

Discussion 4



Feedback!

- could we work through more examples during disc?
 - We can try!
- More participation from the audience

Python Lists

a data structure that can store multiple elements

Constructing Lists:

```
>>> list_of_ints = [1, 2, 3, 4]
>>> list_of_bools = [True, True, False, False]
>>> nested_lists = [1, [2, 3], [4, [5]]]
```

Getting elements:

```
>>> lst = [6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0]
>>> lst[0]
6
>>> lst[3]
3
>>> lst[-1] # Same as lst[6]
0
```

Handwritten annotations for the second code block:

- Red numbers 0, 1, 2, 3 above the first four elements of the list.
- Red circle around the value 6.
- Green squiggly line under the index 0.
- Green squiggly line under the index 3.
- Green squiggly line under the expression `lst[-1]`.
- Green arrows pointing from the index 0 to the value 6, and from the index -1 to the value 0.
- Green arrow pointing from the index -2 to the value 3.

List Slicing

copy part or all of a list

```
>>> list_of_ints = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

[1, 2]

`list_of_ints[0:2:1]` → [1, 2]

`list_of_ints[0:2]`

`list_of_ints[:2]`

`list_of_ints[:]` → [1, 2, 3, 4]

list[start:end:step]

- Does not include element at index end
- step: step size for selecting elements
 - step=2: every other element

`list_of_ints[::-1]`

`list_of_ints[::2]` → [1, 3]

`list_of_ints[::-1]`

`list_of_ints[-1::-1]`

→ [4, 3, 2, 1]

List Slicing

```
>>> directors = ['jenkins', 'spielberg', 'bigelow', 'kubrick']
```

```
>>> directors[:2]
```

```
['jenkins', 'spielberg']
```

```
>>> directors[1:3]
```

```
['spielberg', 'bigelow']
```

```
>>> directors[1:]
```

```
['spielberg', 'bigelow', 'kubrick']
```

```
>>> directors[0:4:2]
```

```
['jenkins', 'bigelow']
```

```
>>> directors[::-1]
```

```
['kubrick', 'bigelow', 'spielberg', 'jenkins']
```

List Comprehensions

For loops: Iterate over every element in list

List Comprehensions

for i in list_of_ints:
 print(i)

1
2
3
4

```
>>> [x * x - 3 for x in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]]
```

```
[-2, 1, 6, 13, 22]
```

list_of_ints

1st
 $2 \cdot 2 - 3 = 4 - 3 = 1$

```
>>> [x * x - 3 for x in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] if x % 2 == 1]
```

```
[-2, 6, 22]
```

(x+1 if x%2==0 else x-1)

Q3: WWPD: Lists

What would Python display?

```
>>> a = [1, 5, 4, [2, 3], 3]
>>> print(a[0], a[-1])
```

```
>>> len(a)
```

```
>>> 2 in a
```

```
>>> a[3][0]
```

a[3]
a[0]

range(len(a))
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4]

2 in a[3] → 2 in [2, 3]

(a[3])[0]
([2, 3])[0]
2

[[x+1 for e2 in e] for e in l]

[[2, 3],
[4, 5]]

[1, 2]
[3, 4]

[[1, 2]
[3, 4]]

a[0][0]
a[1][1]

Q4: Even weighted

Write a function that takes a list `s` and returns a new list that keeps only the even-indexed elements of `s` and multiplies them by their corresponding index.

