

3. Working with Lists

❖ Iterating over a list using loops.

- **for-loop :**

- python uses a **foreach-style for-loop**—it pulls each element directly from the list
- for item in lst:
- example :
for i, item in enumerate(lst):
 print(i,item)

- **while-loop:**

- i = 0

while i < len(lst):
 item = lst[i]

 i += 1

❖ Sorting and reversing a list using `sort()`, `sorted()`, and `reverse()`.

- sorting and reversing :

`.sort()`

- **in-place** sort method that changes the original list
- accepts:
 - `key=...` for custom comparison,
 - `reverse=True` for descending order

`sorted()`

- **built-in function** that returns a **new sorted list**, leaving original unchanged .
- also supports `key=` and `reverse=`.

`reverse()`

- list method that **reverses the list in-place**, without sorting

`reversed()`

- built-in function that returns an **iterator** yielding elements in reverse; wrap with `list()` to get a reversed list without modifying original .

❖ basic list manipulations: addition, deletion, updating, and slicing.

• **addition**

- using `.append(x)` to add `x` to end.
- using `.insert(i, x)` to insert at index `i`.
- concatenation: `a + b` or `a.extend(b)` adds one list to another.

• **deletion**

- `.remove(x)`: removes first matching `x`.
- `.pop()` or `.pop(i)`: removes (and returns) last or `i`th element.
- `del lst[i]`: deletes element at index `i`.

• **updating**

- assign directly: `lst[i] = new_value`.

• **slicing**

- create sublists: `lst[1:4]`, `lst[:3]`, `lst[-3:]`, `lst[::2]`, `lst[::-1]`.