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# **Pysistent Documentation**

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## PYRSISTENT

Pysistent is a number of persistent collections (by some referred to as functional data structures). Persistent in the sense that they are immutable.

All methods on a data structure that would normally mutate it instead return a new copy of the structure containing the requested updates. The original structure is left untouched.

This will simplify the reasoning about what a program does since no hidden side effects ever can take place to these data structures. You can rest assured that the object you hold a reference to will remain the same throughout its lifetime and need not worry that somewhere five stack levels below you in the darkest corner of your application someone has decided to remove that element that you expected to be there.

Pysistent is influenced by persistent data structures such as those found in the standard library of Clojure. The data structures are designed to share common elements through path copying. It aims at taking these concepts and make them as pythonic as possible so that they can be easily integrated into any python program without hassle.

If you want use literal syntax to define them in your code rather than function calls check out [Pyrthon](#). Be aware, that one is experimental, unmaintained and alpha software.

If you cannot find the persistent data structure you're looking for here you may want to take a look at [Pysistent\\_extras](#) which is maintained by @mingmingrr. If you still don't find what you're looking for please open an issue for discussion. If we agree that functionality is missing you may want to go ahead and create a Pull Request implement the missing functionality.

### 1.1 Examples

The collection types and key features currently implemented are:

- *PVector*, similar to a python list
- *PMap*, similar to dict
- *PSet*, similar to set
- *PRecord*, a PMap on steroids with fixed fields, optional type and invariant checking and much more
- *PClass*, a Python class fixed fields, optional type and invariant checking and much more
- *Checked collections*, PVector, PMap and PSet with optional type and invariance checks and more
- PBag, similar to collections.Counter
- PList, a classic singly linked list
- PDeque, similar to collections.deque

- Immutable object type (immutable) built on the named tuple
- *freeze* and *thaw* functions to convert between python's standard collections and pysistent collections.
- Flexible *transformations* of arbitrarily complex structures built from PMaps and PVectors.

Below are examples of common usage patterns for some of the structures and features. More information and full documentation for all data structures is available in the [documentation](#).

### 1.1.1 PVector

With full support for the [Sequence](#) protocol PVector is meant as a drop in replacement to the built in list from a readers point of view. Write operations of course differ since no in place mutation is done but naming should be in line with corresponding operations on the built in list.

Support for the [Hashable](#) protocol also means that it can be used as key in [Mappings](#).

Appends are amortized  $O(1)$ . Random access and insert is  $\log_{32}(n)$  where  $n$  is the size of the vector.

```
>>> from pysistent import v, pvector

# No mutation of vectors once created, instead they
# are "evolved" leaving the original untouched
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3)
>>> v2 = v1.append(4)
>>> v3 = v2.set(1, 5)
>>> v1
pvector([1, 2, 3])
>>> v2
pvector([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> v3
pvector([1, 5, 3, 4])

# Random access and slicing
>>> v3[1]
5
>>> v3[1:3]
pvector([5, 3])

# Iteration
>>> list(x + 1 for x in v3)
[2, 6, 4, 5]
>>> pvector(2 * x for x in range(3))
pvector([0, 2, 4])
```



### 1.1.2 PMap

With full support for the [Mapping](#) protocol PMap is meant as a drop in replacement to the built in dict from a readers point of view. Support for the [Hashable](#) protocol also means that it can be used as key in other [Mappings](#).

Random access and insert is  $\log_{32}(n)$  where  $n$  is the size of the map.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import m, pmap, v

# No mutation of maps once created, instead they are
# "evolved" leaving the original untouched
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> m2 = m1.set('c', 3)
>>> m3 = m2.set('a', 5)
>>> m1
pmap({'a': 1, 'b': 2})
>>> m2
pmap({'a': 1, 'c': 3, 'b': 2})
>>> m3
pmap({'a': 5, 'c': 3, 'b': 2})
>>> m3['a']
5

# Evolution of nested persistent structures
>>> m4 = m(a=5, b=6, c=v(1, 2))
>>> m4.transform(('c', 1), 17)
pmap({'a': 5, 'c': pvector([1, 17]), 'b': 6})
>>> m5 = m(a=1, b=2)

# Evolve by merging with other mappings
>>> m5.update(m(a=2, c=3), {'a': 17, 'd': 35})
pmap({'a': 17, 'c': 3, 'b': 2, 'd': 35})
>>> pmap({'x': 1, 'y': 2}) + pmap({'y': 3, 'z': 4})
pmap({'y': 3, 'x': 1, 'z': 4})

# Dict-like methods to convert to list and iterate
>>> m3.items()
pvector([('a', 5), ('c', 3), ('b', 2)])
>>> list(m3)
['a', 'c', 'b']
```

### 1.1.3 PSet

With full support for the [Set](#) protocol PSet is meant as a drop in replacement to the built in set from a readers point of view. Support for the [Hashable](#) protocol also means that it can be used as key in [Mappings](#).

Random access and insert is  $\log_{32}(n)$  where  $n$  is the size of the set.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import s

# No mutation of sets once created, you know the story...
>>> s1 = s(1, 2, 3, 2)
>>> s2 = s1.add(4)
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```

>>> s3 = s1.remove(1)
>>> s1
pset([1, 2, 3])
>>> s2
pset([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> s3
pset([2, 3])

# Full support for set operations
>>> s1 | s(3, 4, 5)
pset([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> s1 & s(3, 4, 5)
pset([3])
>>> s1 < s2
True
>>> s1 < s(3, 4, 5)
False

```

### 1.1.4 PRecord

A PRecord is a PMap with a fixed set of specified fields. Records are declared as python classes inheriting from PRecord. Because it is a PMap it has full support for all Mapping methods such as iteration and element access using subscript notation.

```

>>> from pyrsistent import PRecord, field
>>> class ARecord(PRecord):
...     x = field()
...
>>> r = ARecord(x=3)
>>> r
ARecord(x=3)
>>> r.x
3
>>> r.set(x=2)
ARecord(x=2)
>>> r.set(y=2)
Traceback (most recent call last):
AttributeError: 'y' is not among the specified fields for ARecord

```

### Type information

It is possible to add type information to the record to enforce type checks. Multiple allowed types can be specified by providing an iterable of types.

```

>>> class BRecord(PRecord):
...     x = field(type=int)
...     y = field(type=(int, type(None)))
...
>>> BRecord(x=3, y=None)
BRecord(y=None, x=3)

```

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```
>>> BRecord(x=3.0)
Traceback (most recent call last):
PTypeError: Invalid type for field BRecord.x, was float
```

Custom types (classes) that are iterable should be wrapped in a tuple to prevent their members being added to the set of valid types. Although Enums in particular are now supported without wrapping, see #83 for more information.

## Mandatory fields

Fields are not mandatory by default but can be specified as such. If fields are missing an *InvariantException* will be thrown which contains information about the missing fields.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import InvariantException
>>> class CRecord(PRecord):
...     x = field(mandatory=True)
...
>>> r = CRecord(x=3)
>>> try:
...     r.discard('x')
... except InvariantException as e:
...     print(e.missing_fields)
...
('CRecord.x',)
```

## Invariants

It is possible to add invariants that must hold when evolving the record. Invariants can be specified on both field and record level. If invariants fail an *InvariantException* will be thrown which contains information about the failing invariants. An invariant function should return a tuple consisting of a boolean that tells if the invariant holds or not and an object describing the invariant. This object can later be used to identify which invariant that failed.

The global invariant function is only executed if all field invariants hold.

Global invariants are inherited to subclasses.

```
>>> class RestrictedVector(PRecord):
...     __invariant__ = lambda r: (r.y >= r.x, 'x larger than y')
...     x = field(invariant=lambda x: (x > 0, 'x negative'))
...     y = field(invariant=lambda y: (y > 0, 'y negative'))
...
>>> r = RestrictedVector(y=3, x=2)
>>> try:
...     r.set(x=-1, y=-2)
... except InvariantException as e:
...     print(e.invariant_errors)
...
('y negative', 'x negative')
>>> try:
...     r.set(x=2, y=1)
... except InvariantException as e:
...     print(e.invariant_errors)
```

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```
...
('x larger than y',)
```

Invariants may also contain multiple assertions. For those cases the invariant function should return a tuple of invariant tuples as described above. This structure is reflected in the `invariant_errors` attribute of the exception which will contain tuples with data from all failed invariants. Eg:

```
>>> class EvenX(PRecord):
...     x = field(invariant=lambda x: ((x > 0, 'x negative'), (x % 2 == 0, 'x odd')))
...
>>> try:
...     EvenX(x=-1)
... except InvariantException as e:
...     print(e.invariant_errors)
...
(('x negative', 'x odd'),)
```

## Factories

It's possible to specify factory functions for fields. The factory function receives whatever is supplied as field value and the actual returned by the factory is assigned to the field given that any type and invariant checks hold. PRecords have a default factory specified as a static function on the class, `create()`. It takes a *Mapping* as argument and returns an instance of the specific record. If a record has fields of type PRecord the `create()` method of that record will be called to create the “sub record” if no factory has explicitly been specified to override this behaviour.

