

# LISTS, ABSTRACTION, AND MIDTERM 1 REVIEW

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## 1 Lists

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### Lists Introduction:

Lists are type of sequence, which means they are an ordered collection of values that has both length and the ability to select elements.

```
>>> lst = [1, False, [2, 3], 4] # a list can contain anything
```

```
>>> len(lst)
```

```
4
```

```
>>> lst[0]
```

```
1
```

```
>>> lst[4]          # Indices of a list only go up to the len(lst)
```

```
Error: list index out of range
```

We can iterate over lists using their index, or iterate of elements directly

```
for index in range(len(lst)):
```

```
    # do things
```

```
for item in lst:
```

```
    # do things
```

**List comprehensions** are a useful way to iterate over lists when your desired result is a list.

```
new_list2 = [<expression> for <element> in <sequence> if <condition>]
```

We can use **list splicing** to create a copy of a certain portion or all of a list

```
new_list = lst[<starting index>:<ending index>]
```

## 1. What would Python display? Draw box-and-pointer diagrams for the following:

```
>>> a = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
>>> a
```

```
>>> a[2]
```

```
>>> b = a
```

```
>>> a = a + [4, [5, 6]]
```

```
>>> a
```

```
>>> b
```

```
>>> c = a
```

```
>>> a = [4, 5]
```

```
>>> a
```

```
>>> c
```

```
>>> d = c[3:5]
```

```
>>> c[3] = 9
```

```
>>> d
```

```
>>> c[4][0] = 7
```

```
>>> d
```

```
>>> c[4] = 10
```

```
>>> d
```

```
>>> c
```

2. Draw the environment diagram that results from running the code.

```
def reverse(lst):  
    if len(lst) <= 1:  
        return lst  
    return reverse(lst[1:]) + [lst[0]]  
  
lst = [1, [2, 3], 4]  
rev = reverse(lst)
```

3. Write a function that takes in a list `nums` and returns a new list with only the primes from `nums`. Assume that `is_prime(n)` is defined. You may use a `while` loop, a `for` loop, or a list comprehension.

```
def all_primes(nums):
```

## 2 Abstraction

### Data Abstraction Overview:

Abstraction allows us to create and access different types of data through a controlled, restricted programming interface, hiding implementation details and encouraging programmers to focus on how data is used, rather than how data is organized. The two fundamental components of a programming interface are a constructor and selectors.

1. **Constructor:** The interface that creates a piece of data; e.g. calling `t = tree(3)` creates a new tree object and assigns it to `t`. `tree()` is a constructor.
2. **Selectors:** The interface by which we access attributes of a piece of data; e.g. calling `branches(t)` and `is_leaf(t)` return different attributes of a tree (a list of branches and whether the tree is a leaf, respectively). `branches()` and `is_leaf()` are both selectors.

Through constructors and selectors, a data type can hide its implementation, and a programmer doesn't need to *know* its implementation to *use* it.

1. The following is an **Abstract Data Type (ADT)** for elephants. Each elephant keeps track of its name, age, and whether or not it can fly. Given our provided constructor, fill out the selectors:

```
def elephant(name, age, can_fly):
    """
    Takes in a string name, an int age, and a boolean
    can_fly.
    Constructs an elephant with these attributes.
    >>> dumbo = elephant("Dumbo", 10, True)
    >>> elephant_name(dumbo)
    "Dumbo"
    >>> elephant_age(dumbo)
    10
    >>> elephant_can_fly(dumbo)
    True
    """
    return [name, age, can_fly]
def elephant_name(e):
```

```
def elephant_age(e):
```

```
def elephant_can_fly(e):
```

2. This function returns the correct result, but there's something wrong about its implementation. How do we fix it?

```
def elephant_roster(elephants):  
    """  
    Takes in a list of elephants and returns a list of  
    their names.  
    """  
    return [elephant[0] for elephant in elephants]
```

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### 3 Midterm Review - WWPD

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```
1. def square(x):  
    return x * x  
  
def argentina(n):  
    print(n)  
    if n > 0:  
        return lambda k: k(n+1)  
    else:  
        return 1 / n
```

After executing the above code, what will Python display when evaluating each of the following expressions?

