

#Submission for Technical Interview Questions
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Question 1 -----

Time Efficiency: The main part of this code that might take a while to run is the
for loop. However, since it is a "set" and not a string this
function will run in $O(n)$ time.

#Space Efficiency: The will use up only the space needed for s and t. $O(n)$.

Code Design: Code was designed to run efficiently and is easy to understand.
The code was designed to try to cover all possible inputs and
still function.

```
def question1(s,t):
    #These must be converted to strings because the input could be a number.
    s = str(s)
    t = str(t)

    if t == "":
        return True

    slist = list(s)
    tlist = list(t)
    tn = len(tlist)

    for i in range(0,tn):
        if tlist[i] in slist:
            slist.remove(tlist[i])
        else:
            return False

    return True
```

#Testing the function

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| question1("udacity","udazx") | #Expected Output: False |
| question1("udacity","ad") | #Expected Output: True |
| question1(None,"ad") | #Expected Output: False |
| question1("udacity",None) | #Expected Output: False |
| question1("udacity","") | #Expected Output: True |
| question1("udacity",5) | #Expected Output: False |
| question1("uda5city",55) | #Expected Output: False |
| question1("uda55city",55) | #Expected Output: True |
| question1("hello","hallo") | #Expected Output: False |
| question1("aabbcc","abc") | #Expected Output: True |

Question 2 -----

Time Efficiency: The main part of this code that might take a while to run is the
two for loops. The first loop will not add a significant amount
of time to the function because it will only loop a few times.
This function will run in $O(n^2)$ time.

#Space Efficiency: The will use up only the space needed for a and the matrix created
with the combinations function. $O(n^2)$

Code Design: Using Dynamic programming to find the solution.

```
def question2(a):
    #Modified from:
    http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/dynamic-programming-set-12-longest-palindromic-subsequence/
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if a == "":
    return "(Empty String)"
elif a is None:
    return None

#variable a must be converted to strings because the input could be a number.
a = str(a)

a_length = len(a)
pal_table = [[0 for x in range(a_length)] for x in range(a_length)]

for i in range(a_length):
    pal_table[i][i] = a[i]

for substr_len in range(2, a_length+1):
    for i in range(a_length-substr_len+1):
        j = i+substr_len-1
        if a[i] == a[j] and substr_len == 2:
            pal_table[i][j] = a[i] + a[j]
        elif a[i] == a[j]:
            pal_table[i][j] = a[i] + pal_table[i+1][j-1] + a[j]
        else:
            if len(pal_table[i][j-1]) > len(pal_table[i+1][j]):
                pal_table[i][j] = pal_table[i][j-1]
            else:
                pal_table[i][j] = pal_table[i+1][j]

return pal_table[0][a_length-1]

```

#Testing the function

```

question2("character") #Expected Output: carac
question2("a")          #Expected Output: a
question2("abc")        #Expected Output: c
question2(None)         #Expected Output: (None)
question2(5)            #Expected Output: 5
question2("")           #Expected Output: (Empty String)

```

Question 3 -----

Time Efficiency: The main part of this code that might take a while to run is the
 # two for loops. This function will run in $O(n*m)$ time. Where n
 # is the number of nodes and m is the number of connections.

#Space Efficiency: The will use up only the space needed for G . $O(1)$

Code Design: Functions and classes were used to make the code easier
 # to read.

```

def question3(G):
    from copy import deepcopy
    Gnew = Graph()

    for key, value in G.iteritems():
        Gnew.add_node(key)
        for val in value:
            Gnew.add_edge(key, val[0], key = val[1])

    edges = _spanning_edges(Gnew)
    T = Graph(edges)

    for n in T:

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T.node[n] = deepcopy(Gnew.node[n])
T.graph = deepcopy(Gnew.graph)
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```
return T
```

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#Modified from: https://github.com/networkx/networkx
#Not using networkx functions or classes
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```
def _spanning_edges(G):
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    subtrees = UnionFind()
    edges = G.edges()
    getweight = lambda t: t[-1].get('weight', 1)
    edges = sorted(edges, key=getweight)
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    for u, v, d in edges:
        if subtrees[u] != subtrees[v]:
            yield (u, v, d)
            subtrees.union(u, v)
```

