

UNIT II

DATA TYPES, EXPRESSIONS, STATEMENTS

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1. Python interpreter

- Python is a cross-platform programming language, meaning, it runs on multiple platforms like Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, Unix
- It is free and open source.

Starting the Interpreter

- The Python interpreter is a program that reads and executes Python code.
- After installation, the python interpreter lives in the installed directory.
- Now there are two ways to start Python.
 1. Interactive mode
 2. Script Mode

Interactive mode

- Typing python in the command line will invoke the interpreter in interactive mode.
`>>>` - is a prompt that indicates that the interpreter is ready for you to enter code.
`>>> 5 + 4`
`9`
- This prompt can be used as a calculator. To exit this mode type `exit()` or `quit()` and press enter.

Script Mode

- This mode is used to execute Python program written in a file.
- Such a file is called a script.
- Python scripts have the extension `.py`
- For example: `helloWorld.py`
- To execute this file in script mode we simply write `python helloWorld.py` at the command prompt.

bug: An error in a program.

debugging: The process of finding and removing any of the three kinds of programming errors.

syntax: The structure of a program.

syntax error: An error in a program that makes it impossible to parse (and therefore impossible to interpret).

exception: An error that is detected while the program is running.

semantics: The meaning of a program.

2. Values and types

- A value is one of the basic things a program.
- There are different values integers, float and strings.
- The numbers with a decimal point belong to a type called float.
- The values written in quotes will be considered as string, even it's an integer.
- If type of value is not known it can be interpreted as

Eg: >>> type('Hello, World!')

<type 'str'>

>>> type(17)

<type 'int'>

>>> type('17')

<type 'str'>

>>> type('3.2')

<type 'str'>

Standard Data Types

- Python has various standard data types that are used to define the operations possible on them and the storage method for each of them.
- Python has five standard data types –
 - ❖ Numbers
 - ❖ String
 - ❖ List
 - ❖ Tuple
 - ❖ Dictionary

Python Numbers

- Number data types store numeric values.
- Number objects are created when you assign a value to them.
- For example –
var1 =1
var2 =10
- You can also delete the reference to a number object by using the del statement.
- The syntax of the del statement is –
del var1[,var2[,var3[....,varN]]]]

Python Strings

- Strings in Python are identified as a contiguous set of characters represented in the quotation marks.
- Python allows for either pairs of single or double quotes.

- Subsets of strings can be taken using the slice operator ([] and [:]) with indexes starting at 0 in the beginning of the string and working their way from -1 at the end.
- The plus (+) sign is the string concatenation operator and the asterisk (*) is the repetition operator.

- For example –

```
str = 'Python Programming' print str          # Prints complete string
print str[0]          # Prints first character of the string
print str[-1]         # Prints last character of the string
print str[2:5]        # Prints characters starting from 3rd to 5th
print str[2:]         # Prints string starting from 3rd character
print str * 2         # Prints string two times
print str + " Course" # Prints concatenated string
```

This will produce the following result –

```
Python Programming
P
g
tho
thon Programmin
Python ProgrammingPython Programming
Python Programming Course
```

Python Lists

- Lists are the most versatile of Python's compound data types.
- A list contains items separated by commas and enclosed within square brackets ([]).
- To some extent, lists are similar to arrays in C.
- One difference between them is that all the items belonging to a list can be of different data type.
- The values stored in a list can be accessed using the slice operator ([] and [:]) with indexes starting at 0 in the beginning of the list and working their way to end -1.
- The plus (+) sign is the list concatenation operator, and the asterisk (*) is the repetition operator.

- For example –

```
list = [ 'Hai', 123 , 1.75, 'vinu', 100.25 ]
smalllist = [251, 'vinu']
print list
print list[0]
print list[-1]
print list[1:3]
print list[2:]
print smalllist * 2
print list + smalllist
```

This produces the following result –

```
['Hai', 123, 1.75, 'vinu', 100.25]
Hai
100.25
```

```
[123, 1.75]
[1.75, 'vinu', 100.25]
[251, 'vinu', 251, 'vinu']
['Hai', 123, 1.75, 'vinu', 100.25, 251, 'vinu']
```

