Question 1.21: Find the pair of nearest points in squared Euclidean distance

Give a list of 200 2-dimensional points

minimum squared Euclidean distance: 0.008302746110664843 between point 66 and point 113

Question 1.22: Find longest palindrome

if two palindromes are of same length, return the one appears first optional part: if two palindromes are of same length, return the one appears first in alphabetical order

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In [3]:
        s = 'abbabcdefghijihgfedcbaaabbbbaaaabbbbaaabc'
In [4]:
        n = len(s)
        palindrome = {}
        for i in range(n):
            j = 1
                                                       # consider strings center at [j], from index i-j to index i+j
            while j <= i and j < n - i:
                if s[i-j] != s[i+j]:
                                                       # break when the characters do not match
                    break
                j += 1
            if 2 * j - 1 not in palindrome:
                                                       # optional part add 'or palindrome[2*j-1] > s[i-j+1:i+j]'
                 palindrome[2*j-1] = s[i-j+1:i+j]
        for i in range(n-1):
            if s[i] == s[i+1]:
                                                       # consider strings center at [j] and [j+1]
                while j <= i and j < n - i - 1:
                                                      # from index i-j to index i+1+j
                    if s[i-j] != s[i+1+j]:
                        break
                    j += 1
                if 2 * j not in palindrome:
                                                       # optional part add 'or palindrome[2*j] > s[i-j+1:i+1+j]'
                    palindrome[2*j] = s[i-j+1:i+1+j]
        print(palindrome)
        {1: 'a', 3: 'bab', 19: 'abcdefghijingfedcba', 5: 'baaab', 4: 'abba', 2: 'aa', 10: 'aaabbbbaaa', 8: 'bbaaaabb', 28: 'c
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{1: 'a', 3: 'bab', 19: 'abcdefghijingfedcba', 5: 'baaab', 4: 'abba', 2: 'aa', 10: 'aaabbbbaaa', 8: 'bbaaaabb', 28: 'dbaaaabbbbaaaabbbbaaabc'}

Question 1.23: Largest number in a string matching -- in a single scan

e.g. string = 'abc123def456.789' => return 789

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In [5]:
         s = 'abc123def456.789.012345.6789-12345678.9012311111.456$#@'
         #s = 'abc123def456.789'
         #s = 'abc123def789...456.'
         s = 'abc123.132abc.....a13.'
         #s = 'a1b2c3d1'
         s = '.....12.12.ab.11..23.'
In [6]:
         n = len(s)
         max float = 0.0
         first, second = '0', '0'
         for i in range(n):
            if s[i].isdigit():
                                                             # orange case: waiting for more digits to come
                first += s[i]
                 second += s[i]
             elif s[i] == '.':
                                                             # blue case:
                max float = max(max float, float(second)) # -- 1. settle the second buffer which may contain a decimal wi
                                                            # -- 2. make a new standby buffer for a decimal with '.'
# -- 3. make a new buffer for an integer without '.'
                 second = first + '.'
                 first = '0'
             elif len(first) > 1 or len(second) > 1: # green case: settle the digits in the buffers
                max float = max(max float, max(float(first), float(second)))
                 first, second = '0', '0'
             else:
                                                             # red case: do nothing
         max float = max(max float, max(float(first), float(second)))
         print(max float)
        23.0
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Question 1.24: Write the naive primality test algorithm

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In [7]:
       prime = []
       for i in range(2, 200):
          is prime = True
                                 # first assume i is a prime
          for f in range(2, i):
                                 # for factors from 2 to i-1
             if i % f == 0:
                                 # set is prime to False if divisible
                is prime = False
          if is prime:
             prime.append(i)
       print(prime)
      113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199]
In [8]:
       prime = [2]
                                # test for odd numbers only
       for i in range(3, 200, 2):
          is prime = True
                                  # first assume i is a prime
          for f in prime:
                                 # test prime factors only
             if i % f == 0:
                is prime = False  # set is prime to False if divisible
          if is prime:
             prime.append(i)
       print(prime)
       [2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97, 101, 103, 107, 109,
      113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199]
In [9]:
       prime = [2]
       for i in range(3, 200, 2):
                                # test for odd numbers only
                                 # first assume i is a prime
          is prime = True
          for f in prime:
                                 # test prime factors only
             if f * f > i:
                                # factors are in pairs except perfect squares, test stops when f * f > i
                break
             if i % f == 0:
                                # set is_prime to False if divisible
                 is_prime = False
          if is_prime:
             prime.append(i)
       print(prime)
      113, 127, 131, 137, 139, 149, 151, 157, 163, 167, 173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199]
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Question 1.25: Sudoku checker -- return cells which you are certain about its value

