

Problem Set 4 Exercise #21: Recursive Sum

Reference: Lecture 12 notes

Learning objective: Recursion

Estimated completion time: 15 minutes

Problem statement:

Write a recursive function

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int f(int x)
```

that accepts a positive integer x and calculate $f(x)$ according to the following formula.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 0, 1, 2 \\ f(x-1) + f(x-2) + f(x-3) & \text{if } x \text{ is even and } x \geq 3 \\ f(x-1) + f(x-2) & \text{if } x \text{ is odd and } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Write a program **recursive_sum.c** for the above task. You should **NOT** use any loop structures (*for*, *while* or *do-while* loop) in your program.

Sample run #1:

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Enter x (x >= 0): 2
f(x) = 1
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Sample run #2:

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Enter x (x >= 0): 3
f(x) = 2
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Sample run #3:

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Enter x (x >= 0): 5
f(x) = 6
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