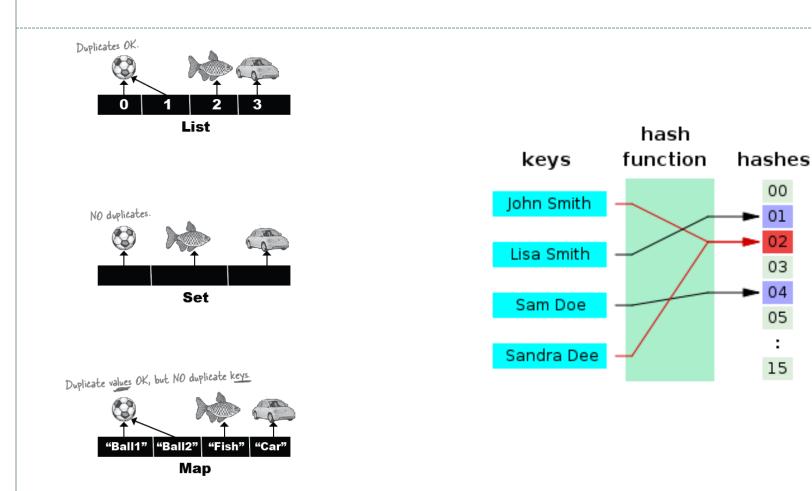
## **Dictionaries (and Sets)**



#### Overview

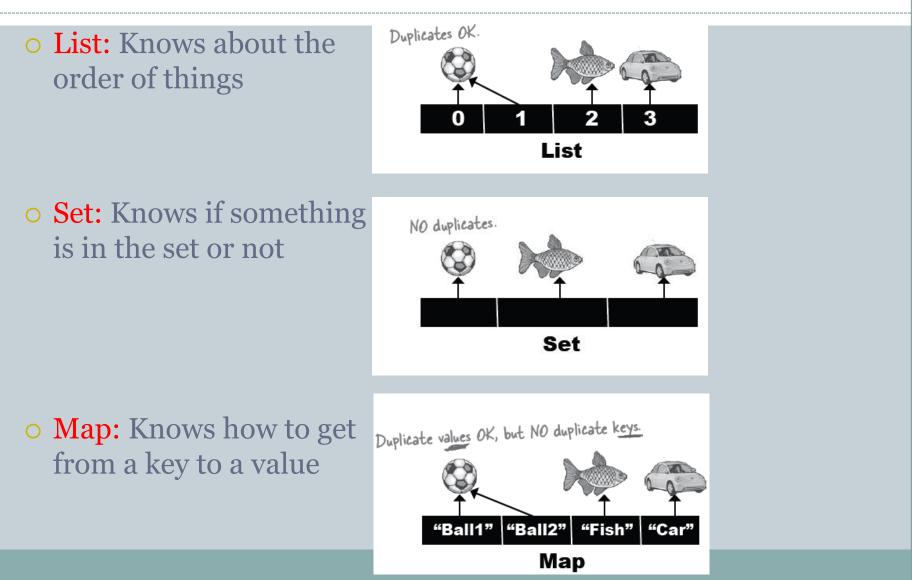
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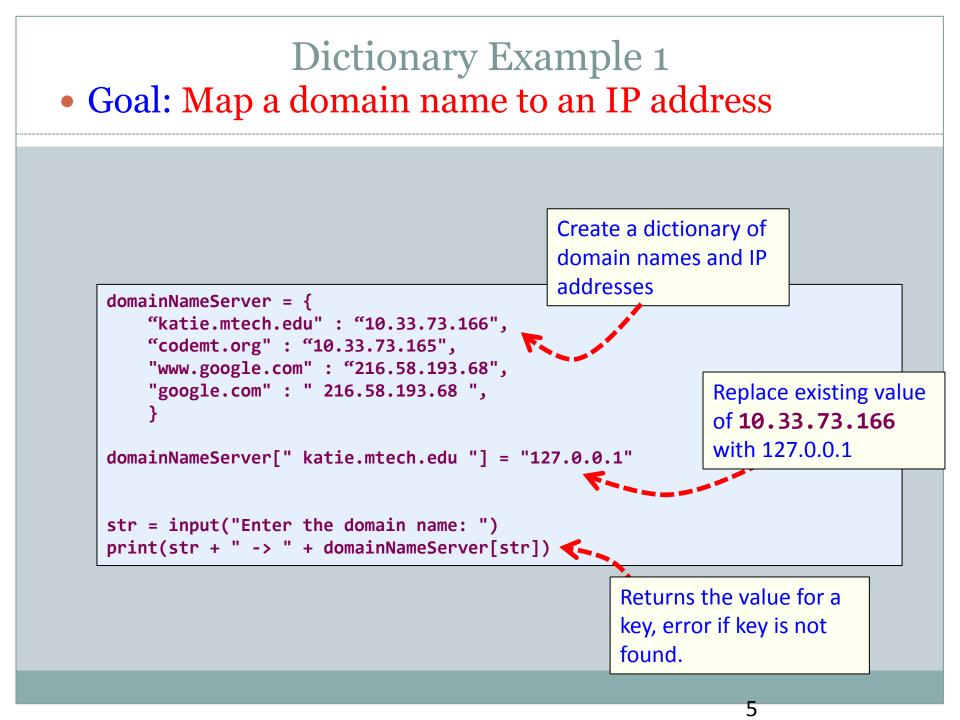
# Mapping keys to values

