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Introduction : Learning about Data Structures in Python particularly about lists and tuples.

Conclusion : Learnt about the difference between the structures and using loops for them.

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List

Today, we're going to introduce the **list** data type, and lists are much more powerful than strings, so whereas for a string, all of the elements had to be characters, in a list, the elements can be anything we want. They could be characters. They could be strings. They could be numbers. They could also be other lists.

Like a string, a **list** is a sequence of values. In a string, the values are characters; in a list, they can be any type. The values in list are called **elements** or sometimes **items**.

List elements are written within square brackets [ ]. Square brackets [ ] access data, with the first element at index 0. Many of the operations defined above for strings also apply to lists. So it can be convenient to think of a string simply as a list of characters.

In [15]:

```python
colors = ['red', 'blue', 'green']
print(colors[0])
print(colors[1])
print(colors[2])
print("")

print('red' in colors)
print('black' in colors)
print("")

numbers = [5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 'hello', 2.3]    # in a list, we can have a mix of integer, fl
print(len(numbers))

print()
list_of_lists = [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]]
print(list_of_lists)
print(list_of_lists[1][2])          # figure out what do this index numbers represent


# Empty list
c = []
```

```
red
blue
green

True
False

7

[[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]
6
```

In [21]:

```python
# Assignment with an = on lists does not make a copy.
# Instead, assignment makes the two variables
# point to the one list in memory.
b = a = [1,2,3,5,6]
a.append(0)
a = [4,5]
print(a)
print(b)

# Note: The above is true for all objects in Python, not only lists.
```

```
[4, 5]
[1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 0]
```

```python
months = ["January", "February", "March", "April", "May", "June", "July",\
          "August", "September", "October", "November", "December"]
days = [31,28,31,30,31,30,31,31,30,31,30,31]

# a function that inputs a string with the month and returns the number
# of days in that month.

def month_day(month):
    print(days[months.index(month)])

month_day('June')
month_day('July')
month_day('December')
```

```
30
31
31
```

Quick Exercise 1 We have a nested list containing the country's name, capital city and population (in millions). How many times bigger is the population of China, India and US relative to Malaysia?

In [8]:

```python
# Nested Lists Example, let's use population (millions).
countries = [['China','Beijing', 1386],
             ['India','Delhi',1339],
             ['United States','Washington DC', 325],
             ['Malaysia','Kuala Lumpur',31]]

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             ['India','Delhi',1339],
             ['United States','Washington DC', 325],
             ['Malaysia','Kuala Lumpur',31]]

malaysia_population = countries[3][2]


# How many times bigger is the population of China, India, and the US relative to Malays
for i in countries[:-1]:
    population = i[2]  # Population of the current country
    times_bigger = population / malaysia_population
    print(f"The population of {i[0]} is {round(times_bigger, 2)} times bigger than Malay
```

```
The population of China is 44.71 times bigger than Malaysia.
The population of India is 43.19 times bigger than Malaysia.
The population of United States is 10.48 times bigger than Malaysia.
```

Mutability

In [4]:

```python
# A big difference is strings can't mutate - they can't change the
# existing object.
s = 'Hello'
print((s + '!'))
print(s)
print((s[0]))

#String is immutable
#s[0] = "Y"
```

```
Hello!
Hello
H
```

In [56]:

```python
# But Lists are mutable: once an object is mutable, then we
# have to worry about other variables that might
# refer to the same object.
p = ['H','e','l','l','o']
q = p
p[0] = 'Y'
print(q)
```

```
['Y', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o']
```

In [57]:

```python
# Assignment with an = on lists does not make a copy.
# Instead, assignment makes the two variables
# point to the one list in memory.
num = [4,5,6,8,9]
b = num
print (num)
num.append(0)
print(num)
print(b)
```

```
[4, 5, 6, 8, 9]
[4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 0]
[4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 0]
```

List Methods

Here's a list of useful methods (no pun intended!) for list objects:

- list.append(elem) -- adds a single element to the end of the list. Common error: does not return the new list, just modifies the original.
- list.insert(index, elem) -- inserts the element at the given index, shifting elements to the right.
- list.extend(list2) adds the elements in list2 to the end of the list. Using + or += on a list is similar to using extend().