```
>>> class DRecord(PRecord):
...     x = field(factory=int)
...
>>> class ERecord(PRecord):
...     d = field(type=DRecord)
...
>>> ERecord.create({'d': {'x': '1'}})
ERecord(d=DRecord(x=1))
```

## Collection fields

It is also possible to have fields with persistent collections.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import pset_field, pmap_field, pvector_field
>>> class MultiRecord(PRecord):
...     set_of_ints = pset_field(int)
...     map_int_to_str = pmap_field(int, str)
...     vector_of_strs = pvector_field(str)
... 
```



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```
>>> lotteries = LotteriesByDate.create({date(2015, 2, 15): [{'name': 'SuperLotto',
↳ 'numbers': {1, 2, 3}},
...
{'name': 'MegaLotto',
↳ 'numbers': {4, 5, 6}}],
...
date(2015, 2, 16): [{'name': 'SuperLotto',
↳ 'numbers': {3, 2, 1}},
...
{'name': 'MegaLotto',
↳ 'numbers': {6, 5, 4}}]})
>>> lotteries
LotteriesByDate({datetime.date(2015, 2, 15): Lotteries([Lottery(numbers=Positives([1, 2, 3]), name='SuperLotto'), Lottery(numbers=Positives([4, 5, 6]), name='MegaLotto')]),
↳ datetime.date(2015, 2, 16): Lotteries([Lottery(numbers=Positives([1, 2, 3]), name='SuperLotto'), Lottery(numbers=Positives([4, 5, 6]), name='MegaLotto')])})

# The checked versions support all operations that the corresponding
# unchecked types do
>>> lottery_0215 = lotteries[date(2015, 2, 15)]
>>> lottery_0215.transform([0, 'name'], 'SuperDuperLotto')
Lotteries([Lottery(numbers=Positives([1, 2, 3]), name='SuperDuperLotto'),
↳ Lottery(numbers=Positives([4, 5, 6]), name='MegaLotto')])

# But also makes asserts that types and invariants hold
>>> lottery_0215.transform([0, 'name'], 999)
Traceback (most recent call last):
PTypeError: Invalid type for field Lottery.name, was int

>>> lottery_0215.transform([0, 'numbers'], set())
Traceback (most recent call last):
InvariantException: Field invariant failed

# They can be converted back to python built ins with either thaw()
# or serialize() (which provides possibilities to customize serialization)
>>> thaw(lottery_0215)
[{'numbers': set([1, 2, 3]), 'name': 'SuperLotto'}, {'numbers': set([4, 5, 6]), 'name':
↳ 'MegaLotto'}]
>>> lottery_0215.serialize()
[{'numbers': set([1, 2, 3]), 'name': 'SuperLotto'}, {'numbers': set([4, 5, 6]), 'name':
↳ 'MegaLotto'}]
```

### 1.1.7 Transformations

Transformations are inspired by the cool library [instar](#) for Clojure. They let you evolve PMaps and PVectors with arbitrarily deep/complex nesting using simple syntax and flexible matching syntax.

The first argument to transformation is the path that points out the value to transform. The second is the transformation to perform. If the transformation is callable it will be applied to the value(s) matching the path. The path may also contain callables. In that case they are treated as matchers. If the matcher returns True for a specific key it is considered for transformation.

```
# Basic examples
>>> from pysistent import inc, freeze, thaw, rex, ny, discard
```

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```

>>> v1 = freeze([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
>>> v1.transform([2], inc)
pvector([1, 2, 4, 4, 5])
>>> v1.transform([lambda ix: 0 < ix < 4], 8)
pvector([1, 8, 8, 8, 5])
>>> v1.transform([lambda ix, v: ix == 0 or v == 5], 0)
pvector([0, 2, 3, 4, 0])

# The (a)ny matcher can be used to match anything
>>> v1.transform([ny], 8)
pvector([8, 8, 8, 8, 8])

# Regular expressions can be used for matching
>>> scores = freeze({'John': 12, 'Joseph': 34, 'Sara': 23})
>>> scores.transform([rex('^Jo')], 0)
pmap({'Joseph': 0, 'Sara': 23, 'John': 0})

# Transformations can be done on arbitrarily deep structures
>>> news_paper = freeze({'articles': [{'author': 'Sara', 'content': 'A short article'},
...                               {'author': 'Steve', 'content': 'A slightly longer_
↳ article'}],
...                     'weather': {'temperature': '11C', 'wind': '5m/s'}})
>>> short_news = news_paper.transform(['articles', ny, 'content'], lambda c: c[:25] + '..
↳ .' if len(c) > 25 else c)
>>> very_short_news = news_paper.transform(['articles', ny, 'content'], lambda c: c[:15]_
↳ + '...' if len(c) > 15 else c)
>>> very_short_news.articles[0].content
'A short article'
>>> very_short_news.articles[1].content
'A slightly long...'

# When nothing has been transformed the original data structure is kept
>>> short_news is news_paper
True
>>> very_short_news is news_paper
False
>>> very_short_news.articles[0] is news_paper.articles[0]
True

# There is a special transformation that can be used to discard elements. Also
# multiple transformations can be applied in one call
>>> thaw(news_paper.transform(['weather'], discard, ['articles', ny, 'content'],_
↳ discard))
{'articles': [{'author': 'Sara'}, {'author': 'Steve'}]}

```

### 1.1.8 Evolvers

PVector, PMap and PSet all have support for a concept dubbed *evolvers*. An evolver acts like a mutable view of the underlying persistent data structure with “transaction like” semantics. No updates of the original data structure is ever performed, it is still fully immutable.

The evolvers have a very limited API by design to discourage excessive, and inappropriate, usage as that would take us down the mutable road. In principle only basic mutation and element access functions are supported. Check out the [documentation](#) of each data structure for specific examples.

Examples of when you may want to use an evolver instead of working directly with the data structure include:

- Multiple updates are done to the same data structure and the intermediate results are of no interest. In this case using an evolver may be a more efficient and easier to work with.
- You need to pass a vector into a legacy function or a function that you have no control over which performs in place mutations. In this case pass an evolver instance instead and then create a new pvector from the evolver once the function returns.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import v

# In place mutation as when working with the built in counterpart
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3)
>>> e = v1.evolver()
>>> e[1] = 22
>>> e = e.append(4)
>>> e = e.extend([5, 6])
>>> e[5] += 1
>>> len(e)
6

# The evolver is considered *dirty* when it contains changes compared to the underlying
↳vector
>>> e.is_dirty()
True

# But the underlying pvector still remains untouched
>>> v1
pvector([1, 2, 3])

# Once satisfied with the updates you can produce a new pvector containing the updates.
# The new pvector will share data with the original pvector in the same way that would
↳have
# been done if only using operations on the pvector.
>>> v2 = e.persistent()
>>> v2
pvector([1, 22, 3, 4, 5, 7])

# The evolver is now no longer considered *dirty* as it contains no differences compared
↳to the
# pvector just produced.
>>> e.is_dirty()
False

# You may continue to work with the same evolver without affecting the content of v2
```

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```
>>> e[0] = 11

# Or create a new evolver from v2. The two evolvers can be updated independently but
↳ will both
# share data with v2 where possible.
>>> e2 = v2.evolver()
>>> e2[0] = 1111
>>> e.persistent()
pvector([11, 22, 3, 4, 5, 7])
>>> e2.persistent()
pvector([1111, 22, 3, 4, 5, 7])
```

### 1.1.9 freeze and thaw

These functions are great when your cozy immutable world has to interact with the evil mutable world outside.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import freeze, thaw, v, m
>>> freeze([1, {'a': 3}])
pvector([1, pmap({'a': 3})])
>>> thaw(v(1, m(a=3)))
[1, {'a': 3}]
```

By default, freeze will also recursively convert values inside PVectors and PMaps. This behaviour can be changed by providing freeze with the flag `strict=False`.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import freeze, v, m
>>> freeze(v(1, v(2, [3])))
pvector([1, pvector([2, pvector([3])])])
>>> freeze(v(1, v(2, [3])), strict=False)
pvector([1, pvector([2, [3]])])
>>> freeze(m(a=m(b={'c': 1})))
pmap({'a': pmap({'b': pmap({'c': 1})})})
>>> freeze(m(a=m(b={'c': 1})), strict=False)
pmap({'a': pmap({'b': {'c': 1})})})
```

In this regard, thaw operates as the inverse of freeze so will thaw values inside native data structures unless passed the `strict=False` flag.

## 1.2 Compatibility

Pysistent is developed and tested on Python 3.7+ and PyPy3.

## 1.3 Performance

Pysistent is developed with performance in mind. Still, while some operations are nearly on par with their built in, mutable, counterparts in terms of speed, other operations are slower. In the cases where attempts at optimizations have been done, speed has generally been valued over space.

Pysistent comes with two API compatible flavors of PVector (on which PMap and PSet are based), one pure Python implementation and one implemented as a C extension. The latter generally being 2 - 20 times faster than the former. The C extension will be used automatically when possible.

The pure python implementation is fully PyPy compatible. Running it under PyPy speeds operations up considerably if the structures are used heavily (if JITed), for some cases the performance is almost on par with the built in counterparts.

## 1.4 Type hints

PEP 561 style type hints for use with mypy and various editors are available for most types and functions in pysistent.

Type classes for annotating your own code with pysistent types are also available under `pysistent.typing`.

