

Recursion

Lecture Task

- Genetic Algorithm: Lecture Task 3 -

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- Computes the geometric sum of the input
 - ex: if $n == 3$, geometric sum is $3+2+1 == 6$

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- Base Case:
 - An input with a trivial output
 - Sum of 0 is 0
 - We could also add 1 -> 1 as a base case

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- Recursive Step:
 - Any input that is not a base case will put another recursive call on the stack
 - Write the recursive step with the assumption that the recursive call will return the correct value

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- Recursive calls must get closer to the base case
 - All calls must eventually reach a base case or we'll go infinite
 - $n-1$ is closer to $n \leq 0$ than n
 - Regardless of the original value of n , it will eventually be decremented until the base case condition is true

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- Each recursive call creates a new stack frame
- Each frame remembers where it will resume running when it's on the top of the stack

Program Stack	
Main Frame	args
	pointer -> line 11
Method Frame	name:n, value:3
	pointer -> line 5
Method Frame	name:n, value:2
	pointer -> line 5
Method Frame	name:n, value:1
	pointer -> line 5

Recursive Example



- When a method call returns, its frame is destroyed
- The calling frame resumes and uses the returned value

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- Method continues after the recursive call
- Sums n + return value and returns this value

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- This frame reaches the end of the method
- Repeat the process

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- Return value
- Pop off the stack
- Resume execution of the top frame

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- Process continues until all recursive calls resolve
- Last frame returns to main

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Anagrams Revisited

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- Recall anagrams
 - Rewritten to use functional programming and no vars

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- Base Case
 - A String of length 1 is itself its only anagram
 - If the length is 1, return a new list containing only that String

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- Base Case Note
 - We will eventually return a list containing all anagrams from the top level call
 - The base case is the only time we create a new List

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- Recursive Step
 - For each character in the input String
 - Remove that character and make a recursive call with the remaining characters
 - Append the removed character to all the returned anagrams

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- Recursive Step
 - We write this code with the assumption that our recursive calls will return all the anagrams of the new Strings
 - If our logic is sound, this assumption will be true through the power of recursion!

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- Always reach a base case
 - We always make recursive calls on the input String with 1 character removed
 - `newString.length == input.length - 1`
 - This always gets us closer to the base case

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 - When the base case is reached and returned, our logic starts working for us
 - If this code does append the removed character to each returned anagram, output is generated starting at the base case and built up as the stack frames return

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- Example:
 - input == "at"
 - Makes 2 recursive calls to the base case
 - "a" and "t" are returned
 - Append "t" to "a" and "a" to "t" (The removed characters)
 - Return ["at", "ta"] to the next recursive call with an input of length 3

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- Flatten: Creates a single List from a List of Lists containing all the elements from each List
- Distinct: Creates a new List with all duplicate values removed

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