Python Boolean

- A Boolean type was added to Python 2.3.
- Two new constants were added to the `__builtin__` module,
- True and False.
- True and False are simply set to integer values of 1 and 0 and aren't a different type.

```
>>>bool(1)
True
>>>bool(0)
False
>>> False + 1
1
>>> False * 85
0
>>> True * 85
85
>>>True+True
2
>>>False+False
0
```

3 VARIABLES

- A variable is a name that refers to a value.
- Variable reserved memory locations to store values.
- This means that when you create a variable you reserve some space in memory.
- Based on the data type of a variable, the interpreter allocates memory and decides what can be stored in the reserved memory

Assignment Statements

- An assignment statement creates a new variable and gives it a value:

```
>>>message = 'Introducing Python Variable'
>>>num = 15
>>>radius = 5.4
```
- This example makes three assignments.
- The first assigns a string to a new variable named message;
- the second gives the integer 15 to num;
- the third assigns floating point value 5.4 to variable radius.

Variable Names

- Programmers generally choose names for their variables that are meaningful
- **The Rules**
 - ❖ Variables names must start with a letter or an underscore,such as:
 `_mark`
 `mark_`

- ❖ The remainder of your variable name may consist of letters, numbers and underscores.
 subject1
 my2ndsubject
 un_der_scores
- ❖ Names are case sensitive.
 case_sensitive, CASE_SENSITIVE, and Case_Sensitive are each a different variable.
- ❖ Can be any (reasonable) length
- ❖ There are some reserved (KeyWords) words which you cannot use as a variable name
- If you give a variable an illegal name, you get a syntax error:

```
>>>1book = 'python'
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
>>>more@ = 1000000
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
>>>class = 'Fundamentals of programming'
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
```
- 1book is illegal because it begins with a number.
- more@ is illegal because it contains an illegal character,
- class is illegal because it is a keyword.

Good Variable Name

- Choose meaningful name instead of short name.
- roll_no is better than rn.
- Maintain the length of a variable name.
- Roll_no_of_a_student is too long? Be consistent; roll_no or orRollNo
- Begin a variable name with an underscore(_) character for a special case.

3.1 EXPRESSIONS AND STATEMENTS

- An expression is a combination of values, variables, and operators.
- A value all by itself is considered an expression, and so is a variable, so the following are all legal expressions:

```
>>> 50
50
>>> 10<5
False
>>> 50+20
70
```
- When you type an expression at the prompt, the interpreter evaluates it, which means that it finds the value of the expression.

3.2 STATEMENT

- A statement is a unit of code that has an effect, like creating a variable or displaying a value.

```
>>> n = 25
>>> print(n)
```
- The first line is an assignment statement that gives a value to n.

- The second line is a print statement that displays the value of n.
- When you type a statement, the interpreter executes it, which means that it does whatever the statement says.
- In general, statements don't have values.

Difference Between a Statement and an Expression

- A statement is a complete line of code that performs some action, while an expression is any section of the code that evaluates to a value.
- Expressions can be combined —horizontally— into larger expressions using operators, while statements can only be combined —vertically— by writing one after another, or with block constructs.
- Every expression can be used as a statement, but most statements cannot be used as expressions.

3.3 TUPLE ASSIGNMENT

- It is often useful to swap the values of two variables.
- With conventional assignments, you have to use a temporary variable.
- For example, to swap a and b:


```
>>>temp = a
>>> a = b
>>> b = temp
>>>a, b = b, a
```
- This is called tuple assignment
- The left side is a tuple of variables; the right side is a tuple of expressions.
- Each value is assigned to its respective variable.
- All the expressions on the right side are evaluated before any of the assignments.
- The number of variables on the left and the number of values on the right have to be the same.


```
>>>a, b = 1, 2, 3
ValueError: too many values to unpack
```
- More generally, the right side can be any kind of sequence (string, list or tuple).
- For example, to split an email address into a user name and a domain, you could write:


```
>>>addr = 'monty@python.org'
>>>uname, domain = addr.split('@')
```

The return value from split is a list with two elements; the first element is assigned to uname, the second to domain.

```
>>>uname 'monty'
>>>domain 'python.org'
```

3.4 OPERATORS

- Operators are special symbols in Python that carry out computation.
 - The value that the operator operates on is called the operand.
- For example:
- ```
>>>10+5
15
```
- Here, + is the operator that performs addition.

