

# Assignment\_2

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## 1 Assignment 2

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### 1.1 Exercise 1

#### 1.1.1 A

For all positive integers  $n$ , The sum of the first  $n$  square numbers is equal to  $n(n+1)(2n+1) / 6$

We assume that the formula holds for some arbitrary positive integer  $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + k^2 = k(k+1)(2k+1) / 6$

We need to show that the formula holds for  $n = k + 1$ ,

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (k+1)^2 = (k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1) / 6$$

LHS = RHS

Starting with the left-hand side (LHS), which is the sum of the first  $k+1$  square numbers:

$$\text{LHS} = 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + k^2 + (k+1)^2$$

We know that  $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + k^2$  can be expressed as  $k(k+1)(2k+1) / 6$  (our inductive hypothesis).

So, the LHS becomes:

$$\text{LHS} = k(k+1)(2k+1) / 6 + k^2$$

$$\text{LHS} = (k(k+1)(2k+1) + 6(k+1)^2) / 6$$

$$\text{LHS} = ((k+1)(k(2k+1) + 6(k+1))) / 6$$

$$\text{LHS} = ((k+1)(2k^2 + k + 6k + 6)) / 6$$

$$\text{LHS} = ((k+1)(2k^2 + 7k + 6)) / 6$$

$$\text{LHS} = ((k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)) / 6$$

$$\text{RHS} = (k+1)((k+1)+1)(2(k+1)+1) / 6$$

$$\text{RHS} = ((k+1)(k+2)(2k+3)) / 6$$

The LHS is the same as the right-hand side (RHS). Thus, we've shown that if the formula holds for  $k$ , it also holds for  $k + 1$ .

By the principle of mathematical induction, the formula holds for all positive integers  $n$ . Therefore, we've proven that the sum of the first  $n$  square numbers is indeed  $(n(n+1)(2n+1)) / 6$ .

#### 1.1.2 B

For all integers  $n$ , if  $n^3 + 5$  is odd then  $n$  is even.

Some ground rules:

When two even numbers are multiplied it becomes even.

When two odd numbers are multiplied it becomes odd.

When even and odd are multiplied it becomes even.

Lets say that n is even, and that means n+1 is odd.

We can then test the statement for even numbers, n.

$$n^3 + 5 = n * n * n + 5 \Rightarrow n + 5 \Rightarrow n + n + 1 \Rightarrow n + 1 \Rightarrow \text{odd}$$

No test if n is an odd number as n+1.

$$(n+1)(n+1)(n+1) + 5 \Rightarrow n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 6$$

$$n^3 \Rightarrow n * n * n \Rightarrow n$$

$$3 * n^2 \Rightarrow 3 * n * n \Rightarrow n$$

$$3 * n \Rightarrow n$$

$$6 \Rightarrow n$$

$$n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 6 \Rightarrow n + n + n + n \Rightarrow 4 * n \Rightarrow n, \text{ which is even.}$$

The result of  $n^3 + 5$  is the opposite of n, so if the result is odd then n is even, and vice versa.

## 1.2 Exercise 2

First function takes four arguments instead of 3, but loops each element max once.

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[ ]: def recursively_search(search_list, value, index=0, start_index=0): # Maybe
    ↪ remove the start_index from the function call

    # If the current index is the value, return the index
    if search_list[index] == value:
        return index

    # If the list is at the end, begin at the start
    if index == len(search_list) - 1:
        index = -1

    # If the element is not found, return -1
    index += 1
    if index == start_index:
        return -1

    return recursively_search(search_list, value, index, start_index)
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[ ]: # Test in python to see that it works:

list_number = [1, 2, 3, 4, "value", "test", 2.5]
start = 1
start_index = start
value = "value"
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recursively_search(list_number, value, start, start_index) # Maybe remove the
↳start_index from the function call
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This function has only 3 inputs, but in worst case it loops entire list twice.

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[ ]: def recursively_search1(search_list, value, index=0):
    print(search_list, index)

    temp_index = index

    if temp_index >= len(search_list):
        temp_index = index - len(search_list)

    if temp_index == len(search_list):
        return -1

    if search_list[temp_index] == value:
        return temp_index

    index += 1
    return recursively_search1(search_list, value, index)
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[ ]: # Test in python to see that it works:
#           0 1 2 3 4     5     6     7
list_number = [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, "value", "test", 2.5]
start = 0
value = -1
recursively_search1(list_number, value, start)
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[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 0
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 1
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 2
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 3
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 4
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 5
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 6
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 7
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 8
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 9
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 10
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 11
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 12
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 13
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 14
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 15
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 'value', 'test', 2.5] 16
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[ ]: -1
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### 1.3 Exercise 3

From the lecture,

“ $S_n = 1/2 * n(2a + (n - 1)d)$ , where  $a$  is the starting value,  $d$  is the constant,  $n$  is the number of terms”

With the list [-4, -1, 2, 5, ... up to 20 term],  
we then get:

$a = -4$

$d = 3$

$n = 20$

$S_n = 1/2 * n * (2 * a + (n - 1) * d)$

$S_n = 1/2 * 20 * (2 * -4 + (20 - 1) * 3)$

$S_n = 1/2 * 20 * (-8 + 57)$

$S_n = 1/2 * 980$

$S_n = 490$

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[ ]: # Test in python to see that the answers are the same:
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S_n = 0
value = -4
for _ in range(20):
    S_n += value
    value += 3
S_n
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[ ]: 490
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