# 61A Lecture 7

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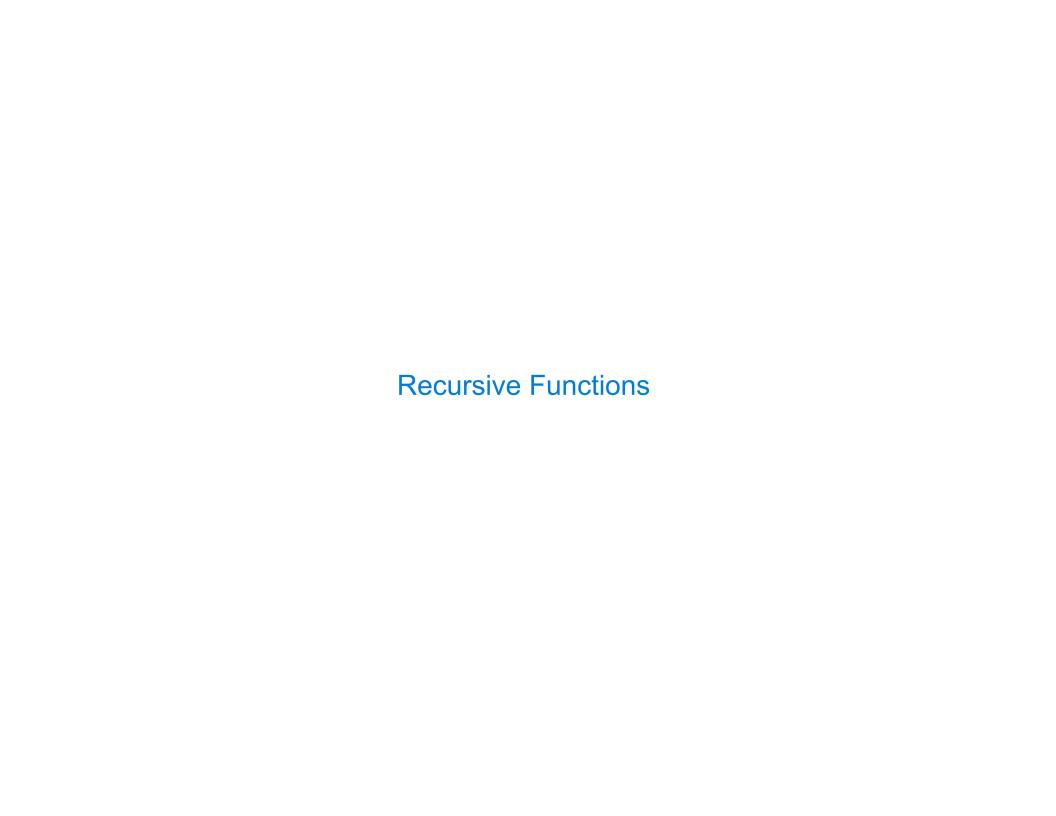
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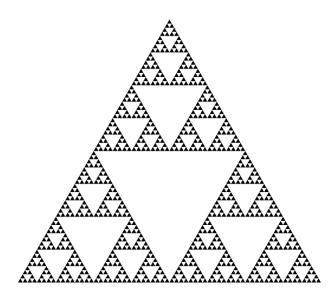
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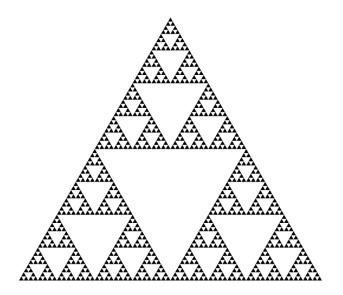
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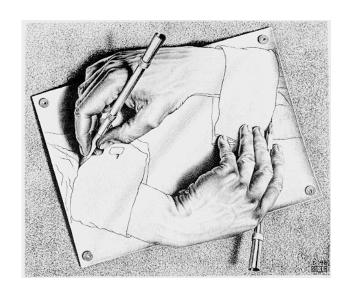
