Compsci 101
Sorting and why Dictionaries are so fast

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V is for ...

• Viral Video
  • Husky Dog sings with iPAD – 18 million views
    • https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mk4bmK-acEM

• Virtual Memory
  • It is and is not there!

• Virtual Reality
  • Augmenting IRL

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“If I have learned one thing from my research, it’s this: social media services like Facebook and Twitter are providing teens with new opportunities to participate in public life, and this, more than anything else, is what concerns many anxious adults.”

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• APT-6 due Tuesday, November 29

• Assign 6 – Recommender, due Tuesday, 12/6
  • Must be turned in by 12/7! No extensions!
  • Start Early!

• No lab this week! No class Thursday! Enjoy the break

• Exam 3 – Thursday, Dec 1

WOTO-1 Review Sorting

PFTD

• Review Sorting
• Some Sorting APTs
• Why Dictionaries are so fast

When and What’s in CompSci 101

• Problem to solve
  • Use 7 steps
  • Step 5: How do you translate algorithm to code?
    • What do you use to solve it?
    • When do you use it?
What are the “what’s”?

- *Data Structures: list, set, dictionary, tuple*
  - Combined: list of lists, dictionary of key to list
- *Loops*: from for to while, index loop
- *Other:*
  - List comprehensions
  - Parallel lists
  - Lambda
  - If...if...if
  - If...elif...else

Quick When’s and What’s for 101

- *Whichever makes more sense to you:*
  - Parallel lists vs dictionaries
  - If...if...if vs if...elif...else
  - List comprehension vs for loop
  - Tuples vs Lists
    - If you want to prevent mutation -> tuples
  - Need single line function
    - Lambda vs create normal helper function

APT – Sorted Freqs

APT SortedFreqs

**Problem Statement**

The frequency with which data occurs is sometimes an important statistic. In this problem you'll determine how frequently strings occur and return a list representing the frequencies of each different/unique string. The list returned contains as many frequencies as there are unique strings. The returned frequencies represent an alphabetical/lexicographic ordering of the unique words, so the first frequency is how many times the alphabetically first word occurs and the last frequency is the number of times the alphabetically last word occurs.

Consider these strings (quotes for clarity, they're not part of the strings):

- "apple", "pear", "cherry", "apple", "sherry", "pear", "apple", "banana"

The list returned is `{3,1,2,2}` since the alphabetically first word is "apple" which occurs 3 times; the second word alphabetically is "banana" which occurs once, and the other words each occur twice.

**Specification**

```python
filename: SortedFreqs.py
def freqs(data):
    # return list of int values corresponding to frequencies of strings in data, a list of strings

# Example usage:
data = ['apple', 'pear', 'cherry', 'apple', 'sherry', 'pear', 'apple', 'banana']
frequencies = freqs(data)
```

**Count how many times each string occurs**

- Create `d = {}`, iterate over list updating values
- **OR**
  - Use `data.count(w)` for each `w`

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  - Use `data.count(w)` for each `w`
    - Wait, that looks like ...

```python
6  def freqs(data):
7    return [data.count(d) for d in sorted(set(data))]
```

Wait, wait, but what's ...

- **SortByFreqs**
  - [https://www2.cs.duke.edu/csed/pythonapt/sortbyfreqs.html](https://www2.cs.duke.edu/csed/pythonapt/sortbyfreqs.html)

- **Sort by # occurrences high to low**
  - Tuples with count/lambda and `reverse=True`?
  - Break ties in alphabetical order: two passes

```python
6  def sort(data):
7    tups = [(data.count(t), t) for t in sorted(set(data))]
8    result = [t[1] for t in sorted(tups, key=lambda x: x[0], reverse=True)]
9    return result
```
**SortByFreqs Example**

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data = ["apple", "pear", "cherry", "apple", "pear", "apple", "banana"]
tups = [(3, "apple"),(1, "banana"),(1,"cherry"),(2,"pear")]
sorted(...) line 8 = [(3,"apple"),(2,"pear"),(1, "banana"),(1,"cherry")]

result = ["apple", "pear", "banana", "cherry"]
```

PRINT A LOT!

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**WOTO-2**


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**How do Dictionaries work so fast?**

- **How are they implemented?**
Review: Problem – which word occurs the most frequently in a file

- Need to count how many times each word occurs
  - slowcount – for each word in a set, calls count
  - fastcount – counting dictionary

slowcount function

Short Code and Long Time

- See module WordFrequencies.py
  - Find # times each word in a list of words occurs
  - We have tuple/pair: word and word-frequency

```python
def slowcount(words):
    pairs = [(w, words.count(w)) for w in set(words)]
    return sorted(pairs)
```

- Think: How many times is `words.count(w)` called?
  - Why is `set(words)` used in list comprehension?

Using fastcount

- Update count if we've seen word before
  - Otherwise it's the first time, occurs once

```python
def fastcount(words):
    d = {}
    for w in words:
        if w in d:
            d[w] += 1
        else:
            d[w] = 1
    return sorted(d.items())
```

Let’s run them and compare them!

- Run with Melville and observe time
  - slowcount about 0.76 seconds
  - fastcount about 0.00 seconds

- Run with Hawthorne and observe time
  - slowcount about 14.6 seconds
  - fastcount about 0.03 seconds
Here is the idea behind how dictionaries work

Simple Example
Want a mapping of Soc Sec Num to Names

- Duke’s CS Student Union wants to be able to quickly find out info about its members. Also add, delete and update members. Doesn't need members sorted.
  - 267-89-5431  John Smith
  - 703-25-6141  Ademola Olayinka
  - 319-86-2115  Betty Harris
  - 476-82-5120  Rose Black

- Dictionary d – SSN to names
  - d['267-89-5431'] = 'John Smith'
  - How does it find 'John Smith' so fast?

Dictionary d(SSN) = (SSN, name)

- We actually would map the SSN to the tuple of (SSN, name).
- That is a lot to display on a slide, so we will just show SSN to name
- But remember name is really a tuple of (SSN,name)

Simple Example
Let’s look under the hood.
How are dictionaries implemented?

- Dictionaries implemented with a list, in a clever way
- How do we put something into the list fast?
- How do we find it in the list quickly?
  - d['267-89-5431'] = ‘John Smith’
  - List size is 11 – from 0 to 10
  - d['267-89-5431'] calculates index location in list of where to put this tuple (SSN,name)
  - Use a function to calculate where to store ‘John Smith’
    - H(ssn) = (last 2 digits of ssn) mod 11
    - Called a Hash function
Have a list of size 11 from 0 to 10

- Insert these into the list
- Insert as (key, value) tuple
  (267-89-5431, John Smith)
  (in example, only showing name)

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Collision!

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Must resolve collisions

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When does this work well?

- When there are few collisions
- You have to deal with collisions
- Use a list large enough to spread out your data

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Another way: Use a list of lists

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Collisions added to list, 2 in list 9

WOTO-3 How Dictionaries Work

APT WordPlay

APT: WordPlay

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• 3rd Ties: alphabetical sub-word between first and last letter

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def sortinorder(phrase):
    alist = list(set(phrase.split()))
    blist = sorted(alist, key=lambda f: f[1:-1])
    clist = sorted(blist, key=lambda f: f[-1], reverse=True)
    dlist = sorted(clist, key=lambda f: f[0])
    elist = sorted(dlist, key=lambda x: len(x), reverse=True)
    return " ".join([x for x in elist])