



# Sum of all numbers in array using Recursion

## Problem Statement:

Write a function **sum(n)** that calculates the sum of all numbers in an **array** arr using **recursion**. It **sums** from index 0 to n .

## Example:

**Input:** [5, 2, 6, 1, 3]

**Process:**  $5 + 2 + 6 + 1 + 3 = 17$

**Output:** 17

## Concepts:

**Recursion:** The function keeps **summing the element** at index `n` and calls itself with `n-1` .

**Base Case:** If `n == 0` , **return** the first element .

**Recursive Case:** Return `arr[n] + sum(n - 1)` .

## Approach:

If `n == 0` , **return** `arr[0]`.

Otherwise, return `arr[n] + sum(n - 1)` .

## Time & Space Complexity:

**Time Complexity:** **O(n)** one recursive call per element.

**Space Complexity:** **O(n)** Due to call stack.

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```
let arr = [5, 2, 6, 1, 3];

function sum(n) {
  if (n === 0) return arr[0];
  return arr[n] + sum(n - 1);
}
console.log(sum(arr.length - 1)); // 17
```

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