

## **Topic 2: Lists**

Learning Outcomes:

(a) Identify concepts of lists

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3. What data that can be stored in a list?
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## 1. What is a list?

- A **list** is a collection of items stored in a single variable.
- It allows storage of **multiple data types** (integers, strings, floats, etc.).

```
my_list = [1, 2, 3, "apple", 4.5]
```

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## 1. What is a list?

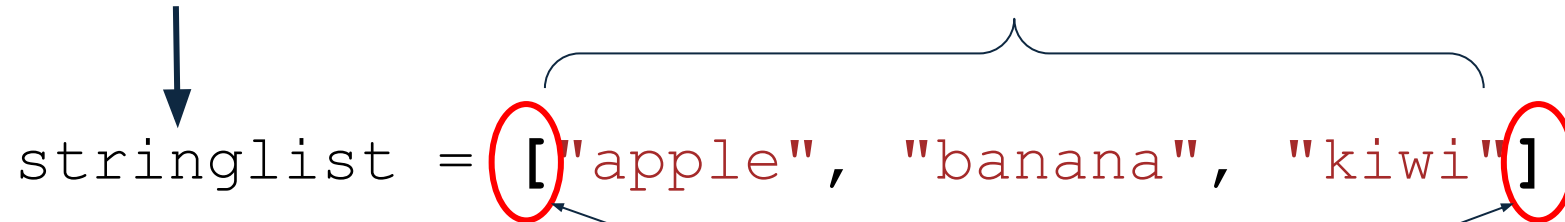
### List Syntax

- Lists are defined using **square brackets** `[]`.
- Items are **separated by commas**.

list name

list elements

↓  
`stringlist = ["apple", "banana", "kiwi"]`



**List name** = `stringlist`

**Number of elements** = 3

**List size** = 3

lists are created by using  
square brackets

## 2. Comparison between list and primitive data type

Feature	List	Primitive data type
Stores	multiple values	single value
Data type	can hold different data types	hold only 1 data type
Structure	use [ ] bracket	no bracket
Example	numbers = [1, 3, 5, 7] random = ['a', 1, True]	number = 10 name = "Yusuf"

### 3. What type of data that can be stored in a list?

**Any data type can be stored in a list**

- A. Integers
- B. Floats
- C. Strings
- D. Booleans
- E. Mixed Data Type List
- F. List of Lists (Nested List)



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## 3. What type of data that can be stored in a list?

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### A) Integers

Code

```
numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

```
print(numbers)    # Output: [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

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### B) Floats

Code

```
decimal_numbers = [1.5, 2.3, 3.7, 4.1]  
print(decimal_numbers)    # Output: [1.5, 2.3, 3.7, 4.1]
```



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### C) Strings

Code

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"]  
print(fruits)    # Output: ['apple', 'banana', 'cherry',  
'date']
```

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### D) Booleans

Code

```
status = [True, False, True, False]
print(status)    # Output: [True, False, True, False]
```

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**Any data type can be stored in a list**



### E) Mixed Data Type List

Code

```
mixed_list = [25, "hello", 3.14, True]
print(mixed_list)    # Output: [25, 'hello', 3.14, True]
```

### 3. What type of data that can be stored in a list?

**Any data type can be stored in a list**



#### F) List of Lists (Nested List)

**Code**

```
nested_list = [[1, 2, 3], ["a", "b", "c"], [True,  
False]]
```

```
print(nested_list)
```

```
# Output: [[1, 2, 3], ['a', 'b', 'c'], [True, False]]
```

#### 4. List index

- Refers to a position of an element in a list
- **Starts from the front**, index 0 (**positive index**), read from left to right
- **Starts from the end to front**, index -1 (**negative index**), read from right to left(Only in Python)

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## 4. List index (Positive index)

Identify the index number corresponding to its element in a list

Example

```
fruitlist = ["apple", "banana", "kiwi", "durian", "guava",  
"orange"]
```

element	"apple"	"banana"	"kiwi"	"durian"	"guava"	"orange"
positive index (left to right)	0	1	2	3	4	5



#### 4. List index (Positive index)

Identify the index number corresponding to its element in a list

Example:

```
cities = ["Kuala Lumpur", "Tokyo", "New York", "Paris",  
"Dubai"]
```

```
print(cities[0])    # Output: Kuala Lumpur  
print(cities[2])    # Output: New York  
print(cities[4])    # Output: Dubai
```

#### **4. List index (Positive index)**

Identify the index number corresponding to its element in a list

Example:

