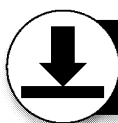




# Python Exercises

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# Teacher's Introduction

This resource is designed to support the development of students' programming skills at KS5 (and build on the KS4 equivalent resources published by ZigZag Education). It contains 10 unique exercises, featuring a range of scenarios that develop the core programming principles.

These include programming constructs, recursion, global and local variables, modularity, debugging programs, object-oriented techniques, divide-and-conquer algorithms, data structures and standard algorithms – all skills that are found in the AQA AS & A Level Computer Science specifications.

Each exercise contains a combination of questions and tasks, and consists of two sections – Section A and Section B.

- The purpose of **Section A** is to test students' understanding of the skeleton code; both in terms of explaining features of the code but also in identifying flaws that are present in it.
- **Section B** provides students with the opportunity to debug the issues in the code (an incredibly important skill as programmers rarely tend to write whole programs by themselves) as well as develop the functionality further. Section B should take longer than Section A to complete and will help prepare students for their NEA and any other practical assessment, such as AQA Paper 1.

Along with the worksheets, there are Python<sup>v3.6</sup> programs that should be changed as the questions have been answered. Working Python files are provided for every worksheet, along with written answers.

*Note that credit should also be given for any valid responses that are not explicitly included in this resource.*



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## AQA Specification Map

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Searching Algorithms	Sorting Algorithms	Towers of Hanoi	Sorting Queues	Draughts	Tree Traversal	Dijkstra's SPA	Bomb Search	Dictionaries & Hash Tables	Reverse Polish
1.1.1 – Data types	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.2 – Programming concepts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.3 – Arithmetic operations	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.4 – Relational operations	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.5 – Boolean operations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.6 – Constants and variables	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.7 – String handling	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.8 – Random numbers	✓						✓		
1.1.9 – Exception handling	✓			✓			✓		✓
1.1.10 – Subroutines	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.11 – Parameters	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.12 – Returning values	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.13 – Local variables	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.1.14 – Global variables	✓							✓	✓
1.1.16 – Recursive techniques	✓	✓			✓				✓

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Searching Algorithms	Sorting Algorithms	Towers of Hanoi	Sorting Queues	Draughts	Tree Traversal	Dijkstra's SPA	Bomb Search	Dictionaries & Hash Tables	Reverse Polish
1.2.1 – Programming paradigms	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1.2.2 – Procedural paradigms	✓							✓	
1.2.3 – Object-oriented paradigms		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
2.1.2 – Arrays	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
2.1.4 – Data structures		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
2.2.1 – Queues			✓						
2.3.1 – Stacks		✓							✓
2.4.1 – Graphs						✓			
2.5.1 – Trees					✓				✓
2.6.1 – Hash tables								✓	
2.7.1 – Dictionaries								✓	
3.1.1 – Graph-traversal					✓				
3.2.1 – Tree-traversal					✓				✓
3.3.1 – Reverse Polish Notation									✓
3.4.1 – Linear search	✓							✓	
3.4.2 – Binary search	✓								
3.5.1 – Bubble sort		✓							
3.5.2 – Merge sort		✓							
3.6.1 – Dijkstra's shortest path						✓			

## EXERCISE 1 – SEARCHING ALGORITHMS

This is a simple program that provides two functions which, when given an integer, return the index of that number (if it is in the list). The first function uses a linear search algorithm, while the second function uses a binary search algorithm.

A program designed to test these functions is shown below and is provided electronically to understand what is happening in the program, before attempting the questions.

```
1  x = 4
2
3  def linearSearch(searchList, searchVal):
4      for i in searchList:
5          if i == searchVal:
6              return i
7      return Value not found
8
9  def binarySearch(searchList, searchVal):
10     start = 0
11     end = len(searchList) - 1
12     while start <= end:
13         mid = (start + end) // 2
14         if searchList[mid] == searchVal:
15             return mid
16         elif searchList[mid] < searchVal:
17             start = mid
18         elif searchList[mid] > searchVal:
19             end = mid
20     return Value not found
21
22 searchList = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
23 print(linearSearch(searchList, x))
24 print(binarySearch(searchList, x))
25 input()
```



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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains a function call.

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A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains a global variable.

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A 3

Explain why, in a choice of both, a binary search is often preferably



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A 4

Explain why some lists are not searchable with a binary search algorithm

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A 5

The program as it stands does not run and produces a syntax error.  
Explain the cause of this error.

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A 6

The `linearSearch` function returns the incorrect index.  
Explain the cause of this error.



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A 7

The `binarySearch` function does not return if it tries to find the final  
Explain the cause of this error.

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A 8

Explain what is meant by the *time complexity* of an algorithm.



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**A 9**

State the time complexity of the linear search and binary search algo

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**A 10**

The binary search algorithm can be implemented using recursion.  
Explain why a recursive version of the binary search algorithm may not





## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program to remove the syntax error.

Program updated ☐

**B** **2**

Modify the program so that the `linearSearch` function returns the

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the program so that the `binarySearch` function returns every element in the given list.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program to add a `recursiveBinarySearch` function that returns an index for the start of the list and uses binary search to return the index of the element (or returns the string "Value not found" otherwise). This function and the main program procedure should be updated to call this procedure and return the result.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the program to add a `getVal` function that asks the user for a value and returns an integer. This function should take no arguments and be able to handle invalid input. The main program procedure should be updated to call this function and use the search algorithms.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the program to add a `generateList` function that is given a value and returns an ordered list of all positive integers from 1 to the given value. The main program procedure should be updated to call this procedure to create the `list` variable.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

Modify the program to compare the time efficiency of the `linearSearch` and `binarySearch` functions. The `linearSearch` and `binarySearch` functions should be modified to take a `count` variable that increments by 1 every time a new element is checked, and return the `count` value is found, or when it has been determined that the search value is not in the list.

A test function should be added that takes two integer values, `n` for the number of tests, and returns the average result of `tests` calls of `linearSearch` and `binarySearch` on lists generated by `generateList` of length `n`.

The main program procedure should be modified to call `test` for lists of length 10,000 and 100,000, performing 1,000 tests for each, and display how much time it took in comparison to `binarySearch` on average for lists of the given length.

Program updated ☐

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## EXERCISE 2 – SORTING ALGORITHMS

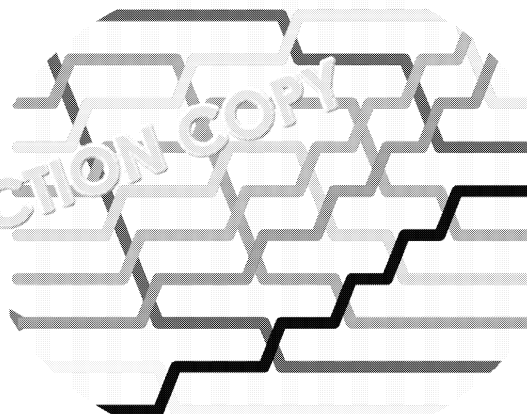
This is a simple program that provides two functions that, when given an integer list, sort it in ascending order. The first function uses a bubble sort algorithm to sort the given list, and the second function uses a merge sort algorithm.

