

TD-3

Advanced types Compound and collection types

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Compound types: Tuples

Tuples are fixed-size collections of **arbitrary-typed** values.

```
// Inferred type:  
let mut tup = (31, 16, 47.27, "hello!");
```

```
// Explicit type:  
let mut tup: (i32, i32, f32, &str) = (31, 16, 47.27, "hello!");
```

Accessing individual values within a Tuple can be done by either:

- referring to its *index*
- *destructuring* the tuple and *bind it* to individually-named variables:

```
let mut tup = (31, 16, 47.27, "hello!");
```

```
// Access by index:
```

```
tup.0 = 22;
```

```
tup.3 = "world!";
```

```
// 'Destructuring' a tuple:
```

```
let (t0, t1, t2, t3) = tup;
```

```
println!("y = ({t0}, {t2})");
```

'Tuples' are stored on the stack unless `Box<...>` is explicitly used.

Question 1)

Take a mutable reference to the third element (`f32`) of the tuple `tup` and pass it to a function that multiplies it by `2` :

```
let mut tup = (31, 16, 47.27, "hello!");  
  
// The function's prototype (to be implemented):  
fn mul2(t: &mut f32);  
  
mul2(...);  
  
assert!(tup == (31, 16, 94.54, "hello!"));
```

Tuples can be conveniently used in a function in order to **return multiple values**, which can then be assigned to distinct variables in a same expression:

```
// A function returning a pair of signed integers:
fn return_tuple(x: i32) -> (i32, i32) {
    return (x+1, x+2);
}
```

```
// Calling a function, and storing its result:
let y: (i32, i32) = return_tuple(8);
println!("y = {:?}", y);
println!("y = ({:?}, {:?})", y.0, y.1);
```

```
// Passing a tuple as an argument to a function:
fn print_tuple(x: &(i32, i32)) {
    println!("x = ({:?}, {:?})", x.0, x.1);
}
```

```
print_tuple(&y);
```

Question 2)

Write a function that transforms a `(i32, i32)` tuple by swapping its two values:

```
// The function prototype to be implemented:  
fn swap(tup: &mut(i32, i32));  
  
let mut x = (31, 27);  
swap(&mut x);  
  
assert!(x == (27, 31));
```

Arrays (primitive type)

Arrays are fixed-size groups of values of the **same type**, and can be defined in Rust with the syntax:

- [Subtype; Length] , for instance [i32; 10]

```
// Inferred type:  
let b = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]; // #[i32; 5]
```

```
// Explicit type:  
let a: [i32; 3] = [31, 16, 47];
```

'Arrays' are stored on the stack unless `Box<...>` is explicitly used.

Arrays can be defined and **initialized** to a specific value in a single statement. They cannot be used without being initialized before.

```
// Create and zero-initialize an array:  
let mut a: [usize; 10] = [0; 10];
```

```
// same as:  
let mut a = [0 as usize; 10];
```

```
// same as:  
let mut a = [0usize; 10];
```

```
// Writing at a specific index:  
// Note: in Rust, as in C, array indices start at 0  
a[0] = 2;
```

As in most programming languages, **multidimensional/nested arrays** are also supported in Rust, and can be declared as follows:

```
// 2-dimensional array, 2 arrays of `i32` with a length of 10 each:  
let mut multi_array = [[0 as i32; 10]; 2];  
[...]  
multi_array[0][0] = 1;
```

Question 3)

What would be the type of the following arrays?

```
let a1 = [(1, 2), (3, 4), (5, 6)];
```

```
let a2 = [(1, 2), (3, 4), (5, (6, 7))];
```

Ranges & Iterators

Arrays are convenient for storing and processing a set of contiguous data on the *stack*, for instance through the use of **loops**, **ranges** and **iterators**.

Ranges

A **range** represents an *interval* of values between a *start* and an *end* point. In Rust, they can be conveniently used with the `start..end` construct (here *excluding* the *end* value), or with `start..=end` (here *including* the *end* value).

```
let a = 0..10;
```

```
let b = 1..=10;
```

Question 4)

Examine the following `assert!` statements, will this program compile?

```
let a = 0..10;  
let b = 1..=10;
```

```
// 'a' range:  
assert!(a.contains(&0));  
assert!(!a.contains(&10));
```

```
// 'b' range:  
assert!(!b.contains(&0));  
assert!(b.contains(&10));
```

```
// The 'a' and 'b' ranges have the same number of elements:  
assert_eq!(a.count(), b.count());
```

Iterators

Iterators allow to go through an *array*, a *range* or a *collection*, and **access each element one-by-one**.

```
let r = 0..10;

// Iterate over a range:
for n in r.into_iter() {
    print!("{n} ");
    // -> 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
}
```