```
subjects = ["Math", "Science", "History", "English",  
"Computer Science"]
```

```
print(subjects[0])    # Output: Math  
print(subjects[2])    # Output: History  
print(subjects[4])    # Output: Computer Science
```



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## 4. List index (Negative index)

Identify the index number corresponding to its element in a list

Example

```
fruitlist = ["apple", "banana", "kiwi", "durian", "guava",  
"orange"]
```

element	"apple"	"banana"	"kiwi"	"durian"	"guava"	"orange"
negative index (right to left)	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1



#### 4. List index (Negative index)

Identify the index number corresponding to its element in a list

Example:

```
cities = ["Kuala Lumpur", "Tokyo", "New York", "Paris",  
"Dubai"]  
  
print(cities[-1])    # Output: Dubai (last element)  
print(cities[-3])    # Output: New York (third last element)
```

#### 4. List index (Negative index)

Identify the index number corresponding to its element in a list

Example:

```
subjects = ["Math", "Science", "History", "English",  
"Computer Science"]
```

```
print(subjects[-1])    # Output: Computer Science  
print(subjects[-3])    # Output: History  
print(subjects[-5])    # Output: Math
```

## Exercise

1. Identify the list name in the following examples:

a. `car = ["toyota", "honda", "masserati"]`

b. `temperature = [1.5, 2.0, -1.0, 3.3, 1.5]`

c. `variable = ['x', 'y', 'z', 'a', 'b', 'c', 'i', 'jk', 23]`

2. How many elements are in each list above?

3. What is the size of each list?

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1. Characteristic of list

## Characteristics of a List

- ✓ **Ordered** – Elements are stored in a specific sequence.
- ✓ **Mutable** – Can be modified (add, remove, update elements).
- ✓ **Allows Duplicates** – Can have repeated values.
- ✓ **Supports Different Data Types** – Can store integers, strings, floats, or even other lists.
- ✓ **Dynamic Size** – Can grow or shrink as needed.

# LECTURE NOTES

Characteristic 1	Description
Ordered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lists maintain the order of elements as they are inserted.</li><li>• The order of elements in a list is determined by their indices, <b>starting from 0</b>.</li></ul>

## Code

```
fruits = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry"]  
print(fruits[0])    # Output: Apple (order is maintained)
```



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**Code**

```
days = ["Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday", "Thursday",  
"Friday"]  
print(days[0])    # Output: Monday  
print(days[4])    # Output: Friday
```

**Code**

```
scores = [90, 85, 88, 92, 80]  
print(scores)    # Output: [90, 85, 88, 92, 80]
```

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Characteristic 2	Description
Changeable/ Mutable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• can <b>modify</b> the elements after creation by adding, removing, or changing elements.</li></ul>

## Code

```
numbers = [10, 20, 30]
numbers[1] = 25    # Modifying the second element
print(numbers)    # Output: [10, 25, 30]
```

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**Code**

```
names = ["Ali", "Sara", "John"]  
names[1] = "Aisha" # Changing "Sara" to "Aisha"  
print(names) # Output: ['Ali', 'Aisha', 'John']
```

**Code**

```
fruits = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry"]  
fruits.append("Orange") # Adding an element  
fruits.remove("Banana") # Removing an element  
print(fruits) # Output: ['Apple', 'Cherry', 'Orange']
```

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Characteristic 3	Description
Allow Duplicate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Can creating a copy</b> of an existing list.</li><li>• Can have duplicate values in the list</li></ul>

Code
<pre>names = ["Ali", "Sara", "Ali", "John"] print(names)    # Output: ['Ali', 'Sara', 'Ali', 'John']</pre>

# LECTURE NOTES

**Code**

```
prices = [15.99, 25.50, 15.99, 30.00, 25.50, 45.75]
print(prices)
# Output: [15.99, 25.50, 15.99, 30.00, 25.50, 45.75]
```

**Code**

```
temperatures = [30.5, 32.0, 31.5, 30.5, 32.0, 31.5]
print(temperatures)
# Output: [30.5, 32.0, 31.5, 30.5, 32.0, 31.5]
```

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Characteristic 4	Description
Supports Different Data Types	A list can store multiple data types in a single structure.

**Code**

```
mixed_list = [5, "Hello", 3.5, True]
print(mixed_list)    # Output: [5, 'Hello', 3.5, True]
```

**Code**

