

Chapter-3

Recursion-1

Introduction to Recursion

$$n! = n \times n-1 \times n-2 \times n-3 \times \dots \times 1$$

$$n! = n \times (n-1)!$$

$$\text{fact}(n) = n \times \text{fact}(n-1)$$

$$\text{fact}(n-1) = n-1 \times \text{fact}(n-2)$$

→ i.e. cutting a bigger Problem into many Small Problems.

CODE > #include <iostream>

> using namespace std;

>

> int factorial(int n) {

> int SmallOutput = factorial(n-1);

> return n * SmallOutput;

> }

>

> int main() {

> int n;

> cin >> n;

> int outPot = factorial(n);

> cout << outPot << endl;

> }

→ it gives outPot an error: Segmentation fault

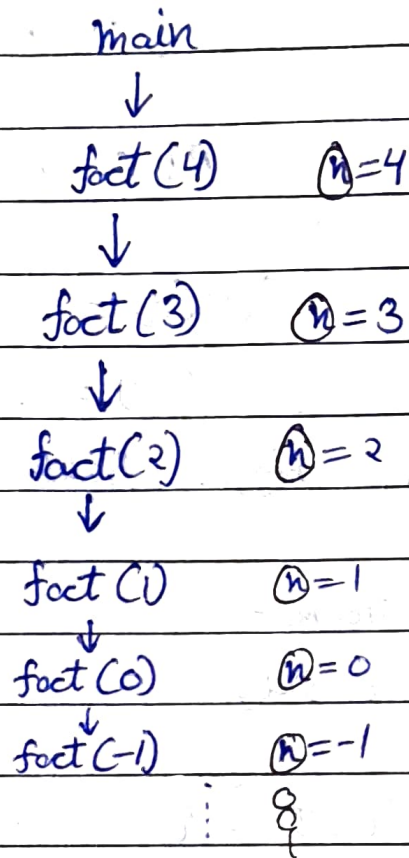
→ Segmentation fault occurs when—

1) we create array of 20 elements, & we are trying to access 25, 30, or larger elements.

2) when we want memory but there is no more memory available. (This is what happen here)

— Dry Run

all the 'n's are different,
when function call for $n=4$ it
waits for output, but
no output is there it
create another ' n ' = 3, then
again wait for output.
in Continue Process at
Some Point no more
memory is available.



→ Lets visualize it :
between line 4> & 5>, add this line
`cout << n << endl;`

→ Solution, Create it in such way that it auto stop at '0'.

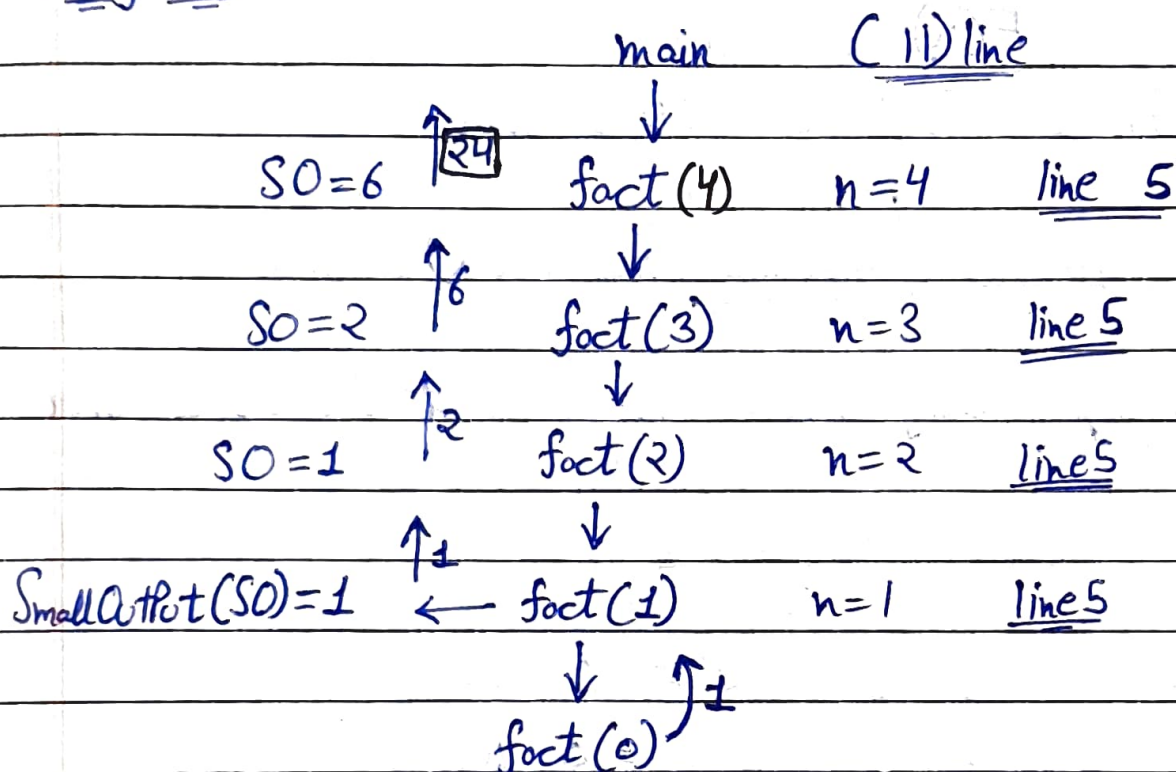
```
CODE > int factorial(int n) {  
2>     if (n == 0)  
3>         return 1;  
4>     // cout << n << endl;  
5>     int SmallOutput = factorial(n-1);  
6>     return n * SmallOutput;  
7> }
```

