

CSC108H Winter 2024 Worksheet 13 : String Methods

On the back of this page is a help sheet for type `str` similar to what you will be given on the midterm test. Using that sheet as a reference, answer the following questions.

1. Consider this code

```
wish = 'Happy Birthday'
```

Assuming the code above has been executed, circle the expression(s) that produce `'happy birthday'`.

- (a) `wish[0].lower() + wish[6].lower()` (b) `wish.swapcase()`
(c) `wish[0].lower() + wish[1:6] + wish[6].lower() + wish[7:]` (d) `wish.lower()`

2. Consider this code

```
robot = 'R2D2'
```

Assuming the code above has been executed, circle the expression(s) that produce `True`.

- (a) `robot.isupper()` (b) `robot.isalpha()`
(c) `robot.isalnum()` (d) `robot.isdigit()`

3. Consider this code

```
lyrics = '''0 Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us command.'''
```

Circle the expression that produces the index of the second exclamation mark.

- (a) `lyrics.find('!')` (b) `lyrics.find('!').find('!')`
(c) `lyrics.find('!', lyrics.find('!'))` (d) `lyrics.find('!', lyrics.find('!') + 1)`

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Short Python help descriptions:

```
str:
  x in s --> bool
    Produce True if and only if string x is in string s.
  str(x: object) -> str
    Convert an object into its string representation, if possible.
  S.count(sub: str[, start: int[, end: int]]) -> int
    Return the number of non-overlapping occurrences of substring sub in
    string S[start:end]. Optional arguments start and end are interpreted
    as in slice notation.
  S.find(sub: str[, i: int]) -> int
    Return the lowest index in S (starting at S[i], if i is given) where the
    string sub is found or -1 if sub does not occur in S.
  S.index(sub: str) -> int
    Like find but raises an exception if sub does not occur in S.
  S.isalnum() -> bool
    Return True if and only if all characters in S are alphanumeric
    and there is at least one character in S.
  S.isalpha() -> bool
    Return True if and only if all characters in S are alphabetic
    and there is at least one character in S.
  S.isdigit() -> bool
    Return True if and only if all characters in S are digits
    and there is at least one character in S.
  S.islower() -> bool
    Return True if and only if all cased characters in S are lowercase
    and there is at least one cased character in S.
  S.isupper() -> bool
    Return True if and only if all cased characters in S are uppercase
    and there is at least one cased character in S.
  S.lower() -> str
    Return a copy of the string S converted to lowercase.
  S.lstrip([chars: str]) -> str
    Return a copy of the string S with leading whitespace removed.
    If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.
  S.replace(old: str, new: str) -> str
    Return a copy of string S with all occurrences of the string old replaced
    with the string new.
  S.rstrip([chars: str]) -> str
    Return a copy of the string S with trailing whitespace removed.
    If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.
  S.split([sep: str]) -> list of str
    Return a list of the words in S, using string sep as the separator and
    any whitespace string if sep is not specified.
  S.strip([chars: str]) -> str
    Return a copy of S with leading and trailing whitespace removed.
    If chars is given and not None, remove characters in chars instead.
  S.swapcase() -> str
    Return a copy of S with uppercase characters converted to lowercase
    and vice versa.
  S.upper() -> str
    Return a copy of the string S converted to uppercase.
```

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For each function, add at least one example to the docstring and complete the function body.

1. `def count_uppercase(s: str) -> int:`
 `"""Return the number of uppercase letters in s.`

```
>>> count_uppercase('abc')
0
>>> count_uppercase('ABc')
2
```

```
"""
    uppercase_count = 0
    for char in s:
        if char.isupper():
            uppercase_count += 1
    return uppercase_count
```

2. `def all_fluffy(s: str) -> bool:`
 `"""Return True if and only if every character in s is fluffy. Fluffy`
 `characters are those that appear in the word 'fluffy'.`

```
>>> all_fluffy('fluffy')
True
>>> all_fluffy('nice')
False
```

```
"""
    for char in s:
        if char not in 'fluffy':
            return False
    return True
```

3. `def add_underscores(s: str) -> str:`
 `"""Return a string that contains the characters from s with an underscore added after`
 `every character except the last.`

```
>>> add_underscores('hello')
'h_e_l_l_o'
>>> add_underscores('abc')
'a_b_c'
```

```
"""
    result = ''
    for char in s[:-1]:
        result += char + '_'
    result += s[-1]
    return result
```

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1. In the boxes below, fill in the missing code that will make the function definition match its description.

```
def every_nth_character(s: str, n: int) -> str:
    """Return a string that contains every nth character from s, starting at index 0.

    Precondition: n > 0

    >>> every_nth_character('Computer Science', 3)
    'CpeSee'
    """

    result = ''
    i = 0 # The index of the next character to examine.

    while i < len(s):

        result = result + s[i]

        i = i + n

    return result
```

2. In the boxes below, fill in the missing code that will make the function definition match its description.

```
def find_letter_n_times(s: str, letter: str, n: int) -> str:
    """Return the smallest substring of s starting from index 0 that contains
    n occurrences of letter.

    Precondition: letter occurs at least n times in s

    >>> find_letter_n_times('Computer Science', 'e', 2)
    'Computer Scie'
    """

    i = 0 # The index of the next character to examine.
    count = 0 # The number of occurrences of letter in s[:i].

    while i < len(s) and count < n:
        if s[i] == letter:
            count = count + 1
            i = i + 1

    return s[:i]
```

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3. In math, the Collatz conjecture states that starting from any positive integer, you will eventually reach the number 1 by repeatedly applying the following two rules:

- if the number is even, divide it by 2 to get the next number in the sequence
- if the number is odd, multiply by 3 and add 1 to get the next number in the sequence

Repeatedly applying the rules generates a sequence of numbers. The Collatz step count is the number of applications of the rules required before the sequence reaches 1. For example, there are 8 Collatz steps in the Collatz sequence:

$n = 6 \rightarrow n = 3 \rightarrow n = 10 \rightarrow n = 5 \rightarrow n = 16 \rightarrow n = 8 \rightarrow n = 4 \rightarrow n = 2 \rightarrow n = 1$

Complete this function to count the Collatz steps for a particular number n .

```
def count_collatz_steps(n: int) -> int:
    """Return the number of steps it takes to reach 1 by applying the two rules
    of the Collatz conjecture beginning from the positive integer n.
```

Precondition: $n \geq 1$

```
>>> count_collatz_steps(6)
```

```
8
```

```
"""
```

```
    steps = 0
    while n != 1:
        if n % 2 == 0:
            n = n / 2
        else:
            n = n * 3 + 1
        steps += 1
    return steps
```

4. The function below has an incomplete header and docstring. Based on the code in the function body, fill in the missing parts: the Header (including the Type Contract), Description, and Examples.

```
def first_digit(s: str) -> int:
```

```
    """
    Finds the first digit in the string and returns the index of the first digit.

    Precondition: s must contain at least one digit

    >>> first_digit(a1)
    1

    >>> first_digit(nice 1)
    5
```

```
    """
```

```
    i = 0
```

```
    while i < len(s) and s[i] not in '0123456789':
```

```
        i = i + 1
```

```
    return i
```