



# More Recursion

CS51 – Spring 2026

# Revisiting rec\_sum

- Write a recursive function called `rec_sum` that takes a positive number as a parameter and calculates the sum of the numbers from 0 up to and including that provided number.

```
def rec_sum(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return 0  
    else:  
        return n + rec_sum(n-1)
```

# rec\_sum function in cs51 machine

```
lcw r1 stack      ; set up stack
loa r3 r0         ; get n and store it in r3

lcw r2 rec_sum    ; call rec_sum
cal r2 r2

sto r3 r0         ; print result,
hlt              ; and halt
```

...

```
dat 100
stack
```

# rec\_sum function in cs51 machine

rec\_sum

```
psh r2      ; save the return address on the stack
bne r3 r0 recurse    ; if n!=0 recurse
add r3 r0 0      ; if n == 0, result is 0
brs done
```

recurse

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psh r3      ; save n on the stack
sub r3 r3 1  ; n = n-1

lcw r2 rec_sum    ; make recursive call
cal r2 r2 ; rec_sum (n-1), answer should be in r3

pop r2      ; get n into r2
add r3 r3 r2  ; r3 = n + rec_sum (n-1)
```

done

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jmp r2      ; go back to caller
```

Function startup

base case

recursive case

Function cleanup  
and return

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Notice the symmetry  
between push and pop

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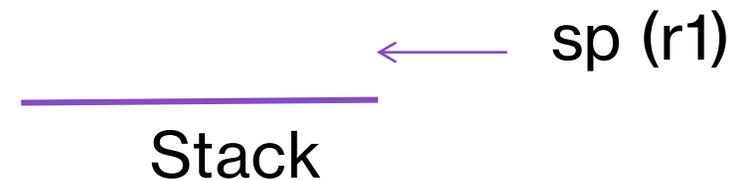
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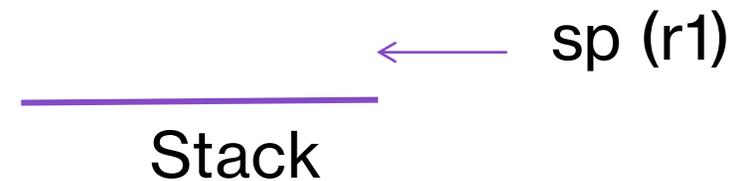
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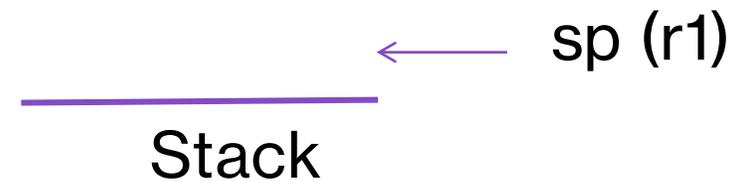
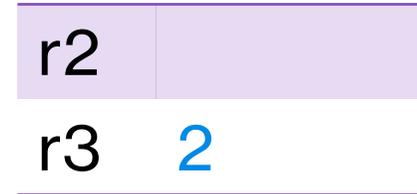
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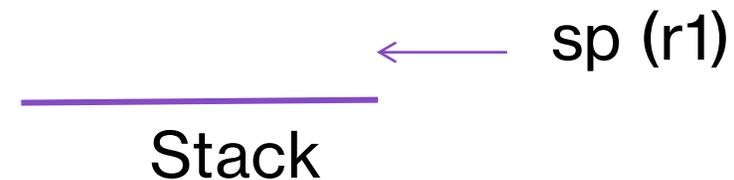
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← sp (r1)  
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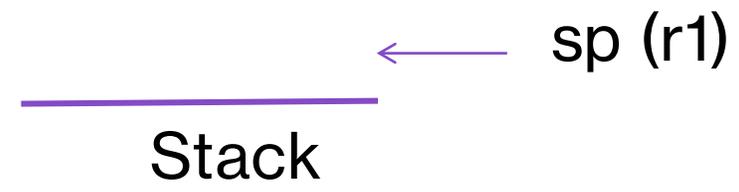
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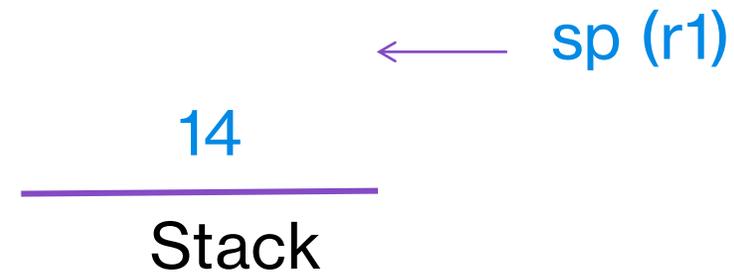
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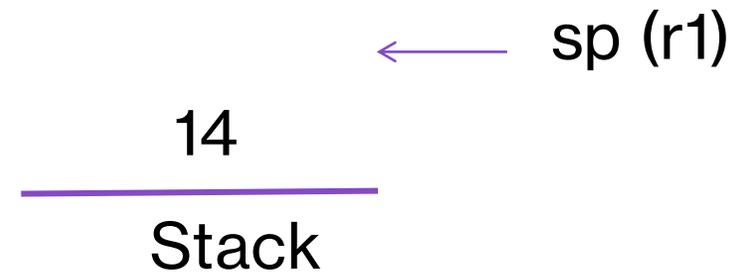
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Why psh r3?

← sp (r1)

2  
14  
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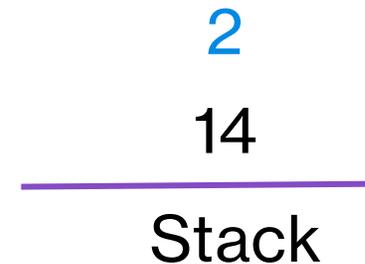
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```

- We're about to make a function call
- The result of that call will go into r3 so that would erase its contents if not saved
- **$n + \text{rec\_sum}(n-1)$**

← sp (r1)



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14  

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r2	18
r3	1

Make a recursive call:  
rec\_sum(1)

← sp (r1)

2  
14  
-----  
Stack

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14

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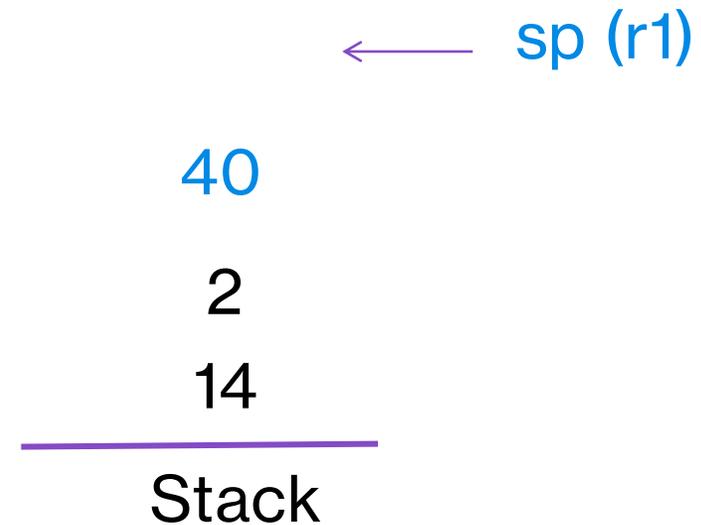
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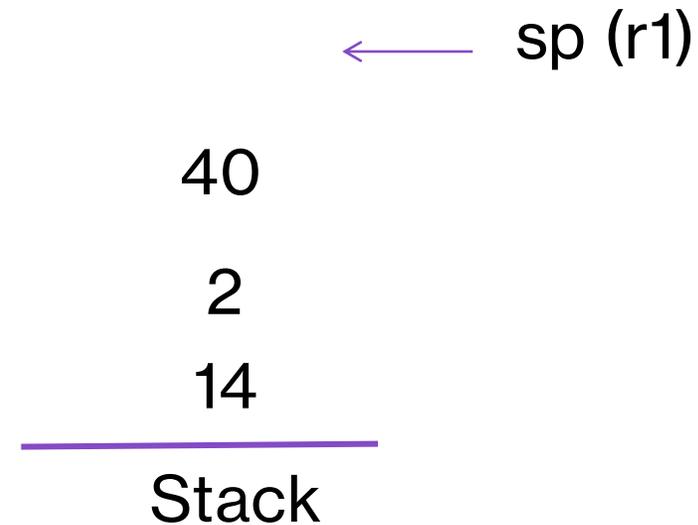
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r3	1
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← sp (r1)

