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Jumped Elements

Write a function *jumps*(*a*,*k*) that receives a list of strictly positive integers *a* and an integer *k*, and returns the list of jumped elements in *a* starting from position *k*.

The list of jumped elements in list *a* starting from position *k* is defined as the list formed by element a[k] followed by the list of jumped elements starting from position k+a[k]. If *k* is larger than the size of *a*, the result is an empty list.

For instance, given the list $a = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 & 2 & 9 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$ and starting position k = 2, the resulting list is $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$. That is, we start at position k = 2 finding element a[k] = 3. We advance 3 positions and reach element a[k] = 2. We thus advance 2 more positions and land on element a[k] = 5. We try to advance 5 positions but reach the end of the list, so we stop.

Sample session

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>>> jumps([2, 1, 3, 5, 7, 4, 9, 5, 2, 5, 8], 0)
[2, 3, 4, 5]
>>> jumps([2, 1, 3, 5, 7, 4, 9, 5, 2, 5, 8], 1)
[1, 3, 4, 5]
>>> jumps([2, 1, 3, 5, 7, 4, 9, 5, 2, 5, 8], 3)
[5, 2, 8]
>>> jumps([2, 1, 3, 5, 7, 4, 9, 5, 2, 5, 8], 20)
[]
>>> jumps([2, 1, 3], 1) + jumps([2, 1, 3, 5, 7], 4)
[1, 3, 7]
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Observations

If you want to test your program locally, remember to include the following lines at the end of the file:

if __name__ == "__main__":
 import doctest
 doctest.testmod(verbose=True)

Problem information

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