- 10 and 5 are the operands and 15 is the output of the operation.
- Python has a number of operators which are classified below.
  - 1) Arithmetic operators
  - 2) Comparison (Relational) operators
  - 3) Logical (Boolean) operators
  - 4) Bitwise operators
  - 5) Assignment operators
  - 6) Special operators

#### i) Arithmetic Operators

- Arithmetic operators are used to perform mathematical operations like addition, subtraction, multiplication etc.

Example

```
x = 7
y = 3
print('x + y =',x+y)
print('x - y =',x-y)
print('x * y =',x*y)
print('x / y =',x/y)
print('x // y =',x//y)
print('x % y =',x%y)
print('x ** y =',x**y)
```

When you run the program, the output will be:

```
x + y = 10
x - y = 4
x * y = 21
x / y = 2.3333333333333335
x // y = 2
x % y = 1
x ** y = 343
```

| Operator | Meaning                                                                                          | Example                  |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| +        | Add two operands or unary plus                                                                   | x + y<br>+2              |
| -        | Subtract right operand from the left or unary minus                                              | x - y<br>-2              |
| *        | Multiply two operands                                                                            | x * y                    |
| /        | Divide left operand by the right one (always results into float)                                 | x / y                    |
| %        | Modulus - remainder of the division of left operand by the right                                 | x % y (remainder of x/y) |
| //       | Floor division - division that results into whole number adjusted to the left in the number line | x // y                   |
| **       | Exponent - left operand raised to the power of right                                             | x**y (x to the power y)  |

#### ii) Comparison or Relational Operators

- Comparison operators are used to compare values. It either returns True or False according to the condition.

| Operator | Meaning                                                                               | Example  |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| >        | Greater than - True if left operand is greater than the right                         | $x > y$  |
| <        | Less than - True if left operand is less than the right                               | $x < y$  |
| ==       | Equal to - True if both operands are equal                                            | $x == y$ |
| !=       | Not equal to - True if operands are not equal                                         | $x != y$ |
| >=       | Greater than or equal to - True if left operand is greater than or equal to the right | $x >= y$ |
| <=       | Less than or equal to - True if left operand is less than or equal to the right       | $x <= y$ |

### Example

```

x = 5
y = 7
print('x > y is',x>y)
print('x < y is',x<y)
print('x == y is',x==y)
print('x != y is',x!=y)
print('x >= y is',x>=y)
print('x <= y is',x<=y)

```

When you run the program, the output will be:

```

x > y is False
x < y is True
x == y is False
x != y is True
x >= y is False
x <= y is True

```

### iii) Logical Operators

- Logical operators are the and, or, not operators.

| Operator | Meaning                                            | Example            |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| and      | True if both the operands are true                 | $x \text{ and } y$ |
| or       | True if either of the operands is true             | $x \text{ or } y$  |
| not      | True if operand is false (complements the operand) | not $x$            |

### Example

```

x = True
y = False
print('x and y is',x and y)
print('x or y is',x or y)
print('not x is',not x)

```

When you run the program, the output will be:

```

x and y is False
x or y is True
not x is False

```

#### iv) Bitwise Operators

- Bitwise operators act on operands as if they were string of binary digits. It operates bit by bit, hence the name.

For example, 2 is 10 in binary and 7 is 111.

| Operator | Meaning             | Example                       |
|----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| &        | Bitwise AND         | $x \& y = 0$ (0000 0000)      |
|          | Bitwise OR          | $x   y = 14$ (0000 1110)      |
| ~        | Bitwise NOT         | $\sim x = -11$ (1111 0101)    |
| ^        | Bitwise XOR         | $x \wedge y = 14$ (0000 1110) |
| >>       | Bitwise right shift | $x \gg 2 = 2$ (0000 0010)     |
| <<       | Bitwise left shift  | $x \ll 2 = 40$ (0010 1000)    |

#### Example

```
x=10
y=4
print('x& y=',x& y)
print('x | y=',x | y)
print('~x=',~x)
print('x ^ y=',x ^ y)
print('x>> 2=',x>> 2)
print('x<< 2=',x<< 2)
```

When you run the program, the output will be:

```
x& y= 0
x | y= 14
~x= -11
x ^ y= 14
x>> 2= 2
x<< 2= 40
```

#### v) Assignment Operators

- Assignment operators are used in Python to assign values to variables.
- `a=10` assigns the value 10 on the right side to the variable `a` on the left.
- There are various compound operators in Python like `a += 10` that adds to the variable and later assigns the same. It is equivalent to `a = a + 10`.

