

2. List Operations Theory:

❖ Common list operations: concatenation, repetition, membership.

1. Concatenation (+) :

What it does : Joins two lists end-to-end, returning a new list.

Syntax :

`list_a + list_b`

2. Repetition (*) :

- **What it does :** Creates a new list by repeating the contents of the original list a given number of times.

- **Syntax :**

`my_list * n`

3. Membership Testing (in, not in) :

- **What it does** : Checks whether an element exists (or doesn't) in a list.

- **Syntax** :

`x in my_list`

`x not in my_list`

❖ Understanding list methods like `append()`, `insert()`, `remove()`, `pop()`.

`append(x)` :

- **What it does**: Adds the element `x` to the end of the list—like stacking something on top.
- **Time complexity**: Fast— $O(1)$.
- **Returns**: None (in-place modification).

insert(i, x) :

- **What it does:** Inserts x before index i.
a.insert(0, x) → front; a.insert(len(a), x) = append(x).
- **Time complexity:** O(n) – elements must shift to make space.

remove(x) :

- **What it does:** Removes the **first** element whose value equals x.
- **Raises:** ValueError if x is not found.
- **Time complexity:** O(n) – searches list for value.

pop(i=None) :

- **What it does:**
 - Without argument: removes and returns **last element**.
 - With index i: removes and returns element at that index.
- **Raises:** IndexError if list is empty or i is out of range.
- **Time complexity:** O(1) when popping last; O(n-i) otherwise.