```
>>> print(1, print(2))
```

```
>>> argentina(0)
```

```
>>> argentina(1)(square)
```

```
2. def quick_maths(fast, maths):  
    return fast ** maths  
def maths(fast, maths):  
    return fast(maths, 2)  
quick_maths, maths = maths, quick_maths
```

After executing the above code, what will Python display when evaluating each of the following expressions?

```
>>> maths(2, 3)
```

```
>>> quick_maths(print, 10)
```

```
>>> quick_maths(maths, 10)
```



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## 4 Midterm Review - Environment Diagrams

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1. Draw the environment diagram that results from running the following code.

```
def snow(snow, x):  
    if snow(x, x) == x:  
        def x(x):  
            return 32  
        return x(x)  
    else:  
        return snow(snow, x)  
def flake(x, y):  
    return y + x - 1  
griffin = snow(flake, 1)
```



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## 5 Midterm Review - Higher Order Functions

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1. Make a lambda function, `make_interval()`, that takes in the upper and lower bound of an interval, and returns a function that takes in a value `x` and checks whether `x` is in the interval `[lower, upper]`, inclusive.

```
>>> make_interval = _____
>>> in_interval = make_interval(-1, 2)
>>> in_interval(0)
True
>>> in_interval(61)
False
```

2. Implement `make_alternator` which takes in two functions and outputs a function. When the function takes in a number `x`, it prints out all the numbers between 1 and `x`, applying `f` to every odd-indexed number and `g` to every even-indexed number before printing.

```
def make_alternator(f, g):
    """
    >>> a = make_alternator(lambda x: x * x, lambda x: x + 4)
    >>> a(5)
    1
    6
    9
    8
    25
    """
```

3. Make a function `print_n` which returns a repeatable print function that can print the next `n` parameters. When there are no parameters left, it prints "done" each time the function is called.

```
def print_n(n):
    """
    >>> f = print_n(2)
    >>> f = f("hi")
    hi
    >>> f = f("hello")
    hello
    >>> f = f("bye")
    done
    >>> f = f("no, not done")
    done
    """
    def inner_print(print_str):
        if _____:
            _____
        else:
            _____
        return _____
    return _____
```

4. Write a function, `print_sum`, that takes in a positive integer, `a`, and returns a function that does the following:
- (1) takes in a positive integer, `b`
  - (2) prints the sum of all natural numbers from 1 to  $a*b$
  - (3) returns a higher-order function that, when called, prints the sum of all natural numbers from 1 to  $(a+b)*c$ , where `c` is another positive integer.

```
def print_sum(a):
    """
    >>> f = print_sum(1)
    >>> g = f(2) # 1*2 => 1 + 2
    3
    >>> h = g(4) # (1+2)*4 => 1 + 2 + ... + 11 + 12
    78
    >>> i = h(5) # (3+4)*5 => 1 + 2 + ... + 34 + 35
    630
    """
    def helper(b):

        i, total = _____

        while _____:

            _____

            _____

        print(_____)

        return _____

    return _____
```

## 6 Midterm Review -Recursion

1. Suppose a game is defined as follows: let `lst` be a list of coins, each coin represented as a positive integer (ex: 1, 5, 10, 25). Two players take turns claiming either the last coin in `lst`, or both the last *and* the second to last coin; after `lst` is exhausted, whichever player has the higher score wins. Fill in the function such that it returns the highest score that the first player (`player = True`) can get in this game if the second player (`player = False`) plays optimally.

**Hint:** a player's choice is considered *optimal* if it maximizes their own score and minimizes the opponent's score.

```
def coin_game(lst, player):
    """
    >>> coin_game([1], True) // 1
    1
    >>> coin_game([1, 5, 25], True) // 25 + 5
    30
    >>> coin_game([1, 5, 10, 1, 5, 25], True) // 25 + 1 + 10
    36
    """
    if _____ and player:

        return _____

    elif _____ and not player:

        return _____

    else:
        if player:
            last = _____

            second_to_last = _____

            return _____ \
            _____

        else:
            return _____ \
            _____
```

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## 7 Midterm Review -Tree Recursion

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1. Implement the function `make_change`, which takes in a non-negative integer amount in cents `n` and returns the minimum number of coins needed to make change for `n` using 1-cent, 3-cent, and 4-cent coins.

