The Collection Abstract Base Classes

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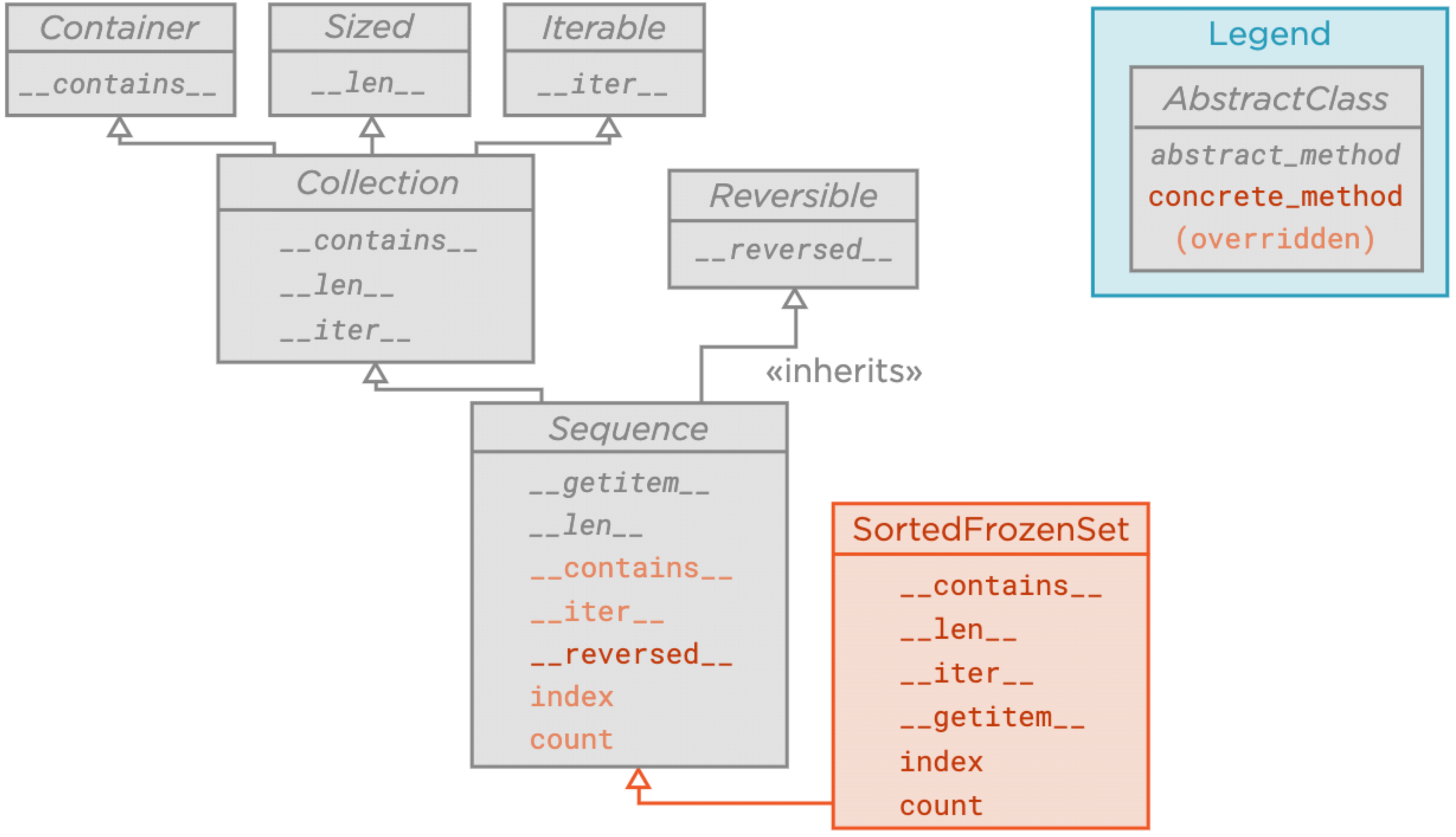
