

## Exercise 3 Hint

Let  $H(n)$  be the Hailstone function (i.e.  $H(n)$  is either  $n/2$  or  $3n + 1$ ). Then, provided  $n > 1$ , the Hailstone sequence of  $n$  is given by  $n$  followed by the Hailstone sequence of  $H(n)$ .

If you code it recursively, remember to use `option remember`.

If  $L$  is a list, then `max(op(L))` will give you the maximum entry in the list.

For the mathematical question: suppose  $n$  is odd. What will the first three terms in its Hailstone sequence be? What points does that mean you'll be plotting? What if  $n$  is even?