

Financial Forecast

What is Recursion?

Recursion is a programming technique where a function **calls itself** to solve a smaller part of the same problem.

Why Use Recursion?

- **Simplifies code** for problems with repeating patterns (e.g., factorial, Fibonacci).

Financial Forecasting Scenario

We want to forecast a **future value** (e.g., investment value, revenue) based on:

- Initial value
- Annual growth rate (as percentage)
- Number of years into the future

♦ **Formula:**

Future Value (FV) = $P \times (1 + r)^n$

Where:

- **P** = present value
- **r** = growth rate (decimal)
- **n** = number of years

Implementation

FutureValue.cs

```
using System;

public class Forecast
{
    public static double FutureValue(double presentValue, double rate, int years)
    {
        if (years == 0)
            return presentValue;

        return (1 + rate) * FutureValue(presentValue, rate, years - 1);
    }
}
```

Program.cs

```
class Program
{
    static void Main()
    {
        double presentValue = 10000; // e.g. Rs. 10,000

        double rate = 0.05;           // 5% growth rate

        int years = 5;                 // forecast for 5 years

        double futureValue = Forecast.FutureValue(presentValue, rate,
years);

        Console.WriteLine($"Future Value after {years} years:
{futureValue:C}");
    }
}
```

Time Complexity:

FutureValue(presentValue, rate, years)

Each call reduces years by 1, so:

- Time Complexity: $O(n)$ where $n = \text{years}$
- Space Complexity: $O(n)$ due to the call stack (recursion depth)

◆ How to Optimize Recursion?

- ◆ Use Memoization (if overlapping subproblems exist)

Not required here since every year is a unique subproblem.

- ◆ Use Iterative Approach (to reduce call stack usage)