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* Question 2.4:

Again, before even reading, we can say that `print_odd_lines_2` is much clearer in its approach than `print_odd_lines_1`, where it is confusing to keep track of all the variables.

Second, as a matter of efficiency (both in memory and time), the second function performs much better. It is extremely easy to understand how it works: it simply prints one line out of two, without taking care nor storing the other ones. As a comparison, the first function stores all the lines (and copying costs $O(n)$), and then iterates multiple times (each time costing $O(n)$) and occupies memory, and slows down everything.

The second function is thus clearer and much more efficient.

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PART II -

* Question 2.1:

We can notice a couple of errors; first, there is an important inversion of the second arguments of `open`: the infile should be read, the outfile should be wrote. Second, characters like `'\n'` have length 1, so if we do not strip them from the line, they will be counted in `len(line)`, which is not what we want.

As a summary:

- 6. • `infile = open(filename, 'w')` ^(should be) `infile = open(filename, 'r')`
or `infile = open(filename)`
or with `open(filename, 'r')` as `infile`
- 7. • `outfile = open(filename + '.count', 'r')`
→ `outfile = open(filename + '.count', 'w')`
or with `open(filename + '.count', 'w')` as `outfile`
- 9. • `outfile.write(len(line) + '\n')`
→ `outfile.write(len(line.strip()) + '\n')`

(1, 2, 3, ...)
= mistakes

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* Question 2.3: 3

We might want to highlight two problems; first, an important one: `seq` is an iterable. Hence, removing elements from the iterable during an iteration on its elements is going to make the program crash. A solution could be to copy the iterable at the beginning, iterating over its copy and removing from the original one, or vice-versa. The second one is that not all iterables are simply made of integers. Thus, a comparison with 0 could potentially make no sense. We could therefore ask for the type of object.

As a summary:

- (we add a line): `seq_copy = seq`
- 1 (became 5) • `if x < 0` → (we add another line): `if type(x) == int:`
- 3 (became 7) • `seq.remove(x)` → `seq_copy.remove(x)`
- 8 (became 9) • `for x in seq` → `for x in seq_copy`

Basically:

```
def remove_negatives(seq):
```

```
    seq_copy = seq
```

```
    for x in seq_copy:
```

```
        if type(x) == int:
```

```
            if x < 0:
```

```
                seq.remove(x)
```

* Question 2.2: 3

First of all, we can say that the function is not clean (it is, objectively and with honesty, hard to understand).

The first, big, problem is the index: after a certain recursion, when `seq` will be strictly less than 3 characters long, `seq[1:-1]` will be empty, so applying `reverse` (and the `seq[0]` to it) is going to make it crash. Thus, we should add to our recursive `reverse` function a (before line 3):

```
if len(seq) == 1:
    return seq
elif len(seq) == 0:
    return None
else:
```

The second big problem is that the function simply does not do what we want: by adding `seq[0]`, `seq[-1]` etc., it adds their value, not as a list. We would then prefer something like:

```
return [new_first] + new_middle + [new_last] → return [new_first, new_middle, new_last]
```

