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TiVentures improved function exercises



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Function Practice Exercises - Solutions

Problems are arranged in increasing difficulty:

- Warmup - these can be solved using basic comparisons and methods
- Level 1 - these may involve if/then conditional statements and simple methods
- Level 2 - these may require iterating over sequences, usually with some kind of loop
- Challenging - these will take some creativity to solve

WARMUP SECTION:

LESSER OF TWO EVENS: Write a function that returns the lesser of two given numbers *if* both numbers are even, but returns the greater if one or both numbers are odd

```
lesser_of_two_evens(2,4) --> 2
lesser_of_two_evens(2,5) --> 5
```

```
In [1]: def lesser_of_two_evens(a,b):
        if a%2 == 0 and b%2 == 0:
            return min(a,b)
        else:
            return max(a,b)
```

```
In [2]: # Check
        lesser_of_two_evens(2,4)
```

Out[2]: 2

```
In [3]: # Check
        lesser_of_two_evens(2,5)
```

Out[3]: 5

ANIMAL CRACKERS: Write a function takes a two-word string and returns True if both words begin with same letter

```
animal_crackers('Levelheaded Llama') --> True
animal_crackers('Crazy Kangaroo') --> False
```

```
In [4]: def animal_crackers(text):
        wordlist = text.split()
        return wordlist[0][0] == wordlist[1][0]
```

```
In [5]: # Check
        animal_crackers('Levelheaded Llama')
```

```
animal_crackers('LEVELheaded Liama')
```

Out[5]: True

```
In [6]: # Check
animal_crackers('Crazy Kangaroo')
```

Out[6]: False

THE OTHER SIDE OF SEVEN: Given a value, return a value that is twice as far away on the other side of 7

```
other_side_of_seven(4) --> 13
other_side_of_seven(12) --> -3
```

```
In [7]: def other_side_of_seven(num):
        return 7 - 2*(num-7)
```

```
In [8]: # Check
other_side_of_seven(4)
```

Out[8]: 13

```
In [9]: # Check
other_side_of_seven(12)
```

Out[9]: -3

LEVEL 1 PROBLEMS

OLD MACDONALD: Write a function that capitalizes the first and fourth letters of a name

```
old_macdonald('macdonald') --> MacDonald
```

Note: 'macdonald'.capitalize() returns 'Macdonald'

```
In [10]: def old_macdonald(name):
        if len(name) > 3:
            return name[:3].capitalize() + name[3:].capitalize()
        else:
            return 'Name is too short!'
```

```
In [11]: # Check
old_macdonald('macdonald')
```

Out[11]: 'MacDonald'

MASTER YODA: Given a sentence, return a sentence with the

words reversed

```
master_yoda('I am home') --> 'home am I'
master_yoda('We are ready') --> 'ready are We'
```

```
In [12]: def master_yoda(text):
         return ' '.join(text.split()[::-1])
```

```
In [13]: # Check
         master_yoda('I am home')
```

Out[13]: 'home am I'

```
In [14]: # Check
         master_yoda('We are ready')
```

Out[14]: 'ready are We'

ALMOST THERE: Given an integer n, return True if n is within 10 of either 100 or 200

```
almost_there(90) --> True
almost_there(104) --> True
almost_there(150) --> False
almost_there(209) --> True
```

NOTE: `abs(num)` returns the absolute value of a number

```
In [15]: def almost_there(n):
         return ((abs(100 - n) <= 10) or (abs(200 - n) <= 10))
```

```
In [16]: # Check
         almost_there(104)
```

Out[16]: True

```
In [17]: # Check
         almost_there(150)
```

Out[17]: False

```
In [18]: # Check
         almost_there(209)
```

Out[18]: True

LEVEL 2 PROBLEMS

LAUGHTER: Write a function that counts the number of times a given pattern appears in a string, *including overlap*

```
laughter('hah', 'hahahah') --> 3
```

Note that `'hahahah'.count('hah')` only returns 2.

```
In [19]: def laughter(pattern, text):
          out = 0
          for x in range(len(text)-2):
              if text[x:x+len(pattern)] == pattern:
                  out += 1
          return out
```

```
In [20]: # Check
          laughter('hah', 'hahahah')
```

```
Out[20]: 3
```