- list.index(elem) -- searches for the given element from the start of the list and returns its index. Throws a ValueError if the element does not appear (use "in" to check without a ValueError).
- list.remove(elem) -- searches for the first instance of the given element and removes it (throws ValueError if not present)
- list.sort() -- sorts the list in place (does not return it).
- sorted(list) -- return sorted list but keeps the original order of the list
- list.reverse() -- reverses the list in place (does not return it)
- list.pop(index) -- removes and returns the element at the given index. Returns the rightmost element if index is omitted (roughly the opposite of append()).

```python
colors = ['red', 'green', 'blue']
print(colors)
colors.append('purple')
print(colors)
colors.insert(1, 'yellow')
print(colors)

new_list = ['cyan', 'white']
colors.extend(new_list)

print()
print()

print((colors.index('purple')))
colors.remove('white')
print(colors)
print()

#use del
del colors[1]
print()

# use sort
colors.sort()
colors.sort(reverse=True)
print(colors)
print()

print(colors)
colors.reverse()
print()

print(colors)
print()

print((sorted(colors, reverse=True)))

#pop
colors.pop()
print(colors)
```

```
['red', 'green', 'blue']
['red', 'green', 'blue', 'purple']
['red', 'yellow', 'green', 'blue', 'purple']


4
['red', 'yellow', 'green', 'blue', 'purple', 'cyan']


['red', 'purple', 'green', 'cyan', 'blue']

['red', 'purple', 'green', 'cyan', 'blue']

['blue', 'cyan', 'green', 'purple', 'red']

['red', 'purple', 'green', 'cyan', 'blue']
['blue', 'cyan', 'green', 'purple']
```

In [71]:

```python
colors = ['red', 'yellow', 'green', 'blue', 'purple', 'cyan']
print(colors)

print((sorted(colors)))
```

```
['red', 'yellow', 'green', 'blue', 'purple', 'cyan']
['blue', 'cyan', 'green', 'purple', 'red', 'yellow']
```

In [76]:

```python
# If you run the following four lines of codes, what are the final contents of list1 and

list1 = [1,2,3,4]
list2 = [1,2,3,4]

print(list1 is list2)

list1 = list1 + [5, 6]
print(list1)
print()

list1.extend([7,8])          # this 'extends' the original list
print(list1)
print()

list2.append([5, 6])         # this adds a list to a list
print(list2)
```

```
False
[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]

[1, 2, 3, 4, [5, 6]]
```

List Slices

Slices work on lists just as with strings, and can also be used to change sub-parts of the list.

In [80]:

```python
cars = ['Toyota', 'BMW', 'Honda', 'Benz', 'Isuzu', 'Volkswagen', 'Mazda']

print(cars[1:3])
print(cars[1:-1])
print(cars[:3])
```

```
['BMW', 'Honda']
['BMW', 'Honda', 'Benz', 'Isuzu', 'Volkswagen']
['Toyota', 'BMW', 'Honda']
```

For & In (Or Loops on Lists)

Python's *for* and *in* constructs are extremely useful, and the first use of them we'll see is with lists. The *for* construct -- for var in list -- is an easy way to look at each element in a list (or other collection).

In [92]:

```python
# Loop through a list using while

a = [1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10]
i = 0
len_a = len(a)
while i < len_a:
    print((a[i]))
    i += 1
```

```
1
2
3
4
7
8
9
10
```

In [93]:

```python
# Syntax of for and in:

# for each_element in a_list:
    #Iterate through each element
    #and run this code on each element
    #where  each_element refers to the item.

b = [1,2,3,4,7,8,9,10]
for items in b:
    print(items)

# Note: much shorter code and easy to read!
```

```
1
2
3
4
7
8
9
10
```

```python
print((type(colors)))
print(colors)

for color in colors:
    print(color)
    print((color.title()))
    print()
```

```
<class 'list'>
['red', 'yellow', 'green', 'blue', 'purple', 'cyan']
red
Red

yellow
Yellow

green
Green

blue
Blue

purple
Purple

cyan
Cyan
```

```python
# sum_list: sums up all values in a list

def sum_list(your_list):
    sum = 0
    for n in your_list:
        sum = sum + n
    return sum

squares = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
print(sum_list(squares))
```

```
55
```

```python
# A function that checks whether a number appears on a list
# returns "Found!" or "Not found!"

def find(num, li):
    status = "Not found!"
    for i in li:
        if num == i:
            status = "Found"
            break

    return status

print(find(10, list(range(100))))
print(find(250, list(range(100))))
```

```
Found
Not found!
```

```python
#try with longer lists - 10 million numbers
print(find(9999999, list(range(10000000))))
print(find(99, list(range(10000000))))
print(find('ah', list(range(10000000))))
```

```
Found
Found
Not found!
```

```python
# Define a function that gives the union of lists.

a = ['Orange','Banana','Apple']
b = ['Banana', 'Orange','Durian']

def union_of_lists(seta,setb):
    return set().union(seta,setb)

union_of_lists(a,b)
```

