

Prelim 2 Review Questions

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1 Functions on Lists

(a) The *even-odd* sort of a list that has even length permutes entries so that all the even-index entries come first followed by all the odd-indexed entries. To illustrate, suppose we have the following length-8 list:

'a'	'b'	'c'	'd'	'e'	'f'	'g'	'h'
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Here are the length-4 lists of the even-indexed entries and the odd-indexed entries:

'a'	'c'	'e'	'g'
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'b'	'd'	'f'	'h'
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And here is the even-odd sort of the above length-8 list:

'a'	'c'	'e'	'g'	'b'	'd'	'f'	'h'
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This operation *could* — but for this question you are *not* allowed to do so — can be carried out very simply using list slicing and list concatenation: indeed, if x has length n and n is even, then the list $x[0:n:2] + x[1:n:2]$ is the even-odd sort of x . Implement the following procedure so that it performs as specified, *using just for-loops and subscripting. No list slicing or list concatenation allowed.*

```
def EvenOddSort(x):  
    """ Performs an even-odd sort of x  
  
    Precondition: x is a list with even length"""
```

Note that `EvenOddSort` does not return any values. Again, no list slicing or list concatenation allowed. For a hint on important and potentially common errors, see this footnote.¹

(b) Assuming that the procedure `EvenOddSort` is available, implement the following function so that it performs as specified:

```
def MultipleSort(x,N):  
    """ Returns a list obtained by performing N even-odd  
    sorts of the list x. The list x is not altered.  
  
    Precondition: x is a list with even length and N is a positive int.  
    """
```

Use a loop that calls `EvenOddSort` N times. (Don't try to do some fancy "if N is even, I'll get the same list back" type of reasoning.)

Some notes on potential errors in this footnote.²

¹ Don't change the list *while* constructing an even-odd-sorted version! And if y is your even-odd-sorted version, don't just do $x=y!$ (Why?)
² `EvenOddSort` doesn't return anything. Don't operate on x or you'll change it.

2 Farthest Point

Assume the existence of the following class, and that the command `import math` has been included beforehand.

```
class Point(object):
    """ Attributes:
        x    the x-coordinate    [float]
        y    the y-coordinate    [float]
    """
    def __init__(self,x,y):
        self.x = x
        self.y = y

    def Dist(self,other):
        """ Returns a float that is the distance from self to other.

        Precondition: other is a Point
        """
        return math.sqrt((self.x-other.x)**2+(self.y-other.y)**2)
```

Complete the following function so that it performs as specified

```
def FarthestPt(L,idx,P)
    """ Returns an integer j with the property that the distance from
    L[j] to P is maximum among all the ***unvisited*** points.

    If idx[i] = 1, then we say that L[i] has been visited. If idx[i] = 0, then
    we say that L[i] is unvisited.

    Preconditions: L is a list of references to Point objects, P is a reference
    to a point object, and idx is a list of ints that are either zero or 1. The
    lists idx and L have the same length and idx has at least one zero entry.
    """
```

3 Nested Loops

1. What is the output if the following is executed?

```
s = "abcd"
for i in range(4):
    for j in range(i+1,4):
        print i, j, s[i]+s[j]
```

2. For each key in dictionary D, write down the key and corresponding value in D.

```
D1 = {'a':'one', 'b':'two', 'c': 'three', 'd':'four'}
D2 = {'c':'five', 'd':'six', 'e': 'seven' , 'f':'eight'}
D = {}
for d in D1:
    D[d] = D1[d]
```

```
for d in D2:
    D[d] = D2[d]
```

4 More work with lists, which are objects

(a) If the following is executed, then what are the first five lines of output?

```
x = [10,20,30]
for k in range(1000):
    print "k:", k, "x in the loop", x
    x.append(x[0])
    x = x[1:4]
```

(b) If the following is executed, then what is the output? For full credit you must also draw two state diagrams. The first should depict the situation just after the `Q.x = 0` statement and the second should depict the situation just after the `P = Point(7,8)` statement.

```
P = Point(3,4)
Q = P
Q.x = 0
print Q.x, Q.y, P.x, P.y
P = Point(7,8)
print Q.x, Q.y, P.x, P.y
```

(c) If the following is executed, then what is the output?

```
x = [10,20,30,40]
y = x
for k in range(4):
    print "x is", x
    print "y is", y
    print "..."
    x[k] = y[3-k]
print x
```

5 Dictionaries

(a) Complete the following function so that it performs as specified

```
def F(s,D):
    """ Returns True if s is a key for D and every element in D[s] is also
        a key in D. Otherwise returns False.

    Precondition: s is a nonempty string and D is a dictionary whose keys are strings
        and whose values are lists of strings.

    """
```

6 Methods and Lists of Objects

Assume the availability of the following class:

```
class City(object):
    """
    attributes:
        name      the name of a city [str]
        high:     the record high temperatures [length-12 list of int]
        low:      the record low temperatures [length-12 list of int]
    """

    def __init__(self, cityName, theHighs, theLows):
        """Returns a reference to a City object
        PreC: cityName is a string that names a city.
        theHighs is a length 12 list of ints.
        theHighs[k] is the record high for month k (Jan is month 0)
        theLows is a length 12 list of ints
        theLowss[k] is the record high for month k (Jan is month 0)
        """
        self.name = cityName
        self.high = theHighs
        self.low = theLows
```

(a) Complete the following method for the class City so that it performs as specified.

```
def HotMonths(self):
    """ Returns the number of months where the record high
    is strictly greater than 80.
    """
```

(b) Complete the following method for the class City so that it performs as specified. Your implementation must make effective use of the method above.

```
def Hotter(self, other):
    """Returns True if the city encoded in self has strictly more
    hot months than the city encoded in other.

    A month is hot if the record high for that month is > 80

    PreC: other is a city object
    """
```

(c) Complete the following method for the class City so that it performs as specified.

```
def Variation(self):
    """ Returns a length 12 list of ints whose k-th entry
    is the record high for month k minus the record low for month k.
    """
```

(d) Complete the following method for the class City so that it performs as specified.

```
def Exaggerate(self):
    """ Modifies self.high so that each entry is increased by 1
    and modifies self.low so that each entry is decreased by 1
    .
    """
```

(e) Complete the following function so that it performs as specified. Assume that the methods in parts (a) and (b) are available; your implementation must make effective use of them.

```
def Hottest(C):  
    """ Returns an item from C that represents the city that  
    has the most hot months.  
    PreC: C is a list of references to City objects  
    """
```