

# 6.101 Exam 2

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# 1 Swap Pairs

Given a list of elements, we would like you to implement a recursive function that returns a new list with the adjacent pairs of elements in the original list swapped. If the original list has an odd number of elements, include but do not swap the last element at the end of the new list.

```
>>> swap_pairs([])
[]

>>> swap_pairs([1])
[1]

>>> swap_pairs([1, 2])
[2, 1]

>>> swap_pairs([1, 2, 3])
[2, 1, 3]

>>> swap_pairs([1, 2, 3, 4])
[2, 1, 4, 3]
```

Complete the definition of `swap_pairs` below by filling the blanks with appropriate Python code segments.

```
def swap_pairs(inp):
```

```
    if len(inp) < 2 :
```

```
        return inp[:]
```

```
    return [inp[1], inp[0]] + swap_pairs(inp[2:])
```

## 2 DefaultDict

We would like to implement a dictionary-like `DefaultDict` class that is a subclass of the built-in `dict` class. Instances of the `DefaultDict` class act like a normal dictionary except that when we call `__getitem__` on a missing key, we would like to insert the key with a default value instead of raising a `KeyError`, and return that value. The default value is created by a call to a `default_factory` function with no arguments that was provided during instance creation. For example:

```
>>> dd = DefaultDict(lambda : "my default")
>>> dd[5]
"my default"
>>> dd
{5: "my default"}
>>> dd[5] = 99
>>> dd.get(7, "is a lucky number")
"is a lucky number"
>>> dd
{5: 99}
>>> dd[7]
"my default"
>>> dd
{5: 99, 7: "my default"}
```

```
>>> ss = DefaultDict(list)
>>> ss['first'].append(8)
>>> ss
{'first': [8]}
```

```
>>> s = 'mississippi'
>>> d = DefaultDict(int)
>>> for k in s:
...     d[k] += 1
>>> sorted(d.items())
[('i', 4), ('m', 1), ('p', 2), ('s', 4)]
```

If a `default_factory` is not provided, its value should default to `None`. In that case, if the key is missing, `__getitem__` should raise a `KeyError` exception with the key as the argument. If a value for `default_factory` is provided and calling it raises an exception, this exception is propagated unchanged. Note that instance creation only supports the optional argument `default_factory` (i.e., it does not take additional initialization arguments).

```
>>> ee = DefaultDict()
>>> ee[5]
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
KeyError: 5
```

Complete the definition of the `DefaultDict` class below to implement all of the specified and example behavior above. In order to receive full credit, `DefaultDict` should only override two methods and add one instance attribute.

```
class DefaultDict(dict):
    def __init__(self, default_factory=None):
        dict.__init__(self)
        self.default_factory = default_factory

    def __getitem__(self, key):
        if key not in self:
            if self.default_factory is None:
                raise KeyError(key)
            self[key] = self.default_factory()
        return dict.__getitem__(self, key)
```

### 3 Scoping out your Inheritance

Write what will get printed for each of these code sequences. If running the code sequence would result in an error, write ERROR instead.

**Part a:**

```
class A:
    foo = 1

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo = self.foo + i

a = A()
a.update(10)
print(a.foo, A.foo)
```

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**Part b:**

```
class A:
    foo = 1

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo += i

a = A()
a.update(10)
print(a.foo, A.foo)
```

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**Part c:**

```
class A:
    foo = [1]

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo = self.foo + [i]

a = A()
a.update(10)
print(a.foo, A.foo)
```

[1, 10] [1]

**Part d:**

```
class A:
    foo = [1]

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo += [i]

a = A()
a.update(10)
print(a.foo, A.foo)
```

[1, 10] [1, 10]

**Part e:**

```
class A:
    foo = [1]

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo.extend([i])

class B(A):
    foo = [100]

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo.extend([i, i])

b = B()
b.update(10)
print(b.foo, A.foo, B.foo)
```

```
[100, 10, 10] [1] [100, 10, 10]
```

**Part f:**

```
class A:
    foo = [1]

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo.extend([i])

class B(A):
    foo = [100]

    def update(self, i):
        A.update(self, i)

b = B()
b.update(10)
print(b.foo, A.foo, B.foo)
```

```
[100, 10] [1] [100, 10]
```

