

DAY – 03

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Write a program to perform the following

- o An empty list
- o A list with one element
- o A list with all identical elements
- o A list with negative numbers

Code:

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def process_list(input_list):
    if len(input_list) > 1:
        return sorted(input_list)
    return input_list
test_cases = [
    [],
    [1],
    [7, 7, 7, 7],
    [-5, -1, -3, -2, -4],
]
for i, test_case in enumerate(test_cases, 1):
    result = process_list(test_case)
    print(f"Test Case {i} - Input: {test_case}, Output: {result}")
```

Expected Output:

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[]
[1]
[7, 7, 7, 7]
[-5, -4, -3, -2, -1]
```

2. Describe the Selection Sort algorithm's process of sorting an array. Selection Sort works by dividing the array into a sorted and an unsorted region. Initially, the sorted region is empty, and the unsorted region contains all elements. The algorithm repeatedly selects the smallest element from the unsorted region and swaps it with the leftmost unsorted element, then moves the boundary of the sorted region one element to the right. Explain why Selection Sort is simple to understand and implement but is inefficient for large datasets. Provide examples to illustrate step-by-step how Selection Sort rearranges the elements into ascending order, ensuring clarity in your explanation of the algorithm's mechanics and effectiveness.

Code:

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def selection_sort(arr):
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for i in range(len(arr)):
    min_index = i
    for j in range(i+1, len(arr)):
        if arr[j] < arr[min_index]:
            min_index = j
    arr[i], arr[min_index] = arr[min_index], arr[i]
arr = [5, 2, 9, 1, 5, 6]
print("Original array:", arr)
selection_sort(arr)
print("Sorted array:", arr)

```

Output: [1, 2, 5, 5, 6, 9]

3. Write code to modify bubble_sort function to stop early if the list becomes sorted before all passes are completed.

Code:

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def bubble_sort(arr):
    n = len(arr)
    for i in range(n):
        swapped = False
        for j in range(0, n-i-1):
            if arr[j] > arr[j+1]:
                arr[j], arr[j+1] = arr[j+1], arr[j]
                swapped = True
        if not swapped:
            break
arr = [64, 25, 12, 22, 11]
print("Original array:", arr)
bubble_sort(arr)
print("Sorted array:", arr)

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**Output: Original array: [64, 25, 12, 22, 11]
Sorted array: [11, 12, 22, 25, 64]**

4. Write code for Insertion Sort that manages arrays with duplicate elements during the sorting process. Ensure the algorithm's behavior when encountering duplicate values, including whether it preserves the relative order of duplicates and how it affects the overall sorting outcome.

Code:

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def insertion_sort(arr):
    for i in range(1, len(arr)):

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    key = arr[i]
    j = i - 1
    while j >= 0 and arr[j] > key:
        arr[j + 1] = arr[j]
        j -= 1
    arr[j + 1] = key
arr = [12, 11, 13, 5, 6, 11, 12]
print("Original array:", arr)
insertion_sort(arr)
print("Sorted array:", arr)

```

**Output: Original array: [12, 11, 13, 5, 6, 11, 12]
Sorted array: [5, 6, 11, 11, 12, 12, 13]**

5. Given an array arr of positive integers sorted in a strictly increasing order, and an integer k. return the kth positive integer that is missing from this array.

Code:

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def find_kth_positive(arr, k):
    missing_count = 0
    current_num = 1
    i = 0
    while missing_count < k:
        if i < len(arr) and arr[i] == current_num:
            i += 1
        else:
            missing_count += 1
            if missing_count == k:
                return current_num
            current_num += 1
    arr = [2, 3, 4, 7, 11]
    k = 5
    print("Output:", find_kth_positive(arr, k))

```

Output: 9

6. A peak element is an element that is strictly greater than its neighbors. Given a 0-indexed integer array nums, find a peak element, and return its index. If the array contains multiple peaks, return the index to any of the peaks. You may imagine that $\text{nums}[-1] = \text{nums}[n] = -\infty$. In other words, an element is always considered to be strictly greater than a neighbor that is outside the array. You must write an algorithm that runs in $O(\log n)$ time.

Code:

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def find_peak_element(nums):

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left, right = 0, len(nums) - 1
while left < right:
    mid = (left + right) // 2
    if nums[mid] < nums[mid + 1]:
        left = mid + 1
    else:
        right = mid
nums = [1, 2, 3, 1]
print("Output:", find_peak_element(nums))

```

Output: 2

7. Given two strings needle and haystack, return the index of the first occurrence of needle in haystack, or -1 if needle is not part of haystack.

Code:

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def strStr(haystack, needle):
    return haystack.find(needle)
haystack = "sadbutsad"
needle = "sad"
print("Output:", strStr(haystack, needle))

```

Output: 0

8. Given an array of string words, return all strings in words that is a substring of another word. You can return the answer in any order. A substring is a contiguous sequence of characters within a string.

Code:

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def string_substrings(words):
    result = set()
    for i in range(len(words)):
        for j in range(len(words)):
            if i != j and words[i] in words[j]:
                result.add(words[i])
                break
    return list(result) # Convert the set back to a list
words = ["mass", "as", "hero", "superhero"]
print("Output:", string_substrings(words))

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Output: ["as", "hero"]

