



# Recursion

Q. print numbers from 1 to 5

Stack overflow



Main()

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static void print(int n) {  
    cout << n << endl;  
    print(n+1);  
}
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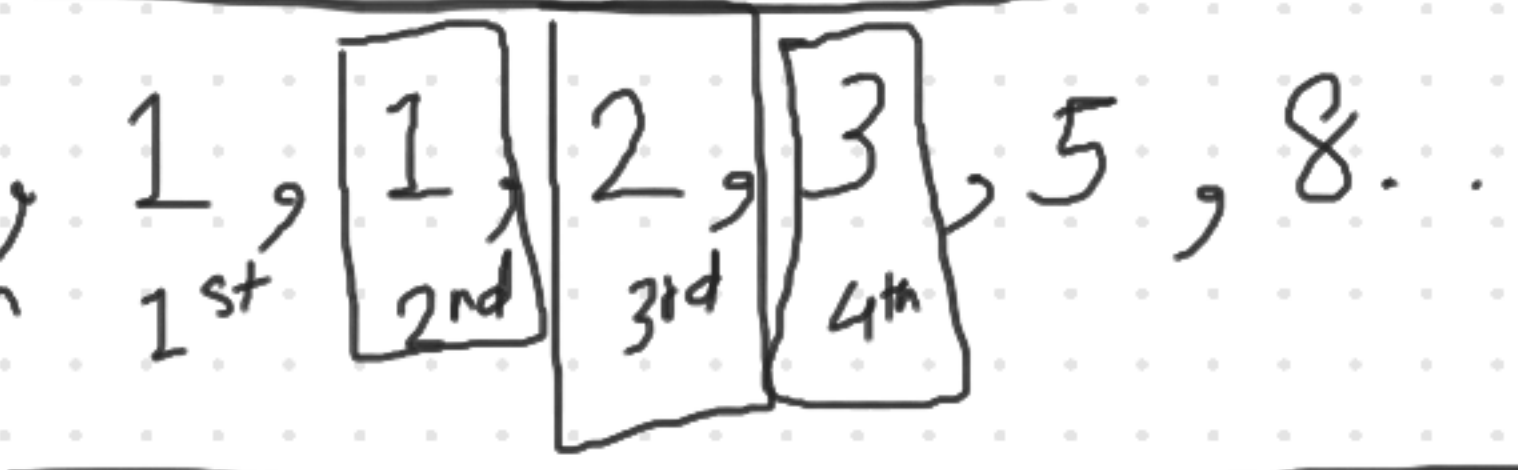
1. while the function has not  
\* finished executing the function  
will remain in the stack

2. when a function finishes  
executing it is removed from the  
stack and flow of program is  
concluded.

