

AP Computer Science A - Code Tracing Questions

ANSWER KEY

Question 1: 6 32 - The loop doubles y while $2y \leq 40$ - y : 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 32 - $2 \cdot 32 = 64 > 40$, so loop stops - x counts iterations: 6

Question 2: [3, 7, 4, 1, 8, 9] - The code swaps adjacent elements when left $>$ right - Initial: [7, 3, 8, 4, 1, 9] - $i=0$: $7 > 3$, swap \rightarrow [3, 7, 8, 4, 1, 9] - $i=1$: $7 < 8$, no swap - $i=2$: $8 > 4$, swap \rightarrow [3, 7, 4, 8, 1, 9] - $i=3$: $8 > 1$, swap \rightarrow [3, 7, 4, 1, 8, 9] - $i=4$: $8 < 9$, no swap

Question 3: 15 - Sum of diagonal elements (where $r == c$) - $\text{grid}[0][0] = 2$ - $\text{grid}[1][1] = 4$ - $\text{grid}[2][2] = 9$ - Sum = $2 + 4 + 9 = 15$

Question 4: 1 - Trace of recursive calls: - $\text{mystery4}(5) = \text{mystery4}(4) + \text{mystery4}(2)$ - $\text{mystery4}(4) = \text{mystery4}(3) + \text{mystery4}(1)$ - $\text{mystery4}(3) = \text{mystery4}(2) + \text{mystery4}(0)$ - $\text{mystery4}(2) = \text{mystery4}(1) + \text{mystery4}(-1)$ - Base cases: $\text{mystery4}(1) = 1$, $\text{mystery4}(0) = 0$, $\text{mystery4}(-1) = -1$ - Working back up: - $\text{mystery4}(2) = 1 + (-1) = 0$ - $\text{mystery4}(3) = 0 + 0 = 0$ - $\text{mystery4}(4) = 0 + 1 = 1$ - $\text{mystery4}(5) = 1 + 0 = 1$

Question 5: "EUMCOPTR" - Even indices (0,2,4,6) go to front, odd indices (1,3,5,7) go to back - "COMPUTER" processing: - $i=0$ (C): even \rightarrow front: "C" - $i=1$ (O): odd \rightarrow back: "CO" - $i=2$ (M): even \rightarrow front: "MCO" - $i=3$ (P): odd \rightarrow back: "MCO P" - $i=4$ (U): even \rightarrow front: "UMCOP" - $i=5$ (T): odd \rightarrow back: "UMCOP T" - $i=6$ (E): even \rightarrow front: "EUMCOP T" - $i=7$ (R): odd \rightarrow back: "EUMCOP T R" - "EUMCOPTR"

Question 6: [5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12, 7] - Processing backwards from index 4 to 0: - $i=4$: $\text{list.get}(4) = 7$ (odd), no change - $i=3$: $\text{list.get}(3) = 12$ (even), insert 6 at index 3 - Result: [5, 8, 3, 6, 12, 7] - $i=2$: $\text{list.get}(2) = 3$ (odd), no change - $i=1$: $\text{list.get}(1) = 8$ (even), insert 4 at index 1 - Result: [5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12, 7] - $i=0$: $\text{list.get}(0) = 5$ (odd), no change - Final: [5, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12, 7]