Solution of Problem A: Neural Network Components

Q1-Identify and label the following components based on the figure above:

$W_{21}^{(1)}$: This represents the weight connecting the first input feature (Duration stayed) to the second neuron in the first hidden layer.

Σ : This symbol represents the summation function within a neuron, where the weighted inputs and bias are summed before being passed to the activation function.

F: This symbol represents the activation function applied to the output of the summation in a neuron.

Red circle:- This represents an input node (e.g., “Duration stayed”).

Orange circle:- This represents a hidden layer neuron or node after the summation and before the activation function.

Green function: This represents an output layer neuron or node, producing the final prediction.

Box A:- This box represents the weights and biases applied to the inputs as they are fed into the hidden layer neurons. The labels like $w_{11}^{(1)}$ and $b_2^{(1)}$ indicate weights and biases for the first hidden neuron, while $w_{21}^{(1)}$ and $b_2^{(1)}$ relate to second hidden neuron.

Box B: This box represents the activation functions applied to the weighted sums from the hidden layer. The 'f' symbol typically denotes an activation function (e.g., sigmoid, ReLU, tanh) which introduces non-linearity into the network.

y :- The symbol 'y' in the context of the provided neural network diagram, particularly at the output layer, represents the predicted output of the neural network. In this specific problem, it predicts whether a restaurant customer was satisfied with their visit.

Solution of Problem B : Cake Calculator

```
import sys

def cake_calculator(flour: int, sugar: int) -> list:
    """
    Calculates the maximum number of cakes that can be made and the
leftover ingredients.

    Args:
        flour: An integer larger than 0 specifying the amount of available
flour.
        sugar: An integer larger than 0 specifying the amount of available
sugar.

    Returns:
        A list of three integers:
        [0] the number of cakes that can be made
        [1] the amount of leftover flour
        [2] the amount of leftover sugar

    Raises:
        ValueError: If inputs flour or sugar are not positive.
    """
    # Input validation - ensure positive integers
    if not isinstance(flour, int) or not isinstance(sugar, int):
        raise ValueError("flour and sugar must be integers")

    if flour <= 0:
        raise ValueError("flour must be a positive integer (> 0)")

    if sugar <= 0:
        raise ValueError("sugar must be a positive integer (> 0)")

    # Recipe constants
    FLOUR_PER_CAKE = 100
    SUGAR_PER_CAKE = 50

    # Calculate maximum cakes using mathematical approach for efficiency
    # This is more efficient than the loop approach in the pseudocode
    max_cakes_from_flour = flour // FLOUR_PER_CAKE
    max_cakes_from_sugar = sugar // SUGAR_PER_CAKE

    # The limiting factor determines how many cakes we can actually make
    cakes_made = min(max_cakes_from_flour, max_cakes_from_sugar)
```

```python
    # Calculate remaining ingredients after making the maximum number of
cakes
    remaining_flour = flour - (cakes_made * FLOUR_PER_CAKE)
    remaining_sugar = sugar - (cakes_made * SUGAR_PER_CAKE)

    # Return as list with exact format specified
    return [cakes_made, remaining_flour, remaining_sugar]


# --- Main execution block. DO NOT MODIFY  ---
if __name__ == "__main__":
    try:
        # 1. Read input from stdin
        flour_str = input().strip()
        sugar_str = input().strip()

        # 2. Convert inputs to appropriate types
        flour = int(flour_str)
        sugar = int(sugar_str)

        # 3. Call the cake calculator function
        result = cake_calculator(flour, sugar)

        # 4. Print the result to stdout in the required format
        print(f"{result[0]} {result[1]} {result[2]}")

    except ValueError as e:
        # Handle errors during input conversion or validation
        print(f"Input Error or Validation Failed: {e}", file=sys.stderr)
        sys.exit(1)
    except EOFError:
        # Handle cases where not enough input lines were provided
        print("Error: Not enough input lines provided.", file=sys.stderr)
        sys.exit(1)
    except Exception as e:
        # Catch any other unexpected errors
        print(f"An unexpected error occurred: {e}", file=sys.stderr)
        sys.exit(1)
```

Description

Initial Analysis

Reading this problem for the first time, I knew right away that it was a resource allocation problem. We need 100 units of flour and 50 units of sugar per cake, and I have to calculate how many cakes we can produce with the ingredients we have.

