



Introduction to Computer Science for Engineers

Random Integer Arrays

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Fun with Numbers: `RandomIntArray`

Implement the 4 different methods:

1. The method `create_random(n: int) -> list[int]` takes a single integer argument specifying the size of the array. Each element of the array should be a random integer number from the range `[5, 99]`.

Hint: To generate random numbers you can use the function `random.randint`.

2. The method `to_string(a: list[int]) -> str` takes an array reference as its only argument and should return a proper String representation of the array (containing all elements from the array).

Use the script to test your implementation and check how your result compares to the built-in function `str`!

3. The method `pos_min(a: list[int]) -> int` takes an array reference and returns the index (position) of the smallest value in `a`. If that element occurs more than once in the array, return only the **first** index.
4. The method `swap(a: list[int]) -> None` takes a single array reference as its argument. The method should return nothing, but the first and last element of the array `a` should be swapped.

Note: Do not use any built-in functions (like `index()` or `str()`) to solve the entire task. except those specifically mentioned in the task!

E.g. Task 2 could be solved by just writing

```
1 def to_string(a: list[int]) -> str:
2     return str(a)
```

This would not count as a valid solution (although the automatic test might still recognize this as correct).



Template files

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`random_int_array.py`

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Prime Twins

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Prime Twins and Triplets

Prime Twins are pairs of natural numbers (p, q) such that $q = p + 2$ and both p and q are prime numbers. For a prime triplet (p, q, r) holds that p, q , and r are all prime numbers and either $(p, q, r) = (p, p + 2, p + 6)$ or $(p, q, r) = (p, p + 4, p + 6)$.

1. Write a Python method `prime_twins(n: int) -> list[tuple[int, int]]` that returns the first n prime twins. The result should be a matrix¹ with two columns – one each for p and q .
2. Write a second method `prime_triplets(n: int) -> list[tuple[int, int, int]]` that returns the first n prime triplets. The result should be a matrix with three columns – one each for p and q and r .
3. Test your functions in the script.

Hints

- The arrays returned by your methods **must** have the form `[(3, 5), (...), ...]` or `[(5, 7, 11), ...]` respectively for the tests to work.
- Please take care that you store the numbers in the correct order, i.e. $p < q < r$!

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1. That is a two-dimensional array or a table with n rows and (here) **2** or **3** columns. In Python, we can represent such a structure by an array of tuples. Another approach would be to use a library like `numpy`, but this is out of scope for now. ↩



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Perfect Shuffling



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Perfect Shuffling

Perfect Shuffling of a deck of cards with an even number of cards works as follows:

The deck is split into two equal halves and those stacks are shuffled together by alternately taking one card from each stack and putting it into a new stack.

Example: If the original deck consists of the cards H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6 then the two halves are H1, H2, H3 and H4, H5, H6 respectively which after shuffling yield the deck H1, H4, H2, H5, H3, H6.

For simplicity, we represent a deck of cards as an array of integer numbers.

Task 1

Write a Python method `interleave(a: list[int], b: list[int]) -> list[int]` which as input takes two arrays of equal lengths (you do not need to check for that!) and yields a new array with the arrays shuffled as in the above example.

The two input arrays should not be changed!

Task 2

Write another Python method `perfect_shuffle(a: list[int]) -> list[int]` that achieves perfect shuffling for an array with an **even** number of elements. For this you need to split the arrays into two halves and then call the `interleave` method from above on those two halves.

The array won't have an odd number of elements for now. The input array should not be changed!

Task 3

If you perfectly shuffle a deck often enough it should return to its original order.

Write a Python method `shuffle_number(n: int) -> int` that takes an **even** number $n > 0$ and returns *how often* you need to perfectly shuffle a deck of n cards until it returns to its original order.

Each array has to be shuffled at least once!

The input won't be an **odd** number!

Example: `shuffle_number(52) == 8` is `True`.



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