

Problems based on Recursion – 3

Assignment Solutions



Q1 - Given a number n, print the following pattern without using any loop.

(Easy)

n, n-5, n-10, ..., 0, 5, 10, ..., n-5, n

Input: n = 16

Expected Output: 16, 11, 6, 1, -4, 1, 6, 11, 16

Explanation:

- Create a recursive function with parameters as n, m set as n and flag variable set as true
- Print m and if the flag is false and the value of m is equal to n then return from the function
- If the flag is true then check
 - If m-5 is greater than zero then recur for m-5
 - Else recur for m-5 and set the flag to false, as now we will be moving backward
- Else recur for m+5

Code:

<https://pastebin.com/g84rtkSL>

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/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk-19.  
Enter the number n:  
16  
16 11 6 1 -4 1 6 11 16  
Process finished with exit code 0  
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Q2 - Find m-th summation of first n natural numbers where m-th summation of first n natural numbers is defined as following:

(Medium)

If $m > 1$: $SUM(n, m) = SUM(SUM(n, m - 1), 1)$

Else : $SUM(n, 1) = \text{Sum of first } n \text{ natural numbers.}$

Input: $n = 3, m = 2$

Expected Output : 21

Explanation:

- We first write the recursive function for sum of first n natural numbers.
- Next we create our main recursive function where we pass n and m as arguments.
- We use the question defined equations, if $m=1$, we directly call sum of n function.
- Else we recursively call our function for n and $m-1$ and then calculate sum of first n natural numbers for this sum.

Code:

<https://pastebin.com/P7JXkCky>

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/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk-19.jd
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Enter the number n and m:
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3
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2
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```
21
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Process finished with exit code 0
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