```
info = ["Ali", 18, 3.5, True]
print(info)    # Output: ['Ali', 18, 3.5, True]
```

**Code**

```
nested_list = [[1, 2, 3], ["A", "B", "C"], [True, False]]
print(nested_list[1])    # Output: ['A', 'B', 'C']
```

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Characteristic 5	Description
Dynamic Size	Lists can grow or shrink by adding or removing elements.

## Code

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
numbers.append(6)      # Adding an element
numbers.remove(3)      # Removing element 3
print(numbers)         # Output: [1, 2, 4, 5, 6]
```



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**Code**

```
colors = ["Red", "Blue"]  
colors.append("Green")  # Adding another color  
print(colors)  # Output: ['Red', 'Blue', 'Green']
```

**Code**

```
colors = ["Red", "Blue"]  
colors.remove("Red")  # Remove another color  
print(colors)  # Output: ['Blue']
```

## Exercise

1. How many elements in the following list:

- a. `list1= ["pc", "laptop", "mobile", "computer"]`
- b. `list2= [1, 4, 3]`
- c. `list3= ["pc", "laptop", "mobile", "computer" , [1, 4, 3]]`
- d. `list4= []`

2. What is the index number for "mobile" in the list `["pc", "laptop", "mobile", "computer" , [1, 4, 3]]`?

3. What is the index number for `[1, 4, 3]` in the list `["pc", "laptop", "mobile", "computer" , [1, 4, 3]]`?

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**1**`len()` function**2**`min()` function**3**`max()` function**4**`sum()` function**5**`append()` method

## 1. The `len()` function

What does it do?

- The `len()` function returns the number of elements in a list (or other sequence types like **dictionary**, **strings** and **tuples**).
- Syntax of `len()` function

```
len(object)
```

## 1. The **len()** function

**Example 1:** Count elements in a list

Code

```
carlist = ["Saga", "Waja", "Wira", "Persona"]  
print("Length of the list:", len(carlist))
```

Output

```
Length of the list:4
```

## 1. The `len()` function

**Example 2:** Count elements in a list of numbers.

### Code

```
my_list = [12, 23, 3, 42, 15]
length = len(my_list)
print("Length of the list:", length)
```

### Output

```
Length of the list:5
```

## 1. The `len()` function

**Example 3:** Using `len()` in a conditional statement

### Code

```
# List with multiple data types
mixed_list = [10, "hello", 3.14, True]

# Check the length of the list
if len(mixed_list) == 0:
    print("The list is empty.")
else:
    print("The list contains", len(mixed_list), "elements.")
```

### Output

The list contains 4 elements



# LECTURE NOTES

## 1. The **len()** function

**Example 4:** Using len() in a function to check list length

### Code

```
def check_list_length(input_list):  
    if len(input_list) == 0:  
        return "The list is empty."  
    else:  
        return f"The list contains {len(input_list)} elements."  
  
list1 = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
print(check_list_length(list1))  
  
# Check length of a non-empty list  
result = check_list_length(list1)  
print(result)
```

### Output

The list contains 5 elements

## 1. The **len()** function

**Example 5:** Count characters in sentence.

Code

```
sentence = "computer science is the gist of life"  
print("Number of characters:", len(sentence))
```

Output

```
Number of characters:36
```

## 2. The `min()` function

What does it do?

- The `min()` function **returns the minimum (smallest) value** from a list.
- Syntax of `min()` function

`min(iterable)`



The sequence (e.g., list, tuple, set) from which the minimum value will be determined.

## 2. The `min()` function

**Example 1:** Find the minimum in a list of numbers.

### Code

```
numbers = [5, 2, 8, 1, 6]
min_value = min(numbers)
print("Minimum value in the list:", min_value)
```

### Output

```
Minimum value in the list: 1
```

## 2. The `min()` function

**Example 2:** Find the minimum string (alphabetically)

### Code

```
# List of strings
string_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"]

# Find the minimum string
min_string = min(string_list)

print("Minimum string:", min_string)
```

### Output

```
Minimum string: apple
```

`min()` method returns the string that comes first in alphabetical order.

