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Programming and Data Structures with Python

Lists vs dictionaries

Extracting unique elements from a list

- List version : Sort & look for duplicates
 $n \log n$ adjacent to each other
- Create keys from elements n

Intersection

- Sort & merge $n \log n$
- n - Create keys from L1, "probe" dictionary

Nested collections

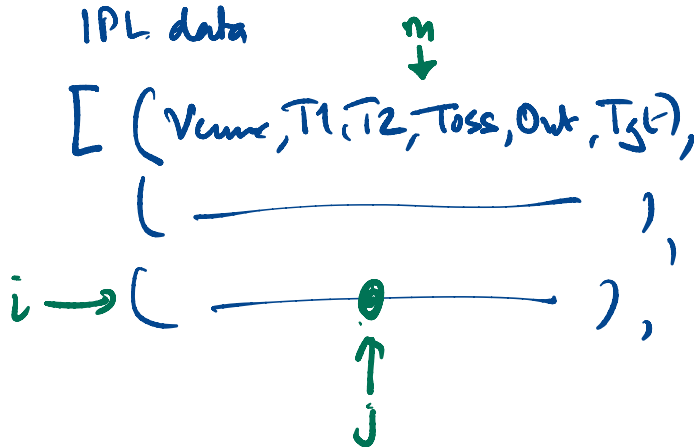
List of lists

List of tuples

$m[i][j]$

not
 $m[i, j]$

IPL data



List of dict
Dict of list

$d[k]$
 $l[i]$
 $t[j]$

Venues where each team plays as team 1

$venues[team] \rightarrow \{ \dots \}$

$venues = \{ \}$

for m in matchlist:

$v, t1 = m[0], m[1]$

if $t1$ in $venues$:

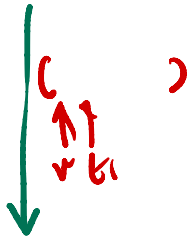
$venues[t1][v] = 1$

else:

$venues[t1] = \{ \}$

$venues[t1][v] = 1$

matchlist



$venues[t1] = \{v: 1\}$

venues $\rightarrow$ dict of dict

Want

dict of list

finalvenues = {}

for t in venues:

finalvenue[t] = ^{sorted} (list (venues[t].keys()))

For $t1$ & $t2$

$venues = \{\}$

for m in $matchlist$:

$v, t1, t2 = m[0], m[1], m[2]$

if $t1$ in $venues$:

$venues[t1][v] = 1$

else:

$venues[t1] = \{v: 1\}$

if $t2$ in $venues$:

⋮

[same
code]

Avoid
duplicate
code!

for x in $t1, t2$:

}

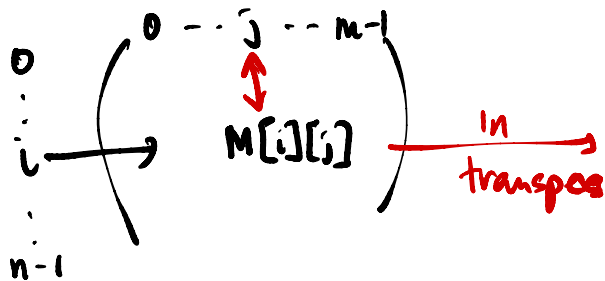
Matrices

List of list of numbers

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \begin{bmatrix} [0, 1], \\ [2, 3] \end{bmatrix}$$

⇓ transpose

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$MT[j][i]$$

Have $MT[j][0] \dots MT[j][i-1]$

$$MT[j] = [M_{j0}^T, \dots, M_{ji-1}^T]$$

, append($M[i][j]$)

Strings

Seq of characters

"hello"

'hello'

"CMI's classrooms"

'He said "Hi"'

✗

✓

Triple quote (3 single quotes)

"""He said, "Wow,
CMI's classrooms"
"""

Strings are sequences — like lists, tuples ..

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s = "hello"
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for c in s:
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No distinct datatype for a single letter

$l = [0, 1, 2]$

for x in l :

x is 0	vs	$[0]$
1		$[1]$
2		$[2]$

$s = \text{"abc"}$

for c in s :

c is	"a"
	"b"
	"c"

Could be a problem

`l.append(v)`

vs

`l.extend([v])`

`s.append("c")`

`s.extend("c")`

But this is not
allowed anyway!

Like tuples, strings cannot be updated in place.

Individual positions are indexed

$s = \text{"hello"}$

$s[0] \rightarrow \text{"h"}$

$s[2] \rightarrow \text{"l"}$

$s[4] \rightarrow \text{"o"}$

$s[4] = \text{"!"}$ $\times$

$s = s[:4] + \text{"!"}$