

PDSP 2026, Lecture 02, 6 August 2025

Set up the table as a list

- Each entry is a row
- Each row is a tuple of columns
- `(City, HTeam, ATeam, HGoals, AGoals, HPens, APens, HXG, AXG)`
- `HGoals`, `AGoals`, `HPens`, `APens` are integers (`Int`)
- `HXG`, `AXG` are decimal fractions (`Float`)
- `City`, `HTeam`, `ATeam` are text (`String`)
- Assign a value to a variable: `variable = value`

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In [1]: matchlist = [  
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- Can evaluate the value of a variable directly in a Jupyter notebook cell

In [2]: `matchlist`

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```

- Can only check value of a name if it has been assigned earlier

In [3]:

```
n
```

```
NameError
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last)
```

```
Cell In[3], line 1
```

```
----> 1 n
```

```
NameError: name 'n' is not defined
```

- Any expression can be evaluated in a Jupyter notebook cell

```
In [4]: 7+3
```

```
Out[4]: 10
```

```
In [5]: x = 9  
y = x + 5
```

```
In [6]: y
```

```
Out[6]: 14
```

Questions

- How many matches were played?
- What was the maximum number of goals scored in a match?
- What was the average number of goals scored in a match?
- How many matches had above average number of goals?
- How many cities were venues?
- Which team played as Home Team at maximum number of venues?
- Is being Home Team an advantage?

How many matches were played?

- Python's built-in function `len()` directly tells the length of a list

```
In [7]: len(matchlist)
```

```
Out[7]: 104
```

Count the number of entries explicitly

- Iterate through the list
- `for` variable `in` listname `:`
 - `:` indicates a block of statements (commands) to follow
 - Indent the commands to be performed within each iteration
- `count = count + 1`
 - `=` assigns a new value to a variable, not to be confused with equality
 - rhs is old value of `count`, used to update the value of `count`

```
In [8]: count = 0
        for match in matchlist:
            count = count + 1 # Compute current count + 1 and reassign it to cou
```

```
In [9]: count
```

```
Out[9]: 104
```

- Python does not require you to "declare" variables in advance
- Can introduce new names on the fly
- This can be a source of errors, if you mistype a name

```
In [10]: count = 0
         for row in matchlist:
             countt = count + 1 # Compute current count + 1 and reassign it to co
```

```
In [11]: count
```

```
Out[11]: 0
```

- If you are lucky, the mistyped name will appear on the right and Python will flag an error

```
In [12]: count = 0
         for row in matchlist:
             count = ccount + 1 # Compute current count + 1 and reassign it to co
```

```
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-
NameError                                Traceback (most recent call las
t)
Cell In[12], line 3
      1 count = 0
      2 for row in matchlist:
----> 3     count = ccount + 1 # Compute current count + 1 and reassign i
t to count

NameError: name 'ccount' is not defined
```

What was the maximum number of goals scored in a match?

- Initialize `maxgoals` to `0`
- Update `maxgoals` whenever run target in current row exceeds current maximum
 - Extract run target from tuple of values of current row using positional index
 - In Python, indices always start with 0, so nine entries in the tuple have indices 0,1,...,8
- `if` specifies conditional execution
 - `if` conditional-expression :
 - Expression evaluates to `True` or `False`

- As before, `:` and indentation indicate scope of conditional execution
- Indented commands (update of `maxgoals`) happens only when `if` condition evaluates to `True`

```
In [13]: maxgoals = 0
        for row in matchlist:
            # Goals are in columns 4 to 7, add up these columns to get goals for
            # Positions in a list start with 0, so these are values from index 3
            if row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6] > maxgoals:
                maxgoals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
```

```
In [14]: maxgoals
```

```
Out[14]: 10
```

- `row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]` is clumsy to use each time
- Better to assign a separate variable for `row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]`

```
In [15]: maxgoals = 0
        for row in matchlist:
            goals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
            if goals > maxgoals:
                maxgoals = goals
```

```
In [16]: maxgoals
```

```
Out[16]: 10
```

- Can also initialize `maxgoals` to first target in the table
- After this, can use `for` to iterate through the entire table
 - Not a problem to read the first row of the table again
 - Avoids complication of skipping the first row and running `for` from the second row

```
In [17]: row = matchlist[0]
        maxgoals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
        for row in matchlist:
            goals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
            if goals > maxgoals:
                maxgoals = goals
```

```
In [18]: maxgoals
```

```
Out[18]: 10
```

What was the average number of goals scored in a match?