40

2

14

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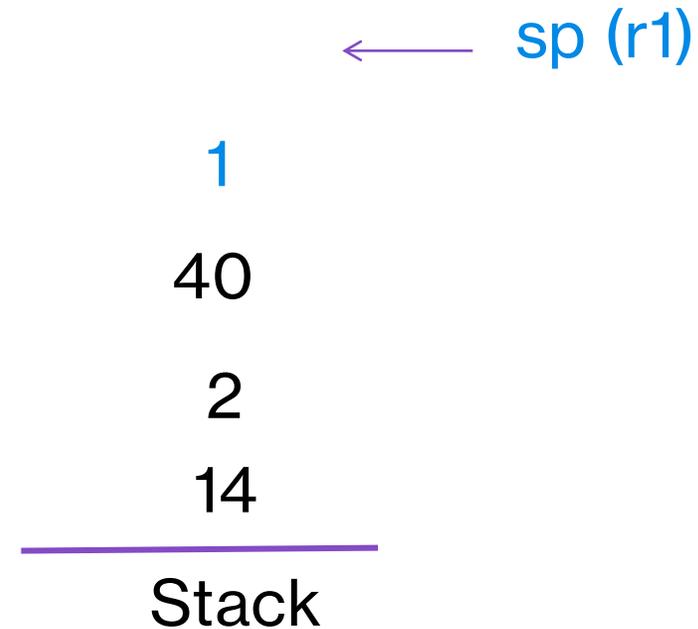
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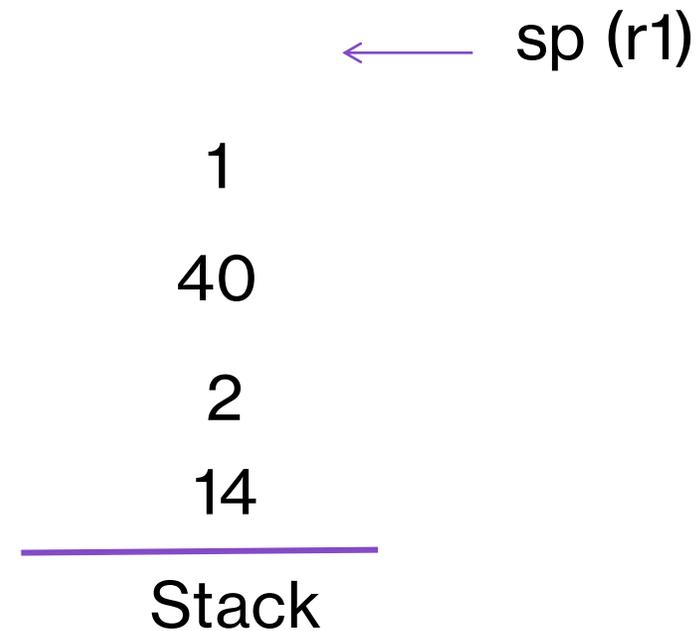
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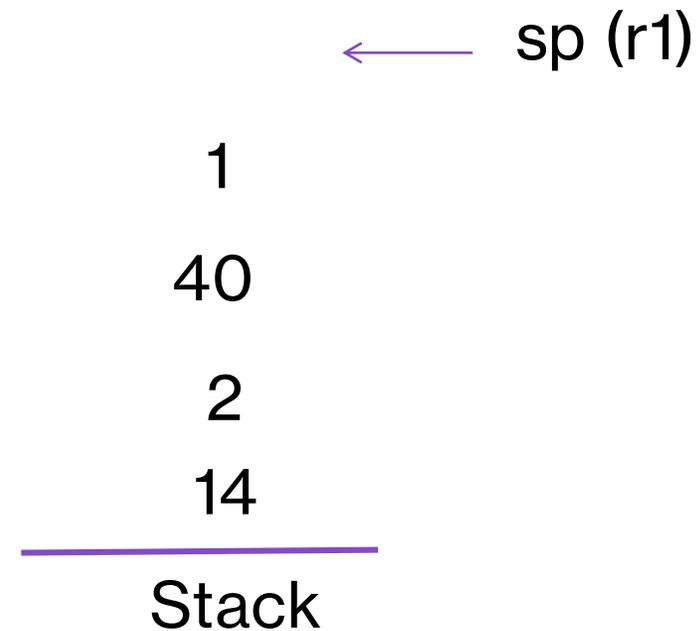
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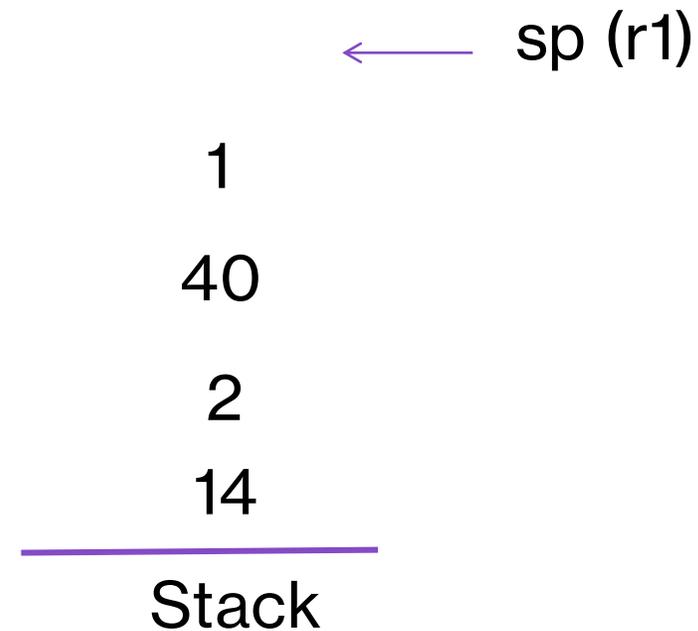
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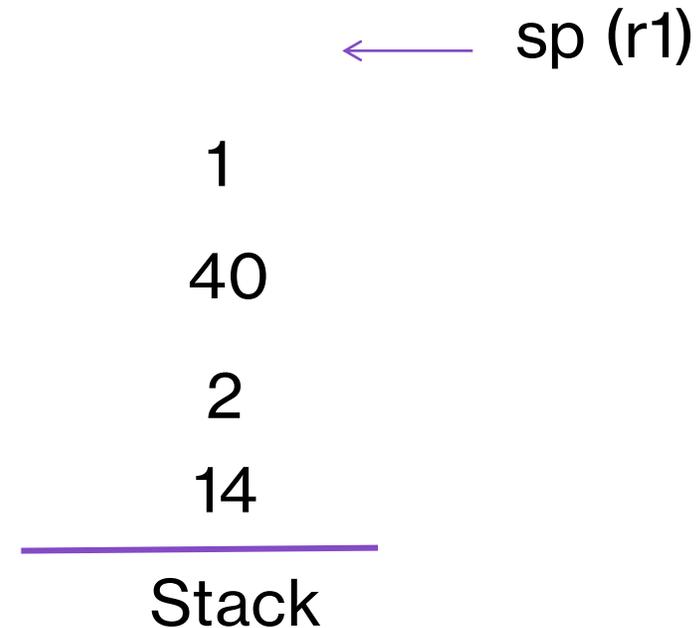
