

Lists

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Lists

- What do we already know about Lists?
- List Operations
 - Creation
 - Querying
 - Modification

Loop Examples: Where's the list?

```
for num in [2, 4, 6]:  
    print(num)
```

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```
for i in [1, 2, 3]:  
    print("Hi there!")
```

```
for char in "happy":  
    print(char)
```

sequence is a string, NOT a list

Prints the values
of sequence

The range function

A typical for loop does not use an explicit list:

```
for i in range(5) :
```

```
    ... body ...
```

Upper limit
(*exclusive*)

Produces the list
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

range(5) : cycles through [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

Lower limit
(*inclusive*)

range(1, 5) : cycles through [1, 2, 3, 4]

step (distance
between elements)

range(1, 10, 2) : cycles through [1, 3, 5, 7, 9]

What is a list?

- A list is an ordered sequence of values

- A list of integers:

`[3, 1, 4, 4, 5, 9]`

0	1	2	3	4	5
3	1	4	4	5	9

- A list of strings:

`["Four", "score", "and", "seven", "years"]`

0	1	2	3	4
"Four"	"score"	"and"	"seven"	"years"

- Each value has an **index**
 - Indexing is zero-based (counting starts with zero)
- `len([3, 1, 4, 4, 5, 9])` returns 6

List Operations

- What operations should a list support efficiently and conveniently?
 - Creation
 - Querying
 - Modification

List Creation

```
a = [3, 1, 2 * 2, 1, 10 / 2, 10 - 1]
```

3	1	4	1	5	9
---	---	---	---	---	---

```
b = [5, 3, 'hi']
```

```
c = [4, 'a', a]
```

```
d = [[1, 2], [3, 4], [5, 6]]
```

List Querying

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Expressions that return parts of lists:

- Single element: `mylist[index]`
 - The single element stored at that location
- Sublist (“slicing”): `mylist[start:end]`
 - the sublist that starts at index `start` and ends at index `end - 1`
 - If `start` is omitted: defaults to 0
 - If `end` is omitted: defaults to `len(mylist)`
 - `mylist[:]` evaluates to the whole list
 - `mylist[0:len(mylist)]` also does

Indexing and Slicing Examples

```
a = [3, 1, 4, 4, 5, 9]
print(a[0])
print(a[5])
print(a[6])
print(a[-1]) # last element in list
print(a[-2]) # next to last element

print(a[0:2])
print(a[0:-1])
```

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3	1	4	4	5	9

```
a = [3, 1, 4, 4, 5, 9]
```

What is printed by: `print(a[1:3])`

A. [3, 1]

B. [3, 1, 4]

C. [1, 4]

D. [1, 4, 4]

E. [1, 2, 3]

[See in python tutor](#)

What python code will print: 9 4 7

```
a = [2, 7, 3, 9, 4]
```

A. `print(a[4], a[5], a[2])`

B. `print(a[3], a[-1], a[1])`

C. `print(a[4:6], a[2])`

D. `print(a[9], a[4], a[7])`

E. `print(a[3], a[5], a[1])`

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More List Querying

- Find/lookup in a list

`x in mylist`

- Returns True if **`x`** is found in **`mylist`**

`mylist.index(x)`

- Return the integer index in the list of the *first item* whose value is **`x`**.
- It is an error if there is no such item.

`mylist.count(x)`

- Return the number of times **`x`** appears in the list.

0	1	2	3	4	5
3	1	4	4	5	9

List Querying Examples

```
a = [3, 1, 4, 4, 5, 9]
print(5 in a)
print(16 in a)
print(a.index(4))
print(a.index(16))
print(a.count(4))
print(a.count(16))
```

0	1	2	3	4	5
3	1	4	4	5	9

List Modification

- Insertion
- Removal
- Replacement
- Rearrangement

List Insertion

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- **`mylist.append(x)`**
 - Extend **`mylist`** by inserting **`x`** at the end
- **`mylist.extend(L)`**
 - Extend **`mylist`** by appending all the items in the argument list **`L`** to the end of **`mylist`**
- **`mylist.insert(i, x)`**
 - Insert item **`x`** before position **`i`**.
 - **`a.insert(0, x)`** inserts at the front of the list
 - **`a.insert(len(a), x)`** is equivalent to
`a.append(x)`

Note: `append`, `extend` and `insert` all return `None`

List Insertion Examples

```
lst = [1, 2, 3, 4]
lst.append(5)
lst.extend([6, 7, 8])
lst.insert(3, 3.5)
```


What is printed by: `print(lst[2])`

```
lst = [1, 3, 5]  
lst.insert(2, [4, 6])  
print(lst[2])
```

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 3
- D. [4, 6]
- E. `IndexError: list index out of range`

List Removal

- `mylist.remove(x)`

- Remove the first item from the list whose value is **x**
- It is an error if there is no such item
- Returns **None**

Notation from the Python Library Reference:
The square brackets around the parameter, “[i]”, means the argument is *optional*.
It does *not* mean you should type square brackets at that position.

- `mylist.pop([i])`

- Remove the item at the given position in the list, and return it.
- If no index is specified, `a.pop()` removes and returns the last item in the list.

Note: remove returns None

List Replacement

- `mylist[index] = new_value`
- `mylist[start:end] = new_sublist`
 - Replaces `mylist[start]... mylist[end - 1]` with `new_sublist`
 - Can change the length of the list

Examples:

- `mylist[start:end] = []`
 - removes `mylist[start]... mylist[end - 1]`
- `mylist[len(mylist):] = L`
 - is equivalent to `a.extend(L)`

List Removal & Replacement Examples