Common problem: map one thing to another
Often from a very large table of key/value pairs
Often we want to do this really fast

Application	Purpose	Кеу	Value
phone book	look up phone number	name	phone number
dictionary	look up word	word	definition
zip code	map city to a zip code	city	zip code
login screen	check user knows password	username	password
file system	find file on disk	filename	location on disk
web search	find all relevant pages	search keywords	list of pages
DNS	find IP address given URL	URL	IP address
reverse DNS	find URL given an IP address	IP address	URL

## **Collections:** useful data types for storing stuff





## keys and values

#### • Key must be immutable

strings, integers, tuples are finelists are NOT immutable

- Value can be anything

```
Dictionary Example 2Goal: Type animal, play sound
```

```
import winsound
andThe Says = {
    "cow" : "cow.wav",
    "frog" : "frog.wav",
    "CSCI Students" : "yay.wav"
    }
critter = input("What animal do you want to hear? ")
if critter == "cow":
    winsound.PlaySound(andThe Says["cow"], winsound.SND FILENAME)
elif critter == "frog":
    winsound.PlaySound(andThe Says["frog"], winsound.SND FILENAME)
elif critter == "CSCI Students":
   winsound.PlaySound(andThe Says["CSCI Students"], winsound.SND FILENAME)
else:
    winsound.PlaySound("explosion.wav", winsound.SND FILENAME)
```

## collections but not a sequence

- dictionaries are collections but they are not sequences such as lists, strings or tuples
  - there is no order to the elements of a dictionary
  - in fact, the order (for example, when printed) might change as elements are added or deleted.
- So how to access dictionary elements?

#### Access dictionary elements

```
Access requires [ ], but the key is the index!
my_dict={}
    o an empty dictionary
my_dict['bill']=25
    o added the pair 'bill':25
print(my_dict['bill'])
    o prints 25
```

## Dictionaries are mutable

- Like lists, dictionaries are a mutable data structure
  - you can change the object via various operations, such as index assignment
- my\_dict = { 'bill':3, 'rich':10 }
- print(my\_dict['bill']) # prints 3
- $my_dict['bill'] = 100$
- print(my\_dict['bill']) # prints 100

#### again, common operators

Like others, dictionaries respond to these

len(my\_dict)

• number of key:value **pairs** in the dictionary

- element in my\_dict
   o boolean, is element a key in the dictionary
- for key in my\_dict:

o iterates through the **keys** of a dictionary

#### fewer methods

#### Only 9 methods in total. Here are some

• key in my\_dict

does the key exist in the dictionary

- my\_dict.clear() empty the dictionary
- my\_dict.update(yourDict) for each key in yourDict, updates my\_dict with that key/value pair
- my\_dict.copy copy
- my\_dict.pop(key) remove key, return value