Iterate over an array:

```
let a = [0; 10];
```

```
// Basic for-loop iteration:  
for x in a {  
    println!("{}", x);  
}
```

```
// From a 'range' of the array:  
for n in (0 .. a.len()) {  
    println!("{}", a[n]);  
}
```


Iterate as mutable:

```
let mut a = [0; 10];

// As mutable, changing the values of the array:
for x in &mut a {
    *x += 1;
}

// Equivalent to (using a 'closure'):
a.iter_mut().for_each(|x| *x += 1 );

// Iterate with both element and index:
for (i, x) in a.iter_mut().enumerate() {
    *x += i;
}
```

Question 5)

Using **ranges** and/or **iterators**, write in the following *multidimensional array*'s first *sub-array* values that incrementally go from **1 to 10**, and in the second, decrement the values from **10 to 1**, as shown below:

```
let mut multi_array = [[0 as i32; 10]; 2];

// The following must be true:
assert_eq!(multi_array, [
    [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10],
    [10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
]);
```

Collections

In addition to primitive compound types, the Rust **standard library** includes a number of very useful data structures called **collections**. Unlike the built-in *array* and *tuple* types, the data these collections point to is stored **on the heap**, which means the amount of data does not need to be known at compile time and can grow or shrink as the program runs.

Vectors

- Collection of multiple values of a **same type** stored on the **heap**.
- **Dynamic size**: they can grow, or shrink.
- *Ownership* over the data located in its underlying *heap-allocated buffer*.

```
// Using the 'vec!()' macro:  
let mut v = vec![0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]; // Vec<i32>  
  
// 'Pushing' (appending) a new value at the end:  
v.push(6);  
  
// 'Popping' (removing) its last value:  
let last = v.pop();  
  
// removing value at index i:  
v.remove(i)
```

Question 6)

Examine the following `v1` , `v2` and `v3` vectors and their underlying heap buffer pointers.

```
let mut v0: Vec<i32> = vec![0, 1, 2, 3, 4];

// get a pointer to the underlying heap memory buffer:
let v0_ptr: *const i32 = v0.as_ptr();

// Create another vec 'v1' from 'v0', and get its heap pointer again:
// i.e. move v0 to v1
let mut v1: Vec<i32> = v0;
let v1_ptr = v1.as_ptr();

// Create another vec 'v2' from 'v1' using clone():
let mut v2: Vec<i32> = v1.clone();
let v2_ptr = v2.as_ptr();
```

Which of the following assertions are true :

```
// Assertion A: the address of pointer 'v0' is the same as pointer 'v1'  
assert_eq!(v0_ptr.addr(), v1_ptr.addr());
```

```
// Assertion B: the address of pointer 'v1' is the same as pointer 'v2'  
assert_eq!(v1_ptr.addr(), v2_ptr.addr());
```

```
// Assertion C: the address of pointer 'v0' is the same as pointer 'v2'  
assert_eq!(v0_ptr.addr(), v2_ptr.addr());
```

Iterate over a vector

Iterating over a vector is the exact same process as for an array (most operations are inter-compatible!).

```
// Initializing from a range and iterator:  
let mut v = Vec::from_iter((0..6).map(|i| i+1 ));
```

```
// Iterate/increment:  
for x in &mut v {  
    *x += 1;  
}
```

```
// General operations:  
v.rotate_left(1);
```

Question 7)

Using a *single loop*, move the contents of vector `v` to array `a` such as vector `v` is equal to `vec![]` (empty vector) and array `a` is equal to `[5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]`

```
let mut v = vec![0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5];  
let mut a = [0; 6];
```

```
(...)
```

```
assert_eq!(v, vec![]);  
assert_eq!(a, [5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]);
```


Collections: Hash-maps

- Heap-allocated collections of same-type values **indexed by a *unique* key**.
- Like vectors, they can grow, or shrink.

```
// Unlike Vec, the HashMap data structure need to be explicitly included!  
use std::collections::HashMap;
```

```
// Inferred type:  
let mut departments = HashMap::new(); // HashMap<i32, str>
```

```
departments.insert(85, "Vendée");  
departments.insert(31, "Haute-Garonne");  
departments.insert(44, "Loire-Atlantique");
```

Manipulating Hash-maps

```
[...]
```

```
let d31 = departments[&31];  
assert_eq!(d31, "Haute-Garonne");
```

```
// Removing a key:  
departments.remove(&85);
```

```
// Iterating over all values:  
for department in departments {  
    // We get a tuple!  
    println!("Key: {}, Value: {}", department.0, department.1);  
}
```

Question 8)

