

RecursionExercises

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0.1 Recursion Exercises

1 The answer to every question should use recursion!

2 Level 1!

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In [4]: # Define a recursive function called numTimes which takes in a string and a letter
        # the given letter appears in the string
        def numTimes(s, letter):
            pass

        print numTimes('abc', 'a')
        # answer: 1

        print numTimes('abcabc', 'b')
        # answer: 2

        print numTimes('ABCabc', 'C')
        # answer: 1

In [5]: # Define a recursive function called sum_all which takes in a list and returns the sum
        def sumAll(l):
            pass

        print sumAll([1, 2, 3])
        # answer: 6

        print sumAll([1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3])
        # answer: 12

        print sumAll([5, 4, 1, 7, 1, 4, 7])
        # answer 29

In [6]: # Define a recursive function called exp which takes in two ints a and b, and returns a^b
        # Your function should not use **
        def exp(a, b):
            pass
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print exp(2, 0)
# answer: 1

print exp(2, 5)
# answer: 32

print exp(3, 6)
# answer: 729

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3 Level 2!

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In [ ]: # Define a recursive function called reverse which takes in a string and re
def reverse(s):
    pass

print reverse('abc')
# answer: cba

print reverse('ccc')
# answer: 'ccc'

print reverse('this is a long string')
# answer: gnirts gnol a si siht

In [7]: # Define a recursive function called removeLetter which takes in a string a
# and returns the string back without the given letter.
def removeLetter(s, letter):
    pass

print removeLetter('abc', 'a')
# answer: bc

print removeLetter('abcabcabc', 'b')
# answer: acacac

print removeLetter('no instances of this letter', 'z')
# answer: no instances of this letter

In [8]: # Define a recursive function called replaceLetter which takes in a string
# The function returns a string that has all of the instances of the first
def replaceLetter(s, a, b):
    pass

print replaceLetter('car', 'r', 'w')
# answer: caw

print replaceLetter('hello', 'o', 'i')
# answer: helli

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    print replaceLetter('no instances of letter', 'z', 'a')
    # answer: no instances of letter

In [ ]: # Define a recursive function called sumDigits which takes in an int and su
    # Hint: The % operator can give you the last digit in the number.
    def sumDigits(n):
        pass

    print sumDigits(123)
    # answer: 6

    print sumDigits(123456789)
    # answer: 45

    print sumDigits(369)
    # answer: 18

In [ ]: # Define a recursive function called cumulativeSum which takes in a list an
    # returns a list with the cumulative sum of the numbers in a list.
    # Your function should use the helper function.
    def cumulativeSumHelper(lstA, lstB):
        pass

    def cumulativeSum(lst, finalLst):
        pass

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4 Level 3!

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In [10]: # Define a recursive function called gcf which takes in an int and returns
    # Your code should use the Euclidean algorithm.
    def gcf(a, b):
        pass

    print gcf(5, 17)
    # answer: 1

    print gcf(101, 197)
    # answer: 1

    print gcf(72, 180)
    # answer: 36

    print gcf(24, 36)
    # answer: 12

In [ ]: # Define a recursive function called convertToBin which takes an int and
    # returns a string which is the binary version of the int

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def convertToBin(a):
    pass

print convertToBin(0)
# answer: 0

print convertToBin(1)
# answer: 1

print convertToBin(2)
# answer: 10

print convertToBin(3)
# answer: 11

print convertToBin(4)
# answer: 100

print convertToBin(50)
# answer: 110010

In [ ]: # Define a recursive function called convertToInt which takes a binary number
# returns the corresponding integer.
def convertToInt(s):
    pass

print convertToInt('10101')
# answer: 21

print convertToInt('1101')
# answer: 13

print convertToInt('1001')
# answer: 9

print convertToInt('1111111')
# answer: 127

print convertToInt('000000000000000')
# answer: 0

In [ ]: # Define a recursive function called mergeLists which takes two sorted lists
# Your function should use the helper provided.
def mergeListsHelper(lstA, lstB, resultList):
    pass

def mergeLists(lstA, lstB):
    pass

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print mergeLists([1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6])  
# answer: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]  
  
print mergeLists([1, 3, 5], [2, 4, 6])  
# answer: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]  
  
print mergeLists([1, 7, 10, 15, 22], [3, 5, 9])  
# answer: [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 15, 22]
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