

# Function Practice Exercises - Solutions

Problems are arranged in increasing difficulty:

- Warmup - these can be solved using basic comparisons and methods
- Level 1 - these may involve if/then conditional statements and simple methods
- Level 2 - these may require iterating over sequences, usually with some kind of loop
- Challenging - these will take some creativity to solve

## WARMUP SECTION:

LESSER OF TWO EVENS: Write a function that returns the lesser of two given numbers *if* both numbers are even, but returns the greater if one or both numbers are odd

```
lesser_of_two_evens(2,4) --> 2
lesser_of_two_evens(2,5) --> 5
```

```
In [1]: def lesser_of_two_evens(a,b):
        if a%2 == 0 and b%2 == 0:
            return min(a,b)
        else:
            return max(a,b)
```

```
In [2]: # Check
        lesser_of_two_evens(2,4)
```

Out[2]: 2

```
In [3]: # Check
        lesser_of_two_evens(2,5)
```

Out[3]: 5

ANIMAL CRACKERS: Write a function takes a two-word string and returns True if both words begin with same letter

```
animal_crackers('Levelheaded Llama') --> True
animal_crackers('Crazy Kangaroo') --> False
```

```
In [4]: def animal_crackers(text):
        wordlist = text.split()
        return wordlist[0][0] == wordlist[1][0]
```

```
In [5]: # Check
        animal_crackers('Levelheaded Llama')
```

```
Out[5]: True
```

```
In [6]: # Check  
animal_crackers('Crazy Kangaroo')
```

```
Out[6]: False
```

MAKES TWENTY: Given two integers, return True if the sum of the integers is 20 or if one of the integers is 20. If not, return False

```
makes_twenty(20,10) --> True  
makes_twenty(12,8) --> True  
makes_twenty(2,3) --> False
```

```
In [7]: def makes_twenty(n1,n2):  
        return (n1+n2)==20 or n1==20 or n2==20
```

```
In [8]: # Check  
makes_twenty(20,10)
```

```
Out[8]: True
```

```
In [9]: # Check  
makes_twenty(12,8)
```

```
Out[9]: True
```

```
In [10]: #Check  
makes_twenty(2,3)
```

```
Out[10]: False
```

## LEVEL 1 PROBLEMS

OLD MACDONALD: Write a function that capitalizes the first and fourth letters of a name

```
old_macdonald('macdonald') --> MacDonald
```

Note: 'macdonald'.capitalize() returns 'Macdonald'

```
In [11]: def old_macdonald(name):  
        if len(name) > 3:  
            return name[:3].capitalize() + name[3:].capitalize()  
        else:  
            return 'Name is too short!'
```

```
In [12]: # Check
```

```
old_macdonald('macdonald')
```

Out[12]: 'MacDonald'

MASTER YODA: Given a sentence, return a sentence with the words reversed

```
master_yoda('I am home') --> 'home am I'
master_yoda('We are ready') --> 'ready are We'
```

```
In [13]: def master_yoda(text):
         return ' '.join(text.split()[::-1])
```

```
In [14]: # Check
         master_yoda('I am home')
```

Out[14]: 'home am I'

```
In [15]: # Check
         master_yoda('We are ready')
```

Out[15]: 'ready are We'

ALMOST THERE: Given an integer n, return True if n is within 10 of either 100 or 200

```
almost_there(90) --> True
almost_there(104) --> True
almost_there(150) --> False
almost_there(209) --> True
```

NOTE: abs(num) returns the absolute value of a number

```
In [16]: def almost_there(n):
         return ((abs(100 - n) <= 10) or (abs(200 - n) <= 10))
```

```
In [17]: # Check
         almost_there(90)
```

Out[17]: True

```
In [18]: # Check
         almost_there(104)
```

Out[18]: True

```
In [19]: # Check
         almost_there(150)
```

Out[19]: False

```
In [20]: # Check
         almost_there(209)
```

```
Out[20]: True
```

## LEVEL 2 PROBLEMS

### FIND 33:

Given a list of ints, return True if the array contains a 3 next to a 3 somewhere.

```
has_33([1, 3, 3]) → True
has_33([1, 3, 1, 3]) → False
has_33([3, 1, 3]) → False
```

```
In [21]: def has_33(nums):
         for i in range(0, len(nums)-1):

             # nicer looking alternative in commented code
             #if nums[i] == 3 and nums[i+1] == 3:

             if nums[i:i+2] == [3,3]:
                 return True

         return False
```

```
In [22]: # Check
         has_33([1, 3, 3])
```

```
Out[22]: True
```

```
In [23]: # Check
         has_33([1, 3, 1, 3])
```

```
Out[23]: False
```

```
In [24]: # Check
         has_33([3, 1, 3])
```

```
Out[24]: False
```

PAPER DOLL: Given a string, return a string where for every character in the original there are three characters

```
paper_doll('Hello') --> 'HHHeeeellllllooo'
paper_doll('Mississippi') --> 'MMMiiissssssiipppppppiii'
```

```
In [25]: def paper_doll(text):
         result = ''
         for char in text:
```

```
        result += char * 3
    return result
```

```
In [26]: # Check
         paper_doll('Hello')
```

```
Out[26]: 'HHHeee111111looo'
```

```
In [27]: # Check
         paper_doll('Mississippi')
```

```
Out[27]: 'MMIiissssssiissssssiippppppiii'
```

