Objectives

Two-dimensional lists

Review

- What is exception handling?
 - How do we implement it in our code? What is the structure?
 - What are best practices?
- What are the two types of search we discussed?
 - How do they work?
 - How do they compare?
 - What are the tradeoffs between using linear search and binary search?

- Lists (for today's lesson...)
 - How do we find the number of elements in the list?
 - How can we find the value of the third element in the list?

Review: Handling Exceptions

Using try/except statements

• Example:

```
try:
    age = int(input("Enter your age: "))
    Typical/normal behavior
    currentyear = int(input("Enter the current year: "))
except:
    print("Error: Your input was not in the correct form.")
    print("Enter integers for your age and the current year")
    sys.exit(1)
    Handle exception
```

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Review: Best Practices

Prevent errors as best you can
Example: use if statements to verify data
For errors you can't prevent, handle them!
Example: We can check if a file exists before trying to read it BUT between the check and actually reading the file, the file could be deleted from the system!

Review: Search Using in Review

- Iterates through a list, checking if the element is found
- Known as linear search

Implementation:

```
def linearSearch(searchlist, key):
    for elem in searchlist:
        if elem == key:
            return True
        return False
```

value	8	5	3	7
pos	0	1	2	3

Alternative: Like index method

- Iterates through *positions* in a list, checking if the element is found
- Still known as *linear search*

Implementation:

```
def linearSearch(searchlist, key):
    for pos in len(range(searchlist)):
        if searchlist[pos] == key:
            return pos
        return -1
```

Review: Linear Search

Overview: Iterates through a list, checking if the element is found

• Benefits:

➢Works on any list

• Drawbacks:

Slow, on average: needs to check each element of list if the element is not in the list

Review: Binary Search:

Eliminate Half the Possibilities

- Repeat until find value (or looked through all values)
 - Guess middle value of possibilities
 - (not middle position)
 - >If match, found!
 - > Otherwise, find out too high or too low
 - Modify your possibilities
 - Eliminate the possibilities from your number and higher/lower, as appropriate
- Benefits: faster than linear search
- Drawbacks: requires sorted list

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Lists

We've used lists that contain

➢ Integers

- Strings
- Cards (Deck class)
- Persons (your Person class)
- We discussed that lists can contain multiple types of objects within the same list

> Wheel of Fortune: ["Bankrupt", 250, 350, ...]

• Lists can contain *any* **type** of object

Even LISTS!

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Review of Regular (1D) Lists onedlist = [7, -1, 23]

How do we find the number of elements in the list? How can we find the value of the third element in the list?

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A List of Lists: 2-Dimensional List

twod[0] twod[1] twod[2] twod = [[1,2,3,4], [5,6], [7,8,9,10,11]]



1st dimension

A List of Lists: 2-Dimensional list

twod = [[1,2,3,4], [5,6], [7,8,9,10,11]]



- "Rows" within 2-dimensional list do not need to be the same length
- However, it's often easier if they're the same length!
 We'll focus on "rectangular" 2D lists

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Handling Rectangular Lists



- What does each component of twod[1][2] mean?
- How can we programmatically determine the number of rows in twod? The number of columns in a given row?

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- How can we programmatically determine the number of rows in twod?
 rows = len(twod)
- The number of columns in a given row?

> cols = len(twod[whichRow])

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2D List Practice

Starting with the 2D list **twod** shown, what are the values in **twod** after running this code?

```
def mystery(twod):
    """ 'run' this on twod, at right """
    for row in range( len(twod) ):
        for col in range( len(twod[row]) ):
            if row == col:
                twod[row][col] = 42
        else:
               twod[row][col] += 1
```





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```





42	3	4	5
6	42	8	9
10	11	42	13

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Example Process for Creating a 2D List

twod = []

- Create a row of the list, e.g., row = [1, 2, 3, 4] or row = list(range(1,5)) or row = [0] * 4 or ...
- Then append that row to the list twod.append(row) print(twod)

• [[1, 2, 3, 4]]

Repeat

```
row = list(range(1,5))
twod.append( row )
print(twod)
```

• [[1, 2, 3, 4], [1, 2, 3, 4]] Apr 8, 2024

 Create a function that returns a 2D list with width cols and height rows

>Initialize each element in (sub) list to 0

def create2DList(rows, cols):

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Append row to twodlist







Append row to twodList



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Incorrect: Creating a 2D ListThe following code won't work. Why?

```
def noCreate2DList(rows, cols):
    twodlist = [ ]
    row = [ ]
```

```
for col in range( cols ):
    row.append(0)
```

```
for r in range( rows ):
    twodlist.append(row)
return twodlist
```

