

Week 9

- List – remove()
 - Will remove the first matching element.

```
q = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd']  
q.remove('b')  
print(q)           # ['a', 'c', 'd']
```

1. Lecture Q&A – how to remove more than first matching element:
2. List Comprehensions

List – remove()

- Lecture Q&A: remove() - will remove the first matching element.
- How to remove more than first matching element. In a for loop:

```
q = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'a', 'b', 'c']  
for item in q:  
    if item == 'b':  
        q.remove(item)
```

- Alternatively, use list comprehension to create a new list:

```
q = ['a', 'b', 'c', 'a', 'b', 'c']  
q = [item for item in q if item != 'b']
```

List Comprehensions

- List comprehensions provide a concise way to create lists. Syntax:

```
[expression for variable_name in iterable]
```

- Each element of iterable (e.g., list, tuple, range etc) is taken out as variable_name and evaluated by expression to create a new list.

```
squares = [x**2 for x in range(10)]  
# [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

- The list comprehension consists of:

- *brackets* `[]`
- *expression* - `x**2`
- followed by a *for* clause - `for x in range(10)`

List Comprehension vs for loop

- E.g., to make a new list where each element is the result of some operation:

```
squares = []  
for x in range(10):  
    squares.append(x**2)  
print(squares)    # [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

- More concise list comprehension version:

```
squares = [x**2 for x in range(10)]  
print(squares)    # [0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81]
```

List Comprehensions with if

- We can add a **conditional statement** on the **iterable**.
- E.g., create a sequence of elements that satisfy a certain condition. Syntax:

```
[expression for variable_name in iterable if condition]
```

- Example:

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

```
squares = [number**2 for number in numbers if number > 2]
```

- Here the list comprehension consists of:
 - *brackets* []
 - *expression* - number**2
 - *for clause* - for number in numbers
 - *conditional statement* - if number > 2

List Comprehensions with if

- Another list comprehension using an if clause:

```
even_squares = [x**2 for x in range(10) if x % 2 == 0]
print(even_squares)           #[0, 4, 16, 36, 64]
```

- The above code written without the use of a list comprehension

```
even_squares = []
for x in range(10):
    if x % 2 == 0:
        even_squares.append(x**2)
print(even_squares)           # [0, 4, 16, 36, 64]
```

Summary

- List comprehensions provide a concise way to create lists. Syntax:

```
[expression for variable_name in iterable if condition]
```

- The condition is optional.
- Result - a new list resulting from evaluating the *expression* in the context of the *for* and any *if* clauses.

```
a = [x*5 for x in range(5)]    #[0, 5, 10, 15, 20]
```

```
b = [x for x in range(5) if x%2 == 0]    #[0, 2, 4]
```