Or, simply:

```
def reverse(seq):
```

```
    return seq[::-1]
```


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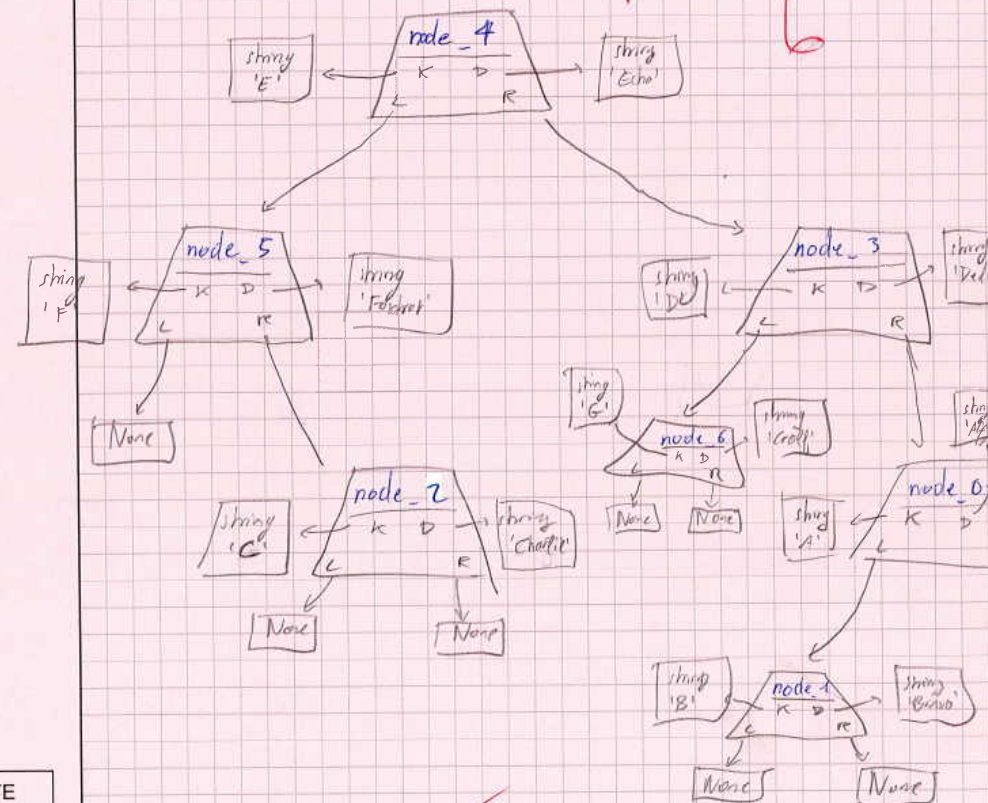
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PART III -

1) TreeNode diagram:



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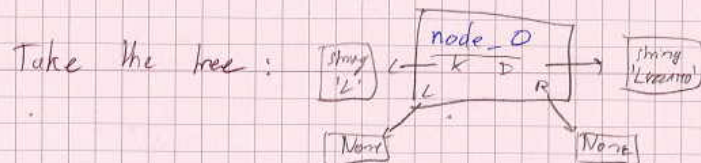


2) It is not a binary search tree, as, for binary search trees, each node at the left of a node has a key smaller than the key of the node, and each node at its right a key bigger than the key of the node. (however →)

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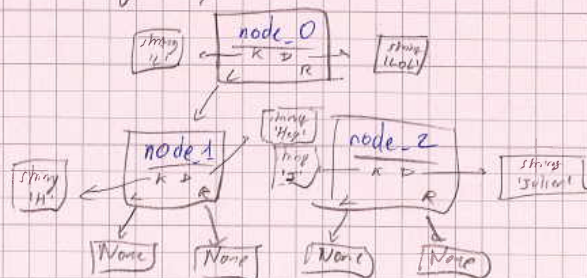
Here, it is the exact contrary; hence, a specular version of this tree (where we would invert each node's ~~left~~ and ~~right~~, would be a binary search tree.

3) • First, the function does not treat the case where the key is not contained in the tree!



assume we look for contains('J'). Then 'j' != 'k', but ~~self.left~~ == None and ~~self.right~~ == None. Thus, it will cause a runtime error.

• Then, we might say that is such a case. (we still look for 'J')



how is this one different?

then 'J' is contained as a key (in the right node); but the first 'elif' will go to the left, as 'J' < 'L' and ~~self.left~~ == None. (it will eventually wait for the reason described before, but even if there was a 'return False' it would not find 'J').

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• finally (or first) a syntax problem: else if should be elif, otherwise nothing is going to work except if ~~self.key~~ == k.

• what if ~~self.right~~ == None?

ex: ~~node_0~~