

Python Exercises - Part II

[solutions]

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Exercise 1: find number of unique characters

Define a function `count_uniq` that:

- takes as arguments:
 - a string `s`
- returns:
 - the number of unique characters in `s`

In [108]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [109]: def count_uniq(s):  
          return len(set(s))
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [110]: try: assert count_uniq("test") == 3 and count_uniq("Aejeje") == 3 and not print("
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 2: remove duplicates

Define a function `remove_duplicates` that:

- takes as arguments:
 - a list `s` of strings
- returns:
 - a copy of `s` without duplicate elements

In [111]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [112]: def remove_duplicates(s):  
          return list(set(s))
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [113]: try: assert sorted(remove_duplicates(["test", "luiss", "data", "test", "science"]  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 3: find common elements

Define a function `common_elements` that:

- takes as arguments:
 - a set `s` of strings
 - a set `k` of strings
- returns:
 - a list containing all common elements between `s` and `k`

In [114]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [115]: def common_elements(s, k):  
           return s.intersection(k)
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [116]: friend1_companies = {'Google', 'Amazon', 'Apple', 'Microsoft'}  
friend2_companies = {'Facebook', 'Google', 'Tesla', 'Amazon'}  
try: assert common_elements(friend1_companies, friend2_companies) == {'Google', '  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 4: count word frequency

Define a function `word_freq` that:

- takes as arguments:
 - a string `s`
- returns:
 - a dictionary containing as key each word in `s` and as value the count of that word in `s`

Count the word case-insensitive.

```
In [117]: # Solution goes here
```

Solution

```
In [118]: def word_freq(s):  
            words = s.lower().split()  
            word_count = {}  
            for word in words:  
                word_count[word] = word_count.get(word, 0) + 1  
            return word_count
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [119]: try: assert word_freq("Python is fun and learning Python is fun") == {'python': 2}
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 5: track voting results

Define a function `update_votes` that:

- takes as arguments:
 - a dictionary `votes` having as key names of candidates and as value the number of votes received by each one of them
 - a list `new_votes` of names of candidates
- returns:
 - the `votes` dictionary updated with the new votes received

```
In [120]: # Solution goes here
```

Solution

```
In [121]: def update_votes(votes, new_votes):  
           for vote in new_votes:  
               votes[vote] = votes.get(vote, 0) + 1  
           return votes
```


Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [122]: votes = {  
    'Alice': 120,  
    'Bob': 150,  
    'Charlie': 90  
}  
  
new_votes = ['Alice', 'Charlie', 'Charlie', 'Bob', 'Alice', 'Alice']  
try: assert update_votes(votes, new_votes) == {'Alice': 123, 'Bob': 151, 'Charlie': 90}  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 6: find how many equal numbers

Define a function `count_equals` that:

- takes as arguments four numbers
- returns:
 - the maximum number of equal numbers between the four

Example:

- `count_equals(1,2,3,4)` should return `0`
- `count_equals(1,2,5,4)` should return `0`
- `count_equals(1,2,2,2)` should return `3` because there are three `2` in the sequence
- `count_equals(1,1,1,2)` should return `3` because there are three `1` in the sequence

In [123]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [124]: def count_equals(a, b, c, d):  
            numbers = [a, b, c, d]  
            max_count = 0  
  
            for num in numbers:  
                count = 0  
                for other in numbers:  
                    if num == other:  
                        count += 1  
                if count > max_count:  
                    max_count = count  
  
            return max_count if max_count > 1 else 0
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [125]: try: assert count_equals(1,2,3,4) == 0 and count_equals(1,5,3,4) == 0 and count_e  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 7: Fibonacci's sequence

Define a function `fibonacci` that:

- takes as arguments:
 - an integer number `n`
- returns:
 - a list containing the first `n` numbers of the Fibonacci's sequence

Note: The Fibonacci sequence is a series of numbers where each number is the sum of the two previous ones, starting with 0 and 1. To calculate it, you begin with 0 and 1, then add these to get the next number. Continue this process to generate the sequence. It goes 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and so on.

In [126]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [127]: def fibonacci(n):  
           fib_sequence = [0, 1]  
  
           if n == 1:  
               return [0]  
  
           for i in range(2, n):  
               next_fib = fib_sequence[-1] + fib_sequence[-2]  
               fib_sequence.append(next_fib)  
  
           return fib_sequence[:n]
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [128]: try: assert fibonacci(1) == [0] and fibonacci(3) == [0,1,1] and fibonacci(7) == [
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 8: zero-sum triplets

Define a function `zero_sum_triplets` that:

- takes as arguments:
 - a list of integers `numbers`
- returns:
 - the number of triplets whose sum is zero

Example:

- `zero_sum_triplets([1,-1,0,7,12])` should return `1` because the sum of 1,-1,0 is `0`
- `zero_sum_triplets([1,9,0,7,12])` should return `0` because there are no triplets that sum up to zero
- `zero_sum_triplets([1,-9,8,6,-14])` should return `2` because the sum of 1,-1,0 is `0` and the sum of 8,6,-14 is `0`

In [129]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [130]: def zero_sum_triplets(numbers):  
            n = len(numbers)  
            count = 0  
  
            for i in range(n - 2):  
                for j in range(i + 1, n - 1):  
                    for k in range(j + 1, n):  
                        if numbers[i] + numbers[j] + numbers[k] == 0:  
                            count += 1  
  
            return count
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [131]: try: assert zero_sum_triplets([1,-1,0,7,12]) == 1 and zero_sum_triplets([1,9,0,7,  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 9: Collatz

Define a function `collatz` that:

- takes as argument an integer number `n`
- returns:
 - a list containing all the numbers generated by the Collatz conjecture (stopping when reaching `1`)

Note: The Collatz Conjecture is a mathematical problem that starts with any positive integer. The process involves two steps: if the number is even, divide it by 2; if it's odd, multiply it by 3 and add 1. Repeat this process with the resulting number. The conjecture suggests that, no matter what number you start with, you'll eventually reach the number 1.

