

**1 INTRODUCTION TO LIST** The data type list is an ordered sequence which is mutable and made up of one or more elements. Unlike a string which consists of only characters, a list can have elements of different data types, such as integer, float, string, tuple or even another list. A list is very useful to group together elements of mixed data types. Elements of a list are enclosed in square brackets and are separated by comma. Like string indices, list indices also start from 0.

Example 1

#list1 is the list of six even numbers

```
list1 = [2,4,6,8,10,12]
```

```
print(list1) [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12]
```

#list2 is the list of vowels

```
list2 = ['a','e','i','o','u']
```

```
print(list2) ['a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u']
```

#list3 is the list of mixed data types

```
list3 = [100,23.5,'Hello']
```

```
print(list3) [100, 23.5, 'Hello']
```

#list4 is the list of lists called nested #list

```
list4 = [['Physics',101],['Chemistry',202], ['Maths',303]]
```

```
print(list4)
```

```
[['Physics', 101], ['Chemistry', 202], ['Maths', 303]]
```

**1.1 Accessing Elements in a List** The elements of a list are accessed in the same way as characters are accessed in a string.

#initializes a list list1

```
list1 = [2,4,6,8,10,12]
```

```
list1[0]
```

#return first element of list1 2

```
list1[3]
```

#return fourth element of list1 8 #return error as index is out of range

```
list1[15]
```

IndexError: list index out of range #an expression resulting in an integer index

```
list1[1+4]
```

```
12
```

```
list1[-1]
```

#return first element from right

```
12
```

#length of the list list1 is assigned to n

```
n = len(list1)
```

```
print(n)
```

```
6
```

#return the last element of the list1

```
list1[n-1]
12
#return the first element of list1
list1[-n]
2
```

**1.2 Lists are Mutable** In Python, lists are mutable. It means that the contents of the list can be changed after it has been created. #List list1 of colors

```
list1 = ['Red','Green','Blue','Orange'] #change/override the fourth element of list1
list1[3] = 'Black'
list1 #print the modified list list1
['Red', 'Green', 'Blue', 'Black']
```

**2 LIST OPERATIONS** The data type list allows manipulation of its contents through various operations as shown below.

**2.1 Concatenation** Python allows us to join two or more lists using concatenation operator depicted by the symbol +. #list1 is list of first five odd integers

```
list1 = [1,3,5,7,9] #list2 is list of first five even integers
list2 = [2,4,6,8,10] #elements of list1 followed by list2
list1 + list2 [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
list3 = ['Red','Green','Blue']
list4 = ['Cyan', 'Magenta', 'Yellow', 'Black']
list3 + list4 ['Red','Green','Blue','Cyan','Magenta', 'Yellow','Black']
```

Note that, there is no change in ongoing lists, i.e., list1, list2, list3, list4 remain the same after concatenation operation. If we want to merge two lists, then we should use an assignment statement to assign the merged list to another list. The concatenation operator '+' requires that the operands should be of list type only. If we try to concatenate a list with elements of some other data type, TypeError occurs.

```
list1 = [1,2,3]
str1 = "abc"
list1 + str1 TypeError: can only concatenate list (not "str") to list
```

**2.2 Repetition** Python allows us to replicate a list using repetition operator depicted by symbol \*.

```
list1 = ['Hello'] #elements of list1 repeated 4 times
list1 * 4 ['Hello', 'Hello', 'Hello', 'Hello']
```

**2.3 Membership** Like strings, the membership operators in checks if the element is present in the list and returns True, else returns False.

```
list1 = ['Red','Green','Blue']
'Green' in list1
True
'Cyan' in list1
False
```

The not in operator returns True if the element is not present in the list, else it returns False.

```
list1 = ['Red','Green','Blue']
'Cyan' not in list1 True
'Green' not in list1 False
```

