



Python Programming

Lecture 5 Strings

5.1 Strings

- A string is a sequence of characters. The elements of a string are characters. Empty string ''. (not ' ') You can access the characters one at a time with the bracket operator.

```
1 >>> fruit = 'banana'
2 >>> fruit[1]
3 'a'
4 >>> len(fruit)
5 6
```

```
1 >>> fruit = 'banana'
2 >>> fruit[1:3]
3 'an'
4 >>> fruit[3:]
5 'ana'
```

- in operator

```
1 >>> print('a' in 'banana')
2 True
3 >>> print('seed' in 'banana')
4 False
5 >>> print('ana' not in 'banana')
6 False
```

- Iteration

```
1 fruit = 'banana'
2 for char in fruit:
3     print(char)
```

- Strings are immutable (similar to Tuples)

```
1 >>> greeting = 'Hello, world!'
2 >>> greeting[0] = 'J'
3
4 TypeError: 'str' object does not
5 support item assignment
```

```
1 >>> greeting = 'Hello, world!'
2 >>> new_greeting = 'J' + greeting[1:]
3 >>> print(new_greeting)
4
5 Jello, world!
```

- Comparison operations are useful for putting words in alphabetical order.

```
1 >>> print('apple' > 'banana')
2 False
3 >>> print('ba' > 'banana')
4 False
5 >>> a_list = ["orange", "apple", "banana"]
6 >>> sorted(a_list)
7 ['apple', 'banana', 'orange']
```

Methods of Strings

Converting Characters: `.title()`, `.lower()`, `.upper()`

- String's methods **do not** change the original variable but return values.

```
1 >>> name = "ada lovelace"
2 >>> print(name.title())
3 Ada Lovelace
4
5 >>> print(name)
6 ada lovelace
```

```
1 >>> name = "Ada Lovelace"
2 >>> print(name.upper())
3 ADA LOVELACE
4
5 >>> print(name.lower())
6 ada lovelace
```

Stripping Whitespace: `.lstrip()`, `.rstrip()`, `.strip()`

- To programmers 'python' and 'python ' look pretty much the same. But to a program, they are two different strings. To ensure that no whitespace exists at the right end of a string, use the `rstrip()` method.
- You can also strip whitespace from the left side of a string using the `lstrip()` method or strip whitespace from both sides at once using `strip()`.

```
1 >>> favorite_language = ' python '  
2 >>> favorite_language.rstrip()  
3 'python'  
4 >>> favorite_language.lstrip()  
5 'python '  
6 >>> favorite_language.strip()  
7 'python'
```

- However, it is only removed temporarily. To remove the whitespace from the string permanently, you have to store the stripped value back into the variable.

```
1 >>> favorite_language = 'python '  
2 >>> favorite_language = favorite_language.rstrip()  
3 >>> favorite_language  
4 'python'
```

Parsing Strings: `.find()`, `split()`, `.isalpha()`, `isspace()`

- `.find()` searches for the position of a string in another string

```
1 >>> word = 'banana'
2 >>> index = word.find('a')
3 >>> print(index)
4 1
5 >>> word.find('na')
6 2
7 >>> word.find('na', 3)
8 4
```

```
1 >>> data = 'From stephen.marquard@uct.ac.za Sat Jan 5 09:14:16 2008'
2 >>> atpos = data.find('@')
3 >>> print(atpos)
4 21
5 >>> sppos = data.find(' ', atpos)
6 >>> print(sppos)
7 31
8 >>> host = data[atpos+1 : sppos]
9 >>> print(host)
10 uct.ac.za
```

- `.split()` breaks a sentence into words and make a list

```
1 >>> s = 'break a sentence into words'
2 >>> t = s.split()
3 >>> print(t)
4 ['break', 'a', 'sentence', 'into', 'words']
```

- `.isalpha()` returns True if all characters in the string are alphabetic (A–Z, a–z), otherwise False.

