

Python questions

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LONGEST COMMON PREFIX

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code.py x
code.py > longest_common_prefix
1 def longest_common_prefix(strs):
2     if not strs:
3         return ""
4
5     prefix = strs[0] # Assume the first string is the prefix
6
7     for string in strs[1:]:
8         while not string.startswith(prefix):
9             prefix = prefix[:-1] # Remove the last character from prefix
10
11         if not prefix:
12             return "" # If prefix becomes empty, return ""
13
14     return prefix
15
16 # Test cases
17 print(longest_common_prefix(["flower", "flow", "flight"])) # Output: "fl"
18 print(longest_common_prefix(["dog", "racecar", "car"])) # Output: ""
19 print(longest_common_prefix(["interspecies", "interstellar", "interstate"])) # Output: "inter"
20 print(longest_common_prefix([""])) # Output: ""
21 print(longest_common_prefix(["a"])) # Output: "a"
22 print(longest_common_prefix(["abc", "abcde", "abcdef"])) # Output: "abc"
23
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inters

a
abc
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LARGEST ODD NUMBER

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code.py code1.py X
code1.py > ...
1 def largest_odd_number(s):
2     for i in range(len(s) - 1, -1, -1): # Iterate from the last character to the first
3         if int(s[i]) % 2 == 1: # Check if the digit is odd
4             return s[:i+1] # Return the substring up to the last odd digit
5     return "" # Return empty string if no odd digit is found
6
7 # Test cases
8 print(largest_odd_number("51")) # "51"
9 print(largest_odd_number("52")) # "5"
10 print(largest_odd_number("35428")) # "354"
11 print(largest_odd_number("2468")) # "" (No odd digit)
12 print(largest_odd_number("13579")) # "13579" (Already odd)
13 print(largest_odd_number("8642")) # "" (No odd digit)
14

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sandy@sandy:~/new$ python3 code1.py
51
5
35

13579
sandy@sandy:~/new$
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REMOVE OUTERMOST PARENTHESIS

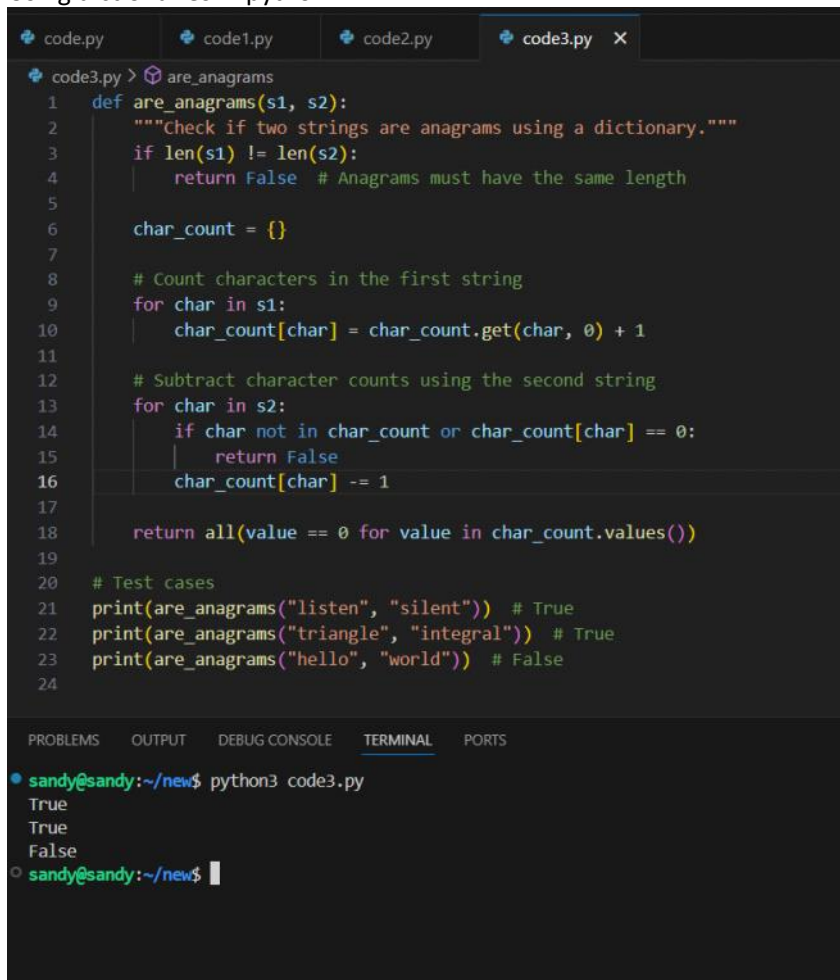
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code.py code1.py code2.py X
code2.py > ...
1 def remove_outermost_parenthesis(s):
2     # Check if input is valid
3     if not s or s[0] != '(' or s[-1] != ')' or s.count('(') != s.count(')'):
4         return "Invalid input: Unbalanced or incorrectly formatted parentheses"
5
6     result = []
7     count = 0
8
9     for char in s:
10         if char == '(' and count > 0:
11             result.append(char)
12         elif char == ')' and count > 1:
13             result.append(char)
14
15         if char == '(':
16             count += 1
17         elif char == ')':
18             count -= 1
19
20     return ''.join(result)
21
22 # Test cases
23 print(remove_outermost_parenthesis("(()())")) # "()()"
24 print(remove_outermost_parenthesis("(()))")) # "()"
25

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sandy@sandy:~/new$ python3 code2.py
()()
()
sandy@sandy:~/new$
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ANAGRAMS : An **anagram** is a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of a different word or phrase, using all the original letters exactly once, examples like rat <--> art , top <--> pot, etc..

Implementation can be done in several ways

1) Using dictionaries in python



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code.py code1.py code2.py code3.py X
code3.py > are_anagrams
1 def are_anagrams(s1, s2):
2     """Check if two strings are anagrams using a dictionary."""
3     if len(s1) != len(s2):
4         return False # Anagrams must have the same length
5
6     char_count = {}
7
8     # Count characters in the first string
9     for char in s1:
10        char_count[char] = char_count.get(char, 0) + 1
11
12    # Subtract character counts using the second string
13    for char in s2:
14        if char not in char_count or char_count[char] == 0:
15            return False
16        char_count[char] -= 1
17
18    return all(value == 0 for value in char_count.values())
19
20 # Test cases
21 print(are_anagrams("listen", "silent")) # True
22 print(are_anagrams("triangle", "integral")) # True
23 print(are_anagrams("hello", "world")) # False
24

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sandy@sandy:~/new$ python3 code3.py
True
True
False
sandy@sandy:~/new$
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2) Using sorted method or counters in collections

```
code.py code1.py code2.py code3.py X
code3.py > ...
1 print ("----- SORT -----")
2 def are_anagrams(s1, s2):
3     """Check if two strings are anagrams."""
4     return sorted(s1) == sorted(s2)
5
6 # Test cases
7 print(are_anagrams("listen", "silent")) # True
8 print(are_anagrams("hello", "world")) # False
9
10 print ("\n----- COUNTERS -----")
11 from collections import Counter
12
13 def are_anagrams(s1, s2):
14     """Check if two strings are anagrams using a dictionary (Counter)."""
15     return Counter(s1) == Counter(s2)
16
17 # Test cases
18 print(are_anagrams("listen", "silent")) # True
19 print(are_anagrams("triangle", "integral")) # True
20 print(are_anagrams("hello", "world")) # False
21

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----- SORT -----
True
False

----- COUNTERS -----
True
True
False
sandy@sandy:~/new$
```