PAPER DOLL: Given a string, return a string where for every character in the original there are three characters

```
paper_doll('Hello') --> 'HHHeeeellllllooo'
paper_doll('Mississippi') --> 'MMMiiissssssiipppppppii'
```

```
In [21]: def paper_doll(text):
          result = ''
          for char in text:
              result += char * 3
          return result
```

```
In [22]: # Check
          paper_doll('Hello')
```

```
Out[22]: 'HHHeeeellllllooo'
```

```
In [23]: # Check
          paper_doll('Mississippi')
```

```
Out[23]: 'MMMiiissssssiissssssiipppppppii'
```

BLACKJACK: Given three integers between 1 and 11, if their sum is less than or equal to 21, return their sum. If their sum exceeds 21 *and* there's an eleven, reduce the total sum by 10. Finally, if the sum (even after adjustment) exceeds 21, return 'BUST'

```
blackjack(5,6,7) --> 18
blackjack(9,9,9) --> 'BUST'
blackjack(9,9,11) --> 19
```

```
In [24]: def blackjack(a,b,c):
```

```
if sum((a,b,c)) <= 21:
    return sum((a,b,c))
elif sum((a,b,c)) <=31 and 11 in (a,b,c):
    return sum((a,b,c)) - 10
else:
    return 'BUST'
```

```
In [25]: # Check
         blackjack(5,6,7)
```

Out[25]: 18

```
In [26]: # Check
         blackjack(9,9,9)
```

Out[26]: 'BUST'

```
In [27]: # Check
         blackjack(9,9,11)
```

Out[27]: 19

SUMMER OF '69: Return the sum of the numbers in the array, except ignore sections of numbers starting with a 6 and extending to the next 9 (every 6 will be followed by at least one 9). Return 0 for no numbers.

```
summer_69([1, 3, 5]) --> 9
summer_69([4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]) --> 9
summer_69([2, 1, 6, 9, 11]) --> 14
```

```
In [28]: def summer_69(arr):
         total = 0
         add = True
         for num in arr:
             while add:
                 if num != 6:
                     total += num
                     break
                 else:
                     add = False
             while not add:
                 if num != 9:
                     break
                 else:
                     add = True
                     break
         return total
```

```
In [29]: # Check
         summer_69([1, 3, 5])
```

Out[29]: 9

```
In [30]: # Check
summer_69([4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9])
```

```
Out[30]: 9
```

```
In [31]: # Check
summer_69([2, 1, 6, 9, 11])
```

```
Out[31]: 14
```

CHALLENGING PROBLEMS

SPY GAME: Write a function that takes in a list of integers and returns True if it contains 007 in order

```
spy_game([1,2,4,0,0,7,5]) --> True
spy_game([1,0,2,4,0,5,7]) --> True
spy_game([1,7,2,0,4,5,0]) --> False
```

```
In [32]: def spy_game(nums):

        code = [0,0,7,'x']

        for num in nums:
            if num == code[0]:
                code.pop(0) # code.remove(num) also works

        return len(code) == 1
```

```
In [33]: # Check
spy_game([1,2,4,0,0,7,5])
```

```
Out[33]: True
```

```
In [34]: # Check
spy_game([1,0,2,4,0,5,7])
```

```
Out[34]: True
```

```
In [35]: # Check
spy_game([1,7,2,0,4,5,0])
```

```
Out[35]: False
```

COUNT PRIMES: Write a function that returns the *number* of prime numbers that exist up to and including a given number

```
count_primes(100) --> 25
```

By convention, 0 and 1 are not prime.

```
In [36]: def count_primes(num):
primes = [2]
x = 3
if num < 2: # for the case of num = 0 or 1
    return 0
while x <= num:
    for y in range(3,x,2): # test all odd factors up to x-1
        if x%y == 0:
            x += 2
            break
    else:
        primes.append(x)
        x += 2
print(primes)
return len(primes)
```

```
In [37]: # Check
count_primes(100)
```

```
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67,
71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97]
```

```
Out[37]: 25
```

BONUS: Here's a faster version that makes use of the prime numbers we're collecting as we go!

```
In [38]: def count_primes2(num):
primes = [2]
x = 3
if num < 2:
    return 0
while x <= num:
    for y in primes: # use the primes list!
        if x%y == 0:
            x += 2
            break
    else:
        primes.append(x)
        x += 2
print(primes)
return len(primes)
```

```
In [39]: count_primes2(100)
```

```
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67,
71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97]
```

```
Out[39]: 25
```

Just for fun:

PRINT BIG: Write a function that takes in a single letter, and returns a 5x5 representation of that letter

```
print_big('a')
```



```
out:  *
      * *
      *****
      *   *
      *   *
```

HINT: Consider making a dictionary of possible patterns, and mapping the