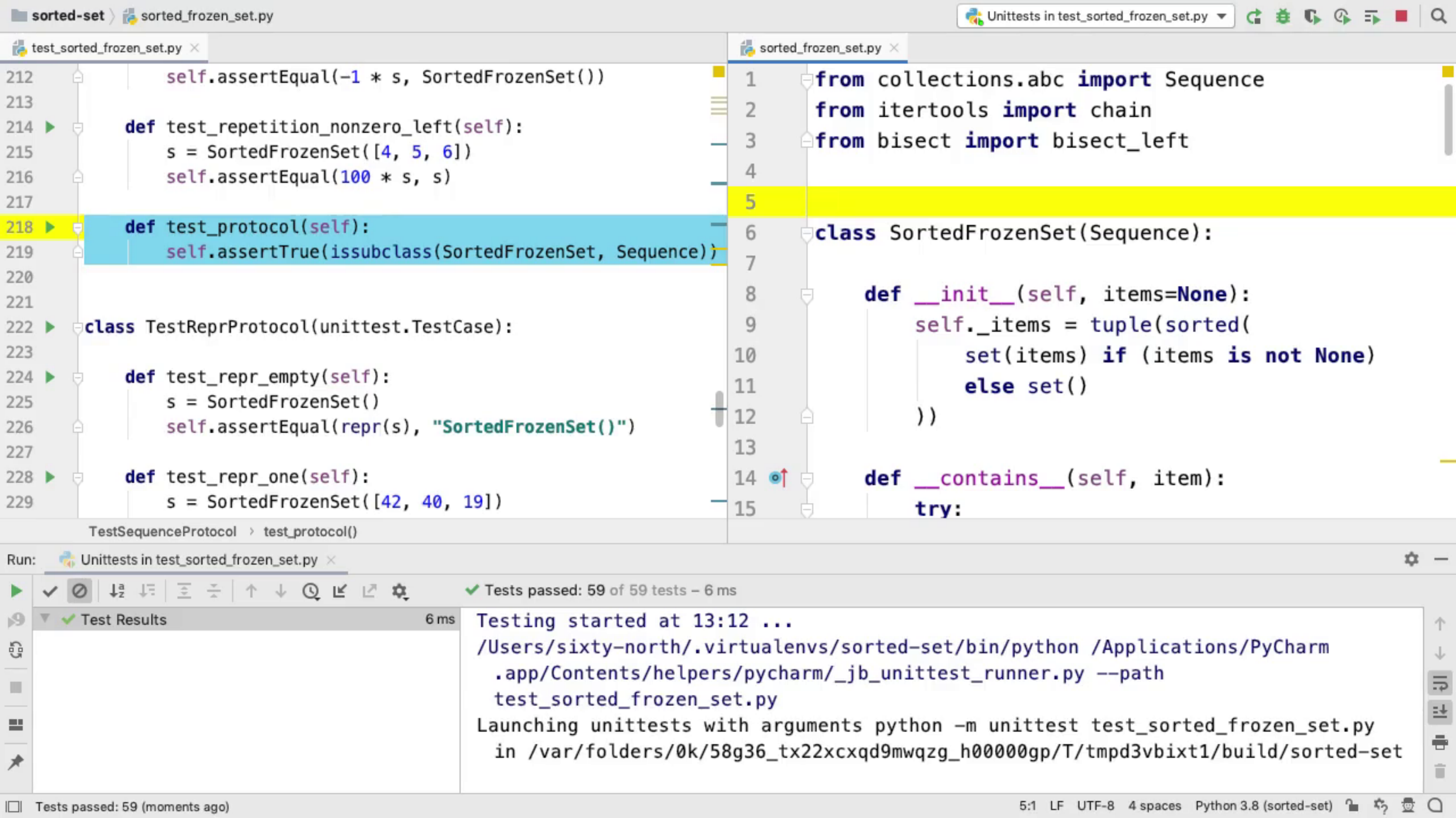
The collections module offers the following ABCs:

