

Lecture 23

*408/508 Computational  
Techniques for Linguists*

# Today's Topics

- **Homework 10?**
  - Did you manage to install nltk and nltk\_data?
- Some Python worked exercises today
  - inside nltk and in pure Python
- Python sets and lists
- Queues and Stacks
- Reading and writing files

# Exercise 1

- Copy and past into Python

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraphs in "*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*" by Lewis Carroll:

```
text = 'Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do. Once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, "and what is the use of a book," thought Alice, "without pictures or conversations?"\nSo she was considering in her own mind (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid), whether the pleasure of making a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.'
```

1. len(text) counts what?

2. What does text.split() do?

- Store the result of split into a variable words

3. len(words) counts what?

# Exercise 1

- Let's count the average word length in text three different ways:

1. `len(text)` against `len(words)`

- **note:** `len(text)` includes spaces

2. use a variable `total=0`

- then a **for loop**

```
for word in words:
```

```
    total += len(word)
```

3. use a **list comprehension**

- `sum([len(word) for word in words])`



5.29 (*overestimate*)

4.31 (*using for-loop*)

# Python

## Built-in functions

- <https://docs.python.org/3/library/functions.html>

## Built-in Functions

The Python interpreter has a number of functions and types built into it that are always available. They are listed here in alphabetical order.

### Built-in Functions

#### A

abs()  
aiter()  
all()  
anext()  
any()  
ascii()

#### B

bin()  
bool()  
breakpoint()  
bytearray()  
bytes()

#### C

callable()  
chr()  
classmethod()  
compile()  
complex()

#### D

delattr()  
dict()  
dir()  
divmod()

#### E

enumerate()  
eval()  
exec()

#### F

filter()  
float()  
format()  
frozenset()

#### G

getattr()  
globals()

#### H

hasattr()  
hash()  
help()  
hex()

#### I

id()  
input()  
int()  
isinstance()  
issubclass()  
iter()

#### L

len()  
list()  
locals()

#### M

map()  
max()  
memoryview()  
min()

#### N

next()

#### O

object()  
oct()  
open()  
ord()

#### P

pow()  
print()  
property()

#### R

range()  
repr()  
reversed()  
round()

#### S

set()  
setattr()  
slice()  
sorted()  
staticmethod()  
str()  
sum()  
super()

#### T

tuple()  
type()

#### V

vars()

#### Z

zip()

\_\_import\_\_()

# sum()

```
sum(iterable, /, start=0)
```

Sums *start* and the items of an *iterable* from left to right and returns the total. The *iterable*'s items are normally numbers, and the start value is not allowed to be a string.

For some use cases, there are good alternatives to `sum()`. The preferred, fast way to concatenate a sequence of strings is by calling `''.join(sequence)`. To add floating point values with extended precision, see `math.fsum()`. To concatenate a series of iterables, consider using `itertools.chain()`.

*Changed in version 3.8:* The *start* parameter can be specified as a keyword argument.

*Changed in version 3.12:* Summation of floats switched to an algorithm that gives higher accuracy on most builds.

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## Exercise 2

- The full text of "*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*" is available in nltk data.
- Example:

```
>>> import nltk
>>> alice = nltk.corpus.gutenberg.words('carroll-alice.txt')
>>> len(alice)
34110
>>> alice[:100]
```

```
[['', 'Alice', '"', 's', 'Adventures', 'in', 'Wonderland', 'by', 'Lewis', 'Carroll',
'1865', ']', 'CHAPTER', 'I', 'get', 'Down', 'the', 'Rabbit', '-', 'Hole', 'Alice',
'was', 'beginning', 'to', 'get', 'very', 'tired', 'of', 'sitting', 'by', 'her',
'sister', 'on', 'the', 'bank', 'she', 'and', 'of', 'having', 'nothing', 'to', 'do',
'sister', 'once', 'or', 'twice', 'she', 'had', 'peeped', 'into', 'the', 'book', 'her',
'sister', 'was', 'reading', 'it', 'but', 'it', 'had', 'no', 'pictures', 'or', 'her',
'conversations', 'in', 'it', 'and', 'what', 'is', 'the', 'use', 'of', 'a',
'book', 'thought', 'Alice', 'without', 'pictures', 'or', 'conversation',
'?', 'So', 'she', 'was', 'considering', 'in', 'her', 'own', 'mind', '(', 'as',
'well', 'as', 'she', 'could', ']', '']
>>>
```