**2.4 Slicing** Like strings, the slicing operation can also be applied to lists.

```
list1=['Red','Green','Blue','Cyan', 'Magenta','Yellow','Black']
list1[2:6]
```

```

['Blue', 'Cyan', 'Magenta', 'Yellow']
#list1 is truncated to the end of the list
list1[2:20]#second index is out of range
['Blue', 'Cyan', 'Magenta', 'Yellow', 'Black']
list1[7:2] #first index > second index [], results in an empty list
#return sublist from index 0 to 4
list1[:5] #first index missing
['Red', 'Green', 'Blue', 'Cyan', 'Magenta']
#slicing with a given step size
list1[0:6:2] ['Red', 'Blue', 'Magenta']
#negative indexes #elements at index -6,-5,-4,-3 are sliced
list1[-6:-2]
['Green', 'Blue', 'Cyan', 'Magenta'] #both first and last index missing
list1[::-2] #step size 2 on entire list
['Red', 'Blue', 'Magenta', 'Black']
#negative step size #whole list in the reverse order
list1[::-1] ['Black', 'Yellow', 'Magenta', 'Cyan', 'Blue', 'Green', 'Red']

```

- 3 TRAVERSING A LIST** We can access each element of the list or traverse a list using a for loop or a while loop.

**(A) List Traversal Using for Loop:**

```
list1 = ['Red', 'Green', 'Blue', 'Yellow', 'Black']
```

```
for item in list1:
```

```
    print(item)
```

Output:

Red

Green

Blue

Yellow

Black

Another way of accessing the elements of the list is using range() and len() functions:

```
for i in range(len(list1)):
```

```
    print(list1[i])
```

Output:

Red

Green

Blue

Yellow

Black

#### (B) List Traversal Using while Loop:

```
list1 = ['Red','Green','Blue','Yellow', 'Black']
```

```
i = 0
```

```
while i < len(list1):
```

```
    print(list1[i])
```

```
    i += 1
```

Output:

Red

Green

Blue

Yellow

Black

#### 4 LIST METHODS AND BUILT-IN FUNCTIONS

The data type list has several built-in methods that are useful in programming. Some of them are listed in Table 1.

Table 1 Built-in functions for list manipulations

Method	Description	Example
len()	Returns the length of the list passed as the argument	>>> list1 = [10,20,30,40,50] >>> len(list1) 5
list()	Creates an empty list if no argument is passed	>>> list1 = list() >>> list1

	Creates a list if a sequence is passed as an argument	<pre>[ ] &gt;&gt;&gt; str1 = 'aeiou' &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = list(str1) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 ['a', 'e', 'i', 'o', 'u']</pre>
append()	<p>Appends a single element passed as an argument at the end of the list</p> <p>The single element can also be a list</p>	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,40] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.append(50) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [10, 20, 30, 40, 50] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,40] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.append([50,60]) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [10, 20, 30, 40, [50, 60]]</pre>
extend()	Appends each element of the list passed as argument to the end of the given list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30] &gt;&gt;&gt; list2 = [40,50] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.extend(list2) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]</pre>
insert()	Inserts an element at a particular index in the list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,40,50] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.insert(2,25) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.insert(0,5) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50]</pre>
count()	Returns the number of times a given element appears in the list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,10,40,10] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.count(10) 3 &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.count(90) 0</pre>
index()	Returns index of the first occurrence of the element in the list. If the element is not present, ValueError is generated	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,20,40,10] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.index(20) 1 &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.index(90) ValueError: 90 is not in list</pre>
remove()	Removes the given element from the list. If the element is present multiple times, only the first occurrence is removed. If the element is not present, then ValueError is generated	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,40,50,30] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.remove(30) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [10, 20, 40, 50, 30]  &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.remove(90) ValueError: list.remove(x):x not in list</pre>
pop()	Returns the element whose index is passed as parameter to this function and also removes it from the list. If no parameter is given, then it returns and removes the last element of the list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,40,50,60] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.pop(3) 40 &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [10, 20, 30, 50, 60] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [10,20,30,40,50,60] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.pop() 60</pre>