```
def even_weighted(s):
```

```
    """
```

```
>>> x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]
```

```
>>> even_weighted(x)
```

```
[0, 6, 20]
```

```
    """
```

```
    return [s[i]*i for i in range(len(s) if i%2==0)]
```

`range(0, len(s))`

`range(len(s))`

`range(start, stop)`

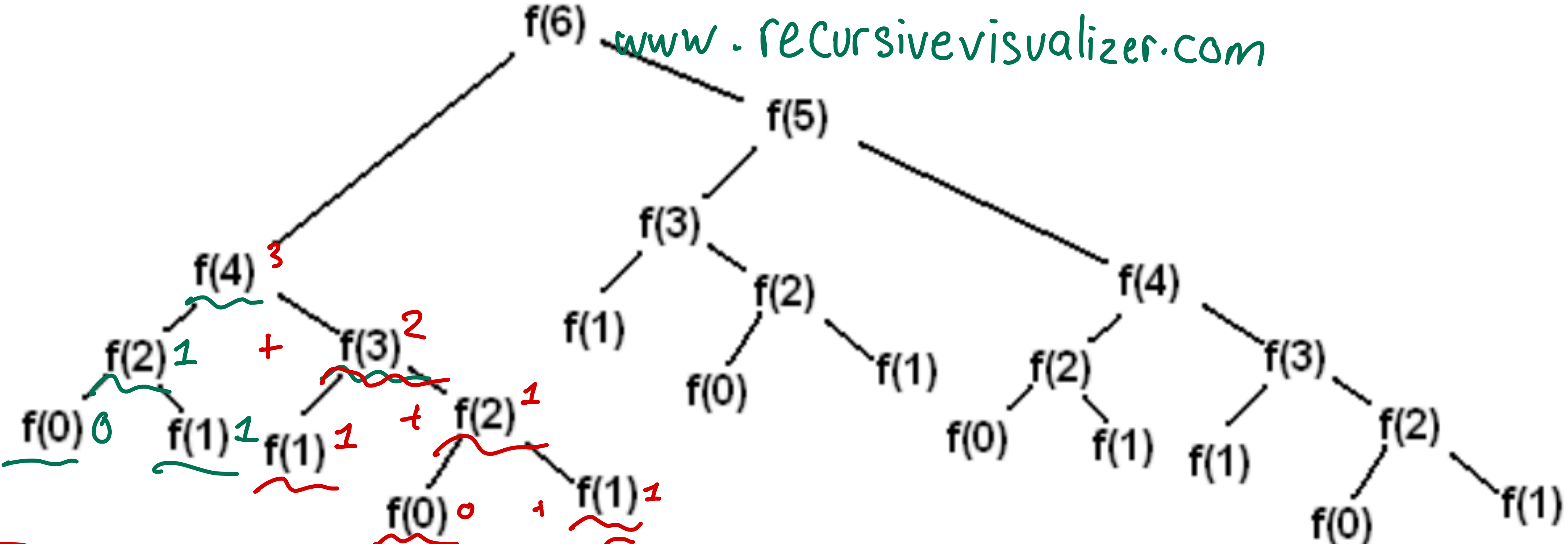
`[1, 3, 5]`
`x0 x2 x4`

`range(1,3) → [1,2]`

`[0, 6, 20]`

Tree Recursion

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0th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th
0, 1, 1, 2, 3
 ↑ ↑
 n-1 n-2

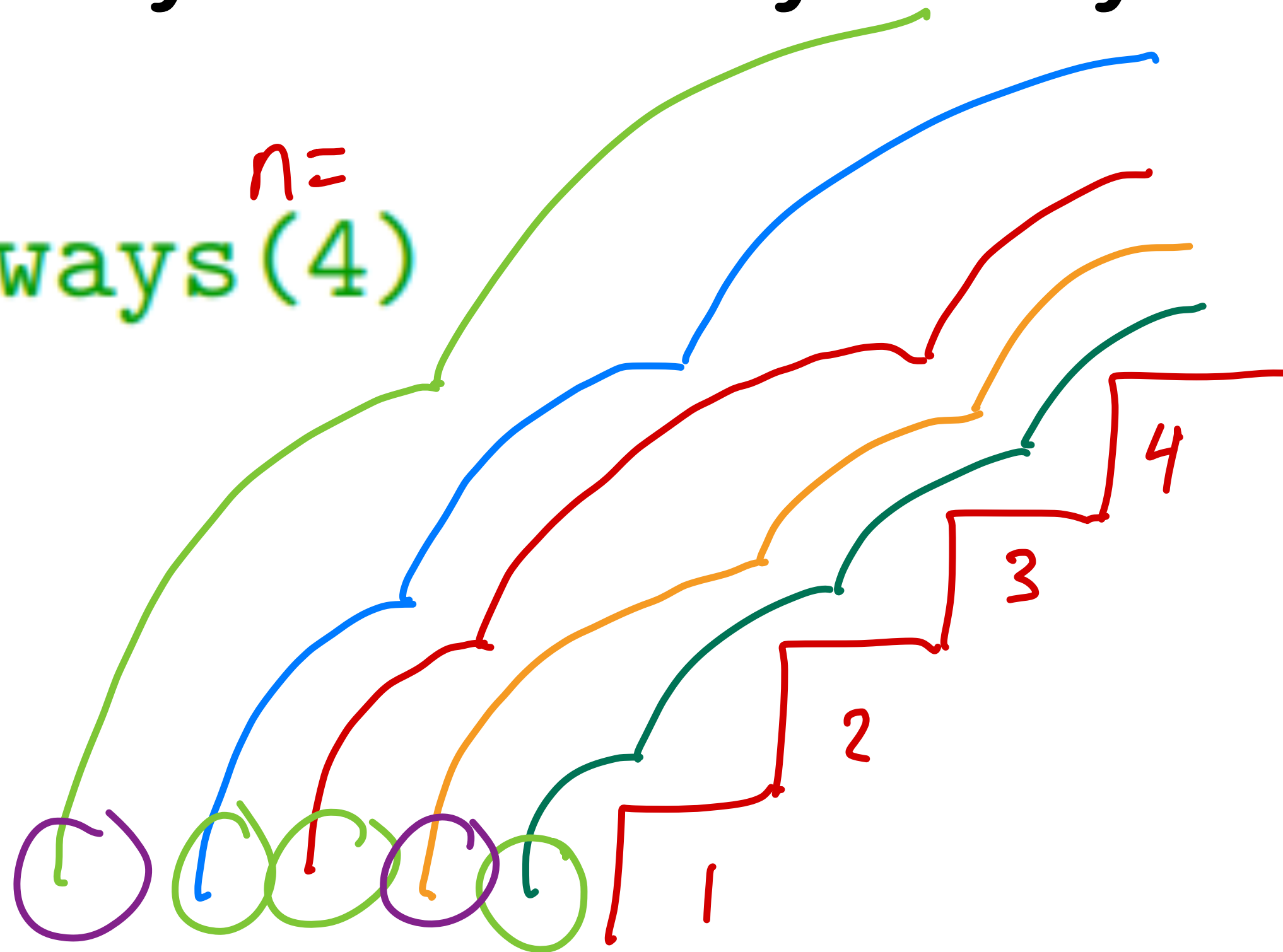
```
def fib(n):
    if n==0 or n==1:
        return n
    return fib(n-1)+fib(n-2)
```

Q1: Count Stair Ways

Imagine that you want to go up a flight of stairs that has n steps, where n is a positive integer. You can either take 1 or 2 steps each time. How many different ways can you go up this flight of stairs?

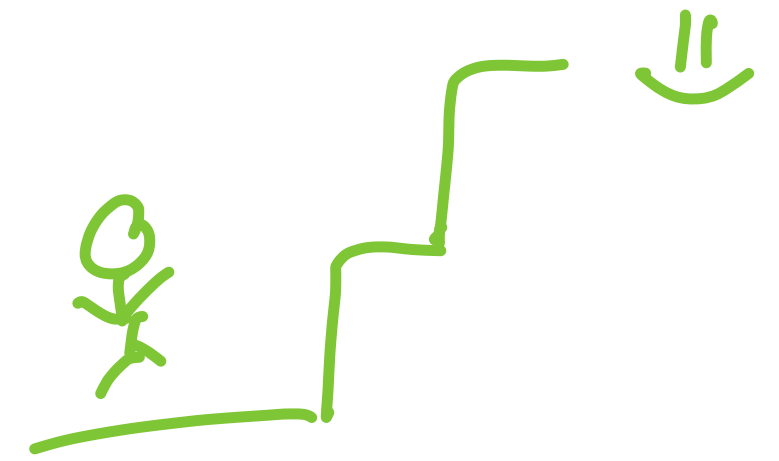
```
>>> count_stair_ways(4)
```