```
def make_change(n):  
    """  
    >>> make_change(5) # 5 = 4 + 1 (not 3 + 1 + 1)  
    2  
    >>> make_change(6) # 6 = 3 + 3 (not 4 + 1 + 1)  
    2  
    """  
  
    if _____:  
        return 0  
  
    elif _____:  
        _____  
  
    elif _____:  
        _____  
  
    else:  
        _____
```

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## 8 Midterm Review -Challenge Problems

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**Note:** These problems are meant to be challenging and may take a long time. Please attempt the previous questions on the worksheet first.

1. Fill in the methods below according to the doctests.

```
def gen_list(n):  
    """  
    Returns a nested list structure of n elements where the  
    ith element is a list from 0 (inclusive) to i (exclusive).  
    >>> gen_list(3)  
    [[0], [0, 1], [0, 1, 2]]  
    >>> gen_list(5)  
    [[0], [0, 1], [0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2, 3], [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]]  
    """  
    return _____
```

For an additional challenge, try out the following:

```
def gen_increasing(n):  
    """  
    Returns a nested list structure of n elements where the  
    ith element of each list is one more than the previous  
    element (even if the previous is in a prior sublist).  
    >>> gen_increasing(3)  
    [[0], [1, 2], [3, 4, 5]]  
    >>> gen_increasing(5)  
    [[0], [1, 2], [3, 4, 5], [6, 7, 8, 9], [10, 11, 12, 13,  
    14]]  
    """  
    return _____
```

**Hint:** You can sum ranges. E.g. `sum(range(3))` gives us  $0 + 1 + 2 = 3$ .

2. A character tree is a tree where the characters along a path of the tree form a word (as defined in the English dictionary). A path through a tree is a list of adjacent node values that starts from any node and ends with a leaf value.

Imagine you're playing a version of Scrabble and you really want to win. Implement `scrabble_tree` which takes in a character tree. The function will then find all words in the character tree and return the word with the highest value. You may use the pre-defined functions `is_word(word)` and `score(word)`. You can assume that all characters in the character tree are lower cased.

The function `is_word(word)` returns `True` if `word` is a valid dictionary word and `False` otherwise. Additionally, you are given a function `score(word)`, which returns the score of `word` in a game of Scrabble. You do not need to worry about how these functions are implemented.

**Note:** If all characters have a weight of 1, then this problem is the same as finding the longest string of the character tree.

- (a) First, implement the function `word_exists`, which takes in a word `word` and a character tree `t`. The function will return `True` if characters along a path from the root of `t` to a leaf spells `word`. Otherwise, it returns `False`.

```
def word_exists(word, t):
    if len(word) == 1:
        return _____
    elif _____:
        return False
    return _____(
        _____)
```

- (b) Now, implement the function `scrabble_tree`. You may use the function you defined in part a, as well as the provided functions `is_word(word)` and `score`. You may also want to use the built-in Python function `filter`.

The function `filter` takes in a single argument function as its first parameter and a sequence as its second parameter. The function will then test which elements of the sequence is `True` using the provided function.

```
>>> lst = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
>>> evens = list(filter(lambda x: x % 2 == 0, lst))
>>> evens
[2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

**Note:** We have to call `list` on the output of `filter` because `filter` returns an object (which will be covered in a later part of this course).

```

def scrabble_tree(t):
    """
    We assume that all characters have a score of 1.

    >>> t1 = tree('h', [tree('j', [tree('i')])])
    >>> scrabble_tree(t1)
    'hi'
    >>> t2 = tree('i', [tree('l', [tree('l')])])
    >>> t3 = tree('h', [tree('i'), t2])
    >>> scrabble_tree(t3)
    'hill'
    """
    def find_all_words(t):
        if _____:
            return _____
        all_words = []
        for b in branches(t):
            words_in_branch = _____
            words_from_t = [
                _____]
            filter_from_t =
                _____
            all_words =
                _____
        return _____
    clean_words = [
        _____]
    return max(_____, key=
        _____)

```