

# RECURSION

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CSC212: Data Structures

# Recursion

- ❖ Sometimes, certain statements in an algorithm are repeated on different sizes of an input instance.
- ❖ Repetition can be achieved in two different ways.
  - **Iteration:** uses **for** and **while** loops
  - **Recursion:** function calls itself

## Example -1:

- Factorial Function
- Factorial function of any integer  $n$  is defined as

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n.(n-1).(n-2) \sim \sim \sim \sim \sim 3.2.1 & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

- $4! = 4 * 3 * 2 * 1$
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- This is recursive definition. It consists of two parts:
  - i. **Base case**
  - ii. **Recursive case**

## Important:

Every recursion must have at least one base case, at which the recursion does not recur

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## Example -1 (Continue) :

- It can be written as:

$$\text{fact}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 & \leftarrow \text{Base Case} \\ n\text{fact}(n-1)! & \text{if } n \geq 1 & \leftarrow \text{Recursion Case} \end{cases}$$

where  $\text{fact}(n)$  is the function that calculates  $n!$ .

# Recursion

## Example -1 (Continue) :

– Implementation

### Recursive:

```
public static int recursiveFact(int n)
{
    if(n==0) return 1;
    else
        return n*recursiveFact(n-1);
}
```

### Iterative:

```
public static int iterativeFact(int n)
{
    int fact = 1;
    for(i = 1; i <= n; i++)
        fact=fact*i;
    return fact;
}
```

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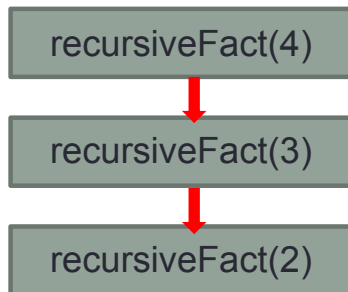


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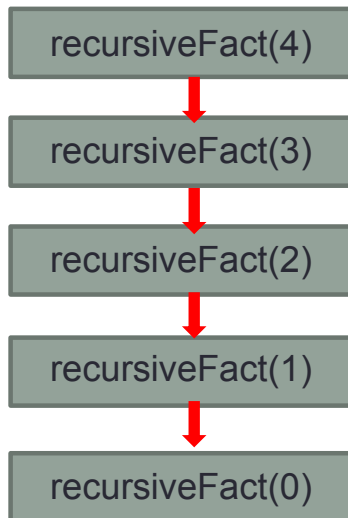
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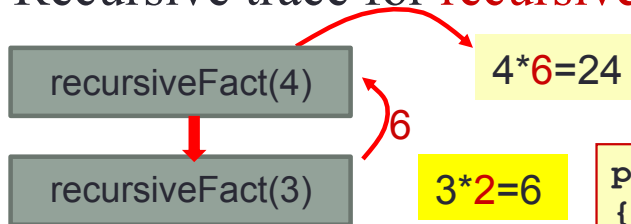
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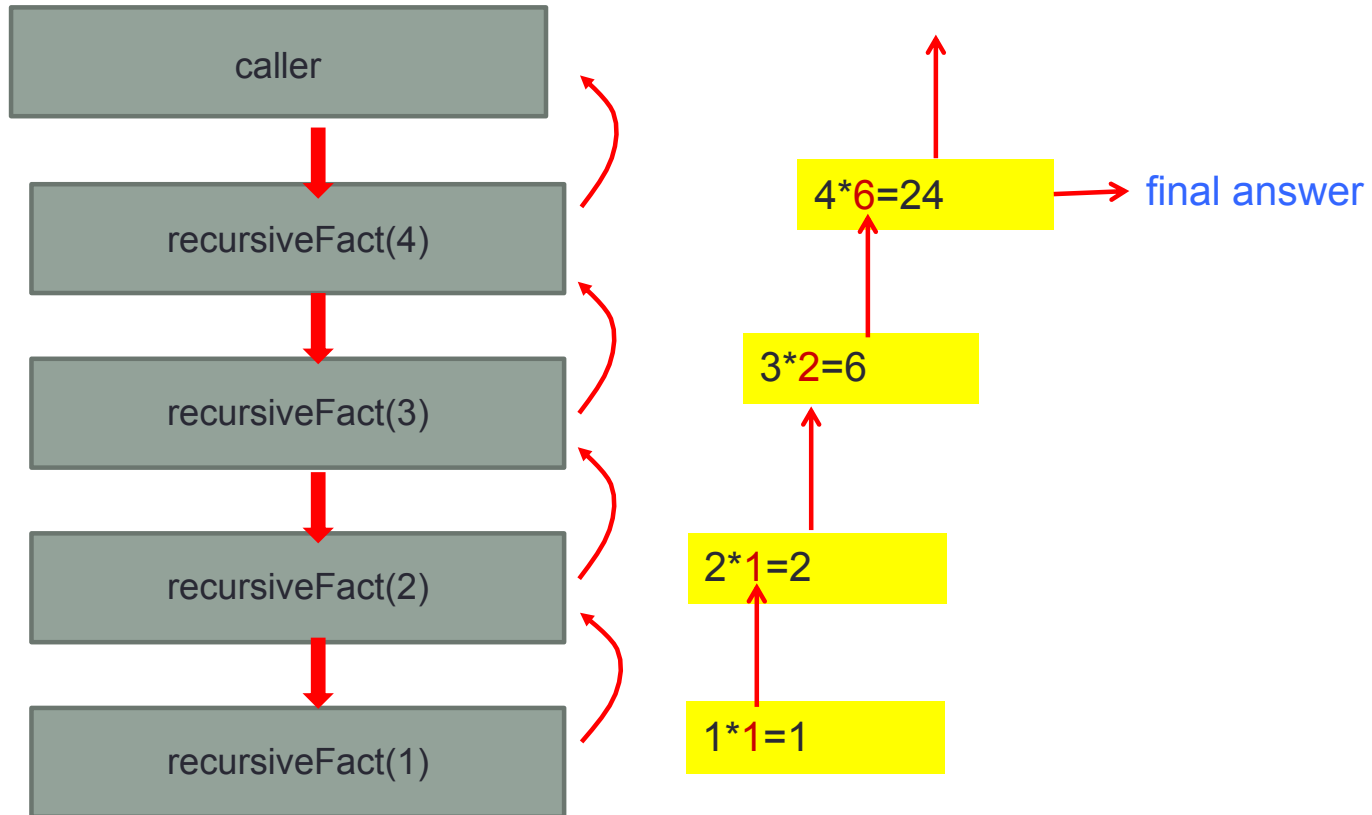
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4\*6=24

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# Recursive Trace



# Recursive Exercise

Calculate  $x^n$  using both iteration and recursion.  
(Assume  $x > 0$  and  $n \geq 0$ )

```
Public int Power(x,n) {  
    result = 0;  
    if (n == 0)  
        return result = 1;  
    else  
        for (int i = 1, i ≤ n, i++) {  
            result = * x ; }  
    return result ; }
```

```
Public int re_Power(x,n) {  
    if (n == 0)  
        return 1;  
    else  
        return x * re_Power(x,n-1);  
}
```

# Main Types of Recursion

- ❖ Linear Recursion

- ❖ Binary Recursion

# Linear Recursion

In this case a recursive method makes at most one recursive call each time it is invoked.