## 2. The `min()` function

### Example 3: Using `min()` in a function

#### Code

```
# Example 1: Using min() in a selection (if statement)
numbers = [5, 3, 8, 2, 9]

# Using min() in an if statement to find the minimum value
if len(numbers) > 0:
    min_number = min(numbers)
    print("The minimum number in the list is:", min_number)
else:
    print("The list is empty.")
```

#### Output

```
The minimum number in
the list is: 2
```

## 2. The `min()` function

**Example 4:** Using `min()` in a function with conditional statement.

### Code

```
# Example: Using min() inside a custom function
def find_minimum(numbers):

    if len(numbers) == 0:
        print("The list is empty.")
    else:
        print("The minimum number in the list is:", min(numbers))

# Example usage:
numbers_list = [5, 3, 8, 2, 9]
find_minimum(numbers_list)
```

### Output

```
The minimum number in
the list is: 2
```

## 2. The **min()** function

**Example 5:** Using min() with mixed data.

### Code

```
# Example: Using min() inside a mixed list
list1 = ['a', 'b', 'c', 50]
print(min(list1))
```

### Output

```
TypeError: '<' not supported between instances of
'int' and 'str'
```

System cannot compare different data type



### 3. The `max()` function

#### What does it do?

- The `max()` function **returns the maximum (largest) value** from a list.
- Syntax of `max()` function

`max(iterable)`



The sequence (e.g., list, tuple, set) from which the maximum value will be determined.

### 3. The **max()** function

**Example 1:** Find the maximum in a list of numbers

Code

```
numbers = [5, 2, 8, 1, 6]  
max_value = max(numbers)  
print("Maximum value in the list:", max_value)
```

Output

```
Maximum value in the list: 8
```

### 3. The **max()** function

**Example 2:** Find the maximum string (alphabetically).

#### Code

```
# List of strings
string_list = ["apple", "banana", "cherry", "date"]

# Find the maximum string
max_string = max(string_list)

print("Maximum string:", max_string)
```

#### Output

```
Maximum string: date
```

## 3. The `max()` function

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**Example 3:** Using `max()` in a function.

### Code

```
def find_maximum(numbers):  
    if len(numbers) == 0:  
        return None  
    else:  
        return max(numbers)  
  
# Example usage:  
numbers_list = [1, 5, 3, 8, 6, 9]  
maximum_number = find_maximum(numbers_list)  
  
if maximum_number is not None:  
    print("The maximum number in the list is:", maximum_number)  
else:  
    print("The list is empty.")
```

### Output

The maximum number in  
the list is: 9

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## 3. The `max()` function

Example 4: of `max()` and `min()` on list containing string and integer

Code

```
list = [1, "Saga", 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, -1]  
max(list)  
min(list)
```

The error happen due to `max()` and `min()` function not able to process a list that contain different types of data.

Output

```
Traceback (most recent call last):  
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>  
TypeError: '>' not supported between instances of  
'str' and 'int'
```



Write a Python program that takes a list of ages as input and calculates the following statistics:

- The number of ages in the list.
- The youngest age in the list.
- The oldest age in the list.

You should use the `len()`, `min()`, and `max()` functions to compute these statistics.

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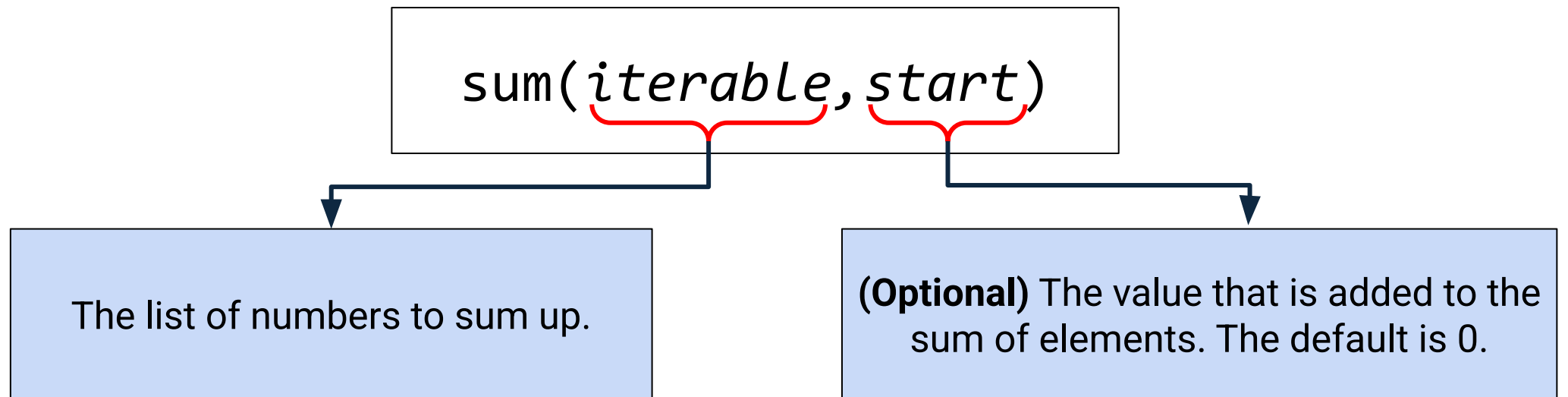
5 append() method