```
lst = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
print(lst.pop())
print(lst.pop(1))
lst.remove(3)
lst[3] = 'blue'
lst[1:3] = [10, 11, 12]
```

List Rearrangement

- `mylist.sort()`
 - Sort the items of the list, **in place**.
 - “in place” means by *modifying the original list*, not by creating a new list.
- `mylist.reverse()`
 - Reverse the elements of the list, **in place**.

Note: `sort` and `reverse` return `None`

List Modification Examples

```
lst = [10, 12, 23, 54, 15]
```

```
lst.append(7)
```

```
lst.extend([8, 9, 3])
```

```
lst.insert(2, 2.75)
```

```
lst.remove(3)
```

```
print(lst.pop())
```

```
print(lst.pop(4))
```

```
lst[1:5] = [20, 21, 22]
```

```
lst2 = [4, 6, 8, 2, 0]
```

```
lst2.sort()
```

```
lst2.reverse()
```

```
lst3 = lst2
```

```
lst4 = lst2[:]
```

```
lst2[-1] = 17
```

What will convert a into [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]?

`a = [1, 3, 5]`

A. `a.insert(1, 2)`

`a.insert(2, 4)`

B. `a[1:2] = [2, 3, 4]`

C. `a.extend([2, 4])`

D. `a[1] = 2`

`a[3] = 4`

Exercise: list lookup

```
def my_index(lst, value):  
    """Return the position of the first occurrence  
    of value in the list lst. Return None if value  
    does not appear in lst."""
```

Examples:

```
gettysburg = ["four", "score", "and", "seven", "years", "ago"]  
my_index(gettysburg, "and") => 2  
my_index(gettysburg, "years") => 4  
Fact: my_list[my_index(my_list, x)] == x
```


Exercise: list lookup (Answer #1)

```
def my_index(lst, value):  
    """Return the position of the first  
    occurrence of value in the list lst.  
    Return None if value does not appear  
    in lst."""  
    i = 0  
    for element in lst:  
        if element == value:  
            return i  
        i = i + 1  
    return None
```

Exercise: list lookup (Answer #2)

```
def my_index(lst, value):  
    """Return the position of the first  
    occurrence of value in the list lst.  
    Return None if value does not appear  
    in lst."""  
    for i in range(len(lst)):  
        if lst[i] == value:  
            return i  
    return None
```

Exercise: Convert Units

```
def cent_to_fahr(cent):  
    return cent / 5.0 * 9 + 32  
  
ctemps = [-40, 0, 20, 37, 100]  
# Goal:  set ftemps to [-40, 32, 68, 98.6, 212]  
  
ftemps = []
```

Exercise: Convert Units (Answer)

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    return cent / 5.0 * 9 + 32  
  
ctemps = [-40, 0, 20, 37, 100]  
# Goal:  set ftemps to [-40, 32, 68, 98.6, 212]  
  
ftemps = []  
for c in ctemps:  
    f = cent_to_fahr(c)  
    ftemps.append(f)
```

More on List Slicing

`mylist[startindex:endindex]` evaluates to a **sublist** of the original list

- `mylist[index]` evaluates to an **element** of the original list
- Arguments are like those to the **range** function
 - `mylist[start:end:step]`
 - start index is inclusive, end index is exclusive
 - All 3 indices are *optional*
- Can assign to a slice: `mylist[s:e] = yourlist`

List Slicing Examples

```
test_list = ['e0', 'e1', 'e2', 'e3', 'e4', 'e5', 'e6']
```

```
test_list[2:]
```

```
test_list[:5]
```

```
test_list[-1]
```

```
test_list[-4:]
```

```
test_list[:-3]
```

```
test_list[:]
```

```
test_list[::-1]
```

Answer: List Slicing Examples

```
test_list = ['e0', 'e1', 'e2', 'e3', 'e4', 'e5', 'e6']
```

<code>test_list[2:]</code>	From e2 to the end of the list
<code>test_list[:5]</code>	From beginning up to (but not including) e5
<code>test_list[-1]</code>	Last element
<code>test_list[-4:]</code>	Last four elements
<code>test_list[:-3]</code>	Everything except last three elements
<code>test_list[:]</code>	Get a copy of the whole list
<code>test_list[::-1]</code>	Reverse the list

How to evaluate a list expression

There are two new forms of expression:

- **[a, b, c, d]** list **creation**
 - To evaluate:
 - evaluate each element to a value, from left to right
 - make a list of the values
 - The elements can be arbitrary values, including lists:
 - ["a", 3, fahr_to_cent(-40), [3 + 4, 5 * 6]]

Same tokens "[]"
with two *distinct*
meanings

List
expression

- **a[b]** list **indexing** or dereferencing

Index
expression

- To evaluate:
 - evaluate the **list expression** to a value
 - evaluate the **index expression** to a value
 - if the list value is not a list, execution terminates with an error
 - if the element is not in range (not a valid index), execution terminates with an error
 - the value is the given element of the list value (counting from **zero**)

List expression examples

What does this mean (or is it an error)?

```
["four", "score", "and", "seven", "years"][2]
```

```
["four", "score", "and", "seven", "years"][0,2,3]
```

```
["four", "score", "and", "seven", "years"][[0,2,3]]
```

```
["four", "score", "and", "seven", "years"][[0,2,3][1]]
```

Original

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9

Blurred

1	2	1
3	5	3
2	4	3