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15-112 Spring 2026 Quiz 4

Up to 25 minutes. No calculators, no notes, no books, no computers. Show your work!
Do not use dictionaries, sets, try/except, or recursion on this quiz.

1. (6 points) Code Tracing: Lists:

```
def CT(L):  
    L.append(99)  
    L = L + [10]  
    sorted(L)  
    print(L)  
    L2 = L[:]  
    print(L2 is L)  
    print(L2 == L)  
    L2 += [8]  
    print(L2)  
    L2[2:4] = [5, 6]  
    L2.reverse()  
    print(L2)  
    L3 = L  
    L3.pop()  
  
L = [1, 2, 3]  
CT(L)  
print(L)
```



2. (6 points) Fill-in The Blanks: Theater Seating

Fill in the code for the function `drawSeating(app, seating)` to draw a theater seating grid. The function takes as input the comma-separated string `seating` that specifies for each row in the theater, which cells:

- Represent an available seat "O"
- Represent an occupied seat "X"
- Represent an aisle space (no seat) "A"

For example, `drawSeating(app, "OOOA000,00XA00X,AAAAAAA,X00A000,000A000")` draws the theater seats in Figure 1. In this case:

- The first row, "OOOA000", has three available seats, one aisle space, and three available seats.
- The second row, "00XA00X", has two available seats, one occupied seat, one aisle space, two available seats, and one occupied seat.

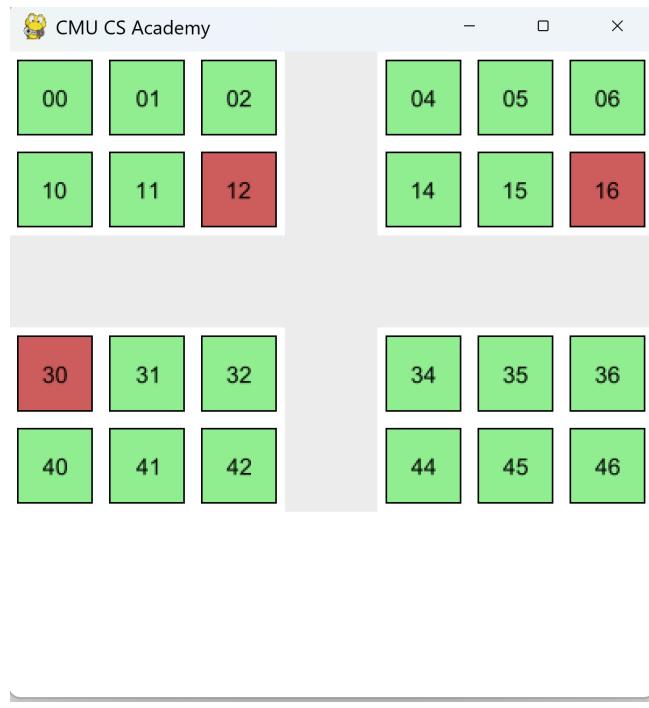


Figure 1: `drawSeating(app, "OOOA000,00XA00X,AAAAAAA,X00A000,000A000")`

Note: Seats (O and X) should be drawn as smaller squares with white padding around them inside each grid cell. In contrast, aisle cells (A) should not have padding — the aisle background color should fill the entire grid cell; Figure 1.

You can assume that `app.width==app.height`. You can assume that `cmu_graphics` is already imported and there is a function `redrawAll(app)` that will call your function.

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```

def drawSeating(app, seating):
    padding = 5
    rowsList = []
    for row in seats_str.strip().split(","):
        rowsList.append(row)

    ### Number of columns and rows
    numCols = len(-----)

    numRows = len(-----)

    ### Calculate cellSize
    cellW = app.width // -----
    cellH = (app.height * 0.9) // numRows
    cellSize = min(cellW, cellH) # Use the smaller of the two to avoid going off-screen
    for r in range(len(rowsList)):
        rowString = rowsList[r]
        for c in range(len(rowString)):
            char = rowString[c]
            ### Calculate top-left position of the cell

            x = -----
            y = -----
            ### Draw Aisle Background: Should fill the entire cell
            if char == 'A':
                drawRect(-----, -----,
                          -----, -----, fill='silver', opacity=30)
                color = None

            if -----:
                color = 'indianRed'

            elif -----:
                color = 'lightGreen'

            if color != None: # Draw the Seat
                # The width/height of the drawn seat inside the cell,
                # should take padding into account
                drawRect(x + padding, y + padding, -----,
                          -----, fill=color, border='black')

            # Center the seat number label

            drawLabel(-----, -----,
                      -----, size=max(8, cellSize/4))

```

3. (8 points) **Free Response:** Almost Palindrome

A list is an "almost palindrome" if removing exactly one element would make it a palindrome.

Write the function `checkAlmostPalindrome(L)` that takes a list `L` and returns:

- The **index of the element that must be removed** to make it a palindrome; if the list is an almost palindrome.
- **-1** if the list is not an almost palindrome (can't be made panlindrome with one removal)
- **-1** if the list is already a palindrome (since no removal is needed).

Your function must be non-destructive.

Consider the following test cases:

```
assert checkAlmostPalindrome([1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1]) == -1 # Already palindrome
assert checkAlmostPalindrome([1, 2, 3, 1]) == 1 # Remove 2
assert checkAlmostPalindrome([5, 1, 2, 3, 2, 1]) == 0 # Remove 5
# Can't make palindrome with one removal
assert checkAlmostPalindrome([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]) == -1
assert checkAlmostPalindrome([1, 1]) == -1 # Already palindrome
assert checkAlmostPalindrome([1, 2]) == -1 # Can't form palindrome
```

Hint: A good strategy is to try removing one element at a time and check

Extra space for Problem 3.