## 4. The `sum()` function

### What does it do?

- The `sum()` function **returns the sum of all the numerical values** in a list.
- Syntax of `sum()` function



## Example 1: Sum of numbers in a list

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
total_sum = sum(numbers)  
print("Sum of all elements in the list:", total_sum)
```

## Output

```
Sum of all elements in the list: 15
```

**Example 2:** Sum with a starting value.

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
total_sum = sum(numbers, 100)  
print("Sum of all elements in the list:", total_sum)
```

**Output**

```
Sum of all elements in the list: 115
```

## Example 3: sum() function on string list.

```
# List of strings
string_list = ["apple", "kiwi"]

# Find the minimum string
sum_string = sum(string_list)

print(sum_string)
```

## Output

**ERROR!**

**Traceback (most recent call last):**

**File "<main.py>", line 5, in <module>**

**TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'**

**=== Code Exited With Errors ===**

# LECTURE NOTES

## Difference between a function and a method

### FUNCTION

VS

### METHOD

Function	Description
<code>abs()</code>	Returns the absolute value of a number
<code>all()</code>	Returns True if all items in an iterable object are true
<code>any()</code>	Returns True if any item in an iterable object is true

Method	Description
<code>append()</code>	Adds an element at the end of the list
<code>clear()</code>	Removes all the elements from the list
<code>copy()</code>	Returns a copy of the list

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
x = any(fruits)  
print(x)
```

how to call/invoke

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
x = fruits.copy()  
print(x)
```

### NOTE:

Method is similar to function but attached to an object. Later, you will use this in lists etc.

## 5. The `append()` method in Python

### What does it do?

- The `append()` method in Python is used to **add an element to the end of a list**.
- It modifies the list in place and does not return a new list.
- Syntax of `append()`

`list.append(element)`

The list you want to modify.

The item you want to add to the list.

**Example 1:** Using `append()` with a List.

```
fruits = ["apple", "banana", "cherry"]  
fruits.append("orange")  
print(fruits)
```

**Output**

```
['apple', 'banana', 'cherry', 'orange']
```

## Example 2: Using `append()` with a Condition

```
numbers_list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
new_number = 6

if new_number not in numbers_list:
    numbers_list.append(new_number)

print(numbers_list)
```

**not in** means  
that the number is  
not in the list

## Output

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



## Example 3: Using `append()` in a Function.

```
def add_item(my_list, item):  
    if item: # Ensures item is not empty or None  
        my_list.append(item)  
  
items = ["pen", "pencil"]  
add_item(items, "eraser")  
  
print(items)
```

## Output

```
['pen', 'pencil', 'eraser']
```

**Example 4: Appending Numbers from a Range**

```
number_list = [] # Empty list

for i in range(5):
    number_list.append(i) # Add each number to the list

print(number_list)
```

**Output**

```
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

## Example 5: Appending even numbers only

```
even_numbers = []  
  
for i in range(10):  
    if i % 2 == 0: # Check if number is even  
        even_numbers.append(i)  
  
print(even_numbers)
```

## Output

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

# LECTURE NOTES

**Example 6:** Apply what you've learned so far. Count the number of positive number and find their sum

```
def sum_count_positiveNumbers(numbers_list):  
    positive_numbers = []  
    for num in numbers_list:  
        if num > 0:  
            positive_numbers.append(num)  
  
    sum_of_positives = sum(positive_numbers)  
    count_of_positives = len(positive_numbers)  
  
    print("Sum of positive numbers:", sum_of_positives)  
    print("Count of positive numbers:", count_of_positives)  
  
# Example usage:  
sample_list = [-1, 2, 3, -4, 5]  
result = sum_count_positiveNumbers(sample_list )
```

## Output

```
Sum of positive numbers: 10  
Count of positive numbers: 3
```



Write a Python program that allows the user to enter a series of numbers. The program should:

- Add each number to a list using the `append()` method.
- Calculate and display the total sum of all numbers using the `sum()` function.