## 1.5 Installation

```
pip install pysistent
```

## 1.6 Documentation

Available at <http://pysistent.readthedocs.org/>

Brief presentation available at <http://slides.com/tobiasgustafsson/immutability-and-python/>

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## 1.8 Contributing

Want to contribute? That's great! If you experience problems please log them on GitHub. If you want to contribute code, please fork the repository and submit a pull request.

### 1.8.1 Run tests

Tests can be executed using `tox`.

Install tox: `pip install tox`

Run test for Python 3.8: `tox -e py38`

### 1.8.2 Release

- `pip install -r requirements.txt`
- Update CHANGES.txt
- Update README.rst with any new contributors and potential info needed.
- Update `_pypersistent_version.py`
- Commit and tag with new version: `git add -u . && git commit -m 'Prepare version vX.Y.Z' && git tag -a vX.Y.Z -m 'vX.Y.Z'`
- Push commit and tags: `git push --follow-tags`
- Build new release using Github actions

## 1.9 Project status

Pypersistent can be considered stable and mature (who knows, there may even be a 1.0 some day :-)). The project is maintained, bugs fixed, PRs reviewed and merged and new releases made. I currently do not have time for development of new features or functionality which I don't have use for myself. I'm more than happy to take PRs for new functionality though!

There are a bunch of issues marked with `enhancement` and `help wanted` that contain requests for new functionality that would be nice to include. The level of difficulty and extend of the issues varies, please reach out to me if you're interested in working on any of them.

If you feel that you have a grand master plan for where you would like Pysistent to go and have the time to put into it please don't hesitate to discuss this with me and submit PRs for it. If all goes well I'd be more than happy to add additional maintainers to the project!



## API DOCUMENTATION

**exception** `CheckedKeyTypeError`(*source\_class*, *expected\_types*, *actual\_type*, *actual\_value*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)

Raised when trying to set a value using a key with a type that doesn't match the declared type.

Attributes: *source\_class* – The class of the collection *expected\_types* – Allowed types *actual\_type* – The non matching type *actual\_value* – Value of the variable with the non matching type

**class** `CheckedPMap`(*initial*={}, *size*=<object object>)

A CheckedPMap is a PMap which allows specifying type and invariant checks.

```
>>> class IntToFloatMap(CheckedPMap):
...     __key_type__ = int
...     __value_type__ = float
...     __invariant__ = lambda k, v: (int(v) == k, 'Invalid mapping')
...
>>> IntToFloatMap({1: 1.5, 2: 2.25})
IntToFloatMap({1: 1.5, 2: 2.25})
```

**evolver()**

Create a new evolver for this pmap. For a discussion on evolvers in general see the documentation for the pvector evolver.

Create the evolver and perform various mutating updates to it:

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> e = m1.evolver()
>>> e['c'] = 3
>>> len(e)
3
>>> del e['a']
```

The underlying pmap remains the same:

```
>>> m1 == {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
True
```

The changes are kept in the evolver. An updated pmap can be created using the `persistent()` function on the evolver.

```
>>> m2 = e.persistent()
>>> m2 == {'b': 2, 'c': 3}
True
```

The new pmap will share data with the original pmap in the same way that would have been done if only using operations on the pmap.

**class** **CheckedPSet**(*initial=()*)

A CheckedPSet is a PSet which allows specifying type and invariant checks.

```
>>> class Positives(CheckedPSet):
...     __type__ = (int, float)
...     __invariant__ = lambda n: (n >= 0, 'Negative')
...
>>> Positives([1, 2, 3])
Positives([1, 2, 3])
```

**evolver()**

Create a new evolver for this pset. For a discussion on evolvers in general see the documentation for the pvector evolver.

Create the evolver and perform various mutating updates to it:

```
>>> s1 = s(1, 2, 3)
>>> e = s1.evolver()
>>> _ = e.add(4)
>>> len(e)
4
>>> _ = e.remove(1)
```

The underlying pset remains the same:

```
>>> s1
pset([1, 2, 3])
```

The changes are kept in the evolver. An updated pmap can be created using the `persistent()` function on the evolver.

```
>>> s2 = e.persistent()
>>> s2
pset([2, 3, 4])
```

The new pset will share data with the original pset in the same way that would have been done if only using operations on the pset.

**class** **CheckedPVector**(*initial=()*)

A CheckedPVector is a PVector which allows specifying type and invariant checks.

```
>>> class Positives(CheckedPVector):
...     __type__ = (int, float)
...     __invariant__ = lambda n: (n >= 0, 'Negative')
...
>>> Positives([1, 2, 3])
Positives([1, 2, 3])
```

**class** **CheckedType**

Marker class to enable creation and serialization of checked object graphs.



**exception** `CheckedValueTypeError`(*source\_class*, *expected\_types*, *actual\_type*, *actual\_value*, \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)

Raised when trying to set a value using a key with a type that doesn't match the declared type.

Attributes: *source\_class* – The class of the collection *expected\_types* – Allowed types *actual\_type* – The non matching type *actual\_value* – Value of the variable with the non matching type

**exception** `InvariantException`(*error\_codes*=(), *missing\_fields*=(), \**args*, \*\**kwargs*)

Exception raised from a [CheckedType](#) when invariant tests fail or when a mandatory field is missing.

Contains two fields of interest: *invariant\_errors*, a tuple of error data for the failing invariants *missing\_fields*, a tuple of strings specifying the missing names

**class** `PBag`(*counts*)

A persistent bag/multiset type.

Requires elements to be hashable, and allows duplicates, but has no ordering. Bags are hashable.

Do not instantiate directly, instead use the factory functions [b\(\)](#) or [pbag\(\)](#) to create an instance.

Some examples:

```
>>> s = pbag([1, 2, 3, 1])
>>> s2 = s.add(4)
>>> s3 = s2.remove(1)
>>> s
pbag([1, 1, 2, 3])
>>> s2
pbag([1, 1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> s3
pbag([1, 2, 3, 4])
```

**add**(*element*)

Add an element to the bag.

```
>>> s = pbag([1])
>>> s2 = s.add(1)
>>> s3 = s.add(2)
>>> s2
pbag([1, 1])
>>> s3
pbag([1, 2])
```

**count**(*element*)

Return the number of times an element appears.

```
>>> pbag([]).count('non-existent')
0
>>> pbag([1, 1, 2]).count(1)
2
```

**remove**(*element*)

Remove an element from the bag.

```
>>> s = pbag([1, 1, 2])
>>> s2 = s.remove(1)
>>> s3 = s.remove(2)
```

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```
>>> s2
pbag([1, 2])
>>> s3
pbag([1, 1])
```

**update**(*iterable*)

Update bag with all elements in iterable.

```
>>> s = pbag([1])
>>> s.update([1, 2])
pbag([1, 1, 2])
```

**class PClass**(\*\*kwargs)

A PClass is a python class with a fixed set of specified fields. PClasses are declared as python classes inheriting from PClass. It is defined the same way that PRecords are and behaves like a PRecord in all aspects except that it is not a PMap and hence not a collection but rather a plain Python object.

More documentation and examples of PClass usage is available at <https://github.com/tobgu/pyrsistent>

**classmethod create**(*kwargs*, *\_factory\_fields=None*, *ignore\_extra=False*)

Factory method. Will create a new PClass of the current type and assign the values specified in kwargs.

**Parameters**

**ignore\_extra** – A boolean which when set to True will ignore any keys which appear in kwargs that are not in the set of fields on the PClass.

**evolver**()

Returns an evolver for this object.

**remove**(*name*)

Remove attribute given by name from the current instance. Raises AttributeError if the attribute doesn't exist.

**serialize**(*format=None*)

Serialize the current PClass using custom serializer functions for fields where such have been supplied.

**set**(*\*args*, \*\*kwargs)

Set a field in the instance. Returns a new instance with the updated value. The original instance remains unmodified. Accepts key-value pairs or single string representing the field name and a value.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import PClass, field
>>> class AClass(PClass):
...     x = field()
...
>>> a = AClass(x=1)
>>> a2 = a.set(x=2)
>>> a3 = a.set('x', 3)
>>> a
AClass(x=1)
>>> a2
AClass(x=2)
>>> a3
AClass(x=3)
```

**transform**(\*transformations)

Apply transformations to the currency PClass. For more details on transformations see the documentation for PMap. Transformations on PClasses do not support key matching since the PClass is not a collection. Apart from that the transformations available for other persistent types work as expected.

**class PDeque**(left\_list, right\_list, length, maxlen=None)

Persistent double ended queue (deque). Allows quick appends and pops in both ends. Implemented using two persistent lists.

A maximum length can be specified to create a bounded queue.

Fully supports the Sequence and Hashable protocols including indexing and slicing but if you need fast random access go for the PVector instead.

Do not instantiate directly, instead use the factory functions [dq\(\)](#) or [pdeque\(\)](#) to create an instance.

Some examples:

```
>>> x = pdeque([1, 2, 3])
>>> x.left
1
>>> x.right
3
>>> x[0] == x.left
True
>>> x[-1] == x.right
True
>>> x.pop()
pdeque([1, 2])
>>> x.pop() == x[:-1]
True
>>> x.popleft()
pdeque([2, 3])
>>> x.append(4)
pdeque([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> x.appendleft(4)
pdeque([4, 1, 2, 3])
```

```
>>> y = pdeque([1, 2, 3], maxlen=3)
>>> y.append(4)
pdeque([2, 3, 4], maxlen=3)
>>> y.appendleft(4)
pdeque([4, 1, 2], maxlen=3)
```

**append**(elem)

Return new deque with elem as the rightmost element.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).append(3)
pdeque([1, 2, 3])
```

**appendleft**(elem)

Return new deque with elem as the leftmost element.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).appendleft(3)
pdeque([3, 1, 2])
```

### **count**(*elem*)

Return the number of elements equal to *elem* present in the queue

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2, 1]).count(1)
2
```

### **extend**(*iterable*)

Return new deque with all elements of *iterable* appended to the right.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).extend([3, 4])
pdeque([1, 2, 3, 4])
```

### **extendleft**(*iterable*)

Return new deque with all elements of *iterable* appended to the left.

NB! The elements will be inserted in reverse order compared to the order in the iterable.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).extendleft([3, 4])
pdeque([4, 3, 1, 2])
```

**index**(*value*[, *start*[, *stop* ]]) → integer -- return first index of value.

Raises `ValueError` if the value is not present.

