

Section 8.10

8.10.1

- a. Give a recursive algorithm to compute the sum of the cubes of the first n positive integers. The input to the algorithm is a positive integer n . The output is $\sum_{j=1}^n j^3$. The algorithm should be recursive, it should not compute the sum using a closed form expression or an iterative loop.

```
CubeSum(n)
{
    if (n == 1) return (1);
    return (n**3 + CubeSum(n-1));
}
```

8.10.2

- a. Give a recursive algorithm which takes as input a positive integer n and returns the sum of the first n positive odd integers.

```
OddSum(n)
{
    if (n == 1) return (1);
    return (2*n+1 + OddSum(n-1));
}
```

8.10.3

The input to the maximum and minimum problems is a sequence of numbers, $a_1 \dots a_n$, where n , the length of the sequence, is a positive integer. The function $\text{length}(a_1 \dots a_n)$ returns n , the length of the sequence. If $n > 1$, you can also create a new sequence $a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$, which is the original sequence $a_1 \dots a_n$, with the last number a_n omitted.

- a. Give a recursive algorithm which takes as input a sequence of numbers and returns the minimum (i.e., smallest) number in the sequence. Your algorithm should not use an iterative loop.

```
SequenceMin(a, n)
{
    if (n == 1) return a_1;
    b = a_1 ... a_{n-1};
    return Min(a_n, SequenceMax(b, n-1));
}
```

- b. Give a recursive algorithm which takes as input a sequence of numbers and returns the maximum (i.e., largest) number in the sequence. Your algorithm should not use an iterative loop.

```
SequenceMax(a, n)
{
    if (n == 1) return a_1;
    b = a_1 ... a_{n-1};
    return Max(a_n, SequenceMax(b, n-1));
}
```