ABC	Inherits from	Abstract Methods	Mixin Methods
Container		`__contains__`	
Hashable		`__hash__`	
Iterable		`__iter__`	
Iterator	Iterable	`__next__`	`__iter__`
Reversible	Iterable	`__reversed__`	
Generator	Iterator	`send`, `throw`	`close`, `__iter__`, `__next__`
Sized		`__len__`	
Callable		`__call__`	
Collection	Sized, Iterable, Container	`__contains__`, `__iter__`, `__len__`	
Sequence	Reversible, Collection	`__getitem__`, `__len__`	`__contains__`, `__iter__`, `__reversed__`, `index`, and `count`
MutableSequence	Sequence	`__getitem__`, `__setitem__`, `__delitem__`, `__len__`, `insert`	Inherited Sequence methods and `append`, `reverse`, `extend`, `pop`, `remove`, and `__iadd__`
ByteString	Sequence	`__getitem__`, `__len__`	Inherited Sequence methods
		`__contains__`,	`__le__`, `__lt__`, `__eq__`, `__ne__`,


Container
__contains__
Sized
__len__
Iterable
__iter__
Collection
__contains__
__len__
__iter__
Reversible
__reversed__
«inherits»
Sequence
__getitem__
__len__
__contains__
__iter__
__reversed__
index
count
SortedFrozenSet
__contains__
__len__
__iter__
__getitem__
index
count
Legend
AbstractClass
abstract_method
concrete_method
(overridden)


sorted-set
sorted_frozen_set.py
Unittests in test_sorted_frozen_set.py
test_sorted_frozen_set.py
sorted_frozen_set.py
self.assertEqual(-1 * s, SortedFrozenSet())
def test_repetition_nonzero_left(self):
s = SortedFrozenSet([4, 5, 6])
self.assertEqual(100 * s, s)
def test_protocol(self):
self.assertTrue(issubclass(SortedFrozenSet, Sequence))
class TestReprProtocol(unittest.TestCase):
def test_repr_empty(self):
s = SortedFrozenSet()
self.assertEqual(repr(s), "SortedFrozenSet()")
def test_repr_one(self):
s = SortedFrozenSet([42, 40, 19])
from collections.abc import Sequence
from itertools import chain
from bisect import bisect_left
class SortedFrozenSet(Sequence):
def __init__(self, items=None):
self._items = tuple(sorted(
set(items) if (items is not None)
else set()
))
def __contains__(self, item):
try:
TestSequenceProtocol
test_protocol()
Run:
Unittests in test_sorted_frozen_set.py
Tests passed: 59 of 59 tests – 6 ms
Test Results
6 ms
Testing started at 13:12 ...
/Users/sixty-north/.virtualenvs/sorted-set/bin/python /Applications/PyCharm
.app/Contents/helpers/pycharm/_jb_unittest_runner.py --path
test_sorted_frozen_set.py
Launching unittests with arguments python -m unittest test_sorted_frozen_set.py
in /var/folders/0k/58g36_tx22xcxqd9mwqzg_h00000gp/T/tmpd3vbixt1/build/sorted-set
Tests passed: 59 (moments ago)
5:1
LF
UTF-8
4 spaces
Python 3.8 (sorted-set)

Excerpt from PEP 3119

ABCs vs. Duck Typing

Does the introduction of ABCs mean the end of Duck Typing? I don't think so. Python will not require that a class derives from `BasicMapping` or `Sequence` when it defines a `__getitem__` method, nor will the `x[y]` syntax require that `x` is an instance of either ABC. You will still be able to assign any "file-like" object to `sys.stdout`, as long as it has a `write` method.

Of course, there will be some carrots to encourage users to derive from the appropriate base classes; these vary from default implementations for certain functionality to an improved ability to distinguish between mappings and sequences. But there are no sticks. If `hasattr(x, "__len__")` works for you, great! ABCs are intended to solve problems that don't have a good solution at all in Python 2, such as distinguishing between mappings and sequences.

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Guido van Rossum, PEP 3119