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Lecture 20: Lists for Tallying; Text Processing
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## Value/Reference Semantics - Review

- Variables of type int, float, boolean, store values directly:

- Values are copied from one variable to another:
cats = age age $\square$ cats
- Variables of other types (like lists) store references to memory:

- References are copied from one variable to another:


## Lists for Tallying

## Extracting digits

- Given a number, how do we extract the digits one at a time? Ex: 590823
- Hint: use \% and //

```
>>> n = 590823
>>> n % 10
3
>>> n = n // 10
>>> n
59082
>>> n % 10
2
>>> n = n // 10
>>> n
5908
>>> n % 10
8
>>>
```


## A tallying problem

- Problem: Write a function most frequent digit(n) that returns the digit of a number $n$ that occurs most frequently.
- Example: the number 669260267 contains: one 0 , two 2 s , four 6 s , one 7 , and one 9 . most_frequent_digit(669260267) returns 6.
- If there is a tie, return the digit with the lower value.

```
most_frequent_digit(57135203) returns3.
```


## A tallying problem

- This is well-suited for a list.
- Note that there are 10 digits. Consider a list of 10 elements.
- The value at index i holds the number of occurrences of digit i
- Example for 669260267:

| index | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |



## Creating a list of tallies

```
# assume n = 669260267
```

```
counts = [0] * 10
```

while (n > 0):
\# pluck off a digit and add to its counter
digit = n \% 10
counts[digit] = counts[digit] +1
n = n // 10
$\begin{array}{lllllllllll}\text { index } & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9\end{array}$

value | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## Tally solution

\# Returns the digit value that occurs most frequently in $n$.
\# Breaks ties by choosing the smaller value.
def most_frequent_digit(n):
counts $=[0] * 10$
while (n > 0):
digit $=n$ \% $10 \quad \#$ pluck off a digit and tally it counts[digit] = count[digit] + 1
$\mathrm{n}=\mathrm{n} / / 10$
\# find the most frequently occurring digit
best_index $=0$
for i in range(1, len(counts)):
if (counts[i] > counts[best_index]):
best_index = i
return best_index

## Data transformations

- In many problems we transform data between forms.
- Example: digits $\rightarrow$ count of each digit $\rightarrow$ most frequent digit
- A transformation is computed/stored as a list.
- Sometimes we map between data and list indexes.
- tally (if digit is $i$, store its count at index $i$ )
- The problem structure affects the mapping


## Section attendance question

- Read a file of section attendance (see next slide for structure):
- And produce the following output:

```
Section 1
Student points: [20, 16, 17, 14, 11]
Student grades: [100.0, 80.0, 85.0, 70.0, 55.0]
Section 2
Student points: [16, 19, 14, 14, 8]
Student grades: [80.0, 95.0, 70.0, 70.0, 40.0]
Section 3
Student points: [16, 15, 16, 18, 14]
Student grades: [80.0, 75.0, 80.0, 90.0, 70.0]
```

- Students earn 3 points for each section attended up to 20.


## Section input file

```
student 123451234512345123451234512345123451234512345
week 
```



```
section 2 ayyanyyyyayanaayyanayyyananayayaynyayayynynya
section 3 yyayaynyyayyanynnyyyayyanayaynannnyyayyayayny
```

- Each line represents 9 weeks of attendance data for a section.
- Each week has 5 characters because there are 5 students in all sections.
- Within each week, each character represents one student's attendance:
- a means the student was absent
(+0 points)
- n means they attended but didn't do the problems (+2 points)
- y means they attended and did the problems (+3 points)


## Section input file (fragment)

- Look at 2 weeks of one section (one line of the file):

| student | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| index | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| value | y | y | n | Y | y | Y | n | a | y | a |

- For index i, a student is i \% 5 .

Student 1 Student 2 Student 3 Student 4 Student 5

| $0 \% 5$ | $1 \% 5$ | $2 \% 5$ | $3 \% 5$ | $4 \% 5$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $5 \% 5$ | $6 \% 5$ | $7 \% 5$ | $8 \% 5$ | $9 \% 5$ |

Need a list of length 5 to calculate the cumulative points for each student

## Get the points for each student of a section

\#Computes points earned for each student in a particular section. def count_points (line):

```
points = [0] * 5
```

for i in range (0, len(line)):
student $=i \% 5$
earned $=0$
if (line[i] == 'y'): \# values are 'y', 'n' or 'a'
earned $=3$
elif (line[i] $==$ 'n'):
earned $=2$
points[student] = points[student] + earned)
return points

Note: fix the code to cap the points earned

## Section Attendance - Answer

\# This program reads a file representing which students attended which discussion sections and produces output of the students section attendance and scores.

```
def main():
    file = open("sections.txt")
    lines = file.readlines()
    section = 1
    for line in lines:
        # process one section
        points = count_points(line)
        grades = compute_grades(points)
        results(section, points, grades)
        section += 1
# Produces all output about a particular section.
def results(section, points, grades):
    print("Section " + str(section))
    print("Student scores: " + str(points))
    print("Student grades: " + str(grades))
    print()
```


## Section Attendance - answer

```
# Computes the points earned for each student for a particular section.
def count points(line):
    point\overline{s}= [0] * 5
    for i in range(0, len(line)):
        student = i % 5
        earned = 0
        if (line[i] == 'y'): #values are 'Y', 'n' or 'a'
            earned = 3
        elif (line[i] == 'n'):
            earned = 2
        points[student] = min(20, points[student] + earned)
    return points
```

\# Computes the percentage for each student for a particular section.
def compute_grades(points):
grades $\equiv$ [0] * 5
for i in range(0, len(points)):
grades[i] = 100.0 * points[i] / 20
return grades