## Example – 3:

- **Problem:** Given an array  $A$  of  $n$  integers, find the sum of first  $n$  integers.
- **Observation:** Sum can be defined recursively as follows:

$$\text{Sum}(n) = \begin{cases} A[0] & \text{if } n = 1 & \leftarrow \text{Base Case} \\ \text{Sum}(n-1) + A[n-1] & \text{if } n > 1 & \leftarrow \text{Recursive Case} \end{cases}$$

```
public int Sum(A, n) {  
    if (n == 1)  
        return A[0];  
    else  
        return A[n-1] + Sum(A, n-1);  
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```

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 3 (Continued):

### – Algorithm

#### Sum(A, n)

**Input:** An integer array **A** and an integer  $n \geq 1$ , such that **A** has at least  $n$  elements

**Output:** The sum of the first  $n$  integers in **A**.

**Processing:**

if  $n = 1$ ;

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### Note:

- Base case should be defined so that every possible chain of recursive calls eventually reach a base case.
- Algorithm must start by testing a set of base cases.
- After testing for base cases perform a single recursive call.



# Linear Recursion

## Example – 3 (Continued):

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Sum(A,5)

??+A[4]=??+5=?

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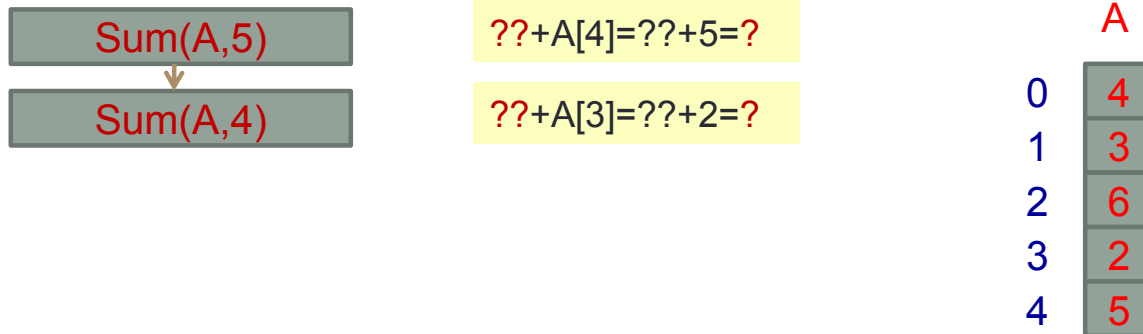