| Operator | Example        | Equivalent to    |
|----------|----------------|------------------|
| =        | $x = 5$        | $x = 5$          |
| +=       | $x += 5$       | $x = x + 5$      |
| -=       | $x -= 5$       | $x = x - 5$      |
| *=       | $x *= 5$       | $x = x * 5$      |
| /=       | $x /= 5$       | $x = x / 5$      |
| %=       | $x \% = 5$     | $x = x \% 5$     |
| //=      | $x //= 5$      | $x = x // 5$     |
| **=      | $x ** = 5$     | $x = x ** 5$     |
| &=       | $x \& = 5$     | $x = x \& 5$     |
| =        | $x   = 5$      | $x = x   5$      |
| ^=       | $x \wedge = 5$ | $x = x \wedge 5$ |
| >>=      | $x \gg = 5$    | $x = x \gg 5$    |
| <<=      | $x \ll = 5$    | $x = x \ll 5$    |

## vi) Special Operators

- Python language offers some special type of operators like the identity operator or the membership operator. They are described below with examples.

### a) Identity Operators

- is** and **is not** are the identity operators in Python. They are used to check if two values (or variables) are located on the same part of the memory.
- Two variables that are equal does not imply that they are identical.

| Operator | Meaning                                                                  | Example       |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| is       | True if the operands are identical (refer to the same object)            | x is True     |
| is not   | True if the operands are not identical (do not refer to the same object) | x is not True |

#### Example

```
x1 = 7
y1 = 7
x2 = 'Welcome'
y2 = 'Welcome'
x3 = [1,2,3]
y3 = [1,2,3]
print(x1 is not y1)
print(x2 is y2)
print(x3 is y3)
```

When you run the program, the output will be:

```
False
True
False
```

### b) Membership Operators

- in** and **in not** are the membership operator.
- They are used to test whether a value or a variable is found in a sequence ( string, list, tuple, set and dictionary)

| Operator | Meaning                                             | Example    |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
| in       | True if value/variable is found in the sequence     | 5 in x     |
| not in   | True if value/variable is not found in the sequence | 5 not in x |

#### Example

```
x = 'Python Programming'
print('Program' not in x)
print('Program' in x)
print('program' in x)
When you run the program, the output will be:
False
```

True

False

- Here, ' Program ' is in x but ' program' is not present in x, since Python is case sensitive

### 3.4.1 PRECEDENCE OF PYTHON OPERATORS

- The combination of values, variables, operators and function calls is termed as an expression.
- Python interpreter can evaluate a valid expression.
- When an expression contains more than one operator, the order of evaluation depends on the Precedence of operations.

For example, multiplication has higher precedence than subtraction.

```
>>> 20 - 5*3
```

```
5
```

But we can change this order using parentheses () as it has higher precedence.

```
>>> (20 - 5) *3
```

```
45
```

- The operator precedence in Python are listed in the following table. It is in descending order, upper group has higher

| Operators                                    | Meaning                                           |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| ()                                           | Parentheses                                       |
| **                                           | Exponent                                          |
| +x, -x, ~x                                   | Unary plus, Unary minus, Bitwise NOT              |
| *, /, //, %                                  | Multiplication, Division, Floor division, Modulus |
| +, -                                         | Addition, Subtraction                             |
| <<, >>                                       | Bitwise shift operators                           |
| &                                            | Bitwise AND                                       |
| ^                                            | Bitwise XOR                                       |
|                                              | Bitwise OR                                        |
| ==, !=, >, >=, <, <=, is, is not, in, not in | Comparisons, Identity, Membership operators       |
| not                                          | Logical NOT                                       |
| and                                          | Logical AND                                       |
| or                                           | Logical OR                                        |

### 3.4.2 ASSOCIATIVITY OF PYTHON OPERATORS

- We can see in the above table that more than one operator exists in the same group.
- These operators have the same precedence.
- When two operators have the same precedence, associativity helps to determine which the order of operations.
- Associativity is the order in which an expression is evaluated that has multiple operator of the same precedence.
- Almost all the operators have left-to-right associativity.

For example, multiplication and floor division have the same precedence.

