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Programming and Data Structures with Python

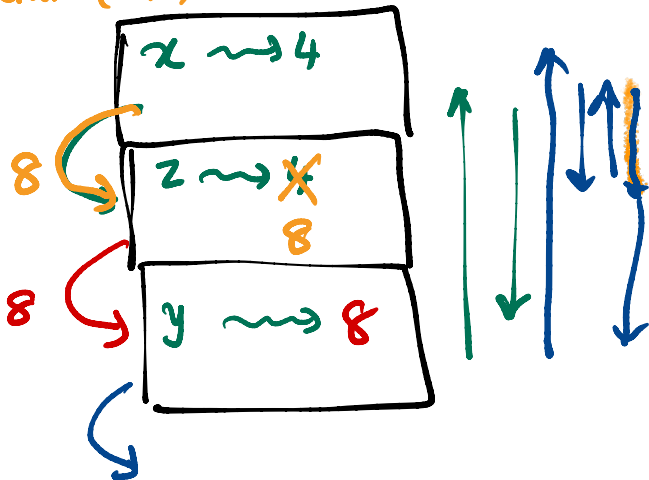
Calling functions

```
def double(n):  
    return (2*n)
```

```
def set(z):  
    z = double(z)  
    z = triple(z)  
    return(z)
```

```
y = set(4)  
print(y)
```

```
def triple(a):  
    return (3*a)
```



Recursive functions $\leftrightarrow$ Induction

Factorial

Base Case $0! = 1$

$$n! = \underbrace{(n-1)!}_{\text{induction}} \times n$$

$$(n-2)! \times (n-1)$$

$$4! = \frac{3! \times 4}{\downarrow}$$

$$\frac{2! \times 3}{\downarrow}$$

$$\frac{1! \times 2}{\downarrow}$$

$$\frac{0! \times 1}{\downarrow}$$

$$-1! ? \Rightarrow (-2!) \times -1 \Rightarrow -3! \times -2 \times -1 \dots$$

$$2.5! ? \Rightarrow 1.5! \times 2.5 \Rightarrow 0.5! \times 1.5 \times 2.5$$

$$\Rightarrow -0.5! \times 0.5 \times 1.5 \times 2.5$$

⋮

```
def fact(n):
```

```
    ans = 1
```

```
    while n >= 1 :
```

```
        ans = ans * n
```

```
        n = n - 1
```

```
    return (n)
```

```
def fact_rec(n):
```

```
    if n == 0:
```

```
        return (1)
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return (n * fact_rec(n-1))
```

```
def fact_rec(n):
```

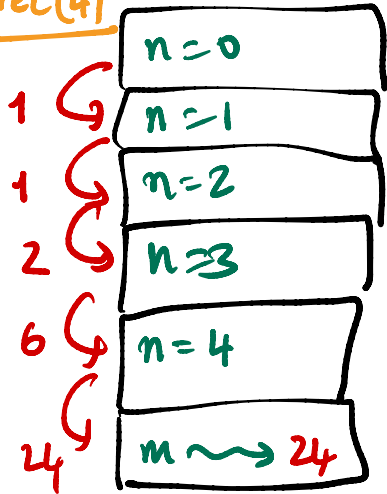
```
    if n == 0:  
        return 1
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return (n * fact_rec(n-1))
```

$m = \text{fact_rec}(4)$

fact_rec(4)



```
def fib(n):
```

```
    if n == 0:
```

```
        return 0
```

```
    elif n == 1:
```

```
        return 1
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return (fib(n-1) + fib(n-2))
```

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 ...

$fib(0) = 0$

$fib(1) = 1$

$fib(n) = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)$

Recursion / induction beyond numbers

Data Structures

Lists

Base Case : $[]$ $\text{length}(l)$

"Plus One" : $l.\text{append}(v)$

$l.\text{insert}(0, v)$

$[v] + l$

```
def length(l):
```

```
    if l == []:
```

```
        return(0)
```

```
    else:
```

```
        # length of "rest", add 1
```

```
        1 + length(l[1:])    or    1 + length(l[:-1])
```



```
def sum(l):
```

```
    if l == []:
```

```
        return 0
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return (l[0] + sum(l[1:]))
```

$$\begin{array}{c} v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1} \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}} \\ v_0 + s \\ \downarrow \\ (v_1 + v_2 + \dots + v_{n-1}) \end{array}$$

```
def find(l, x):
    for y in l:
        if x == y:
            return True
    return False
```

Inductively $x \text{ in } l?$

$[]?$ False

$x == l[0]$ or $x \text{ in } l[1:]$

```
def find(l, x):
    if l == []:
        return False
    else:
        return (x == l[0] or find(l[1:], x))
```

Insert v into a sorted list (ascending)

→ Find the place to insert

Try iteratively

Inductively

$\text{insert}(v, l)$

Base case: $l \rightarrow [v]$

$v \leq l[0] \rightarrow [v] + l$

else $\rightarrow l[0] + \text{insert}(v, l[1:])$

```
def insert(v, l):
```

```
    if l == []:
```

```
        return [v]
```

```
    elif v <= l[0]:
```

```
        return [v] + l
```

```
    else:
```

```
        return ([l[0]] + insert(v, l[1:]))
```