

Pre-Requisites →

- * Basic fundamental knowledge of any one language. (C++, Java, Python)
- * conditionals
- * loops
- * functions
- * A good logical aptitude will be reqd.

Syllabus

→ Introduction To Recursion

→ Dry Run

→ Recursion on arrays and strings

→ Introduction To Backtracking

→ Rat in a Maze, N Queen, N knights, knight
Tour

→ Cp level ← hard problem solving

↳ flow of the class

↳ Theory

↳ problem solving

↳ Handwritten

↳ Code the problem

↳ TNS

↳ I will be using

C++

C++ / Java / Python ✓✓

questions

↳ 5-6 mins to think yourself

↳ 2-3 mins discussion everyone's approach

↳ start solution discussion

Recursion

A child couldn't sleep, so her mother told a story about a little frog,
who couldn't sleep, so the frog's mother told a story about a little bear,
who couldn't sleep, so the bear's mother told a story about a little weasel
...who fell asleep.
...and the little bear fell asleep;
...and the little frog fell asleep;
...and the child fell asleep.

Sum of first n natural no.

Base Case $\leftarrow n = 1 \rightarrow \text{Sum} = 1$
which we know \rightarrow smallest problem for the ans.

What is Recursion ??

↳ It is a programming technique using which we are able to solve bigger problems, by solving their smaller problems and then aggregating the solⁿ. In this, we use a function which calls itself inside making it a recursive chain of function calls.

Recursive funcⁿ are those which rely on themselves, to calc part of an answer.

Base Case ✓

Self work

$[PMI]$

Recursive Intuition / assumption

Principal Of Mathematical Induction \rightarrow (p.m.)

Q Prove that sum of first N natural no's is $\frac{N \times (N+1)}{2} \leftarrow$

Base Case $\rightarrow N=1$ Sum $\underline{\underline{= 1}}$

$$\frac{1 \times (1+1)}{2} = 1$$

Assumption \rightarrow assume the formula works for $N \leq k$.
 $\underline{\underline{\rightarrow \text{sum}(k) = \frac{k(k+1)}{2}}}$ \checkmark assume to be true

Self work \rightarrow Prove that formula works for

$$N = \underline{\underline{k+1}}$$

$$\text{Sum}(k+1) = \underset{\downarrow}{\text{Sum}}(k) + (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k+1)$$

$$= \frac{k(k+1) + 2(k+1)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \quad \checkmark \quad \underline{\underline{HP}}$$

Q₂ Calculate factorial of a no. N.

$N = 5$

ans \rightarrow 120

ans = 1

for ($i = 2$; $i \leq N$; $i++$)