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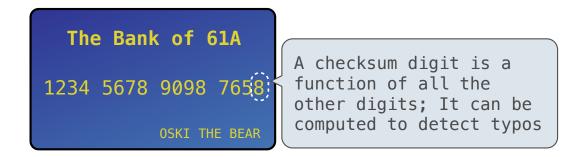
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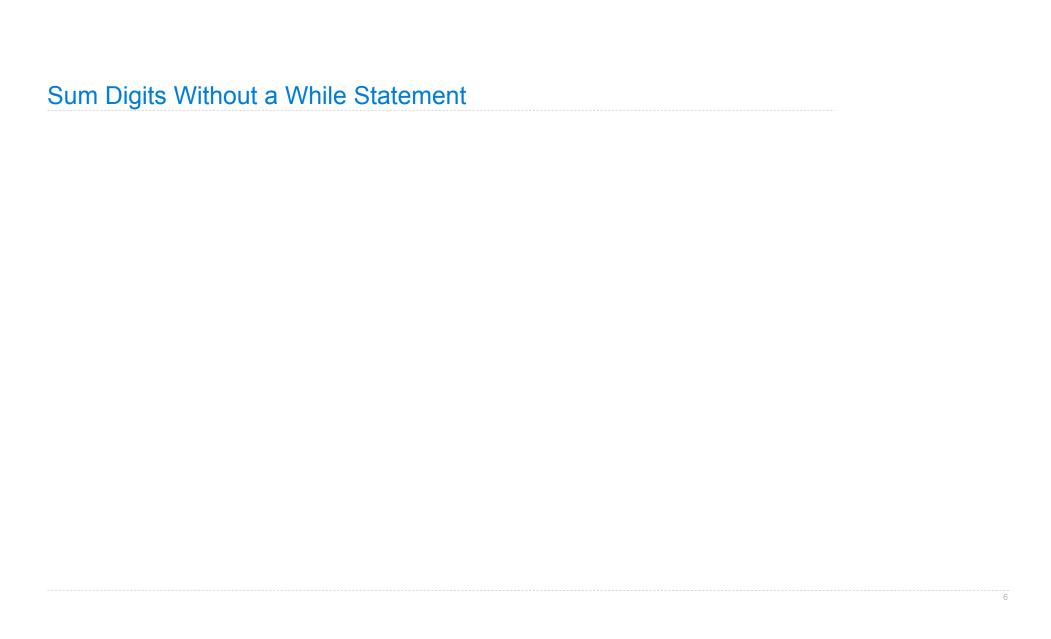
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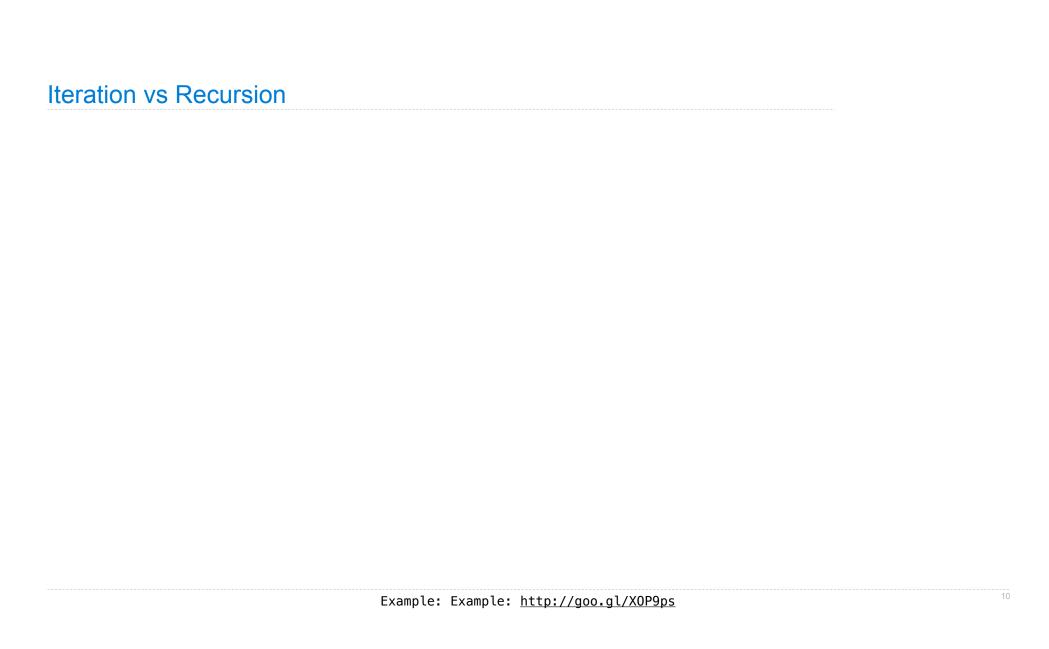