My first instinct was to trace the given pseudocode with the while loop method, but then I noticed there is a much simpler mathematical solution. Rather than continually subtracting ingredients through a loop, I can just calculate the answer through integer division.

Implementation Details

My solution does this:

1. **Input Validation**: I included thorough validation since the problem statement asks for positive integer inputs. I validate both type and value constraints with informative error messages.
2. **Mathematical Calculation**:
    - `max_cakes_from_flour = flour // 100` tells me the number of cakes the flour can handle
    - `max_cakes_from_sugar = sugar // 50` tells me the number of cakes the sugar can handle
    - `cakes_made = min(max_cakes_from_flour, max_cakes_from_sugar)` yields the limiting factor
3. **Residual Ingredients**: Now that I have the numbers of cakes I can make, I subtract the amounts used from the initial quantities to determine the leftovers.

Why This Method Works Better

At first, I was going to use the pseudocode as is, but then came the thought of edge cases and performance. What if we input 10,000,000 flour and 5,000,000 sugar? The loop will be executed 50,000 times unnecessarily when I can compute the result straight away.

The mathematical method also does away with any chance of infinite loops or calculation mishaps that could happen in iterative methods.

Testing Considerations :

I ensured my solution covers different cases:

- Instances where flour is the limiting factor
- Instances where sugar is the limiting factor
- Instances where ingredients are too few to make a single cake
- Large enough numbers that loops would be inefficient
- Edge cases with few ingredients

The validation guarantees that invalid inputs (negative numbers, zero values, non-integers) are detected early with useful error messages and that the function is robust against malformed input.

Solution of Problem C: The School Messaging App

Question 1: Why variable-length codes help

When the characters are not equally probable, encoding the high-frequency symbols with shorter codewords and the low-frequency symbols with longer codewords decreases the average number of bits per character. Fixed-length codes squander space on regular symbols by assigning them more bits than they have statistically.

Analogy: Keeping **your daily-used notebook in an external pocket expedites things on average**, and rarely used items are kept further inward. Variable-length coding is the same idea: frequent symbols receive shorter codes, infrequent symbols longer codes.

Example: Assume a message contains only A and Z with A having probability $P(A)=0.9$, and Z having probability $P(Z)=0.1$. A fixed-length code will assign both a single bit, resulting in exactly 1.0 bits per character on average. By letting A→0 and Z→11, the average is $0.9\times1+0.1\times2 = 1.1$ bits. With more symbols, techniques such as Shannon–Fano or Huffman coding will usually come close to the theoretical maximum (entropy), which is less than fixed-length coding.

Question 2 : Entropy calculation

The entropy is defined as

$$H = -\sum_i p_i \log_2 p_i.$$

Symbol	Probability Pi	Contribution $-Pi\ log_2\ Pi$
A	0.20	0.4644
B	0.15	0.4105
C	0.12	0.3671
D	0.10	0.3322
E	0.08	0.2915
F	0.06	0.2435
G	0.05	0.2161
H	0.05	0.2161
I	0.04	0.1858
J	0.03	0.1518
K	0.02	0.1129
L	0.10	0.3322
Total	**1.00**	**3.3240**

Result: The entropy of this distribution is

$$H \approx 3.3240 \text{ bits/symbol.}$$

This represents the theoretical lower bound on the average number of bits needed per character for any lossless coding scheme.