$ans = ans * i$

Recursion

Base Case

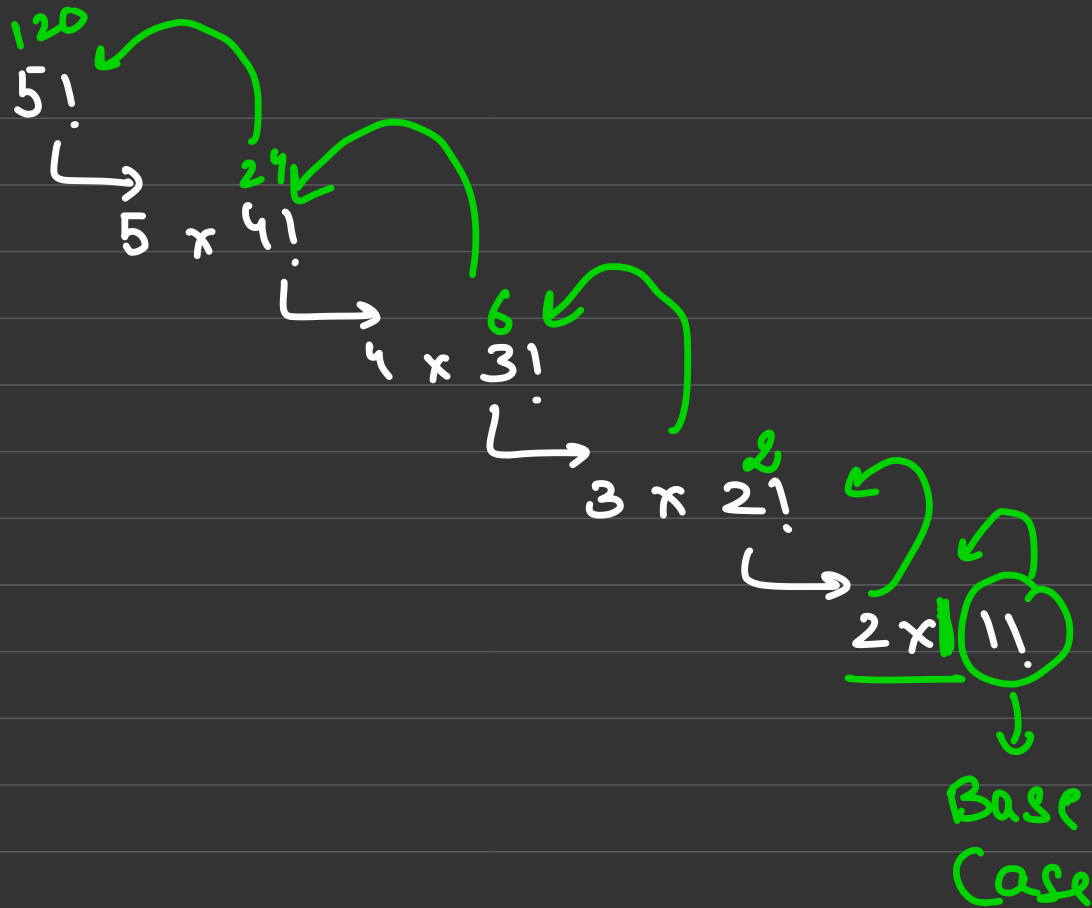
$$\longrightarrow N=1 \quad N!=1 //$$

Recursive Assumption $\rightarrow (N-1)!$

Self work. $\rightarrow \underline{N \times (N-1)!}$

$$N! = N \times (N-1) \times (N-2) \cdots (2) \times (1)$$

$$N! = N \times (N-1)!$$



$$1! = 1$$

$$f_n = n \times f_{n-1} \rightarrow \text{Recurrence Relation}$$

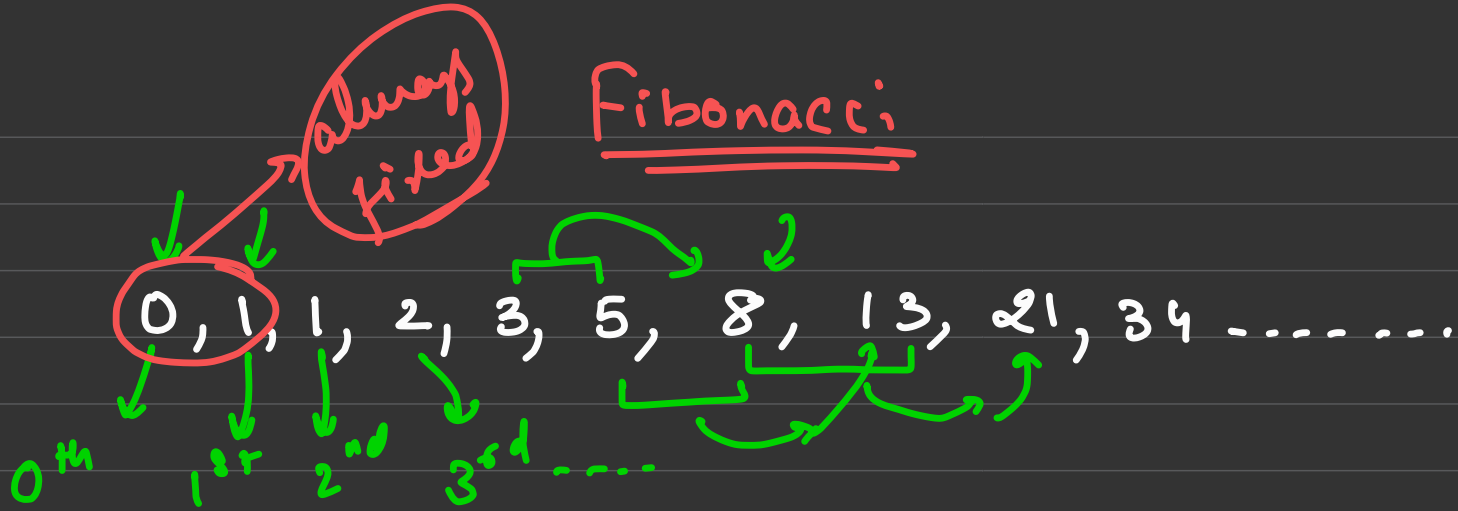
f_n returns $n!$

$f_1 = 1 \rightarrow$ Base Case (w.r.t.)

$f_{n-1} \rightarrow$ Recurrence assumption

