Certainly! Let's go through the in-order traversal using recursion step by step. In-order traversal for a binary tree means that we visit the left subtree, then the root node, and finally the right subtree.

Given the tree:

```
1
/\
3 5
/\\
7 11 17
```

In-Order Traversal (Left, Root, Right):

The function:

```
void inorderTraversal(node *root)
{
    if (root == NULL)
    {
        return;
    }
    else
    {
        inorderTraversal(root->left);
        cout << root->data << " ";
        inorderTraversal(root->right);
    }
}
```

Step-by-Step Execution:

1. Initial Call:

o inorderTraversal(root) where root is 1.

2. First Call (root = 1):

- o root is not NULL, so move to root->left.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->left) where root->left is 3.

3. Second Call (root = 3):

- o root is not NULL, so move to root->left.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->left) where root->left is 7.

4. Third Call (root = 7):

root is not NULL, so move to root->left.

• Call inorderTraversal(root->left) where root->left is NULL.

5. Fourth Call (root = NULL):

- o root is NULL, so return immediately.
- Back to the previous call (root = 7).

6. Back to Third Call (root = 7):

- Print 7.
- Move to root->right.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->right) where root->right is NULL.

7. Fifth Call (root = NULL):

- o root is NULL, so return immediately.
- Back to the previous call (root = 3).

8. Back to Second Call (root = 3):

- Print 3.
- Move to root->right.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->right) where root->right is 11.

9. Sixth Call (root = 11):

- o root is not NULL, so move to root->left.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->left) where root->left is NULL.

10. Seventh Call (root = NULL):

- o root is NULL, so return immediately.
- Back to the previous call (root = 11).

11. Back to Sixth Call (root = 11):

- Print 11.
- Move to root->right.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->right) where root->right is NULL.

12. Eighth Call (root = NULL):

- root is NULL, so return immediately.
- Back to the previous call (root = 1).

13. Back to First Call (root = 1):

- Print 1.
- Move to root->right.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->right) where root->right is 5.

14. **Ninth Call (root = 5)**:

o root is not NULL, so move to root->left.

Call inorderTraversal(root->left) where root->left is NULL.

15. Tenth Call (root = NULL):

- o root is NULL, so return immediately.
- Back to the previous call (root = 5).

16. Back to Ninth Call (root = 5):

- Print 5.
- Move to root->right.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->right) where root->right is 17.

17. **Eleventh Call (root = 17)**:

- o root is not NULL, so move to root->left.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->left) where root->left is NULL.

18. Twelfth Call (root = NULL):

- o root is NULL, so return immediately.
- Back to the previous call (root = 17).

19. Back to Eleventh Call (root = 17):

- Print 17.
- Move to root->right.
- Call inorderTraversal(root->right) where root->right is NULL.

20. Thirteenth Call (root = NULL):

- o root is NULL, so return immediately.
- \circ Back to the previous call (root = 5), then to the call before (root = 1).

At this point, the traversal is complete.

In-Order Traversal Output:

```
7 3 11 1 5 17
```

Each step follows the in-order sequence:

- Traverse the left subtree.
- Visit the root node.
- Traverse the right subtree.

This ensures that nodes are printed in ascending order for binary search trees.

Recursion Call Map

Certainly! To help visualize the recursion calls, we can create a recursion call map (or call stack diagram) that demonstrates how the function calls are stacked and unstacked during execution.

Tree Structure:

```
1
/\
3 5
/\\
7 11 17
```

Recursion Call Map:

Let's map out each call in the order it happens and how the call stack changes.

Initial Call:

```
inorderTraversal(1)
```

Call Stack During Execution:

- 1. **First Call**: inorderTraversal(1)
 - Call inorderTraversal(3)
- 2. Second Call: inorderTraversal(3)
 - Call inorderTraversal(7)
- 3. **Third Call**: inorderTraversal(7)
 - Call inorderTraversal(NULL)
- 4. Fourth Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)
 - Return immediately (stack unwinds)
 - o Print 7
 - Call inorderTraversal(NULL)
- 5. **Fifth Call**: inorderTraversal(NULL)
 - Return immediately (stack unwinds)
 - Print 3
 - Call inorderTraversal(11)
- 6. **Sixth Call**: inorderTraversal(11)
 - Call inorderTraversal(NULL)
- 7. **Seventh Call**: inorderTraversal(NULL)
 - o Return immediately (stack unwinds)
 - Print 11
 - Call inorderTraversal(NULL)
- 8. **Eighth Call**: inorderTraversal(NULL)
 - Return immediately (stack unwinds)
 - Print 1

```
Call inorderTraversal(5)
```

- 9. **Ninth Call**: inorderTraversal(5)
 - Call inorderTraversal(NULL)
- 10. **Tenth Call**: inorderTraversal(NULL)
 - Return immediately (stack unwinds)
 - Print 5
 - Call inorderTraversal(17)
- 11. **Eleventh Call**: inorderTraversal(17)
 - Call inorderTraversal(NULL)
- 12. **Twelfth Call**: inorderTraversal(NULL)
 - Return immediately (stack unwinds)
 - o Print 17
 - Call inorderTraversal(NULL)
- 13. **Thirteenth Call**: inorderTraversal(NULL)
 - Return immediately (stack unwinds)

Visualization of Call Stack:

Let's visualize this in a stack diagram, showing how each function call pushes onto the stack and then pops off as it completes:

Initial Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(1)
```

Stack:

inorderTraversal(1)

First Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(3)
```

Stack:

- 1. inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)

Second Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(7)
```

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(7)

Third Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)
```

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(7)
- 4. inorderTraversal(NULL)
- inorderTraversal(NULL) returns immediately and pops off the stack.
- Stack unwinds:

Stack:

- 1. inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(7)
- Print 7.