#### Dictionary content methods

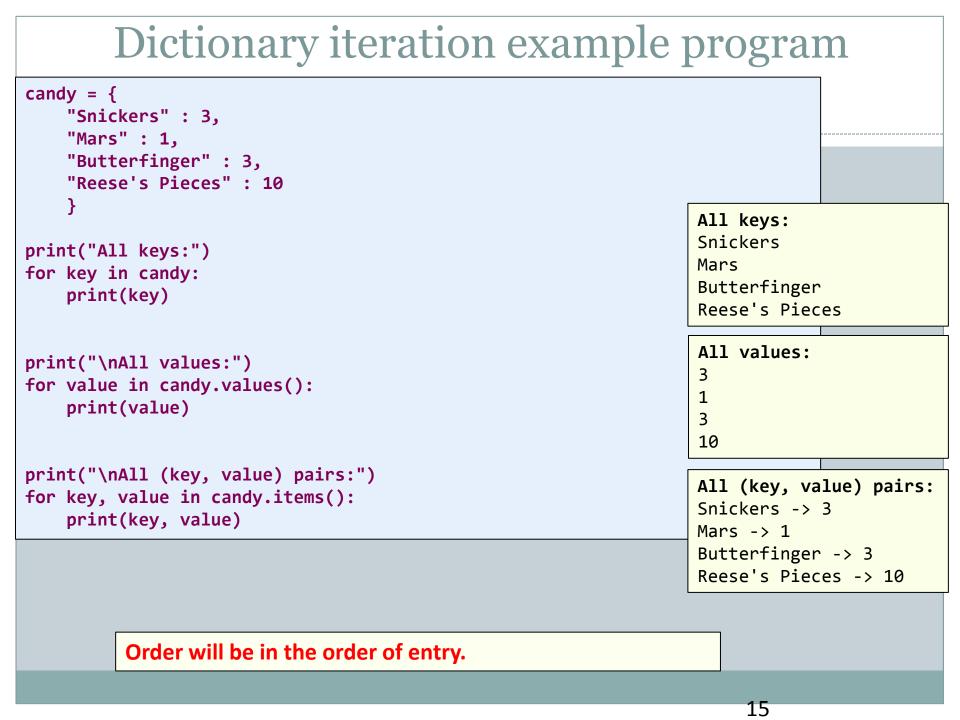
- my\_dict.items() all the key/value pairs
  my\_dict.keys() all the keys
- my\_dict.values() all the values

They return what is called a *dictionary view*.

- the order of the views correspond
- are dynamically updated with changes
- are iterable

#### Views are iterable

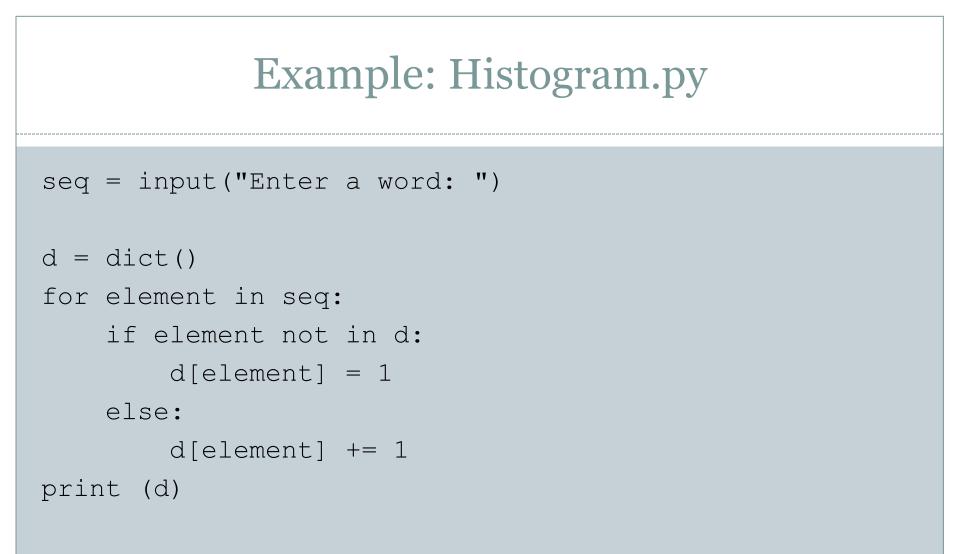
for key in my dict: print(key) o prints all the keys for key, value in my dict.items(): print (key, value) o prints all the key/value pairs for value in my dict.values(): print (value) o prints all the values