		<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [10, 20, 30, 40, 50]</pre>
reverse()	Reverses the order of elements in the given list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [34,66,12,89,28,99] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.reverse() &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [ 99, 28, 89, 12, 66, 34]  &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [ 'Tiger' , 'Zebra' , 'Lion' , 'Cat' , 'Elephant' , 'Dog'] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.reverse() &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 ['Dog',      'Elephant',      'Cat', 'Lion', 'Zebra', 'Tiger']</pre>
sort()	Sorts the elements of the given list in-place	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt;list1=['Tiger','Zebra','Lion', 'Cat', 'Elephant' , 'Dog'] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.sort() &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 ['Cat', 'Dog', 'Elephant', 'Lion', 'Tiger', 'Zebra']  &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [34,66,12,89,28,99] &gt;&gt;&gt; list1.sort(reverse = True) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [99,89,66,34,28,12]</pre>
sorted()	It takes a list as parameter and creates a new list consisting of the same elements arranged in sorted order	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [23,45,11,67,85,56] &gt;&gt;&gt; list2 = sorted(list1) &gt;&gt;&gt; list1 [23, 45, 11, 67, 85, 56] &gt;&gt;&gt; list2 [11, 23, 45, 56, 67, 85]</pre>
min()	Returns minimum or smallest element of the list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; list1 = [34,12,63,39,92,44] &gt;&gt;&gt; min(list1) 12</pre>
max()	Returns maximum or largest element of the list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; max(list1) 92</pre>
sum()	Returns sum of the elements of the list	<pre>&gt;&gt;&gt; sum(list1) 284</pre>

## 5 NESTED LISTS When a list appears as an element of another list, it is called a nested list. Example 9.2

list1 = [1,2,'a','c',[6,7,8],4,9] #fifth element of list is also a list

list1[4]

[6, 7, 8]

To access the element of the nested list of list1, we have to specify two indices list1[i][j]. The first index i will take us to the desired nested list and second index j will take us to the desired element in that nested list.

list1[4][1]

7

#index i gives the fifth element of list1

#which is a list

#index j gives the second element in the

#nested list

## 6 COPYING LISTS Given a list, the simplest way to make a copy of the list is to assign it to another list.

```
list1 = [1,2,3]
list2 = list1
list1
```

```
[1, 2, 3]
```

```
list2
```

```
[1, 2, 3]
```

The statement `list2 = list1` does not create a new list. Rather, it just makes `list1` and `list2` refer to the same list object. Here `list2` actually becomes an alias of `list1`. Therefore, any changes made to either of them will be reflected in the other list.

```
list1.append(10)
```

```
list1 [1, 2, 3, 10]
```

```
list2 [1, 2, 3, 10]
```

We can also create a copy or clone of the list as a distinct object by three methods. The first method uses slicing, the second method uses built-in function `list()` and the third method uses `copy()` function of python library `copy`.

**Method 1** We can slice our original list and store it into a new variable as follows:

```
newList = oldList[:]
```

Example 3

```
list1 = [1,2,3,4,5]
```

```
list2 = list1[:]
```

```
list2 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

**Method 2** We can use the built-in function `list()` as follows:

```
newList = list(oldList)
```

Example 4

```
list1 = [10,20,30,40]
```

```
list2 = list(list1)
```

```
list2 [10, 20, 30, 40]
```

**Method 3** We can use the `copy ()` function as follows:

```
import copy #import the library copy
```

```
#use copy()function of library copy
```

```
newList = copy.copy(oldList)
```

Example 5

```
import copy
```

```
list1 = [1,2,3,4,5]
```

```
list2 = copy.copy(list1)
```

```
list2 [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

- 7 LIST AS ARGUMENT TO A FUNCTION** Whenever a list is passed as an argument to a function, we have to consider two scenarios:

**(A) Elements of the original list may be changed**, i.e. changes made to the list in the function are reflected back in the calling function. For example in the following program list `list1` of numbers is passed as an argument to function `increment()`. This function increases every element of the list by 5.

Program 1 Program to increment the elements of a list. The list is passed as an argument to a function

```
#Function to increment the elements of the list passed as argument
```

```

def increment(list2):
    for i in range(0,len(list2)):
        #5 is added to individual elements in the list
        list2[i] += 5
    print('Reference of list Inside Function',id(list2))
#end of function
list1 = [10,20,30,40,50]    #Create a list
print("Reference of list in Main",id(list1))
print("The list before the function call")
print(list1)
increment(list1)           #list1 is passed as parameter to function
print("The list after the function call")
print(list1)

```

**Output:**

```

Reference of list in Main 70615968
The list before the function call
[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
Reference of list Inside Function 70615968 #The id remains same
The list after the function call
[15, 25, 35, 45, 55]

```

Observe that, when we pass a list as an argument, we actually pass a reference to the list. Hence any change made to list2 inside the function is reflected in the actual list list1.