Supporting *start* and *stop* arguments is optional, but recommended.

### **property left**

Leftmost element in deque.

### **property maxlen**

Maximum length of the queue.

### **pop**(*count=1*)

Return new deque with rightmost element removed. Popping the empty queue will return the empty queue. A optional count can be given to indicate the number of elements to pop. Popping with a negative index is the same as `popleft`. Executes in amortized  $O(k)$  where  $k$  is the number of elements to pop.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).pop()
pdeque([1])
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).pop(2)
pdeque([])
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).pop(-1)
pdeque([2])
```

### **popleft**(*count=1*)

Return new deque with leftmost element removed. Otherwise functionally equivalent to `pop()`.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2]).popleft()
pdeque([2])
```

### **remove**(*elem*)

Return new deque with first element from left equal to *elem* removed. If no such element is found a `ValueError` is raised.

```
>>> pdeque([2, 1, 2]).remove(2)
pdeque([1, 2])
```

**reverse()**

Return reversed deque.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2, 3]).reverse()
pdeque([3, 2, 1])
```

Also supports the standard python reverse function.

```
>>> reversed(pdeque([1, 2, 3]))
pdeque([3, 2, 1])
```

**property right**

Rightmost element in dqueue.

**rotate(steps)**

Return deque with elements rotated steps steps.

```
>>> x = pdeque([1, 2, 3])
>>> x.rotate(1)
pdeque([3, 1, 2])
>>> x.rotate(-2)
pdeque([3, 1, 2])
```

**class PList(first, rest)**

Classical Lisp style singly linked list. Adding elements to the head using cons is  $O(1)$ . Element access is  $O(k)$  where  $k$  is the position of the element in the list. Taking the length of the list is  $O(n)$ .

Fully supports the Sequence and Hashable protocols including indexing and slicing but if you need fast random access go for the PVector instead.

Do not instantiate directly, instead use the factory functions `l()` or `plist()` to create an instance.

Some examples:

```
>>> x = plist([1, 2])
>>> y = x.cons(3)
>>> x
plist([1, 2])
>>> y
plist([3, 1, 2])
>>> y.first
3
>>> y.rest == x
True
>>> y[:2]
plist([3, 1])
```

**class PMap(size, buckets)**

Persistent map/dict. Tries to follow the same naming conventions as the built in dict where feasible.

Do not instantiate directly, instead use the factory functions `m()` or `pmap()` to create an instance.

Was originally written as a very close copy of the Clojure equivalent but was later rewritten to closer re-assemble the python dict. This means that a sparse vector (a PVector) of buckets is used. The keys are hashed and the elements inserted at position `hash % len(bucket_vector)`. Whenever the map size exceeds  $2/3$  of the containing vectors size the map is reallocated to a vector of double the size. This is done to avoid excessive hash collisions.

This structure corresponds most closely to the built in dict type and is intended as a replacement. Where the semantics are the same (more or less) the same function names have been used but for some cases it is not possible, for example assignments and deletion of values.

PMap implements the Mapping protocol and is Hashable. It also supports dot-notation for element access.

Random access and insert is  $\log_{32}(n)$  where  $n$  is the size of the map.

The following are examples of some common operations on persistent maps

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=3)
>>> m2 = m1.set('c', 3)
>>> m3 = m2.remove('a')
>>> m1 == {'a': 1, 'b': 3}
True
>>> m2 == {'a': 1, 'b': 3, 'c': 3}
True
>>> m3 == {'b': 3, 'c': 3}
True
>>> m3['c']
3
>>> m3.c
3
```

#### **discard(key)**

Return a new PMap without the element specified by key. Returns reference to itself if element is not present.

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> m1.discard('a')
pmap({'b': 2})
>>> m1 is m1.discard('c')
True
```

#### **evolver()**

Create a new evolver for this pmap. For a discussion on evolvers in general see the documentation for the pvector evolver.

Create the evolver and perform various mutating updates to it:

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> e = m1.evolver()
>>> e['c'] = 3
>>> len(e)
3
>>> del e['a']
```

The underlying pmap remains the same:

```
>>> m1 == {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
True
```

The changes are kept in the evolver. An updated pmap can be created using the `persistent()` function on the evolver.

```
>>> m2 = e.persistent()
>>> m2 == {'b': 2, 'c': 3}
True
```

The new pmap will share data with the original pmap in the same way that would have been done if only using operations on the pmap.

**get**(*k*, *d*) → *D*[*k*] if *k* in *D*, else *d*. *d* defaults to None.

**remove**(*key*)

Return a new PMap without the element specified by key. Raises KeyError if the element is not present.

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> m1.remove('a')
pmap({'b': 2})
```

**set**(*key*, *val*)

Return a new PMap with key and val inserted.

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> m2 = m1.set('a', 3)
>>> m3 = m1.set('c', 4)
>>> m1 == {'a': 1, 'b': 2}
True
>>> m2 == {'a': 3, 'b': 2}
True
>>> m3 == {'a': 1, 'b': 2, 'c': 4}
True
```

**transform**(*\*transformations*)

Transform arbitrarily complex combinations of PVectors and PMaps. A transformation consists of two parts. One match expression that specifies which elements to transform and one transformation function that performs the actual transformation.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import freeze, ny
>>> news_paper = freeze({'articles': [{'author': 'Sara', 'content': 'A short_
↳ article'},
...                               {'author': 'Steve', 'content': 'A_
↳ slightly longer article'}],
...                          'weather': {'temperature': '11C', 'wind': '5m/s'}})
>>> short_news = news_paper.transform(['articles', ny, 'content'], lambda c:
↳ c[:25] + '...' if len(c) > 25 else c)
>>> very_short_news = news_paper.transform(['articles', ny, 'content'], lambda
↳ c: c[:15] + '...' if len(c) > 15 else c)
>>> very_short_news.articles[0].content
'A short article'
>>> very_short_news.articles[1].content
'A slightly long...'
```

When nothing has been transformed the original data structure is kept

```
>>> short_news is news_paper
True
>>> very_short_news is news_paper
```

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```
False
>>> very_short_news.articles[0] is news_paper.articles[0]
True
```

**update(\*maps)**

Return a new PMap with the items in Mappings inserted. If the same key is present in multiple maps the rightmost (last) value is inserted.

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> m1.update(m(a=2, c=3), {'a': 17, 'd': 35}) == {'a': 17, 'b': 2, 'c': 3, 'd': 35}
True
```

**update\_with(update\_fn, \*maps)**

Return a new PMap with the items in Mappings maps inserted. If the same key is present in multiple maps the values will be merged using merge\_fn going from left to right.

```
>>> from operator import add
>>> m1 = m(a=1, b=2)
>>> m1.update_with(add, m(a=2)) == {'a': 3, 'b': 2}
True
```

The reverse behaviour of the regular merge. Keep the leftmost element instead of the rightmost.

