

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
```

[See in python tutor](#)

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

sequence is a string, NOT a list

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

Prints the values
of sequence

The range function: returns a list

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**) produces [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

Lower limit
(*inclusive*)

range(**1**, **5**) produces [1, 2, 3, 4]

step (distance
between elements)

range(**1**, **10**, **2**) produces [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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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

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

- `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)
```

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] = newvalue`
- `mylist[start:end] = newsublist`
 - Replaces `mylist[start].. mylist[end - 1]` with `newsublist`
 - Can change the length of the list
- `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

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

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

List Modification Examples

```
lst = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
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
```

Exercise: list lookup

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

Examples:

```
gettysburg = ["four", "score", "and", "seven",  
             "years", "ago"]
```

```
index(gettysburg, "and") => 2
```

```
index(gettysburg, "years") => 4
```

Fact: `mylist[index(mylist, x)] == x`

Exercise: list lookup (Answer #1)

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

Exercise: list lookup (Answer #2)

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

Exercise: Convert Units

```
ctemps = [-40, 0, 20, 37, 100]
# Goal: set ftemps to [-40, 32, 68, 98.6, 212]
# Assume a function celsius_to_fahrenheit exists

ftemps = []
```

Exercise: Convert Units (Answer)

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ctemps = [-40, 0, 20, 37, 100]
# Goal: set ftemps to [-40, 32, 68, 98.6, 212]
# Assume a function celsius_to_fahrenheit exists

ftemps = []
for c in ctemps:
    f = celsius_to_fahrenheit(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

– 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**)

Index
expression

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]]
```