`.isspace()` returns True if the string only contains whitespace characters (spaces, tabs, newlines), otherwise False.

```
1 >>> print("Hello".isalpha())    # True (全是字母)
2 >>> print("Hello123".isalpha())  # False (包含数字)
3 >>> print("你好".isalpha())      # True (支持中文等非拉丁字符)
4
5 >>> print("   ".isspace())      # True (全是空格)
6 >>> print("\t\n".isspace())     # True (制表符和换行符也算空白)
7 >>> print("Hello".isspace())    # False (包含字母)
```

Formatted String Literals

```
1 >>> number = 42
2 >>> print('I have spotted number camels.') #error.
3 >>> print('I have spotted '+str(number)+' camels.') #not simple
```

```
1 >>> number = 42
2 >>> print(f'I have spotted {number} camels.')
3 I have spotted 42 camels.
```

```
1 >>> animal = 'camels'
2 >>> number = 42.12345678
3 >>> print(f'''I spotted {number:.2f} {animal}.''')
4 I spotted 42.12 camels.
5 >>> print(f'''I spotted {number:.0f} {animal}.''')
6 I spotted 42 camels.
7
8 >>> print(f'''I spotted {number:.2} {animal}.''')
9 I spotted 4.2e+01 camels.
10 >>> print(f'''I spotted {number:.5} {animal}.''')
11 I spotted 42.123 camels.
12
13 >>> print(f'''I spotted {number:.2%} {animal}.''')
14 I spotted 4212.35% camels.
```

String: Summary

- The elements of a string are characters. Empty string ""
- Features: Ordered, Repeatable, **Immutable**
- Index and slice are the same with that of tuples.
- in operator shows the boolean value for whether a string contains a given string.
- You can compare two strings in Alphabetical order.
- String Methods
 - **.upper(), lower(), .title()**
 - **rstrip(), .lstrip(), .strip()**
 - **.find(), .split(), .isalpha(), isspace()**
- Formatted String Literals

5.2 Sentiment Analysis (情感分析)

情感分析(简化版)

情感分析 (Sentiment Analysis) ，也称为情绪分析或意见挖掘，广泛用于各种行业和场景，帮助企业和个人理解文本中的情感倾向（正面、负面或中性）。以下是几个重要的应用场景：

- 社交媒体分析：检测品牌口碑，舆情监测
- 客户反馈分析：产品评论分析，客服聊天分析
- 电影音乐书籍评鉴分析：推荐算法改进，自动总结评论
- 竞争对手分析：市场调研，行业趋势分析
- 股票市场预测：金融新闻，社交媒体

- 1. Text Cleaning: Remove punctuation, convert to lowercase, split words, remove stopwords
- 2. Sentiment Analysis: Count positive/negative words to determine sentiment

```
1 text = "This movie was absolutely amazing! The story was engaging\  
2 and the characters were great. However, some scenes felt unnecessary\  
3 and a bit boring. Overall, I loved it!"
```

```
1 text = text.lower()  
2 # 去除标点（只保留字母和空格）  
3 cleaned_text = ""  
4 for char in text:  
5     if char.isalpha() or char.isspace():  
6         cleaned_text += char  
7  
8 words = cleaned_text.split()  
9  
10 # 去除简单的停用词（自己定义）  
11 stop_words = ["the", "was", "and", "a", "it", "i", "some"]  
12 filtered_words = [] # 创建一个空列表来存放保留的单词  
13 for word in words:  
14     if word not in stop_words: # 仅当单词不在停用词中时才添加  
15         filtered_words.append(word)  
16  
17 print("关键词: ", filtered_words)
```

```
1 # 定义正面 & 负面词
2 positive_words = ["amazing", "great", "engaging", "loved"]
3 negative_words = ["boring", "unnecessary", "bad", "terrible"]
4
5 # 计算正面词的数量
6 pos_count = 0
7 for word in filtered_words:
8     if word in positive_words:
9         pos_count += 1
10
11 # 计算负面词的数量
12 neg_count = 0
13 for word in filtered_words:
14     if word in negative_words:
15         neg_count += 1
```

```
1 # 判断情感倾向
2 if pos_count > neg_count:
3     sentiment = "正面"
4 elif neg_count > pos_count:
5     sentiment = "负面"
6 else:
7     sentiment = "中性"
8
9 print("情感分析结果: ", sentiment)
10 print(f"（正面词: {pos_count} 个, 负面词: {neg_count} 个）")
```

