Module 9 — Lists: Activities

- 1. Define a list with five elements "air", "water", "fire", "earth", "ether" in this order. Then sort the list using sorted and sort. One will change the list in place, the other will create a new list. Then print out the first, second, last, and pen-ultimate elements of the sorted list.
- 2. Create a list of the first 100 numbers 1 ... 100. Create a list of the numbers 501 ... 600. Then create a list combining those numbers.
- 3. Given a list of numbers, calculate the arithmetic mean, the geometric mean, and the harmonic mean. Recall that the arithmetic mean of numbers $x_1, x_2, \dots x_n$ is $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)/n$, the geometric mean is $(x_1 \times x_2 \times \dots \times x_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and the harmonic mean is $\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}$. On the

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def arithmetic_mean(lista):
suma = 0
for elemento in lista:
    suma += elemento
return suma/len(lista)
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right is code for the calculation of the arithmetic mean. An alternative is the use of the sum () - function.

4. When we process a list, we often create an empty list (result = []), walk through the list using a for-statement, and decide what we append to the result-list. Here is a program that finds all elements that appear at least twice in the list. We walk through the list, looking at all its elements. We place an element in a list once unless this element is already in the list once. In this case, we add it to a list multiple of elements seen at least twice, unless of

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def find_multiples(lista):
once = []
multiple = []
for element in lista:
    if element in once:
        if element not in multiple:
            multiple.append(element)
    else:
        once.append(element)
return multiple
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course it is already in the list. There are other ways to solve this problem, we can for example use the list method <code>index</code>. Note that we are using the test: <code>if element in list</code> to test whether an element is in the list.

- (a) Define a function elements (lista) that gives a list of all elements in lista, which each elements appearing exactly once. For example, the result of elements ([1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 5]) is [1, 2, 3, 4, 5].
- (b) Define a function minus (list1, list2) that returns a list of all elements in list1 that are not in list2.
- (c) Define a function intersection (list1, list2) that returns a list of all elements that are both in list1 and list2, but without repeating elements.