Fourth Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)
```

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(7)
- 4. inorderTraversal(NULL)
- inorderTraversal(NULL) returns immediately and pops off the stack.
- Stack unwinds:

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)

• Print 3.

Fifth Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(11)
```

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(11)

Sixth Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)
```

Stack:

- 1. inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(11)
- 4. inorderTraversal(NULL)
- inorderTraversal(NULL) returns immediately and pops off the stack.
- Stack unwinds:

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(11)
- Print 11.

Seventh Call:

```
Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)
```

Stack:

- 1. inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(3)
- 3. inorderTraversal(11)
- 4. inorderTraversal(NULL)
- inorderTraversal(NULL) returns immediately and pops off the stack.
- Stack unwinds:

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- Print 1.

Eighth Call:

Call: inorderTraversal(5)

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(5)

Ninth Call:

Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)

Stack:

- 1. inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(5)
- 3. inorderTraversal(NULL)
- inorderTraversal(NULL) returns immediately and pops off the stack.
- Stack unwinds:

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(5)

• Print 5.

Tenth Call:

Call: inorderTraversal(17)

Stack:

- 1. inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(5)
- inorderTraversal(17)

Eleventh Call:

Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)

Stack:

- inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(5)
- 3. inorderTraversal(17)
- 4. inorderTraversal(NULL)
- inorderTraversal(NULL) returns immediately and pops off the stack.
- Stack unwinds:

Stack:

- 1. inorderTraversal(1)
- 2. inorderTraversal(5)
- 3. inorderTraversal(17)
- Print 17.

Twelfth Call:

Call: inorderTraversal(NULL)

Stack: 1. inorderTraversal(1) 2. inorderTraversal(5)

- 3. inorderTraversal(17)
- 4. inorderTraversal(NULL)
- inorderTraversal(NULL) returns immediately and pops off the stack.
- Stack unwinds:

```
Stack:
1. inorderTraversal(1)
```

• Stack is now completely unwound, and the traversal is complete.

Summary of the Recursive Call Map:

The recursive in-order traversal processes each node by pushing calls onto the stack as it moves to the left subtree, then processes the root node, and finally moves to the right subtree. Each NULL call immediately returns, allowing the stack to unwind and continue processing the remaining nodes.

The final output of the traversal is:

```
7 3 11 1 5 17
```

Recursion Tree

Sure, let's create the recursion tree for the in-order traversal of the given binary tree:

```
1
/\
3 5
/\\
7 11 17
```

Recursion Tree for In-Order Traversal

The in-order traversal follows the Left-Root-Right sequence. Here's the step-by-step recursion tree:

1. Initial Call:

```
inorderTraversal(1)
```

2. Break Down:

• The initial call breaks down into recursive calls:

```
inorderTraversal(1)
  inorderTraversal(3)
       inorderTraversal(7)
             inorderTraversal(NULL) -> return
             └─ Print 7
             inorderTraversal(NULL) -> return
       └── Print 3
       └─ inorderTraversal(11)
             inorderTraversal(NULL) -> return
             └── Print 11
             └─ inorderTraversal(NULL) -> return
  └─ Print 1
  ☐ inorderTraversal(5)
       └─ inorderTraversal(NULL) -> return
       └─ Print 5
       └─ inorderTraversal(17)
             inorderTraversal(NULL) -> return
             └── Print 17
             inorderTraversal(NULL) -> return
```

Visual Recursion Tree Diagram:

Here's a more visual representation of the recursion tree:

Explanation of the Recursion Tree:

- inorderTraversal(1):
 - Calls inorderTraversal(3):
 - Calls inorderTraversal(7):
 - Calls inorderTraversal(NULL), returns.
 - Prints 7.
 - Calls inorderTraversal(NULL), returns.
 - Returns from inorderTraversal(7).
 - Prints 3.
 - Calls inorderTraversal(11):
 - Calls inorderTraversal(NULL), returns.
 - Prints 11.
 - Calls inorderTraversal(NULL), returns.
 - Returns from inorderTraversal(11).
 - Returns from inorderTraversal(3).
 - Prints 1.
 - Calls inorderTraversal(5):
 - Calls inorderTraversal(NULL), returns.
 - Prints 5.
 - Calls inorderTraversal(17):
 - Calls inorderTraversal(NULL), returns.
 - Prints 17.
 - Calls inorderTraversal(NULL), returns.
 - Returns from inorderTraversal(17).
 - Returns from inorderTraversal(5).
- Returns from inorderTraversal(1).

This diagram and explanation show how the recursion unfolds, processes the nodes in in-order, and then winds back up, printing the nodes in the correct order.