

# Recursive Functions and Search Algorithms



## Objectives

*Using Python to solve complex problems*

- Implement complex programs using Python
- Implement recursive algorithms
- Implement search algorithms



## Requirements

- i. Implement **recursive** algorithms for the following problems:
  1. Calculating the factorial of a number
  2. Calculating the  $n^{th}$  element of the Fibonacci sequence
  3. A recursive version of the function  $f(n) = 3 * n$
  4. Calculating the sum of the first  $n$  integers
  5. A function which implements the Pascal's triangle (returns the  $n^{th}$  row):

```

      1
     1 1
    1 2 1
   1 3 3 1
  1 4 6 4 1

```

6. Calculating the min/max of a list.
7. Write a function, `recursive_min`, that returns the smallest value in a nested list.

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recursive_min([[2, 9, [1, 13], 8, 6]]) == 1
recursive_min([2, [[13, -7], 90], [1, 100], 8, 6]) == -7

```

8. Write a function `count` that returns the number of occurrences of a target in a nested list:

```

count(2, []) == 0
count(2, [2, 9, [2, 1, 13, 2], 8, [2, 6]]) == 4
count(7, [[9, [7, 1, 13, 2], 8], [7, 6]]) == 2

```

- ii. Implement search algorithms and establish their complexity:

1. Sequential search (for unordered and ordered lists)
2. Binary search (for ordered lists)