PRACTICE SHEET

What you will Learn:

Shallow vs Deep Copy & Memory Behavior, List & Dictionary Comprehensions, Identity vs Equality, Copy Modules(copy() vs deepcopy()), Tuples vs Lists – Memory & Performance, Linked List Basics & Duplicate Removal

[EASY] Q1) What will be the output of the following code?

x = [10, 20, [30, 40]]

y = x.copy()

y[2].append(50)

print(x)

Options:
a) [10, 20, [30, 40]]
b) [10, 20, [30, 40, 50]]
c) [10, 20, [30, 40], 50]

[EASY] Q2) Which of the following comprehensions creates a dictionary where keys are integers from 1 to 5 and values are their cubes?

Options:

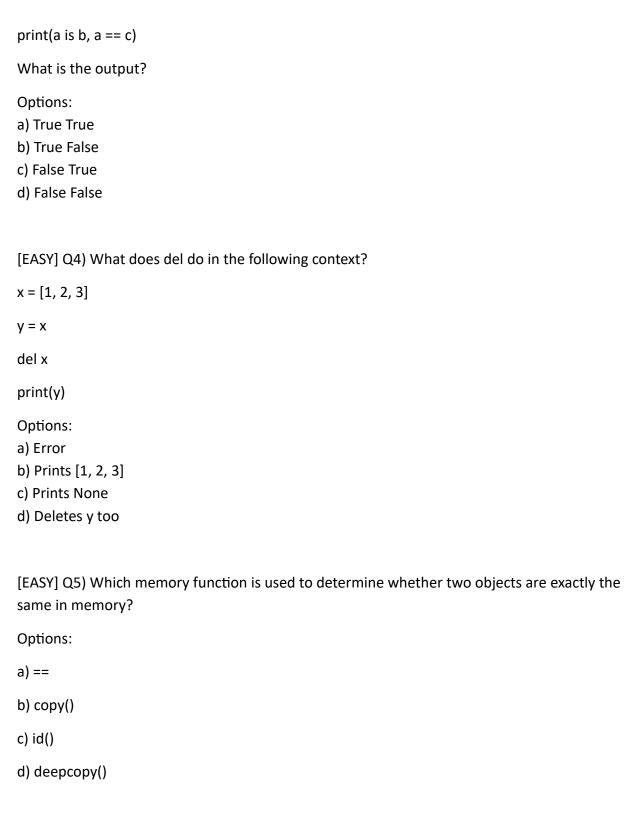
d) Error

- a) $\{x: x^{**}3 \text{ for } x \text{ in range}(1, 6)\}$
- b) {x**3: x for x in range(1, 6)}
- c) {x: x*x for x in range(1, 6)}
- d) {x: x*3 for x in range(1, 6)}

[EASY] Q3) Consider the following snippet:

b = a

c = a.copy()



[MEDIUM] Q6) You have a production line system where each line stores status in nested lists. Prove that shallow copy causes data leakage across systems:

Line1 = [[1, 'running'], [2, 'halted']]

Line2 = copy.copy(Line1)

Line2[0][1] = 'stopped'

Print(Line1)

Task: Explain why line1 gets changed and fix it using deepcopy.

[MEDIUM] Q7) Given a list of voltage readings across multiple resistors:

Voltages = [12, 24, 36, 48]

Use a list comprehension to:

Calculate power drop across each resistor using formula $P = V^2 / R$.

Assume resistance R = 12 ohms.

Return list of all power drops where result is more than 50W.

[MEDIUM] Q8) Given logs of packet IDs received multiple times:

Logs = [101, 105, 106, 101, 105, 107, 108]

Write a set comprehension to extract all duplicate packet IDs (i.e., IDs received more than once).

[HARD] Q9) You're developing an IoT system where 100 sensors report temperature data every minute. Some sensors report duplicate readings. You want to:

Extract all unique faulty readings that occur more than once.

Identify if two sensor data objects are pointing to the same memory block, due to a faulty data forwarding mechanism.

Tasks:

Use set comprehension to extract all values occurring more than once from a list.

