

# IMMUTABLE PROGRAMMING

## WRITING FUNCTIONAL PYTHON

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# COMPARE

**Python**

Mutable by default (mostly)

**Haskell**

Immutable by default

**IMMUTABILITY ALLOWS LOCAL THINKING**

# IMMUTABILITY IN PYTHON

*# Attribute assignment*

```
x.foo = 1
```

*# Item assignment*

```
x["foo"] = 3
```

*# Methods that modify state*

```
x.add("foo")
```

*# Modifying an objects own attributes*

```
self.foo = 4
```



# IMMUTABILITY IN PYTHON

*# Name assignment*

```
x = 1
```

*# Reading attributes*

```
x = self.foo
```

*# Read-only methods*

```
x = y.items()
```



# IMMUTABILITY IN PYTHON

```
object()  
{"foo": 1}  
{"foo"}  
["foo", "bar"]  
(i for i in range(3))  
(object(), object())
```



# IMMUTABILITY IN PYTHON

1

"bar"

(1, 2, 3)

((1, 2), (2, 3))

frozenset(1, 2, 3)



# TOOLS FOR LOCAL THINKING

- @property
- tuple (and namedtuple)
- Commands



# THE SETUP

## GAME LOOP

```
def main():  
    board = Board()  
    while not board.is_finished:  
        print(board)  
  
        move = input(f"Player {board.player.value} move (x y)? ")  
        x, y = move.split()
```

```
        board.do_move(int(x), int(y))
```

```
class Board():  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.board = [[Player.NA]*3]*3  
  
    def do_move(self, x, y):  
        if self.board[x][y] == Player.NA:  
            self.board[x][y] = self.player
```





# PROPERTY

```
@property
def player(self):
    plays = Counter(sum(self.board, []))
    if plays[Player.0] < plays[Player.X]:
        return Player.0
    else:
        return Player.X
```



# TESTS

```
def test_game_end(self):  
    self.assertFalse(self.board.is_finished)  
    self.board.do_move(0, 0)  
    self.assertFalse(self.board.is_finished)
```



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```

```
=====  
FAIL: test_game_end (tictactoe_v4_properties.TestTicTacToe)
```

```
-----  
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File ".../tictactoe_v4_properties.py", line 93, in test_game_end  
    self.assertFalse(self.game.is_finished)  
AssertionError: True is not false
```



# TESTS

```
def test_moves_made(self):  
    # Store the state of the board before a move  
    before = {(x, y, self.board.board[x][y]) for (x, y) in ALL_MOVES}  
  
    # Make a single move  
    self.board.do_move(0, 0)  
  
    # Store the state of the board after the move  
    after = {(x, y, self.board.board[x][y]) for (x, y) in ALL_MOVES}  
  
    # Compare the state before and after  
    self.assertEqual(after - before, {(0, 0, Player.X)})  
    self.assertEqual(before - after, {(0, 0, Player.NA)})
```



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# TESTS

```
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FAIL: test_moves_made (tictactoe_v4_properties.TestTicTacToe)
-----
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
```

```
File ".../tictactoe_v4_properties.py", line 116,
```

```
in test_moves_made
```

```
    self.assertEqual(after - before, {(0, 0, Player.X)})
```

```
AssertionError: Items in the first set but not the second:
```

```
(1, 0, <Player.X: 'X'>)
```

```
(2, 0, <Player.X: 'X'>)
```



# TESTS

```
class Board():  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.board = [[Player.NA]*3]*3  
  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.board = [[Player.NA]*3 for _ in range(3)]
```

Spooky action at a distance





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```



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# IMMUTABLE STORAGE

```
class Board():  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.board = ((Player.NA, )*3, )*3
```





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    # Compare the state before and after  
    self.assertEqual(after - before, {(0, 0, Player.X)})  
    self.assertEqual(before - after, {(0, 0, Player.NA)})
```





# TESTS

```
def test_moves_made(self):  
    # Store the state of the board before a move  
    before = BoardState()  
  
    # Store the state of the board after the move  
    after = before.do_move(0, 0)  
  
    # Compare the state before and after  
    self.assertEqual(after - before, {(0, 0, Player.X)})  
    self.assertEqual(before - after, {(0, 0, Player.NA)})
```



# STORAGE

```
class Board():  
    def __init__(self):  
        self.board = ((Player.NA, )*3, )*3
```



# STORAGE

```
class BoardState(namedtuple('_BoardState', ['board'])):  
    ...  
  
BoardState.__new__.__defaults__ = (((Player.NA, )*3, )*3, )
```



# NAMEDTUPLE

```
from collections import namedtuple
```

```
Widget = namedtuple('Widget', ['height', 'weight'])
```

```
x = Widget(10, 20)
```

```
x.height # 10
```

```
x.weight # 20
```

```
list(x) # [10, 20]
```

# STORAGE

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```



# ACTION

```
def do_move(self, x, y):  
    if self.board[x][y] == Player.NA:  
        self.board[x][y] = self.player
```



# ACTION

```
def do_move(self, x, y):  
    if self.board[x][y] == Player.NA:  
        new_row = replace(self.board[x], y, self.player)  
        new_board = replace(self.board, x, new_row)  
        return BoardState(new_board)  
    else:  
        return self
```



```
def replace(tpl, idx, value):  
    return tpl[:idx] + (value, ) + tpl[idx+1:]
```



# COMMANDS

## PLAYER

