

Ex 7: Financial Forecasting

- **Recursion** is a programming technique where a function **calls itself** to solve smaller instances of the same problem.
- It continues calling itself with simpler inputs **until a base case is met** (which stops further recursion).

Structure of a Recursive Function:

1. **Base Case** – the condition where recursion stops.
2. **Recursive Case** – the function calls itself with a reduced/simplified input.

Time Complexity:

$T(n) = O(n)$ where $n = \text{years}$.

Optimize the Recursive Solution

1. Use Iteration Instead of Recursion

- Replace recursion with a loop to avoid call stack usage.
- Time Complexity: $O(n)$
- No risk of stack overflow

2. Memoization

- Avoids redundant calculations
- Still recursive, but more efficient
- Time Complexity: $O(n)$