

Programming Principles in Python (CSCI 503)

Dictionaries & Sets

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Sequences

- Strings "abcde", Lists [1, 2, 3, 4, 5], and Tuples (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
- Defining a list: `my_list = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]`
- But lists can store different types:
 - `my_list = [0, "a", 1.34]`
- Including other lists:
 - `my_list = [0, "a", 1.34, [1, 2, 3]]`
- Others are similar: tuples use parenthesis, strings are delineated by quotes (single or double)

Sequence Operations

- Concatenate: `[1, 2] + [3, 4] # [1, 2, 3, 4]`
- Repeat: `[1, 2] * 3 # [1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2]`
- Length: `my_list = [1, 2]; len(my_list) # 2`
- Concatenate: `(1, 2) + (3, 4) # (1, 2, 3, 4)`
- Repeat: `(1, 2) * 3 # (1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2)`
- Length: `my_tuple = (1, 2); len(my_tuple) # 2`
- Concatenate: `"ab" + "cd" # "abcd"`
- Repeat: `"ab" * 3 # "ababab"`
- Length: `my_str = "ab"; len(my_str) # 2`

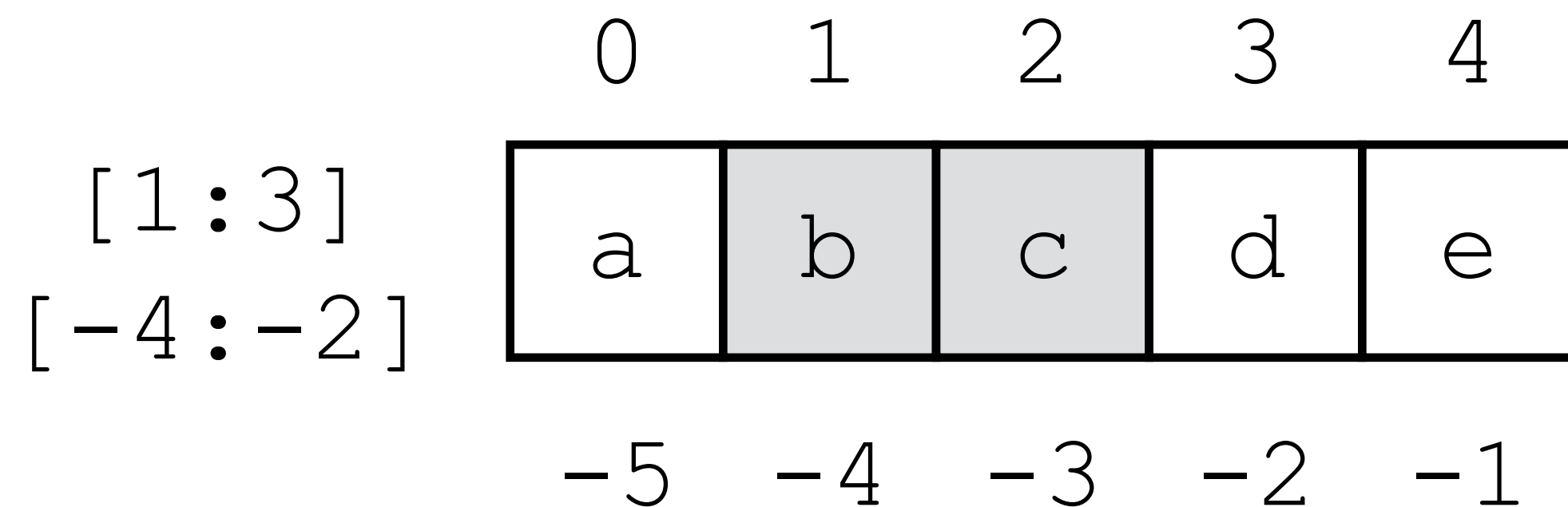
Indexing (Positive and Negative)

- Positive indices start at zero, negative at -1
- `my_str = "abcde"; my_str[1] # "b"`
- `my_list = [1,2,3,4,5]; my_list[-3] # 3`
- `my_tuple = (1,2,3,4,5); my_tuple[-5] # 1`

0	1	2	3	4
a	b	c	d	e
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1

Slicing

- Positive or negative indices can be used at any step
- `my_str = "abcde"; my_str[1:3] # ["b", "c"]`
- `my_list = [1,2,3,4,5]; my_list[3:-1] # [4]`
- Implicit indices
 - `my_tuple = (1,2,3,4,5); my_tuple[-2:] # (4,5)`
 - `my_tuple[:3] # (1,2,3)`



Iteration

- `for d in sequence:`
 `# do stuff`
- **Important:** `d` is a **data** item, **not** an **index**!

