

Quiz 3

1. a) def has_sum(total, n, m):

if total == 0: } base case: if they only need 0
return True } handouts, then of course they can
make 0 copies regardless of what
n or m is

elif total < 0: } base case: regardless of n, m, it's
return False } impossible to print negative copies!

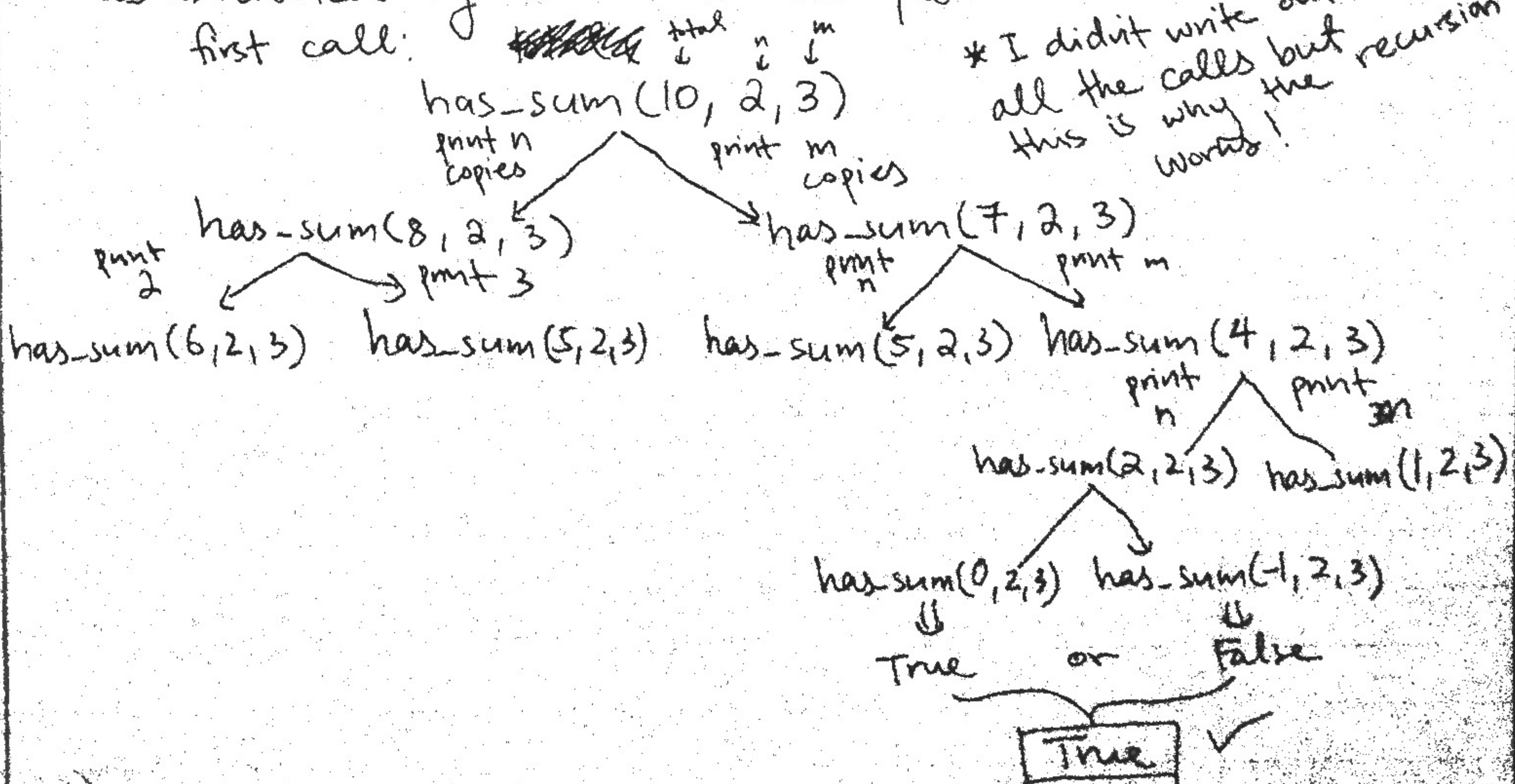
else:

return has_sum(total - n, n, m) or has_sum(total - m, n, m)
↑ represents making n copies first ↑ represents making m copies first

* this problem is conceptually very similar to count_partitions or count_change. it's tweaked so instead of counting the # ways to make total # copies using n and m, we just need to return if it's possible or not

- each recursive call represents a branch of possibilities, as exhibited by this small example:

first call:



b) `def sum_range(lower, upper):` we don't want to modify lower & upper, since those shouldn't change throughout the recursive calls

if the total if we always print the min

total if we always print max

↳ suggests we need a helper function so we can have parameters that we can change

`def copies(pmin, pmax):`

`if lower <= pmin and pmax <= upper:`

`return True`

`elif upper < pmin:`

`return False`

← if the min you can print is larger than the upper bound, you can't satisfy the conditions at all

← if these conditions are met, you have enough copies and also not too many copies!

`else: return copies(pmin + 50, pmax + 60) or`

`copies(pmin + 130, pmax + 140)`

↑ represents using printer 1

↑ represents using printer 2

`return copies(0, 0)`

↑ we start w/ 0 copies for pmin & pmax since we haven't yet printed anything