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1 Tree Recursion

1.1 Consider a special version of the count_stairways problem, where instead of taking 1 or 2 steps, we are able to take **up to and including** k steps at a time.

Write a function count_k that figures out the number of paths for this scenario.

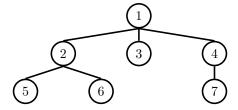
```
def count_k(n, k):
    """
    >>> count_k(3, 3) # 3, 2 + 1, 1 + 2, 1 + 1 + 1
4
    >>> count_k(4, 4)
    8
    >>> count_k(10, 3)
    274
    >>> count_k(300, 1) # Only one step at a time
    1
    """
```

2 Mutable Linked Lists and Trees

2.1 Write a recursive function flip_two that takes as input a linked list lnk and mutates lnk so that every pair is flipped.

```
def flip_two(lnk):
    """
    >>> one_lnk = Link(1)
    >>> flip_two(one_lnk)
    >>> one_lnk
    Link(1)
    >>> lnk = Link(1, Link(2, Link(3, Link(4, Link(5)))))
    >>> flip_two(lnk)
    >>> lnk
    Link(2, Link(1, Link(4, Link(3, Link(5)))))
    """
```

2.2 Write a function flatten that given a Tree t, will return a linked list of the elements of t, ordered by level. Entries on the same level should be ordered from left to right. For example, the following tree will return the linked list <1 2 3 4 5 6 7>.



def flatten(t):

3 Streams

3.1 (Fall 2014) Implement cycle which returns a Stream repeating the digits 1, 3, 0, 2, and 4, forever. Hint: (3+2) % 5 == 0.

```
def cycle(start=1):
    """Return a stream repeating 1, 3, 0, 2, 4 forever.

>>> stream_to_list(cycle(), n=12)
    [1, 3, 0, 2, 4, 1, 3, 0, 2, 4, 1, 3]
    """
```

3.2 Write a function merge that takes 2 sorted Streams s1 and s2, and returns a new sorted Stream which contains all the elements from s1 and s2.

4 Generators

4.1 Write a generator function that yields functions that are repeated applications of a one-argument function f. The first function yielded should apply f 0 times (the identity function), the second function yielded should apply f once, etc.

4.2 Ben Bitdiddle proposes the following alternate solution. Does it work?

```
def ben_repeated(f):
    g = lambda x: x
    while True:
        yield g
        g = lambda x: f(g(x))
```

4.3 Implement accumulate, which takes in an iterble and a function f and yields each accumulated value from applying f to the running total and the next element.

```
from operator import add, mul

def accumulate(iterable, f=add):
    """Return running totals

>>> list(accumulate([1,2,3,4,5]))
    [1, 3, 6, 10, 15]
    >>> list(accumulate([1,2,3,4,5], mul))
    [1, 2, 6, 24, 120]
    """
    it = iter(iterable)
```