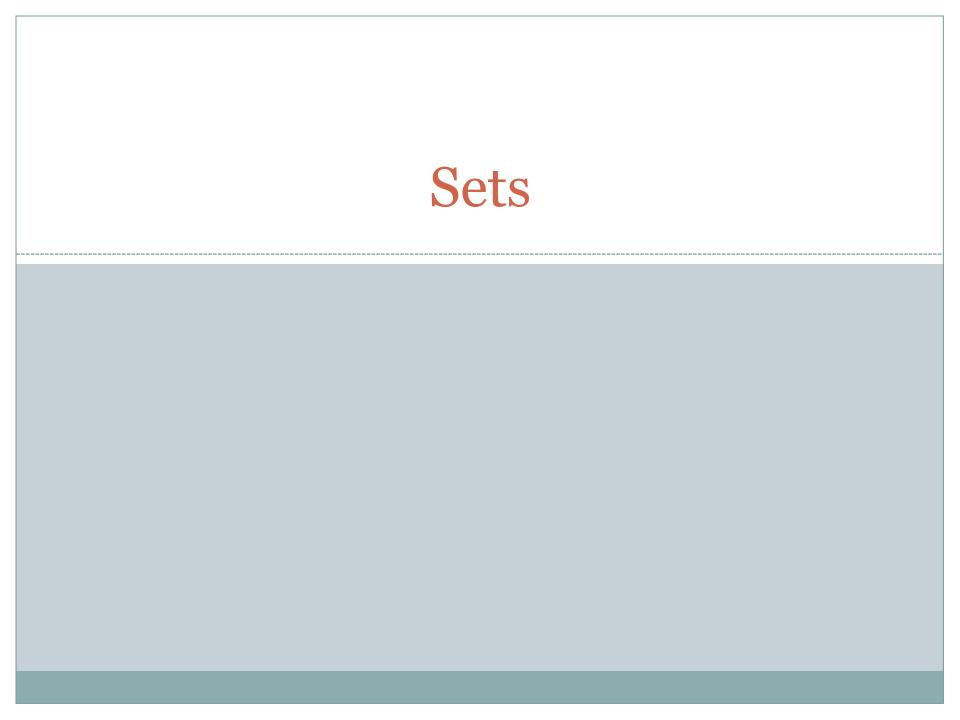


# Frequency of words in list 3 ways

### membership test

```
count_dict = {}
for word in word_list:
   if word in count_dict:
      count_dict[word] += 1
   else:
      count_dict[word] = 1
```





## Sets, as in Mathematical Sets

- in mathematics, a set is a collection of objects, potentially of many different types
- in a set, no two elements are identical. That is, a set consists of elements each of which is unique compared to the other elements
- there is no order to the elements of a set
- a set with no elements is the empty set

### Creating a set

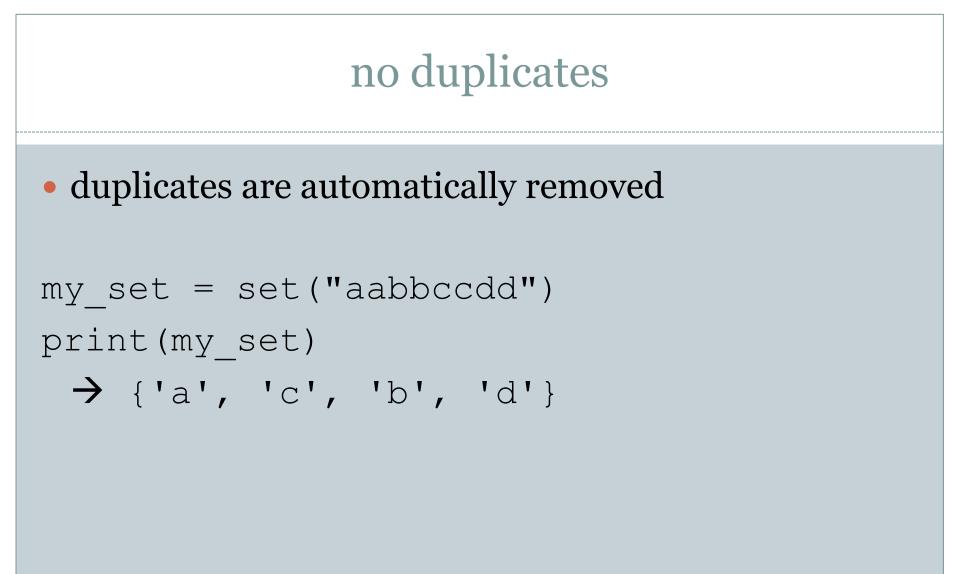
Set can be created in one of two ways:
•constructor: set(iterable) where
the argument is iterable