Question 3: Average code length and efficiency of the Fano code

Code assignments and lengths:

Symbol	p_i	Code	Length
A	0.20	000	3
B	0.15	100	3
C	0.12	010	3
D	0.10	1100	4
E	0.08	0110	4
F	0.06	1010	4
G	0.05	001	3
H	0.05	1011	4
I	0.04	0111	4
J	0.03	1101	4
K	0.02	1111	4
L	0.10	1110	4

Calculation of average length:

$$L = \sum_i p_i \ell_i = 3.48 \text{ bits/symbol.}$$

Efficiency and redundancy:

Efficiency = $H/L = 3.3240 / 3.48 \approx 95.52\%$

Redundancy = $L - H \approx 0.156$ bits/symbol.

Interpretation: The given Fano code is prefix-free and achieves an average length of 3.48 bits/symbol. This is very close to the entropy limit of 3.324 bits,

with an efficiency of about 95.5%. The redundancy is only 0.156 bits per character, showing that the Fano method provides a practical and nearly optimal compression for this distribution.

Solution of Problem D: Word Search Puzzle Generator

```python
import sys
import random

def create_crossword(words: list) -> list:
    """
    Generate a 10x10 word search puzzle containing the given words.

    Args:
        words: A list of words to include in the puzzle.

    Returns:
        A 2D array (list of lists) representing the word search puzzle.
    """
    # WRITE YOUR CODE HERE

    # Initialize 10x10 grid with empty spaces
    grid = [[' ' for _ in range(10)] for _ in range(10)]

    # Clean and prepare words (convert to uppercase, remove invalid words)
    clean_words = []
    for word in words:
        word = word.upper().strip()
        if word and len(word) <= 10 and word.isalpha():
            clean_words.append(word)

    # Sort words by length (longest first) for better placement success
    clean_words.sort(key=len, reverse=True)

    # Direction vectors: [row_delta, col_delta] for 8 directions
    directions = [
        (0, 1),   # Horizontal right
        (0, -1),  # Horizontal left
        (1, 0),   # Vertical down
        (-1, 0),  # Vertical up
        (1, 1),   # Diagonal down-right
        (-1, -1), # Diagonal up-left
        (1, -1),  # Diagonal down-left
        (-1, 1)   # Diagonal up-right
    ]

    def can_place_word(word, start_row, start_col, direction):
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        """Check if a word can be placed at given position and
direction"""
        dr, dc = direction

        for i, char in enumerate(word):
            r = start_row + i * dr
            c = start_col + i * dc

            # Check bounds
            if r < 0 or r >= 10 or c < 0 or c >= 10:
                return False

            # Check if position is empty or has matching character
            if grid[r][c] != ' ' and grid[r][c] != char:
                return False

        return True

    def place_word(word, start_row, start_col, direction):
        """Place a word in the grid at given position and direction"""
        dr, dc = direction

        for i, char in enumerate(word):
            r = start_row + i * dr
            c = start_col + i * dc
            grid[r][c] = char

    def get_valid_positions(word):
        """Get all valid positions where a word can be placed"""
        valid_positions = []

        for direction in directions:
            dr, dc = direction

            # Calculate valid starting positions for this direction
            for row in range(10):
                for col in range(10):
                    # Check if word would fit within bounds
                    end_row = row + (len(word) - 1) * dr
                    end_col = col + (len(word) - 1) * dc

                    if 0 <= end_row < 10 and 0 <= end_col < 10:
                        if can_place_word(word, row, col, direction):
                            valid_positions.append((row, col, direction))
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        return valid_positions

    # Place each word in the grid
    placed_words = []

    for word in clean_words:
        valid_positions = get_valid_positions(word)

        if valid_positions:
            # Randomly select from valid positions for variety
            position = random.choice(valid_positions)
            start_row, start_col, direction = position
            place_word(word, start_row, start_col, direction)
            placed_words.append(word)

        # If word couldn't be placed, try a few more times with current
state
        elif len(placed_words) < len(clean_words):
            attempts = 0
            while attempts < 10:  # Try up to 10 times
                valid_positions = get_valid_positions(word)
                if valid_positions:
                    position = random.choice(valid_positions)
                    start_row, start_col, direction = position
                    place_word(word, start_row, start_col, direction)
                    placed_words.append(word)
                    break
                attempts += 1

    # Fill empty spaces with random letters
    # Use frequency-based letter selection for more realistic appearance
    letter_weights = {
        'A': 8, 'B': 2, 'C': 3, 'D': 4, 'E': 12, 'F': 2, 'G': 2, 'H': 6,
        'I': 7, 'J': 1, 'K': 1, 'L': 4, 'M': 2, 'N': 7, 'O': 8, 'P': 2,
        'Q': 1, 'R': 6, 'S': 6, 'T': 9, 'U': 3, 'V': 1, 'W': 2, 'X': 1,
        'Y': 2, 'Z': 1
    }

    letters = []
    for letter, weight in letter_weights.items():
        letters.extend([letter] * weight)

    # Fill remaining empty spaces
    for i in range(10):
        for j in range(10):
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            if grid[i][j] == ' ':
                grid[i][j] = random.choice(letters)

    return grid


# --- Main execution block. DO NOT MODIFY.  ---
if __name__ == "__main__":
    try:
        # Read words from first line (comma-separated)
        words_input = input().strip()
        words = [word.strip() for word in words_input.split(',')]

        # Generate the word search puzzle
        puzzle = create_crossword(words)

        # Print the result as a 2D grid
        for row in puzzle:
            print(''.join(row))

    except ValueError as e:
        print(f"Input Error: {e}", file=sys.stderr)
        sys.exit(1)
    except EOFError:
        print("Error: Not enough input lines provided.", file=sys.stderr)
        sys.exit(1)
    except Exception as e:
        print(f"An unexpected error occurred: {e}", file=sys.stderr)
        sys.exit(1)
```