- Iterate to compute sum of all run targets

- Average is total divided by count

```
In [19]: count = 0
goalsum = 0
for row in matchlist:
    count = count+1
    goals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
    goalsum = goalsum + goals
goalavg = goalsum/count
```

```
In [20]: goalavg
```

```
Out[20]: 3.201923076923077
```

- Can also maintain running average instead of running total

```
In [21]: count = 0
currentavg = 0
for row in matchlist:
    totalsofar = count*currentavg
    count = count+1
    goals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
    currentavg = (totalsofar + goals)/count
```

```
In [22]: currentavg
```

```
Out[22]: 3.201923076923077
```

- Alternatively, avoid creating running total altogether
- Note that `count` has already been incremented, so multiply `currentavg` by `count-1`

```
In [23]: count = 0
currentavg = 0
for row in matchlist:
    count = count+1
    goals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
    currentavg = (currentavg*(count-1) + goals)/count
```

```
In [24]: currentavg
```

```
Out[24]: 3.201923076923077
```

How many matches had above average number of goals?

- *Filtered* iteration
- Update the count only if the current run target is > average

```
In [25]: count = 0
goalsum = 0
```

```

for row in matchlist:
    count = count+1
    goals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
    goalsum = goalsum + goals
goalavg = goalsum/count

aboveavgcount = 0
for row in matchlist:
    goals = row[3] + row[4] + row[5] + row[6]
    if goals > goalavg:
        aboveavgcount = aboveavgcount + 1

```

In [26]: aboveavgcount

Out[26]: 40

How many cities were venues?

- Maintain a list of venues
 - Need to initialize to empty list to tell Python this value can be used as a list
 - Built-in check `v in l` returns `True` if value `v` is present in list `l`
 - Add new venue to the list --- `l1 + l2` concatenates two lists into a single list

```

In [27]: venuelist = []
for row in matchlist:
    venue = row[0] # Leftmost column
    if not(venue in venuelist):
        venuelist = venuelist + [venue]

```

In [28]: venuelist

```

Out[28]: ['Mexico City',
          'Zapopan',
          'Toronto',
          'Inglewood',
          'Foxborough',
          'East Rutherford',
          'Philadelphia',
          'Seattle',
          'Atlanta',
          'Santa Clara',
          'Houston',
          'Kansas City',
          'Miami Gardens',
          'Arlington',
          'Guadalupe',
          'Vancouver']

```

In [29]: len(venuelist)

Out[29]: 16

- Can instead use a *dictionary*
 - A collection of key:value pairs

- Initialize to empty dictionary
- Check if venue already exists as a key
 - Create a new key if the current venue is not a key, by assigning a value
 - Value assigned to the key is unimportant here

```
In [30]: venuedict = {}
for row in matchlist:
    venue = row[0] # Leftmost column
    if not(venue in venuedict.keys()):
        venuedict[venue] = "Something"
```

```
In [31]: venuedict
```

```
Out[31]: {'Mexico City': 'Something',
          'Zapopan': 'Something',
          'Toronto': 'Something',
          'Inglewood': 'Something',
          'Foxborough': 'Something',
          'East Rutherford': 'Something',
          'Philadelphia': 'Something',
          'Seattle': 'Something',
          'Atlanta': 'Something',
          'Santa Clara': 'Something',
          'Houston': 'Something',
          'Kansas City': 'Something',
          'Miami Gardens': 'Something',
          'Arlington': 'Something',
          'Guadalupe': 'Something',
          'Vancouver': 'Something'}
```