my\_set = set('abc')
my\_set → {'a', 'b', 'c'}
•shortcut: { }, braces where the elements
have no colons (to distinguish them from
dicts)

my\_set = { 'a', 'b', 'c' }

### Diverse elements

- A set can consist of a mixture of different types of elements
- my\_set = {'a',1,3.14159,True}
- as long as the single argument can be iterated through, you can make a set of it



example

```
# Creates an empty set
null_set = set()
print(null_set)
# No colons means set, not dictionary
a set = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}
print(a_set)
# Duplicates are ignored
b_set = \{1, 1, 2, 2, 2\}
print(b_set)
# Different data types are ok
c_set = { 'a', 1, 2.5, (5,6) }
print(c_set)
# Order is not maintained
a_set = set("abcd")
print(a_set)
```

#### common operators

Most data structures respond to these:

• len (my\_set)

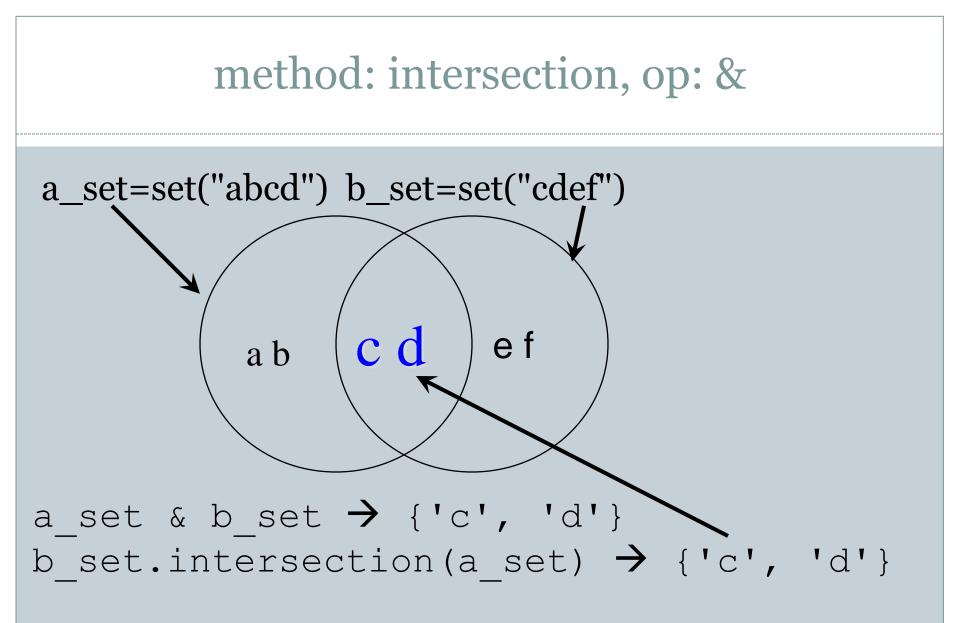
• the number of elements in a set

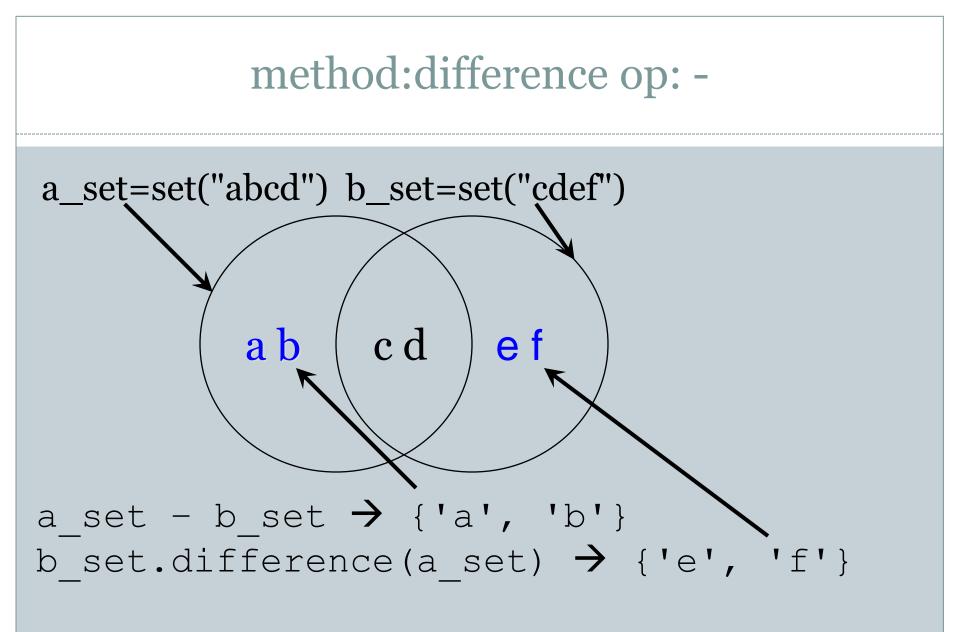
- element in my\_set
   o boolean indicating whether element is in the set
- for element in my\_set:

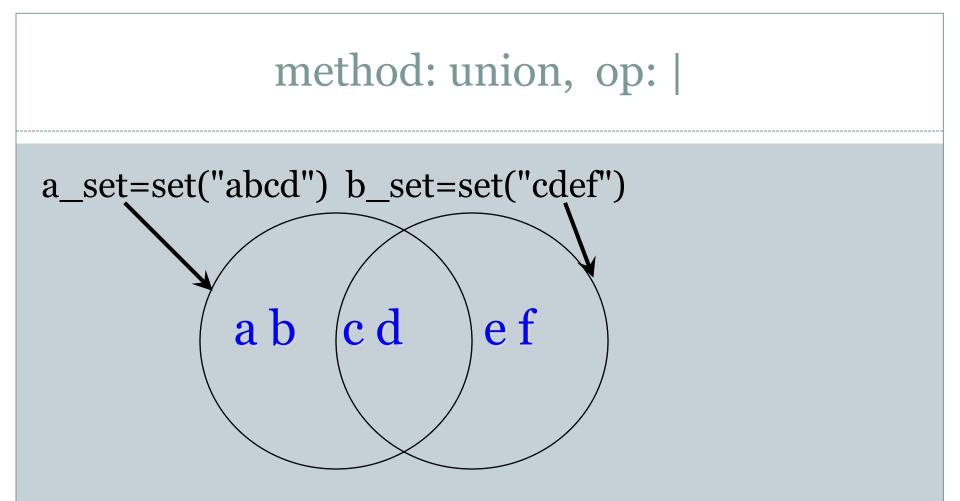
o iterate through the elements in my\_set

### Set operators

- The set data structure provides some special operators that correspond to the operators you learned in middle school.
- These are various combinations of set contents
- These operations have both a method name and a shortcut binary operator