A program designed to test these functions is shown below and is provided electronically. You are to run the program, and then attempt the questions that follow to understand what is happening in the program.

```
1 def bubbleSort(sortList):
2     sorted = True
3     while not sorted:
4         sorted = True
5         for i in range(len(sortList) - 1):
6             if sortList[i] > sortList[i+1]:
7                 sortList[i] = sortList[i+1]
8                 sortList[i+1] = sortList[i]
9                 sorted = False
10    return sortList
11
12 def mergeSort(sortList):
13     mid = len(sortList) // 2
14     leftHalf = sortList[:mid]
15     rightHalf = sortList[mid:]
16     if len(sortList) > 1:
17         mergeSort(leftHalf)
18         mergeSort(rightHalf)
19
20
21 numList = []
22 for i in range(10):
23     print("Add an integer number to the list: ")
24     numList.append(int(input()))
25 print("Bubble sort given:")
26 print(numList)
27 print("Bubble sort returns")
28 print(bubbleSort(numList))
29 input()
```

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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains a parameter.

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A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains recursion.

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A 3

Define `len`.



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A 4

The program does not run and produces a syntax error.

Explain the cause of this syntax error.

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A 5

When the `bubbleSort` function is called, the program gets stuck in a loop.

Explain the cause of this logic error.

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A 6

When swapping elements that are in the wrong order, the `bubbleSort` function swaps the second element in the pair to the first element in the pair.

State the type of error this is, and explain the cause of the error.

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A 7

Currently, the program crashes if the user enters a non-integer value `val` to the list. This could be prevented by implementing exception handling.

Explain what exception handling is and why it is necessary.

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A 8

The merge sort algorithm is an example of a divide-and-conquer algorithm. Explain what a 'divide-and-conquer' algorithm is.

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A 9



What is the time complexity of the bubble sort and merge sort algorithms?

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A 10

As well as taking different amounts of time, different algorithms also use different amounts of space in memory. Explain which of the two sorting algorithms has the lowest space complexity.

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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program to remove the syntax error.

Program updated ☐

**B** **2**

Modify the program so that the `bubbleSort` function does not get stuck.

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the program so that `bubbleSort` correctly swaps elements that are out of order.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program so that the program does not crash if the user enters a non-integer. The program should prompt the user to enter a number, and if the user enters a non-integer, it should prompt them to enter a valid integer. The input should terminate once they enter a blank (just press the enter key).

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Currently, the code that asks the user to enter the numbers in the list is part of the `main` function, and so cannot be easily reused.

Modify the program so that this code is moved into a new `getList` function, which takes no arguments and returns the resulting list. `getList` should be called in the `main` function. The program should stop asking for input when a 'blank' number is entered (i.e. the user just presses the enter key).

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the `getList` function so that the user can enter any number of numbers, separated by commas (e.g. [1, 4, 5, 7, 14, 12]) to give their entire list at once. The user should still have the option to enter numbers one at a time, ending with a blank line.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

The `bubbleSort` function checks every element of the list for each pass, even the elements that it knows have been correctly sorted in the previous pass.

Modify the `bubbleSort` function so that, after each pass, the number of elements to be checked is reduced so that elements that will not need to be swapped again are not checked.

Program updated ☐

**B** **8**

The `mergeSort` function is currently incomplete.

Complete the `mergeSort` function so that it performs a full merge sort on the list. The `mergeSort` function should be tested in the `main` function. The `bubbleSort` function should be tested in the `main` function.

Program updated ☐

**B** **9**

Modify the program to compare the efficiency of the `bubbleSort` and `mergeSort` functions. The `bubbleSort` and `mergeSort` functions should be modified to return the number of swaps that are made, and returns swaps once the list is sorted.

A `test` function should be added that takes an integer value, `n`, for the number of swaps made by `bubbleSort` in comparison to `mergeSort`. The `test` function should generate randomly generated integers (between 1 and 100) of length `n`. The `main` function should call `test` three times, using 10, 100 and 1,000 as the value of `n`.

Program updated ☐

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## EXERCISE 3 – TOWERS OF HANOI

*Towers of Hanoi* is a game in which there are three towers and a number of different-sized discs. At the start of the game, all of the discs are placed in the same tower in size order, with the largest disc at the bottom and the smallest disc at the top. The aim of the game is to move all of the discs to the right-hand tower while following three rules:

1. Only one disc can be moved at a time.
2. A disc cannot be moved if there are any discs on top of it.
3. Discs can only be placed on empty towers or on top of larger discs.

A simple program that sets up a game of *Towers of Hanoi* is shown below (and is provided in the code and PDF files) to help you understand what is happening in the program, before attempting to write your own.

```
1 class Tower():
2     def __init__(self, number, startingDiscs):
3         self.__towerNumber = number
4         self.__discs = []
5         for disc in startingDiscs:
6             self.__discs.append(disc)
7
8     def checkTower(self):
9         return self.__discs
10
11    def removeDisc(self):
12        return self.__discs.pop(-1)
13
14    def addDisc(self, disc):
15        self.__discs.append(disc)
16
17 class Game():
18     def __init__(self, noOfDiscs):
19         discs = [disc for disc in range(noOfDiscs,0,-1)]
20         self.towerOne = Tower(1, discs)
21         self.towerTwo = Tower(2)
22         self.towerThree = Tower(3)
23
24     def move(self, startTower, endTower):
25         disc = startTower.removeDisc()
26         endTowerDiscs = endTower.checkTower()
27         if not endTowerDiscs == []:
28             endTopDisc = endTowerDiscs[len(endTowerDiscs) - 1]
29             if (not disc == None) and disc < endTopDisc:
30                 endTower.addDisc(disc)
31                 print("Disc moved!")
32                 print()
33
34     def getMove(self):
35         print("Which tower would you like to remove a disc from?")
36         startTower = input()
37         print()
38         print("Which tower would you like to move this disc to?")
39         endTower = input()
40         print()
41         if startTower == "1" or startTower.lower == "one":
42             startTower = self.towerOne
43         elif startTower == "2" or startTower.lower == "two":
44             startTower = self.towerTwo
45         elif startTower == "3" or startTower.lower == "three":
46             startTower = self.towerThree
47         if endTower == "1" or endTower.lower == "one":
48             endTower = self.towerOne
49         elif endTower == "2" or endTower.lower == "two":
50             endTower = self.towerTwo
51         elif endTower == "3" or endTower.lower == "three":
52             endTower = self.towerThree
53         self.move(startTower, endTower)
54
55 game = Game(5)
56 while True:
57     game.getMove()
```

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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains a constructor.

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A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains a local variable.

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A 3



can only be removed from or added to the end of a tower's list of discs. Explain the data structure which represents this behaviour and describe how you would implement it. of that data structure.

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A 4

The program encounters an error when the Game class tries to instantiate a new Tower object. Explain the cause of this error.

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A 5



The program does not accept "ONE", "TWO" or "THREE" as valid input for the number of discs. Explain the cause of this error.