- Can extract keys of a dictionary
 - Similar to, but not quite a list

```
In [32]: venuedict.keys()
```

```
Out[32]: dict_keys(['Mexico City', 'Zapopan', 'Toronto', 'Inglewood', 'Foxborough',
                    'East Rutherford', 'Philadelphia', 'Seattle', 'Atlanta', 'Santa Clara',
                    'Houston', 'Kansas City', 'Miami Gardens', 'Arlington', 'Guadalupe',
                    'Vancouver'])
```

- By convention, Python assumes you mean `d.keys()` if you say `v in d` for a dictionary `d`

```
In [33]: venuedict2 = {}
for row in matchlist:
    venue = row[0] # Leftmost column
    if not(venue in venuedict2): # Short form for venue in venuedict2.keys()
        venuedict2[venue] = "Something"
```

```
In [34]: venuedict2
```

```
Out[34]: {'Mexico City': 'Something',
          'Zapopan': 'Something',
          'Toronto': 'Something',
          'Inglewood': 'Something',
          'Foxborough': 'Something',
          'East Rutherford': 'Something',
          'Philadelphia': 'Something',
          'Seattle': 'Something',
          'Atlanta': 'Something',
          'Santa Clara': 'Something',
          'Houston': 'Something',
          'Kansas City': 'Something',
          'Miami Gardens': 'Something',
          'Arlington': 'Something',
          'Guadalupe': 'Something',
          'Vancouver': 'Something'}
```

- Can also count the number of matches at each venue
- For each key, maintain a counter
 - When the key is created, initialize the counter to 1
 - If the key already exists, increment the counter

```
In [35]: venuedict3 = {}
for row in matchlist:
    venue = row[0] # Leftmost column
    if not(venue in venuedict3):
        venuedict3[venue] = 1
    else:
        venuedict3[venue] = venuedict3[venue] + 1
```

```
In [36]: venuedict3
```

```
Out[36]: {'Mexico City': 6,
          'Zapopan': 2,
          'Toronto': 5,
          'Inglewood': 8,
          'Foxborough': 8,
          'East Rutherford': 9,
          'Philadelphia': 6,
          'Seattle': 7,
          'Atlanta': 7,
          'Santa Clara': 7,
          'Houston': 6,
          'Kansas City': 7,
          'Miami Gardens': 9,
          'Arlington': 8,
          'Guadalupe': 5,
          'Vancouver': 4}
```

- Can invert the condition and exchange the two parts of the `if`
- More readable if we avoid negated conditions!

```
In [37]: venuedict4 = {}
for row in matchlist:
    venue = row[0] # Leftmost column
    if venue in venuedict4:
```

```
    venuedict4[venue] = venuedict4[venue] + 1
else:
    venuedict4[venue] = 1
```

In [38]: venuedict4

```
Out[38]: {'Mexico City': 6,
          'Zapopan': 2,
          'Toronto': 5,
          'Inglewood': 8,
          'Foxborough': 8,
          'East Rutherford': 9,
          'Philadelphia': 6,
          'Seattle': 7,
          'Atlanta': 7,
          'Santa Clara': 7,
          'Houston': 6,
          'Kansas City': 7,
          'Miami Gardens': 9,
          'Arlington': 8,
          'Guadalupe': 5,
          'Vancouver': 4}
```

Which team played as Home Team at maximum number of venues?