.words() already  
tokenized the text

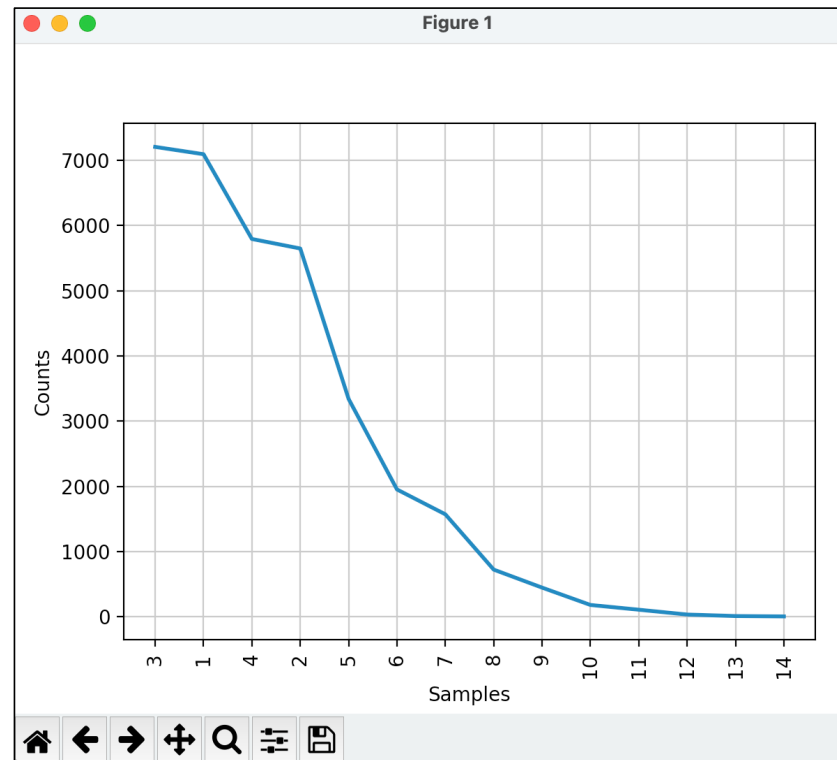


## Exercise 2

- Calculate the average number of characters per word (cf. exercise 1 answer: 4.31)
  1. for-loop method
  2. list comprehension method
    - `sum()` or
    - `from statistics import mean`
    - `mean()`

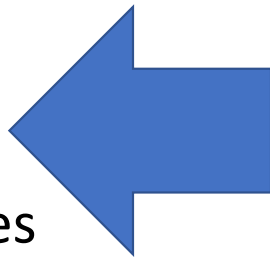
## Exercise 2

- word length distribution
- `>>> fd = nltk.FreqDist(wlen)`
- `>>> fd`
- `FreqDist({3: 7205, 1: 7093, 4: 5793, 2: 5647, 5: 3340, 6: 1952, 7: 1571, 8: 723, 9: 447, 10: 181, ...})`
- `>>> fd.plot()`
- `<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Samples', ylabel='Counts'>`



# Python

- <https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/introduction.html>
- Numbers
- Strings
- Lists
- Dictionaries



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## 3. An Informal Introduction to Python

In the following examples, input and output are distinguished by the presence or absence of prompts (>>> and ...): to repeat the example, you must type everything after the prompt, when the prompt appears; lines that do not begin with a prompt are output from the interpreter. Note that a secondary prompt on a line by itself in an example means you must type a blank line; this is used to end a multi-line command.

