

## CS 61A Lecture 11

Friday, September 26

## Announcements

- Midterm 1 has been graded...
- Many of you did very well. Nice work!
- High scores on homework and projects balance out exam scores
- Typically, around 3 out of 4 students receive A's & B's in 61A
- Don't fall behind! Come to class (discussion, lab, & office hours)!
- Regrades are due by Sunday 9/29 @ 11:59pm
- Guerrilla Section 2 is on Saturday. RSVP on Piazza if you want to come!
- Homework 3 due Wednesday 10/1 @ 11:59pm
- Homework Party on Monday 9/29, time and place TBD
- Optional Hog Contest due Wednesday 10/1 @ 11:59pm

## Sequences

## The Sequence Abstraction

red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet.  
0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 .

There isn't just one sequence class or data abstraction (in Python or in general).

The sequence abstraction is a collection of behaviors:

**Length.** A sequence has a finite length.

**Element selection.** A sequence has an element corresponding to any non-negative integer index less than its length, starting at 0.

There is built-in syntax associated with this behavior, or we can use functions.

A list is a kind of built-in sequence

## Lists

['Demo']

## Lists are Sequences

```
>>> digits = [1, 8, 2, 8]
>>> len(digits)
4
>>> digits[3]
8
```

**Length.** A sequence has a finite length.

**Element selection.** A sequence has an element corresponding to any non-negative integer index less than its length, starting at 0.

```
>>> [2, 7] + digits * 2
[2, 7, 1, 8, 2, 8, 1, 8, 2, 8]
>>> pairs = [[10, 20], [30, 40]]
>>> pairs[1]
[30, 40]
>>> pairs[1][0]
30
```

## For Statements

(Demo)

## Sequence Iteration

```
def count(s, value):
    total = 0
    for element in s:
        if element == value:
            total = total + 1
    return total
```

Name bound in the first frame of the current environment (not a new frame)

## For Statement Execution Procedure

```
for <name> in <expression>:
    <suite>
```

1. Evaluate the header <expression>, which must yield an iterable value (a sequence)
2. For each element in that sequence, in order:
  - A. Bind <name> to that element in the current frame
  - B. Execute the <suite>

## Sequence Unpacking in For Statements

A sequence of fixed-length sequences

```
>>> pairs = [[1, 2], [2, 2], [3, 2], [4, 4]]
>>> same_count = 0
```

A name for each element in a fixed-length sequence

Each name is bound to a value, as in multiple assignment

```
>>> for x, y in pairs:
...     if x == y:
...         same_count = same_count + 1
>>> same_count
2
```

## Ranges

## The Range Type

A range is a sequence of consecutive integers.\*

..., -5, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...

range(-2, 2)

Length: ending value - starting value

Element selection: starting value + index

(Demo)

```
>>> list(range(-2, 2))
[-2, -1, 0, 1]
```

List constructor

```
>>> list(range(4))
[0, 1, 2, 3]
```

Range with a 0 starting value

\* Ranges can actually represent more general integer sequences.

## List Comprehensions

```
>>> letters = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f', 'm', 'n', 'o', 'p']
>>> [letters[i] for i in [3, 4, 6, 8]]
['d', 'e', 'm', 'o']
```

## List Comprehensions

[<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp> if <filter exp>]

Short version: [<map exp> for <name> in <iter exp>]

A combined expression that evaluates to a list using this evaluation procedure:

1. Add a new frame with the current frame as its parent
2. Create an empty *result* list that is the value of the expression
3. For each element in the iterable value of <iter exp>:
  - A. Bind <name> to that element in the new frame from step 1
  - B. If <filter exp> evaluates to a true value, then add the value of <map exp> to the result list

## Higher-Order Sequence Functions

## Functions that Perform List Comprehensions

```
def apply_to_all(map_fn, s):
    """Apply map_fn to each element of s.
    """
    return [map_fn(x) for x in s]
```

0, 1, 2, 3, 4

λx: x\*3

0, 3, 6, 9, 12

Same number of different elements

```
def keep_if(filter_fn, s):
    """List all elements x of s for which filter_fn(x) is true.
    """
    return [x for x in s if filter_fn(x)]
```

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

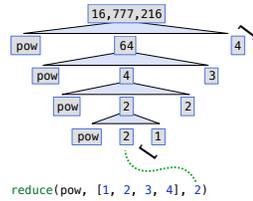
λx: x>5

6, 7, 8, 9

Smaller number of same elements

## Reducing a Sequence to a Value

```
def reduce(reduce_fn, s, initial):  
    """Combine elements of s pairwise using reduce_fn, starting with initial.  
    E.g., reduce(mul, [2, 4, 8], 1) is equivalent to mul(mul(mul(1, 2), 4), 8).  
    """  
    reduced = initial  
    for x in s:  
        reduced = reduce_fn(reduced, x)  
    return reduced  
  
reduce_fn is ...  
    a two-argument function  
s is ...  
    a sequence of values that can be the second argument  
initial is ...  
    a value that can be the first argument
```



(Demo)

## Typical Names for Higher-Order Sequence Functions

apply\_to\_all is usually called map  $\triangleleft$  map and filter are built into Python, but they don't return lists

keep\_if is usually called filter

reduce is usually called reduce (but sometimes fold or accumulate)

$\triangle$   
reduce is in the standard library in a module called functools

Most Python programmers just use list comprehensions