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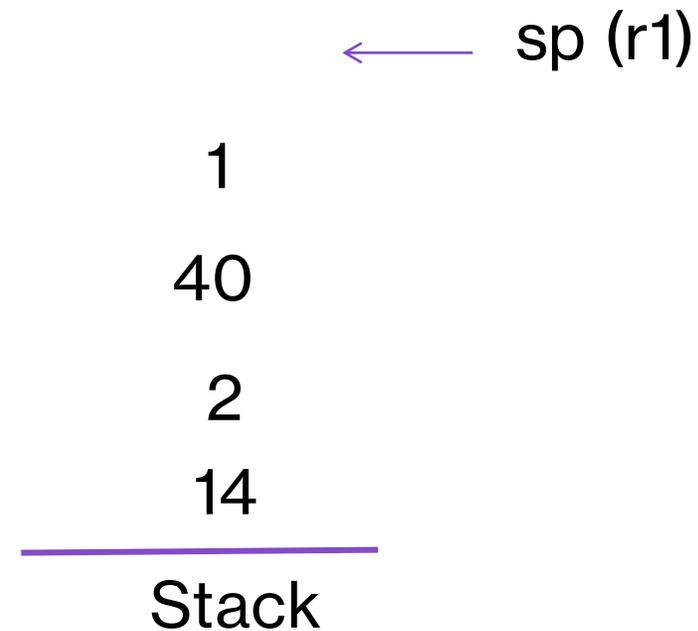
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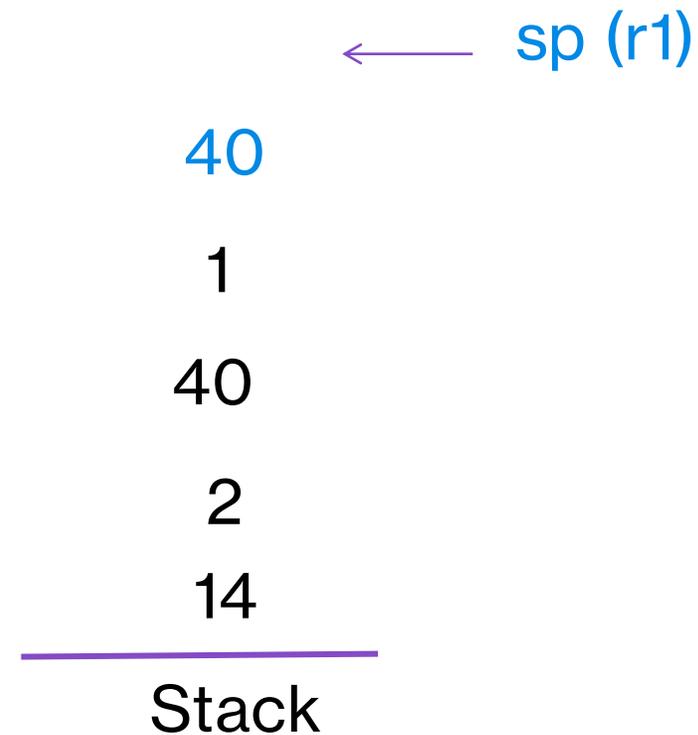
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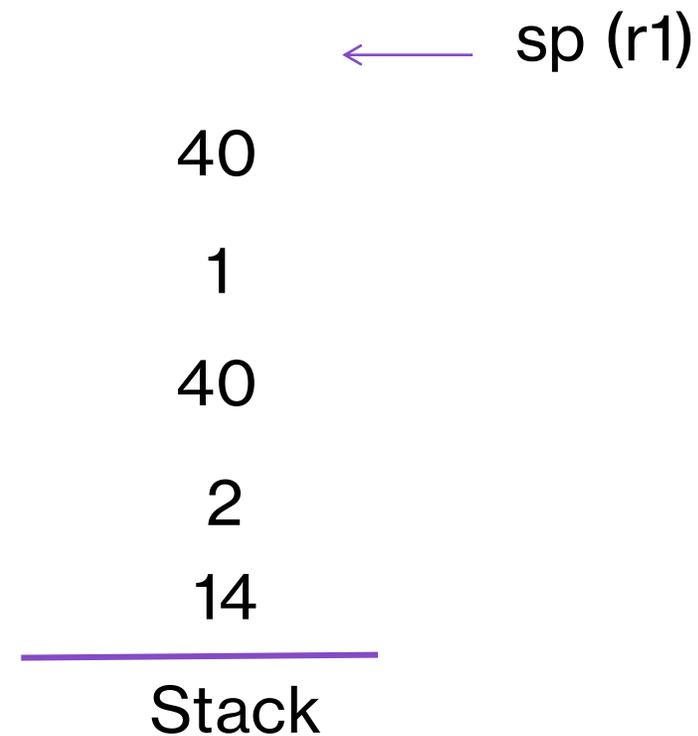
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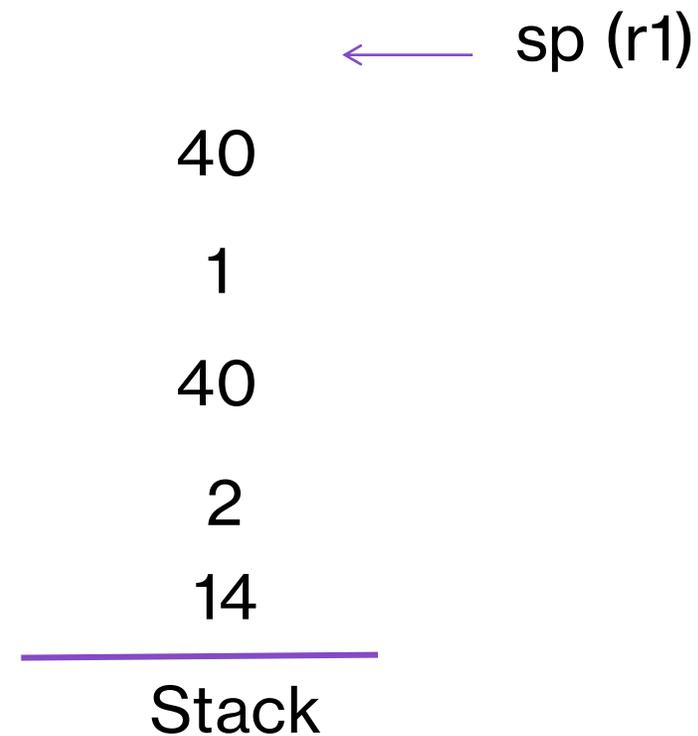
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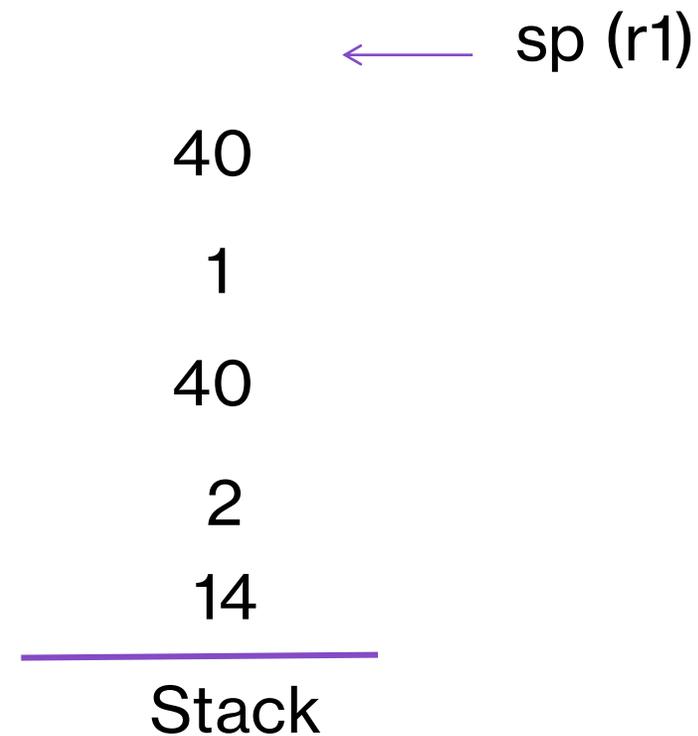
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← sp (r1)

40  
1  
40  
2  
14

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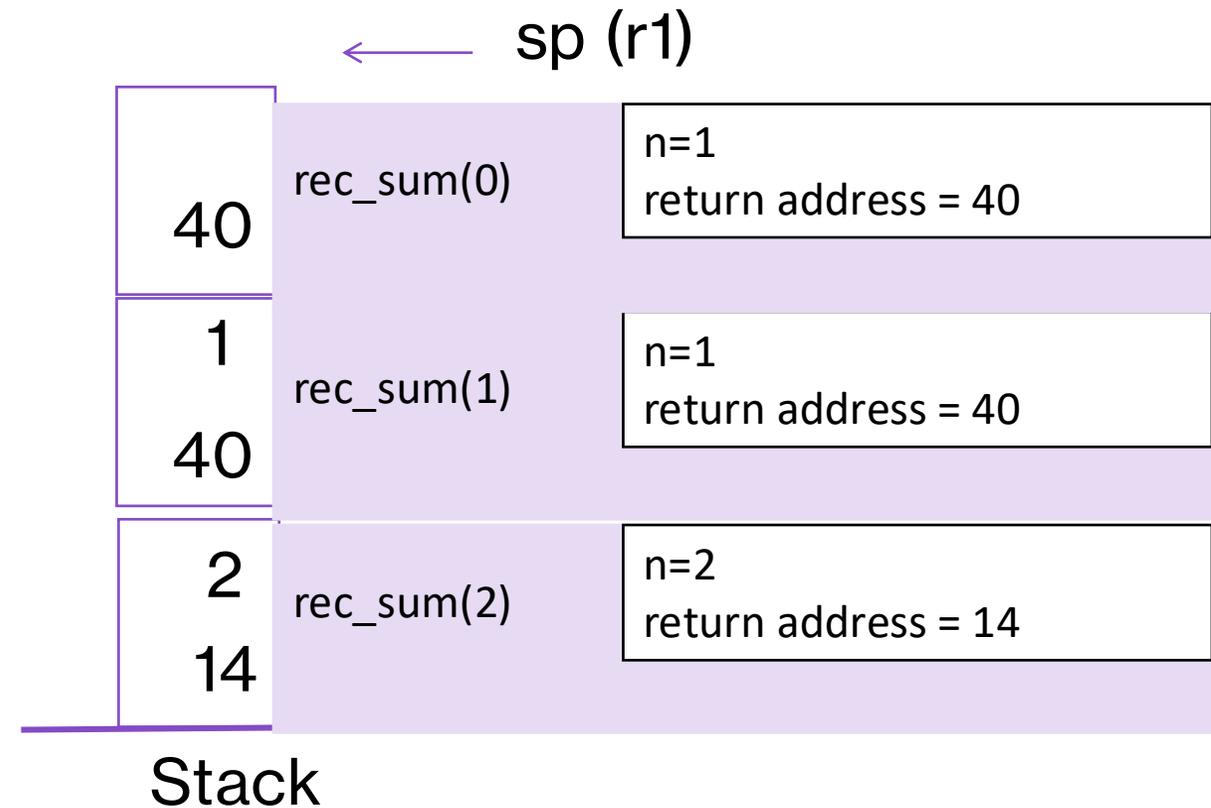
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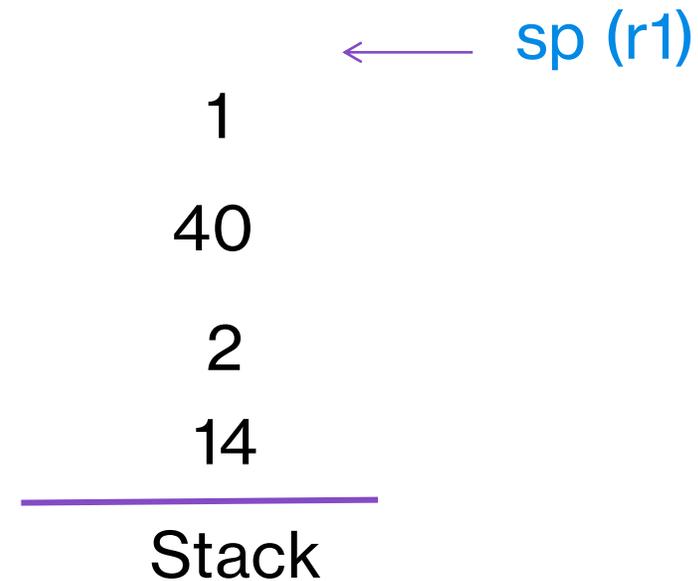
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r2	40
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← sp (r1)

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14

Stack

Returning with answer in r3

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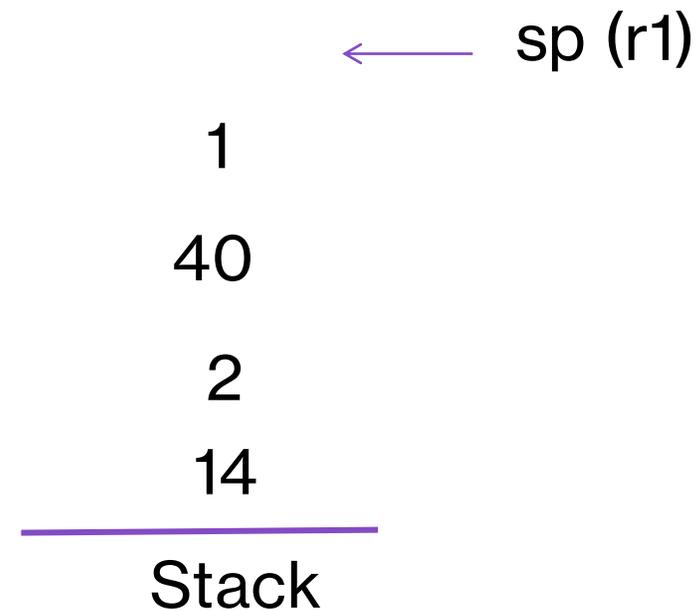
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```

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Why are we doing this?



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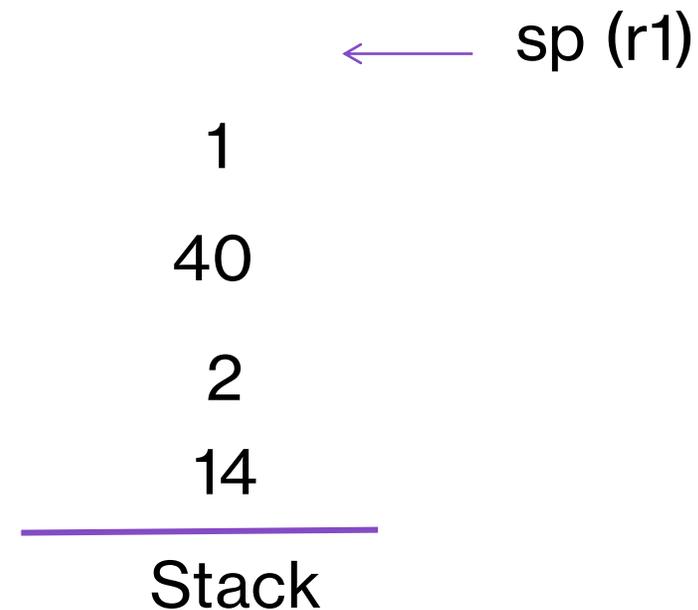
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- Need to calculate  $n + \text{rec\_sum}(n-1)$
- Saved  $n$  on the stack



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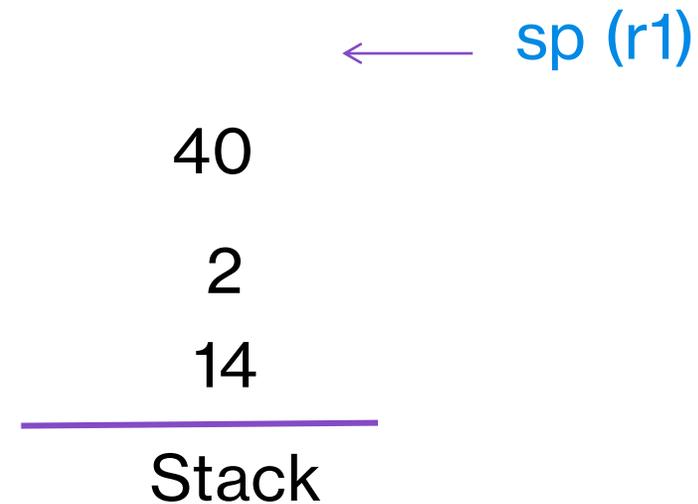
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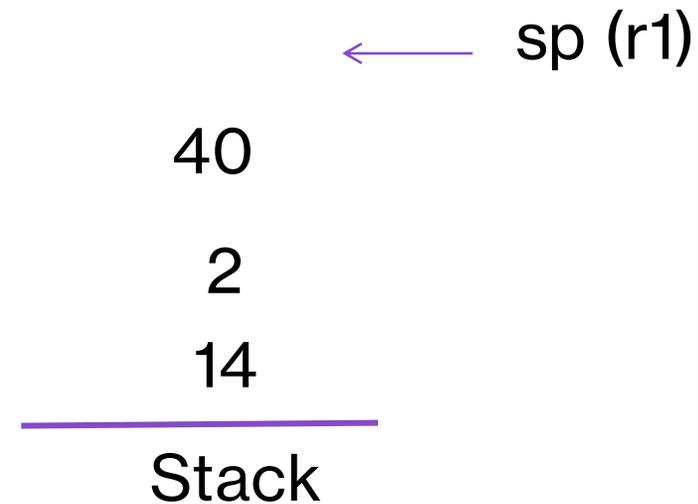
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r2	1
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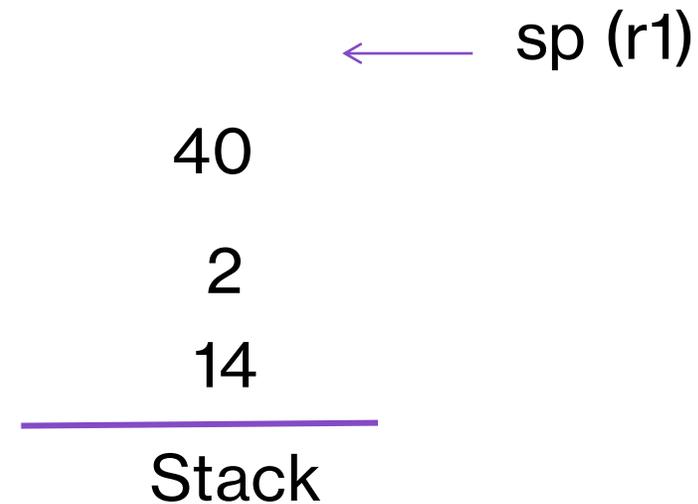
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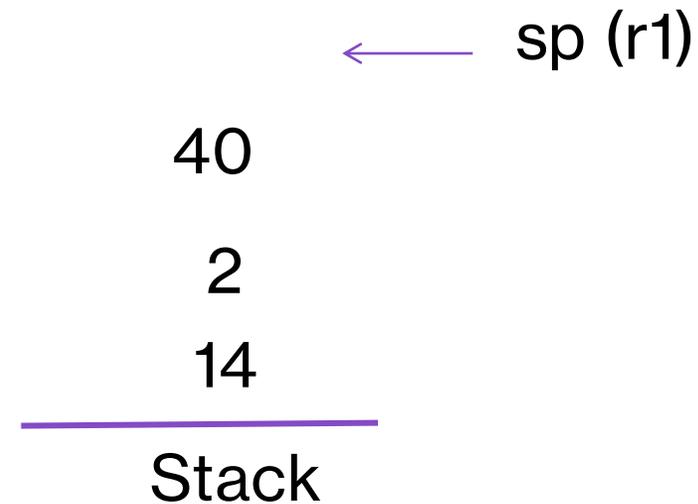
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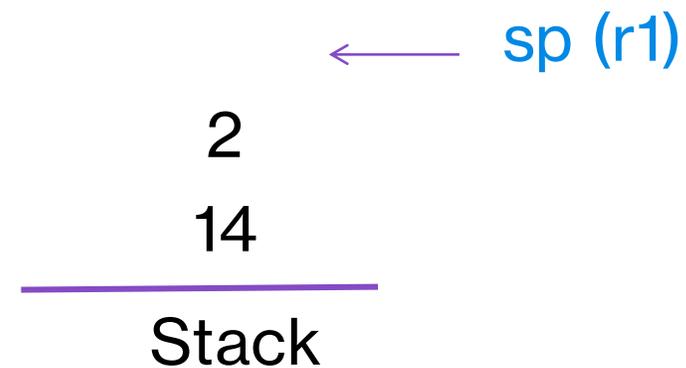
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r2	40
r3	1



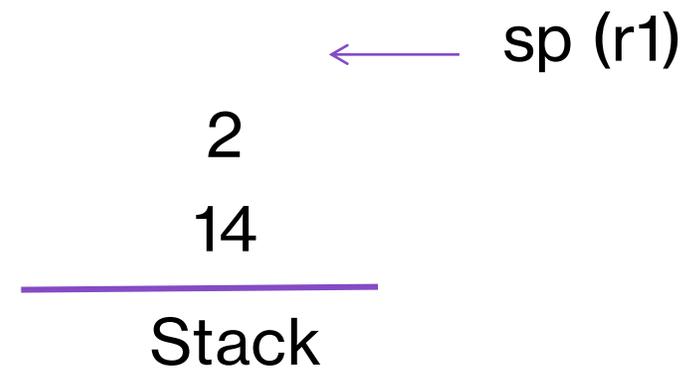
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```

r2	40
r3	1

← sp (r1)

2

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Stack

Returning with answer in r3

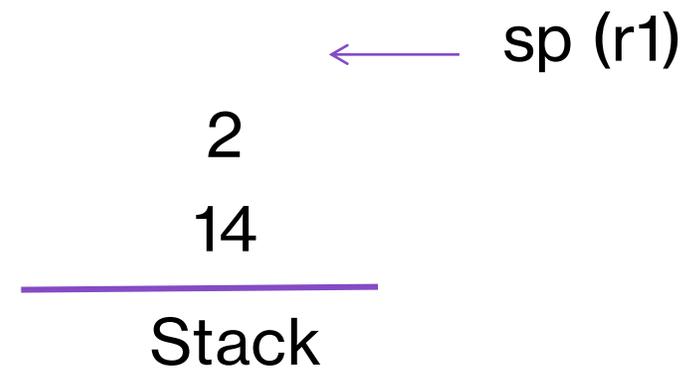
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r2	2
r3	1

← sp (r1)

14

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Stack

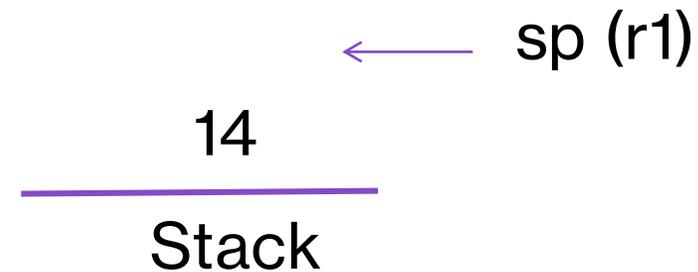
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r2	2
r3	1



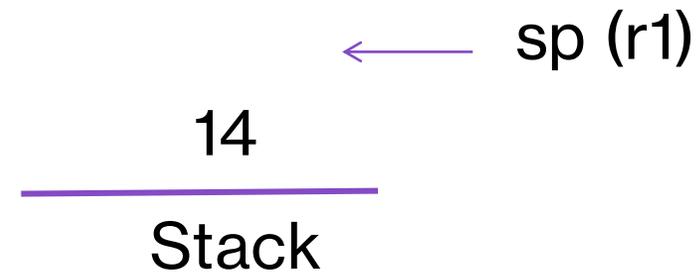
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r2	2
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← sp (r1)

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Stack

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r2	14
r3	3

← sp (r1)

Stack

Returning with answer in r3

```
2      lcw r1 stack
6      loa r3 r0

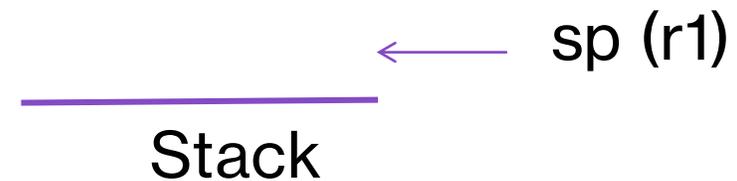
8      lcw r2 rec_sum
12     cal r2 r2

14     sto r3 r0
16     hlt
```

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rec_sum
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24     add r3 r0 0
26     brs done
```

...

r2	14
r3	3



```

2      lcw  r1  stack
6      loa  r3  r0

8      lcw  r2  rec_sum
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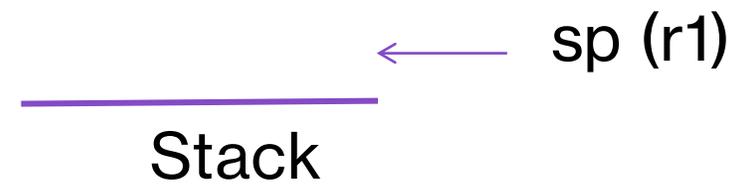
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rec_sum
18     psh  r2
22     bne  r3  r0  recurse
24     add  r3  r0  0
26     brs  done

```

...

r2	14
r3	3



# Python modules

- **Module:** a collection of functions and variables allowing us to share code with others.
- For example, there is a module called math that has many math functions you might want.
  - We can look at the documentation for this module by going to <https://docs.python.org/3/> and searching math which will lead you to <https://docs.python.org/3/library/math.html#module-math>
- Some examples of useful functions and variables in the math module:
  - Variations of logs with different bases (e.g., log, log2, log10)
  - sqrt for calculating the square root
  - trigonometric functions (e.g., cos, sin, tan)
  - Constants (e.g., pi, e, etc.)

# Importing modules

- If we want to use a module, we need to tell the program to "import" it in our program.
- Code to import all functions and variables from math module:
  - `from math import *`
- This statement has multiple components:
  - `from` is a keyword,
  - `math` is the name of the module,
  - `import` loads the module into our program,
  - `*` means everything, i.e. all functions and variables included in the math module.
- Just replace `math` with the name of the module you want to import.

# random module

- The [random module](#) generates pseudo-random numbers.
- If you want truly random numbers, check out <http://www.random.org/>

# Useful random functions

- `random()` - returns a random float between 0 and 1.
- `uniform(a, b)` - returns a random float between a and b.
- `randint(a, b)` - returns a random integer between a and b.

# Importing only one function

- Let's say we only want to use the randint function.
- Rather than importing everything (\*) we will be specific:
  - from random import randint

- What would the following piece of code do?

```
for i in range(100):
```

```
    print(randint(0,10))
```

- Prints 100 random integers between 0 and 10 (inclusive)

# turtle module

- The [turtle module](#) controls the movements of a "turtle" (really, an arrow), such as:
  - `forward(distance)`: Move the turtle forward by the specified distance.
  - `backward(distance)`: Move the turtle backward by distance, opposite to the direction the turtle is headed without changing the turtle's heading.
  - `right(angle)`: Turn the turtle right by angle units.
  - `left(angle)`: Turn turtle left by angle units.
  - ...and many others. Check the documentation and more practice in the upcoming assignment.
- As the turtle moves, it draws a line, so by controlling it we can draw on the screen!

# Open VS Code

- Go to the Python shell at the bottom
- `python3`
- `>>> from turtle import *`

# A star with a different number of spokes

```
def asterisk_star(length, spokes):
```

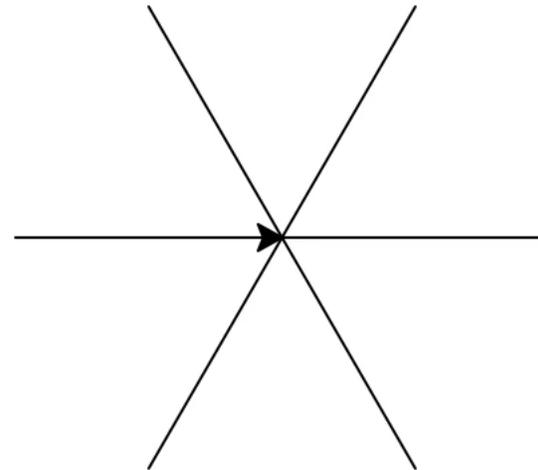
```
    angle = 360 / spokes
```

```
    for i in range(spokes):
```

```
        forward(length)
```

```
        backward(length)
```

```
        right(angle)
```

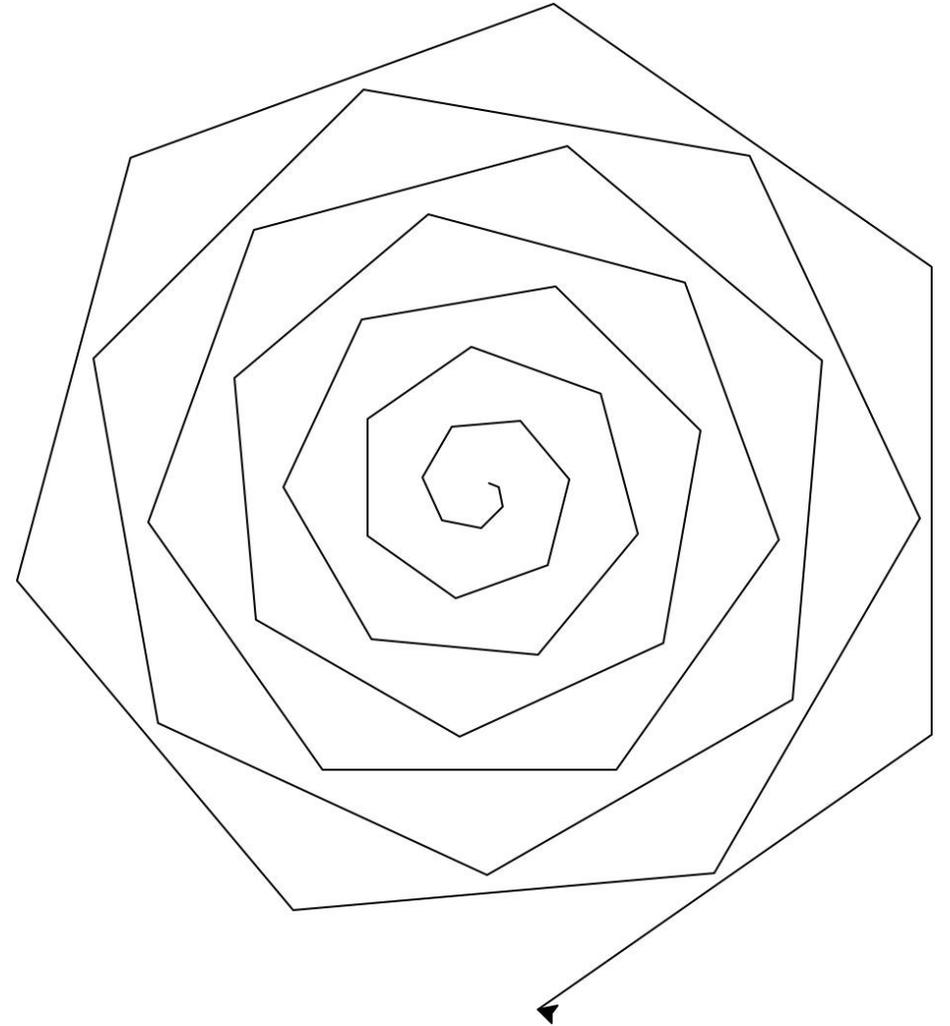


# mystery1 function

```
def mystery1():  
    for i in range(50):  
        forward(i * 5)  
        right(55)
```

# simple\_spiral function

```
def simple_spiral():  
    for i in range(50):  
        forward(i * 5)  
        right(55)
```



# mystery2 function

```
def mystery2(par1, par2):
```

```
    for i in range(par1):
```

```
        forward(i * 5)
```

```
    right(par2)
```

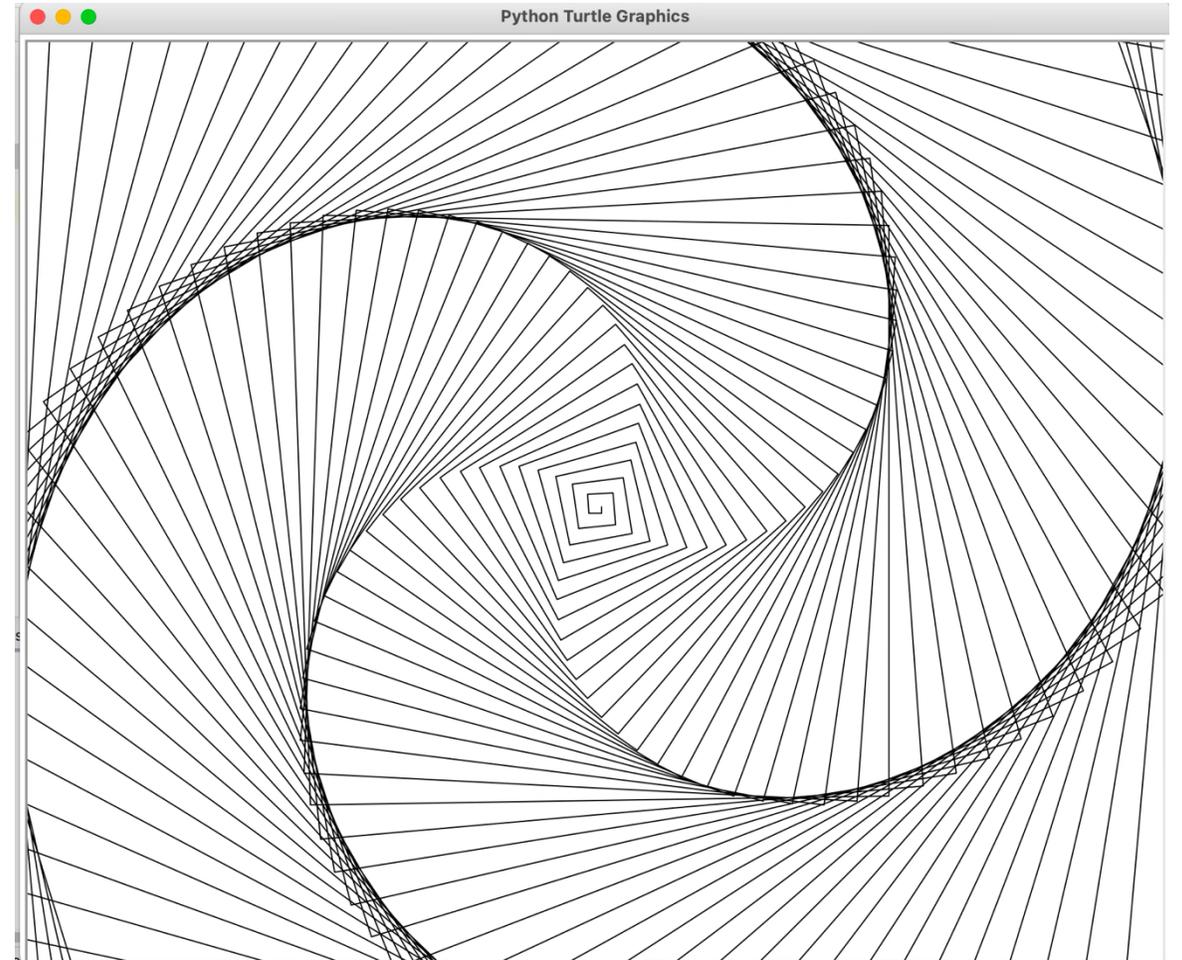
# spiral function

```
def spiral(sides, angle):
```

```
    for i in range(sides):
```

```
        forward(i * 5)
```

```
        right(angle)
```



# mystery3 function

```
def mystery3(par1, par2):
```

```
    var = 360 / par2
```

```
    for i in range(par2):
```

```
        circle(par1)
```

```
        right(var)
```

# rotating\_circles function

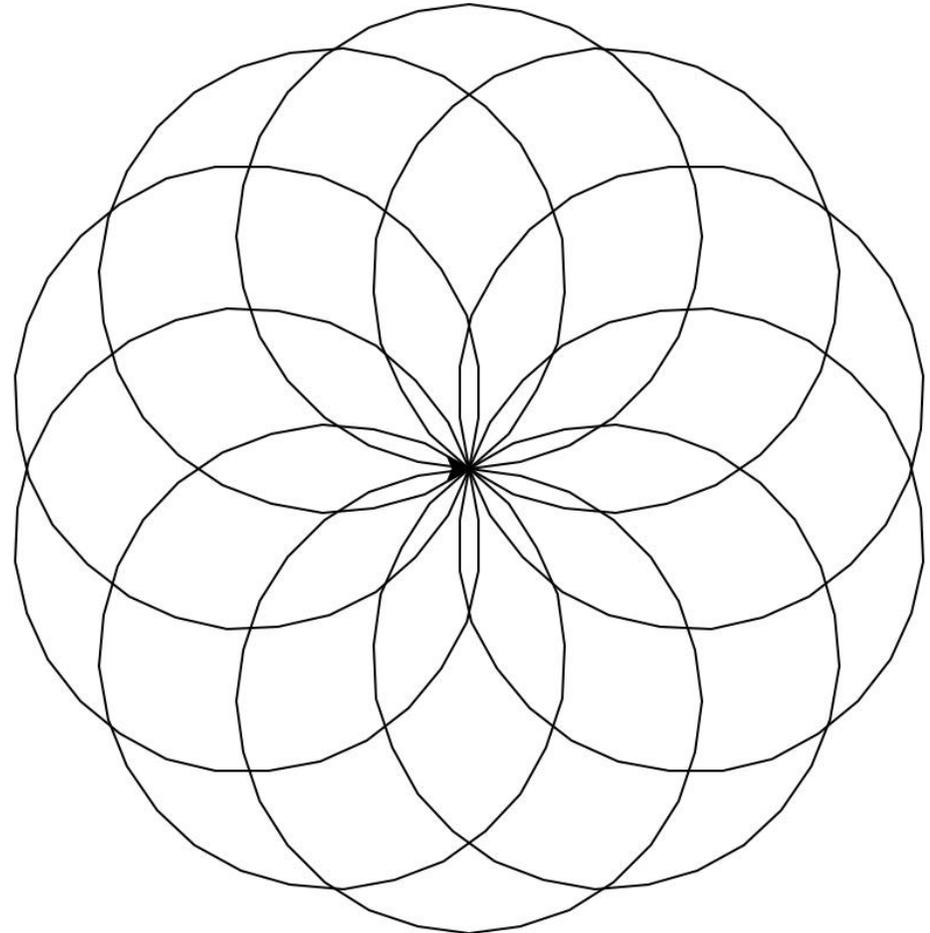
```
def rotating_circles(radius, num):
```