```
>>> m1 = m(a=1)
>>> m1.update_with(lambda l, r: l, m(a=2), {'a': 3})
pmap({'a': 1})
```

**class PRecord(\*\*kwargs)**

A PRecord is a PMap with a fixed set of specified fields. Records are declared as python classes inheriting from PRecord. Because it is a PMap it has full support for all Mapping methods such as iteration and element access using subscript notation.

More documentation and examples of PRecord usage is available at <https://github.com/tobgu/pyrsistent>

**classmethod create(kwargs, \_factory\_fields=None, ignore\_extra=False)**

Factory method. Will create a new PRecord of the current type and assign the values specified in kwargs.

**Parameters**

**ignore\_extra** – A boolean which when set to True will ignore any keys which appear in kwargs that are not in the set of fields on the PRecord.

**evolver()**

Returns an evolver of this object.

**serialize(format=None)**

Serialize the current PRecord using custom serializer functions for fields where such have been supplied.

**set(\*args, \*\*kwargs)**

Set a field in the record. This set function differs slightly from that in the PMap class. First of all it accepts key-value pairs. Second it accepts multiple key-value pairs to perform one, atomic, update of multiple fields.



**class PSet(*m*)**

Persistent set implementation. Built on top of the persistent map. The set supports all operations in the Set protocol and is Hashable.

Do not instantiate directly, instead use the factory functions `s()` or `pset()` to create an instance.

Random access and insert is  $\log_{32}(n)$  where  $n$  is the size of the set.

Some examples:

```
>>> s = pset([1, 2, 3, 1])
>>> s2 = s.add(4)
>>> s3 = s2.remove(2)
>>> s
pset([1, 2, 3])
>>> s2
pset([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> s3
pset([1, 3, 4])
```

**add(*element*)**

Return a new PSet with element added

```
>>> s1 = s(1, 2)
>>> s1.add(3)
pset([1, 2, 3])
```

**discard(*element*)**

Return a new PSet with element removed. Returns itself if element is not present.

**evolver()**

Create a new evolver for this pset. For a discussion on evolvers in general see the documentation for the pvector evolver.

Create the evolver and perform various mutating updates to it:

```
>>> s1 = s(1, 2, 3)
>>> e = s1.evolver()
>>> _ = e.add(4)
>>> len(e)
4
>>> _ = e.remove(1)
```

The underlying pset remains the same:

```
>>> s1
pset([1, 2, 3])
```

The changes are kept in the evolver. An updated pmap can be created using the `persistent()` function on the evolver.

```
>>> s2 = e.persistent()
>>> s2
pset([2, 3, 4])
```

The new pset will share data with the original pset in the same way that would have been done if only using operations on the pset.

**isdisjoint**(*other*)

Return True if two sets have a null intersection.

**issubset**(*other*)

Return self<=value.

**issuperset**(*other*)

Return self>=value.

**remove**(*element*)

Return a new PSet with element removed. Raises KeyError if element is not present.

```
>>> s1 = s(1, 2)
>>> s1.remove(2)
pset([1])
```

**union**(*other*)

Return self|value.

**update**(*iterable*)

Return a new PSet with elements in iterable added

```
>>> s1 = s(1, 2)
>>> s1.update([3, 4, 4])
pset([1, 2, 3, 4])
```

## class PVector

Persistent vector implementation. Meant as a replacement for the cases where you would normally use a Python list.

Do not instantiate directly, instead use the factory functions `v()` and `pvector()` to create an instance.

Heavily influenced by the persistent vector available in Clojure. Initially this was more or less just a port of the Java code for the Clojure vector. It has since been modified and to some extent optimized for usage in Python.

The vector is organized as a trie, any mutating method will return a new vector that contains the changes. No updates are done to the original vector. Structural sharing between vectors are applied where possible to save space and to avoid making complete copies.

This structure corresponds most closely to the built in list type and is intended as a replacement. Where the semantics are the same (more or less) the same function names have been used but for some cases it is not possible, for example assignments.

The PVector implements the Sequence protocol and is Hashable.

Inserts are amortized O(1). Random access is log32(n) where n is the size of the vector.

The following are examples of some common operations on persistent vectors:

```
>>> p = v(1, 2, 3)
>>> p2 = p.append(4)
>>> p3 = p2.extend([5, 6, 7])
>>> p
pvector([1, 2, 3])
>>> p2
pvector([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> p3
pvector([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7])
```

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```
>>> p3[5]
6
>>> p.set(1, 99)
pvector([1, 99, 3])
>>>
```

**abstract append(val)**

Return a new vector with val appended.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2)
>>> v1.append(3)
pvector([1, 2, 3])
```

**abstract count(value)**

Return the number of times that value appears in the vector.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 4, 3, 4)
>>> v1.count(4)
2
```

**abstract delete(index, stop=None)**

Delete a portion of the vector by index or range.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
>>> v1.delete(1)
pvector([1, 3, 4, 5])
>>> v1.delete(1, 3)
pvector([1, 4, 5])
```

**abstract evolver()**

Create a new evolver for this pvector. The evolver acts as a mutable view of the vector with “transaction like” semantics. No part of the underlying vector is updated, it is still fully immutable. Furthermore multiple evolvers created from the same pvector do not interfere with each other.

You may want to use an evolver instead of working directly with the pvector in the following cases:

- Multiple updates are done to the same vector and the intermediate results are of no interest. In this case using an evolver may be a more efficient and easier to work with.
- You need to pass a vector into a legacy function or a function that you have no control over which performs in place mutations of lists. In this case pass an evolver instance instead and then create a new pvector from the evolver once the function returns.

The following example illustrates a typical workflow when working with evolvers. It also displays most of the API (which is kept small by design, you should not be tempted to use evolvers in excess ;-)).

Create the evolver and perform various mutating updates to it:

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
>>> e = v1.evolver()
>>> e[1] = 22
>>> _ = e.append(6)
>>> _ = e.extend([7, 8, 9])
>>> e[8] += 1
```

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```
>>> len(e)
9
```

The underlying pvector remains the same:

```
>>> v1
pvector([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
```

The changes are kept in the evolver. An updated pvector can be created using the `persistent()` function on the evolver.

```
>>> v2 = e.persistent()
>>> v2
pvector([1, 22, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10])
```

The new pvector will share data with the original pvector in the same way that would have been done if only using operations on the pvector.

#### **abstract extend(obj)**

Return a new vector with all values in `obj` appended to it. `Obj` may be another `PVector` or any other `Iterable`.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3)
>>> v1.extend([4, 5])
pvector([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])
```

#### **abstract index(value, \*args, \*\*kwargs)**

Return first index of `value`. Additional indexes may be supplied to limit the search to a sub range of the vector.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3, 4, 3)
>>> v1.index(3)
2
>>> v1.index(3, 3, 5)
4
```

#### **abstract mset(\*args)**

Return a new vector with elements in specified positions replaced by values (multi set).

Elements on even positions in the argument list are interpreted as indexes while elements on odd positions are considered values.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3)
>>> v1.mset(0, 11, 2, 33)
pvector([11, 2, 33])
```

#### **abstract remove(value)**

Remove the first occurrence of a value from the vector.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3, 2, 1)
>>> v2 = v1.remove(1)
>>> v2
pvector([2, 3, 2, 1])
>>> v2.remove(1)
pvector([2, 3, 2])
```

**abstract set**(*i, val*)

Return a new vector with element at position *i* replaced with *val*. The original vector remains unchanged.

Setting a value one step beyond the end of the vector is equal to appending. Setting beyond that will result in an `IndexError`.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3)
>>> v1.set(1, 4)
pvector([1, 4, 3])
>>> v1.set(3, 4)
pvector([1, 2, 3, 4])
>>> v1.set(-1, 4)
pvector([1, 2, 4])
```

**abstract transform**(*\*transformations*)

Transform arbitrarily complex combinations of `PVectors` and `PMaps`. A transformation consists of two parts. One match expression that specifies which elements to transform and one transformation function that performs the actual transformation.

```
>>> from pyrsistent import freeze, ny
>>> news_paper = freeze({'articles': [{'author': 'Sara', 'content': 'A short_
↳ article'},
...                               {'author': 'Steve', 'content': 'A_
↳ slightly longer article'}],
...                          'weather': {'temperature': '11C', 'wind': '5m/s'}})
>>> short_news = news_paper.transform(['articles', ny, 'content'], lambda c:
↳ c[:25] + '...' if len(c) > 25 else c)
>>> very_short_news = news_paper.transform(['articles', ny, 'content'], lambda
↳ c: c[:15] + '...' if len(c) > 15 else c)
>>> very_short_news.articles[0].content
'A short article'
>>> very_short_news.articles[1].content
'A slightly long...'
```

When nothing has been transformed the original data structure is kept

```
>>> short_news is news_paper
True
>>> very_short_news is news_paper
False
>>> very_short_news.articles[0] is news_paper.articles[0]
True
```

**b**(*\*elements*)

Construct a persistent bag.

Takes an arbitrary number of arguments to insert into the new persistent bag.

```
>>> b(1, 2, 3, 2)
pbag([1, 2, 2, 3])
```

**discard**(*evolver, key*)

Discard the element and returns a structure without the discarded elements

**dq**(\*elements)

Return deque containing all arguments.

```
>>> dq(1, 2, 3)
pdeque([1, 2, 3])
```

**field**(type=(), invariant=<function <lambda>>, initial=<object object>, mandatory=False, factory=<function <lambda>>, serializer=<function <lambda>>)

Field specification factory for *PRecord*.

**Parameters**

- **type** – a type or iterable with types that are allowed for this field
- **invariant** – a function specifying an invariant that must hold for the field
- **initial** – value of field if not specified when instantiating the record
- **mandatory** – boolean specifying if the field is mandatory or not
- **factory** – function called when field is set.
- **serializer** – function that returns a serialized version of the field

**freeze**(o, strict=True)

Recursively convert simple Python containers into pypersistent versions of those containers.

- list is converted to pvector, recursively
- dict is converted to pmap, recursively on values (but not keys)
- set is converted to pset, but not recursively
- tuple is converted to tuple, recursively.

