[301] Tuples

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Today's Outline

New Types

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- recordclass

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• immutable (like a string)

Why would we ever want immutability?

- 1. avoid certain bugs
- 2. some use cases require it (e.g., dict keys)

Example: location -> building mapping



FAILS!

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "test2.py", line 1, in <module>
      buildings = {[0,0]: "CS"}
TypeError: unhashable type: 'list'
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Point is a now a datatype, like a list or dict. Just like dict(...) and list(...) create new instances, Point(...) will create new instances

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pt1 = Point(50,60)
pt2 = Point(x=90, y=10)
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distance = ((pt1.x - pt2.x)**2 + (pt1.y - pt2.y) ** 2) ** 0.5

```
>>> pt1.x = 3
Traceback (most recent call last):
   File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
AttributeError: can't set attribute
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note that namedtuples are also immutable

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recordclass
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References

- motivation
- unintentional argument modification
- "is" vs. "=="

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module is recordclass so is function

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Note: recordclass does not come with Python. You must install it yourself.

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Anaconda is just Python with a bunch of packages related to data science and quantitative work pre-installed.