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A 6

The program will crash if the player tries to take and move a disc from a tower that does not have any discs. Explain the cause of this error.

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A 7

The program will crash if the player tries to take and move a disc to a tower that does not have any discs. Explain the cause of this error.



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A 8

Explain the purpose of the code `return self.__discs.pop(-1)`

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A 9

The program uses multiple classes for encapsulation.  
Explain the meaning of encapsulation.



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A 10

Explain why encapsulation is useful.

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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program so that it does not encounter an error when the `Game` class is initialized with `towerTwo` and `towerThree`.

Program updated ☐

**B** **2**

Modify the program so that it accepts "ONE", "TWO" and "THREE" as valid tower names.

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the program so that it does not crash if the player tries to move a disc from a tower that does not have any discs.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program so that it does not crash if the player tries to move a disc from a tower that does not have any discs.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the program to add an `__str__` method in the `Tower` class that returns a string that states the number of the tower and the discs that the tower contains. Also, add a `display` method in the `Game` class that prints out each tower in the game. The main procedure should call the `display` procedure before getting each move from the player.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the `move` procedure so that when the player tries to make an invalid move, it prints a message to the tower from which it was taken (if a disc was taken) and a message to the tower to which it was moved that they have entered an invalid move.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

Modify the `move` procedure so that the `move` procedure is only called if the player enters a valid move, or otherwise displays a message to say that the move is invalid.

Program updated ☐

**B** **8**

Modify the program to add a `checkWon` function in the `Game` class that returns `True` if the game has been successfully completed, or otherwise returns `False`. The main procedure should use this function to end the game once it has been won, and print a message to tell the player that they have completed the game. The program should also have the `while True:` loop changed to use a `while` loop that is based on the return value as `while True` loops should be avoided where possible.

Program updated ☐

**B** **9**

The minimum number of moves needed to complete the game is  $2^n - 1$ , where  $n$  is the number of discs. So a game with three discs can be completed in seven moves, a game with four discs in fifteen moves, etc.

Modify the program to add an `autoSolve` procedure that automatically solves the game in the minimum number of moves. The main procedure should call `autoSolve` instead of `getMove`, and, once the game is completed, the program should print the number of moves taken, along with a message that states whether or not the game was completed in the minimum number of moves.

Program updated ☐

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## EXERCISE 4 – SORTING QUEUES

This is a simple program that contains subroutines to create an implementation of a queue – a data structure where the first element to be stored is the first element to be accessed.

The queue has been implemented as a linked list, i.e. a list that is made up of individual elements connected by pointers. The program can add values to a queue, and display the elements of the queue in the order in which they were added to it.

Study the code (shown below and is provided electronically) and try to understand the program before attempting the questions that follow.

```
1 class Node():
2     def __init__(self, value, index):
3         self.value = value
4         self.index = index
5         self.nextNode = None
6
7 class Queue():
8     def __init__(self):
9         self.__startNode = None
10
11     def addValue(self, value):
12         if self.startNode == None:
13             newNode = Node(value, 0)
14         else:
15             currentNode = self.startNode
16             while currentNode.nextNode == None:
17                 currentNode = currentNode.nextNode
18             newNode = Node(value, currentNode.index + 1)
19             currentNode.nextNode = newNode
20
21     def displayQueue(self):
22         currentNode = self.__startNode
23         while currentNode != None:
24             print("Node " + str(currentNode.index + 1) + " contains")
25             print("Value: " + str(currentNode.value))
26             print("Index: " + str(currentNode.index))
27             print()
28             currentNode = currentNode.nextNode
29
30 queue = Queue()
31 queue.addValue(1)
32 queue.addValue(4)
33 queue.addValue(2)
34 queue.addValue(5)
35 queue.addValue(7)
36 queue.displayQueue()
37 input()
```

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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains a class declaration

A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains string concatenation

A 3

A queue is one type of data structure; a stack is another type.  
Explain the difference between a queue and a stack.

A 4

The program encounters an error when the `addValue` procedure tries to access the `startNode` attribute.  
Explain the cause of this error.

A 5

The `displayQueue` procedure fails to run when it is called.  
Explain the cause of this error.

A 6

The `addValue` procedure fails to add new values to the queue.  
Explain the cause of this error.

A 7

The queue is implemented as a linked list.  
Explain the advantage of using a linked list instead of a fixed-length array.

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**A 8**

Describe how to remove an element from a linked list.

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**A 9**

Queues can be implemented in different ways: for example, as a circular queue. Explain what a circular queue is.



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**A 10**

Explain what type of queue is used in the program, and how you can check if a queue is empty.



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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program so that it does not encounter an error when the `displayQueue` procedure checks the queue's `startNode` attribute.

Program updated ☐

**B** **2**

Modify the program so that the `displayQueue` procedure runs correctly.

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the program so that the `addValue` procedure adds new values correctly.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the `Node` class to add a public `previousNode` attribute that points to the previous node object in the queue. The `Node` constructor should reset the value of `previousNode`. The `addValue` procedure should be modified to set the value of the `previousNode` attribute for each new node that is added to the queue.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the `addValue` function so that when a node is added to the queue, the nodes are in numerical order in the queue (so if the queue is currently `[1, 4]` and the value `2` is added, the queue becomes `[1, 2, 4]`). The `nextNode` and `previousNode` attributes of each node should be updated appropriately. No modifications should be made to any other part of the program.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the program to add a `removeValue` function that is given an integer value. It removes the first node in the queue that has the same value as the given value. If no such node is found, a message should be displayed to say that no nodes have been removed. The `displayQueue` procedure should be updated to reflect the changes. The `addValue` procedure should be modified to remove the value '2' from the queue.

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## EXERCISE 5 – DRAUGHTS

*Draughts* is a two-player game in which each player has a set of either black tokens or red tokens placed on an 8 x 8 grid. Players take it in turns to move one of their pieces diagonally forwards.

If there is an opposing token in a grid square diagonally forwards from the player's piece, they can jump over that token – and the position behind that token is empty – and remove the token from the game. The aim of the game is to remove all of the opposing player's tokens.

A simple program that simulates a game of draughts is shown below (and is provided and try to understand what is happening in the program, before attempting the questions).

```
1 class Board():
2     def __init__(self):
3         self.__board = [[None]*8 for i in range(8)]
4         self.setUp()
5
6     def display(self):
7         firstLine = "  "
8
9         for c in range(8):
10             firstLine += ("| " + c + " ")
11
12         firstLine += "|"
13         print(firstLine)
14         print("-"*((5*8)+4))
15         for r in range(8):
16             print(" " + str(r) + " ", end='')
17             for x in self.__board[r]:
18                 if x == None:
19                     y = " "
20                 else:
21                     if x.king:
22                         y = x.getColour() + "(K)"
23                     else:
24                         y = " " + x.getColour() + " "
25             print("|" + y, end="")
26             print("|")
27             print("-"*((5*8)+4))
28         print()
29
30     def setUp(self):
31         for c in range(8):
32             for r in range(8):
33                 colour = ""
34                 if r == 0 or r == 1 or r == 2:
35                     colour = "R"
36                 elif r == 5 or r == 6 or r == 7:
37                     colour = "B"
38                 if r % 2 == 0 and c % 2 == 0 or r % 2 == 1 and c % 2 == 1:
39                     if not colour:
40                         self.__board[r][c] = Piece(colour)
41
42 class Piece():
43     def __init__(self, colour):
44         self.__colour = colour
45         self.king = False
46
47     def getColour(self):
48         return self.__colour
49
50 board = Board()
51 board.display()
```

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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains a private attribute.

