

## 4330 Assignment 5 <sup>1</sup>

Write your code for the following problems in a single file named:

**hw5-*lastname*.py**

Please: name your file in exactly this way; lowercase 'hw', a dash (not an underscore), and **NO SPACES** in the filename!

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**(1) (20 points)**

Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  given by

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n/2, & \text{if } n \text{ is even,} \\ (3n+1)/2, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Write Python code to accomplish the following:

- (i) Write a Python function named `f3n1` which takes a positive integer  $n$ , and computes and returns the integer value  $f(n)$  as defined above (use the integer division operator `//` instead of the ordinary division operator `/`). For example, `f3n1(10)` should return 5 and `f3n1(11)` should return 17.
- (ii) Write a Python function named `seq_3n1` which takes a positive integer  $n$  and returns a list containing the sequence  $n, f(n), f(f(n)), f(f(f(n))), \dots$  up to and including the first occurrence of a 1. For example, the command  
`print seq_3n1(12)`  
should give the output  
`[12, 6, 3, 5, 8, 4, 2, 1]`

- (iii) Below those two functions, insert the following:

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n = int(input("Enter a positive integer n:"))
seq = seq_3n1(n)
print("The resulting sequence is: {}".format(seq))
print("It has length {}".format(len(seq)))
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