

Second Exam  
CS 101 Computer Science I

**KEY**

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Please write your name at the top. You are allowed to use one 8.5 x 11 sheet of notes. Computers, calculators, books and notes are prohibited. Partial credit will be given so be sure to show your work. **Please try to write neatly.**

Problem	Points	Out Of
1		3
2		3
3		6/7
4		3
5		3
6		4
Total		22

- (3 Points) The `stdaudio` library represents an audio signal with 2 channels sampled at 44100 kHz with individual amplitude samples ranging between -1 and +1. The `stdaudio` library includes a `makeSound` function that accepts two lists of amplitude samples and returns a `sound`. What would you hear from the following:

```
>>> ch = [ 1 for _ in range(88200) ]
>>> sound = makeSound(ch, ch)
>>> play(sound)
```

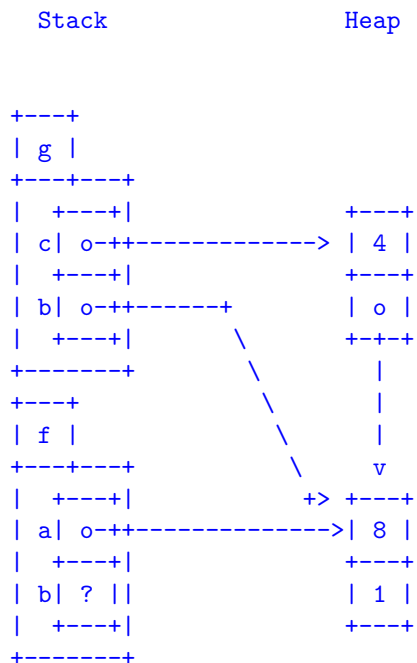
Silence.

- (3 Points) Show the state of the stack and the heap after line (1) is complete but before line (2) has been executed.

```
def f(a):
    b = g(a)
    return b

def g(b):
    b[0] = 8
    c = (4, b)    (1)
    return c    (2)

f([0, 1])
```



3. (6/7 Points) The function `isAscending : int list → bool` returns `True` if the input list is in strictly ascending order. Otherwise it returns `False`. For example, the call `isAscending(range(4))` should return `True`. In general, `isAscending` should return `True` for any list of length less than 2. The call `isAscending([1, 2, 2, 3])` would return `False`.

Do problem (a) and either problem (b) or (c) but not both. Problem (c) is worth one extra point.

- (a) (3 Points) Write the function `isAscending` using either a `while`-loop or a `for`-loop.

```
def isAscending(list):
    N = len(list)
    if N < 2: return True
    for i in range(N - 1):
        if list[i] >= list[i + 1]:
            return False
    return True
```

```
def isAscending(list):
    N = len(list)
    if N < 2: return True
    i = 0
    while i < N - 1:
        if list[i] >= list[i + 1]:
            return False
        i = i + 1
    return True
```

- (b) (One-of: 3 Points) Write the function `isAscending` using recursion.

```
def isAscending(list):
    if len(list) < 2:
        return True
    elif list[0] >= list[1]:
        return False
    else:
        return isAscending(list[1:])
```

- (c) (One-of: 4 Points) Write the function `isAscending` without using a `while`-loop, a `for`-loop or recursion.

```
def isAscending(list):  
    N = len(list) - 1  
    a = [ 1 for i in range(N) if list[i] < list[i + 1]]  
    return sum(a) == N
```

4. **(3 Points)** A point in the Cartesian plane is represented as a pair  $(x, y)$ . The *distance* between two points  $(x_0, y_0)$  and  $(x_1, y_1)$  is given by the Pythagorean theorem:

$$\sqrt{(x_0 - x_1)^2 + (y_0 - y_1)^2}$$

In Python, a point in the Cartesian plane can be represented by a value of type **point = float \* float**. Write a function **distance : point → float** such that if **p** is the point **(x, y)**, the call **distance(p)** returns the distance from **p** to the origin  $(0, 0)$ . Note that the **distance** function accepts one argument that is a pair. It does not accept two arguments. Feel free to use the **math.sqrt** function.

5. **(3 Points)** Write a function **distances : (float \* float) list → float list** such that the call **distances([(x1, y1), ..., (xn, yn)])** will return a list of the distances of the points to the origin. Feel free to use the **distance** function as a helper even if you weren't able to write it.

6. (4 Points) Write a function `within : float * (float * float) list → int` such that the call `within(d, [(x1, y1), ..., (xn, yn)])` will return the number of points in `[(x1, y1), ..., (xn, yn)]` that are strictly within distance `d` of the origin.