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A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains a public attribute.

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A 3

Explain why a private attribute may be made public instead of private.



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A 4

The keyword `self` is used throughout the program.

State what a class is referring to when using this keyword.

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A 5

The program does not run and produces a syntax error.

Explain the cause of this error.

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A 6



Which keys are placed on the board when the `setUp` procedure is run.

What is the cause of this error.

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A 7

The value `8` is hard-coded into the `Board` class to represent the size of the board.

Explain why this is considered bad practice and what should be used instead.

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A 8

A new `King` class could be created that inherits the `Piece` class.  
Explain what inheritance is and why it is useful.

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in the difference between functions, procedures and methods.

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A 10

A `Board` object is created on line 50.  
Explain the difference between an object and a class.



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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program to remove the syntax error.

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**B** **2**

Modify the program so that tokens are placed on the board when the

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**B** **3**

Modify the program to add a `size` attribute to the `Board` class. The value should be set to 8 in the constructor, and the `size` attribute should be used in place of 8 throughout the `Board` class.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program to add a `pieceAt` function in the `Board` class that takes a row and a column from the board) as input and returns the piece at that position.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the program to add a `validMove` function in the `Board` class that takes two integers (a start position and an end position on the board) and a player colour as input. It should return `True` if the player of the given colour can move a piece from the given start position to the end position. The rules of movement are as follows: a player can only move a piece one space in a straight diagonal line either one space (if that space is empty) or two spaces (if the one space diagonally on from the start position contains an opposing piece); non-king red pieces can only move down; and non-king black pieces can move either up or down; kings can move to a position one space in any direction.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the `main` function to add a `getMove` function that asks the user for a move (a start position and an end position) and checks whether a valid move has been given. If the move is valid, a message should be displayed to say that the move was successful, and two integers (the start and end positions) should be returned. Otherwise, a message should be displayed to say the move was invalid, and the user should be asked for new input. This function should be called from the `main` function.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

Modify the program to add a `movePiece` function that takes two lists (a start position and an end position on the board) and moves the piece at the start position to the end position. The function should remove from the board any pieces that are taken, and should return `True` if a piece is taken, or `False` otherwise.

Program updated ☐

**B** **8**

Modify the program to add a `checkWon` function that returns the player who has won (if the game has been won), or returns an empty string if neither player has won. The `main` function should be modified to run in a loop that takes turns getting input from the user, checking for a valid move, moving the piece, and checking if a player has won. If a player has won, displaying the start of the board before each move, and saying which player has won. At the end of the game, a message should be displayed to say which player has won.

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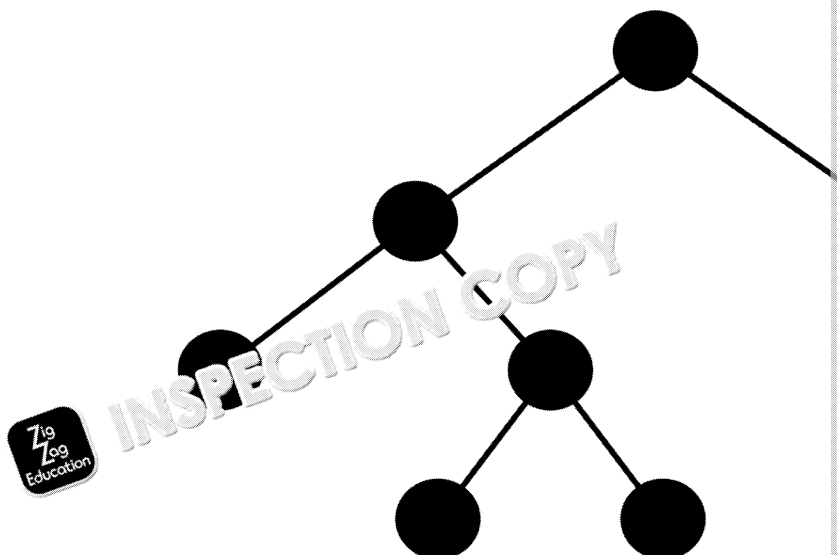


## EXERCISE 6 – TREE TRAVERSAL

This is a simple program that creates a binary tree with set values.

Study the code (shown provided below and is provided electronically) and try to understand the program, before attempting the questions that follow.

```
1 class Node():
2     def __init__(self, value, left = None):
3         self.value = value
4         self.left = left
5
6 class Tree():
7     def __init__(self):
8         self.__rootNode = self.createBalancedTree()
9
10    def createBalancedTree(self):
11        node1 = Node(1)
12        node2 = Node(2, node1)
13        node4 = Node(4)
14        node3 = Node(3, node2, node4)
15        node6 = Node(6)
16        node8 = Node(8)
17        node7 = Node(7, node6, node8)
18        node5 = Node(5, 3, node7)
19        return node5
20
21    tree = Tree()
22    print(tree.rootNode.value)
23    print(tree.rootNode.right.value)
24    print(tree.rootNode.left.value)
25    input()
```



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## SECTION A

1

Give a line number from the program that contains a procedure.

**2**

Give a line number from the program that contains instantiation.

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Draw the figure that is created by the program.



4

The tree created by the program is a binary tree.

**7.9** In the difference between a binary tree and a multi-branch tree.



**5**

The program encounters an error when trying to display the value of t. Explain the cause of this error.

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The program encounters an error when trying to display the value of `total`. Explain the cause of this error.



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**A 7**

The program encounters an error when trying to display the value of `t`.  
Explain the cause of this error.

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**A 8**

Explain the purpose of the code `left = None` on line 2 of the program.

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**A 9**

Write the tree values as they would be returned in a depth-first (post-order) traversal.

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**A 10**

Write the tree values as they would be returned in a breadth-first tree traversal.

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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program so that it does not encounter an error when it tries to access the root node.

Program updated ☐

**B** **2**

Modify the program so that it does not encounter an error when it tries to access a node's right child node.

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the program so that it does not encounter an error when it tries to access a node's left child node.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program to add a `depthFirstSearch` function that takes a `rootNode` as input and performs a depth-first (postorder) tree traversal from that root node. The main procedure should be modified to call the `depthFirstSearch` function using the `rootNode` variable. Each value should be displayed in the order in which it is checked.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the program to add a `breadthFirstSearch` function that takes a `rootNode` as input and performs a breadth-first tree traversal from that root node. The main procedure should be modified to call the `breadthFirstSearch` function using the `rootNode` variable. Each value should be displayed in the order in which it is checked.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the `Tree` constructor and `createBalancedTree` function so that they take a sorted list of numbers as input and create a balanced binary search tree. The `createBalancedTree` function should return the root node. The main procedure should be modified to construct a `Tree` object with the list `[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]` and perform a depth-first and breadth-first traversal on this tree.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

Modify the program to add a `binarySearch` function in the `Tree` class that takes a `rootNode` as input, and performs a binary tree search to find the given value in a balanced binary search tree. The function should return a message to state whether or not the given value is in the tree being searched, the number of elements that were checked, and returns the node with the given value (or `None` if the value is not found). The main procedure should be modified to call the `binarySearch` function on the tree created from the list `[1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8]` to search for the value 5.