**Part g:**

```
class A:
    foo = [1]

    def update(self, i):
        self.foo.extend([i])

class B(A):
    foo = [100]

    def update(self, i):
        A.update(self, i)
        self.foo.extend([i, i])

b = B()
b.update(10)
print(b.foo, A.foo, B.foo)
```

```
[100, 10, 10, 10] [1]
[100, 10, 10, 10]
```

**Part h:**

```
class A:
    foo = [1]

    def update(self, i):
        A.foo.extend([i])

class B(A):
    foo = [100]

    def update(self, i):
        A.update(self, i)

b = B()
b.update(10)
print(b.foo, A.foo, B.foo)
```

```
[100] [1, 10] [100]
```

## 4 Combinations

### Part a: Function

Given a list of elements, write a function that returns a list of lists, consisting of all of the possible combinations of the elements of the original list. Elements in the original list can be assumed to be unique (i.e., appear in the list only once). Note that the order of the elements in each combination, and the order of combinations in the output list, do not matter.

```
>>> sorted(combos([1, 2]))  
[[], [1], [1, 2], [2]]
```

```
>>> sorted(combos([1, 2, 3]))  
[[], [1], [1, 2], [1, 2, 3], [1, 3], [2], [2, 3], [3]]
```

Complete the definition of `combos` below by filling the blanks with appropriate Python code segments.

```
def combos(inp):
```

```
    # base case
```

```
    if len(inp) == 0:  
        return [[]]
```

```
    clist = []
```

```
    # recursive case
```

```
    for combo in combos(inp[1:]):  
        clist.append(combo)  
        clist.append(inp[0:1] + combo)
```

```
    return clist
```

**Part b: Generator**

Given a list of elements, write a generator that yields all of the possible combinations of the elements of the original list. Elements in the original list can be assumed to be unique (i.e., appear in the list only once). Note that the order of the elements in each combination, and the order in which combinations are yielded, do not matter.

```
>>> sorted(combos_gen([1, 2]))  
[[], [1], [1, 2], [2]]
```

```
>>> sorted(combos_gen([1, 2, 3]))  
[[], [1], [1, 2], [1, 2, 3], [1, 3], [2], [2, 3], [3]]
```

Complete the definition of `combos_gen` below by filling the blanks with appropriate Python code segments.

```
def combos_gen(inp):
```

```
    # base case
```

```
    if len(inp) == 0:  
        yield []  
        return
```

```
    # recursive case
```

```
    for combo in combos_gen(inp[1:]):  
        # either order below  
        yield combo  
        yield inp[0:1] + combo
```



## 5 Crossword Grids

We're going to write a program for finding crossword-like "word grids" in which all rows (read left to right) and all columns (read top to bottom) corresponds to an English word. For example:

```
D I G
O R E
E E L
```

Notice that to fill in the above grid, we need to find a group of six words: three going across (DIG, ORE, and EEL) and three going down (DOE, IRE, and GEL). Our solver will search over word slots (rows or columns where a word will go) one at a time, and return a filled set of slots: e.g.,

```
0 across: DIG
1 across: ORE
2 across: EEL
0 down: DOE
1 down: IRE
2 down: GEL
```

Our program yields a sequence of valid solutions. Here's an example where we look at the first ten solutions for one run:

```
puzzle = format_data(3)
solutions = solve(puzzle)
for _ in range(10):
    print_solution(next(solutions))
```

```
SIC    SIC    SIC    SIC    SIC    SIC    SIC    WHO    WHO    WHO
PRO    PRO    PRO    ERA    ERA    ERA    ERA    EAR    EAR    EAR
YEN    YEW    YET    WET    TEN    WED    WEN    EWE    DYE    BYE
```

In the code below, we've provided a few possible implementations of some critical functions. For each function, please (1) indicate which options will produce correct behavior and explain the failure for those that do not; and (2) indicate which option among the correct ones is best (for speed or memory efficiency reasons) and explain your answer. While considering the options for each critical function, you can assume that the other critical functions are all working correctly.

Before answering any of the question parts, you should read the documentation and provided options for code blocks in the `format_data`, `solve`, `update_puzzle`, and `check_puzzle` functions. The documentation in the `solve`, `update_puzzle`, and `check_puzzle` functions may be incomplete; you will need to infer what these functions should do in order to find overall puzzle solutions.