BLACKJACK: Given three integers between 1 and 11, if their sum is less than or equal to 21, return their sum. If their sum exceeds 21 *and* there's an eleven, reduce the total sum by 10. Finally, if the sum (even after adjustment) exceeds 21, return 'BUST'

```
blackjack(5,6,7) --> 18
blackjack(9,9,9) --> 'BUST'
blackjack(9,9,11) --> 19
```

```
In [28]: def blackjack(a,b,c):

         if sum((a,b,c)) <= 21:
             return sum((a,b,c))
         elif sum((a,b,c)) <=31 and 11 in (a,b,c):
             return sum((a,b,c)) - 10
         else:
             return 'BUST'
```

```
In [29]: # Check
         blackjack(5,6,7)
```

```
Out[29]: 18
```

```
In [30]: # Check
         blackjack(9,9,9)
```

```
Out[30]: 'BUST'
```

```
In [31]: # Check
         blackjack(9,9,11)
```

```
Out[31]: 19
```

SUMMER OF '69: Return the sum of the numbers in the array, except ignore sections of numbers starting with a 6 and extending to the next 9 (every 6 will be followed by at least one 9). Return 0 for no numbers.

```
summer_69([1, 3, 5]) --> 9
summer_69([4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]) --> 9
summer_69([2, 1, 6, 9, 11]) --> 14
```

```
In [32]: def summer_69(arr):
        total = 0
        add = True
        for num in arr:
            while add:
                if num != 6:
                    total += num
                    break
                else:
                    add = False
            while not add:
                if num != 9:
                    break
                else:
                    add = True
                    break
        return total
```

```
In [33]: # Check
        summer_69([1, 3, 5])
```

Out[33]: 9

```
In [34]: # Check
        summer_69([4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

Out[34]: 9

```
In [35]: # Check
        summer_69([2, 1, 6, 9, 11])
```

Out[35]: 14

## CHALLENGING PROBLEMS

SPY GAME: Write a function that takes in a list of integers and returns True if it contains 007 in order

```
spy_game([1,2,4,0,0,7,5]) --> True
spy_game([1,0,2,4,0,5,7]) --> True
spy_game([1,7,2,0,4,5,0]) --> False
```

```
In [36]: def spy_game(nums):  
  
    code = [0,0,7,'x']  
  
    for num in nums:  
        if num == code[0]:  
            code.pop(0) # code.remove(num) also works  
  
    return len(code) == 1
```

```
In [37]: # Check  
spy_game([1,2,4,0,0,7,5])
```

Out[37]: True

```
In [38]: # Check  
spy_game([1,0,2,4,0,5,7])
```

Out[38]: True

```
In [39]: # Check  
spy_game([1,7,2,0,4,5,0])
```

Out[39]: False

COUNT PRIMES: Write a function that returns the *number* of prime numbers that exist up to and including a given number

count\_primes(100) --> 25

By convention, 0 and 1 are not prime.

```
In [40]: def count_primes(num):  
    primes = [2]  
    x = 3  
    if num < 2: # for the case of num = 0 or 1  
        return 0  
    while x <= num:  
        for y in range(3,x,2): # test all odd factors up to x-1  
            if x%y == 0:  
                x += 2  
                break  
            else:  
                primes.append(x)  
                x += 2  
    print(primes)  
    return len(primes)
```

```
In [41]: # Check  
count_primes(100)
```

```
[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]
```

```
Out[41]: 25
```

BONUS: Here's a faster version that makes use of the prime numbers we're collecting as we go!

```
In [42]: def count_primes2(num):
    primes = [2]
    x = 3
    if num < 2:
        return 0
    while x <= num:
        for y in primes: # use the primes list!
            if x%y == 0:
                x += 2
                break
        else:
            primes.append(x)
            x += 2
    print(primes)
    return len(primes)
```

```
In [43]: count_primes2(100)
```

```
[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]
```

```
Out[43]: 25
```

Just for fun, not a real problem :)

PRINT BIG: Write a function that takes in a single letter, and returns a 5x5 representation of that letter

```
print_big('a')
```

```
out:  *
     * *
     *****
     *   *
     *   *
```

HINT: Consider making a dictionary of possible patterns, and mapping the alphabet to specific 5-line combinations of patterns.

For purposes of this exercise, it's ok if your dictionary stops at "E".

```
In [44]: def print_big(letter):
    patterns = {1:' * ',2:' * * ',3:'*   * ',4:'*****',5:'***** ',6:'     * ',7:' *
    alphabet = {'A':[1,2,4,3,3],'B':[5,3,5,3,5],'C':[4,9,9,9,4],'D':[5,3,3,3,5],'
    for pattern in alphabet[letter.upper()]:
```



```
print(patterns[pattern])
```

```
In [45]: print_big('a')
```

```
  *
 * *
*****
 *   *
 *   *
```

Great Job!