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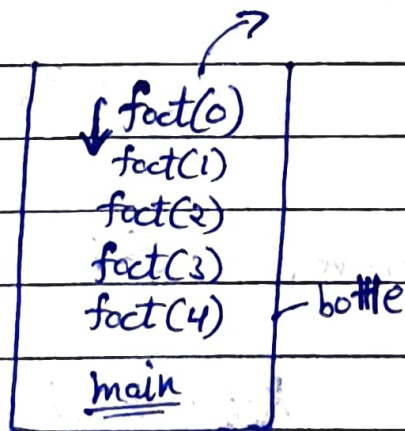
8> int main() {
9>     int n;
10>     cin >> n;
11>     cout << factorial(n) << endl;
12> }

```

— Dry Run



→ As we Come back from fact(0) to fact(4) all the memory created will be auto deleted.



Recursion & PMI

→ Recursion works on the basis of 'Principle of Mathematical Induction'.

PMI

$F(n)$ is True $\forall n$

1) Base: Prove $F(0)$ or $F(1)$ is True

2) Induction Hypothesis: Assume that $F(k)$ is True

3) Induction Step: using step 2) Prove that $F(k+1)$ is True

→ Ex $\sum n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

Base Case

$$F(0) \leq 0 = 0 \text{ L.H.S}$$

$$\text{R.H.S } \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = 0 \text{ R.H.S}$$

$$F(1) \leq 1 = 1 \text{ L.H.S}$$

$$\text{R.H.S } \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{1 \times 2}{2} = 1 \text{ R.H.S}$$

Induction Hypothesis: $\leq k = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$

Induction Step: To Prove, $\leq k+1 = \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2}$

$$k+1 + \leq k = \frac{(k+1)2}{2} + \frac{k(k+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)}{2} (k+2)$$

— Fibonacci Number (0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...)

— Program to find 'nth' fibonacci Number

$$\underline{\text{fib}(n)} = \underline{\text{fib}(n-1)} + \underline{\text{fib}(n-2)}$$

→ before that — let's see the Extended form of PMI

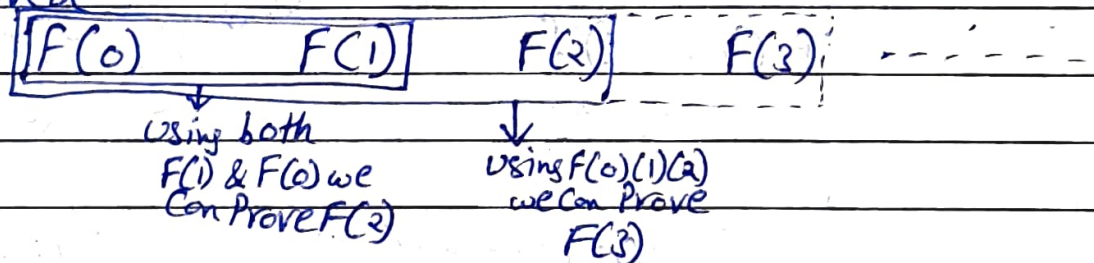
Base Case : Prove $F(0)$ or $F(1)$ is True

② IH : Assume $f(i)$ is True $\forall i \leq k$

③ IS : Use ② to Prove $f(k+1)$ is True

→ Now, How Can we use $f(i)$ here,

So, we Proved



```
CODE int fib(int n) {  
    if (n == 0) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
}
```

```
    int SmallOutput1 = fib(n-1);  
    int SmallOutput2 = fib(n-2);  
    return SmallOutput1 + SmallOutput2;  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    cout << fib(3) << endl;  
}
```

Output :: Segmentation fault

— Lets See why we get Segmentation fault this time.

Code Starts with $n=3$,

from $\text{fib}(n-1)$, it calls for 2

& similarly 2 calls for 1

& 1 calls for 0

from Return 0, we get 0

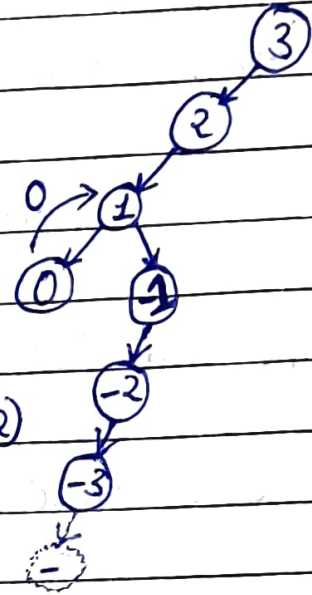
0 will send (Output) back to 1

— now 1 moves to next line & calls $(n-2)$

which is (-1) $[1-2=-1]$

now, -1 calls for -2, then -2 for -3

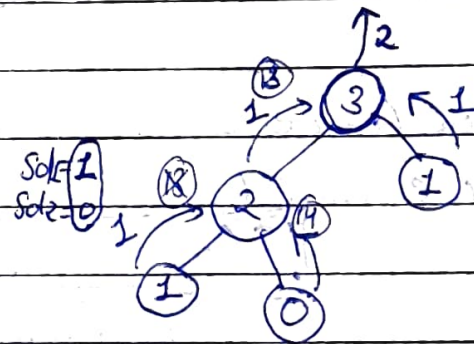
& so on, Hence Result in Segmentation fault



```
CODE int fib(int n) {  
    if (n==0) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    if (n==1) {  
        return 1;  
    }
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NOTE => Using induction

Hypothesis first write your code, then only go for dry run. Never ever think & figure while writing code, Else you might end messed up.

Recursion & Arrays

Ques Check whether Array is sorted or not using Recursion?


Solⁿ Lets Just start with an Array , int size

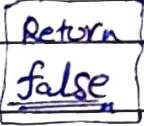
Initially we know,
Array & its Size

Starting with base Case,

Array of Size 0 or 1 is always Sorted

Hence, we Return true.

Now, Array of 2 

Now, we check 
 $a[0] > a[1] \rightarrow$ false
If true, Hence, Not Sorted

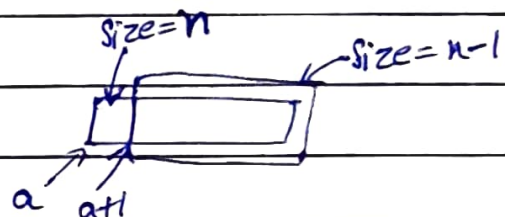
Now, where we are Currently



we need to check this much Part more

i.e, we had done initial step, now automation using recursion
had to done [chote array ko check karna hai ab]

for Recursion on Smaller arrays



Hence, we apply Same function on $(a+1, n-1)$