

# Recursive approach to convert Digits to Letter

The provided C++ program converts a given number into its word representation for each digit using a recursive approach. It uses an array **arr** to store the word representations of digits from "zero" to "nine."

## Recursive function to convert the digits of a number to words

1. Inside the **sayDigits** function, there are two cases:
  - Base Case: If the **num** is 0, there are no more digits to convert, so the function returns.
  - Recursive Case: The function processes the digits from the most significant digit to the least significant digit recursively. It does this by making a recursive call to **sayDigits** with **num / 10** (which removes the least significant digit) and the same array **arr**. Then, it prints the word representation of the current digit **num % 10** using the **arr** array.
2. The program creates an array **arr** of strings to store the word representations of digits from "zero" to "nine".

## Time Complexity:

The time complexity of the **sayDigits** function is  $O(\log_{10}(\text{num}))$ , where **num** is the input number. This is because, in each recursive call, the number is divided by 10, effectively removing the least significant digit. The function makes  $\log_{10}(\text{num})$  recursive calls until the number becomes 0, representing the number of digits in the input number.

## Space Complexity:

The space complexity of the program is  $O(\log_{10}(\text{num}))$ , where **num** is the input number. This is because the recursive calls in the **sayDigits** function create new frames on the call stack, and in the worst case, there can be  $\log_{10}(\text{num})$  recursive calls, leading to  $O(\log_{10}(\text{num}))$  space consumption on the call stack. Additionally, the **arr** array has a constant size of 10, so it does not contribute significantly to the space complexity.

**Recursive call stack of the approach:**

① Recursive call tree for program to convert digits into letter. num = 304  $\Rightarrow$  three zero four  
arr = ["zero", "one", "two", "three", "four", "five", "six", "seven", "eight", "nine"]

sayDigits(304, arr)

| - sayDigits(30, arr)

| | - sayDigits(3, arr)

| | | - print "three" (return) (arr[3])

| | - print "zero" (return) (arr[0])

| - print "four" (return) (arr[4])