

(* - Lists*

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(* 1. How to generate:

Table[expr, {imax}] generates a list of imax copies of
expr. **Table**[expr, {i, imax}] generates a list of the values of expr
when i runs from 1 to imax. **Table**[expr, {i, imin, imax}] starts with i =
imin. **Table**[expr, {i, imin, imax, di}] uses steps
di. **Table**[expr, {i, imin, imax}, {j, jmin, jmax}, ...]
gives a nested list. The list associated with i is outermost
*)

Table[i, {i, 10, 21, 3}]

{10, 13, 16, 19}

Length[%]

4

ColumnForm[%%]

10

13

16

19

Table[Sin[n x], {n, 1, 7, 2}]

{Sin[x], Sin[3 x], Sin[5 x], Sin[7 x]}

(*nested*)

```
Table[x^i + y^j, {i, 3}, {j, 4}]
```

```
{ {x + y, x + y^2, x + y^3, x + y^4}, {x^2 + y, x^2 + y^2, x^2 + y^3, x^2 + y^4}, {x^3 + y, x^3 + y^2, x^3 + y^3, x^3 + y^4} }
```

```
Dimensions[%]
```

```
{3, 4}
```

```
TableForm[%]
```

$x + y$	$x + y^2$	$x + y^3$	$x + y^4$
$x^2 + y$	$x^2 + y^2$	$x^2 + y^3$	$x^2 + y^4$
$x^3 + y$	$x^3 + y^2$	$x^3 + y^3$	$x^3 + y^4$

```
MatrixForm[%]
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} x + y & x + y^2 & x + y^3 & x + y^4 \\ x^2 + y & x^2 + y^2 & x^2 + y^3 & x^2 + y^4 \\ x^3 + y & x^3 + y^2 & x^3 + y^3 & x^3 + y^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

(* REARRANGING LISTS *)

```
Sort[{abd, abc, ab, a, d, 10, a, 10, 5.5,  
1/4, 23/2, ada}]
```

```
{1/4, 5.5, 10, 10, 23/2, a, a, ab, abc, abd, ada, d}
```

```
mylist = Table[i, {i, 10}]
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10}
```

```
RotateLeft[mylist]
```

```
{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 1}
```

```
RotateRight[mylist, 3]
```

```
{8, 9, 10, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
Permutations[{a, b, c}]
```

```
{{a, b, c}, {a, c, b}, {b, a, c}, {b, c, a}, {c, a, b}, {c, b, a}}
```

(* Restructuring Lists *)

```
Clear[mylist, c]
```

```
mylist = Table[c[i, j], {i, 3}, {j, 4}]
```

```
{{c[1, 1], c[1, 2], c[1, 3], c[1, 4]},  
 {c[2, 1], c[2, 2], c[2, 3], c[2, 4]}, {c[3, 1], c[3, 2], c[3, 3], c[3, 4]}}
```

```
Flatten[%]
```

```
{c[1, 1], c[1, 2], c[1, 3], c[1, 4], c[2, 1],  
 c[2, 2], c[2, 3], c[2, 4], c[3, 1], c[3, 2], c[3, 3], c[3, 4]}
```

Flatten[list] flattens out nested lists. Flatten[list, n] flattens to level n. Flatten[list, n, h] flattens subexpressions with head h.
(*)

(*Drop[list, n] gives list with its first n elements dropped

Drop[list, {n}] gives list with its nth element dropped.

Take[list, n] gives the first n elements of list

Take[list, {m, n}] gives elements m through n of list

HW: create a simple list; try all this*)

(*Element extraction*)

```
list = {a, b, c, d};
```

```
list[[2]]
```

General::spell1 : Possible spelling error: new symbol name "list" is similar to existing symbol "List". More...

```
b
```

```
Clear[list]; list = {{a, b}, {c, d}}
```

```
{{a, b}, {c, d}}
```

```
list[[2]]
```

```
{c, d}
```

```
list[[1, 2]]
```

```
b
```

```
MatrixForm[list]
```

```

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

```

(* Combining Lists *)

```
list1 = Table[i, {i, 3}]
```

```
{1, 2, 3}
```

```
list2 = Table[i, {i, 7}]
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
Join[list1, list2]
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
Union[list1, list2]
```

```
{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7}
```

```
Intersection[list1, list2]
```

```
{1, 2, 3}
```

(*Operating on Lists*)

```
Clear[list]
```

```
list = Table[x^n, {n, 4}]
```

```
{x, x^2, x^3, x^4}
```

```
D[list, x]
```

```
{1, 2 x, 3 x^2, 4 x^3}
```

```
Sin[list]
```

```
{Sin[x], Sin[x^2], Sin[x^3], Sin[x^4]}
```

```
Sqrt[list]
```

```
{ $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $\sqrt{x^2}$ ,  $\sqrt{x^3}$ ,  $\sqrt{x^4}$ }
```

(* Not all fuctions are listable! - Check *)

```
Clear[f];
```

```
Map[f, list]
```

```
{f[x], f[x^2], f[x^3], f[x^4]}
```

```
f /@ list (*same thing*)
{f[x], f[x^2], f[x^3], f[x^4]}
```

? Apply

Apply[f, expr] or f @@ expr replaces the head of expr by f. Apply[f, expr, levelspec] replaces heads in parts of expr specified by levelspec. More...

Plus @@ list

```
x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4
```

```
(* HW: write a function av[y_] which
   would find an average of a list y of arbitrary length*)
```

```
(*Pure function*)
```

```
(*Note: in f[x_]:=
   Sin[x] the variable x does not matter and can be replaced by anything. In fact,
   x_ indicates a slot in which the variable will be place when evaluating Sin. The idea is
   then to skip x altogether - this leads to a "Pure function", analog of an operator*)
```

```
mysin := Sin[#] &
(*# explicitly indicates a slot and & indicates the pure function;
note that [] does not enter the definiton of mysin,
but will be needed when it is applied*)
```

```
mysin[z]
```

```
Sin[z]
```

```
mysin[Pi / 4]
```

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

```
(* more useful for differential operators*)
```

```
der2 := D[#, x, x] &
```

```
der2[x^2]
```

```
2
```

```
Clear[a]; der2[E^(a x)]
```

$$a^2 e^{a x}$$

(*other examples: anything can go into the slot,
not only numbers. Below are Lists and Graphics*)

```
myav := (Plus @@ #) / Length[#] & (*average of a list*)
```

```
list = {1, 2, 3, 4};
```

```
myav[list]
```

$$\frac{5}{2}$$

```
disp := Display["t.ps", #, "EPS"] &
```

(*this creates a nice postscript outside Mathematica. E.g., if you like graphics in fig,
you write disp[fig] and will get a postscript file t.ps with the picture*)

(*pure functions are very good for repeated applications*)

```
f := 1 / (1 + #) &
```

```
f[x]
```

$$\frac{1}{1+x}$$

```
f[%]
```

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1+x}}$$

```
f[%]
```

$$\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1+x}}}$$

(*etc.*)

(*there is special Nest command to do that*)

```
? Nest
```

Nest[f, expr, n] gives an expression with f applied n times to expr. More...

```
Nest[f, x, 4]
```

$$1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + x}}}$$

```
Inverse::sing : Matrix {{a, b, c}, {1, 2, 3}, {a, b, c}} is singular. More...  
Inverse[{{a, b, c}, {1, 2, 3}, {a, b, c}}]
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$