Program updated ☐

**B** **8**

Modify the program to add a `removeNode` procedure in the `Tree` class that takes a `rootNode` and a value as input, searches for this value using the `binarySearch` function, and removes the node. The parent of the removed node should be made to point to one of the removed node's children (if there are two, it should point to the left child). If the removed node is the root node, the left child node should point to the right child node. The main procedure should be modified to remove the value 2 from the tree, and then perform a binary search for the value 5.

Program updated ☐

**B** **9**

Modify the program to add an `addNode` procedure in the `Tree` class that takes a `rootNode` and a value as input, and adds this to the tree in the correct place. Note that you should use the `binarySearch` method in the `Node` class to traverse the tree to the correct place. The main program should be modified to add the values 9, 10, and 11 to the tree, and then perform a binary search for the values 9–15.

Program updated ☐

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## EXERCISE 7 – DIJKSTRA'S SHORTEST PATH

This is a simple program that contains subroutines to create a graph from a given list of nodes and edges, and to take any given node in the graph and find the closest connected node.

A program designed to test these functions is shown below (and is provided electronically). Study the code and try to understand what is happening in the program, before attempting the questions that follow.

```
1  class Graph():
2      def __init__(self, nodes, edges):
3          self.nodes = nodes
4          self.edges = edges
5
6      def closestNode(self, currentNode, paths):
7          startRow = ord(currentNode) - 65
8
9          for edge in self.edges:
10             if edge[0] == currentNode:
11                 endRow = ord(edge[1]) - 65
12                 if paths[endRow][1] == None or paths[endRow][1] > paths[startRow][1]:
13                     paths[endRow][1] = edge[2] + paths[startRow][1]
14                     paths[endRow][2] = currentNode
15
16             nextNode = ''
17             shortestDistance = 0
18             for edge in self.edges:
19                 shortestDistance = shortestDistance + edge[2]
20             for node in paths:
21                 if node[1] != None and node[1] < shortestDistance:
22                     shortestDistance = node[1]
23                     nextNode = node[0]
24
25             return nextNode
26
27  nodes = ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', 'F']
28  edges = [['A', 'B', 12], ['A', 'C', 6], ['A', 'E', 13],
29           ['B', 'F', 1], ['C', 'D', 3], ['D', 'E', 2], ['E', 'F', 4]]
30  graph = Graph(nodes, edges)
31  paths = []
32  for node in nodes:
33      paths.append([node, None, None])
34  startNode = 'A'
35  paths[ord(startNode) - 65][1] = 0
36  print(graph.closestNode(startNode, paths))
```

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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains iteration.

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A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains an attribute.

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A 3

The attributes of the Graph class are public.



What is a public attribute, and explain why an attribute may be public.

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A 4

The code contains no comments, and the purpose of some of the code is not immediately clear to anyone who sees it.

Write suitable comments to describe what is happening on the following lines of code.

Line 7: .....

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Lines 9–11:

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Lines 20–23: .....

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A 5

When the program tries to run, there are two syntax errors that it encounters. State the cause of both of these syntax errors.

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A 6

The `closestNode` function returns the start node that it is given instead of the closest node.  
Explain the cause of this error.

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A 7

The `closestNode` function doesn't return a node when given the input node.  
Explain the cause of this error.



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A 8

The program defines a graph data structure. A tree is a specific type of graph.  
Explain what a graph data structure is and what the features of a tree are.

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A 9

The `closestNode` function can be used as part of an implementation of Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm.  
Explain the purpose of Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm.



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A 10

Describe how Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm works.

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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program to remove the syntax errors.

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**B** **2**

Modify the program so that the `closestNode` function returns the closest start node that it is given.

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the program to correct the error that means that the `closestNode` function is given the input 'F'. The main procedure should be modified to make it

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the `closestNode` function so that before the closest node is returned, a two-dimensional list is printed on a separate line. The value of `startNode` should be set to 'A'.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the `Graph` function so that the `nodes` and `edges` attributes are returned by a `getNodes` function and a `getEdges` function that return the nodes and edges respectively. Explain the benefit of this modification.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the `Graph` class to add a `pathExists` function that takes two nodes and returns `True` when the given nodes both exist in the graph, or returns `False` if that lists any nodes given that do not exist in the graph.

Modify the main procedure to call and print the result of the `pathExists` function with a startNode of 'A' and an endNode of 'F'.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

Modify the program to add a `shortestPath` function that takes a graph and two nodes and uses Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm to find and return the series of nodes between the two given nodes (if the given nodes exist in the graph).

The `closestNode` function should be modified to take a list of visited nodes, which should be used to make sure that only the shortest path is checked. The `closestNode` function should also return the values of the nodes visited.

The main procedure should be modified to call the `shortestPath` function with the start and end nodes respectively, and print the result of the shortest path.

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## EXERCISE 8 – BOMB SEARCH

*Bomb Search* is a single-player game in which a number of 'bombs' are placed in random locations on a grid. The player must turn over tiles on the grid until either they turn over a tile containing a bomb (losing the game), or they turn over all tiles except those that contain bombs (winning the game)

A simple program that sets up a game of *Bomb Search* is shown below (and is provided electronically). Study the code carefully to understand what is happening in the program, before attempting the questions that follow.

```
1 class Board:
2     def __init__(self, size, bombs):
3         self.__size = size
4         self.__bombs = bombs
5         self.__board = [[None]*self.__size for i in range(self.__size)]
6         self.setUp()
7
8     def setUp(self):
9         for r in self.__size:
10             for c in self.__size:
11                 self.__board[r][c] = Tile()
12
13     def display(self):
14         firstLine = " "
15         for c in range(self.__size):
16             firstLine += ("| " + str(c) + " ")
17         firstLine += "|"
18         print(firstLine)
19         print("-"*((4*self.__size)+4))
20         for r in range(self.__size):
21             print(" " + str(r) + " ", end='')
22             for x in self.__board[r]:
23                 if x.isBomb:
24                     y = " B "
25                 else:
26                     y = " " + str(x.adjBombs) + " "
27                 print("|" + y, end="")
28             print("|")
29             print("-"*((4*self.__size)+4))
30         print()
31
32     def getMove(self):
33         valid = False
34         while not valid:
35             print("Which tile would you like to reveal? (row, column)")
36             locStr = input()
37             print()
38             try:
39                 loc = []
40                 loc.append(int(locStr[0]))
41                 loc.append(int(locStr[2]))
42                 valid = True
43             except:
44                 print("That is not a valid move.")
45         return loc
46
47 class Tile:
48     def __init__(self, bomb):
49         self.isBomb = False
50         self.adjBombs = 0
51         self.revealed = False
52
53 board = Board(5, 5)
54 board.display()
55 input()
```

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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains exception handling

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A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains a method.

