

1. Implement a Custom JSON Parser

Write a function `parse_json(json_string)` that:

- Converts a JSON-formatted string into a Python dictionary.
- Handles **nested structures, lists, and basic types**.

Hint: Use recursion and `eval()` (**safely**).

2. Find All Anagrams of a String in Another String

Given a string `s` and a pattern `p`, find all **anagram positions** of `p` in `s`.

Example:

`find_anagrams("cbaebabacd", "abc") → [0, 6]`

Hint: Use **sliding window + frequency map**.

3. Implement a Custom Iterable Class

Write a class `RangeLike(start, stop, step)` that:

- Behaves like Python's built-in `range()`.
- Supports iteration using `__iter__()` and `__next__()`.

Hint: Implement `__iter__()` and `__next__()`.

4. Find the Longest Palindromic Substring

Given a string `s`, find the **longest palindromic substring**.

Example:

`longest_palindrome("babad") → "bab" (or "aba")`

Hint: Use **expand-around-center** for $O(n^2)$ time complexity.

5. Implement a Function Decorator with Arguments

Write a decorator `@repeat(n)` that:

- Repeats the decorated function **`n` times** before returning its result.

Example:

```
@repeat(3)
def greet():
    print("Hello!")
```

```
greet()
```

Output:

```
Hello!
Hello!
Hello!
```

Hint: Use **closures** and `*args`, `**kwargs` **handling**.

6. Implement a Real-Time Stock Price Tracker

Write a class that:

- Supports **real-time stock price updates**.
- Returns the **highest and lowest price** efficiently.

Hint: Use a **sorted dictionary** (`collections.SortedDict`).

Design a Logger Rate Limiter

Implement a **logger system** that:

- Limits log messages so that the same message is printed **only once every 10 seconds**.

Hint: Use a **dictionary with timestamps**.

7. Design a Simple Cache (FIFO Cache)

Implement a **First-In-First-Out (FIFO) Cache** that:

- Stores **N elements**.
- Evicts the **oldest item** when full.

Hint: Use **OrderedDict** or a **deque**.

8. Find the Intersection of Two Linked Lists

Given two **linked lists**, find the **node where they intersect**.

Hint: Use **two-pointer technique** to meet at the intersection.