- Maintain a dictionary where keys are teams
- For each team, associate a list of venues where it has played as Home Team

```
In [39]: teamvenuedict = {}
for row in matchlist:
    venue = row[0]
    hometeam = row[1]

    # Update the dictionary for hometeam
    if not (hometeam in teamvenuedict):
        teamvenuedict[hometeam] = [venue]
    else:
        if not (venue in teamvenuedict[hometeam]):
            teamvenuedict[hometeam] = teamvenuedict[hometeam] + [venue]
```

In [40]: teamvenuedict

```
Out[40]: {'MEX': ['Mexico City', 'Atlanta'],
          'KOR': ['Zapopan'],
          'CAN': ['Toronto', 'Vancouver', 'Houston'],
          'USA': ['Inglewood', 'Toronto', 'Santa Clara'],
          'QAT': ['Foxborough'],
          'BRA': ['East Rutherford', 'Houston', 'Arlington'],
          'HAI': ['Philadelphia'],
          'AUS': ['Seattle', 'Arlington'],
          'GER': ['Atlanta', 'Foxborough'],
          'NED': ['Santa Clara', 'Philadelphia', 'Guadalupe'],
          'CIV': ['Houston', 'Arlington'],
          'SWE': ['Kansas City'],
          'ESP': ['Miami Gardens', 'Santa Clara', 'Inglewood', 'East Rutherford'],
          'BEL': ['Arlington', 'Houston', 'Seattle'],
          'KSA': ['Guadalupe'],
          'IRN': ['Vancouver'],
          'FRA': ['East Rutherford', 'Arlington', 'Foxborough', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'IRQ': ['Foxborough'],
          'ARG': ['Inglewood', 'Guadalupe', 'Miami Gardens', 'Kansas City'],
          'AUT': ['Santa Clara'],
          'POR': ['Atlanta', 'Kansas City', 'Toronto', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'ENG': ['Miami Gardens', 'Seattle', 'Atlanta'],
          'GHA': ['Houston'],
          'UZB': ['Seattle'],
          'CZE': ['Inglewood', 'Mexico City'],
          'SUI': ['Mexico City', 'Vancouver', 'Seattle'],
          'SCO': ['Arlington', 'East Rutherford'],
          'TUR': ['Guadalupe', 'Inglewood'],
          'ECU': ['Kansas City', 'Atlanta'],
          'TUN': ['Seattle', 'Kansas City'],
          'NZL': ['Miami Gardens', 'Arlington'],
          'URU': ['East Rutherford', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'NOR': ['Toronto', 'Foxborough', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'JOR': ['Foxborough', 'Santa Clara'],
          'COL': ['Philadelphia', 'Miami Gardens', 'Kansas City'],
          'PAN': ['Mexico City', 'East Rutherford'],
          'RSA': ['Zapopan', 'Inglewood'],
          'BIH': ['Toronto'],
          'MAR': ['Foxborough'],
          'PAR': ['Santa Clara', 'Philadelphia'],
          'CUW': ['Houston'],
          'JPN': ['Seattle'],
          'EGY': ['Guadalupe'],
          'CPV': ['Philadelphia'],
          'SEN': ['East Rutherford'],
          'ALG': ['Inglewood'],
          'COD': ['Atlanta'],
          'CRO': ['Philadelphia']}
```

- Again, may be more readable if we avoid (at least one) negated condition

```
In [41]: teamvenuedict = {}
         for row in matchlist:
             venue = row[0]
             hometeam = row[1]

             # Update the dictionary for hometeam
```

```
if hometeam in teamvenuedict:
    if not (venue in teamvenuedict[hometeam]):
        teamvenuedict[hometeam] = teamvenuedict[hometeam] + [venue]
else:
    teamvenuedict[hometeam] = [venue]
```

- Display the dictionary as a list of key-value pairs
- { k1:v1, k2:v2, ..., km:vm }