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A 3

Explain the purpose of the code `str(x.adjBombs)` on line 26 of the



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A 4

Explain the purpose of the following line of code (line 11):

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self.__board[r][c] = Tile()
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A 5

There is redundant code in the `Tile` constructor.  
Explain which of the lines in the `Tile` constructor is unnecessary.



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A 6

The program crashes when the `setUp` procedure tries to loop through  
Explain the cause of this error.

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A 7

The `getMove` function uses a try-except statement.  
Explain why and how try-except statements are used.



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**A 8**

The `loc` variable declared on line 39 is a list.  
Explain the difference between a list and an array.

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**A 9**



in your view or not it would be suitable to use an array instead of a

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**A 10**

Line 45 returns the `loc` list which contains two integer values.  
Write the code that would return the two separate integers instead of

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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program to remove the redundant code on line 48.

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**B** **2**

Modify the program so that it does not crash during the `setUp` procedure.

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the `setUp` procedure to add a number of bombs to the board's `bombs` attribute. The bombs should be placed in random positions.



Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program to add a `checkForBombs` procedure that takes a tile as an integer, and increases the value of the `adjBombs` attribute of the tile by one for each bomb adjacent to (in the eight squares surrounding it) the tile. This should be run in the `setUp` procedure for each tile on the board after the bombs are placed.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the `display` procedure so that tiles that have not been revealed on the board are displayed.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the program to add a `reveal` function that gets a move from the player (a row and column), reveals the given tile, if it has not yet been revealed, and returns `True` if the tile was revealed, or `False` otherwise. If a player tries to reveal a tile that has already been revealed, an appropriate message should be displayed to tell the player that they have already revealed that tile. The `display` procedure should be modified to continually display the state of the board after each reveal.



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**B** **7**

Modify the program to add a `gameWon` function that returns `True` if the player has revealed all non-bomb tiles, except those containing bombs, and returns `False` otherwise. The main loop should be modified so that the game ends when the player reveals all of the non-bomb tiles, or when the player reveals a bomb (and loses). An appropriate message should be displayed to tell the player whether the player has won or lost.

Program updated ☐

**B** **8**

Modify the `reveal` function so that all of the tiles around it are revealed if the tile is revealed. The modification should involve the creation of a `revealAll` function that takes a row and column of the tile around which all tiles are to be revealed. This should be called from the `reveal` function. This should also have an `adjBombs` value that is passed to the `revealAll` function.

Program updated ☐



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## EXERCISE 9 – DICTIONARIES AND HASH TABLES

An organisation is currently storing a list of its members' information. The organisation has decided to change the list into a data structure (whose data they need to store, and so have decided to change the list into a data structure looking up data).

A simple program that stores a list of the organisation's members' information is shown below (written electronically). Study the code and try to understand what is happening in the program. Answer the questions that follow.

```
1 size = 19
2
3 tab = {}
4 for i in range(size):
5     tab.append({})
6
7 def addMember(number, name, postcode, memberList):
8     memberList.append([number, name, postcode])
9
10 members = [ [123, "Robin", "AB4"],
11              [124, "Nguyen", "HD12"],
12              [125, "Jev", "L18"],
13              [126, "Will", "OX5"],
14              [127, "Lily", "CH3"],
15              [128, "Jonny", "YO12"],
16              [129, "Clara", "BS1"],
17              [130, "Callum", "BA1"]
18          ]
19
20 addMember(131, "Mirsten", "SE2", members)
21 for member in members:
22     print(member[0], member[1], member[2])
23 input()
```



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## SECTION A

A 1

Give a line number from the program that contains a global variable.

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A 2

Give a line number from the program that contains a list declaration.

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A 3

Explain why it is good practice to create and use the `addMember` procedure instead of manually appending the new data to the `members` list on line 20.



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A 4

The `members` list could instead be implemented as a dictionary. Describe what a dictionary is.

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A 5

Explain why you might decide to use a dictionary to store data.



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A 6

The program does not run and produces a runtime error. Explain the cause of this error.

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A 7

The `table` variable has been set up so that it can be used as a hash table for storing member information.

Explain how data is stored in a hash table.



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A 8

The unique number given to each member can be used as the input for

a) Explain what a hash function is.

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b) How would the hash function work if the member IDs contained letters?



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c) Although primary keys for data are unique, it is often the case that they generate collisions. Explain why this is the case and why it is necessary to handle collisions.

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A 9

Compare and contrast the use of a dictionary and a hash table for storing data.



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The names and postcodes of all members will be stored in the hash table using the following function:  $(\text{memberNumber} * \text{memberNumber}) \% \text{size}$

Draw the contents of this hash table once the data from the members has been entered (including the new entry added on line 20). One entry has been given.

Hash Table Location	First Entry	Second Entry
table[0]		
table[1]		
table[2]		
table[3]		
table[4]		
table[5]	[123, "Robin", "AB4"]	
table[6]		
table[7]		
table[8]		
table[9]		
table[10]		
table[11]		
table[12]		
table[13]		
table[14]		
table[15]		
table[16]		
table[17]		
table[18]		

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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the program to remove the runtime error.

Program updated ☐

**B** **2**

Modify the program to add a `createDictionary` function that takes a list of members as argument and returns a dictionary to hold them as `membersDictionary`. The dictionary should have the membership number as the key for the dictionary and another dictionary with the member's "name" and "postcode" for the remaining details. Modify the program to call this function and store the result in the variable `membersDictionary`. Use the dictionary to check that it is correct.



Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Create a `displayDictionary` procedure that takes two parameters, `membersDictionary` and the second being the `sortField`. Display the dictionary in a format ordered in ascending order by the `sortField` which could take the value of "name" or "postcode". Modify the main program so that, in addition to printing the dictionary, the `displayDictionary` procedure three times, once with each possible value of `sortField`.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program to add a `getHash` function that takes a membership number and returns a hash value calculated by the formula: `memberNumber * memberNumber`. Modify the main program to return value of `getHash` for all of the membership numbers.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Change the data type of the membership number to string by adding the member's name to the start of their membership number. Update the `membersDictionary` to reflect this. Update the `getHash` function to a new algorithm that takes the membership number and the member's name as arguments. The formula for the hash is: `(memberNumber * asciiValueOfMemberLetter) % size`. Print out the hash for all of the membership numbers.



Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the program to add a `createHash` function that has `membersDictionary` as a parameter and returns a hash table containing the members, using the `getHash` function to determine the position in the list and storing each member inside a dictionary within the hash table. The hash table should have multiple entries if multiple members are hashed to the same location.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

Modify the program to add an `addMemberHash` procedure that will take a membership number, name and postcode and add a member to the hash table. Add a loop to the main program to add members to the hash table using your new procedure. After the loop, print out the hash table.

Program updated ☐

**B** **8**

Modify the program to add a `removeMemberHash` procedure that will take a membership number, and delete the entry from the hash table for that membership number. Modify the main program to call `removeMemberHash` from the hash table using your new procedure, and then print out the hash table.



