

Cheat Sheet

Function Call Stack & Recursion

Stack

Stack is a data structure that stores items in an Last-In/First-Out manner.

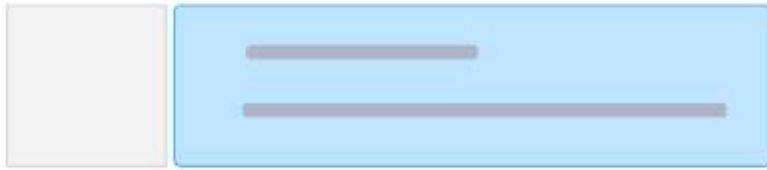


Calling a Function

Calling

`function_1()` inside `function_2()`

```
def function_1():
```



```
def function_2():
```



Code

```
1 def get_largest_sqr(list_x):
2     len_list = len(list_x)
3     for i in range(len_list):
4         x = list_x[i]
5         list_x[i] = x * x
6     largest = max(list_x)
7     return largest
8
9 list_a = [1,-3,2]
10 result = get_largest_sqr(list_a)
```

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Expand 

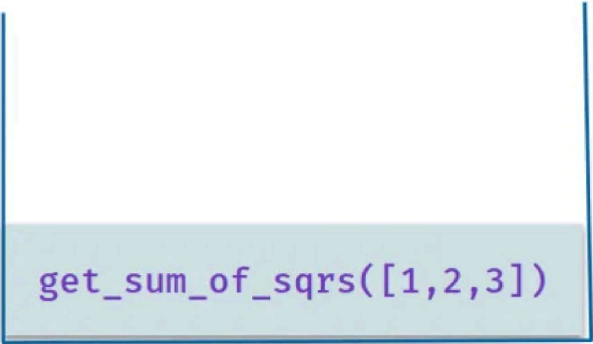
Output

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In the above code calling functions are

`len()` and `max()` inside `get_largest_sqr()`

Sum of Squares of List Items



```
get_sum_of_sqrns([1,2,3])
```

Code

```
1 def get_sqrd_val(x):  
2     return (x * x)  
3  
4 def get_sum_of_sqrns(list_a):  
5     sqrs_sum = 0  
6     for i in list_a:  
7         sqrs_sum += get_sqrd_val(i)  
8     return sqrs_sum  
9  
10 list_a = [1, 2, 3]
```

PYTHON

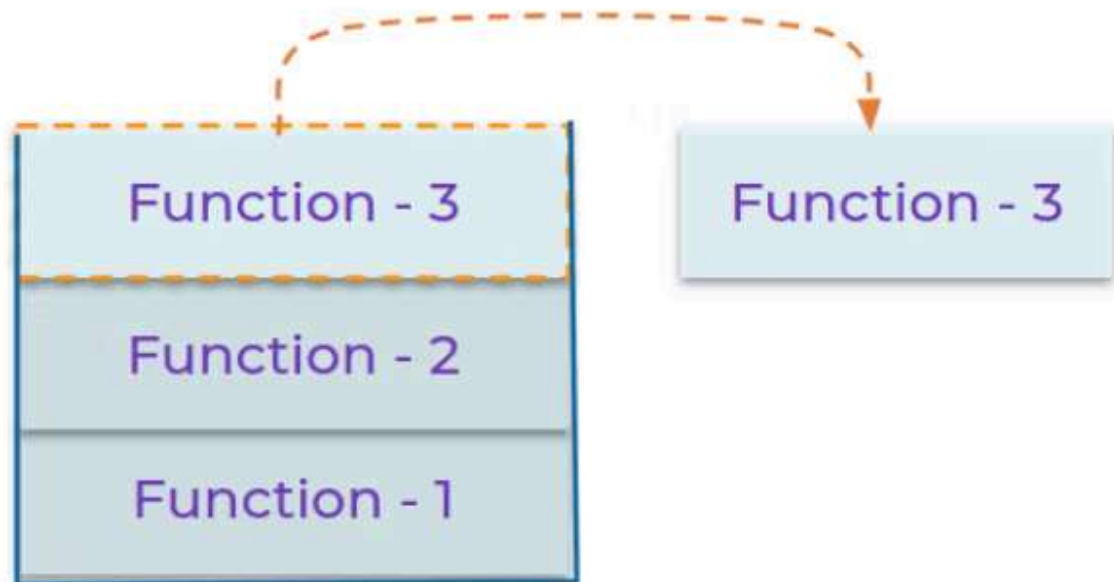
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Output

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Function Call Stack

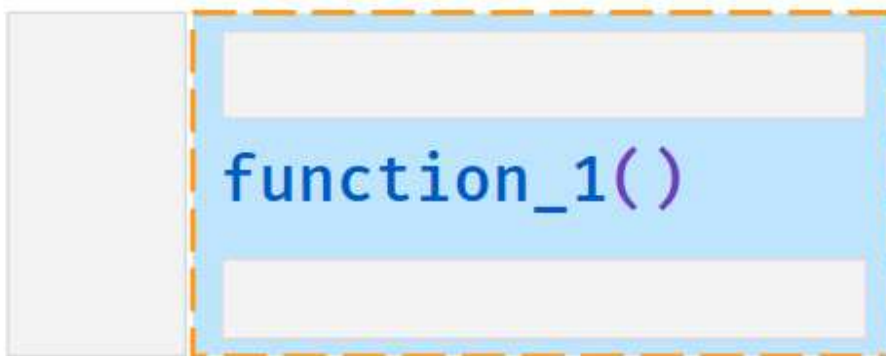
Function Call Stack keeps track of function calls in progress



Recursion

A function calling itself is called a **Recursion**

```
def function_1():
```



Let's understand recursion with a simple example of multiplying N numbers

Multiply N Numbers

PYTHON

```
1 def factorial(n): # Recursive Function
2     if n == 1: # Base Case
3         return 1
4     return n * factorial(n - 1) # Recursion
```

```
5 num = int(input())
6 result = factorial(num)
7 print(result)
```

Base Case

A recursive function terminates when base condition is met

Input

3

Output

6

Without Base case

Code

PYTHON

```
1 def factorial(n):
2     return n * factorial(n - 1)
3 num = int(input())
4 result = factorial(num)
5 print(result)
```

Input

3

Output

RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded

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