```
class Graph(object):
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```
    node_dict_factory = dict
    adjlist_dict_factory = dict
    edge_attr_dict_factory = dict
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```
    def __init__(self, data=None, **attr):
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        self.node_dict_factory = ndf = self.node_dict_factory
        self.adjlist_dict_factory = self.adjlist_dict_factory
        self.edge_attr_dict_factory = self.edge_attr_dict_factory
        self.graph = {}
        self.node = ndf()
        self.adj = ndf()
        if data is not None:
            if self is None:
                self = Graph()
            else:
                self.clear()
                self.add_edges_from(data)
        self.graph.update(attr)
        self.edge = self.adj
```

```
    def __iter__(self):
        return iter(self.node)
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```
    def __getitem__(self, n):
        return self.adj[n]
```

```
    def add_node(self, n, **attr):
        if n not in self.node:
            self.adj[n] = self.adjlist_dict_factory()
            self.node[n] = attr
        else:
            self.node[n].update(attr)
```

```
    def nodes(self):
        for n in self.node:
            yield n
```

```
    def number_of_nodes(self):
        return len(self.node)
```

```
    def add_edge(self, u, v, **attr):
        if u not in self.node:
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        self.adj[u] = self.adjlist_dict_factory()
        self.node[u] = {}
    if v not in self.node:
        self.adj[v] = self.adjlist_dict_factory()
        self.node[v] = {}

    datadict = self.adj[u].get(v, self.edge_attr_dict_factory())
    datadict.update(attr)
    self.adj[u][v] = datadict
    self.adj[v][u] = datadict

def add_edges_from(self, ebunch, **attr):
    for e in ebunch:
        ne = len(e)
        if ne == 3:
            u, v, dd = e
        elif ne == 2:
            u, v = e
            dd = {}

        if u not in self.node:
            self.adj[u] = self.adjlist_dict_factory()
            self.node[u] = {}
        if v not in self.node:
            self.adj[v] = self.adjlist_dict_factory()
            self.node[v] = {}
        datadict = self.adj[u].get(v, self.edge_attr_dict_factory())
        datadict.update(attr)
        datadict.update(dd)
        self.adj[u][v] = datadict
        self.adj[v][u] = datadict

def neighbors(self, n):
    return iter(self.adj[n])

def edges(self):
    seen = {}
    nodes_nbrs = self.adj.items()

    for n, nbrs in nodes_nbrs:
        for nbr, ddict in nbrs.items():
            if nbr not in seen:
                yield (n, nbr, ddict)
        seen[n] = 1
    del seen

def clear(self):
    self.name = ''
    self.adj.clear()
    self.node.clear()
    self.graph.clear()

class UnionFind:

    def __init__(self, elements=None):

        if elements is None:
            elements = ()
        self.parents = {}
        self.weights = {}

    def __getitem__(self, object):

        if object not in self.parents:
            self.parents[object] = object

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        self.weights[object] = 1
    return object

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path = [object]
root = self.parents[object]
while root != path[-1]:
    path.append(root)
    root = self.parents[root]

for ancestor in path:
    self.parents[ancestor] = root
return root

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def union(self, *objects):
    roots = [self[x] for x in objects]

    heaviest = max(roots, key=lambda r: self.weights[r])
    for r in roots:
        if r != heaviest:
            self.weights[heaviest] += self.weights[r]
            self.parents[r] = heaviest

```

#Testing the function

```

val = question3({'A':[('B',2)], 'B':[('A',2), ('C',5)], 'C':[('B',5)]})
print(sorted(val.edges())) #Expected Output: [('A', 'B', {'key': 2}), ('C', 'B', {'key': 5})]

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val = question3({'A':[('B',3)], 'B':[('A',3), ('C',10)], 'C':[('B',10)]})
print(sorted(val.edges())) #Expected Output: [('A', 'B', {'key': 3}), ('C', 'B', {'key': 10})]

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val = question3({'A':[('B',2)], 'B':[('A',2)]})
print(sorted(val.edges())) #Expected Output: [('A', 'B', {'key': 2})]

```

Question 4 -----

Time Efficiency: The main part of this code that might take a while to run is the 5 for loops. This function will run in $O(n*m)$ time. Where n is the number of nodes and m is the number of connections. Each will have to run twice. Once to generate the tree and the second time to fill in the information about where in the tree that node is.

#Space Efficiency: The will use up only the space needed for $T, r, n1$, and $n2$. G, n , and m will be assigned during the call. This will result in $O(2+n)$. The n is for G and the 2 is for n and m .

Code Design: Functions and classes were used to make the code easier to read.