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## EXERCISE 10 – REVERSE POLISH

Mathematical expressions are usually written in 'infix' notation, meaning that operators use the values on either side of the operation. For example, the expression '2 + 2' is evaluated by adding the value on the left of the '+' operator to the value on its right.

An alternative way of writing mathematical expressions is 'postfix' notation, also commonly known as Reverse Polish Notation (RPN). *in case you were wondering, 'Polish' reference to the nationality of Jan Łukasiewicz (pictured), who invented the notation in 1920.*

In RPN, the operator comes after the values it operates on, so the infix expression '2 + 2' would instead be written as '2 2 +'. RPN expressions are evaluated from left to right, so the expression '2 2 + \*' would be evaluated as follows:

**3 4 2 - \*** The (-) operator is reached and operates on the two operands that come before it.  
**3 2 \*** 4 2 - is simplified to its result, 2. The next operator (\*) operates on the two values before it.  
**6** 3 2 \* is then simplified to its result, 6.

Shown below (and provided electronically) is a program that gets an infix expression, splits the expression into separate elements, and converts the order of the elements from infix to postfix. Try running the code and try to understand what is happening in the program, before attempting to write your own.

```
1 operators = ['+', '-', '*', '/']
2
3 def getElements(expression):
4     elements = []
5     element = ""
6     expression = expression.strip()
7
8     for i in expression:
9         if i != " ":
10            element = element + i
11        else:
12            elements.append(element)
13            element = ""
14    valid = checkExpression(elements)
15    if valid:
16        return elements
17    else:
18        print("Invalid expression given!")
19        return []
20
21 def checkExpression(elements):
22     lastElement = None
23     for element in elements:
24         if isInt(element):
25             element = int(element)
26         else:
27             isOperator = False
28             for operator in operators:
29                 if element == operator:
30                     isOperator = True
31             if isOperator == False:
32                 return False
33         if isInt(lastElement):
34             if isInt(element):
35                 return False
36         else:
```

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```

37         if not isInt(element):
38             return False
39         lastElement = element
40     return True
41
42 def isInt(value):
43     try:
44         int(value)
45         return True
46     except:
47         return False
48
49 def infixToRPN(elements):
50     stack = []
51     opStack = []
52     for element in elements:
53         if isInt(element):
54             stack.append(element)
55         else:
56             if opStack != []:
57                 lastOp = opStack[-1]
58                 if opStack == [] or element == '(' or ((lastOp == '+' or lastOp == '-' or lastOp == '*' or lastOp == '/') and (element == '(' or element == ')')):
59                     opStack.append(element)
60                 elif element == ')':
61                     operator = None
62                     while operator != '(' and opStack != []:
63                         operator = opStack.pop()
64                     if operator != '(':
65                         stack.append(operator)
66                 else:
67                     if lastOp != '(':
68                         stack.append(lastOp)
69                         opStack.append(element)
70                     else:
71                         stack.append(element)
72     for i in range(len(opStack)):
73         stack.append(opStack.pop())
74     return stack
75
76 elements = getElements(input("Enter an expression: "))
77 elements = infixToRPN(elements)
78 print(elements)
79 input()

```

## SECTION A

**A 1** Give a line number from the program that contains a comparison operator.

.....

**A 2** Give a line number from the program that contains a substring operator.

.....

**A 3** Explain how the `isint` function determines whether or not the given



.....

.....

**A 4** Write the RPN form of the following infix expression:  $(3 + 2) * (4 - 1) /$

.....

.....

.....

**A 5** Write the infix form of the following RPN expression: `4 5 + 3 2 1 / - *`

.....



**A 6** The program currently does not always add the final operand given to  
Explain the cause of this error.

.....

.....

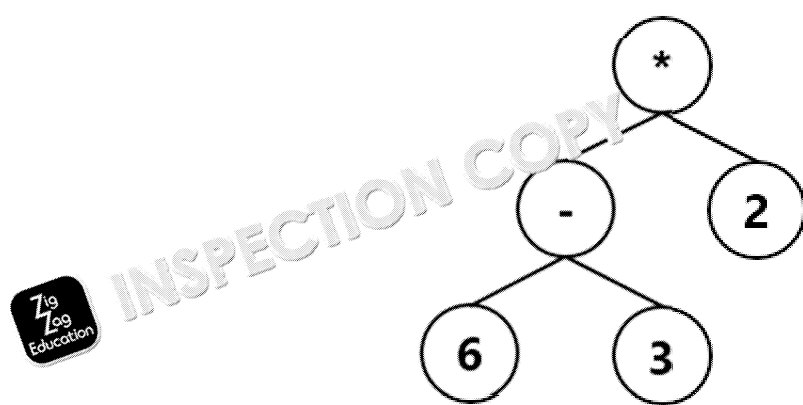
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A 7

Mathematical expressions can be represented as a binary tree, where a postorder traversal will produce the RPN expression, and an inorder tree traversal will produce the infix expression. Write the RPN expression produced by the following binary tree:



.....

.....

A 8

Write the infix expression produced by the binary tree in A7.

.....

.....

A 9

Draw the binary tree that is created by the following infix expression:  $6 - 3 * 2$

A 10

Draw the binary tree that is created by the following RPN expression:  $6 3 * 2 -$

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## SECTION B

**B** **1**

Modify the `getElements` function so that it always adds the final operator to the list of elements that it returns.

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**B** **2**

Modify the program so that it continually asks the user for input until the user enters a blank line.

Program updated ☐

**B** **3**

Modify the program so that the `checkExpression` function accepts a list of operators, providing a ')' operator is only placed after an '(' operator, the number of ')' operators does not exceed the number of '(' operators at any point when read left to right, and the final expression contains an equal number of '(' and ')' operators.

Program updated ☐

**B** **4**

Modify the program to add a `Node` class with the attributes `value`, `left`, and `right`, and a constructor that sets `value` to be equal to a given value, and sets `left` and `right` to be `None`. Also add an `ExpressionTree` class with the attribute `root`, with a `createTree` function that takes a list of elements for an RPN expression and uses this list to set `root` to be the root of the tree. The `ExpressionTree` class should contain a `showTree` function that returns the root node of the binary tree created from a given list of elements, and a `showTree` procedure that performs a breadth-first search of the tree on a separate line. The main program procedure should be modified to call `infixToRPN` and then call `showTree` for that tree.

Program updated ☐

**B** **5**

Modify the `ExpressionTree` class to add an `RPN` function that traverses the tree (using a breadth-first traversal) and returns the RPN expression that the tree represents as a string. The main program procedure should be modified to display the result of calling `RPN` for the tree.

Program updated ☐

**B** **6**

Modify the `ExpressionTree` class to add an `infix` function that traverses the tree (using a breadth-first traversal) and returns the infix expression that the tree represents as a string. The main program procedure should be modified to display the result of calling `infix` for the created tree.

Program updated ☐

**B** **7**

Modify the program to add a `removeExtraBrackets` function which removes any brackets that only surround a single integer, and the set of brackets is defined as '(', ')', '[', and ']'.

The main program procedure should be modified to display the result of calling `removeExtraBrackets` function on the result of the call to `infix`.

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**B** **8**

**Challenge Question (no solution provided).** Can you change the way the program is written so that they are flexible with spaces (i.e. no spaces required around operators)?

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## Answers

When studying the suggested answers for Section B tasks, it is important to remember of achieving the same outcome, and credit should be given for alternative solutions.

### EXERCISE 1 - SEARCHING ALGORITHMS

A 1

1 mark for giving a suitable example:

Line 11 / Line 3 / Line 24

A 2

1 mark for giving a suitable example:

Line 1

A 3

1 mark for explaining that binary search is more efficient / faster than

Binary search is usually more time efficient (takes less time to run) than

A 4

1 mark for explaining that binary search can only be performed on sorted

The list might be unsorted – a binary search requires the list to be sorted

A 5

1 mark for explaining the cause of the error:

There are no quotes surrounding *Value not found* on line 7 and line 8, so the individual words as variables instead of the sentence as a string.

A 6

1 mark for explaining the cause of the error:

The `linearSearch` function returns the value that has been found, not the location of that value.

A 7

Up to 2 marks for explaining the cause of the error:

The `binarySearch` function discards the values that come before/after the value checked (if the value is higher/lower than the search value), but not the value itself. This means that when there are only two elements at the end of the list left to be checked, no elements are discarded from the list, and the function repeats the process.

A 8

2 marks (1 mark for explaining that time complexity describes number of steps taken to run, 1 mark for explaining how time complexity relates to variables)

The time complexity of an algorithm is a description of the number of steps it takes to complete in relation to the size of the input given to the algorithm.

A 9

2 marks (1 mark for stating the time complexity of linear search; 1 mark for stating the time complexity of binary search):

Linear search has a time complexity of  $O(n)$ . Binary search has a time complexity of  $O(\log n)$ .

A 10

Up to 2 marks for explaining why recursion may not be suitable. For example:

Recursion may not be suitable for searching large lists because each recursive call creates a new stack frame which includes a copy of the list (or part of the list), and each call requires registers and local variables to be created, which could lead to the program running out of memory to store the lists. Additionally, many language/OS combinations have limits for this reason. All of this will generally make recursive solutions less efficient than iterative solutions.

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**B**

**1**

1 mark available for modifying the code as shown (or equivalent code)

