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\#\#Function to print stars in below order if the input is 3
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str1 ='*'
upto = 1
over = 0
num = input("Enter number: ")
while upto > 0:
    print strl.center(num)
    if upto < num and not over:</pre>
        str1 += '*'
        upto += 1
    else:
        str1 = str1[1:]
        upto -= 1
        over = 1
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