

Lecture 10: October 31, 2019

Reading: §8

Assignments: Homework 3, due on November 8 at 11:59pm

1. Dictionary
 - (a) Collection of key-value pairs
2. Creating dictionaries
 - (a) Using `d = {}`
 - (b) Using `d = dict()`
3. Methods for dictionaries
 - (a) `k in D`: True if dictionary `D` has key `k`; else False
 - (b) `D.keys()`: list of keys in `D`
 - (c) `D.values()`: list of values in `D`
 - (d) `D.items()`: list of tuples (key, value) in `D`
 - (e) `D.get(k, d)`: if key `k` in `D`, return associated value; else return `d`
 - (f) `del D[k]`: delete tuple with key `k` from `D`
 - (g) `D.clear()`: delete all entries in `D`
4. Example: memos
 - (a) Remember how slowly the recursive Fibonacci number program `rfib.py` ran? Here is a faster recursive version that uses memos [`rfibmemo.py`]
5. Sorting the dictionary
 - (a) `sorted` sorts based on keys
6. Example: word frequency count
 - (a) Unsorted [`wfc-1.py`]
 - (b) Sorted alphabetically [`wfc-2.py`]
 - (c) Sorted alphabetically, but dictionary order (note `key=str.lower()` in `sorted` [`wfc-2a.py`])
 - (d) Sorted by frequency (treat `lambda x: x[1]` as an idiom to reference the *value* of the dictionary entry, not the *key*—to go from highest to lowest, replace `x[1]` with `-x[1]`) [`wfc-3.py`]
 - (e) Sorted by frequency first, then alphabetically—note use of function `alphafreq(x)`; you can use any function here, and the parameter is the item [`wfc-4.py`]