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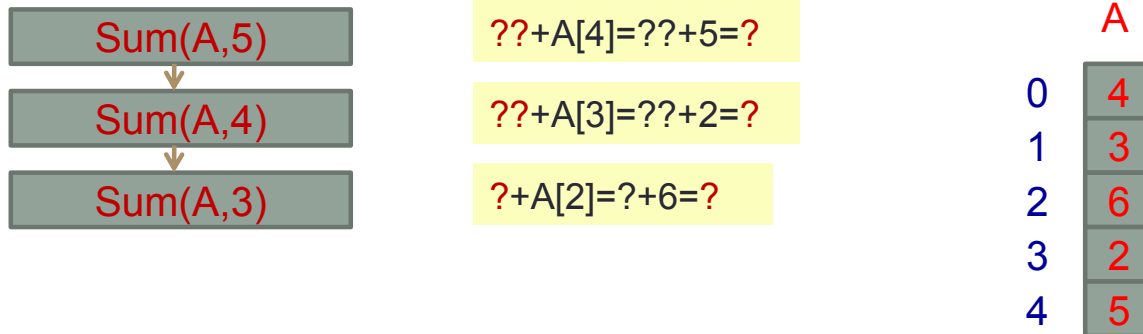
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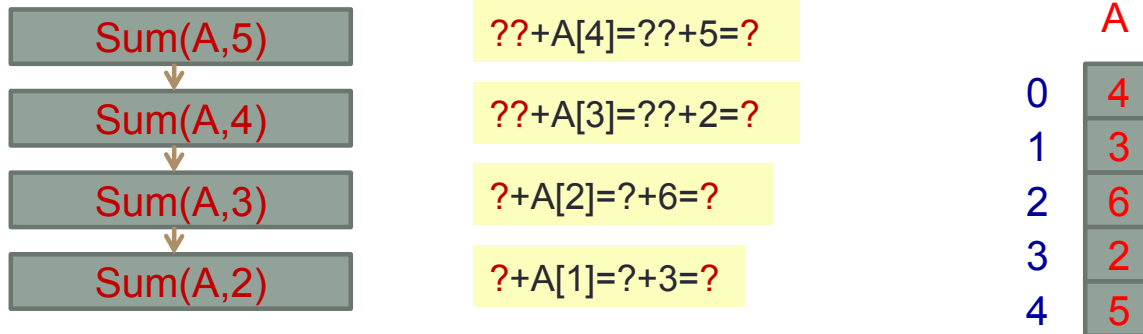
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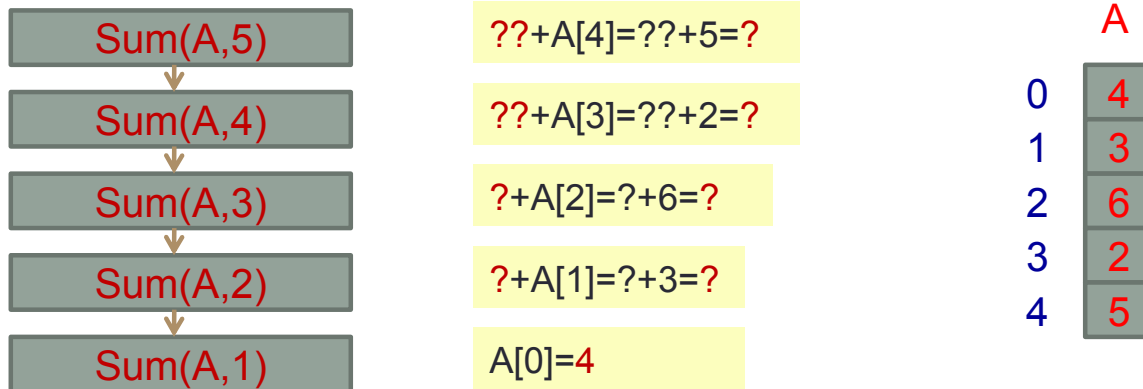
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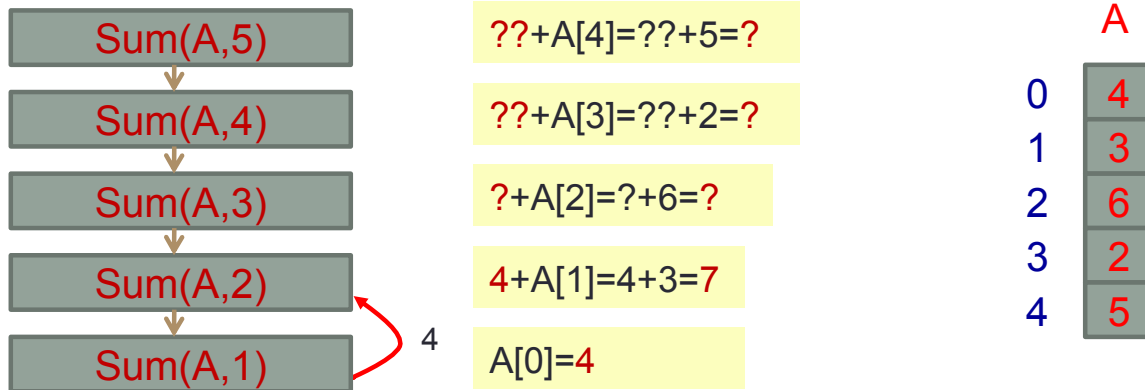
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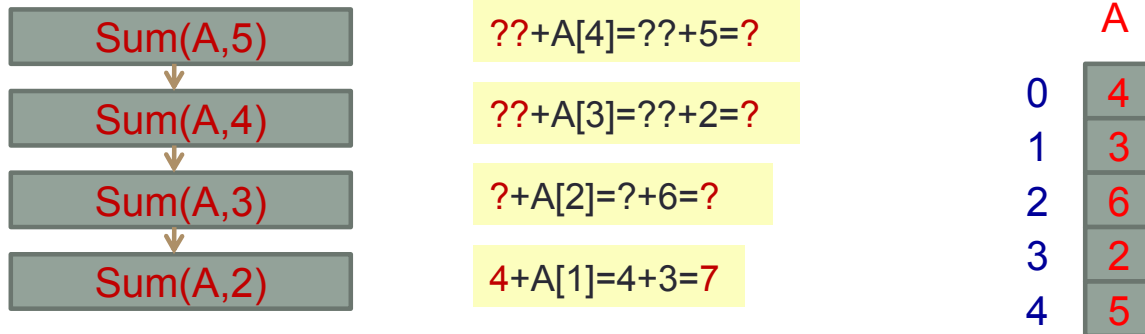
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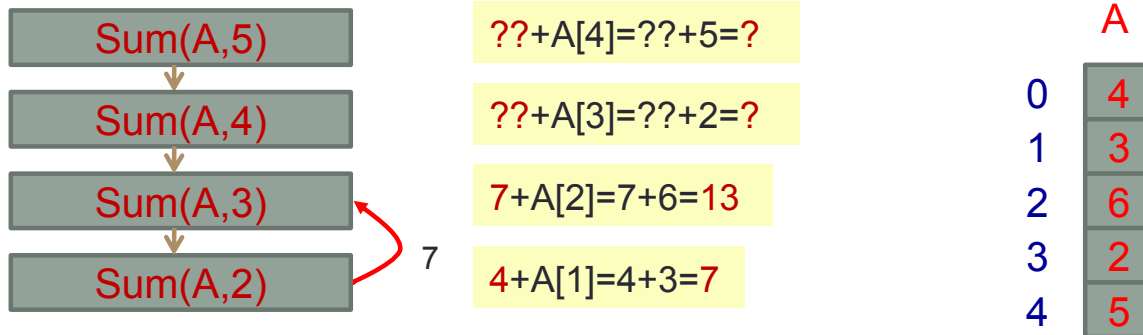
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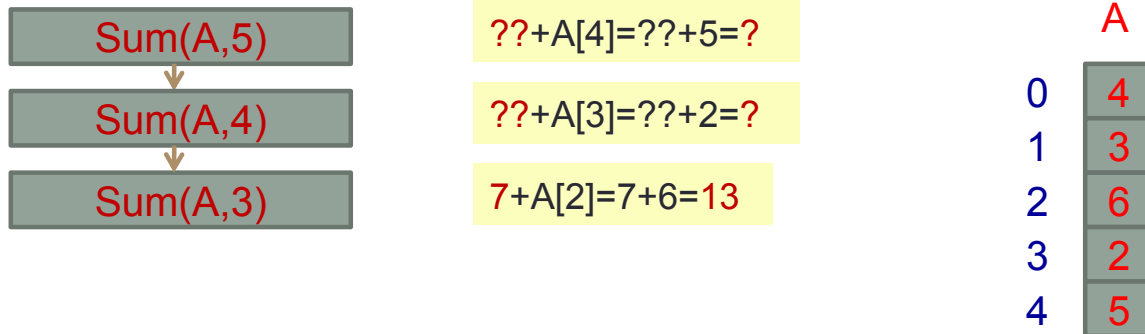