Out[99]:

```
{'Apple', 'Banana', 'Durian', 'Orange'}
```

Quick Exercise 2 Complete the function `remove_even()` to print a sub-list of an input list after removing all even numbers from it.

```python
num = [7, 8, 120, 25, 44, 20, 27]
def remove_even(x):
    ## write your code here ##
    nl = x.copy()
    for i in num:
        if i%2 == 0:
            nl.remove(i)
        i+=1
    return nl

nl = remove_even(num)
print(nl)      # answer should be [7, 25, 27]
```

```
[7, 25, 27]
```

Enumerate

To find out the index of the item in the loop we can use list.index(elem), but there is another way to do this using enumerate().

```python
my_list = ['happy', 'sad', 'angry']

index_counter = 0
for entry in my_list:
    print("Index of %s is: %s" %(entry, index_counter))
    index_counter += 1

# Here we use another built-in function list([iterable])
# which returns a list whose items are the same and
# in the same order as iterable's items).

list(enumerate(my_list))

for i, element in enumerate(my_list):
    print(i, element)
```

```
Index of happy is: 0
Index of sad is: 1
Index of angry is: 2
0 happy
1 sad
2 angry
```

```python
# We can easily change the start count/index with help of enumerate(sequence, start=0)
for index, item in enumerate(my_list, start = 1):
    print(index, my_list)
```

```
1 ['happy', 'sad', 'angry']
2 ['happy', 'sad', 'angry']
3 ['happy', 'sad', 'angry']
```

Range

The range(n) function yields the numbers 0, 1, ... n-1, and range(a, b) returns a, a+1, ... b-1 -- up to but not including the last number.

```python
squares =[1,4,9,16,25]

a = list(range(100, 110))
print(a)

b = list(range(5))
print(b)

for i in range(5):
    print(i)

print()
for i in range(len(squares)):
    print((squares[i]))

for square in squares:
    print(square)
```

```
[100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109]
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
0
1
2
3
4

1
4
9
16
25
1
4
9
16
25
```

Remove

The `remove()` function can be used as a quick way of removing an entry from the list. However, it can only remove one instance of the entry (if there are more present).

```python
my_list= ['Red', 'Green', 'White', 'Black', 'Pink', 'Yellow', 'Red']

my_list.remove('Green')
print(my_list)

my_list.remove('Pink')
print(my_list)

my_list.remove('Red')
print(my_list)              # observe carefully. What did you notice?
```

```
['Red', 'White', 'Black', 'Pink', 'Yellow', 'Red']
['Red', 'White', 'Black', 'Yellow', 'Red']
['White', 'Black', 'Yellow', 'Red']
```

It also throws an error if the entry to be removed does not exist in the list.

```python
my_list.remove('Brown')
print(my_list)
```

```
---------------------------------------------------------------------------
ValueError                                Traceback (most recent call las
t)
<ipython-input-28-d75a18c35ba3> in <module>
----> 1 my_list.remove('Brown')
      2 print(my_list)

ValueError: list.remove(x): x not in list
```

Lambda (plus filter and map)

Python supports the creation of anonymous functions (i.e. functions that are not bound to a name) at runtime, using a construct called "lambda".

Normal python function:

```python
def f (x):
    return x**2

f(8)
```

while for lambda:

```python
g = lambda x: x**2
print(g(8))
```

In [26]:

```python
f = lambda x, y : x + y

f(2,3)
```

Out[26]:

5

Lambda functions are mainly used in combination with the functions `filter()` and `map()` to great effect.

In [6]:

```python
def myfunc(n):
    return len(n)

x = map(myfunc, ('apple', 'banana', 'cherry'))

#convert the map into a list, for readability:
print(list(x))
```

[5, 6, 6]

In [2]:

```python
# example 1
sentence = 'It is raining cats and dogs'

word = sentence.split()    # this function splits a text into individual words
print(word)
for i in word:
    count=len(i)
    print(count)

g = map(lambda num: len(num), word)    # maps each word in a list to its word length
print(list(g))
```

['It', 'is', 'raining', 'cats', 'and', 'dogs']
2
2
7
4
3
4
[2, 2, 7, 4, 3, 4]

```python
# example 2
a = [2,3,5,6,7,8]

def power(a):
    return a**2

# filter ()
h=filter(lambda num1: num1%2==0, a)     # filters each value in the list based on a spec
print(h)
print(list(h))

# map()
h = map(lambda num1: power(num1), a)    # maps each value in the list to the specified f
print(h)
print(list(h))
```

```
<filter object at 0x00000264E51FDCA0>
[2, 6, 8]
<map object at 0x00000264E51FDF10>
[4, 9, 25, 36, 49, 64]
```

List Comprehensions

A list comprehension is a compact expression to define a whole set. It can be used to construct lists in a very natural and easy way.