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        7
        1

        8
        2
        3
        2
        4
        5
        6

        5
        1
        2
        4
        5
        6

        5
        1
        3
        7
        7
        8

        9
        4
        2
        8
        9
        4

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        8
        9

        8
        6
        7
        1
        4

        9
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        4
        4
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In [10]: sudoku1 = [' 7 1 ', '59 23 ', '823 456', '51 78', '9 1 3 4', ' 42 89 ', ' 753 689 ', ' 86 71 ', ' sudoku2 = [' ', '528 614 ', '98 27 ', '12 39 ', '735 682', '695 741 ', '13 8 9 ', '42 7 1 65', ' sudoku3 = [' 76 3 ', '13 8 92', '42 31 ', '86 5 9', '26 78', '4 9 82 ', '17 5 2 ', '95 3 41 ', '
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(4, 6): 4 9(4, 7): 3 6 (5, 2): 6 (5, 3): 28(5, 5): 567(5, 7): 56(5, 8): 26(6, 1): 3 6 7 (6, 2): 3 6 (6, 5): 567(6, 8): 6(6, 9): 1 3 5 (7, 1): 1 2 4 (7, 5): 1 2 4 (7, 9): 2 (8, 1): 2 3 4(8, 4): 459(8, 5): 2459(8, 6): 2459(8, 9): 2 3 5 (9, 1): 1 2 3 (9, 3): 1 2 (9, 4): 5 7 8 (9, 5): 1 2 5 7 8(9, 6): 1 2 5 7(9, 7): 3 5 6 (9, 9): 2 3 5

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In [11]:
          value = [[-1] * 9 for _ in range(9)]
          possible = [[[True] * 10 for in range(9)] for in range(9)]
          i = 0
          for s in sudoku1:
             if len(s) != 9:
                 print('length should be 9:', s)
              for j in range(9):
                 if s[j] != ' ':
                     v = int(s[j])
                      value[i][j] = v
                      for vv in range(1, 10):
                          if vv != v:
                              possible[i][j][vv] = False # mark this cell false on all other values
                      for jj in range(9):
                          if jj != j:
                              possible[i][jj][v] = False \# mark other cells in the same row false on the same value
                      for ii in range(9):
                          if ii != i:
                             possible[ii][j][v] = False # mark other cells in the same column false on the same value
                      gi, gj = i // 3 * 3, j // 3 * 3
                      for ii in range(3):
                         for jj in range(3):
                             if gi + ii != i or gj + jj != j:
                                  possible[gi + ii][gj + jj][v] = False # mark other cells in the same 3x3 grid false on the same
             i += 1
          for i in range(9):
             for j in range(9):
                  if value[i][j] == -1:
                      print('(%d, %d): %s' % (i + 1, j + 1, ' '.join([str(v) for v in range(1, 10) if possible[i][j][v]])))
         (1, 1): 46
         (1, 2): 4 6
         (1, 4): 4 5 6 8 9
         (1, 5): 2 3 4 5 6 8 9
         (1, 6): 2 4 5 9
         (1, 8): 8
         (1, 9): 9
         (2, 1): 1 4 6
         (2, 4): 4 6 7 8
         (2, 5): 1 4 6 7 8
         (2, 6): 1 4 7
         (2, 9): 7
         (3, 4): 79
         (3, 5): 179
         (3, 6): 1 7 9
         (4, 3): 2
         (4, 4): 469
         (4, 5): 469
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