetime type from inside the datetime module
- .strptime() method converts from a string to a datetime object

```
In [1]: from datetime import datetime
In [2]: print(parking_violations_date)
06/11/2016
In [3]: date_dt = datetime.strptime(parking_violations_date, '%m/%d/%Y')
In [4]: print(date_dt)
2016-06-11 00:00:00
```



Time Format Strings

Directive	Meaning	Example
%d	Day of the month as a zero-padded decimal number.	01, 02,, 31
%m	Month as a zero-padded decimal number.	01, 02,, 12
%Y	Year with century as a decimal	0001, 0002,, 2013, 2014,
%Y	Year with century as a decimal number.	0001, 0002,, 2013, 2014,, 9998, 9999

Full list available in the Python documentation



Datetime to String

• .strftime() method uses a format string to convert a datetime object to a string

```
In [1]: date_dt.strftime('%m/%d/%Y')
Out[1]: '06/11/2016'
```

isoformat() method outputs a datetime as an ISO standard string

```
In [1]: date_dt.isoformat()
Out[1]: '2016-06-11T00:00:00'
```





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Working with Datetime Components and current time

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Datetime Components

- day, month, year, hour, minute, second, and more are available from a datetime instance
- Great for grouping data

What is the deal with now

- .now() method returns the current local datetime
- .utcnow() method returns the current UTC datetime

```
In [1]: from datetime import datetime
In [2]: local_dt = datetime.now()
In [3]: print(local_dt)
2017-05-05 12:30:00.740415
In [4]: utc_dt = datetime.utcnow()
In [5]: print(utc_dt)
2017-05-05 17:30:05.467221
```



Timezones

- Naive datetime objects have no timezone data
- Aware datetime objects have a timezone
- Timezone data is available via the pytz module via the timezone object
- Aware objects have .astimezone() so you can get the time in another timezone

Timezones in action

```
In [1]: from pytz import timezone
In [2]: record dt = datetime.strptime('07/12/2016 04:39PM',
   ...: '%m/%d/%Y %H:%M%p')
In [3]: ny tz = timezone('US/Eastern')
In [4]: la tz = timezone('US/Pacific')
In [5]: ny dt = record dt.replace(tzinfo=ny tz)
In [6]: la dt = ny dt.astimezone(la tz)
In [7]: print(ny dt)
2016-07-12 04:39:00-04:00
In [8]: print(la dt)
2016-07-12 01:39:00-07:00
```









Time Travel (Adding and Subtracting Time)



Incrementing through time

- timedelta is used to represent an amount of change in time
- Used to add or subtract a set amount of time from a datetime object

```
In [1]: from datetime import timedelta
In [2]: flashback = timedelta(days=90)
In [3]: print(record_dt)
2016-07-12 04:39:00
In [4]: print(record_dt - flashback)
2016-04-13 04:39:00
In [5]: print(record_dt + flashback)
2016-10-10 04:39:00
```

Datetime differences

- Use the operator to calculate the difference
- Returns a timedelta with the difference

```
In [1]: time_diff = record_dt - record2_dt
In [2]: type(time_diff)
Out[2]: datetime.timedelta
In [3]: print(time_diff)
0:00:04
```









HELP! Libraries to make it easier



Parsing time with pendulum

 .parse() will attempt to convert a string to a pendulum datetime object without the need of the format string

```
In [1]: import pendulum
In [2]: occurred = violation[4] + ' ' + violation[5] +'M'
In [3]: occurred_dt = pendulum.parse(occurred, tz='US/Eastern')
In [4]: print(occured_dt)
'2016-06-11T14:38:00-04:00'
```



Timezone hopping with pendulum

- .in_timezone() method converts a pendulum time object to a desired timezone.
- .now() method accepts a timezone you want to get the current time in

```
In [1]: print(violation dts)
[<Pendulum [2016-06-11T14:38:00-04:00]>,
 <Pendulum [2016-04-25T14:09:00-04:00]>,
 <Pendulum [2016-04-23T07:49:00-04:00]>,
 <Pendulum [2016-04-26T07:09:00-04:00]>,
 <Pendulum [2016-01-04T09:52:00-05:00]>]
In [2]: for violation dt in violation dts:
            print(violation dt.in timezone('Asia/Tokyo'))
2016-06-12T03:38:00+09:00
2016-04-26T03:09:00+09:00
2016-04-23T20:49:00+09:00
2016-04-26T20:09:00+09:00
2016-01-04T23:52:00+09:00
In [3]: print(pendulum.now('Asia/Tokyo'))
<Pendulum [2017-05-06T08:20:40.104160+09:00]>
```



Humanizing differences

- .in_XXX() methods provide the difference in a chosen metric
- .in_words() provides the difference in a nice expresive form

```
In [1]: diff = violation_dts[3] - violation_dts[2]
In [2]: diff
Out[2]: <Period [2016-04-26T07:09:00-04:00 -> 2016-04-23T07:49:00-04:00]>
In [3]: print(diff.in_words())
'2 days 23 hours 20 minutes'
In [4]: print(diff.in_days())
2
In [5]: print(diff.in_hours())
71
```









Case Study - Counting Crimes



Data Set Overview

```
Date,Block,Primary Type,Description,
Location Description,Arrest,Domestic, District

05/23/2016 05:35:00 PM,024XX W DIVISION ST,ASSAULT,SIMPLE,
STREET,false,true,14

03/26/2016 08:20:00 PM,019XX W HOWARD ST,BURGLARY,FORCIBLE ENTRY,
SMALL RETAIL STORE,false,false,24
```

Chicago Open Data Portal https://data.cityofchicago.org/



Part 1 - Step 1

Read data from CSV

Part 1 - Step 2

Create and use a Counter with a slight twist

```
In [1]: from collections import Counter
In [2]: nyc_eatery_count_by_types = Counter(nyc_eatery_types)
```

Use date parts for Grouping like in Chapter 4

```
In [1]: daily_violations = defaultdict(int)
In [2]: for violation in parking_violations:
    ...:    violation_date = datetime.strptime(violation[4], '%m/%d/%Y')
    ...:    daily_violations[violation_date.day] += 1
```

Part 1 - Step 3

- Group data by Month
- The date components we learned about earlier.

Part 1 - Final

Find 5 most common locations for crime each month.

```
In [1]: print(nyc_eatery_count_by_types.most_common(3))
[('Mobile Food Truck', 114), ('Food Cart', 74), ('Snack Bar', 24)]
```









Case Study - Crimes by District and Differences by Block



Part 2 - Step 1

Read in the CSV data as a dictionary

Pop out the key and store the remaining dict

```
In [1]: galleries_10310 = art_galleries.pop('10310')
```



Part 2 - Step 2

Pythonically iterate over the Dictionary

Wrapping Up

Use sets for uniqueness

difference() set method as at the end of Chapter 1

```
In [1]: cookies_jason_ate.difference(cookies_hugo_ate)
set(['oatmeal cream', 'peanut butter'])
```









Final thoughts