If strict == True (default):

- freeze is called on elements of pvector
- freeze is called on values of pmaps

Sets and dict keys are not recursively frozen because they do not contain mutable data by convention. The main exception to this rule is that dict keys and set elements are often instances of mutable objects that support hash-by-id, which this function can't convert anyway.

```
>>> freeze(set([1, 2]))
pset([1, 2])
>>> freeze([1, {'a': 3}])
pvector([1, pmap({'a': 3})])
>>> freeze((1, []))
(1, pvector([]))
```

**get\_in**(keys, coll, default=None, no\_default=False)

**NB: This is a straight copy of the get\_in implementation found in**

the toolz library (<https://github.com/pytoolz/toolz/>). It works with persistent data structures as well as the corresponding datastructures from the stdlib.

Returns coll[i0][i1]...[iX] where [i0, i1, ..., iX]==keys.

If coll[i0][i1]...[iX] cannot be found, returns default, unless no\_default is specified, then it raises KeyError or IndexError.

`get_in` is a generalization of `operator.getitem` for nested data structures such as dictionaries and lists.

```
>>> from pysistent import freeze >>> transaction = freeze({'name': 'Alice', ... 'purchase': {'items': ['Apple', 'Orange'], ... 'costs': [0.50, 1.25]}, ... 'credit card': '5555-1234-1234-1234'}) >>> get_in(['purchase', 'items', 0], transaction) 'Apple' >>> get_in(['name'], transaction) 'Alice' >>> get_in(['purchase', 'total'], transaction) >>> get_in(['purchase', 'items', 'apple'], transaction) >>> get_in(['purchase', 'items', 10], transaction) >>> get_in(['purchase', 'total'], transaction, 0) 0 >>> get_in(['y'], {}, no_default=True) Traceback (most recent call last): ... KeyError: 'y'
```

**`immutable`**(*members*="", *name*='Immutable', *verbose*=False)

Produces a class that either can be used standalone or as a base class for persistent classes.

This is a thin wrapper around a named tuple.

Constructing a type and using it to instantiate objects:

```
>>> Point = immutable('x, y', name='Point')
>>> p = Point(1, 2)
>>> p2 = p.set(x=3)
>>> p
Point(x=1, y=2)
>>> p2
Point(x=3, y=2)
```

Inheriting from a constructed type. In this case no type name needs to be supplied:

```
>>> class PositivePoint(immutable('x, y')):
...     __slots__ = tuple()
...     def __new__(cls, x, y):
...         if x > 0 and y > 0:
...             return super(PositivePoint, cls).__new__(cls, x, y)
...         raise Exception('Coordinates must be positive!')
...
>>> p = PositivePoint(1, 2)
>>> p.set(x=3)
PositivePoint(x=3, y=2)
>>> p.set(y=-3)
Traceback (most recent call last):
Exception: Coordinates must be positive!
```

The persistent class also supports the notion of frozen members. The value of a frozen member cannot be updated. For example it could be used to implement an ID that should remain the same over time. A frozen member is denoted by a trailing underscore.

```
>>> Point = immutable('x, y, id_', name='Point')
>>> p = Point(1, 2, id_=17)
>>> p.set(x=3)
Point(x=3, y=2, id_=17)
>>> p.set(id_=18)
Traceback (most recent call last):
AttributeError: Cannot set frozen members id_
```

**`inc`**(*x*)

Add one to the current value

**`l`**(*\*elements*)

Creates a new persistent list containing all arguments.

```
>>> l(1, 2, 3)
plist([1, 2, 3])
```

**m**(\*\**kwargs*)

Creates a new persistent map. Inserts all key value arguments into the newly created map.

```
>>> m(a=13, b=14) == {'a': 13, 'b': 14}
True
```

**mutant**(*fn*)

Convenience decorator to isolate mutation to within the decorated function (with respect to the input arguments).

All arguments to the decorated function will be frozen so that they are guaranteed not to change. The return value is also frozen.

**ny**(\_)

Matcher that matches any value

**optional**(\**types*)

Convenience function to specify that a value may be of any of the types in type 'types' or None

**pbag**(*elements*)

Convert an iterable to a persistent bag.

Takes an iterable with elements to insert.

```
>>> pbag([1, 2, 3, 2])
pbag([1, 2, 2, 3])
```

**pdeque**(*iterable=()*, *maxlen=None*)

Return deque containing the elements of iterable. If maxlen is specified then len(iterable) - maxlen elements are discarded from the left to if len(iterable) > maxlen.

```
>>> pdeque([1, 2, 3])
pdeque([1, 2, 3])
>>> pdeque([1, 2, 3, 4], maxlen=2)
pdeque([3, 4], maxlen=2)
```

**plist**(*iterable=()*, *reverse=False*)

Creates a new persistent list containing all elements of iterable. Optional parameter reverse specifies if the elements should be inserted in reverse order or not.

```
>>> plist([1, 2, 3])
plist([1, 2, 3])
>>> plist([1, 2, 3], reverse=True)
plist([3, 2, 1])
```

**pmap**(*initial={}*, *pre\_size=0*)

Create new persistent map, inserts all elements in initial into the newly created map. The optional argument pre\_size may be used to specify an initial size of the underlying bucket vector. This may have a positive performance impact in the cases where you know beforehand that a large number of elements will be inserted into the map eventually since it will reduce the number of reallocations required.

```
>>> pmap({'a': 13, 'b': 14}) == {'a': 13, 'b': 14}
True
```



**pmap\_field**(key\_type, value\_type, optional=False, invariant=<function <lambda>>)

Create a checked PMap field.

#### Parameters

- **key** – The required type for the keys of the map.
- **value** – The required type for the values of the map.
- **optional** – If true, None can be used as a value for this field.
- **invariant** – Pass-through to field.

#### Returns

A field containing a CheckedPMap.

**pset**(iterable=(), pre\_size=8)

Creates a persistent set from iterable. Optionally takes a sizing parameter equivalent to that used for [pmap\(\)](#).

```
>>> s1 = pset([1, 2, 3, 2])
>>> s1
pset([1, 2, 3])
```

**pset\_field**(item\_type, optional=False, initial=(), invariant=<function <lambda>>, item\_invariant=<function <lambda>>)

Create checked PSet field.

#### Parameters

- **item\_type** – The required type for the items in the set.
- **optional** – If true, None can be used as a value for this field.
- **initial** – Initial value to pass to factory if no value is given for the field.

#### Returns

A field containing a CheckedPSet of the given type.

**pvector**(iterable=())

Create a new persistent vector containing the elements in iterable.

```
>>> v1 = pvector([1, 2, 3])
>>> v1
pvector([1, 2, 3])
```

**pvector\_field**(item\_type, optional=False, initial=(), invariant=<function <lambda>>, item\_invariant=<function <lambda>>)

Create checked PVector field.

#### Parameters

- **item\_type** – The required type for the items in the vector.
- **optional** – If true, None can be used as a value for this field.
- **initial** – Initial value to pass to factory if no value is given for the field.

#### Returns

A field containing a CheckedPVector of the given type.

**rex**(expr)

Regular expression matcher to use together with transform functions

**s**(\*elements)

Create a persistent set.

Takes an arbitrary number of arguments to insert into the new set.

```
>>> s1 = s(1, 2, 3, 2)
>>> s1
pset([1, 2, 3])
```

**thaw**(o, strict=True)

Recursively convert pysistent containers into simple Python containers.

- pvector is converted to list, recursively
- pmap is converted to dict, recursively on values (but not keys)
- pset is converted to set, but not recursively
- tuple is converted to tuple, recursively.

If strict == True (the default):

- thaw is called on elements of lists
- thaw is called on values in dicts

```
>>> from pysistent import s, m, v
>>> thaw(s(1, 2))
{1, 2}
>>> thaw(v(1, m(a=3)))
[1, {'a': 3}]
>>> thaw((1, v()))
(1, [])
```

**v**(\*elements)

Create a new persistent vector containing all parameters to this function.

```
>>> v1 = v(1, 2, 3)
>>> v1
pvector([1, 2, 3])
```

## 2.1 pysistent.typing

Helpers for use with type annotation.

Use the empty classes in this module when annotating the types of Pysistent objects, instead of using the actual collection class.

For example,

```
from pysistent import pvector
from pysistent.typing import PVector
myvector: PVector[str] = pvector(['a', 'b', 'c'])
```

**class** CheckedPMap

**class** CheckedPSet

`class CheckedPVector`

`class PBag`

`class PDeque`

`class PList`

`class PMap`

`class PSet`

`class PVector`



## REVISION HISTORY

### 0.19.3, 2022-12-29

- Fix #264, add wheels and official support for Python 3.11. Thanks @hugovk for this!

### 0.19.2, 2022-11-03

- Fix #263, pmap regression in 0.19.1. Element access sometimes unreliable after insert. Thanks @mwchase for reporting this!

### 0.19.1, 2022-10-30

- Fix #159 (through PR #243). Pmap keys/values/items now behave more like the corresponding Python 3 methods on dicts. Previously they returned a materialized PVector holding the items, now they return views instead. This is a slight backwards incompatibility compared to previous behaviour, hence stepping version to 0.19. Thanks @noahbenson for this!
- Fix #244, type for argument to PVector.delete missing. @thanks dscrofts for this!
- Fix #249, rename perf test directory to avoid tripping up automatic discovery in more recent setuptools versions
- Fix #247, performance bug when setting elements in maps and adding elements to sets
- Fix #248, build pure Python wheels. This is used by some installers. Thanks @andyreagan for this!
- Fix #254, #258, support manylinux\_2014\_aarch64 wheels. Thanks @Aaron-Durant for this!