B) If the list is assigned a new value inside the function then a new list object is created and it becomes the local copy of the function. Any changes made inside the local copy of the function are not reflected back to the calling function.

**Program 2** Program to increment the elements of the list passed as parameter.

```

#Function to increment the elements of the list passed as argument
def increment(list2):
    print("\nID of list inside function before assignment:",
id(list2))
    list2 = [15,25,35,45,55] #List2 assigned a new list
    print("ID of list changes inside function after assignment:",
id(list2))
    print("The list inside the function after assignment is:")
    print(list2)
#end of function

list1 = [10,20,30,40,50]    #Create a list
print("ID of list before function call:",id(list1))
print("The list before function call:")
print(list1)
increment(list1) #list1 passed as parameter to function
print('\nID of list after function call:',id(list1))
print("The list after the function call:")
print(list1)

```

**Output:**

```

ID of list before function call: 65565640
The list before function call:
[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

ID of list inside function before assignment:65565640
ID of list changes inside function after assignment:65565600
The list inside the function after assignment is:
[15, 25, 35, 45, 55]

ID of list after function call: 65565640
The list after the function call:
[10, 20, 30, 40, 50]

```



**8 LIST MANIPULATION** In this chapter, we have learnt to create a list and the different ways to manipulate lists. In the following programs, we will apply the various list manipulation methods. Program 3 Write a menu driven program to perform various list operations, such as:

- Append an element
- Insert an element
- Append a list to the given list
- Modify an existing element
- Delete an existing element from its position
- Delete an existing element with a given value
- Sort the list in ascending order
- Sort the list in descending order
- Display the list.

**#Menu driven program to do various list operations**

```
myList = [22,4,16,38,13] #myList already has 5 elements
choice = 0
while True:
    print("The list 'myList' has the following elements", myList)
    print("\nL I S T   O P E R A T I O N S")
    print(" 1. Append an element")
    print(" 2. Insert an element at the desired position")
    print(" 3. Append a list to the given list")
    print(" 4. Modify an existing element")
    print(" 5. Delete an existing element by its position")
    print(" 6. Delete an existing element by its value")
    print(" 7. Sort the list in ascending order")
    print(" 8. Sort the list in descending order")
    print(" 9. Display the list")
    print("10. Exit")
    choice = int(input("ENTER YOUR CHOICE (1-10): "))

    #append element
    if choice == 1:
        element = int(input("Enter the element to be appended: "))
        myList.append(element)
        print("The element has been appended\n")

    #insert an element at desired position
    elif choice == 2:
        element = int(input("Enter the element to be inserted: "))
        pos = int(input("Enter the position:"))
        myList.insert(pos,element)
        print("The element has been inserted\n")

    #append a list to the given list
    elif choice == 3:
        newList = eval(input("Enter the elements separated by commas"))
        myList.extend(list(newList))
        print("The list has been appended\n")

    #modify an existing element
    elif choice == 4:
        i = int(input("Enter the position of the element to be
modified: "))
        if i < len(myList):
            newElement = int(input("Enter the new element: "))
            oldElement = myList[i]
            myList[i] = newElement
            print("The element",oldElement,"has been modified\n")
        else:
            print("Position of the element is more than the length
of list")
```

```

#delete an existing element by position
elif choice == 5:
    i = int(input("Enter the position of the element to be
deleted: "))
    if i < len(myList):
        element = myList.pop(i)
        print("The element",element,"has been deleted\n")
    else:
        print("\nPosition of the element is more than the length
of list")

#delete an existing element by value
elif choice == 6:
    element = int(input("\nEnter the element to be deleted: "))
    if element in myList:
        myList.remove(element)
        print("\nThe element",element,"has been deleted\n")
    else:
        print("\nElement",element,"is not present in the list")