Many of the examples in this manual, even those entered at the interactive prompt, include comments. Comments in Python start with the hash character, #, and extend to the end of the physical line. A comment may appear at the start of a line or following whitespace or code, but not within a string literal. A hash character within a string literal is just a hash character. Since comments are to clarify code and are not interpreted by Python, they may be omitted when typing in examples.

Some examples:

# Python Lists



Recall strings  
from last time?  
Think of those  
as lists too

## 3.1.3. Lists

Python knows a number of *compound* data types, used to group together other values. The most versatile is the *list*, which can be written as a list of comma-separated values (items) between square brackets. Lists might contain items of different types, but usually the items all have the same type.

```
>>> squares = [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
>>> squares
[1, 4, 9, 16, 25]
```

```
>>>
```

Like strings (and all other built-in [sequence](#) type), lists can be indexed and sliced:

```
>>> squares[0] # indexing returns the item
1
>>> squares[-1]
25
>>> squares[-3:] # slicing returns a new list
[9, 16, 25]
```

```
>>>
```

# Python Lists vs. Sets

```
>>> list = ['apple', 'orange', 'pear']
>>> len(list)
3
>>> s = set(['apple', 'orange', 'pear'])
>>> s
{'orange', 'pear', 'apple'}
>>> 'orange' in s
True
>>> 'banana' in s
False
>>> 'banana' not in s
True
>>> 'banana' not in list
True
>>> 'orange' in list
True
>>> list = ['apple', 'orange', 'pear', 'apple']
>>> list
['apple', 'orange', 'pear', 'apple']
>>> s = set(['apple', 'orange', 'pear', 'apple'])
>>> s
{'orange', 'pear', 'apple'}
```

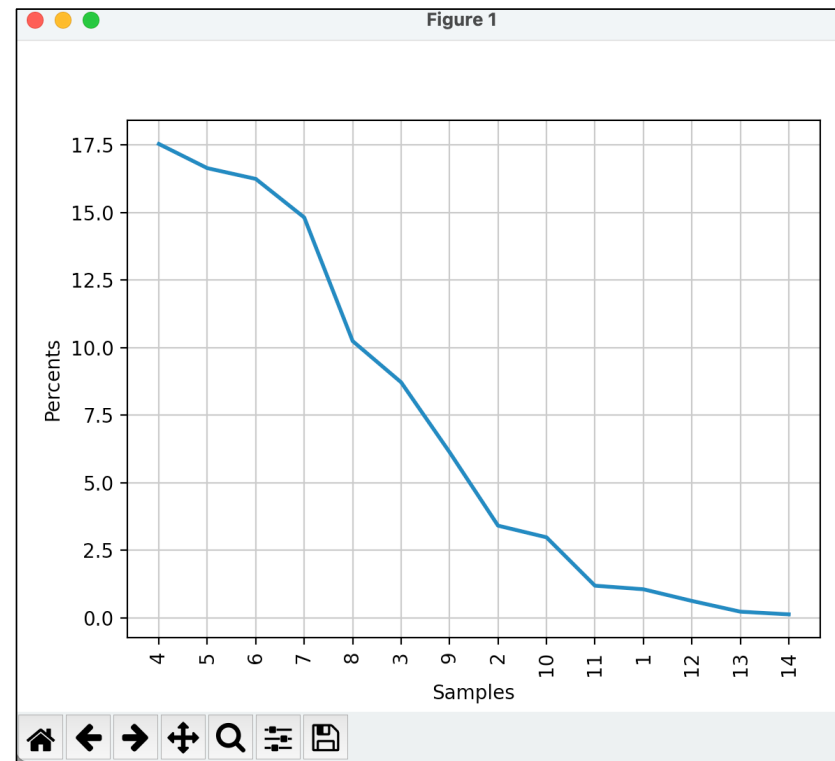
- `in` – membership
- `not in` – not a member of
- `set(List)` - produces a set, **no duplicates permitted**
- set is faster than list for lookup (hashtable)