In [42]: teamvenuedict

```

Out[42]: {'MEX': ['Mexico City', 'Atlanta'],
          'KOR': ['Zapopan'],
          'CAN': ['Toronto', 'Vancouver', 'Houston'],
          'USA': ['Inglewood', 'Toronto', 'Santa Clara'],
          'QAT': ['Foxborough'],
          'BRA': ['East Rutherford', 'Houston', 'Arlington'],
          'HAI': ['Philadelphia'],
          'AUS': ['Seattle', 'Arlington'],
          'GER': ['Atlanta', 'Foxborough'],
          'NED': ['Santa Clara', 'Philadelphia', 'Guadalupe'],
          'CIV': ['Houston', 'Arlington'],
          'SWE': ['Kansas City'],
          'ESP': ['Miami Gardens', 'Santa Clara', 'Inglewood', 'East Rutherford'],
          'BEL': ['Arlington', 'Houston', 'Seattle'],
          'KSA': ['Guadalupe'],
          'IRN': ['Vancouver'],
          'FRA': ['East Rutherford', 'Arlington', 'Foxborough', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'IRQ': ['Foxborough'],
          'ARG': ['Inglewood', 'Guadalupe', 'Miami Gardens', 'Kansas City'],
          'AUT': ['Santa Clara'],
          'POR': ['Atlanta', 'Kansas City', 'Toronto', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'ENG': ['Miami Gardens', 'Seattle', 'Atlanta'],
          'GHA': ['Houston'],
          'UZB': ['Seattle'],
          'CZE': ['Inglewood', 'Mexico City'],
          'SUI': ['Mexico City', 'Vancouver', 'Seattle'],
          'SCO': ['Arlington', 'East Rutherford'],
          'TUR': ['Guadalupe', 'Inglewood'],
          'ECU': ['Kansas City', 'Atlanta'],
          'TUN': ['Seattle', 'Kansas City'],
          'NZL': ['Miami Gardens', 'Arlington'],
          'URU': ['East Rutherford', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'NOR': ['Toronto', 'Foxborough', 'Miami Gardens'],
          'JOR': ['Foxborough', 'Santa Clara'],
          'COL': ['Philadelphia', 'Miami Gardens', 'Kansas City'],
          'PAN': ['Mexico City', 'East Rutherford'],
          'RSA': ['Zapopan', 'Inglewood'],
          'BIH': ['Toronto'],
          'MAR': ['Foxborough'],
          'PAR': ['Santa Clara', 'Philadelphia'],
          'CUW': ['Houston'],
          'JPN': ['Seattle'],
          'EGY': ['Guadalupe'],
          'CPV': ['Philadelphia'],
          'SEN': ['East Rutherford'],
          'ALG': ['Inglewood'],
          'COD': ['Atlanta'],
          'CRO': ['Philadelphia']}

```

- Run through the dictionary and record the team with max venues as Team 1
- Keep track of team name and the number of venues

```

In [43]: maxteam = ""
maxvenues = 0
for team in teamvenuedict:
    if len(teamvenuedict[team]) > maxvenues:

```



```
maxteam = team
maxvenues = len(teamvenuedict[team])
```

- Can display more than one value at a time

```
In [44]: maxteam, maxvenues
```

```
Out[44]: ('ESP', 4)
```

Is being Home Team an advantage?

- Count the rows where the home team won the match
- Check if the fraction of such rows is above a given threshold
- Should we count all matches or only those where there was a result (ignoring draws)?
- The code below counts matches with draws and matches with results separately

```
In [45]: threshold = 0.6
result = 0    # Number of matches with a result
draw = 0      # Number of matches that were draws
homewin = 0   # Number of matches won by the home team
for row in matchlist:
    # Was it a draw?
    if row[3] + row[5] == row[4] + row[6]: # Note '==' for equality
        draw = draw + 1
    else: # There was a result
        result = result + 1
    # Did the home team score more goals?
    if row[3] + row[5] > row[4] + row[6]:
        homewin = homewin + 1
```

- Is the ratio above the threshold?

```
In [46]: homewin/result >= threshold
```

```
Out[46]: True
```

```
In [47]: homewin/result
```

```
Out[47]: 0.6071428571428571
```

```
In [48]: draw
```

```
Out[48]: 20
```

```
In [49]: result
```

```
Out[49]: 84
```

```
In [50]: homewin
```

Out[50]: 51

- What if we had defined *home team advantage* in terms of all matches, including draws?
- Outcome is negative
- Important to check whether what you are computing matches the intent

In [51]: `homewin/(result + draw)`

Out[51]: 0.49038461538461536