

## Exercise 4.1

As an exercise, draw a stack diagram for `print_n` called with `s = 'Hello'` and `n=2`. Then write a function called `do_n` that takes a function object and a number, `n`, as arguments, and that calls the given function `n` times.

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In [1]: # Answer for Question 1

# Part 1: Stack diagram explanation (see explanation below)

# Part 2: do_n function implementation
def do_n(func, n):
    if n <= 0:
        return
    func()
    do_n(func, n - 1)

# Example usage
def say_hello():
    print("Hello")

do_n(say_hello, 3)
```

```
Hello
Hello
Hello
```

## Exercise 4.2.

What is the output of the following program?

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In [2]: def recurse(n, s):
        if n == 0:
            print(s)
        else:
            recurse(n-1, n+s)

recurse(3, 0)
```

```
6
```

## Question 2

Draw a stack diagram that shows the state of the program when it prints the result. Draw a stack diagram that shows the state of the program when it prints the result.

#> Answer for Question 2

Stack diagram (top to bottom):

Frame	n	s
recurse	0	6

Frame	n	s
recurse	1	5
recurse	2	3
recurse	3	0
main		

### Question 3

What would happen if you called this function like this:  
recurse(-1, 0)?

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In [4]: # Answer for Question 3
recurse(-1,0)
#If you call recurse(-1, 0), it will result in infinite recursion and eventually
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RecursionError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
Cell In[4], line 2
      1 # Answer for Question 3
----> 2 recurse(-1,0)
      3 #If you call recurse(-1, 0), it will result in infinite recursion
and eventually cause a RuntimeError due to maximum recursion depth being exceeded.

Cell In[2], line 5, in recurse(n, s)
      3     print(s)
      4 else:
----> 5     recurse(n-1, n+s)

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[... skipping similar frames: recurse at line 5 (2974 times)]

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RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded
```

### Question 4

Write a docstring that explains everything someone would need to know in order to use this function (and nothing else).

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In [5]: # Answer for Question 4

def recurse(n, s):
    """
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Recursively adds the values of  $n$  to  $s$ , decrementing  $n$  each time, until  $n$  reaches 0. Then prints the final sum.

Parameters:

$n$  (int): The starting number and number of recursions. Must be non-negative.  
 $s$  (int): The initial sum value.

Returns:

None. The function prints the final sum.

Raises:

RuntimeError: If  $n$  is negative, causing infinite recursion.

Example:

```
>>> recurse(3, 0)
6
"""
if n == 0:
    print(s)
else:
    recurse(n-1, n+s)
```

### Exercise 4.3

Use recursion to print the first  $n$  terms of the Fibonacci series.

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In [7]: # Answer for Exercise 4.3

def fibonacci(n, a=0, b=1, count=0):
    if count < n:
        print(a, end=' ')
        return fibonacci(n, b, a + b, count + 1)
    print() # Print a newline at the end

# Example usage
n = int(input("Enter the number of Fibonacci terms to print: "))
fibonacci(n)
```

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34

### Exercise 4.4

Use recursion to evaluate the factorial of a number.

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In [8]: # Answer for Exercise 4.4

def factorial(n):
    # Base case: factorial of 0 or 1 is 1
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    # Recursive case:  $n! = n * (n-1)!$ 
    else:
        return n * factorial(n - 1)

# Test the function
number = int(input("Enter a non-negative integer to calculate its factorial: "))
result = factorial(number)
print(f"The factorial of {number} is: {result}")
```

The factorial of 4 is: 24