

Recursion

③ int main()

{
 cout << "Before fun2\n";

 fun2();

 cout << "After fun2\n";

 return 0;

}

② void fun2()

{
 cout << "Before

fun1\n

 fun1();

 cout << "After fun1\n";

}

① void fun1()

{

 cout << "fun1\n";

}

Output

Before fun2

Before fun1

fun1

After fun1

After fun2

//

function
calls

A fn calls itself directly (or) indirectly.

```
void f1()
```

```
{  
    f1();
```

```
}
```

```
void f1()
```

```
{  
    f2()
```

```
}
```

```
void f2()
```

```
{  
    f1()
```

```
}
```

a direct

b indirect.

```
void f1()
```

```
{  
    cout << "GFG" << endl;
```

```
    f1();
```

```
}
```

```
int main()
```

```
{  
    f1();
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

// it keeps on calling

No termination
~~condition~~
condition.

Segmentation
fault.

void f1(int n)

```
{ if (n==0) } base case  
  return;  
  cout << "GFG" << endl;  
  f1(n-1);
```

int main() {

{

f1(2);

return 0;

}

output

GFG

f1(2-1);

GFG

f1(1-1);

return;

Structure

..... f1(.....)

{

base cases

.....

Recursive Call (ie call to fn())
with atleast one change in parameters

.....

}

Applications of Recursion

Many algorithm techniques are based on Recursion.

- Dynamic Programming
- Back tracking
- Divide & Conquer.

iteration ↗
↳ recursion
program solve.

- quick
- merge
- Binary Search.

- Many problems inherently recursive

- Tower of Hanoi.

- DFS based traversals (DFS of graph)

- Inorder

- Post order

- Pre order

traversal of tree.

①

void fun (int n)

{ if (n==0)

return ;

cout << n << endl ;

fun(n-1) ;

cout << n << endl ;

}

int main()

{ fun(3) ;

return 0 ;

}

3

f(3-1),

2

f(2-1),

1

f(1-1);

ret

1

2

3

②

void fun (int n)

{ if (n==0)

return

fun(n-1) ;

cout << n << endl ;

fun(n-1) ;

}

int main()

{

fun(3)

return 0 ;

}

~~f(3-1);~~
~~f(2-1);~~
~~f(1-1);~~
~~ret~~

main()

↳ fun(3);

↳ fun(2);

↳ fun(1);

↳ fun(0);

return

↳ fun(0);

2..

fun(1);

↳ fun(0);

1..

3

↳ fun(2);

↳ fun(1);

↳ fun(0);

1

2

fun(1);

↳ fun(0);

1

1
2
1
3
1
2
1

we can use already
computed.

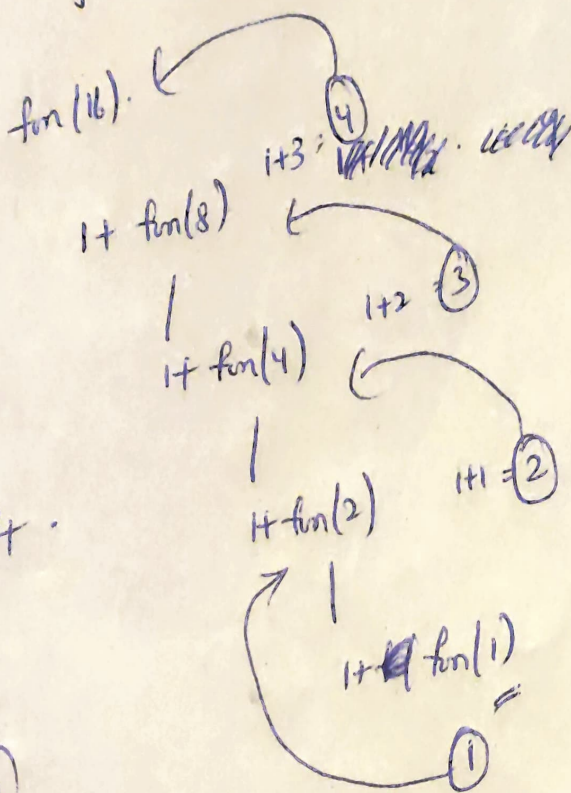