## Exercise 2 extended

- word length distribution for the vocab of *Alice* (using set)

```
>>> vocab = set(alice)
>>> vwlen = [len(word) for word
in vocab]
>>> vfd = nltk.FreqDist(vwlen)
>>> vfd
FreqDist({4: 529, 5: 502, 6:
490, 7: 447, 8: 309, 3: 263, 9:
185, 2: 103, 10: 90, 11: 36,
...})
>>> vfd.plot(percent=True)
<AxesSubplot:xlabel='Samples',
ylabel='Percents'>
```

<https://www.nltk.org/api/nltk.probability.html>





# Python Lists

## 5.1. More on Lists

The list data type has some more methods. Here are all of the methods of list objects:

`list.append(x)`

Add an item to the end of the list. Equivalent to `a[len(a):] = [x]`.

`list.extend(iterable)`

Extend the list by appending all the items from the iterable. Equivalent to `a[len(a):] = iterable`.

`list.insert(i, x)`

Insert an item at a given position. The first argument is the index of the element before which to insert, so `a.insert(0, x)` inserts at the front of the list, and `a.insert(len(a), x)` is equivalent to `a.append(x)`.

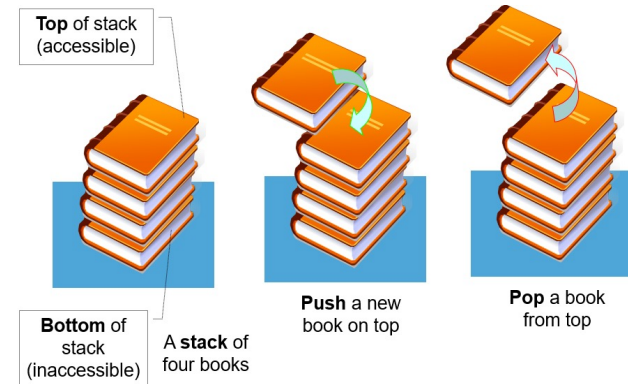
`list.remove(x)`

Remove the first item from the list whose value is `x`. It is an error if there is no such item.

# Python Lists

- Lists as stacks
- Lists as queues
- List Comprehensions (*see Exercise 2*)

<https://visualgo.net/en/list?slide=4>



<https://www.appcoda.com/ios-concurrency/>

# Python List as a Queue

## EXAMPLE:

```
[>>> list = ['c1', 'c2', 'c3']
[>>> list[0]
'c1'
[>>> list = list[1:]
[>>> list
['c2', 'c3']
[>>> list.append('c4')
[>>> list
['c2', 'c3', 'c4']
```

- Method `append()` to add to the queue
- `list[0]` gives us the head of the queue
- `list = list[1:]` deletes the head of the queue from the queue

# Python: Files

- Like all other programming languages, uses a file handle, called **file variable**: `open()`
- `infile = open("file.txt", "r")`      `outfile = open("results.txt", "w")`

`<filevar>.read()` Returns the entire remaining contents of the file as a single (potentially large, multi-line) string.

`<filevar>.readline()` Returns the next line of the file. That is all text up to *and including* the next newline character.

`<filevar>.readlines()` Returns a list of the remaining lines in the file. Each list item is a single line including the newline character at the end.

```
f = open(fname)
f = open(fname, encoding="utf-8")
f = open(fname, encoding="latin-1")
f = open(fname, encoding="ascii")
```

Removing the newline:

```
.strip()
.rstrip()
.lstrip()
```

```
infile = open(someFile, 'r')
for line in infile.readlines():
    # process the line here
infile.close()
```

```
infile = open(someFile, 'r')
for line in infile:
    # process the line here
infile.close()
```

Python 2.7

```
f = codecs.open('file.txt', encoding='utf-8')
```