

Recursion : A function calling itself.

1, Direct Recursion  
2, Indirect Recursion.

def fun1 :

    print ('fun1')

def fun2 :

    print ('bef fun2')

    fun1()

    print ('After fun1')

print(Before fun2)

fun2()

print(After fun2)

⇒

Bef fun2

" fun1

fun1

After fun1

" fun2

1, def fun1 () :

    fun1 ()  
    =

2, def fun1 () :

    fun2 ()  
    =

def fun2 () :

    fun1 ()

⇒ if there is no base case, recursion will lead to stack overflow /  
or  
wrong base case.

↳ also updation of fault.  
base case variable.

↳ Advantages of Recursion :

- ① clean & simple code
- ② easy to solve tough problems

↳ Disadvantages of Recursion :

- ① we can solve every recursive problem through iteration & vice versa
- ② recursion requires greater space
- ③ greater time requirements | ↳ as fn calls remain in call stack, till we reach base case  
      | below of func calls  
      and return overhead.

## Application of Recursion :

→ Algo

↳ DP

↳ Backtracking

↳ divide & conquer

→ Problems / Questions

↳ Towers of Hanoi

↳ DFS and Traversal

↳ DFS of graph

↳ INORDER,

PRE ORDER,

POST ORDER.

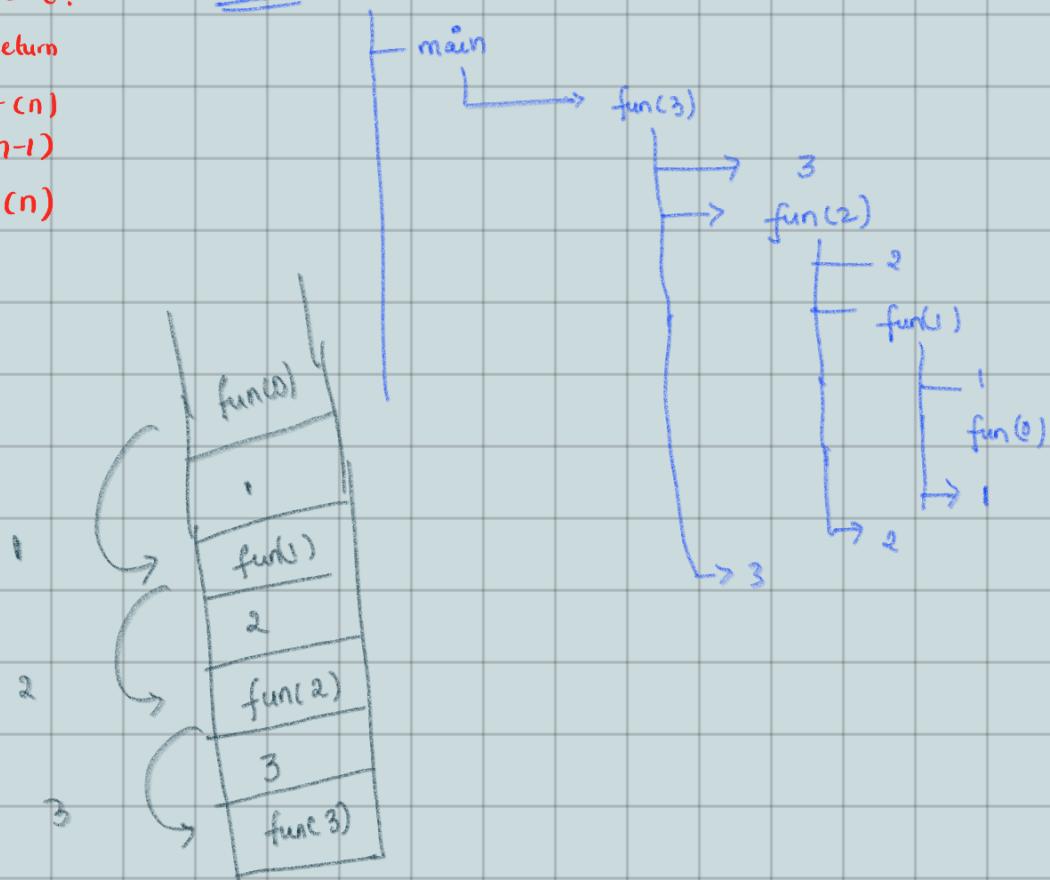
Traversal of tree.

