

Python Applications

manipulating lists

CS101 Lecture #14

Administrivia

- ❖ Homework #6 is out; due on Nov. 13.
- ❖ Last CodeLab homework
- ❖ Complete your profile info. on CodeLab

Warmup question

Mutability Question

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Working with Containers

lists and dicts

list

modifies in place

returns value

append

extend

reverse

sort

del (not method)

index

count

lists and dicts

`dict`

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❖ Note that there isn't a `sort` method!

Sorting a dict by value

```
# remember me?
def sortDictAsList( d ):
    items = list( d.items() )
    items.sort( key=lambda x:x[1] )
    return items

d = { 'a':2, 'b':1, 'c':-1, 'd':14 }
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```

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# method 2:
for q,a in zip(qs,as):
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```

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- ❖ `zip` makes two lists *jointly iterable*.
- ❖ Consider a function which compares two lists of measurements and determines for each pair of measurements which is larger:

```
def pickLarger( a,b ):
    result = [ ] # a list of largest values
    for i,j in zip(a,b):
        result.append( max( i,j ) )
    return result
```

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for i,item in enumerate( my_list ):  
    print( '%s is the %sth item.' % (item,i) )
```


Accessing *lists*

- ❖ Both `zip` and `enumerate` are *convenience* functions!
- ❖ There are multiple approaches!

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- ❖ *Permutations* are used in statistics to analyze all possible configurations of a group of things.
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```
from itertools import permutations  
for doublet in permutations( 'ABCD',2 ):  
    print( doublet )
```

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