0.19.0 - Never released due to issues found on test-PyPI

### 0.18.1, 2022-01-14

- Add universal wheels for MacOS, thanks @ntamas for this!
- Add support for Python 3.10, thanks @hugovk for this!
- Fix #236 compilation errors under Python 3.10.
- Drop official support for Python 3.6 since it's EOL since 2021-12-23.
- Fix #238, failing doc tests on Python 3.11, thanks @musicinmybrain for this!

### 0.18.0, 2021-06-28

- Fix #209 Update freeze recurse into pyrsistent data structures and thaw to recurse into lists and dicts, Thanks @phil-arh for this! NB! This is a backwards incompatible change! To keep the old behaviour pass *strict=False* to freeze and thaw.
- Fix #226, stop using deprecated exception.message. Thanks @hexagonrecursion for this!
- Fix #211, add union operator to persistent maps. Thanks @bowbahdoe for this!
- Fix #194, declare build dependencies through pyproject.toml. Thanks @jaraco for this!

- Officially drop Python 3.5 support.
- Fix #223, release wheels for all major platforms. Thanks @johnthagen for helping out with this!
- Fix #221, KeyError obscured by TypeError if key is a tuple. Thanks @ganwell for this!
- Fix LICENSE file name spelling. Thanks @ndowens and @barensen for this!
- Fix #216, add abstractmethod decorator for CheckedType and ABCMeta for \_CheckedTypeMeta. Thanks @ss18 for this!
- Fix #228, rename example classes in tests to avoid name clashes with pytest.

#### **0.17.3, 2020-09-13**

- Fix #208, release v0.17.3 with proper meta data requiring Python  $\geq 3.5$ .

#### **0.16.1, 2020-09-13**

- Add “python\_requires  $\geq 2.7$ ” to setup.py in preparation for Python 2.7 incompatible updates in 0.17. This is the last version of pysistent that can be used with Python 2.7.

#### **0.17.2 (yanked awaiting proper fix for Python 3 req), 2020-09-09**

- Same as 0.17.1 released with more recent version of setuptools to get proper meta data for in place.

#### **0.17.1 (yanked for proper meta data), 2020-09-09**

- Restrict package to Python  $\geq 3.5$  to not break unpinned Python 2 dependencies. Thanks @vphilippon for this!

#### **0.17.0 (yanked for Python 2 compatibility), 2020-09-08**

- Remove Python 2 support code. This includes dropping some compatibility code and the dependency on six. Thanks @djailla for this.
- Fix #200, python 3 exception chaining. This is a minor backwards incompatibility, hence stepping to 0.17.0. Thanks @cool-RR for this!

#### **0.16.0, 2020-03-24**

- No major updates but Python 2 support no longer guaranteed.
- Fix #192, ‘ignore\_extra’ for ‘pvector\_field’. Thanks @ss18 for this!
- Fix #191, include LICENCE in distribution. Thanks @johnthagen for this!
- Fix #190, minor MyPy errors. Thanks @Qhesz for this!

#### **0.15.7, 2020-01-07**

- NOTE! This is the last version of Pysistent that officially supports Python 2.X!
- Fix #186, type errors with more recent versions of MyPy. Thanks @qhesz for this!
- Build and test on ARM during CI. Thanks @ossdev07 for this!
- Set absolute imports for python2 compatibility. Thanks @michalvi for this!

#### **0.15.6, 2019-11-23**

- Fix #182 moduleinit name clash.

#### **0.15.5, 2019-10-27**

- Fix #179 Fixed ‘ignore\_extra’ factory parameter for pvector. Thanks @ss18 for this!

#### **0.15.4, 2019-07-27**

- Fix #174, fix a GC traversal bug in pvector evolver C extension. Thanks @till-varoquaux for finding and fixing this!
- Fix #175, pytest 5 compatibility, this is a quick fix, some more work is needed to get coverage working etc.

#### **0.15.3, 2019-07-07**

- Fix #172, catch all exceptions during extension build to reduce chance of corner cases that prevents installation.
- Fix #171, in PVector equality comparison don't assume that other object has a length, check before calling len.
- Fix #168, write warning about failing build of C extension directly to stderr to avoid that pip silences it.
- Fix #155, update PMapEvolver type stub to better reflect implementation.

#### **0.15.2, 2019-05-12**

- Fix #166, Propagate 'ignore\_extra' param in hierarchy. Thanks @ss18 for this!
- Fix #167, thaw typing. Thanks @nattofriends for this!
- Fix #154, not possible to insert empty pmap as leaf node with transform.

#### **0.15.1, 2019-04-26**

- Fix #163 installation broken on Python 2 because of fix of #161, thanks @vphilippon for this! Sorry for the inconvenience.

#### **0.15.0, 2019-04-25**

- Python 3.4 is no longer officially supported since it is EOL since 2019-03-18.
- Fix #157, major improvements to type hints. Thanks @je-l for working on this and @nattofriend for reviewing the PR!
- Fix #161, installation fails on some Windows platforms because fallback to Python pvector does not work. Thanks @MaxTaggart for fixing and verifying this!

#### **0.14.11, 2019-02-21**

- Fix #152 Don't use \_\_builtin\_popcount, this hopefully fixes #147 Error in pvector.cp37-win\_amd64.pyd file, as well. Thanks @benrg for this!
- Fix #151 Fix compatibility for hypothesis 4. Thanks @felixonmars for this!

#### **0.14.10, 2019-02-09**

- Fix #148, only require pytest-runner if running tests. Thanks @ccorbacho for this!

#### **0.14.9, 2019-01-06**

- Fix #144, Compile pvectormodule.c on windows. Thanks @ganwell for this!

#### **0.14.8, 2018-12-19**

- Fix #142, Improve type stubs. Thanks @arxanas for this!

#### **0.14.7, 2018-11-20**

- Fix #102, add PEP 561 type annotation stubs for most pysistent types. Thanks @nattofriends for this!

#### **0.14.6, 2018-11-17**

- Fix #135, Type classes for Python 3 type annotations of pysistent types. Thanks @nattofriends for this!
- Fix #128, Allow PClass and PRecord to ignore input parameters to constructor that are not part of the spec instead of blowing up with a type error. Thanks @agberk for this!

**0.14.5, 2018-10-14**

- Fix #137, deprecation warnings in Python 3.7. Thanks @thombashi for this!
- Fix #129, building via setuptools and setup.py. Thanks @galuszkak for this!

**0.14.4, 2018-07-08**

- Fix #133, minor Python 3.7 compatibility issue. Pysistent is now officially Python 3.7 compliant!

**v0.14.3, 2018-06-11**

- Fix #123 regression where type names break sequence fields. Thanks @doozr for this!
- Fix #124 using the class name to make AttributeError on `__getattr__` more informative for PRecords. Thanks @neilvyas for this!
- Fix #125 how fields handle type arguments. Thanks @neilvyas for this!

**v0.14.2, 2017-12-06**

- Fix #121, regression in PClass.set() introduced in 0.14.1.

**v0.14.1, 2017-11-27**

- Equality check performance improvements for pvector and pmaps. Thanks @dtomas for this!
- Avoid calling factories multiple times for fields that do not change, see PR #120 for details. Thanks @teepark for this!

**v0.14.0, 2017-10-08**

- Fix #117, pmap now accepts iterators as input to constructor. Thanks @Julian for this!
- Drop support for Python 2.6. Nothing has been done in this release that will explicitly break pysistent for 2.6 but it will not be considered moving forward. Dropping 2.6 support is the reason for stepping the second decimal instead of the third.

**v0.13.0, 2017-09-01**

- Fix #113, Skip field factories when loading pickled objects. There is a minor backwards incompatibility in the behaviour because of this. Thanks @teepark for fi this!
- Fix #116, negative indexing for pdeques. Thanks @Julian for this!

**v0.12.3, 2017-06-04**

- Fix #83, make it possible to use Python 3 enums as field type without having to wrap it in a list or tuple. Thanks @douglas-treadwell for this!

**v0.12.2, 2017-05-30**

- Fix #108, now possible to use the values in predicates to transform. Thanks @exarkus for this!
- Fix #107, support multiple level of `__invariant__` inheritance. Thanks @exarkus for this!

**v0.12.1, 2017-02-26**

- Fix #97, initialize CheckedPVector from iterator-
- Fix #97, cache hash value on PMap. Thanks @sarum90 for this!

**v0.12.0, 2017-01-06**

- Fix #87, add function `get_in()` for access to elements in deeply nested structures.
- Fix #91, add method `update()` to pset and pbag.
- Fix #92, incorrect discard of elements in transform on pvector



- This is a release candidate for 1.0 as I now consider pyrsistent fairly stable.

**v0.11.13, 2016-04-03**

- Fix #84, pvector segfault in CPython 3 when repr of contained object raises Exception.
- Update README to cover for issue described in #83.

**v0.11.12, 2016-02-06**

- Minor modifications of tests to allow testing as requested in #79 and #80.
- Also run CI tests under python 3.5

**v0.11.11, 2016-01-31**

- #78, include tests in pypi dist.

