

#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

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 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.

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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]

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#Testing the function

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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)

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# 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)

    subtrees = UnionFind()
    edges = Gnew.edges()

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getweight = lambda t: t[-1].get('weight', 1)
edges = sorted(edges, key=getweight)

edges = Gen(edges, subtrees)

T = Graph(edges)

for n in T:
    T.node[n] = deepcopy(Gnew.node[n])
T.graph = deepcopy(Gnew.graph)

return T

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def Gen(edges, subtrees):
    for u, v, d in edges:
        if subtrees[u] != subtrees[v]:
            yield (u, v, d)
            subtrees.union(u, v)

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#Modified from: <https://github.com/networkx/networkx>  
 #Not using networkx classes directly.

```

class Graph(object):

    node_dict_factory = dict
    adjlist_dict_factory = dict
    edge_attr_dict_factory = dict

    def __init__(self, data=None, **attr):

        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)

    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)

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def add_edge(self, u, v, **attr):
    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)
    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):

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    if object not in self.parents:
        self.parents[object] = object
        self.weights[object] = 1
        return object

    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

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})]

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})]

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

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# 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: Classes were used to make the code easier to read.

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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():

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    G.node[a]['Level'] = None
    G.node[r]['Level'] = 0

    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

    Gsucc=G.neighbors
    pred={n1:None}
    succ={n2:None}
    forward_fringe=[n1]
    reverse_fringe=[n2]

    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]

    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

#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)
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.
#
# Space Efficiency: The will use up only the space needed for ll and m. O(1)
#
# 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.
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def question5(ll, m):

    next_item = ll.get_next()
    count = 1

    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()

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

    val = selected.get_data()

    return val
```

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#Source for Node and LinkedList Classes:
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https://www.codefellows.org/blog/implementing-a-singly-linked-list-in-python
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```
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
```

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