```

def question4(T, r, n1, n2):

    G = Graph()
    G.add_node(r)

    n = len(T)
    m = len(T[0])

    for i in range(0,n):
        for j in range(0,m):
            if T[i][j] == 1:
                G.add_edge(i,j)

    for a in G.nodes():
        G.node[a]['Level'] = None
    G.node[r]['Level'] = 0

```

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m = G.number_of_nodes()
for L in range (0,m):
    for n in G.nodes():
        if G.node[n]['Level'] == L:
            L1 = G[n]
            for a in L1.iteritems():
                if G.node[a[0]]['Level'] == None:
                    G.node[a[0]]['Level'] = L+1

path = shortest_path(G,n1,n2)
path.pop(0)
path.pop(len(path)-1)

LCALevel = G.node[n1]['Level']
for n in path:
    val = G.node[n]['Level']
    if val < LCALevel:
        LCALevel = G.node[n]['Level']
    LCA = n

return LCA

def shortest_path(G, source=None, target=None):

    Gsucc=G.neighbors
    pred={source:None}
    succ={target:None}
    forward_fringe=[source]
    reverse_fringe=[target]

    while forward_fringe and reverse_fringe:
        this_level=forward_fringe
        forward_fringe=[]
        for v in this_level:
            for w in Gsucc(v):
                if w not in pred:
                    forward_fringe.append(w)
                    pred[w]=v
                if w in succ:
                    results = pred,succ,w

    pred,succ,w = results
    path=[]

    while w is not None:
        path.append(w)
        w=pred[w]
    path.reverse()
    w=succ[path[-1]]
    while w is not None:
        path.append(w)
        w=succ[w]

    return path

#Testing the function
val = question4([[0,1,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0,0],[1,0,0,0,1],[0,0,0,0,0]],3,1,4)
print val          #Expected Output: 3

val = question4([[0,0,0,0,0],[0,0,0,0,0],[0,1,0,1,1],[0,0,0,0,0],[1,0,0,0,0]],4,3,1)
print val          #Expected Output: 2

val = question4([[0,0,0,0,1],[0,0,1,0,0],[0,1,0,1,1],[0,0,1,0,0],[1,0,1,0,0]],4,3,1)

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```
print val          #Expected Output: 2
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# Question 5 -----
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```
# Time Efficiency:   The main part of this code that might take a while to run is the
#                   while loop and the for loop. This function will run in O(n) time.
#
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#Space Efficiency:  The will use up only the space needed for ll and m. O(1)
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```
# Code Design:      The linked list is cycled through to find the end. It is then
#                   cycled through to the m position away from the end.
```

```
def question5(ll, m):
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    next_item = ll.get_next()
    count = 1
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    while next_item.get_next() is not None:
        next_item = next_item.get_next()
        count += 1
```

```
    selected = ll
    for i in range(0, count-m):
        selected = selected.get_next()
```

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    if m < 0:
        raise ValueError("Verify Inputs")
    m = count-m
    if m < 0:
        raise ValueError("Verify Inputs")
```

```
    val = selected.get_data()
```

```
    return val
```

```
#Source for Node and LinkedList Classes:
```

```
https://www.codefellows.org/blog/implementing-a-singly-linked-list-in-python
```

```
class Node(object):
```

```
    def __init__(self, data=None, next_node=None):
        self.data = data
        self.next_node = next_node
```

```
    def get_data(self):
        return self.data
```

```
    def get_next(self):
        return self.next_node
```

```
    def set_next(self, new_next):
        self.next_node = new_next
```

```
class LinkedList(object):
```

```
    def __init__(self, head=None):
        self.head = head
```

```
    def front_insert(self, data):
        new_node = Node(data)
        new_node.set_next(self.head)
        self.head = new_node
```

```
#Create a Linked List to input into question 5
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```
LL = LinkedList()
LL.front_insert("E")
LL.front_insert("D")
LL.front_insert("C")
LL.front_insert("B")
LL.front_insert("A")
```

```
#Testing the function
```

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| question5(LL.head, 0) | #Expected Output: E |
| question5(LL.head, 1) | #Expected Output: D |
| question5(LL.head, 2) | #Expected Output: C |
| question5(LL.head, 3) | #Expected Output: B |
| question5(LL.head, 4) | #Expected Output: A |
| question5(LL.head, 5) | #Expected Output: Error - Verify Inputs |
| question5(LL.head, -1) | #Expected Output: Error - Verify Inputs |