

CSIT121 Lesson 8 Exercise

1. Write a recursive program that implements this definition of *square numbers* for a positive value of $n > 1$.

$$\text{square}(n) = \text{square}(n-1) + 2n - 1$$

Aside: where did this crazy definition of square come from?

Easy: this is just algebra:

$$(n-1)^2 = n^2 - 2n + 1$$

rearrange to get:

$$n^2 = (n-1)^2 + 2n - 1$$

2. Write a recursive program that implements this definition of *cube numbers* (for positive integers):

$$\text{cube}(n) = \text{cube}(n-1) + 3*(\text{square}(n)) - 3*n + 1$$

3. Multiplication of non-negative integers can be defined recursively in terms of addition:

$$\text{mult}(n,0) = 0$$

$$\text{mult}(n,m) = n + \text{mult}(n,m-1)$$

Using recursion write a method `mult` which implements such a function.

4. Exponentiation of non-negative integers can be defined recursively in terms of Multiplication:

$$n^0 = 1$$

$$n^m = n * (n^{m-1})$$

Using recursion write a method `power` which implements such a function.

5. The Syracuse Sequence starting with 14 goes like this:

14 7 22 11 34 17 52 26 13 40 20 10 5 16 8 4 2 1

The rule is as follows: if n is even then the next number in the sequence is $n/2$

and if n is odd the next number is $3n + 1$.

(note: if n is even, $n/2$ will not have a remainder)

The sequence stops at 1.

Using recursion, write a program such that for all positive integers, n prints out the Syracuse sequence starting with n .