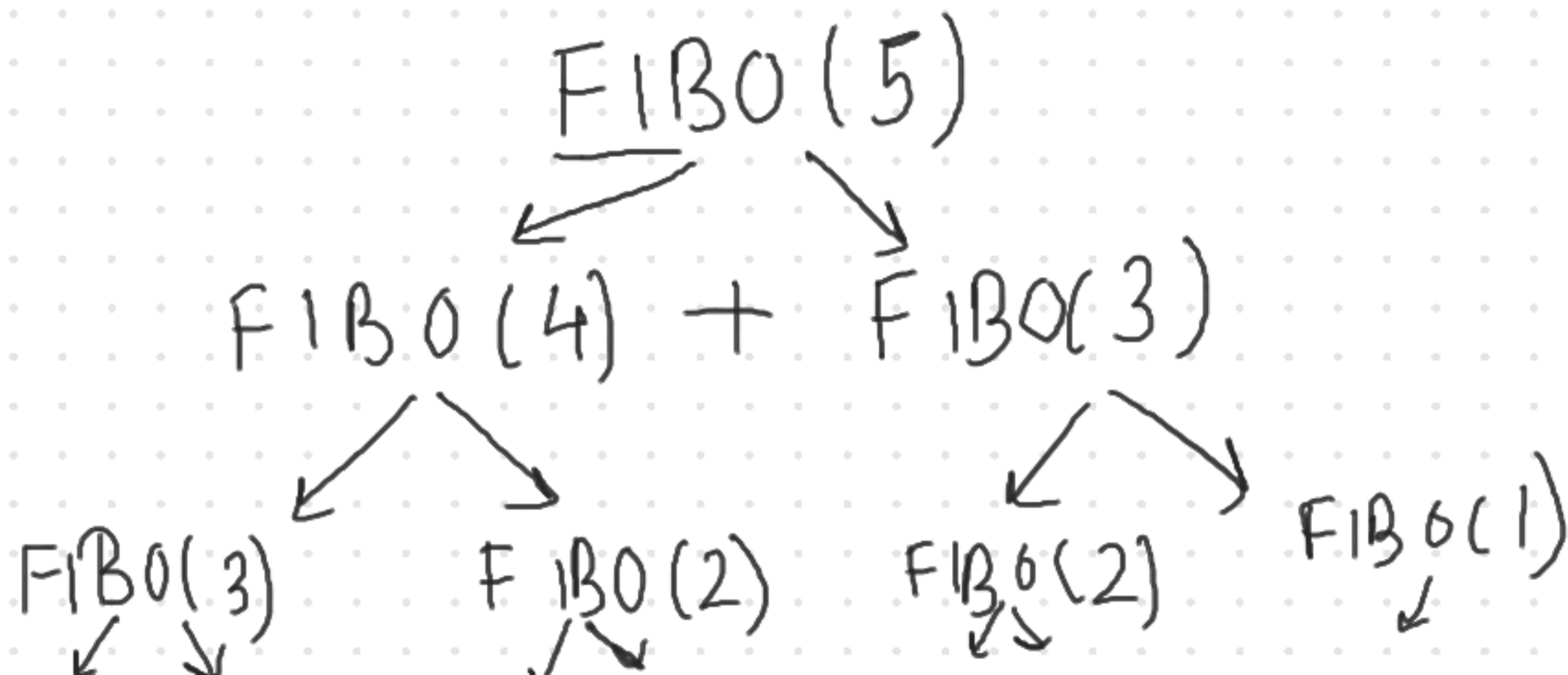
# VISUALIZING Recursion

Q Find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  fibonacci number