Explain this output from using this [incorrect] function to create a 2D list

```
Incorrect Matrix Creation:
Matrix:
[[0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 0, 0]]
Assigning matrix[1][2] = 3
Result:
[[0, 0, 3, 0], [0, 0, 3, 0], [0, 0, 3, 0]]
```

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All Rows of 2D List Point at Same Block of Memory

• Each "row" points to the same list in memory



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Graphical Representation of 2D Lists

• Module: csplot

Allows you to visualize your 2D list

>Numbers are represented by different colors

```
import csplot
...
# create 2D list...
twodlist=[ [0,0,0], [1,1,1], [2,2,2] ]
# display list graphically
csplot.show(twodlist)
```



Graphical Representation of 2D Lists

Can map colors to numbers

import csplot

```
"
"
# create 2D list...
twodlist=[ [0,0,0], [1,1,1], [2,2,2] ]
# create dictionary of numbers to color rep
numToColor = {0:"purple", 1:"blue", 2:"green"}
csplot.show(twodlist, numToColor)
```



Graphical Representation of 2D Lists

matrix = [[0,0,0], [1,1,1], [0,1,2]]

What values map to which colors by default? Other observations?



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Graphical Representation of 2D Lists

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What values map to which colors by default?

 Note representation of list/rows is not how we've been visualizing



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Game Board for Connect Four

- 6 rows, 7 columns board
- Players alternate dropping red/black checker into slot/column
- Player wins when have four checkers in a row vertically, horizontally, or diagonally

How do we represent the board as a 2D list, using a graphical representation?

Representing Connect Four Game BoardUsing a 2D list

Number	Meaning	Color
0	Free	Yellow
1	Player 1	Red
2	Player 2	Black

Representing Connect Four Game BoardUsing a 2D list

Number	Meaning	Color		00	•	2	D Windo	w	
0	Free	Yellow	Row	5					
1	Player 1	Red							
2	Player 2	Black							
			Row	0					

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ConnectFour Class

- What is the data associated with the class?
- What methods should we implement?

ConnectFour Class

Data

Constants

Board

- 6 rows, 7 columns
- All spaces FREE to start

- Methods
 - Constructor
 - Display the board
 - Play the game
 - Get input/move from user
 - Check if valid move
 - Make move
 - Check if win

ConnectFour Constants

```
class ConnectFour:
    """ Class representing the game Connect Four. """
    # Represent different values on the board
    FREE = 0
    PLAYER1 = 1
    PLAYER2 = 2

    # Represent the dimensions of the board
    ROWS = 6
    COLS = 7
```

To reference class's constants, use ConnectFour.CONSTANT

ConnectFour Class

Implementation of play the game method

➢ Repeat:

- Get input/move from user (depending on whose turn it is)
- Make move
- Display board
- Check if win
- Change player

```
def play(self):
    won = False
    player = ConnectFour.PLAYER1
```

```
while not won:
    print("Player {:d}'s move".format(player))
    if player == ConnectFour.PLAYER1:
        col = self._userChooseColumn()
    else: # computer is player 2
        # pause because otherwise move happens too
        # quickly and looks like an error
        sleep(.75)
        col = self._computerChooseColumn()
    row = self.makeMove(player, col)
    self.showBoard()
    won = self._isWon(row, col)
```

```
# alternate players
player = player % 2 + 1
```

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Connect Four (C4): Making moves

User clicks on a column

 \geq "Checker" is filled in at that column

gets the column where user clicked col = csplot.sqinput()

```
def _userChooseColumn(self):
     """Allow the user to pick a column."""
     col = csplot.sqinput()
     validMove = self._isValidMove(col)
     while not validMove:
         print("NOT A VALID MOVE.")
         print("PLEASE SELECT AGAIN.")
         print()
         col = csplot.sqinput()
         validMove = self._isValidMove(col)
     return col
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```

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Problem: C4 - Valid move?

- Need to enforce valid moves
 In physical game, run out of spaces for checkers if not a valid move
- How can we determine if a move is valid?
 How do we know when a move is *not* valid?

Problem: C4 - Valid move?

Solution: check the "top" spot
 If the spot is FREE, then it's a valid move

Problem: C4 - Making a Move

- The player clicks on a column, meaning that's where the player wants to put a checker
- How do we update the board?

Looking Ahead

Lab 11 – Tomorrow

Pre lab: Exception Handling

review nested lists, classes

Review implementation of binary search

Broader Issue Friday