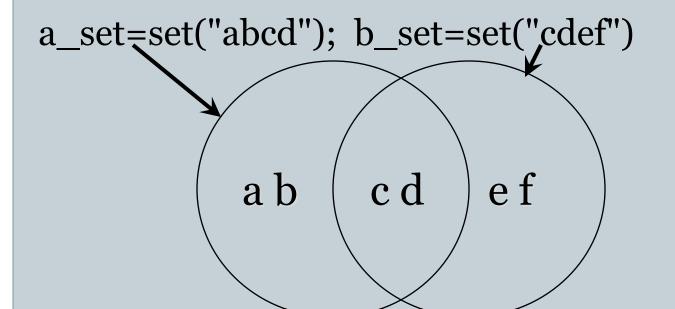




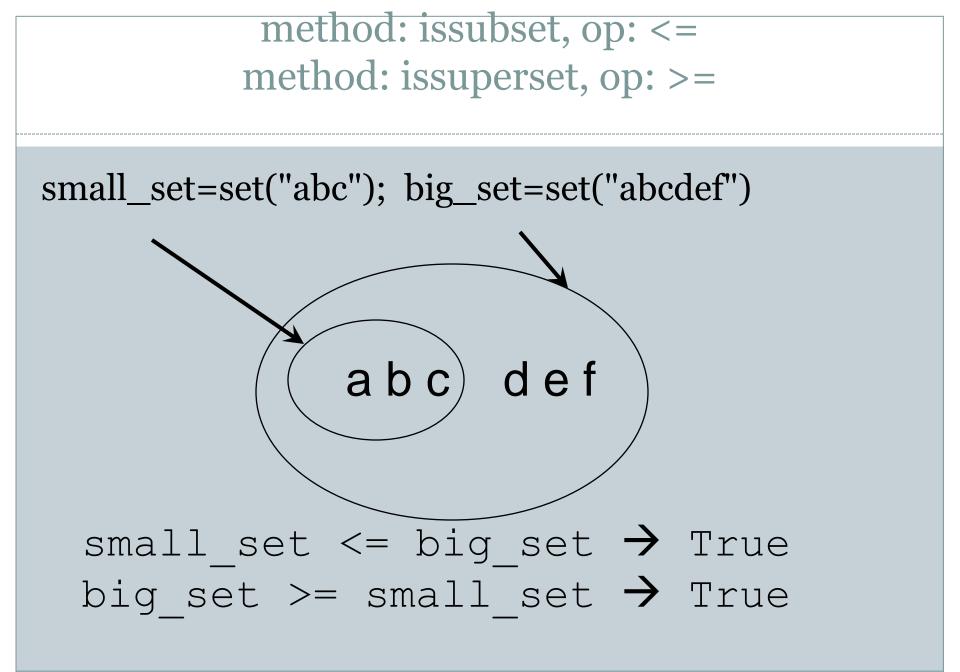


a\_set | b\_set → {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'} b\_set.union(a\_set) → {'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f'}

# method:symmetric\_difference, op: ^



a\_set ^ b\_set → {'a', 'b', 'e', 'f'}
b\_set.symmetric\_difference(a\_set) → {'a', 'b', 'e', 'f'}



## Other Set Ops

• my\_set.add("g")

o adds to the set, no effect if item is in set already

• my\_set.clear()

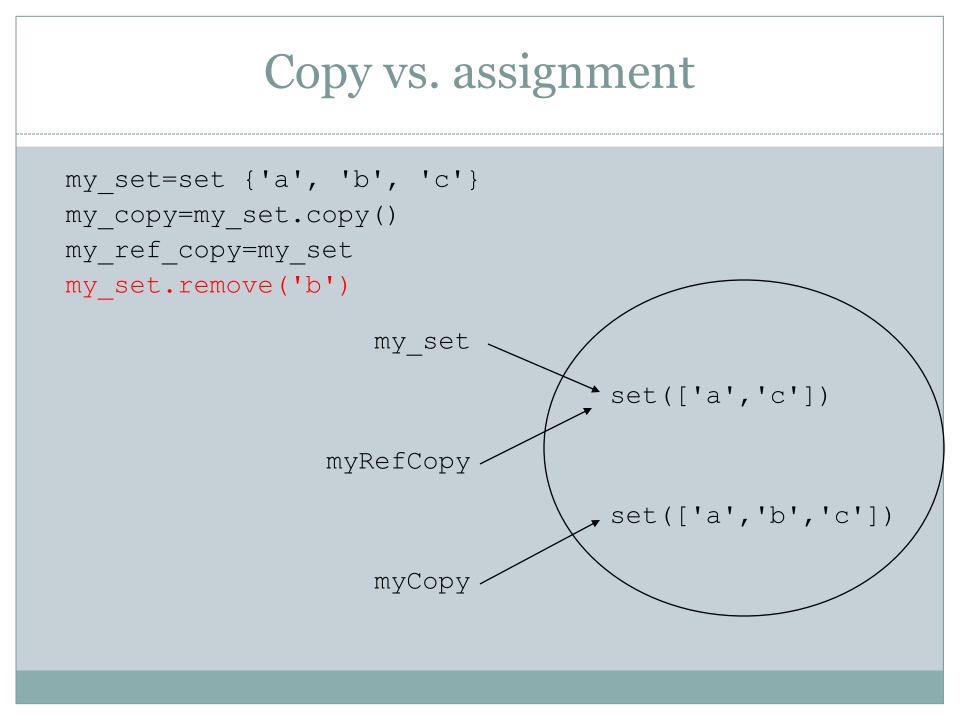
o empties the set

• my\_set.remove("g") versus
my\_set.discard("g")

o remove throws an error if "g" isn't there. discard doesn't care. Both remove "g" from the set

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• my_set.copy()
```

o returns a copy of my\_set



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