The following comprehension says "For each item in numbers, square it and add it to a new list squares."

```python
squares = [n*n for n in numbers]
```

While we could also do this using a for-loop, generally,

```python
for element in iterable:
    if condition(element):
        output.append(expression(element))
```

it's often more convenient to use list comprehension.

The same general example above gets implemented in a single line by list comprehension:

```python
[ expression(element) for element in iterable if condition(element) ]
```

In [32]:

```python
# without list comprehension
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]

squares = []
for n in numbers:
    squares.append(n*n)
print(squares)

# with list comprehension
squares = [n*n for n in numbers]
print(squares)
```

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

In [4]:

```python
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]

# find squares of number that lesser or equal to 5
squaresUnderFive = [n*n for n in numbers if n <= 5]

print(squaresUnderFive)
```

```
[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

In [5]:

```python
# from the squares found earlier, multiply by 2 for all squares greater than 10
print([s*2 for s in squaresUnderFive if s > 10])
```

```
[32, 50]
```

In [8]:

```python
# An example of list comprehension with strings
fruits = ['banana', 'apple', 'cherry', 'lime', 'mango']

my_list = [s.upper() + '!!!' for s in fruits if 'a' in s]

print(my_list)
```

```
['BANANA!!!', 'APPLE!!!', 'MANGO!!!']
```

Quick Exercise 3 Write one line of Python that takes the list 'a' and makes a new list 'b' that has only the odd elements powered with 3.

```
a = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100]

# complete this line
b = [i**3 for i in filter(lambda num : num%2!=0 , a)]

print(list(b))
# expected answer: [1, 729, 15625, 117649, 531441]
```

```
[1, 729, 15625, 117649, 531441]
```

Del

The "del" operator does deletions. In the simplest case, it can remove the definition of a variable, as if that variable had not been defined. Del can also be used on list elements or slices to delete that part of the list and to delete entries from a dictionary.

In [15]:

```
whos
```

```
Variable   Type        Data/Info
--------------------------------
a          list        n=10
b          list        n=5
f          function    <function <lambda> at 0x000002335839D3A0>
fruits     list        n=5
my_list    list        n=3
myfunc     function    <function myfunc at 0x000002335839D040>
x          map         <map object at 0x000002335838ACD0>
```

In [16]:

```
del myfunc
%whos
```

```
Variable   Type        Data/Info
--------------------------------
a          list        n=10
b          list        n=5
f          function    <function <lambda> at 0x000002335839D3A0>
fruits     list        n=5
my_list    list        n=3
x          map         <map object at 0x000002335838ACD0>
```

Tuples

A tuple is a fixed size grouping of elements, such as an (x, y) co-ordinate. Tuples are like lists, except they are immutable and do not change size (tuples are not strictly immutable since one of the contained elements could be mutable like a list).

Tuples are a convenient way of passing around little logical, fixed size bundle of values. Also, a function that needs to return multiple values can just return a tuple of the values.

```
tup = (1, 2.3, 'hi', ['hi'])
print(type(tup))
print((len(tup)))

print((tup[2]))

#tup[2] = 'bye' # tuple element cannot be changed
tup = (1, 2, 'bye')

x,y,z = (42, 13, "hike")

list2 = [1,2,3]

print((z, y))
```

```
<class 'tuple'>
4
hi
('hike', 13)
```

```
def abc(a, b, c):
    d = a+b
    e = c/2
    f = a+b+c
    return d, e, f

tup2 = abc(2, 3, 4)
print(tup2)
```

```
(5, 2.0, 9)
```

Simply "unpack" the tuple by assigning it to individual variables:

```
a, b, c = tup2
print(a)
print(b)
print(c)
```

```
5
2.0
9
```

If you have multiple lists, and intend to take one element from each list (of the same index) and make them into a tuple, use the `zip()` function. Having a list of tuples is sometimes a neat way of accessing each entry collectively.

```python
worker = ['Kelly', 'Bill', 'Indran']
weight = [52.3, 98.7, 70.2]
t = zip(worker,weight)

print(t)

# either way works
list_t = [j for j in t]
#list_t = list(t)

print(list_t)
```

```
<zip object at 0x000002CE85D767C0>
[('Kelly', 52.3), ('Bill', 98.7), ('Indran', 70.2)]
```