```
def main():
    states = [BoardState()]
    while not states[-1].is_finished:
        print(states[-1])
        move = input(f"Player {states[-1].player.value}: "
                    "x y to move, u to undo, "
                    "gN to revert to move N)? ")

        if move == 'u':
            states.pop()
        elif move.startswith('g'):
            states = states[:int(move.replace('g','')) + 1]
        else:
            try:
                x, y = move.split()
                states.append(states[-1].do_move(int(x), int(y)))
            except:
                print("Invalid move")
```







# PLAYER

```
def move_human(state):
```

```
    while True:
```

```
        print(state)
```

```
        move = input(f"Player {state.player.value}: "  
                    "x y to move, u to undo, "  
                    "gN to revert to move N)? ")
```

```
        if move.startswith('u'):
```

```
            return Undo(1)
```

```
        elif move.startswith('g'):
```

```
            return RevertTo(int(move.replace('g', '')) + 1)
```

```
        else:
```

```
            try:
```

```
                x, y = move.split()
```

```
                return Move(int(x), int(y))
```

```
            except:
```

```
                print("Invalid move")
```





```
class Undo(namedtuple('_Undo', ['count'])):  
    def apply(self, board_states):  
        return board_states[:-self.count]
```

```
class Move(namedtuple('_Move', ['x', 'y'])):  
    def apply(self, board_states):  
        if board_states[-1].board[self.x][self.y] == Player.NA:  
            return board_states + (  
                board_states[-1].do_move(self.x, self.y),  
            )  
        else:  
            return board_states
```

```
class RevertTo(namedtuple('_RevertTo', ['idx'])):  
    def apply(self, board_states):  
        return board_states[:self.idx]
```



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    def apply(self, board_states):  
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                board_states[-1].do_move(self.x, self.y),  
            )  
        else:  
            return board_states
```

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class RevertTo(namedtuple('_RevertTo', ['idx'])):  
    def apply(self, board_states):  
        return board_states[:self.idx]
```

# TESTS

```
def test_revert(self):
    self.assertEqual(
        RevertTo(2).apply(self.states),
        self.states[:2]
    )

def test_inverse(self):
    start = (BoardState(), )
    for x in range(3):
        for y in range(3):
            self.assertEqual(
                Undo(1).apply(Move(x, y).apply(start)),
                start
            )
```



# LOOP

```
player_types = [move_human, move_random]
players = {
    Player.X: player_types[x_choice],
    Player.O: player_types[y_choice],
}
```

```
states = (BoardState(), )
while not states[-1].is_finished:
    move = players[states[-1].player](states[-1])
    states = move.apply(states)
```



# RANDOM

```
def move_random(state):  
    x = randrange(3)  
    y = randrange(3)  
  
    return Move(x, y)
```





# ITERATION

## SEARCH

```
def depth_first(board=None):  
    if board is None:  
        board = Board()  
  
    yield board  
  
    for x, y in ALL_MOVES:  
        if board.board[x][y] != Player.NA:  
            board.do_move(x, y)  
            try:  
                yield from depth_first(board)  
            finally:  
                board.board[x][y] = Player.NA
```



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# SEARCH

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def depth_first(board=None):
    if board is None:
        board = Board()

    yield board

    for x, y in ALL_MOVES:
        if board.board[x][y] != Player.NA:
            old_board = [list(board.board[x]) for x in range(3)]
            board.do_move(x, y)
            try:
                yield from depth_first(board)
            finally:
                board.board = old_board
```



# SEARCH



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        if board.board[x][y] != Player.NA:
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            board.do_move(x, y)
            try:
                yield from depth_first(board)
            finally:
                board.board = old_board
```

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# SEARCH

```
def depth_first(state=None):  
    if state is None:  
        state = BoardState()  
  
    yield state  
  
    for x, y in ALL_MOVES:  
        next_state = state.do_move(x, y)  
        if state != next_state:  
            yield from depth_first(next_state)
```



# FILTER

```
def depth_first_filter(filter_fn, state=None):  
    if state is None:  
        state = BoardState()  
  
    yield state  
  
    next_states = (state.do_move(x, y) for x, y in ALL_MOVES)  
  
    next_states = (next_state for next_state in next_states  
                  if state != next_state)  
  
    next_states = filter_fn(state, next_states)  
  
    for next_state in next_states:  
        yield from depth_first_filter(filter_fn, next_state)
```



# FILTER FUNCTION

```
def filter_finished(state, next_states):  
    if state.winner is not None:  
        return  
    else:  
        yield from next_states
```





# MAIN

```
winning_states = {
    Player.X: [],
    Player.O: [],
    Player.NA: [],
}
for state in depth_first_filter(filter_finished):
    if state.winner is not None:
        winning_states[state.winner].append(state)

print("O wins", len(winning_states[Player.O]))
print("X wins", len(winning_states[Player.X]))
print("Tie", len(winning_states[Player.NA]))
```



# RESULTS

```
> python tictactoe_v8_all_games.py  
0 wins 77904  
X wins 131184  
Tie 46080
```

**IMMUTABILITY ALLOWS LOCAL THINKING**

# TOOLS FOR LOCAL THINKING

- @property
- tuple (and namedtuple)
- Commands

# QUESTIONS?

# REFERENCES

Talk: [bit.ly/immutable-python-pres](https://bit.ly/immutable-python-pres)

Source Code: [bit.ly/immutable-python-src](https://bit.ly/immutable-python-src)