

Python - Lists Operations

Operations on lists

Lists are mutable, i.e. the elements can be added, altered or removed from the list.

In []:

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

append() can be used to add an element to the list.

In []:

```
my_list.append(6) # add new element 6 at end of list
my_list
```

In []:

```
my_list.append([7,8]) # add list as new element in list
my_list
```

extend() can also be used to add list of elements into list.

In []:

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

In []:

```
my_new_list.extend([6]) # an element can be added into the list
my_new_list
```

In []:

```
my_new_list.extend([7, 8, 9 ]) # list of elements can also be added into the list
my_new_list
```

insert() can be used to add an element at the desired position.

In []:

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

In []:

```
my_list.insert(0, 'a') #insert 'a' at first position  
my_list
```

In []:

```
my_list.insert(len(my_list) , '*****') #insert '***** at last position  
my_list
```

remove() can be used to find the first occurrence of the element and to remove it.

In []:

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

In []:

```
my_list.remove(3) # find first occurrence of '3' and remove it from the list  
my_list
```

pop() can be used to remove an element from specified index and store its value in a variable.

In []:

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

In []:

```
popped_element = my_list.pop(4)  
print("list--->", my_list)  
print("popped element--->", popped_element)
```

del() can also be used to remove element from the list at specified location.

In []:

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

In []:

```
del(my_list[1]) # removes the element at 1 index  
my_list
```

Assignment operator can be used to alter the element of list at the desired index.

In []:

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

In []:

```
my_list[0] = 1111 # change the element at first position to 1111
my_list
```

In []:

```
my_list[2] = 'abcd' # change the element at third position to 'abcd'
my_list
```

List Methods

sort() can be used to sort the list elements. Default is ascending order.

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57]
print("list before sorting--->", my_list)

print()

my_list.sort()
print("list after sorting--->", my_list)
```

sort order can be specified as argument. Default is reverse = false. Arranges elements in descending order

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57]
print("list before sorting--->", my_list)

print()

my_list.sort(reverse=True)
print("list after sorting--->", my_list)
```

Alternative way to get the sorted list using sorted() method. Original list is not modified.

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57]
print("list before sorted--->", my_list)

print()

print("list after reversing the order--->", list(sorted(my_list)))
```

reverse() can be used to reverse the order of list elements.

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57]
print("list before reversing the order--->", my_list)

print()

my_list.reverse()
print("list after reversing the order--->", my_list)
```

Alternative way to get the reversed list using reversed() method. Original list is not modified.

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57]
print("list before reversing the order--->", my_list)

print()

print("list after reversing the order--->", list(reversed(my_list)))
```

index(x) can be used to determine the location of first occurrence of element 'x' in the list

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57]
my_list.index(39) # find the location at which element 39 first occurs
```

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57]
my_list.index(45) # find the location at which element 45 first occurs, throws error as e
```

count(x) can be used to determine the count of occurrences of element 'x' in the list

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57, 39, 34, 39 ]
my_list.count(39) # count the number of times 39 appears in the list
```

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57, 39, 34, 39 ]
my_list.count(9) # count the number of times 9 appears in the list
```

clear() can be used to remove all the elements of the list.

In []:

```
my_list = [11 , 2, 39, 4, 57, 39, 34, 39 ]  
print("Original list ---> ", my_list)  
  
my_list.clear()  
print("List after cleaning the elements---> ", my_list)
```

Splitting

The split method returns a list of the words of string, assuming that words are separated by white spaces.

In []:

```
my_string = "this is my string"  
my_string
```

In []:

```
my_string.split() # returns the list of words based on white space as delimiter
```

In []:

```
comma_separated_string = "this, is, comma, separated, string"  
comma_separated_string
```

In []:

```
list1 = comma_separated_string.split(',') # returns the list of words based on comma as de  
list1
```

List Comprehensions

List comprehensions are powerful way to create the lists.

In []:

```
list1 = [i for i in range(3)] # creates a list of 3 elements starting from 0  
list1
```

In []:

```
list2 = [i*i for i in range(5)] # creates a list of 5 elements starting from 0 to 4 , each  
list2
```

In []:

```
list3 = [i*i*i for i in range(1, 4)] # creates a list of 3 elements starting from 1 to 3 ,  
list3
```

In []:

```
L = [ 1, 2, 3]
list4 = [i*10 for i in L] # create a list whose elements are 10 times the elements of origi
list4
```

Exercise

Q1. Write a program that accepts 5 lists from the user, each one of which contains three values in it assignment marks, midsem marks and compre marks.

- (a) Compute the total marks obtained by each student
- (b) Print out the average of the class.

In []:

```
#Try it here
```

Q2. Ask a use to enter a sentence

- (a) Print out the third word of sentence
- (b) Print out every second word of sentence

In []:

```
#Try it here
```

Q3. Create the following lists using a for loop.

- (a) A list consisting of the integers 0 through 49
- (b) A list containing the squares of integers 1 through 50
- (c) The list ['aa', 'bb', 'cc'.....] that ends with 26 th letter 'z'.

In []:

```
#Try it here
```

Q4. Write a program that counts the number of occurances of word in a sentence entered by user without using built in function.

In []:

```
#Try it here
```

Q5. Ask a user to enter a list of strings. Create a new list that consists of those strings with their first characters removed.

In []:

```
#Try it here
```

In []: