

## SI@UCF Python Homework: Practice with Recursion

This assignment will consist of four relatively short required functions. For each part you must write a *recursive function* to help solve the problem. For fun, an optional part is included as well.

1) Write a recursive function that takes in a single non-negative integer and returns the sum of its digits. Here is the function prototype:

```
int sumDigits(n)
```

2) Write a recursive function that takes in a positive integer  $n$ , and prints out a triangle with  $n$  rows in the pattern shown below (for  $n = 3$ , spaces = 0):

```
 *
***
*****
```

Here's what should get printed out for  $n=3$  and spaces = 2:

```
  *
 ***
*****
```

Notice that not only must the number of stars on each row be accurate, but so must the number of spaces.  $n$  represents the number of total rows, and spaces represents the number of spaces starting the last row of the triangle structure. Here is the function prototype:

```
printTri(n, spaces)
```

3) A Generalized Fibonacci sequence is defined as follows, where  $a$  and  $b$  are real-valued constants:

$$G_0 = a, G_1 = b, G_n = G_{n-1} + G_{n-2}, \text{ for all integers } n > 1.$$

Write a recursive function that computes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term in a Generalized Fibonacci sequence given the values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $n$ . Here is the method prototype:

```
genfib(n, a, b)
```

Write each of these three methods in the file `recday1.py`. Then, write a main method in this file that allows you to adequately test all three recursive methods.

4) Write a function that computes the sum of a geometric sequence with first term `first`, common ratio `ratio`, with `n` terms. The function prototype is shown below:

```
geosum(first, ratio, n)
```

For example, a geometric sequence with first term 3, common ratio 2 with 5 terms is 3, 6, 12, 24, 48 and has a sum of 93.

5) **(OPTIONAL - WRITE SEPARATE MAIN)** This function will run in pyGame. Consider displaying a grid of  $2^n \times 2^n$  red squares, with a top left corner  $(x, y)$  and a side length of `side`. You may assume that the side length is a perfect power of 2. The squares should have a thickness of 1 pixel. The algorithm to solve this problem is as follows:

- 1) Draw the outer box.
- 2) Recursively call your function on four more grids representing the four quadrants of the outer box. Each of these four recursive calls should create grids of  $2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-1}$  red squares with the appropriate top left corners with half the side length of the original.

Here is the function prototype:

```
drawbox(n, x, y, side)
```

Here is the output for `drawbox(3, 50, 50, 512)`

