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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA
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CS 121 Data Structures and Algorithms

MIDTERM 1 EXAM

Date: Tuesday, October 18 2016

Starting time: 09:00

Duration: 1 hour 15 min

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Problem 1: Consider below two recursive expressions:

$$a_n = 1 + a_1 * b_1 + a_2 * b_2 + a_3 * b_3 + \dots + a_{n-1} * b_{n-1}$$
$$b_n = 1 + 2 * b_1 + 2 * b_2 + 2 * b_3 + \dots + 2 * b_{n-1} - b_{n-1} * b_{n-1}$$

The base cases are: $a_1 = b_1 = 1$.

Write an optimal C++ function or Java method that takes as its argument an int index *int n* and returns a_n .

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recursive (int n)
{
    int a, b;
    if (n == 1)
        return 1;
    else
        b = 1 + 2 * (n - 1)
        a = n * b
        return a;
    return b; ?
}

int main
```

$$a_2 = 2, \quad a_3 = 8$$
$$b_2 = 3, \quad b_3 = 9, \quad b_4 = 27$$

almost correct