

Array functions exercises - solutions

1. Sorting

Create a function which expects an array of strings as parameter then sort the array in ascending order by the length of the strings.

Example: if the input is ['apple', 'cat', 'cucumber'] then the output should be ['cat', 'apple', 'cucumber']

Hint: [sort](#)

```
const f = (array) => {
  array.sort((s1, s2) => {
    // Ascending order by string length
    // It will be called for every item in the array
    if (s1.length < s2.length) {
      // s1 will be ahead of s2 based on our sorting
      return -1;
    } else if (s1.length === s2.length) {
      // s1 and s2 has equal length
      return 0;
    } else {
      // s2 will be ahead of s1 based on our sorting
      return 1;
    }
  });
};

// Same solution in a much more compact format
const f2 = (array) => {
  array.sort((s1, s2) => s1.length - s2.length);
};

const array = ['apple', 'cat', 'cucumber'];
f(array); // The sort function operates on reference, so it modifies the array
          // inplace so we don't have to return with the sorted array
console.log(array);

const array2 = ['apple', 'cat', 'cucumber'];
f2(array2);
console.log(array2);
```

2. Transformation

Create a function which expects an array of numbers as parameter then assumes that these input values were temperatures in °C and then convert them to °F. At the end return the array of number in °F.

Example: if the input is **[20, 24]** then the output should be **[68, 75.2]**

Hint:

- °C - °F conversion: $(0^{\circ}\text{C} \times 9/5) + 32 = 32^{\circ}\text{F}$
- [map](#)

```
const f = (array) => {  
  // The map function does not operate inplace, it always returns a new array  
  // so we have to return with this new array  
  return array.map(i => i * 9/5 + 32);  
}  
  
console.log(f([0, 14, 32, 3, -5]));
```

3. Find minimum and maximum value

Create a function which expects an array of numbers and a boolean flag as parameters then returns the highest or the lowest (based on the boolean flag) value from the array.

Example: if the input is **[1, 2, 3, 3]**, **true** then the output should be **3**

Hint:

- [Math.min](#)
- [Math.max](#)
- [spread operator](#)

```
const f = (array, isMin) => {  
  // If we use the name of the function without () then we just refer to that  
  // function and not calling it  
  // We can store this reference in a variable and call it later on (so function is  
  // a first class member in JavaScript)  
  const fn = isMin ? Math.min : Math.max;  
  // spread operator:  
  // [1, 2, 3] -> 1, 2, 3  
  // array -> comma separated values  
  return fn(...array);  
}  
  
console.log(f([1, 2, 3, 3], true));  
console.log(f([1, 2, 3, 3], false));
```

4. Find

Create a function which expects an array of objects as parameter then finds the object in the array where the object's age key's value is 5 and then returns this whole object.

Example: if the input is [{name: 'John', age: 12}, {name: 'Sara', age: 5}, {name: 'Ben', age: 5}] then the output should be {name: 'Sara', age: 5}

Hint:

- [find](#)

```
const find = (array) => {  
  // We create a predicate function for find and it will be called  
  // for each item of the array, until we find the first matching  
  // element  
  return array.find(i => i.age === 5);  
}  
  
const john = {name: 'John', age: 12};  
const sara = {name: 'Sara', age: 5};  
const ben = {name: 'Ben', age: 5};  
console.log(find([john, sara, ben]));  
console.log(find([john, ben, sara]));
```

5. Delete

Create a function which expects an array and a number (index) as parameters then delete the item at the given index.

Example: if the input is ['apple', 'cat', 'cucumber'], 1 then the output should be ['apple', 'cucumber']

Hint:

- [splice](#)

```
const del = (array, index) => {  
  // First parameter: which index should be the first to delete, second parameter:  
  // how much item do we delete  
  array.splice(index, 1);  
};  
  
const array = ['apple', 'cat', 'cucumber'];  
del(array, 1); // splice is operates inplace so it modifies the original array  
  
console.log(array)
```

6. Complex exercise

Create a function which expects an array of numbers as parameter then do the following operations on this array:

- Multiply every item by 2
- Finds the lowest item in the array and prints it to the console
- Calculate the sum of the values in the array and prints it to the console

Example: if the input is **[2, 5, 8]** then the output should be:

- **[4, 10, 16]**
- **4**
- **30**

```
const multiplyByTwo = (numArray) => numArray.map((n) => n * 2);

// Find the lowest number in the array
const findMin = (numArray) => Math.min(...numArray);

const sum = (numArray) => {
  return numArray.reduce((acc, l) => acc + l, 0);
};

const f = (numArray) => {
  const multipliedByTwo = multiplyByTwo(numArray);
  console.log(multipliedByTwo);
  console.log(findMin(multipliedByTwo));
  console.log(sum(multipliedByTwo));
};

const array = [3, 5, 0, 6, 7, 11];
f(array);
```