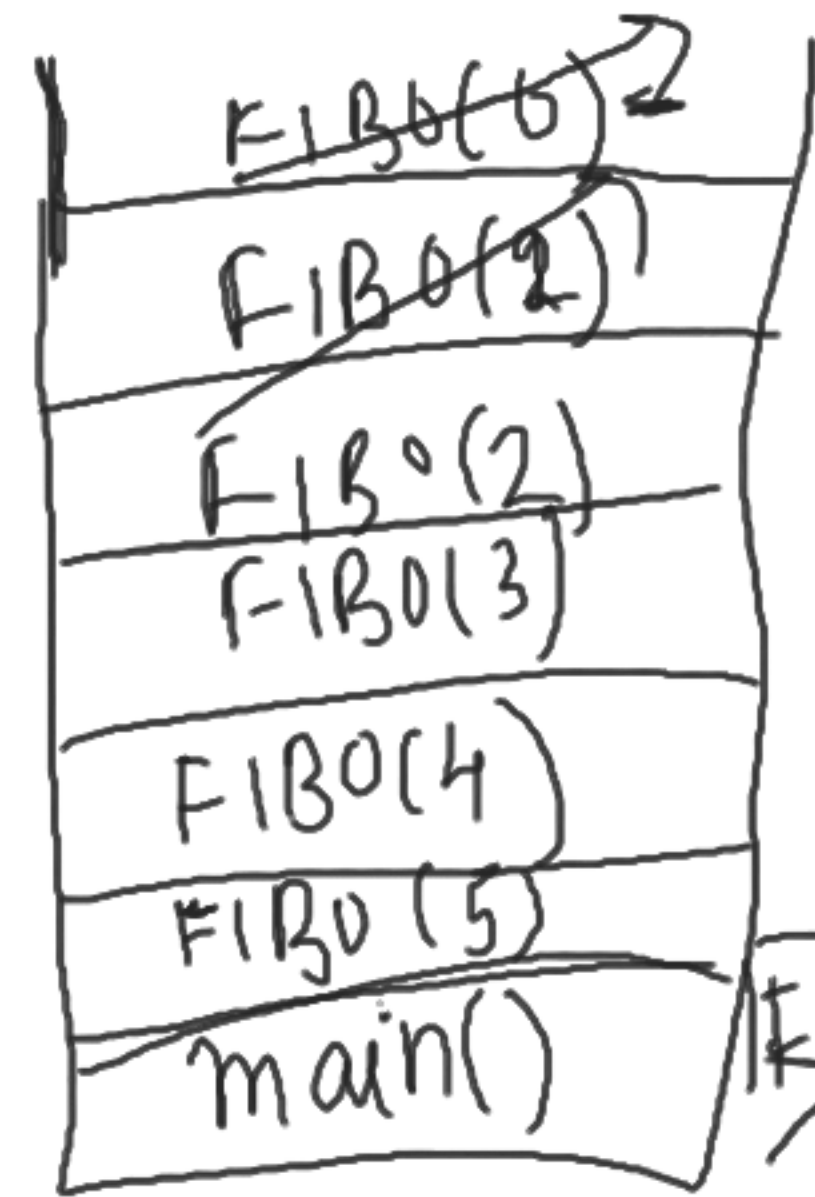
Fibo. No.'s: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ Fibo No} \\ = 0^{\text{th}} + 1^{\text{st}} \end{array} \right\}$



