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## **NPTEL (<https://swayam.gov.in/explorer?ncCode=NPTEL>) » Programming, Data Structures And Algorithms Using Python (course)**

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# Online Test 2, Question 4

**Due on 2019-09-26, 22:00 IST**

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# Instructions

This is the second of two online programming tests.

- These tests account for 25% of the total evaluation for the course.
- The duration of the test is 2 hours.
- The first test was from 9:30-11:30 am and the second is from 8:00-10:00 pm, on Thursday, 26 September 2019.
- You can attempt either of the tests. The best score will be counted..

## Question 4

Recall that the positions in a list of length  $n$  are  $0, 1, \dots, n-1$ . We want to write a function `oddpositions(l)` that returns the elements at the odd positions in `l`. In other words, the function should return the list `[l[1], l[3], ...]`. For instance `oddpositions([]) == []`, `oddpositions([7]) == []`, `oddpositions([8, 11, 8]) == [11]` and `oddpositions([19, 3, 44, 44, 3, 19]) == [3, 44, 19]`. A recursive definition of `oddpositions` is given below. You have to fill in the missing argument for the recursive call.

```
def oddpositions(l):  
    if len(l) <= 1:  
        return([])  
    else:  
        return(...)
```

Open up the code submission box below and fill in the missing argument for the recursive call.

Private Test cases used for evaluation	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output	Status
Test Case 1	<code>oddpositions([13, 42, 12, 16, 18])</code>	<code>[42, 16]\n</code>	<code>[42, 16]\n</code>	Pas sed
Test Case 2	<code>oddpositions([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10])</code>	<code>[2, 4, 6, 8, 10]\n</code>	<code>[2, 4, 6, 8, 10]\n</code>	Pas sed
Test Case 3	<code>oddpositions([2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11])</code>	<code>[3, 5, 7, 9, 11]\n</code>	<code>[3, 5, 7, 9, 11]\n</code>	Pas sed

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Test Case 4

oddp  
ositions  
([3,4,5,6])

[4, 6]  
\n

[4, 6]  
\n

Pas  
sed

Due Date Exceeded.  
4 out of 4 tests passed.  
You scored 100.0/100.

Your last recorded submission was :

```
1 def oddpositions(l):
2     if len(l) <= 1:
3         return([])
4     else:
5         return(
6             # Complete the recursive call below this line
7 l[1::2]
8             # Complete the recursive call above this line
9         )
10
11 import ast
12
13 def tolist(inp):
14     inp = ast.literal_eval(inp)
15     return(inp)
16
17 fncall = input()
18 lparen = fncall.find("(")
19 rparen = fncall.rfind(")")
20 fname = fncall[lparen]
21 farg = fncall[lparen+1:rparen]
22
23 if fname == "oddp  
ositions":
24     arg = tolist(farg)
25     print(oddpositions(arg))
26
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