$f_{n-1} \times n \rightarrow$ self work.

Fibonacci



Base Case \rightarrow $N=0 \rightarrow 0$
 $N=1 \rightarrow 1$

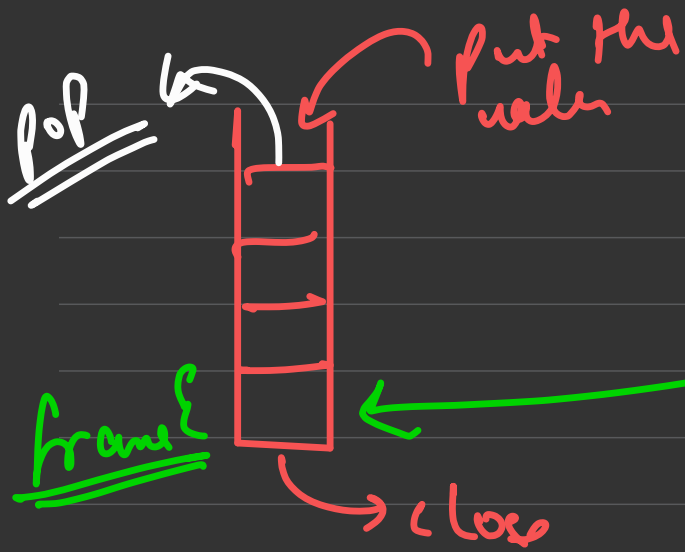
Recursive assumption \rightarrow f_{n-1}, f_{n-2}

Self work $\rightarrow f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$

what happens behind the scenes.

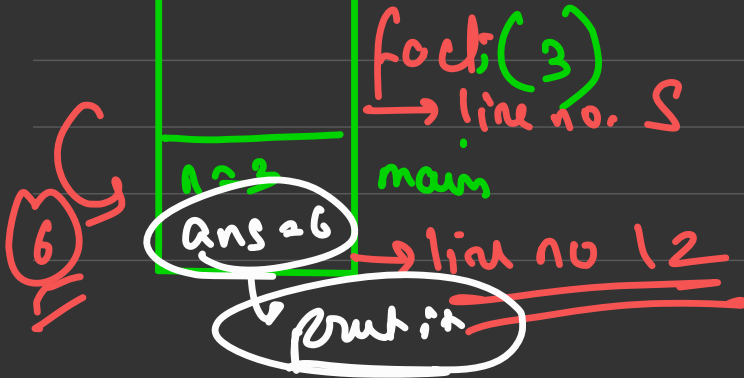
How memory works??





```
int fun() {  
    return 0;  
}
```

```
3  int fact(int n) {  
4      if(n == 1) return 1;  
5      return n * fact(n-1);  
6  }
```



