

Lab 07 - Using Recursion

200pts pts total.

Part 1 - Fibonacci Numbers

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An example of a recursive definition is:

$$\text{sum}(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq 0 \\ n + \text{sum}(n-1) & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Then we can build a function that matches this.

```
1:
2: def recursive_sum ( n ):
3:     if n <= 0:
4:         return 0
5:     return n + recursive_sum(n-1)
6:
7:
8:
9: # Automated Test
10: if __name__ == "__main__":
11:     n_err = 0
12:     x = recursive_sum ( 5 )
13:     if x != 15:
14:         n_err = n_err + 1
15:         print ( "Error: Test 1: sum not working, expected {} got {}".format ( 15, x ) )
16:     x = recursive_sum ( 0 )
17:     if x != 0:
18:         n_err = n_err + 1
19:         print ( "Error: Test 2: sum conversion not working, expected {} got {}".format ( 0, x ) )
20:
21:     if n_err == 0 :
22:         print ( "PASS" )
23:     else:
24:         print ( "FAILED" )
25:
```

Given our definition for a Fibonacci number (this is directly from the example in lass last Thursday)

$$\text{fib}(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & : n = 0 \\ 1 & : n = 1 \\ \text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2) & \end{cases}$$

Implement a recursive function that calculates this in python. Supply an automated test.

Part 2 - Recursive check for palindrome.

A palindrome is a string where the beginning is the reverse of the end of the string.

Examples:

```
abccba
aba
aa
x
```

All of these are palindromes.

Given definition for a palendrone:

```
palendrone(s) = { if the string is length 0 or 1: True
                  { if the string is 2 or longer then:
                      if the first character matches the last
                        and if palendrone(s[2:len(s)-1]) then True
                      else return `False`
```

Using the recursive definition implement a function that returns `True` if the string is a palindrome.

Turn in your code for both parts.