- `sequence = "abcdef"`

```
for d in sequence:
    print(d, end=" ")
```

a b c d e f

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`<int-expr?>`: may be `<int-expr>` but also can be empty

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Updating collections

- There are three ways to deal with operations that update collections:
 - Returns an **updated copy** of the collection
 - Updates the collection **in place**
 - Updates the collection in place **and returns it**
- `list.sort` and `list.reverse` work **in place** and **don't return** it
- `sorted` and `reversed` return an **updated copy**
 - these also work for immutable sequences like strings and tuples

Assignment 3

- Coming soon...

enumerate

- Often you **do not** need the index when iterating through a sequence
- If you need an index while looping through a sequence, use `enumerate`
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 print("index:", i, "element:", d)
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- Each time through the loop, it yields **two** items, the **index** `i` & the **element** `d`
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Tuples

- Tuples are immutable sequences
- We've actually seen tuples a few times already
 - Simultaneous Assignment
 - Returning Multiple Values from a Function
- Python allows us to omit parentheses when it's clear
 - `b, a = a, b` # same as `(b, a) = (a, b)`
 - `t1 = a, b` # don't normally do this
 - `c, d = f(2, 5, 8)` # same as `(c, d) = f(2, 5, 8)`
 - `t2 = f(2, 5, 8)` # don't normally do this

Packing and Unpacking

- ```
def f(a, b):
 if a > 3:
 return a, b-a # tuple packing
 return a+b, b # tuple packing
```
- ```
c, d = f(4, 3) # tuple unpacking
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- Make sure to unpack the correct number of variables!
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Unpacking other sequences

- You can unpack other sequences, too
 - `a, b = 'ab'`
 - `a, b = ['a', 'b']`
- Why is list unpacking rare?

Other sequence methods

- `my_list = [7, 2, 1, 12]`
- Math methods:
 - `max(my_list)` # 12
 - `min(my_list)` # 1
 - `sum(my_list)` # 22
- `zip`: combine two sequences into a single sequence of tuples
 - `zip_list = list(zip(my_list, "abcd"))`
`zip_list` # `[(1, 'a'), (2, 'b'), (7, 'c'), (12, 'd')]`
 - Use this instead of using indices to count through both

Dictionaries

Dictionary

- AKA associative array or map
- Collection of key-value pairs
 - Keys must be unique
 - Values need not be unique
- Syntax:
 - Curly brackets {} delineate start and end
 - Colons separate keys from values, commas separate pairs
 - `d = { 'DeKalb': 783, 'Kane': 134, 'Cook': 1274, 'Will': 546 }`
- No type constraints
 - `d = { 'abc': 25, 12: 'abc', ('Kane', 'IL'): 123.54 }`

Dictionary Examples

| Keys | Key type | Values | Value type |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Country names | <code>str</code> | Internet country | <code>str</code> |
| Decimal numbers | <code>int</code> | Roman numerals | <code>str</code> |
| States | <code>str</code> | Agricultural | <code>list of str</code> |
| Hospital patients | <code>str</code> | Vital signs | <code>tuple of floats</code> |
| Baseball players | <code>str</code> | Batting averages | <code>float</code> |
| Metric | <code>str</code> | Abbreviations | <code>str</code> |
| Inventory codes | <code>str</code> | Quantity in stock | <code>int</code> |

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Collections

- A dictionary is **not** a sequence
- Sequences are **ordered**
- Conceptually, dictionaries need no order
- A dictionary is a **collection**
- Sequences are also collections
- All collections have length (`len`), membership (`in`), and iteration (loop over values)
- Length for dictionaries counts number of key-value **pairs**
 - Pass dictionary to the `len` function
 - `d = { 'abc': 25, 12: 'abc', ('Kane', 'IL'): 123.54 }`
`len(d) # 3`

Mutability

- Dictionaries are **mutable**, key-value pairs can be added, removed, updated
- (Each key must be immutable)
- Accessing elements parallels lists but with different "indices" possible
- Index → Key
- `d = { 'DeKalb': 783, 'Kane': 134, 'Cook': 1274, 'Will': 546 }`
- `d['Winnebago'] = 1023` # add a new key-value pair
- `d['Kane'] = 342` # update an existing key-value pair
- `d.pop('Will')` # remove an existing key-value pair
- `del d['Winnebago']` # remove an existing key-value pair

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- Many types can be keys... including tuples
 - `d = { 'abc': 25, 12: 'abc', ('Kane', 'IL'): 123.54 }`
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 - ~~`d = { ['Kane', 'IL']: 2348.35, [1, 2, 3]: "apple" }`~~
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- *technically, the type must be hashable, but having a mutable and still hashable type almost always causes problems
- Why?
 - Dictionaries are fast in Python because are implemented as hash tables
 - No matter how long the key, python hashes it stores values by hash
 - Given a key to lookup, Python hashes it and finds the value quickly ($O(1)$)
 - If the key can mutate, the hash will not match the key!

Principle

- Be careful using floats for keys
- Why?

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- `a = 0.123456`
`b = 0.567890`