```
int fun(int n)
```

```
if (n == 1)
```

```
return 0;
```

```
else  
return 1 + fun(n/2)
```

```
}
```



= 4.

$\log_2 n$

```
void fun(int n)
```

```
if (n == 0)
```

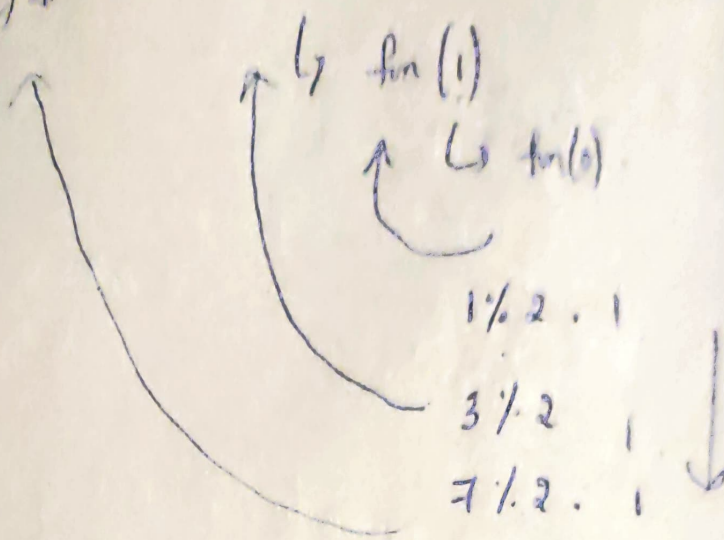
```
return ;
```

```
fun(n/2);
```

```
print(n%2);
```

$n \neq 0$?

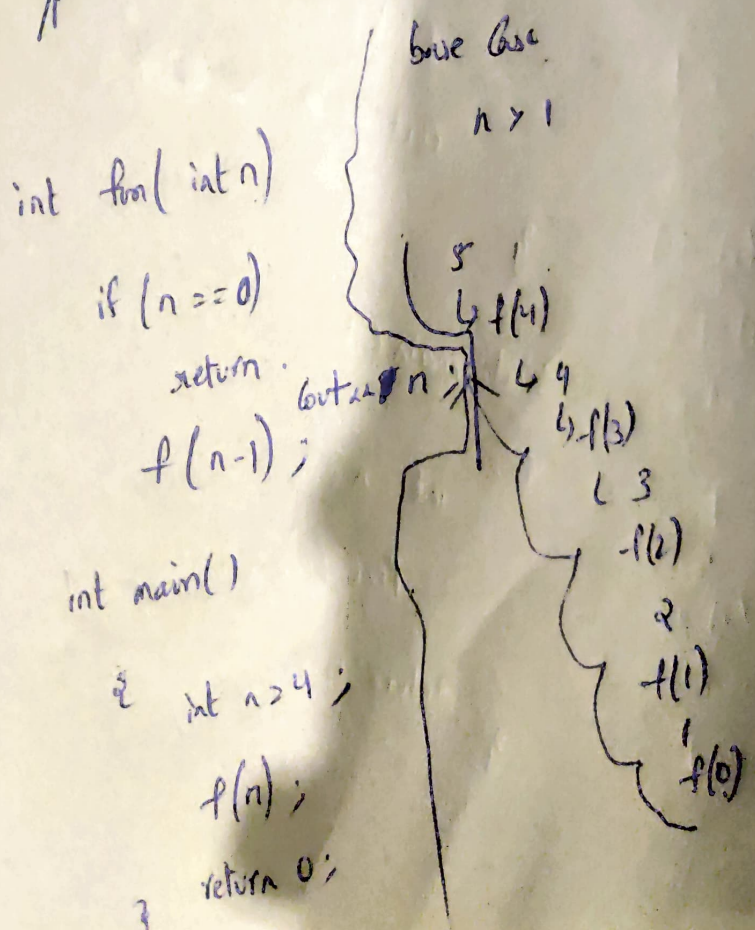
$\text{fun}(n)$
 $\hookrightarrow \text{fun}(\frac{n}{2} = 3.5 \approx 3)$



it prints binary equivalent

1/p $n=5$

% 5 4 3 2 1



1 to n

n = 4

1 2 3 4

n-1

cout << n;
fn(n-1);

base case

if n == 1
return;

We need to call recursively upto n-1 &
print n.

```
void print(int n)
```

```
{ if (n == 0)
  return;
```

```
  print(n-1);
```

```
  cout << n << " ";
```

```
}
```

```
int main()
```

```
{ int n = 4
```

```
  print(n);
```

```
  return 0;
```

```
}
```

Tail Recursion

- When parent fn has nothing more to do
when child fn has finished executing

Ex

```
void fn(int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
        return;
    cout << n;
    fn(n-1);
}
```

// prints n,
calls recursive fn.

At last
at f(1)
executes &
program
terminates.

but for 1 to n Recursive program.

```
if (n == 0)
    return;
fn(n-1);
cout << n;
```

Calls upto last no
& later prints

So after fn, it
need to print
& return so
recursive call
Completes.

So tail Recursion
executes slightly
faster.

... So on.