



## Python programming Lab. Work n° 2 : Recursion

**Preliminaries :** Please remind that teachers can be called to help you on any problem you get. Don't get stuck on an issue for too long.

We remind that there is mainly two kind of definitions of the factorial function.

- as a product, or sequence of products

$$n! = \prod_{i=1}^n i$$

- as a recursion (self-definition)

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ n \times (n - 1)!, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

### Exercise n°1 : Recursion

Create a module `recurs.py`.

1. Create two functions `fact_iterative(n)` which computes  $n!$  for any given  $n > 0$ , and `fact_rec(n)` which computes the same using recursion. Test.

```
Give an integer, please 8
8!=40320 40320
```

2. Create two functions `to_binary(n)` that prints the binary representation of any integer  $n \geq 0$  using recursion, `to_binary_string(n)` that computes the string (the binary representation of  $n$ ).

```
Give an integer, please 37
100101
100101
```

3. Create a function `fibonacci(n)` that computes the Fibonacci number  $\mathcal{F}_n$  defined as  $\mathcal{F}_0 = \mathcal{F}_1 = 1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_n = \mathcal{F}_{n-1} + \mathcal{F}_{n-2}$  (for any  $n > 1$ ).
4. Create a function that computes the greatest common divisor of two positive integers `gcd(a,b)` using Euclidean algorithm.  $gcd(a, 0) = a$ ,  $gcd(a, b) = gcd(a - b, b)$  (if  $a \geq b$ ) and  $gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a)$  (if  $a < b$ ).
5. Create a function `pascal(n)` that draws the Pascal's triangle up to  $n$  using recursion. From Wikipedia :

In Pascal's triangle, each number is the sum of the two numbers directly above it.

We just have to start from the bi-infinite sequence of number  ${}^{\infty}010^{\infty}$  and ignore the zeroes on drawing.



```
Give an integer, please 4
      1
    1 1
  1 2 1
1 3 3 1
1 4 6 4 1
```

6. Modify `fibonacci(n)` so that it will return both the result and the number of calls.

```
Give an integer, please 15
F_15=987 calls 1973
```

7. Create a function `fibonacci_opt(n)` that will optimize the `fibonacci` by the use of a list of already computed values that can be reused when needed.

```
Give an integer, please 15
F_15=987 calls 29
Give an integer, please 15
F_15=987 calls 1
Give an integer, please 16
F_16=987 calls 3
```

8. Create a function `fibonacci_matrix(n)` that will optimize the computation of Fibonacci's function by the use of fast exponentiation matrix. We remind that we have the following relation :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{n+2} \\ \mathcal{F}_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{F}_{n+1} \\ \mathcal{F}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

```
1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 144 233 377 610 987 1597...
```

9. In every preceding question, add a counter of operations so that at the end of the computation the total number of operations is printed and the number of calls to every recursive function.... Like :

```
Give an integer, please 19
Give an integer, please 12
gcd(19,12)=1 ops=38 calls=13
```