```
In [132]: # Solution goes here
```

Solution

```
In [133]: def collatz(n):  
           sequence = []  
  
           while n != 1:  
               if n % 2 == 0:  
                   n = n // 2  
               else:  
                   n = 3 * n + 1  
               sequence.append(n)  
  
           return sequence
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [134]: try: assert collatz(12) == [6,3,10,5,16,8,4,2,1] and collatz(1) == [] and collatz
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 10: Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)

Define a function `gcd` that:

- takes as argument two integer numbers `a` and `b`
- returns:
 - the gcd between `a` and `b`

In [135]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [136]: def gcd(x, y):  
            while y != 0:  
                (x, y) = (y, x % y)  
            return x
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [137]: try: assert gcd(1,2) == 1 and gcd(7,2) == 1 and gcd(4,2) == 2 and gcd(15,25) == 5  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 11: Factorial of a number

Define a function `factorial` that:

- takes as argument two integer numbers `a`
- returns:
 - the factorial of `a` (i.e., $n! = n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 1$)

In [138]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [139]: def factorial(x):  
           result = 1  
           for i in range(0,x):  
               result *= x-i  
           return result
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [140]: try: assert factorial(1) == 1 and factorial(0) == 1 and factorial(5) == 120 and n
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 12: Count vowels in a string

Define a function `vowels_counter` that:

- takes as argument a string `a`
- returns:
 - a dictionary with as key each vowel and as values the occurrences of each vowel

In [141]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [142]: def vowels_counter(x):  
            result = {}  
            vowels = ["a", "e", "i", "o", "u"]  
            for i in x:  
                if i in vowels:  
                    if i in result:  
                        result[i] = result[i]+1  
                    else:  
                        result[i] = 1  
            return result
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [143]: try: assert vowels_counter("ciao") == {'i': 1, 'a': 1, 'o': 1} and vowels_counter  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 13: Find missing number in a sequence

Define a function `find_missing` that:

- Takes a list of `n-1` integers, which represents a sequence of numbers from 1 to `n`, but one number is missing.
- Returns the missing number.

Note: Suppose that there is always only one number missing

Example:

- `find_missing([1, 2, 4, 5])` should return `3`.
- `find_missing([2, 3, 4, 6, 1])` should return `5`.

In [144]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [145]: def find_missing(nums):  
            n = len(nums) + 1  
            total_sum = n * (n + 1) // 2  
            actual_sum = sum(nums)  
  
            return total_sum - actual_sum
```


Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [146]: try: assert find_missing([1, 2, 4, 5]) == 3 and find_missing([2, 3, 4, 6, 1]) == 5
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 14: Longest Substring Without Repeating Characters

Define a function `longest_unique_substring` that:

- Takes a string as input.
- Returns the length of the longest substring that contains only unique characters.

Example:

- `longest_unique_substring("abcabcbb")` should return `3` (substring "abc").
- `longest_unique_substring("bbbbbb")` should return `1`.

In [147]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [148]: def longest_unique_substring(s):
            max_length = 0

            for i in range(len(s)):
                seen_chars = set()

                for j in range(i, len(s)):
                    if s[j] in seen_chars:
                        break
                    seen_chars.add(s[j])

                max_length = max(max_length, j - i)

            return max_length
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [149]: try: assert longest_unique_substring("abcabcbb") == 3 and longest_unique_substring("bbcbcb") == 3
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

Exercise 15: Find the Majority Element

Define a function `majority_element` that:

- Takes a list of integers as input.
- Returns the element that appears more than half of the time in the list (if it exists). If no such element exists, return `None`.

Example:

- `majority_element([3, 3, 4, 2, 3, 3, 5])` should return `3`.
- `majority_element([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])` should return `None`.

In [150]: *# Solution goes here*

Solution

```
In [151]: def majority_element(nums):  
           count = {}  
           n = len(nums)  
  
           for num in nums:  
               if num in count:  
                   count[num] = count[num] + 1  
               else:  
                   count[num] = 1  
  
               if count[num] > n // 2:  
                   return num  
  
           return None
```

Test your code

Run this code to test your solution:

```
In [152]: try: assert majority_element([3, 3, 4, 2, 3, 3, 5]) == 3 and majority_element([1,  
except: print('Test failed')
```

Test passed