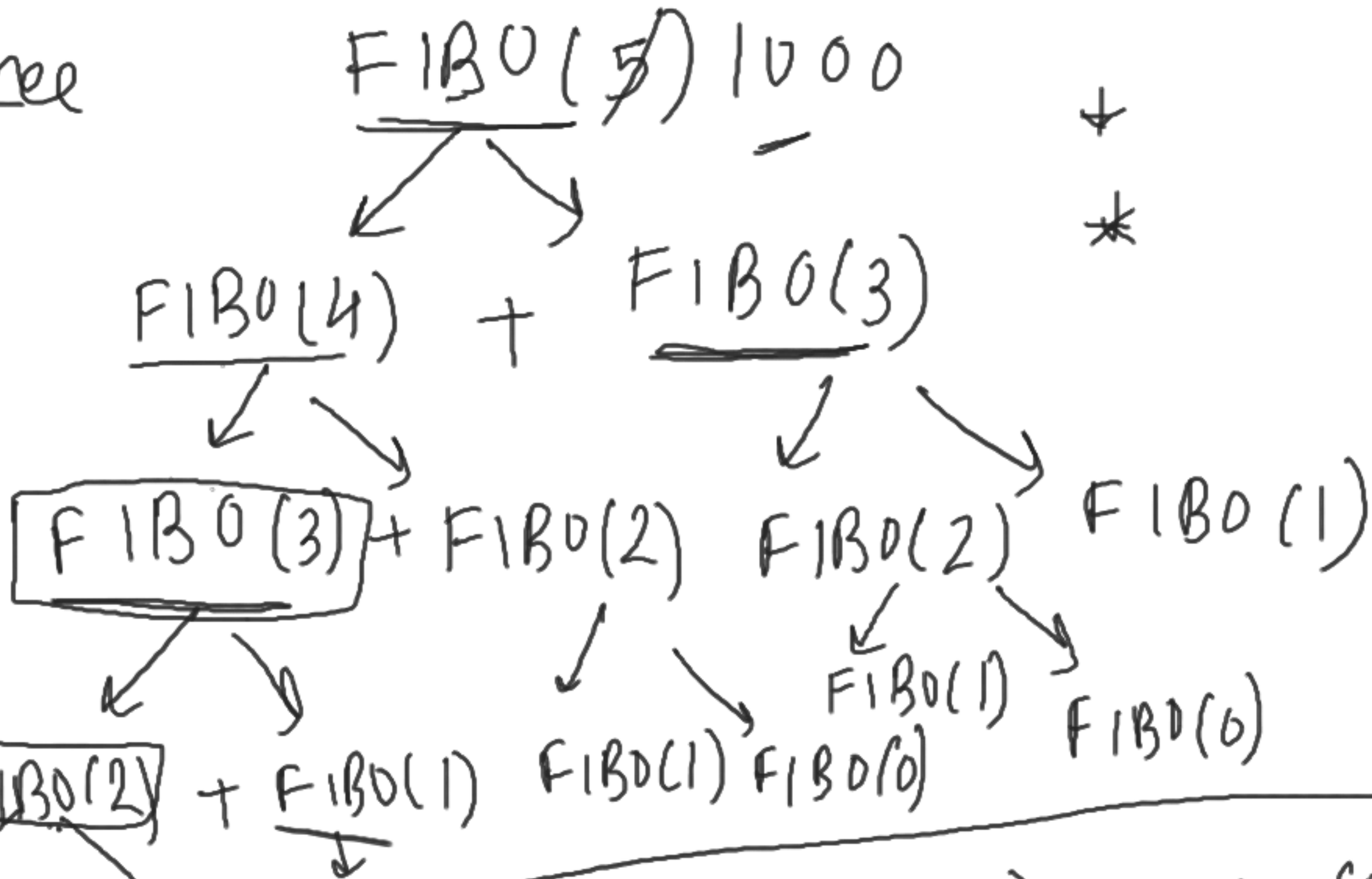
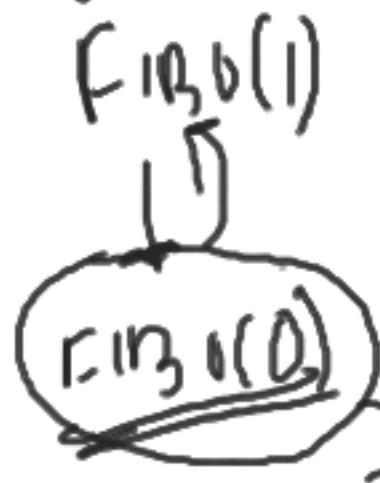
5th



