Assignment Guidelines:

- This assignment covers material up to Module 5.
- Submission details:
  - Solutions to these questions must be placed in files a06q1.py, a06q2.py, a06q3.py, and a06q4.py, respectively, and must be completed using Python 3.
  - Download the interface file from the course Web page to ensure that all function names are spelled correctly and each function has the correct number and order of parameters.
  - All solutions must be submitted to MarkUs. No solutions will be accepted through email, even if you are having issues with MarkUs.
  - Verify using MarkUs and your basic test results that your files were properly submitted and are readable on MarkUs.
  - For full style marks, your program must follow the Python section of the CS116 Style Guide.
  - Natural numbers in this course begin at 0.
  - Required functions need all design recipe elements. Functions you define (e.g. helper functions) need all design recipe elements except for examples and tests.
- Download the testing module from the course web page. Include import check in each solution file.
  - When a function produces a floating point value, you must use check.within for your testing. Unless told otherwise, you may use a tolerance of 0.00001 in your tests.
  - Test data for all questions will always meet the stated assumptions for consumed values.
- Restrictions:
  - Do not import any modules other than math and check.
  - You are always allowed to define your own helper/wrapper functions, as long as they meet the assignment restrictions. Do not use Python constructs from later modules (e.g. loops (for or while or others, zip, sorted, anything with sets). For this assignment, abstract list functions will not be allowed. Use only the functions and methods as follows:
    * abs, len, max, min, sum and range
    * Any method or constant in the math module
    * Type casting including int(), str(), float(), bool(), list()
    * The command type()
    * Any basic arithmetic operation (including +, -, *, /, //, %, **)
    * String or list slicing and indexing as well as string or list operations using the operators above
    * Any string or list methods.
    * input and print as well as the formatting parameter end and method format. Note that all prompts must match exactly in order to obtain marks so ensure that you do not alter these prompts.
  - Do not mutate any passed parameters unless instructions dictate otherwise. You may mutate lists you have created however.
  - While you may use global constants in your solutions, do not use global variables for anything other than testing.
  - Read each question carefully for additional restrictions.
  - The solutions you submit must be entirely your own work. Do not look up either full or partial solutions on the Internet or in printed sources.
1 Fibonacci Revisited

Recall the definition of the Fibonacci numbers:

\[ f_n = \begin{cases} 
  n & \text{if } n = 0 \text{ or } n = 1 \\
  f_{n-1} + f_{n-2} & \text{if } n > 1 
\end{cases} \]

With what we have done in module 5, we still cannot compute values like the 1000000th Fibonacci number. However, with a clever observation, we can make this a reality. With the Principle of Mathematical Induction, one can verify that for any integer \( k \geq 0 \),

\[ f_{2k} = f_k (2f_k - f_k) \]

\[ f_{2k+1} = f_k^2 + f_{k+1}^2 \]

and now, one can compute large Fibonacci numbers by using these smaller values instead of computing every fibonacci number before \( n \). As a tiny example, we can compute \( f_9 \) by using:

\[ f_9 = f_2 f_4 + f_2 f_5 = (f_2(2f_3 - f_2))^2 + (f_2^2 + f_5^2)^2 = (1(2(2) - 1))^2 + ((1)^2 + (2)^2)^2 = 3^2 + 5^2 = 34 \]

and using small values of \( f_k \) (say values when \( k \leq 3 \)) as known values for the Fibonacci numbers. Write a function

\[ \text{large_fibonacci}(n) \]

which consumes a natural number \( n \) and computes the \( n \)th Fibonacci number using the above identity.

Sample:

\[ \text{large_fibonacci}(10000) \Rightarrow \text{large_number} \]

where \( \text{large_number} \) is defined in your starter code. As a reminder, abstract list functions are not allowed on this assignment.

**Hint**: You must store the values of \( f_k \) and \( f_{k+1} \) in variables before attempting to compute either \( f_{2k} \) or \( f_{2k+1} \). Recomputing these values will cause your code to time out. Testing for this code will be hard but you might want to use the code given in class to at least test that your code gives correct values up to the first say 1000 Fibonacci numbers. Your code should not take longer than a few second to compute the millionth fibonacci number.

2 Flatten

Write a function

\[ \text{flatten}(L) \]

that flattens a \( \text{listof Any} \) so that it contains no sublists but all of the elements are in a single list in their relative left to right order in the list.

Sample:

\[ \text{flatten}([[1,2,3],[4,5]]) \Rightarrow [1,2,3,4,5] \]

\[ \text{flatten}([[1,2,3,4,5]]) \Rightarrow [1,2,3,4,5] \]

\[ \text{flatten}([[1,2,3],[4,5],[6], None, []]) \Rightarrow [1,2,3,4,5,6,None] \]

**Hint**: The command \( \text{type()} \) may be of use.

3 Slime Numbers

We say that a natural number is a **slime number** if and only if there is some way to slice the number so that each slice is a prime number. For example, the number 70137 is a slime number since you can slice it into 701 then 3 and then 7. Note you could also show this is a slime number by using the slices 701 and 37. We can even use the slices 7, then 013 (which we interpret at 13) and the slice 7. In fact, even the slices 7013 and 7 will also show us this number is a slime number. Remember we just need one such slicing. Note that this generalizes the notion of a prime number since every prime number is itself a slime number.
by using the empty slice and just returning the number itself. Further, notice how the number itself does not need to be prime (note that 70137 is a slime number but is not prime as it is divisible by 3).

Write a function

```python
is_slime(num)
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that returns True if and only if the number is a slime number and False otherwise. For simplicity, we will never test a slime number that requires a prime number of 4 or more digits.

```python
is_slime(70137) => True
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4 k-Near Palindrome

Recall that a palindrome is a string that is equal to the string when reversed. A palindrome is called a k-near palindrome if and only if there are k or less characters that when removed from the string, the resulting string becomes a palindrome. For example, the string "abcda" is a 2-near palindrome because removing say "bc" leaves us with "ada" which is a palindrome. Similarly, 'abca' is a 2-near palindrome since we can remove one letter, namely 'b' and still get a palindrome. Write a function

```python
near_palindrome(s, k)
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that returns True if and only if the string s is a k-near palindrome and False otherwise.

```python
near_palindrome("abcd", 2) => True
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