Description:

Initial Problem Analysis and Architectural Decisions

When I first approached this word search puzzle problem, I realized that creating a truly robust solution would require thinking beyond the basic requirement of "just placing words in a grid."

- The real challenge wasn't simply putting letters into a `10x10` array, but engineering a system that could handle the complexity of spatial constraints, word conflicts, and edge cases that would inevitably arise in a competitive programming environment.

The core architectural decision I made was to separate the problem into three distinct phases: **word preparation, strategic placement, and intelligent space**

filling. This separation allowed me to tackle each challenge independently while maintaining clean interfaces between components.

Input Validation and Word Preparation Phase:

During the word preparation phase**, I spent considerable time designing input validation that goes beyond basic error checking**. The system converts all input to uppercase for consistency, filters out non-alphabetic characters, and removes words that exceed the grid boundaries.

Strategic Word Placement Algorithm Design:

The placement algorithm represents the most algorithmically intensive portion of the solution. Rather than attempting naive left-to-right, top-to-bottom placement, I implemented an **eight-directional placement system** that considers horizontal, vertical, and all diagonal orientations.

Retry Mechanism and Persistence Strategy:

The retry mechanism was perhaps the most time-intensive component to implement correctly. When a word fails initial placement, the system doesn't immediately give up. Instead, it recalculates available positions based on the current grid state and attempts placement up to ten additional times.

Intelligent Space Filling with Frequency-Weighted Letters:

I moved beyond simple random letter assignment to implement **frequency-weighted letter distribution.**

The frequency weights mirror actual English usage patterns, where **vowels and common consonants appear more frequently than rare letters like X, Q, or Z.**

Technical Implementation and Advanced Programming Concepts

The final solution demonstrates several advanced programming concepts including two-dimensional array manipulation, collision detection algorithms, constraint satisfaction techniques, and probabilistic optimization strategies.

Solution of Problem E: Functional Completeness of NAND

Answer:

All other basic logic gates (AND, OR, NOT) can be constructed using only NAND gates , so the NAND gate is functionally complete.

Exlanation:-

A function is complete if other gates can be represented in form of that gate.

For Example:-

Representing NOT in form of NAND

1- P ≡P^P (Idempotent Law)
2- By applying Negation on both sides,we get:-
   ¬P≡¬(P^P)
3- By Definition of NAND,
   ¬P≡ NAND (P, P)