

Operating on Lists

Created using Maple 14.01

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```
> restart;  
with(StringTools):  
FormatTime("%m-%d-%Y, %H:%M");  
"10-11-2013, 13:32" (1)
```

This Maple input enters a list of decimal numbers

```
> listA := [ 100, 100, 97, 93, 75.5, 46.8, 27.5, 19.1, 13.4, 9.9];  
listA := [ 100, 100, 97, 93, 75.5, 46.8, 27.5, 19.1, 13.4, 9.9] (2)
```

The number of points in the list can be found using the *nops()* function

```
> nops(listA);  
10 (3)
```

Any element of the list can be accessed using the following Maple input

```
> listA[1];  
listA[2];  
listA[5];  
listA[nops(listA)];  
100  
100  
75.5  
9.9 (4)
```

Certain operations on a list do what you might expect

```
> 10 · listA;  
[ 1000, 1000, 970, 930, 755.0, 468.0, 275.0, 191.0, 134.0, 99.0] (5)
```

However, others may not

```
> listA · listA;  
sqrt(listA);  
sin(listA);  
[ 100, 100, 97, 93, 75.5, 46.8, 27.5, 19.1, 13.4, 9.9 ]2  
Error, invalid input: sqrt expects its 1st argument, x, to be of  
type algebraic, but received [100, 100, 97, 93, 75.5, 46.8,  
27.5, 19.1, 13.4, 9.9]  
Error, invalid input: sin expects its 1st argument, x, to be of  
type algebraic, but received [100, 100, 97, 93, 75.5, 46.8,  
27.5, 19.1, 13.4, 9.9]
```

The *seq* function is extremely useful for completing these operations. The *i=1..5* notation increments *i* from 1 to 5 in steps of 1. *i=1..10,2* will increment *i* from 1 to 10 in steps of 2.

```
> seq(i, i = 1 .. 5);  
seq(i, i = 1 .. 10, 2);  
seq(listA[i], i = 1 .. nops(listA));
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	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
	1, 3, 5, 7, 9
	100, 100, 97, 93, 75.5, 46.8, 27.5, 19.1, 13.4, 9.9

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Note that *seq* can be used to create a list by putting the whole thing inside square brackets [*seq*(...)]

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> listB := [seq(i, i = 1 .. 5)];
listB[1];
listB[nops(listB)];
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listB := [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
1
5

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Now let's use *seq* to complete the three operation and failed above. Note that the *evalf* command is used to force Maple to display a numerical value rather than $\sqrt{97}$ (for example).

```
> listAsquared := [seq(listA[i]^2, i = 1 .. nops(listA))];
listAsqrt := [seq(evalf(sqrt(listA[i])), i = 1 .. nops(listA))];
listAsin := [seq(evalf(sin(listA[i])), i = 1 .. nops(listA))]
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listAsquared := [10000, 10000, 9409, 8649, 5700.25, 2190.24, 756.25, 364.81, 179.56, 98.01]
listAsqrt := [10., 10., 9.848857802, 9.643650761, 8.689073598, 6.841052551, 5.244044241,
4.370354677, 3.660601044, 3.146426545]
listAsin := [-0.5063656411, -0.5063656411, 0.3796077390, -0.9482821413, 0.1016006979,
0.3182565111, 0.6992400317, 0.2478342080, 0.7403758900, -0.4575358938]

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In this final example will demonstrate using nested *seq* commands. Let's suppose that you wanted to make a list like [0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,3,3,3,3,4,4,4,4, ...] up to 100 without have to manually type everything and with out having to manually combine 101 individual lists. We will use one *seq* statement inside another *seq* statement to accomplish this task. The inner *seq* is used to create the short sequences of 0,0,0,0 and 1,1,1,1 and so on, while the outer *seq* is used to increment the value of the number used by the inner *seq*.

```
> nestedList := [seq(seq(j, i = 1 .. 4), j = 0 .. 100)];
nestedList := [ 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7,
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8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11, 11, 12, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14,
14, 15, 15, 15, 15, 16, 16, 16, 16, 17, 17, 17, 17, 18, 18, 18, 18, 19, 19, 19, 19, 20, 20, 20,
20, 21, 21, 21, 22, 22, 22, 22, 23, 23, 23, 23, 24, 24, 24, 24, 25, 25, 25, 25, 26, 26, 26,
26, 27, 27, 27, 27, 28, 28, 28, 28, 29, 29, 29, 29, 30, 30, 30, 30, 31, 31, 31, 31, 32, 32, 32,
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92, 93, 93, 93, 93, 94, 94, 94, 94, 95, 95, 95, 95, 96, 96, 96, 96, 97, 97, 97, 97, 98, 98, 98,
98, 99, 99, 99, 99, 100, 100, 100, 100]

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