```
5
```



Q1: Count Stair Ways

Before you code your approach, consider these questions.



How many different ways are there to go up a flight of stairs with $n = 1$ $\rightarrow 1$ way step? How about $n = 2$ steps? Try writing out some other examples and see if you notice any patterns.

2

What's the base case for this question? What is the simplest input?

$n=1$, $n=2$
return n

What do $\text{count_stair_ways}(n - 1)$ and $\text{count_stair_ways}(n - 2)$ represent?

\downarrow $+$
ways to get there
starting w/ 1 step

Q1: Count Stair Ways

Fill in the code for count_stair_ways:

```
def count_stair_ways(n):  
    """Returns the number of ways to climb up a flight of  
    n stairs, moving either 1 step or 2 steps at a time.
```

Q5: Max Product

Write a function that takes in a list and returns the maximum product that can be formed using nonconsecutive elements of the list. The input list will contain only numbers greater than or equal to 1.

```
>>> max_product([10, 3, 1, 9, 2]) # 10 * 9
90
>>> max_product([5, 10, 5, 10, 5]) # 5 * 5 * 5
125
>>> max_product([])
1
```

Handwritten notes for the first example:

- 10 * 9 = 90
- 1) include 10 → can't inc. 3
- 2) don't include 10 → can inc. 3

```
if len(s) == 0:
    return 1
if len(s) == 1:
    return s[0]
```


Q5: Max Product

```
def max_product(s):  
    """Return the maximum product that can be formed using  
    non-consecutive elements of s.
```


Q2: Count K

Consider a special version of the `count_stair_ways` problem, where instead of taking 1 or 2 steps, we are able to take up to and including `k` steps at a time. Write a function `count_k` that figures out the number of paths for this scenario. Assume `n` and `k` are positive.

```
>>> count_k(3, 3) # 3, 2 + 1, 1 + 2, 1 + 1 + 1
4
```

Q2: Count K

```
def count_k(n, k):  
    """ Counts the number of paths up a flight of n stairs  
    when taking up to and including k steps at a time.
```

Feedback + Attendance

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