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>>> Overview

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>>> Arrays in Python

Python has a data type known as a list. For our purposes, lists are arrays.

Declaration syntax: `<name> = [<value>, <value>, <value>, ..., <value>]`
`<name> = [<default value>] * <initial array size>`

Example:
`numbers = [12, 49, -2, 26, 5, 17, -6]`
`zeros = [0] * 10`

Indexing: Lists have zero based indexing from front

Negative Indexing: You can also refer to an element by a negative index representing how far it is from the end.

Example:

index from front	0	1	2	3	4	5
	13	25	39	46	54	68
index from back	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1



>>> Methods for Lists

Basic Methods – directly modify the lists

- `list.append(item)` – appends the item to the end of the list
- `list.insert(index, item)` – inserts the item at the specified index
- `list.remove(item)` – removes the first occurrence of item from the list
- `list.extend(second_list)` – appends `second_list` to the list

Mathematical Operators – behave as you would expect them to

- `(+)` Returns a new list by adding two lists. Appends the right-hand list to the left-hand list.
- `(+=)` Appends the right-hand list to the left-hand list. Modifies left list. Acts like `extend()`
- `(*)` Multiplies a list and an integer “n”. Returns a new list that has n-1 versions of original list appended to it

Examples:

```
list = [34, 21, 29, 86, 29]
```

```
list.append(3) => [34, 21, 29, 86, 29, 3]
```

```
list.insert(2, 3) => [34, 21, 3, 29, 86]
```

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

```
list.remove(29) => [34, 21, 86, 29]
```

```
list.extend(list2) => [34, 21, 86, 29, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
[0] * 5 => [0, 0, 0, 0, 0]
```



>>> More Methods

More Methods

- `list.count(element)` – returns number of times element occurs in the list
- `list.sort` – sorts the element in place
- `list.reverse` – reverses the element in place

Slicing – can get a sub list of a list

`<name>[<first index inclusive> : <second index not-inclusive>]`

```
list = [4, 23, 16, 7, 29, 56, 81]
list[3:6] => [16, 7, 29]
```

Length of lists

```
len(list) => 7
```

Split – returns a list

```
“lets try some splitting here”.split(" ") => ['lets', 'try', 'some', 'splitting', 'here']
```



>>> Printing Lists

There are two ways to print lists.

```
list1 = ["elements", "of", "our", "list"]  
list2 = [21, 29, 86, 19, 42]
```

String concatenation and type conversion:

```
print "This list is " + str(list1)    => This list is ["elements", "of", "our", "list"]  
print "This list is " + str(list2)    => This list is [21, 29, 86, 19, 42]
```

Comma separated arguments in the print method:

```
print "This list is", list1           => This list is ["elements", "of", "our", "list"]  
print "This list is", list2           => This list is [21, 29, 86, 19, 42]
```



>>> Ranges are Lists

Recall how we used the method `range()` in for loops.
Calling `range` returns a list with the patterns specified by `range()`.

Example:

```
range(5)          => [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
range(0, 10, 2)  => [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
```

Using a for loop iterates over each element in a list.

Example:

```
list = [3, 6, 5, 7, 15]
for i in list:
    print i
```

Example 2:

```
list = [3, 6, 5, 7, 15]
for i in range(len(list)):
    list[i] = list[i] + 1
```



>>> Strings vs. Lists

Although Strings are different from lists, Strings can be accessed like lists.

Example:

```
s = "Hello!"  
s[1]           => 'e'  
s[-1]          => '!'  
s[1:5]         => "ello"  
s.count("l")   => 2
```

Once a String has been created, it cannot be changed.
Methods that alter a list cannot be called on Strings.

Note: Python does not distinguish between characters and strings.
Characters are just Strings of length 1.



>>> Tuples vs. Lists

Additionally, tuples can be accessed like lists. However, tuples are not list. Tuples, like strings cannot be changed once they have been created.

Example:

```
s = (123, 456, 789, 246, 357)
s[1]          => 456
s[-1]        => 357
s[1:4]       => (456, 789, 246)
```



>>> Random with lists

```
>>> from random import *
>>> randint(0,9)
1
>>> randint(0,9)
4
>>> choice(range(10))
7
```

random.randint(a,b)

returns an int between a and b inclusive

random.choice(seq)

returns a random element of the sequence



>>> Review - Files

Opening files:

`open(filename)` ~ defaults to read

`open(filename, "r")` ~ specifies read

`open(filename, "w")` ~ writes to this file

File objects: (we won't really have to use these)

* `.readlines()` ~ file as a list of lines

* `.read()` ~ file as a string

* `.readline(e)` ~ next line as string

imdb.py

```
1 filename = "imdb.txt"
2
3 f1 = open(filename)
4 for line in f1:
5     print line.upper()
6     f1.close()
7
8 f2 = open(filename, "w")
9 f2.write("This will over write the file \n")
10 f2.close()
```



>>> Sections Example in Python

Let's solve the Sections problem. We want to take the following line from a file:

```
111111101011111101001110110110110001110.....
```

And turn it into:

Sections attended: [9, 6, 7, 4, 3]

Sections scores: [20, 18, 20, 12, 9]

Sections grades: [100.0, 90.0, 100.0, 60.0, 45.0]

Sections attended: [6, 7, 5, 6, 4]

Sections scores: [18, 20, 15, 18, 12]

Sections grades: [90.0, 100.0, 75.0, 90.0, 60.0]

Sections attended: [5, 6, 5, 7, 6]

Sections scores: [15, 18, 15, 20, 18]

Sections grades: [75.0, 90.0, 75.0, 100.0, 90.0]



>>> Map-Reduce: Map

Python supports functional programming.

Functional programming differs from what we have been doing, by treating programming as the evaluation of a series of mathematical functions. `Map()` and `reduce()` are functional language methods. They return a new list instead of modifying the one passed.

Map – takes a function and a list and applies the function to each individual element in the list.

```
def add_one(x)  
    return x + 1
```

```
list = [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]  
new_list = map(add_one, list)
```

Looking at our new list:

```
new_list          =>      [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]
```



>>> Map-Reduce: Reduce

Reduce – takes a function and a list and reduces the list to a single element by combining the element using the given function.

```
def multiply(x, y)  
    return x * y
```

```
list = [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]  
value = reduce(multiply, list)
```

Looking at our value:

```
value    =>    3840
```



>>> Sections Example - Map

Let's use the functional method `map()` to modify our Sections Example.



>>> Lambda

Lambda is a keyword that designates an “anonymous function”. This is a lot of terminology, but lets see how we can use it.

Instead of defining a method, and then applying it using map():

```
def add_one(x)
    return x + 1
```

```
list = [0, 2, 4, 6, 8]
map(add_one, list)
```

We can do it all in one line using lambda and anonymous functions:

```
map(lambda x : x + 1, list)
```

Lets use lambda to further simplify our Sections Example.