```
    angle = 360 / num
```

```
    for i in range(num):
```

```
        circle(radius)
```

```
        right(angle)
```

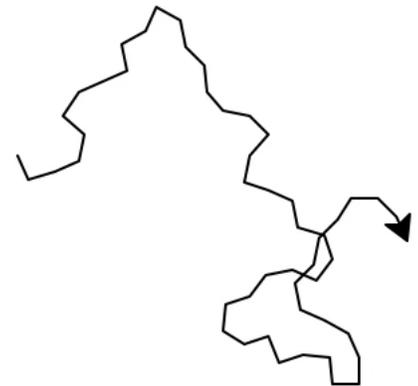


# mystery4 function

```
def mystery4(par1, par2):  
    for i in range(par1):  
        var = randint(-90, 90)  
        right(var)  
        forward(par2)
```

# walk function

```
def walk(num_steps, step_size):  
    for i in range(num_steps):  
        angle = randint(-90, 90)  
        right(angle)  
        forward(step_size)
```

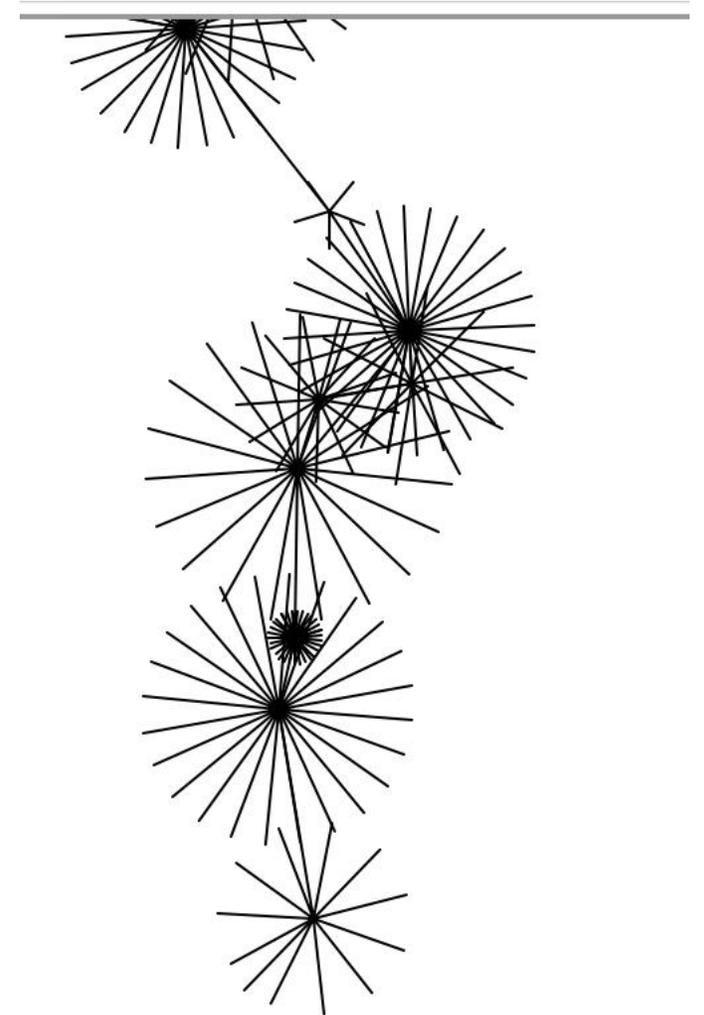


# mystery5 function

```
def mystery5():  
    for i in range(10):  
        var1 = randint(5, 30)  
        var2 = randint(10, 60)  
        var3 = randint(-90, 90)  
        var4 = randint(20, 100)  
        right(var3)  
        forward(var4)  
        asterisk_star(var2, var1)
```

# pretty\_picture function

```
def pretty_picture():  
    for i in range(10):  
        spokes = randint(5, 30)  
        length = randint(10, 60)  
        angle = randint(-90, 90)  
        move = randint(20, 100)  
        right(angle)  
        forward(move)  
        asterisk_star(length, spokes)
```



# setcolor\_random function

```
def setcolor_random():  
    color = randint(1, 4)  
    if color == 1:  
        fillcolor("blue")  
    elif color == 2:  
        fillcolor("purple")  
    elif color == 3:  
        fillcolor("red")  
    else: # color == 4  
        fillcolor("yellow")
```

# add\_circles function

```
def add_circles(number):  
    x_range = int(window_width() / 2)  
    y_range = int(window_height() / 2)  
    for i in range(number):  
        x = randint(-x_range, x_range)  
        y = randint(-y_range, y_range)  
        setcolor_random()  
        pu()  
        goto(x, y)  
        pd()  
        begin_fill()  
        circle(8)  
        end_fill()
```



# Revisiting creating a spiral

```
def spiral(length, levels):  
    if levels == 0:  
        dot()  
    else:  
        forward(length)  
        left(30)  
        spiral(0.95 * length, levels - 1)
```

# Revisiting spiral function

- Let's assume I called spiral(80, 50)
- When does it stop?
  - When levels = 0.
    - We put a dot there to make it explicit.
- Repeat 50 times:
  - forward length
  - left 30
  - reduce length by 5%

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def spiral(length, levels):  
    if levels == 0:  
        dot()  
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        left(30)  
        spiral(0.95 * length, levels - 1)
```

# Revisiting spiral function

- What if we wanted to end up back at the starting point, but not pick the pen up?
- We could trace our steps backwards.

```
def spiral(length, levels):
```

```
    if levels == 0:
```

```
        dot()
```

```
    else:
```

```
        forward(length)
```

```
        left(30)
```

```
        spiral(0.95 * length, levels - 1)
```

```
        right(30)
```

```
        backward(length)
```

# broccoli\_demo function

1. Define what the header function is:

- broccoli(x, y, length, angle)

2. Define the recursive case:

- broccoli is a line with three other broccolis at the end:
  - one directly straight out
  - one 20 degrees to the left
  - one 20 degrees to the right
- the three other broccolis should be smaller/shorter than the current

# broccoli\_demo function

3. Define the base case:

- in each case, the length of the broccoli to be drawn gets shorter.
- We stop at length < 10 and place a yellow dot

4. put it all together!

- Check the base case first:
  - if length < 10
    - Draw a yellow dot.
  - Otherwise:
    - draw three smaller broccolis at different angles.
- new\_x and new\_y are the ending coordinates of the line being drawn. We save them because after the first recursive call to broccoli the turtle won't be in the same place.

# Code

[rec\\_sum.a51](#)

[turtle-examples.py](#)

[turtle-recursion.py](#)