```
7     return "Value not found"
...
20    return "Value not found"
```

**B**

**2**

1 mark available for modifying the code (as shown below or equivalent)

```
3 def linearSearch(searchList, searchVal):
4     for index, i in enumerate(searchList):
5         if i == searchVal:
6             return index
7     return "Value not found"
```

**B**

**3**

1 mark available for modifying the code (as shown below or equivalent)

```
11 def binarySearch(searchList, searchVal):
12     start = 0
13     end = len(searchList) - 1
14     while start <= end:
15         mid = (start + end) // 2
16         if searchList[mid] == searchVal:
17             return mid
18         elif searchList[mid] < searchVal:
19             start = mid + 1
20         elif searchList[mid] > searchVal:
21             end = mid - 1
22     return "Value not found"
```

**B**

**4**

5 marks available for modifying the code (as shown below or equivalent)

Marks could be awarded for:

- creating a recursiveBinarySearch function that takes a searchList and searchVal as input
- returning the correct index (in the original list) when the element is found
- returning "Value not found" if the element is not in the list
- recursively calling recursiveBinarySearch if another stage of the search is required
- modifying the main program procedure to display the result of the recursive search

```
22 def recursiveBinarySearch(searchList, searchVal, startIndex):
23     mid = len(searchList) // 2
24     if searchList[mid] == searchVal:
25         return mid + startIndex
26     elif len(searchList) == 1:
27         return "Value not found"
28     elif searchList[mid] < searchVal:
29         return recursiveBinarySearch(searchList, searchVal, startIndex + 1)
30     elif searchList[mid] > searchVal:
31         return recursiveBinarySearch(searchList, searchVal, startIndex - 1)
32
33 searchList = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
34 print(linearSearch(searchList, x))
35 print(binarySearch(searchList, x))
36 print(recursiveBinarySearch(searchList, x, 0))
37 input()
```

**B 5**

4 marks available for modifying the code (as shown below or equivalent)

Marks could be awarded for:

- creating a `getVal` function that repeats until a valid input is received
- handling (but not accepting) invalid input
- using appropriate messages
- returning the input value as an integer
- modifying the main program procedure to use `getVal` to get a valid input

```
3 def getVal():
4     number = -1
5     while number <= 0:
6         number = input("Please enter a positive integer: ")
7         try:
8             number = int(number)
9             assert number > 0
10        except:
11            print("Error -", number, "is not a valid integer")
12            number = -1
13    return number
...
43 searchList = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
44 x = getVal()
45 print(linearSearch(searchList, x))
```

**B 6**

2 marks available for modifying the code (as shown below or equivalent)

Marks could be awarded for:

- creating a `generateList` function that correctly generates a list of integers from 1 to a given length
- modifying the main program procedure to use `generateList` to create a search list

```
13 def generateList(length):
17     return [x for x in range(1, length+1)]
...
23 searchList = generateList(getVal())
24 x = getVal()
45 print(linearSearch(searchList, x))
```

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5 marks available for modifying the code (as shown below or equivalent)

Marks could be awarded for:

- correctly counting and returning the number of steps made
- correctly counting and returning the number of steps made
- creating a test function that returns the average number of steps made by each algorithm on a list of a given length
- modifying the main program to use tests to perform 1,000, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000
- modifying the main program to display how many more operations on average linear search takes in comparison to binarySearch for each of the tests

```

1 from random import randint
2
3 def linearSearch(searchList, searchVal):
4     count = 0
5     for index, i in enumerate(searchList):
6         count = count + 1
7         if i == searchVal:
8             return count
9     return count
10
11 ...
12 def binarySearch(searchList, searchVal):
13     start = 0
14     count = 0
15     end = len(searchList) - 1
16     while start <= end:
17         count = count + 1
18         mid = (start + end) // 2
19         if searchList [mid] == searchVal:
20             return count
21         elif searchList [mid] < searchVal:
22             start = mid + 1
23         elif searchList [mid] > searchVal:
24             end = mid - 1
25     return count
26
27 ...
28 def test(searchList, tests):
29     linearSteps = 0
30     binarySteps = 0
31     for i in range (tests):
32         x = randint(1,len(searchList))
33         noOfSteps = linearSearch(searchList, x)
34         linearSteps = linearSteps + noOfSteps
35         noOfSteps = binarySearch(searchList, x)
36         binarySteps = binarySteps + noOfSteps
37     return linearSteps/tests, binarySteps/tests
38
39 for i in range(5):
40     n = 10 ** (i + 1)
41     linear, binary = test(generateList(n), 10000)
42     print("Tests of size " + str(n) + ":")
43     if linear > binary:
44         print("Linear search took " + str(linear - binary) + " more steps than binary search")
45     print()
46 input()

```

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