Verify whether two faulty reading variables are referring to the same memory object using is and id().

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Sensor data = [23.4, 24.1, 23.4, 25.5, 24.1, 24.1]
```

[MEDIUM] Q10) You are simulating cache in a distributed database. The same object is referenced by multiple cache nodes. Modifying it at one node unintentionally changes it in another.

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Cache_node_1 = {"query": "SELECT * FROM users", "count": 5}

Cache_node_2 = cache_node_1
```

Task:

Modify cache_node_2["count"] = 10 and show it also changes cache_node_1
Use copy() and deepcopy() to prevent this.

[EASY] Q11) Which is True about memory for tuple vs list?

- A. Tuples consume more memory than lists
- B. Tuples are faster and consume less memory than lists
- C. Both are equal
- D. Tuples are slower due to immutability

[EASY] Q12) You are an embedded engineer storing device configurations.

Compare memory of the following:

import sys

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print(sys.getsizeof([1, 2, 3, 4]))
print(sys.getsizeof((1, 2, 3, 4)))
```

Write code and explain which is lighter and why you'd use it in low-memory environments.

[MEDIUM] Q13) Cube is given an integer n. She wants to know how many ordered pairs of positive integers (a,b) there are such that a=n-b. Since Cube is not very good at math, please help her!

Input: The first line contains an integer t - the number of test cases. The only line of each test case contains an integer n.

Output: For each test case, output the number of ordered pairs (a,b)(a,b) on a new line.

Example:

Input

3

2

4

6

Output

1

3

5

Note: In the first test case, the only ordered pair that works is (a,b)=(1,1). In the second test case, the three ordered pairs of (a,b) that work are (3,1),(2,2),(1,3).

[HARD] Q14) In order to test his patients' intelligence, Dr. TC created the following test.

First, he creates a binary string s having n characters. Then, he creates n binary strings $a_1,a_2,...,a_n$. It is known that a_i is created by first copying s, then flipping the i'th character (1 becomes 0 and vice versa). After creating all n strings, he arranges them into a grid where the i'th row is a_i .

For example,

- If s=101, a=[001,111,100]
- If s=0000, a=[1000,0100,0010,0001].

The patient needs to count the number of 1s written on the board in less than a second. Can you pass the test?

A binary string is a string that only consists of characters 1 and 0.

Input: The first line of the input consists of a single integer t - the number of test cases. The first line of each test case contains a single integer n - the length of the binary string s. The second line of each test case contains a single binary string ss of size n.

Output: For each test case, output a single integer, the number of 1s on the board.

Example:
nput
5
3
101
1
1
5
00000
2
11
3
010
Output
5
2
4
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Note: For the second example, the only string written on the board will be the string 0; therefore, the answer is 0. In the third example, the following strings will be written on the board: [10000,01000,00100,00010,00001] so there are five 1s written on the board.

[HARD] Q15) Linked List Overview:

A linked list is a linear data structure where elements are stored in nodes. Each node contains two parts:

- 1. **Data**: The value of the node.
- 2. **Next**: A reference (or pointer) to the next node in the sequence.

In Python, a linked list can be implemented using a class for the nodes. For example:

class Node:

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def __init__(self, data):
    self.data = data # Stores the value
    self.next = None # Points to the next node
```

The linked list starts at the head node, and the last node's next points to None.

Task: Given the head of a **sorted** linked list, your task is to delete all duplicate values such that each value appears only once. Return the modified linked list.

Hints:

After reading the array (to simulate a list), use a **list comprehension** to remove consecutive duplicates.

Then **shallow-copy** the result, modify one element, and check if the original changes.

Demonstrates both comprehension and mutability/leak.

Input: The first line contains an integer N — the length of the linked list. The second line contains N space-separated integers representing the values of the linked list nodes starting from the head.

Output: Return the head of the modified linked list after removing duplicates.

Examples:

Input:

5

11688

Output:

168

Explanation:

The input linked list is $1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 8$. After removing duplicates, the list becomes $1 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 8$.