

Recursion

OutOfMemoryError



Overview

What is It?

- A method by which a function calls itself until a given termination condition is reached

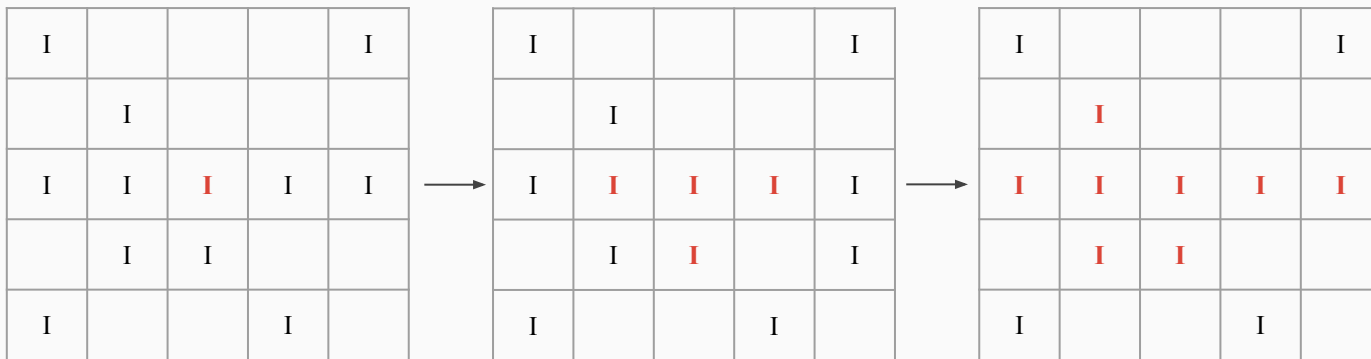
Common Applications

- Sorting algorithms
- Multithreaded applications

Fibonacci Series Demonstration

Project: Tree Burning Recursion

- Emulate a forest of grid size $(x * y)$ burning down
- Start at a random point $(x_a * y_b)$ and “burn” all surrounding trees
- Stop when all trees have been burned, or there are no more trees next to a burning tree



Tasks

1. Recurse through and “burn” all trees in a (5 x 5) forest
 - a. Make sure that you don’t burn outside the given grid (will result in an error)
 - b. Burn only going up, down, left and right (no diagonals)
2. Add support for randomizing the forest
 - a. Random forest size
 - b. Random tree placement
3. Add support for wind
 - a. If wind is blowing from the south, only spread the fire up; if from the south west, then only up and right, etc