

The CSC148 Mega FSG

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Welcome everyone, to the first (I think?) ever CSC148 *Mega FSG!*+

Key Terms

We will now quickly go over all the key terms you need to know for the exam.

Note:

- This is **NOT** an exhaustive or comprehensive list by any means. When in doubt, always check with a TA/Professor.
- We will be going backwards, here's why:
 - All too often, I (Ibrahim) see people neglecting weeks 1-6 and focusing on the later weeks. This is a mistake.
 - Like all CS courses, everything builds on top of each other. If you don't understand the basics, you won't understand the more complex stuff.
 - We will be showing you how the content from previous weeks builds upon the more complex stuff, to hopefully emphasize the importance of understanding the basics.

- **Big-O Notation ($\mathcal{O}(n)$)**

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- **Big-Theta Notation ($\Theta(n)$)**

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- *Merging*
- *Why Mergesort has consistent performance*

Week 8, 9, 10 Key Terms

- Root
- Subtree
- Branching Factor
- Height
- All Tree Traversals
- BSTs and why they're special
- Polymorphism
 - **Why?** Expression Trees abuse Polymorphism to exist

Week 6, 7 Key Terms

- List Comprehension
- Recursion

Week 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Key Terms

- Inheritance
- Abstraction
- Polymorphism
- Stacks and Queues
- Linked Lists

Practice Problem 1: Did Somebody Say Palindrome?

Did Somebody Say Palindrome?

Implement a *recursive* function that checks whether a given string is a palindrome.

RESTRICTIONS:

- i. This function **MUST** be implemented using recursion.
- ii. This function must **NOT** mutate the original word/sentence.
- iii. You may use slicing, but you may **NOT** use the built-in reversal `[::-1]`.
- iv. You are NOT permitted to use workarounds like the `reversed()` function

Here are some examples:

- (a) `ewe`
- (b) `anna`
- (c) `borrow or rob`
- (d) `taco cat`
- (e) `was it a car or a cat i saw`
- (f) `racecar`

Practice Problem 2: InsertMii

InsertMii

Consider the following implementation of a Doubly Linked List:

```
class DLLNode:
    """A node in a linked list."""
    item: Any
    next: Optional[DLLNode]
    prev: Optional[DLLNode]

class DoublyLinkedList:
    """A doubly linked list."""
    _first: Optional[DLLNode]
    _last: Optional[DLLNode]

    # Implementation omitted
```

Practice Problem 2: InsertMii (Cont'd)

Implement the following method in the DoublyLinkedList class:

```
def insert_last(self, value: Any, after: Any) -> bool:
    """Insert a new Node with the value <value> after the LAST
    occurrence of the value <after> in this list.
    If <after> does not exist in the list, then do not insert
    anything and return False.
    The list must be correctly linked after this operation.
    >>> sl = CustomDLL([7, 2, 7, 3])
    >>> str(sl)
    '7 2 7 3'
    >>> sl.insert_last(5, 7)
    True
    >>> str(sl)
    '7 2 7 5 3'
    >>> sl.insert_last(9, 8)
    False
    >>> str(sl)
    '7 2 7 5 3'
    """
```

Practice Problem 3: The Even-Worse-Stack

Nugget has entered their *evil era* and designed an evil ADT known as the EvenWorseStack. They've subjected Therapist to the EvenWorseStack and now Therapist is in a state of despair. Help Therapist by analyzing the time complexity of the pop method of the EvenWorseStack class.

```
class EvenWorseStack:
    """
    A Stack implementation designed to be slow and
    inefficient.
    """
    _stack: Queue

    def __init__(self) -> None:
        self._stack = Queue()

    def push(self, value: int) -> None:
        self._stack.enqueue(value)

    def pop(self) -> int:
        temp = Queue()
        while self._stack.size() > 1:
            temp.enqueue(self._stack.dequeue())
        value = self._stack.dequeue()
        self._stack = temp
        return value
```

```
class Queue:
    _queue: list[int]

    def __init__(self) -> None:
        self._queue = []

    def enqueue(self, value: int) -> None:
        self._queue.insert(0, value)

    def dequeue(self) -> int:
        index_to_remove = self.size() - 1
        value = self._queue[index_to_remove]
        self._queue = self._queue[:index_to_remove]
        return value

    def size(self) -> int:
        return len([i for i in self._queue])
```

What is the time complexity of the pop method?

Practice Problem 4: Efficiency

Efficiency

Select all the statements that are **TRUE**:

- ① Choosing n_0 does not change the final result of the efficiency class
- ② If a function has a time complexity of $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$, it might still be $\Theta(n)$
- ③ If a function has a time complexity of $\mathcal{O}(n)$, it might still be $\Theta(n^2)$
- ④ The iterative part of QuickSort is faster than the iterative part of MergeSort
- ⑤ The recursive part of QuickSort is faster than the recursive part of MergeSort
- ⑥ If a function is $\mathcal{O}(g(n))$, then it is also $\Theta(g(n))$
- ⑦ If a function is $\Theta(g(n))$, then it is also $\mathcal{O}(g(n))$

The Final Challenge...

Symbolab from Ohio

Peace and d.aki have been trying to get an internship at Symbolab, and they have been given an *at-home assignment* to complete. The assignment is to implement a primitive derivative calculator in Python from scratch. Help them out by:

- Designing classes that adhere to the *Class Design Recipe* that represent important elements of a derivative.
- Using *Polymorphism and Inheritance* to represent the different types of derivatives.
- Using *Trees and Recursion* to represent the structure of the derivative.
- Implementing a derivative method that takes a function and returns its derivative.

Thank you for attending the CSC148 Mega FSG!

- We hope you enjoyed the FSG!
- We hope you learned something new!
- We hope you're ready for the exam!

Thank you for your continued support and participation!