# Recursion tree



Stack



$$FIBO(N) = FIBO(N-1) + FIBO(N-2)$$

Recurrence rel<sup>n</sup>

## Why Recursion?

1. It helps us to breakdown complex problems into smaller problems.
2. We can solve recursion problem using Iteration.
3. Space Complexity: Not Constant ( $\because$  Repetitive function calls)

## How to approach a problem?

1. Identify if you can break down the problem into simpler problems.
2. Write the recurrence relation
3. Make the recursion tree
4. About the tree:
  - 4.1: See flow of function , stack implementation .
  - 4.2: Follow left tree calls, and then right tree calls
  - 4.3: Use debugger to understand the working of the program.



WORST CASE: 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

$i=0$  :  
4, 5, 3, 2, 1  
4, 3, 5, 2, 1  
4, 3, 2, 5, 1  
4, 3, 2, 1, 5

$i=1$   
4, 3, 2, 1, 5

$i=2$   
3, 4, 2, 1, 5

$i=3$   
3, 2, 4, 1, 5

$i=4$   
3, 2, 1, 4, 5

BEST CASE

$i=0$   
1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

1, 2, 3, 4, 5

$N-1$

$N-3$

$N-4$

$N-5$

$N-2$

$$T(N) = O(N-1 + N-2 + N-3 + N-4 + N-5 + \dots + N-N)$$

$$= O(4N - (1+2+3+\dots+N))$$

$$= O(4N - \frac{N(N+1)}{2})$$

$$= O(4N - (\frac{N^2 + N}{2}))$$

$$= O(\cancel{8N} - N^2 - \cancel{N})$$

$$\boxed{T(N) = O(N^2)}$$

Worst Case

Ignored in T.O.C  
equations

o) Constants

o) Less

Dominant  
terms



Q> arr =  $\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix}$

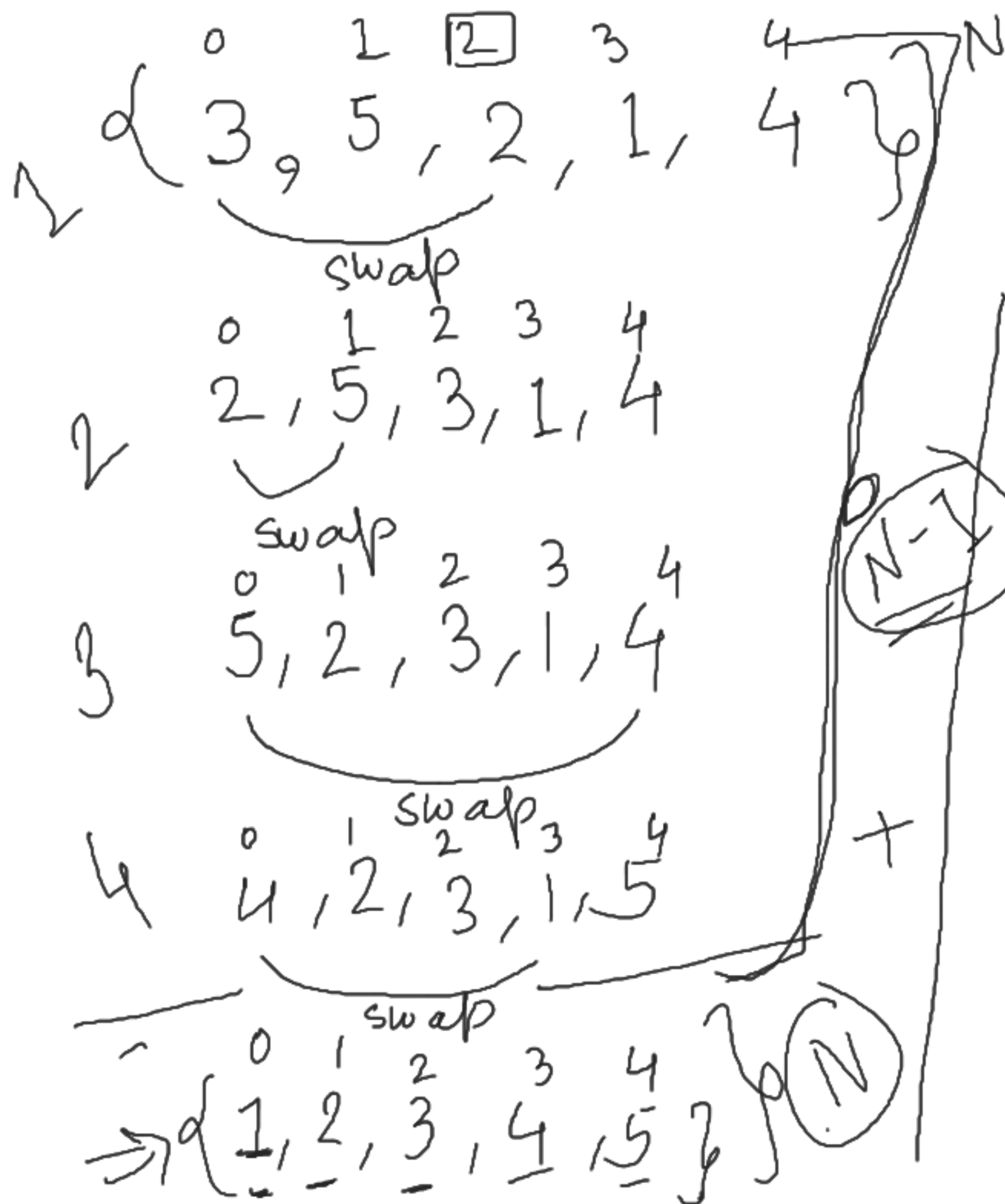
We want to solve it using one single for loop.

# Array elements are in range  $\boxed{1-N}$ .  
 $\Rightarrow$  Cyclic Sort

After sorting =  $\begin{matrix} \text{Index: } 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \underline{1} & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{matrix}$

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$\boxed{\text{Index} = \text{Value} - 1}$



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Worst Case

$$TC = O(N - 1 + N)$$

$$= O(2N - 1)$$

$$T.C = O(N)$$

Linear T.C

Case 1

$\{ \overset{0}{0}, \overset{1}{1}, \overset{2}{\underline{3}}, \overset{3}{4}, \overset{4}{\underline{5}} \}$

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Index = arr[i]  
return index

~~Case 2~~

{ 0, 2, 1, 3, 4 } ⑤

arr.length

if (arr[i] != arr[arr[i]])  
&& arr[i] < arr.length)