→ Recursion Output practice

① def fun(n):  
if n == 0:  
 return  
 print(n)  
 fun(n-1)  
 print(n)

Output :

fun(3).



(2) def fun(n):

if n==0:

return

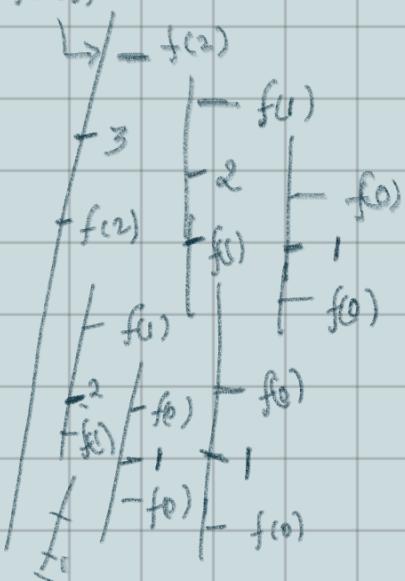
~ fun(3)

fun(n-1)

Point(n)

fun(n-1)

fun(3).



1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 1

(3)

def fun(n):

if n==1:

return 0;

else:

return 1 + fun(n/2)

fun(16)

fun(16)

↳ 1 + fun(8)

↳ 1 + fun(4)

↳ 1 + fun(2)

↳ 1 + f(1)

or  
0

⇒ 4

(4)

def fun(n)

if n==0:

return

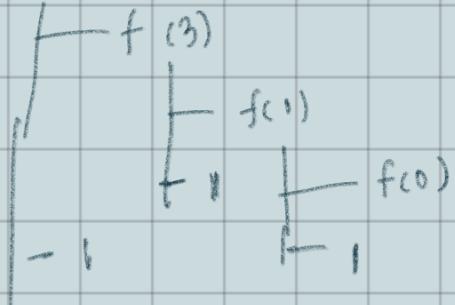
fun(n/2)

print (n%2)

fun(7)

fun(7)

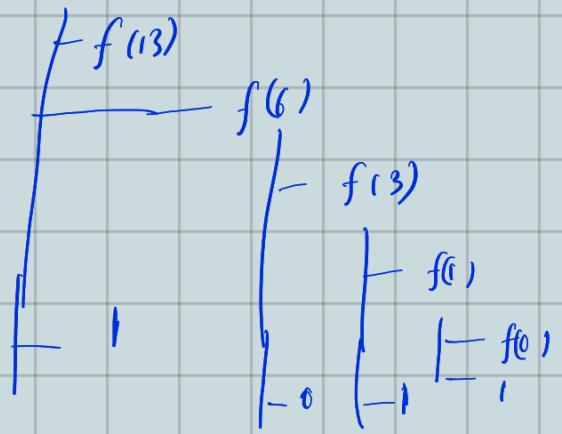
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Output = 111

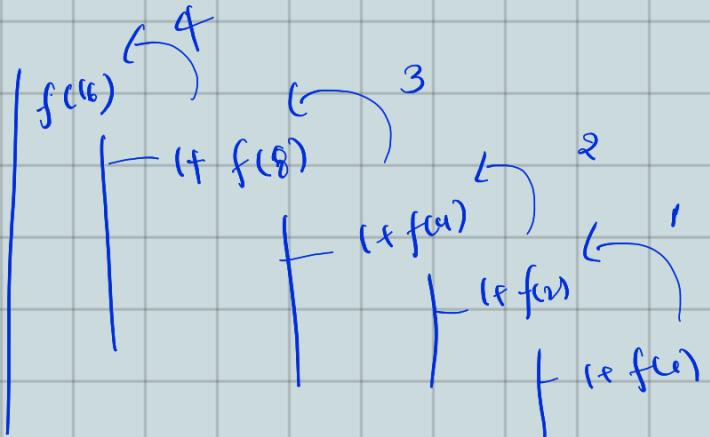
b) Print Binary Equivalent of  $n$  using recursion.