Hence, if both of them are present in an expression, left one is evaluates first.

```
>>> 10 * 7 // 3
23
>>> 10 * (7//3)
20
>>> (10 * 7)//3
23
```

We can see that  $10 * 7 // 3$  is equivalent to  $(10 * 7) // 3$ .  
Exponent operator `**` has right-to-left associativity in Python.

```
>>> 5 ** 2 ** 3
390625
>>> (5 ** 2) ** 3
15625
>>> 5 ** (2 ** 3)
390625
```

We can see that  $2 ** 3 ** 2$  is equivalent to  $2 ** (3 ** 2)$ .

### 3.5 COMMENTS

- As programs get bigger and more complicated, they get more difficult to read.
- Formal languages are dense, and it is often difficult to look at a piece of code and figure out what it is doing, or why.
- For this reason, it is a good idea to add notes to your programs to explain in natural language what the program is doing.
- These notes are called comments, and they start with the `#` symbol:

```
compute Area of a triangle using Base and Height
```

```
area= (base*height)/2
```

- In this case, the comment appears on a line by itself. You can also put comments at the end of a line:

```
area= (base*height)/2 # Area of a triangle using Base and Height
```

- Everything from the `#` to the end of the line is ignored—it has no effect on the execution of the program.
- Comments are most useful when they document non-obvious features of the code.
- If we have comments that extend multiple lines, one way of doing it is to use hash (`#`) in the beginning of each line. For example:

```
#This is a long comment
#and it extends
#to multiple lines
```

- Another way of doing this is to use triple quotes, either `'''` or `"""`.  
`"""This is also a  
perfect example of  
multi-line comments"""`

## 4. ILLUSTRATIVE PROBLEMS

### 4.1 EXCHANGE THE VALUES OF TWO VARIABLES

- In python exchanging the values can be done in three ways
  - i) Using third variable
  - ii) Using tuple assignment method
  - iii) Using arithmetic operator
  - iv) Using bitwise operator

#### 4.1.1 Using third variable

```
1 var1 = input("Enter value of variable1: ")
2 var2 = input("Enter value of variable2: ")
3 temp = var1
4 var1 = var2
5 var2 = temp
6 print("After swapping:")
7 print("First Variable =",var1,)
8 print("Second Variable=",var2,)
```

When you run the program, the output will be:

```
Enter value of variable1: 5
Enter value of variable2: 10
After swapping:
First Variable = 10
Second Variable= 5
```

#### 4.1.2 Using tuple assignment

- In this method instead of using the line number 3,4 and 5 we can just code  
var1,var2=var2,var1

#### 4.1.3 Using arithmetic operator

##### 4.1.3.1 Addition and Subtraction

- In this method in the above program instead of line number 3,4,5 use the following code

```
x = x + y
y = x - y
x = x - y
```

##### 4.1.3.2 Multiplication and Division

- In this method in the above program instead of line number 3,4,5 use the following code

```
x = x * y
y = x / y
x = x / y
```

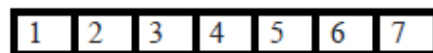
#### 4.1.4 Using Bitwise Operator

- If the variables are integers then we can perform swapping with the help of bitwise XOR operator.
- In order to do this in the above program instead of line number 3,4,5 use the following code

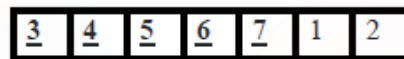
```
x = x ^ y
y = x ^ y
x = x ^ y
```

#### 4.2 CIRCULATE THE VALUE OF N VARIABLES

- Problem of circulating a Python list by an arbitrary number of items to the right or left can be easily performed by List slicing operator.



- Consider the above list Figure 2.4.a; circulation of the above list by n position can be easily achieved by slicing the array into two and concatenating them.
- Slicing is done as nth element to end element + beginning element to n-1th element. Suppose n=2 means, given list is rotated 2 positions towards left side



- Suppose n = - 2 means, given list is rotated 2 position towards right side



- So the simple function to perform this circulation operation is

```
def circulate(list, n):
 return list[n:] + list[:n]
>>> circulate([1,2,3,4,5,6,7], 2)
[3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1, 2]
>>> circulate([1,2,3,4,5,6,7], -2)
[6, 7, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

#### 4.3 DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINT

```
Import math
p1=[4,0]
p2=[6,6]
distance=math.sqrt((p1[0]-p2[0]**2)+p1[1]-p2[1]**2))
print(distance)
```

##### Output

Distance between two points

6.3245532