# Lists in Python

## ∂ 1. What is a List?

A list is a collection of items that are ordered, mutable (changeable), and allow duplicate elements. Lists can hold items of different data types, such as integers, strings, or even other lists.

## ∂ Syntax:

$$my_list = [element1, elem  $\Box$$$

## Example:

```
fruits = ["apple", "banan Conumbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] mixed = ["apple", 3, True
```

## 2. Accessing List Elements

You can access individual elements in a list using **indexing**. Remember that Python uses **zero-based indexing**, so the first item is at index 0.

## ∂ Syntax:

```
list_name[index]
```

## ∂ Example:

You can also use **negative indexing** to access elements from the end of the list:

## ∂ 3. Modifying Lists

Lists are mutable, which means you can change the value of items in a list.

#### Changing a specific element:

```
fruits[1] = "orange"
print(fruits) # Output:
```

#### Adding elements:

 append(): Adds an element to the end of the list.

 insert(): Inserts an element at a specific index.

```
fruits.insert(1, "kiw Cprint(fruits) # Outp
```

#### Removing elements:

 remove(): Removes the first occurrence of an element.

 pop(): Removes the element at a specific index (or the last item if no index is provided).

```
fruits.pop() # Remov  print(fruits) # Outp

fruits.pop(0) # Remo
print(fruits) # Outp
```

 clear(): Removes all elements from the list.

## 4. Slicing Lists

You can extract a portion of a list using **slicing**.

#### ∂ Syntax:

```
list_name[start:stop:step 🗗
```

- start: The index to start the slice (inclusive).
- stop: The index to stop the slice (exclusive).
- step: The number of steps to skip elements (default is 1).

#### @ Examples:

# 5. List Functions and Methods

Python provides several built-in functions and methods for working with lists.

#### ∂ 5.1 Common Functions:

 len(list): Returns the number of elements in the list.

 sorted(list): Returns a new sorted list without changing the original list.

 sum(list): Returns the sum of elements in a list (for numerical lists).

#### ∂ 5.2 Common Methods:

 index(element): Returns the index of the first occurrence of the specified element.

```
print(fruits.index("a ☐
```

 count(element): Returns the number of occurrences of an element in the list.

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 1 \square]
print(numbers.count(1
```

 reverse(): Reverses the elements of the list in place.

```
fruits.reverse()
print(fruits) # Outp
```

 sort(): Sorts the list in place (ascending by default).

```
numbers = [5, 2, 9, 1 ☐
numbers.sort()
print(numbers) # Out
```

## 6. Nested Lists

Lists can contain other lists, allowing you to create **nested lists**. This can be useful for storing matrix-like data structures.

## Example:

```
matrix = [
     [1, 2, 3],
     [4, 5, 6],
     [7, 8, 9]
]

# Accessing elements in a
print(matrix[0]) # Outpu
print(matrix[1][1]) # Ou
```

## ∂ Homework

## List Manipulation Exercise:

- Create a list of 5 items (strings or numbers).
- Add a new item to the end of the list and another at the second position.
- Remove the third item from the list.
- Print the list after each operation.
- Reverse and Sort a List: Create a list of numbers and:
  - Sort it in descending order.
  - Reverse the sorted list and print it.