

2.1 SORTING A LIST WITH NEGATIVE NUMBERS

Question:

Write a program to perform the following

An empty list

A list with one element

A list with all identical elements

A list with negative numbers

AIM

To write a program that sorts a list containing negative numbers in ascending order.

ALGORITHM

1. Start the program.
2. Define a function `sort_list(arr)` that uses Python's built-in `sorted()`.
3. Pass the list `[-5, -1, -3, -2, -4]` to the function.
4. The function returns the sorted list.
5. Print the result.
6. End the program.

PROGRAM:

```
def process_list():  
    arr = input("Enter list elements separated by space: ").strip()  
    arr = list(map(int, arr.split())) if arr else []  
    print("Processed list:", sorted(arr))  
process_list()
```

Input:

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

Output:

```
>>> Enter list elements separated by space: -5 -1 -3 -2 -4
      Processed list: [-5, -4, -3, -2, -1]
```

RESULT:

Thus the program is successfully executed and the output is verified.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS:

Time Complexity:

- Best Case: $O(n)$ (if already sorted).
- Average & Worst Case: $O(n \log n)$.

Space Complexity:

- $O(n)$, due to Timsort's auxiliary storage.