The last page of the exam handout has a copy of the docstrings for these functions, which you may tear off for reference and keep.

```

GRID_SIZE = 3
WORDS = load_words(length=GRID_SIZE) # list of English words of given length

def format_data(grid_size):
    """ Builds a data structure containing three mappings:
    slot_to_word: Holds the eventual solution to the puzzle, which maps each slot like
                   (2, "down") or (3, "across") to a word. Initially, these are all None.
    slot_to_cells: For each slot, contains a list of cells the slot occupies, along
                   with their offset (letter index) into the solution.
                   For example: (0, "down"): [((0, 0), 0), ((1, 0), 1), ((2, 0), 2)],
                   means slot "0 down" has its 0-th letter at (0,0), its 1-st letter at
                   and its letter 2 at (2, 0).
    cell_to_slots: For each cell, contains a list of the slots that cross that slot.
                   For example, (0, 1): [((0, "across"), 1), ((1, "down"), 0)] means
                   that cell (0, 1) is a part of "0 across" (holding its letter 1)
                   and "1 down" (holding its letter 0).

    >> format_data(3)
    {'slot_to_word': {(0, 'across'): None, (0, 'down'): None, (1, 'across'): None,
                      (1, 'down'): None, (2, 'across'): None, (2, 'down'): None},
     'slot_to_cells': {(0, 'across'): [((0, 0), 0), ((0, 1), 1), ((0, 2), 2)],
                       (0, 'down'): [((0, 0), 0), ((1, 0), 1), ((2, 0), 2)],
                       (1, 'across'): [((1, 0), 0), ((1, 1), 1), ((1, 2), 2)],
                       (1, 'down'): [((0, 1), 0), ((1, 1), 1), ((2, 1), 2)],
                       (2, 'across'): [((2, 0), 0), ((2, 1), 1), ((2, 2), 2)],
                       (2, 'down'): [((0, 2), 0), ((1, 2), 1), ((2, 2), 2)]},
     'cell_to_slots': {(0, 0): [((0, 'across'), 0), ((0, 'down'), 0)],
                       (0, 1): [((0, 'across'), 1), ((1, 'down'), 0)],
                       (0, 2): [((0, 'across'), 2), ((2, 'down'), 0)],
                       (1, 0): [((1, 'across'), 0), ((0, 'down'), 1)],
                       (1, 1): [((1, 'across'), 1), ((1, 'down'), 1)],
                       (1, 2): [((1, 'across'), 2), ((2, 'down'), 1)],
                       (2, 0): [((2, 'across'), 0), ((0, 'down'), 2)],
                       (2, 1): [((2, 'across'), 1), ((1, 'down'), 2)],
                       (2, 2): [((2, 'across'), 2), ((2, 'down'), 2)]}}

    """

def solve(puzzle):
    """ Given a partially completed puzzle (in the format returned by
    format_data), fills in the rest of the values. """

def update_puzzle(puzzle, slot, word):
    """ Return a new puzzle with word in the given slot """

def check_puzzle(puzzle, slot):
    """ For a given slot, return True if the word in that slot does not
    conflict with any letters in any other slots filled in so far. """

```

```
def solve(puzzle):
    """ Given a partially completed puzzle (in the format returned by
    format_data), fills in the rest of the values. """

    if all(v is not None for v in puzzle["slot_to_word"].values()):
        yield puzzle
        return

    next_slot = next(
        slot for slot, slot_value in puzzle["slot_to_word"].items()
        if slot_value is None
    )

    # OPTION SOLVE-1

    for word in WORDS:
        new_puzzle = update_puzzle(puzzle, next_slot, word)
        if not check_puzzle(new_puzzle, next_slot):
            continue
        yield from solve(new_puzzle)

    # OPTION SOLVE-2

    for word in WORDS:
        new_puzzle = update_puzzle(puzzle, next_slot, word)
        if check_puzzle(new_puzzle, next_slot):
            return solve(new_puzzle)

    # OPTION SOLVE-3

    for word in WORDS:
        new_puzzle = update_puzzle(puzzle, next_slot, word)
        for solved_puzzle in solve(new_puzzle):
            if check_puzzle(solved_puzzle, next_slot):
                yield solved_puzzle
```

**OPTION SOLVE-1:**

Does option SOLVE-1 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

YES - works correctly.