**v0.11.10, 2015-12-27, NOTE! This release contains a backwards incompatible change**

despite only stepping the patch version number. See below.

- Implement #74, attribute access on PClass evolver
- Implement #75, lazily evaluated invariant messages by providing a callable with no arguments.
- Initial values on fields can now be evaluated on object creation by providing a callable with no arguments.

**NOTE! If you previously had callables as initial values this change means that those**

will be called upon object creation which may not be what you want. As a temporary workaround a callable returning a callable can be used. This feature and the concept of initial values will likely change slightly in the future. See #77 and #76 for more information.

**v0.11.9, 2015-11-01**

- Added PVector.remove(), thanks @radix for initiating this!

**v0.11.8, 2015-10-18**

- Fix #66, UnicodeDecodeError when doing pip install in environments with ascii encoding as default. Thanks @foolwood!
- Implement support for multiple types in pmap\_field(), pvector\_field() and pset\_field(). Thanks @itamarst!

**v0.11.7, 2015-10-03**

- Fix #52, occasional SEGFAULTs due to misplaced call to PyObject\_GC\_Track. Thanks @jkbj for this!
- Fix #42, complete support for delete. Now also on the C-implementation of the PVectorEvolver. Thanks @itamarst for contributing a whole bunch of Hypothesis test cases covering the evolver operations!

**v0.11.6, 2015-09-30**

- Add +, -, & and | operations to PBag. Thanks @Futrell for this!

**v0.11.5, 2015-09-29**

- Fix bug introduced in 0.11.4 that prevented multi level inheritance from PClass.
- Make PClassMeta public for friendlier subclassing

**v0.11.4, 2015-09-28**

- Fix #59, make it possible to create weakrefs to all collection types. Thanks @itamarst for reporting it.
- Fix #58, add \_\_str\_\_ to InvariantException. Thanks @tomprince for reporting it.

**v0.11.3, 2015-09-15**

- Fix #57, support pickling of PClasses and PRecords using `pmap_field`, `pvector_field`, and `pset_field`. Thanks @radix for reporting this and submitting a fix for it!

### **v0.11.2, 2015-09-09**

- Fix bug causing potential element loss when reallocating PMap. Thanks to @jml for finding this and submitting a PR with a fix!
- Removed python 3.2 test build from Travis. There is nothing breaking 3.2 compatibility in this release but there will be no effort moving forward to keep the 3.2 compatibility.

### **v0.11.1, 2015-08-24**

- Fix #51, `PClass.set()` broken when used with `string+value` argument.
- #50, make it possible to specify more than one assertion in an invariant
- #48, make it possible to make recursive type references by using a string as type specification.

### **v0.11.0, 2015-07-11**

- #42, `delete()` function added to `PVector` to allow deletion of elements by index and range. Will perform a full copy of the vector, no structural sharing. Thanks @radix for helping out with this one!
- Fix #39, explicitly disallow ordering for PMap and PBag, Python 3 style
- Fix #37, `PMap.values()/keys()/items()` now returns `PVectors` instead of lists

### **v0.10.3, 2015-06-13**

- Fix #40, make it possible to disable the C extension by setting the `PYRSISTENT_NO_C_EXTENSION` environment variable.

### **v0.10.2, 2015-06-07**

- Fix #38, construction from serialized object for `pvector/pset/pmap` fields.

### **v0.10.1, 2015-04-27**

- Fix broken `README.rst`

### **v10.0.0, 2015-04-27**

- New type `PClass`, a persistent version of a Python object. Related to issues #30 and #32. Thanks @exarkun and @radix for input on this one!
- Rename `PRecordTypeError` -> `PTypeError`, it is now also raised by `PClass`
- New convenience functions, `pvector_field`, `pmap_field` and `pset_field` to create `PRecord/PClass` fields for checked collections. Issues #26 and #36. Thanks to @itamarst for this!
- Removed deprecated function `set_in()` on `PMap` and `PVector`.
- Removed deprecated factory function `pclass`.
- Major internal restructuring breaking `pyrsistent.py` into multiple files. This should not affect those only using the public interface but if you experience problems please let me know.

### **v0.9.4, 2015-04-20**

- Fix #34, `PVector` now compares against built in list type

### **v0.9.3, 2015-04-06**

- Rename `pclass` back to `immutable` and deprecate the usage of the `pclass` function. `PClass` will be used by a new, different type in upcoming releases.
- Documentation strings for the exceptions introduced in 0.9.2.

**v0.9.2, 2015-04-03**

- More informative type errors from checked types, issue #30
- Support multiple optional types, issue #28

**v0.9.1, 2015-02-25**

- Multi level serialization for checked types

**v0.9.0, 2015-02-25, Lots of new stuff in this release!**

- Checked types, checked versions of PVector, PMap, PSet that support type and invariant specification. Currently lacking proper documentation but I'm working on it.
- `set_in()` on PVector and PMap are now deprecated and will be removed in the next release. Use `transform()` instead. `set_in()` has been updated to use `transform()` for this release this means that some corner error cases behave slightly different than before.
- Refactoring of the PVector to unify the type. Should not have any user impact as long as only the public interface of pysistent has been used. PVector is now an abstract base class with which the different implementations are registered.
- Evolvers have been updated to return themselves for evolving operations to allow function chaining.
- Richer exception messages for KeyErrors and IndexErrors specifying the key/index that caused the failure. Thanks @radix for this.
- Missing attribute on PMaps when accessing with dot-notation now raises an AttributeError instead of a KeyError. Issue #21.
- New function decorator @mutant that freezes all input arguments to a function and the return value.
- Add `__version__` to pysistent.py. Issue #23.
- Fix pickling for pset. Issue #24.

**v0.8.0, 2015-01-21**

- New type PRecord. Subtype of PMap that allows explicit, declarative field specification. Thanks @boxed for inspiration!
- Efficient transformations of arbitrary complexity on PMap and PVector. Thanks @boxed for inspiration!
- Breaking change to the evolver interface. What used to be `.pvector()`, `.pmap()` and `.pset()` on the different evolvers has now been unified so that all evolvers have one method `.persistent()` to produce the persistent counterpart. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- Removed the tests directory from the package.
- PMap and PSet now contains a `copy`-function to closer mimic the interface of the dict and set. These functions will simply return a reference to self.
- Removed deprecated alias 'immutable' from pclass.

**v0.7.1, 2015-01-17**

- Fixes #14 where a file executed (unexpectedly) during installation was not python 3 compatible.

**v0.7.0, 2015-01-04, No 1.0, instead a bunch of new stuff and one API breaking change to PMap.remove().**

- Evolvers for pvector, pmap and pset to allow simple and efficient updates of multiple elements in the collection. See the documentation for a closer description.
- New method `mset` on pvector to update multiple values in one operation
- Remove deprecated methods `merge` and `merge_with` on PMap

- Change behavior of PMap.remove, it will now raise a KeyError if the element is not present. New method PMap.discard will instead return the original pmap if the element is not present. This aligns the PMap with how things are done in the PSet and is closer to the behavior of the built in counterparts.

### **v0.6.3, 2014-11-27**

- Python 2.6 support, thanks @wrmsr!
- PMap.merge/merge\_with renamed to update/update\_with. merge/merge\_with remains but will be removed for 1.0.
- This is a release candidate for 1.0! Please be aware that PMap.merge/merge\_with and immutable() will be removed for 1.0.

### **v0.6.2, 2014-11-03**

- Fix typo causing the pure python vector to be used even if the C implementation was available. Thanks @zerc for finding it!

### **v0.6.1, 2014-10-31**

- Renamed 'immutable' to 'pclass' for consistency but left immutable for compatibility.

### **v0.6.0, 2014-10-25**

- New data structure, persistent linked list
- New data structure, persistent double ended queue

### **v0.5.0, 2014-09-24**

- New data structure, persistent bag / multiset
- New functions freeze and thaw to recursively convert between python built in data types and corresponding pysistent data types.
- All data structures can now be pickled
- New function merge\_in on persistent map which allows a user supplied function to implement the merge strategy.

### **v0.4.0, 2014-09-20**

- Full Python 3 support.
- Immutable object implemented.
- Bug fixes in PVector.\_\_repr\_\_() and PMap.\_\_hash\_\_() and index check of PVector.
- Repr changed to be fully cut and paste compatible
- Changed assoc() -> set(), assoc\_in() -> set\_in(), massoc() -> mset(). Sorry for the API breaking change but I think those names are more pythonic.
- Improved documentation.

### **v0.3.1, 2014-06-29**

- assoc() on PSet renamed back to add()

### **v0.3.0, 2014-06-28**

- Full Sequence protocol support for PVector
- Full Mapping protocol support for PMap
- Full Set protocol support for PSet
- assoc\_in() support for both PMap and PVector

- merge() support for PMap
- Performance improvements to the PVector C extension speed up allocation

**v0.2.1, 2014-06-21**

- Supply the tests with the distribution

**v0.2.0, 2014-06-21**

- New C extension with an optimized version of the persistent vector
- Updated API slightly

**v0.1.0, 2013-11-10**

- Initial release.



## **TODO (IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER)**

- Versioned data structure where the different versions can be accessed by index?
- Ordered sets and maps
- A good performance measurement suite





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