Move the contents of the following `vec` object into a `BTreeMap` in order to get these athlete names sorted by their score in points. *Note*: some of them have the same score, which should appear in the same `key` .

```
use std::collections::BTreeMap;

let vec = vec![
    ("Y. Horigome", 281), ("N. Huston", 279), ("M. Dell", 153),
    ("J. Eaton", 281), ("S. Shirai", 278), ("K. Hoefler", 270),
    ("C. Russell", 211), ("R. Tury", 273)];

let mut map = BTreeMap::new();

[...]
```

Hints:

- build a BTreeMap with the key being the score
- use the `entry(key)` method of HashMap that return the HashMap entru corresponding to key
- apply `or_default` on the result of entry (it creates an entry with no value for this key, if the key does not exists in the HashMap)

'string' types: `str`

- Can be used to represent a **string literal**
- Has a **static lifetime** which can be also explicitly stated in its type declaration.
- It means that the object is valid throughout **the entire duration of the program**.

// Here, the three syntaxes are equivalent:

```
let s = "Hello, World!"; // Inferred type & lifetime
```

```
let s: &str = "Hello, World!"; // Explicit type, inferred lifetime
```

```
let s: &'static str = "Hello, World!"; // Explicit type & lifetime
```

- Unlike `const char*` in the **C programming language**, `&str` in Rust is **not null-terminated**.
- It relies on a **slice**, which is composed of a pointer and a size in bytes:

```
let s = "Hello, World!";
println!("Pointer: {:?}, Length: {} bytes", s.as_ptr(), s.len());

for (n, char) in s.chars().enumerate() {
    println!("Char {n}: {char}");
}
```

- They're also **always immutable!**

```
let s: &mut str = "Hello, World!"; // Does not compile!
```

Question 9)

```
let s1 = "It's not about the bunny    \t";

// trim() Returns a string slice with leading and trailing whitespace removed.
let s2 = s1.trim();
println!("{s1}");
println!("Address: {:?}, Length: {}", s1.as_ptr(), s1.len());
println!();
println!("{s2}");
println!("Address: {:?}, Length: {}", s2.as_ptr(), s2.len());
```

Since Rust forbids modifying the contents of a `str` literal, why are we in this case allowed to use the `.trim()` function? What is truly happening in this code?

What would happen if we modified `s1` as follows?

```
let s1 = "    It's not about the bunny    \t";  
let s2 = s1.trim();
```


'string' types: `String`

- **Standard library collection** type that can be basically seen as a vector of `char` , dynamically stored *on the heap*.
- It can grow, shrink, and has ownership over its own underlying buffer, which makes it an easier object to manipulate than `str` , while inheriting all of its methods.
- Does not have a static lifetime.

```
// Create from a string literal:  
let mut s = String::from("Owls are not what they seem");  
  
// Append a 'char':  
s.push('!');  
println!("Value: {:?}", s);  
  
// Append another string:  
s.push_str(" Really?");  
println!("Value: {:?}", s);  
  
// Other ways of appending to the String:  
s = s + " Yes, ";  
s += "really!";
```

Iterating and manipulating String:

```
// Iterate over every 'char'
for c in s.chars() {
    print!("{c} ");
}
println!("");

// Example of transformation:
s = s.chars().rev().collect();

println!("Value: {:?}" , s);
```

Question 9)

Examine the following code:

```
let s0: &str = "That gum you like is going to come back in style";

// Build a 'String' object from the previous '&str':
let mut s1: String = String::from(s0);

// Now modify 'string':
s1 = s1.to_ascii_uppercase();
println!("{string}");
```

Is `s0` still accessible? If yes, what is now its value? Is it the same as `s1` and why?

We now call the `as_str()` method on `s1`, and store the resulting `&str` value in a new variable called `s2`. Can you guess what is the **lifetime** of `s2`?

```
let s0: &str = "That gum you like is going to come back in style";  
  
// Build a 'String' object from the previous '&str':  
let mut s1: String = String::from(s0);  
let s2: &str = s1.as_str();
```

Slices

- **Bounded pointer or reference** to a contiguous sequence of elements in an array, a collection, or a string. It **does not have ownership** over its contents.

```
// Create a byte buffer:  
let mut buffer = [0 as u8; 16];  
  
// Get a slice on half the buffer, using the 'range syntax':  
// (notice how the slice itself is not mutable,  
// but instead points to a mutable sequence in the buffer  
let slice: &mut[u8] = &mut buffer[0..8];  
  
// Iterate on the slice to change values:  
for (i, n) in slice.iter_mut().enumerate() {  
    *n = i as u8;  
}
```

Question 10)

- Take a slice out of the `string` object, starting from character 25 until the end, and use the `.make_ascii_lowercase()` method on the captured slice.

```
let mut string = String::from(
    "YOU REMIND ME TODAY OF A SMALL MEXICAN CHIHUAHUA"
);

let slice = ...;

slice.make_ascii_lowercase();

println!("{string}");
```

- What is the inferred type of the `slice` variable?

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