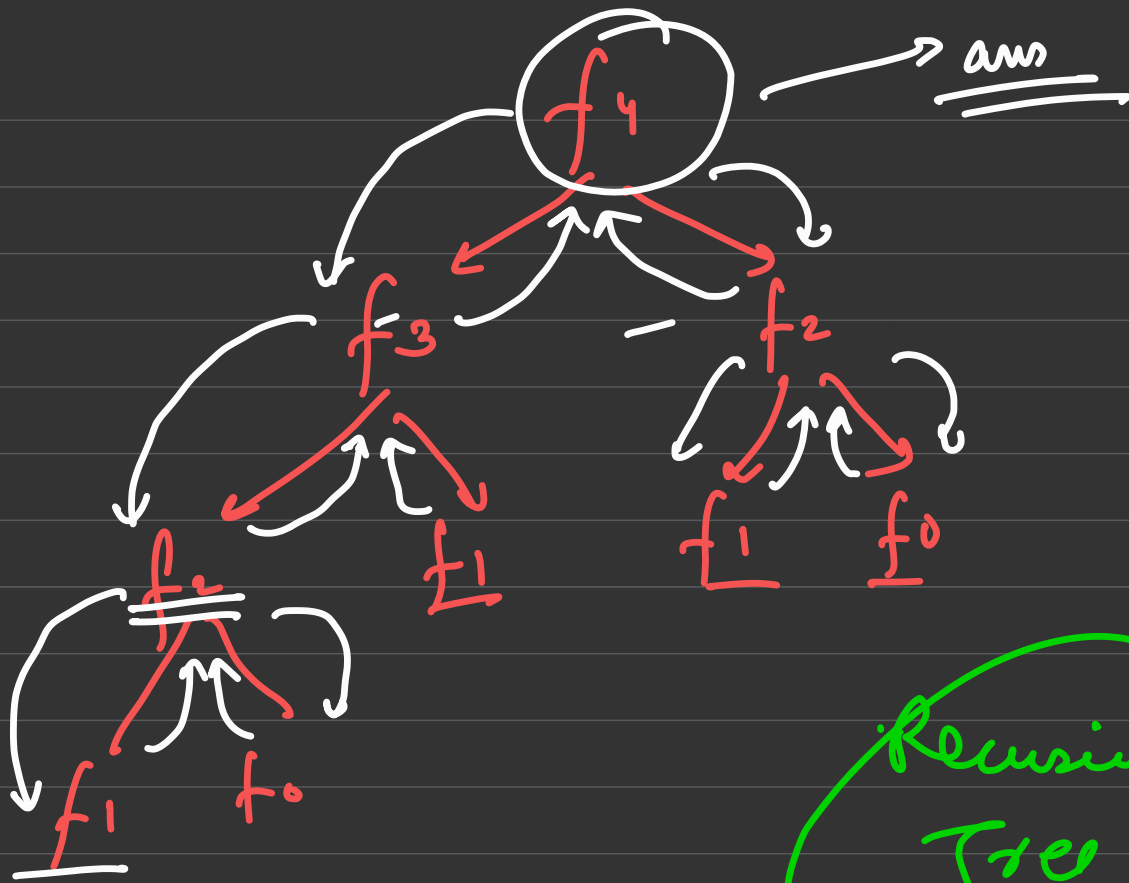

```
54 int fib(int n) {  
55     if(n == 0 or n == 1) return n;  
56     return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);  
57 }  
58
```

Handwritten annotations on the code: a bracket under `fib(n-1)` with a circled '1' below it, and a bracket under `fib(n-2)` with a '1' below it.

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→ line no → 56 → 11st call
main



Recursion Tree

Q: Given a no. n , print all the natural no. upto n , in increasing order

$n=5,$

1
2
3
4
5

Base Case \rightarrow $N=1$

Assumption \rightarrow print $(N-1)$

Self work \rightarrow $count \leq N$

```
void print (N) {  
    if (N==1) {  
        cout << 1 << "n";
```

→ returns

```
    print (N-1)  
    cout << N << "n"  
}
```

3

print(3)

1
2
3

print(3)

Q → Given a value of n , print first N natural no, in decreasing order.

$N=5 \rightarrow$

5
4
3
2
1

Q.

N = 5

5
4
3
2
1
2
3
4
5

Qⁿ Given an array, check whether it is sorted or not, recursively.

1, 2, 3, 5, 4

→ false

//

Base Case → $N=1$ → only 1 element → sorted

Recursive Assumption →

Diagram illustrating the recursive assumption for checking if an array is sorted:

$a[0] < a[1] \rightarrow$ is sorted or not

$a[0] < a[i] \rightarrow$ true

false