```

### #list in sorted order

```

elif choice == 7:
    myList.sort()
    print("\nThe list has been sorted")

#list in reverse sorted order
elif choice == 8:
    myList.sort(reverse = True)
    print("\nThe list has been sorted in reverse order")

#display the list
elif choice == 9:
    print("\nThe list is:", myList)

#exit from the menu
elif choice == 10:
    break
else:
    print("Choice is not valid")
    print("\n\nPress any key to continue.....")
    ch = input()

```

### Output:

The list 'myList' has the following elements [22, 4, 16, 38, 13]

#### L I S T   O P E R A T I O N S

1. Append an element
2. Insert an element at the desired position
3. Append a list to the given list
4. Modify an existing element
5. Delete an existing element by its position
6. Delete an existing element by its value
7. Sort the list in ascending order
8. Sort the list in descending order
9. Display the list
10. Exit

ENTER YOUR CHOICE (1-10): 8

The list has been sorted in reverse order

The list 'myList' has the following elements [38, 22, 16, 13, 4]

#### L I S T   O P E R A T I O N S

1. Append an element
2. Insert an element at the desired position
3. Append a list to the given list
4. Modify an existing element
5. Delete an existing element by its position
6. Delete an existing element by its value
7. Sort the list in ascending order
8. Sort the list in descending order
9. Display the list
10. Exit

ENTER YOUR CHOICE (1-10): 5

Enter the position of the element to be deleted: 2

The element 16 has been deleted

The list 'myList' has the following elements [38, 22, 13, 4]

#### L I S T   O P E R A T I O N S

1. Append an element
2. Insert an element at the desired position
3. Append a list to the given list
4. Modify an existing element
5. Delete an existing element by its position
6. Delete an existing element by its value
7. Sort the list in ascending order
8. Sort the list in descending order
9. Display the list
10. Exit

Program 4 A program to calculate average marks of n students using a function where n is entered by the user.

```
#Function to calculate average marks of n students
def computeAverage(list1,n):
    #initialize total
    total = 0
    for marks in list1:
        #add marks to total
        total = total + marks
    average = total / n
    return average

#create an empty list
list1 = []
print("How many students marks you want to enter: ")
n = int(input())
for i in range(0,n):
    print("Enter marks of student", (i+1), ":")
    marks = int(input())
    #append marks in the list
    list1.append(marks)
average = computeAverage(list1,n)
print("Average marks of",n,"students is:",average)
```

Output:

```
How many students marks you want to enter:
5
Enter marks of student 1:
45

Enter marks of student 2:
89
Enter marks of student 3:
79
Enter marks of student 4:
76
Enter marks of student 5:
55
Average marks of 5 students is: 68.8
```

Program 5 Write a user-defined function to check if a number is present in the list or not. If the number is present, return the position of the number. Print an appropriate message if the number is not present in the list.

```
#Function to check if a number is present in the list or not
def linearSearch(num,list1):
    for i in range(0,len(list1)):
        if list1[i] == num:      #num is present
            return i             #return the position
    return None                  #num is not present in the list
#end of function

list1 = []                       #Create an empty list
print("How many numbers do you want to enter in the list: ")
maximum = int(input())
print("Enter a list of numbers: ")
for i in range(0,maximum):
    n = int(input())
    list1.append(n)              #append numbers to the list
num = int(input("Enter the number to be searched: "))
result = linearSearch(num,list1)
if result is None:
    print("Number",num,"is not present in the list")
else:
    print("Number",num,"is present at",result + 1, "position")
```

Output:

```
How many numbers do you want to enter in the list:
5
Enter a list of numbers:
23
567
12
89
324
Enter the number to be searched:12
Number 12 is present at 3 position
```

## SUMMARY

- Lists are mutable sequences in Python, i.e., we can change the elements of the list.
  - Elements of a list are put in square brackets separated by comma.
  - A list within a list is called a nested list. List indexing is same as that of strings and starts at 0.
- Two way indexing allows traversing the list in the forward as well as in the backward direction.
- Operator + concatenates one list to the end of other list.
  - Operator \* repeats a list by specified number of times.
  - Membership operator in tells if an element is present in the list or not and not in does the opposite.
  - Slicing is used to extract a part of the list.
  - There are many list manipulation functions including: len(), list(), append(), extend(), insert(), count(), find(), remove(), pop(), reverse(), sort(), sorted(), min(), max(), sum().