

Homework 3

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1 Without Coding [Show your work when asked]

Problem 1 (5 points each)

Calculate the result of the following function calls. Make sure to **show your work** tracing the recursive calls.

```
def factorial(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 1  
  
    else:  
        return n * factorial(n-1)
```

[1]

```
def x(n):  
    if n <= 1:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return n*(n-1)*x(n-1)
```

```
def y(m):
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    if m == 1:  
        return 1  
    else:  
        n = x(m - 1) #x(7) calls defx(n)  
        return n
```

[2]

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# Function that finds the nth tribonacci number  
def tribonacci(n):
```

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if n == 1:
    return 0
elif n == 2:
    return 1
elif n == 3:
    return 2
else:
    return tribonacci(n-1) + tribonacci(n-2) + tribonacci(n-3)

```

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Problems to Trace

1. factorial(5)

Answer: \rightarrow factorial(5) \rightarrow 5*factorial(4) \rightarrow 4*factorial(3) \rightarrow 3*factorial(2) \rightarrow 2*factorial(1) \rightarrow 1*factorial(0)
 \rightarrow factorial(0) returns 1 \rightarrow factorial(1) returns 1*1 \rightarrow factorial(2) returns 2*1 \rightarrow factorial(3) returns 3*2
 \rightarrow factorial(4) returns 4*6 \rightarrow factorial(5) returns 5*24 \rightarrow 120

2. factorial(8)

Answer: factorial(8) \rightarrow 8*factorial(7) \rightarrow 7*factorial(6) \rightarrow 6*factorial(5) \rightarrow 5*factorial(4) \rightarrow 4*factorial(3)
 \rightarrow 3*factorial(2) \rightarrow 2*factorial(1) \rightarrow 1*factorial(0) \rightarrow factorial(0) returns 1 \rightarrow factorial(1) returns 1*1 \rightarrow
factorial(2) returns 2*1 \rightarrow factorial(3) returns 3*2 \rightarrow factorial(4) returns 4*6 \rightarrow factorial(5) returns 5*24
 \rightarrow factorial(6) returns 6*120 \rightarrow factorial(7) returns 7*720 \rightarrow factorial(8) returns 8*5040 \rightarrow 40 320

3. y(8)

Answer: $y(8) \rightarrow n = x(8-1) \rightarrow x(7) \rightarrow 7*6*x(6) \rightarrow 6*5*x(5) \rightarrow 5*4*x(4) \rightarrow 4*3*x(3) \rightarrow 3*2*x(2) \rightarrow$
 $2*1*x(1) \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3*2*2 \rightarrow 4*3*12 \rightarrow 5*4*144 \rightarrow 6*5*2880 \rightarrow 7*6*86400 \rightarrow 3\ 628\ 800$

4. tribonacci(4)

Answer: tribonacci(4) \rightarrow tribonacci(4-1) + tribonacci(4-2) + tribonacci(4-3) \rightarrow 2+1+0 \rightarrow 3

5. tribonacci(7)

Answer: tribonacci(7) \rightarrow tribonacci(7-1) + tribonacci(7-2) + tribonacci(7-3) \rightarrow tribonacci(6) +
tribonacci(5) + tribonacci(4)

tribonacci(4) \rightarrow tribonacci(4-1) + tribonacci(4-2) + tribonacci(4-3) \rightarrow 2+1+0 \rightarrow 3

tribonacci(5) \rightarrow tribonacci(5-1) + tribonacci(5-2) + tribonacci(5-3) \rightarrow tribonacci(4) + tribonacci(3) +
tribonacci(2) \rightarrow 3+2+1 \rightarrow 6

tribonacci(6) \rightarrow tribonacci(6-1) + tribonacci(6-2) + tribonacci(6-3) \rightarrow tribonacci(5) + tribonacci(4) +
tribonacci(3) \rightarrow 6+3+2 \rightarrow 11

tribonacci(6) + tribonacci(5) + tribonacci(4) \rightarrow 11 + 6 + 3 \rightarrow 20

Problem 2 (10 points)

Find the expected result of the two list comprehension by hand (**show your work**):

```
list_1 = [10 - thing for thing in range(20,1,-1)]
```

Answer: The for loop iterates starting at 20, in steps of -1, ending iteration at 2. Each iteration will add 10 - the current iterated value to the list. Therefore the result will be: list_1 = [-10,-9,-8,-7,-6,-5,-4,-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]

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list_2 = [val**3 for val in [1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4] if val!=2] [4]
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Answer: The for loop iterates over the values in the inner list, excluding the values of 2. With each iteration the value in the list is raised to the power of 3 and added to list_2. Therefore the results will be: list_2 = [1,1,27,27,64,64]