**OPTION SOLVE-2:**

Does option SOLVE-2 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

NO - does not work correctly. The code fails due to returning something from `solve`, where the expectation is that solutions will be yielded from `solve`.

**OPTION SOLVE-3:**

Does option SOLVE-3 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

YES - but is terribly inefficient. This approach does not backtrack: it checks the puzzle too late, after the puzzle has fully been filled in with some combination of words by `solve(new_puzzle)`. It basically becomes a brute-force search over all word combinations.

**BEST SOLVE OPTION:**

Explain which is the best option (among the correct solve options above), for speed or memory efficiency reasons:

SOLVE-1 is the best; it backtracks to efficiently produce solved puzzles.

```
def update_puzzle(puzzle, slot, word):
    """ Return a new puzzle with word in the given slot """

    # OPTION UPDATE-1

    new_puzzle = puzzle.copy()
    new_puzzle["slot_to_word"][slot] = word
    return new_puzzle

    # OPTION UPDATE-2

    slot_to_word = puzzle["slot_to_word"].copy()
    slot_to_word[slot] = word
    return {
        "slot_to_word": slot_to_word,
        "slot_to_cells": puzzle["slot_to_cells"],
        "cell_to_slots": puzzle["cell_to_slots"],
    }

    # OPTION UPDATE-3

    new_puzzle = {k: v.copy() for k, v in puzzle.items()}
    new_puzzle["slot_to_word"][slot] = word
    return new_puzzle
```

**OPTION UPDATE-1:**

Does option UPDATE-1 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

NO - does not work correctly. This approach puts the old `slot_to_word` dictionary in the shallow new copy of the puzzle, and so will suffer from aliasing.

**OPTION UPDATE-2:**

Does option UPDATE-2 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

YES – works correctly.

**OPTION UPDATE-3:**

Does option UPDATE-3 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

YES – works correctly.

**BEST UPDATE OPTION:**

Explain which is the best option (among the correct solve options above), for speed or memory efficiency reasons:

Here, UPDATE-2 is the best option. UPDATE-3 avoids aliasing, but makes unnecessary copies of the `slot_to_word` and `slot_to_cells` dictionaries, which never change during puzzle solution and so do not need to be copied. So UPDATE-2 will be both faster and more memory efficient than UPDATE-3.

```
def check_puzzle(puzzle, slot):
    """ For a given slot, return True if the word in that slot does not
        conflict with any letters in any other slots filled in so far. """

    # OPTION CHECK-1

    my_word = puzzle["slot_to_word"][slot]
    for cell, offset in puzzle["slot_to_cells"][slot]:
        my_letter = my_word[offset]
        for other_slot, other_offset in puzzle["cell_to_slots"][cell]:
            if other_slot == slot:
                continue
            other_word = puzzle["slot_to_word"][other_slot]
            if other_word is None or other_word[other_offset] == my_letter:
                continue
            else:
                return False
    return True

    # OPTION CHECK-2

    for cell, slots in puzzle["cell_to_slots"].items():
        for slot, offset in slots:
            letters = [
                puzzle["slot_to_word"][other_slot][other_offset]
                for other_slot, other_offset in slots
                if puzzle["slot_to_word"][other_slot]
            ]
            if len(set(letters)) > 1:
                return False
    return True
```

**OPTION CHECK-1:**

Does option CHECK-1 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

YES - works correctly.

**OPTION CHECK-2:**

Does option CHECK-2 work correctly?    Circle one:    **Yes**    **No**

If it does not work correctly, explain why not:

YES - works correctly.

Alternative acceptable answer: NO - it checks if there are any conflicts in whole puzzle, not just conflicts with the given slot as minimally required and specified.

**BEST CHECK OPTION:**

Explain which is the best option (among the correct solve options above), for speed or memory efficiency reasons:

The CHECK-1 option is best, as it avoids lots of unnecessary checks. Specifically, the only thing that has changed compared to a previous consistent puzzle in the specific slot; no need to check all cells in the puzzle.