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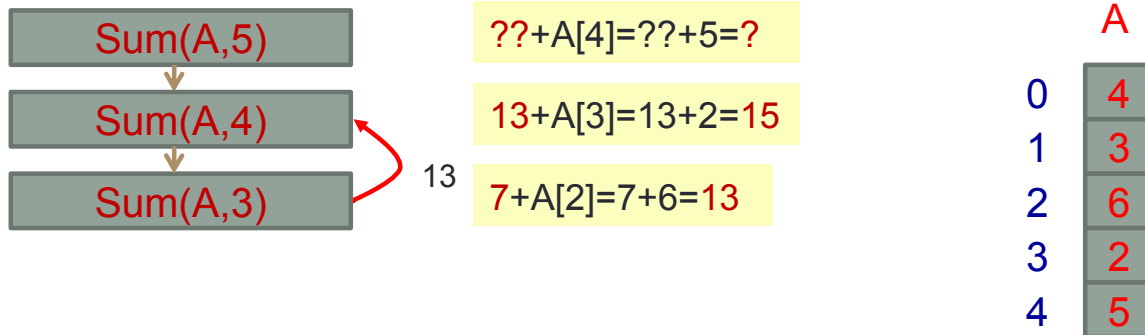
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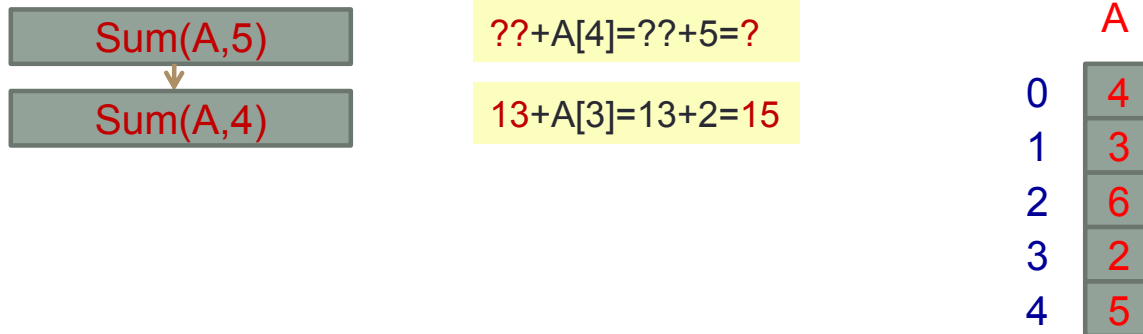
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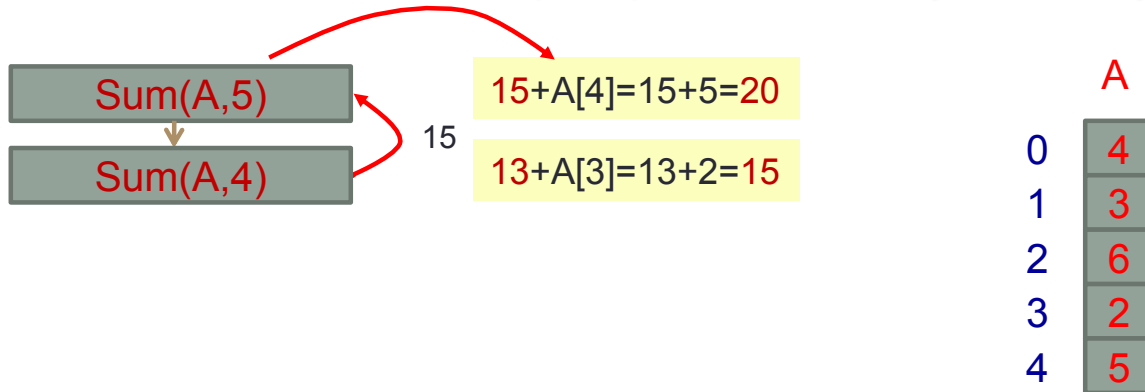
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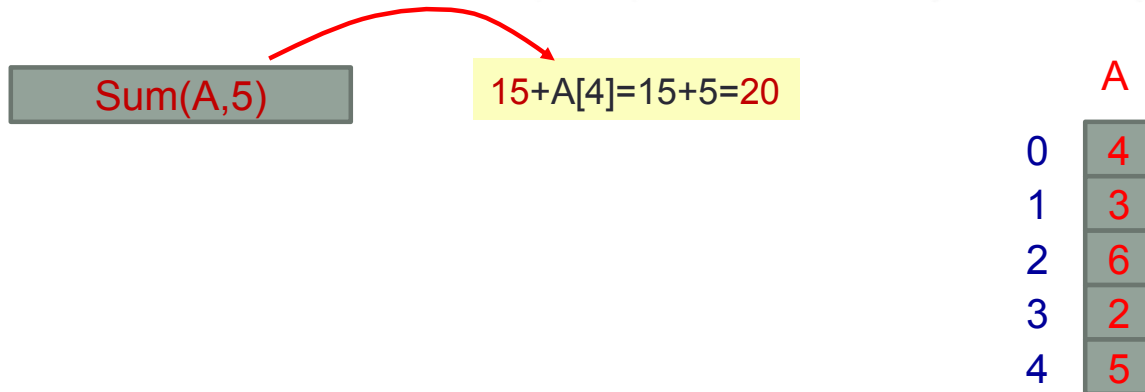
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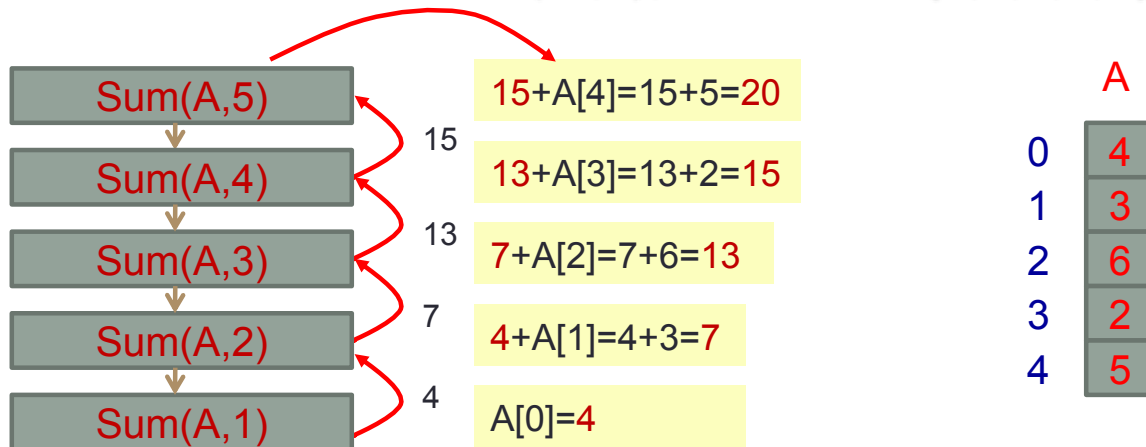
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### Note:

- For an array of size  $n$ ,  $\text{Sum}(A, n)$  makes  $n$  calls.
- Each spends a constant amount of time.
