

Exam 1 Solution

1. Define lists as follows: $L_1 = []$, $L_2 = [1, 0]$, $L_3 = [2, 3]$

For each expression below, fill in the value returned when the expression is evaluated.

L_1 and L_2 L_1

L_1 or L_2 L_2

L_2 and L_3 L_3

L_3 and L_2 L_2

L_2 or L_3 L_2

L_3 or L_2 L_3

$\sim L_1$ False

$\text{any}(L_1)$ False

$\text{any}(L_3)$ True

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2. Write a function named `avg` that accepts an arbitrary number of arguments (assumed to be numbers) and returns their average value

```
def avg( *k ):
    return sum(k)/len(k)
```

3. Suppose `L` is a list of 2-tuples of float objects. Write a **single line** that will sort the list in order of the sum of the entries of each tuple.

Example:

Before sorting: `L = [(1.0,3.2), (-1.0,1.0), (1.0,1.0)]`

After sorting: `L = [(-1.0,1.0), (1.0,1.0), (1.0,3.2)]`

```
L.sort(key = sum)
```

4. Write a list comprehension that produces the same list as the following code:

```
L = []

for k in K:
    if k % 2 == 0:
        L.append(k//2)
```

```
L = [k//2 for k in K if k %2 == 0]
```

or

```
L = [k//2 for k in K[0::2]]
```

5. Write the code for the function `get_int(msg)` which is intended to input an integer from the user and return that object. Input from the user is obtained by calling `input(msg)` – `msg` is the prompt. If an error occurs, print the error message and return; otherwise return the integer. Recall that `input()` returns a string.

```
def get_int(msg):
    try:
        return int(input(msg))
    except ValueError as e:
        print(e)
```

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6. Suppose $L = [R, S, T, U]$ is a list of sets. Using ordinary set notation, describe the following set:

$$\{ x \text{ for } x \text{ in } L[0] \text{ if all } ([x \text{ in } A \text{ for } A \text{ in } L[1:]]) \}$$
$$R \cap S \cap T \cap U$$

7. Write a **code segment** that will swap the first and second halves of a list. For example, if

$L = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$, after the code execution L will be $[3, 4, 5, 1, 2]$; if $L = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$, then after the code execution, L will be $[4, 5, 6, 1, 2, 3]$

Hint: slices

```
L[:len(L)//2], L[len(L)//2:] = (L[len(L)//2:], L[:len(L)//2])
```

or

```
L = L[len(L)//2:] + L[:len(L)//2]
```

8. Let D be a dictionary whose values are all hashable. Construct a dictionary E that maps distinct values of D to the list of all keys of D that map to the given value.

```
E = { v : [k for k in D if D[k] == v] for v in D.values() }
```

or

```
from collections import defaultdict
```

```
E = defaultdict(list)
```

```
for k,v in D.items():
```

```
    E[v].append(k)
```