- 早在2010年，就有学者指出，可以依靠Twitter公开信息的情感分析来预测股市的涨落，准确率高达87.6%!
- 这个简化版只用到了几个单词的集合，而专业情感分析库（如，TextBlob、VADER）通常包含上千个情感词，还能识别不同的语境。
- 在 VADER 词典中，每个单词都有情感强度评分（如 “amazing” 可能是 4.0， “good” 可能是 1.9）。本例中没有这种权重计算。
- 真实情感分析库可以处理否定词、语法结构等，如 "not bad" 可能被解析为正面，而不是简单地统计 “not” 和 “bad” 的出现次数。

5.3 Chinese Idiom Relay (成语接龙)

- 1. 加载成语词典。
- 2. 给定一个成语，找到可以接上的所有成语。
- 3. 从一个给定的成语开始，一直接下去，到不能接下去为止。

```
1 # 1. 加载成语词典
2 filename = 'idiom_dictionary.txt'
3 with open(filename, encoding="utf-8") as file_object:
4     lines = file_object.readlines() #List
```

```
1 d_game={}
2 for line in lines:
3     if line!="\n":
4         endpoint=line.find("拼音")
5         idiom = line[:endpoint].strip()
6         pinyin_start = line.find(": ", endpoint)
7         pinyin_end =line.find("释义")
8         each= line[pinyin_start+1: pinyin_end]
9         pinyin_list = each.split()
10        d_game[idiom] = pinyin_list
11 print(len(d_game))
```

```
1 # 2. 给定一个成语，找到可以接上的所有成语
2 idiom = input("请输入第一个成语\n")
3 char_4th = d_game[idiom][-1]
4 for x, y in d_game.items():
5     if char_4th == y[0]:
6         print(x)
```

```
1 # 3. 从一个给定的成语开始，一直接下去，到不能接下去为止。
2 idiom = input("请输入第一个成语\n")
3 enter=""
4 while enter!="q":
5     char_4th = d_game[idiom][-1]
6     for x, y in d_game.items():
7         if char_4th == y[0]:
8             idiom = x
9             print(idiom)
10            break
11    enter=input("continue?")
```

- 有可能找不到能够接下去的成语了，但是程序不会结束，怎么解决呢？

```
1 idiom = input("请输入第一个成语\n")
2 enter=""
3 exist = True
4 while enter!="q" and exist:
5     char_4th = d_game[idiom][-1]
6     for x, y in d_game.items():
7         if char_4th == y[0]:
8             idiom = x
9             print(idiom)
10            exist = True
11            break
12        else:
13            exist = False
14    if exist:
15        enter=input("continue?")
16    else:
17        print("对不起，没有成语了")
```

- 可进一步添加如下功能:
- 基本释义, 谐音取词, 人机对战, 随机取词

```
1 # 基本释义功能
2 # 修改第一步
3 d_ex={}
4 for line in lines:
5     if line!="\n":
6         endpoint=line.find("拼音")
7         idiom=line[:endpoint].strip()
8         pinyin_end=line.find("释义")
9         pinyin_start=line.find(": ", endpoint)
10        explanation=line[pinyin_end:]
11        d_ex[idiom]=explanation
12 words = input("请输入要查询的成语\n")
13 print(d_ex[words])
```

```
1 # 谐音取词
2 # 修改第一步
3 import unicodedata
4 d_game={}
5 for line in lines:
6     if line!="\n":
7         endpoint=line.find("拼音")
8         idiom=line[:endpoint].strip()
9         pinyin_start=line.find(": ", endpoint)
10        pinyin_end=line.find("释义")
11        each=line[pinyin_start+1: pinyin_end]
12        each=unicodedata.normalize('NFKD',each).encode('ascii','ignore').decode()
13        pinyin_list=each.split()
14        d_game[idiom]=pinyin_list
```

Summary

- Strings
- Reading: Python for Everybody
 - Strings Chapter 6