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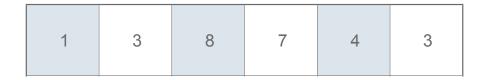
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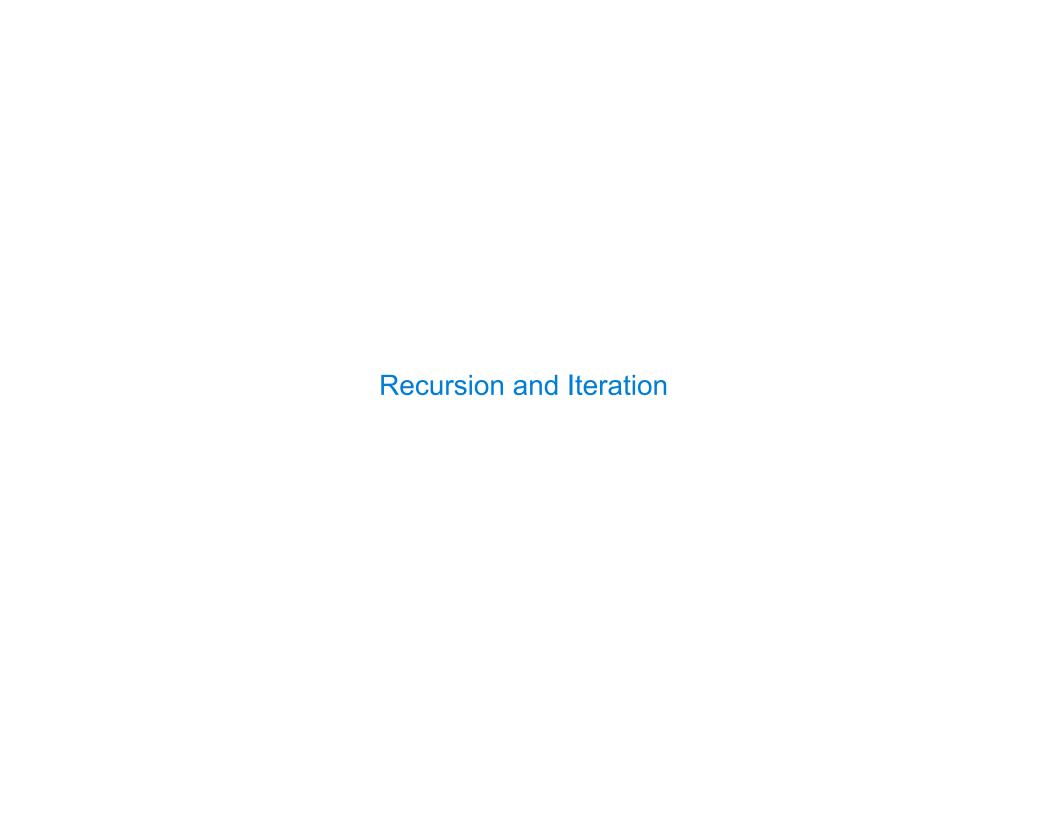
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2	3	1+6=7	7	8	3	= 30

The Luhn sum of a valid credit card number is a multiple of 10.

(Demo)



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