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def fun(n):  
    if n==0:  
        return  
    print(n%2)  
    fun(n//2)
```



c)  $\log_2 n$

```
def fun(n):  
    if n==1:  
        return 0  
    return 1 + fun(n//2)
```



d) Power of numbers

```
def fun(base, exponent):  
    if exponent == 0:  
        return 1  
    elif exponent < 0:  
        return 1 / fun(base, -exponent)  
    else:  
        return base * fun(base, exponent - 1)
```

→ Point n to 1

fun(4) → point 4 & call 3  
↳ 3 & call 2 - - -

```
def fun(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return  
    print(n)  
    fun(n-1)
```

⇒ O(n), O(n)

→ Fibonacci

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 - - -

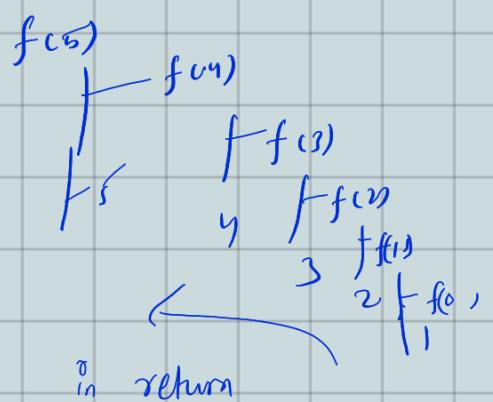
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def fun(n):  
    if n <= 1:  
        return n  
    return fun(n-1) + fun(n-2)
```

O( $2^n$ )

→ point 1 to n

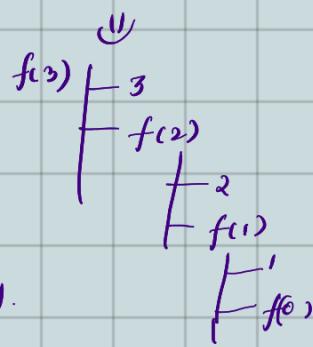
first we need to make fn call  
Then point

```
def fun(n):  
    if n == 0:  
        return  
    fun(n-1)  
    print(n)
```



## Tail Recursion :

↳ pointing from  $n$  to 1 & as the parent func has nothing more to do it will be faster &  
takes lesser time than  
pointing 1 to  $n$ .



- A func is said to be tail recursive if  
half things that happens is recursive call.

- Tail Recursion is faster because the caller / call stack doesn't need to save the state.

- The changes that modern compilers does to not to save state is --

```

def fun(n):
    start:
        if n==0
            return
        print(n)
        n = n-1
        goto start;
  
```

$\Rightarrow$  They do this optimization,  
if it wasn't done,  
we would need  $O(n)$  Aux space  
for recursive func calls  
we need to save those  
states and resume  
those states.

$\Rightarrow$  All this is  
called tail call  
elimination

Compiler does this.

All that recursive head is gone.

$\Rightarrow$  The recursive func is turned  
into iterative by using the goto  
label --

```

def factorial(n):
    if n==0 | n==1:
        return 1
    return n * factorial(n-1)
  
```

Not tail recursive

Tail recursive conversion by adding parameter

```

def f(n, k):
    if n==0 | n==1:
        return k
    return f(n-1, k*n)
  
```

$f(n, k) = f(n-1, k*n)$

→ Natural num sum.

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 \rightarrow 15$$

fun(n):

if  $n < 1$ :  
return n.  
return  $n + f(n-1)$

fun(n, k):

if  $n < 1$ :  
return k.  
return fun( $n-1$ ,  $k+n$ )

→ palindrome check using recursion:

def ispalindrome(str, start, end):

if start  $\geq$  end:  
return True

return ( $str[start] == str[end]$ ) and  
ispalindrome(str, start+1, end-1)

→ sum of digits:

def sum(n, k):

if  $n \leq 0$ :  
return k

return sum( $n//k$ ,  $k + n \% 10$ )

→ num of digits

def count(n, k):

if  $n \leq 0$ :  
return k

return count( $n/10$ , k+1)

• Array Sorted / Not

[ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ]

( 1, 2, 4, 3, 5 )

def func ( arr, index ):

if index == len(arr) - 1:

    true

if arr[:] > arr[i+1]:

    false

return isSorted ( arr, i+1 ).

[ 1, 2, 4, 3, 5 ]

↑ ↑ ↗

↗ ↗ i  
i ↘

false returned.

⇐