

15-112 Fall 2024 Quiz 4

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

1. **Code Tracing:** Indicate what the following two programs print. Place your answers (and nothing else) in the boxes below the code.

(a) (4 points) CT1

```
def ct1(s1, s2):  
    p = 'A'  
    for c in s1:  
        if ord(c) < ord(p):  
            s2 = s2.replace(c, p)  
        p = c  
    return s2
```

```
a = "BOARDER"  
b = "STAND"  
c = ct1(a, b)  
print(c)  
d = ct1(c, a)  
print(d)
```

(b) (4 points) CT2

```
def ct2(s):  
    res = ""  
    i = 0  
    while i < len(s):  
        if s[i].isdigit():  
            n = int(s[i])  
            x = int(s[i+1:i+1+n])  
            y = int(s[i+1+n:i+1+2*n])  
            z = s[x:y]  
            print(x, y, z)  
            res += z  
            i += 2*n  
        i += 1  
    return res
```

```
print(ct2("158applehero21821caseplot"))
```

2. (12 points) **Free Response:** Matching Pieces

Write the function `matchingPieces(s1, s2, n)` which, given two strings and a length, returns the count of how many times a substring from `s1` of length `n` occurs in `s2`. You may assume that `n` will always be smaller than the length of both `s1` and `s2`.

Consider the following example: `matchingPieces("abcdc", "abcdcdc", 3)`

- There are three substrings of length 3 that can be made from `s1`: `abc`, `bcd`, and `cdc`.
 - `abc` occurs in `s2` once.
 - `bcd` occurs in `s2` once.
 - `cdc` occurs in `s2` twice.
- Therefore, the function returns 4.

Important Note: The built-in string method `count` *does not* do what you want. `"abcdcdc".count("cdc")` returns 1. This implies that you probably shouldn't use `count` and should instead write your own helper function that does what you want.

3. (1 point (bonus)) CT Bonus

```
def ctb(s):  
    s.replace('z', 'a')  
    s += "s"  
    for c in "012345679":  
        s = s.replace(c, "")  
    return s  
  
print(ctb("48c12zt"))
```