```
values = [a, b, (a / b) * b, (b / a) * a]
found = {}
for d in values:
    found[d] = True
len(found) # 3 !!!
found.keys() # [0.123456, 0.56789, 0.123455999999999999999998]
```

Accessing Values by Key

- To get a value, we start with a key
- Things work as expected
 - `d['Kane'] + d['Cook']`
- If a value does not exist, get `KeyError`
 - `d['Boone'] > 12 # KeyError`

Membership

- The membership operator (`in`) applies to **keys**
 - `'Boone' in d # False`
 - `'Cook' in d # True`
- To check the negation (if a key doesn't exist), use `not in`
 - `'Boone' not in d # True`
 - `not 'Boone' in d # True` (equivalent but less readable)
- Membership testing is much **faster** than for a list
- Checking and accessing at once
 - `d.get('Boone')` # no error, evaluates to `None`
 - `d.get('Boone', 0)` # no error, evaluates to `0` (default)

Updating multiple key-value pairs

- Update adds or replaces key-value pairs
- Update from another dictionary:
 - `d.update({'Winnebago': 1023, 'Kane': 324})`
- Update from a list of key-value tuples
 - `d.update([('Winnebago', 1023), ('Kane', 324)])`
- Update from keyword arguments
 - `d.update(Winnebago=1023, Kane=324)`
 - Only works for strings!
- Syntax for update also works for constructing a **new** dictionary
 - `d = dict([('Winnebago', 1023), ('Kane', 324)])`
 - `d = dict(Winnebago=1023, Kane=324)`

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| <code><dict>.clear()</code> | Remove all key-value pairs |
| <code><dict>.update(other)</code> | Updates the dictionary with values from <code>other</code> |
| <code><dict>.pop(k, d=None)</code> | Removes the pair with key <code>k</code> and returns value or default <code>d</code> if no key |
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Iteration

- Even though dictionaries are not sequences, we can still iterate through them
- Principle: Don't depend on order
- ```
for k in d:
 print(k, end=" ")
```
- This only iterates through the **keys!**
- We could get the values:
- ```
for k in d:  
    print('key:', k, 'value:', d[k], end=" ")
```
- ...but this is kind of like counting through a sequence (not pythonic)

Dictionary Views

- `for k in d.keys():` `# iterate through keys`
 `print('key:', k)`
- `for v in d.values():` `# iterate through values`
 `print('value:', v)`
- `for k, v in d.items():` `# iterate through key-value pairs`
 `print('key:', k, 'value:', v)`
- `keys()` is superfluous but is a bit clearer
- `items()` is the enumerate-like method

Exercise: Count Letters

- Write code to take a string and return the count the number of each letter that occurs in a dictionary
- `count_letters('illinois')` # returns `{'i': 3, 'l': 2, 'n': 1, 'o': 1, 's': 1}`

Exercise: Count Letters

- ```
def count_letters(s):
 d = {}
 for c in s:
 if c not in d:
 d[c] = 1
 else:
 d[c] += 1
 return d
count_letters('illinois')
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def count_letters(s):  
    d = {}  
    for c in s:  
        d[c] = d.get(c, 0) + 1  
    return d  
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- ```
from collections import Counter
def count_letters(s):
 return Counter(s)
count_letters('illinois')
```

# Sorting

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- Order doesn't really mean anything in a dictionary
- There is no `.sort` or `.reverse` method
- We can iterate through items in sorted order using `sorted`
- ```
d = count_letters('illinois')  
for k, v in sorted(d.items()):  
    print(k, ': ', v)
```
- `reversed` also works on dictionary views
- `sorted` and `reversed` work on any iterable (thus all collections)

Sets

Sets

- Sets are dictionaries but without the values
- Same curly braces, no pairs
- `s = {'DeKalb', 'Kane', 'Cook', 'Will'}`
- Only one instance of a value is in a set—sets **eliminate duplicates**
- Adding multiple instances of the same value to a set doesn't do anything
- `s = {'DeKalb', 'DeKalb', 'DeKalb', 'Kane', 'Cook', 'Will'}`
 `# {'Cook', 'DeKalb', 'Kane', 'Will'}`
- Watch out for the empty set
 - `s = {}` # not a set!
 - `s = set()` # an empty set

Sets are Mutable Collections

- Sets are **mutable** like dictionaries: we can add, replace, and delete
- Again, no type constraints
 - `s = {12, 'DeKalb', 22.34}`
- Like a dictionary, a set is a **collection** but not a sequence
- Q: What three things can we do for any collection?

Collection Operations on Sets

- `s = { 'DeKalb', 'Kane', 'Cook', 'Will' }`
- Length
 - `len(s) # 4`
- Membership: fast just like dictionaries
 - `'Kane' in s # True`
 - `'Winnebago' not in s # True`
- Iteration
 - `for county in s:
 print(county)`