- So time complexity is  $O(n)$ .

# Binary Recursion

In this case, a recursive algorithm makes two recursive calls.

## Example – 4

- **Problem:** Find the sum of  $n$  elements of an integer array  $A$ .
- **Algorithm:**
  - Recursively find the sum of elements in the **first half** of  $A$ .
  - Recursively find the sum of elements in the **second half** of  $A$ .
  - Add these two values

A	
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

### BinarySum( $A, i, n$ )

**Input:** An integer array  $A$  and an integer  $n \geq 1$ , such that  $A$  has at least  $n$  elements

**Output:** The sum of the first  $n$  integers in  $A$ .

**Processing:**

if  $n = 1$

return  $A[i]$ ;

Else

return BinarySum( $A, i, \lceil n/2 \rceil$ ) + BinarySum( $A, i + \lceil n/2 \rceil, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ );

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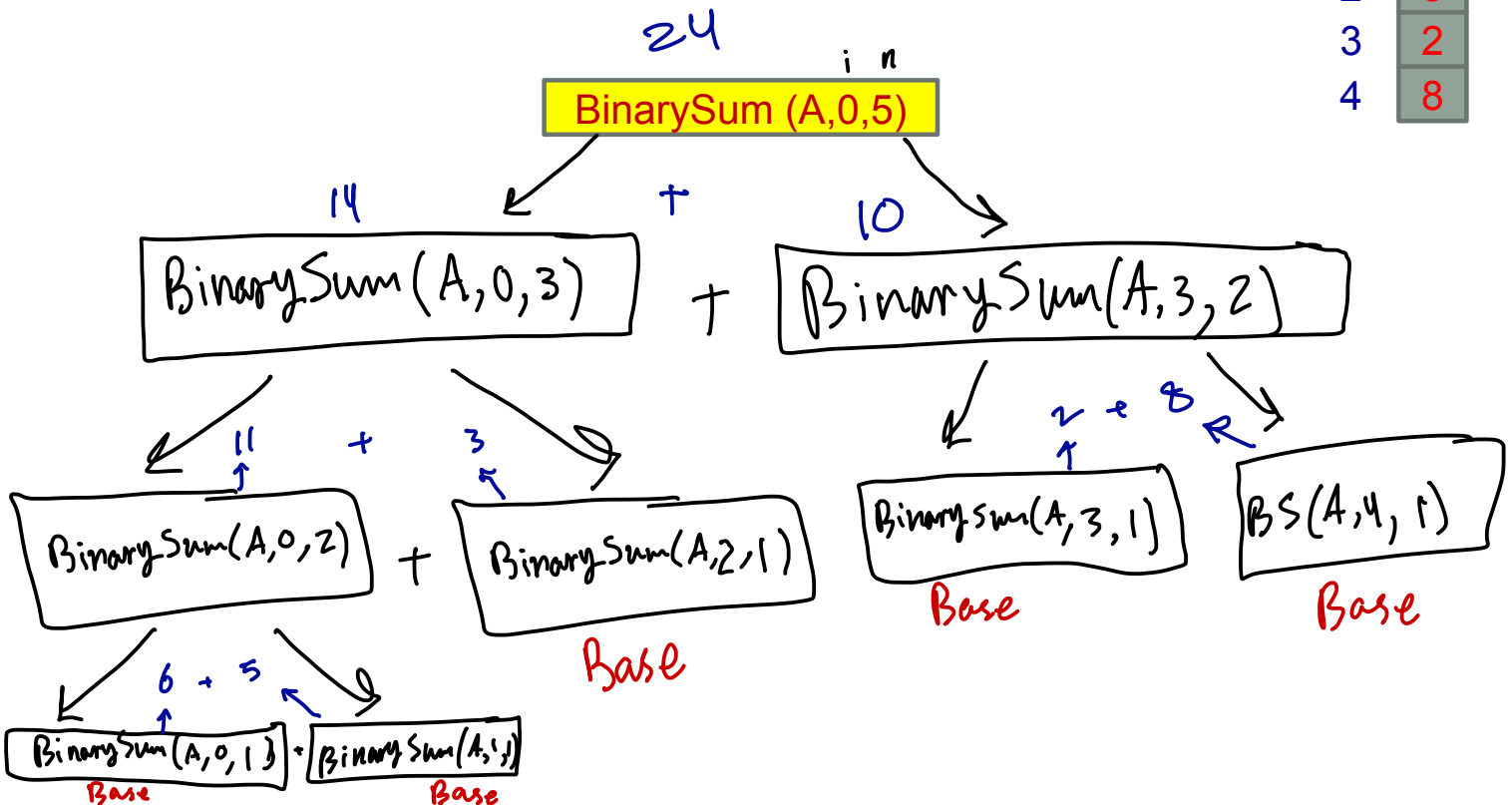


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## Example – 4 (Continued):

– Recursive trace

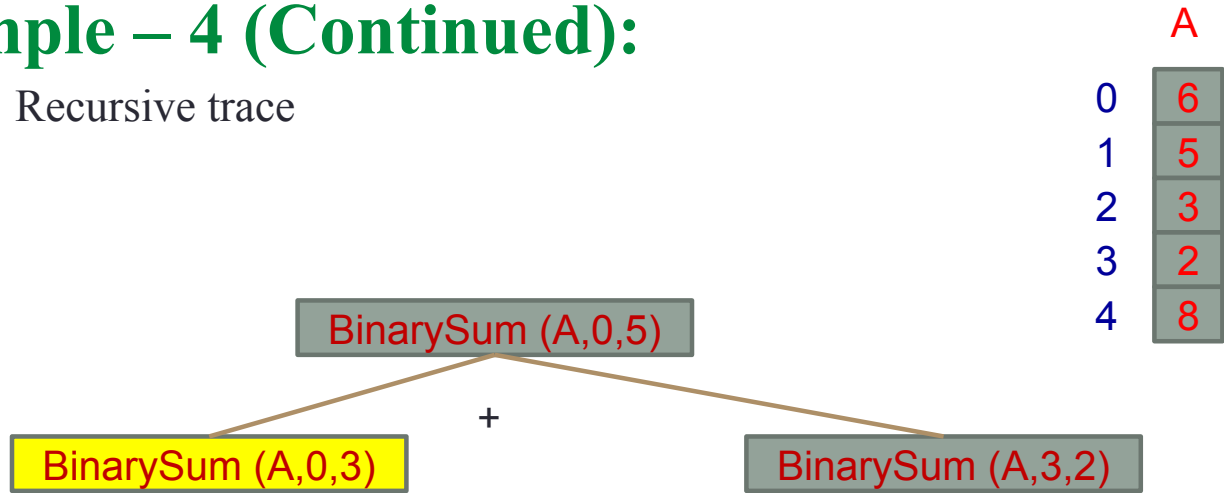
	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8



# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

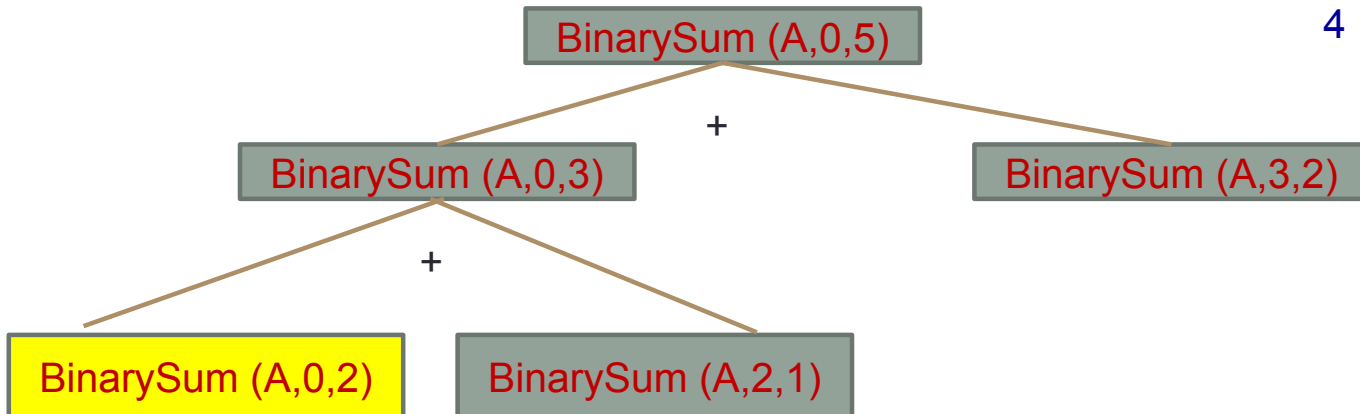


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

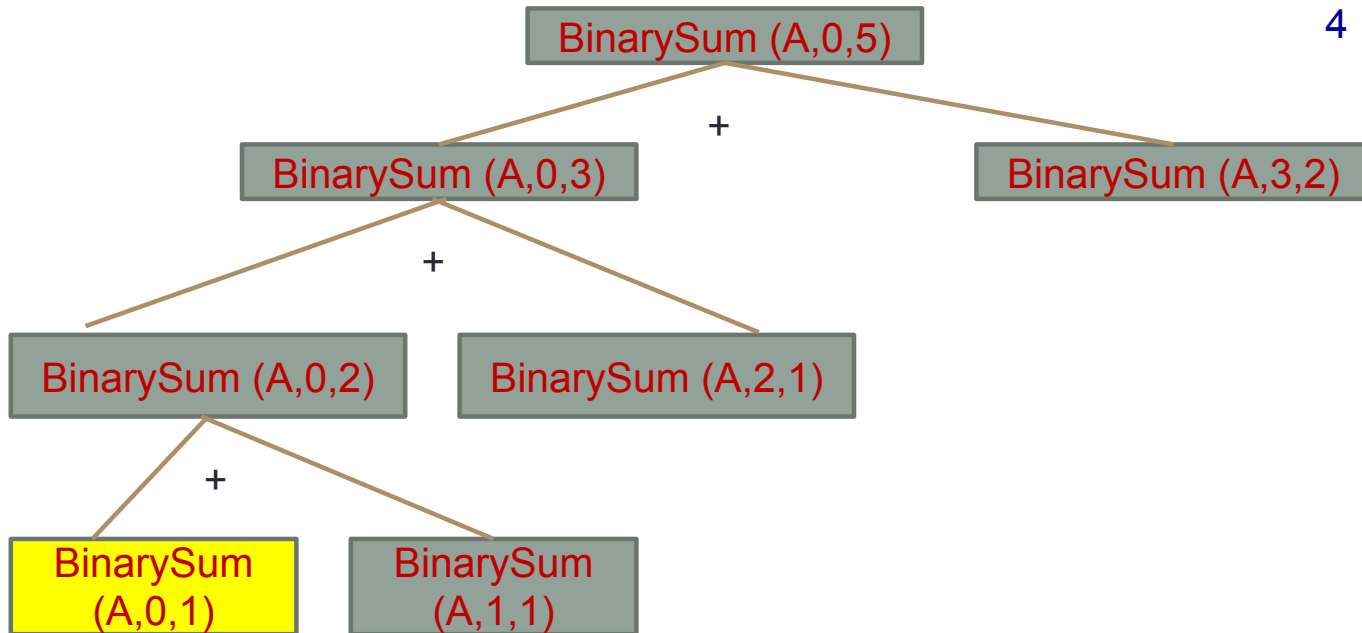


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

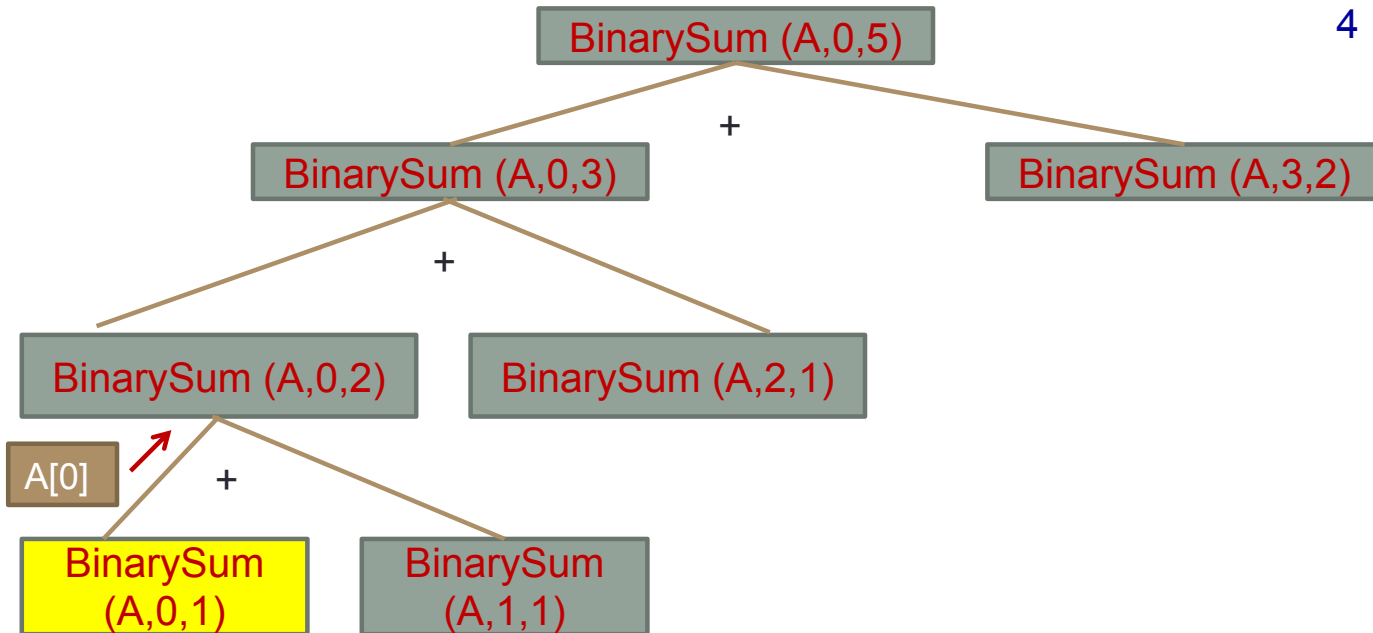


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

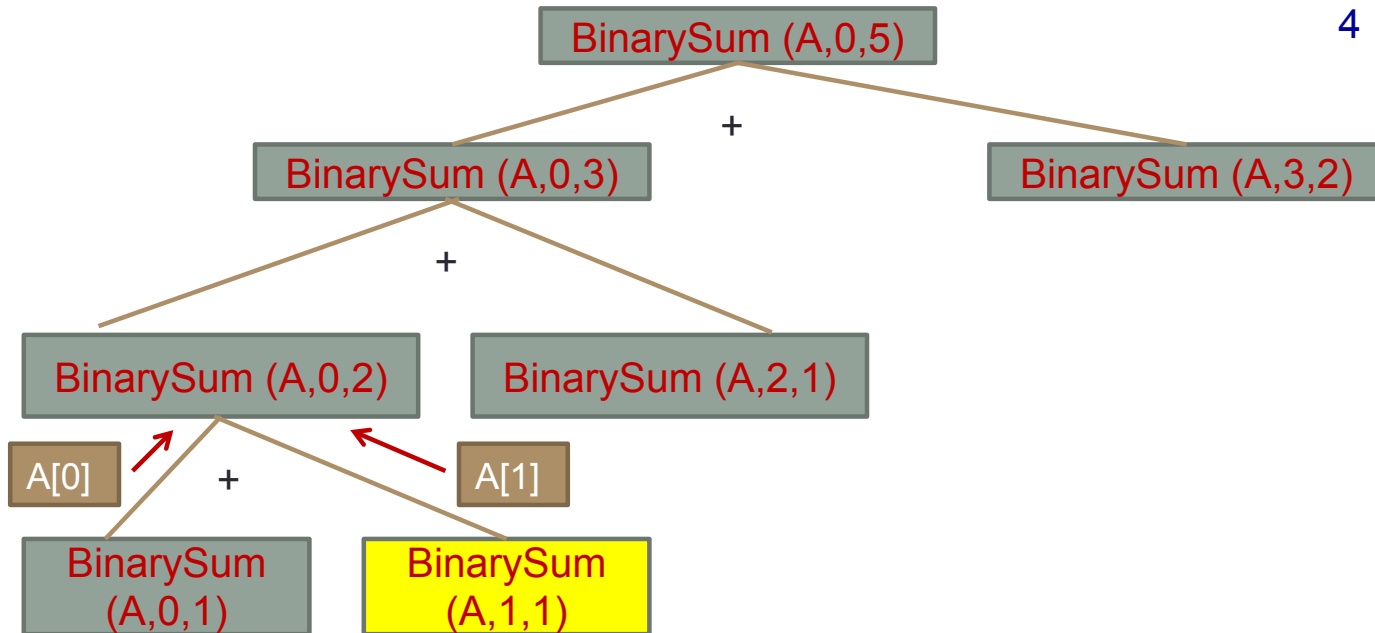


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

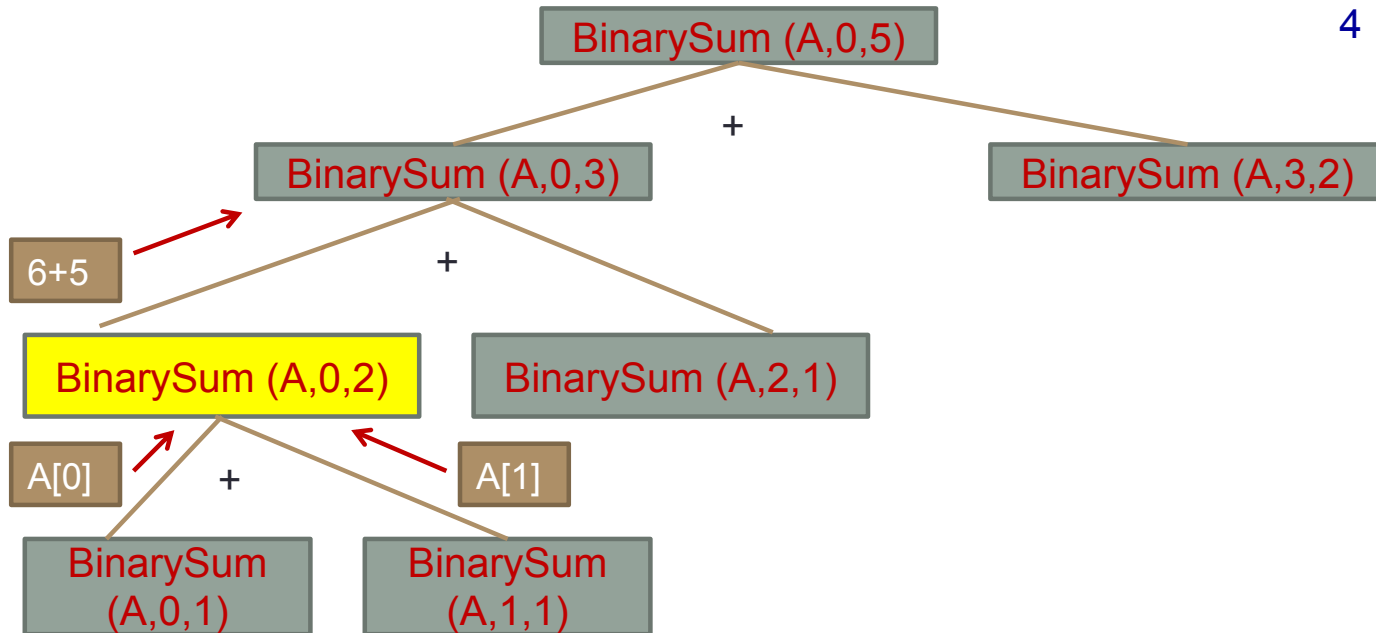


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

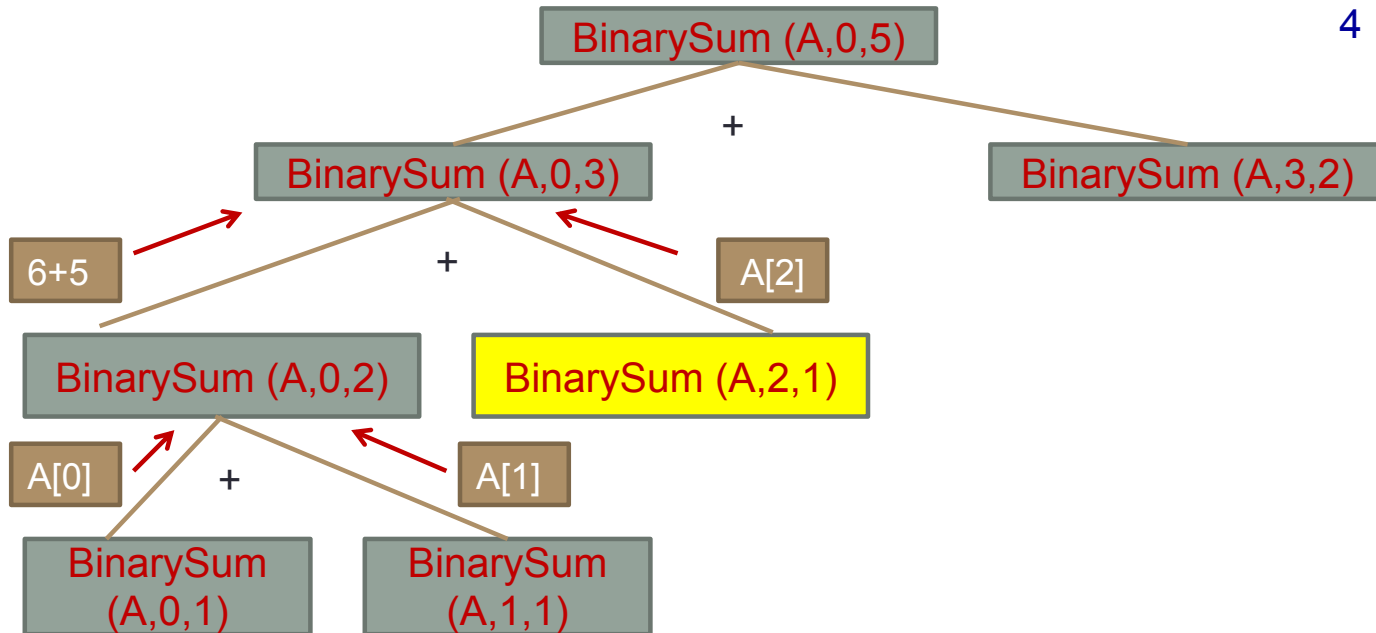


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8



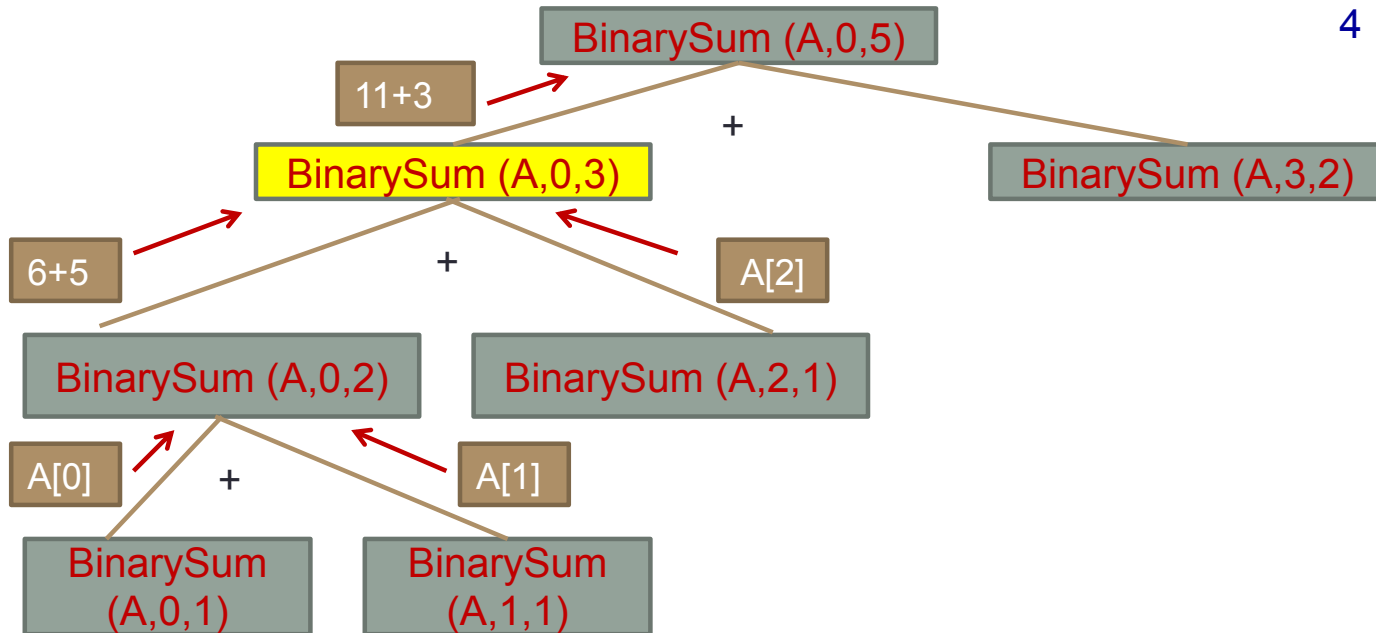


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

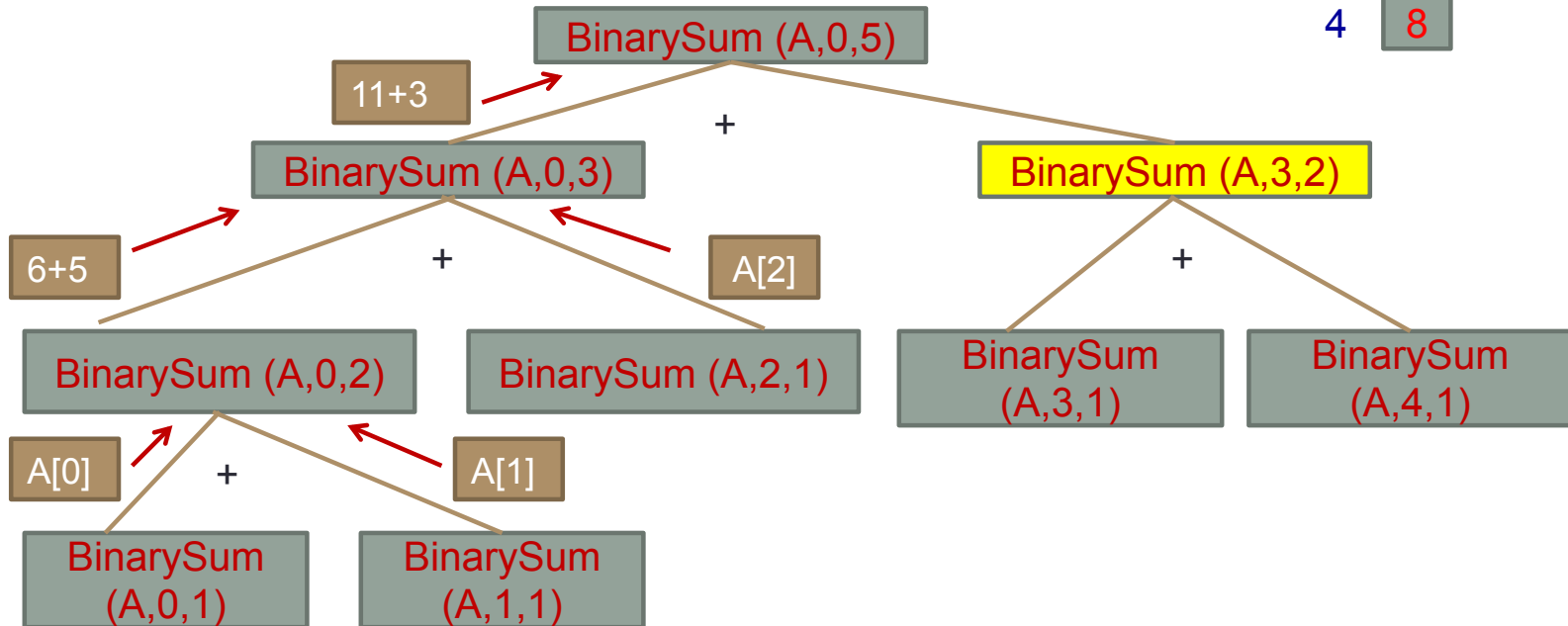


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

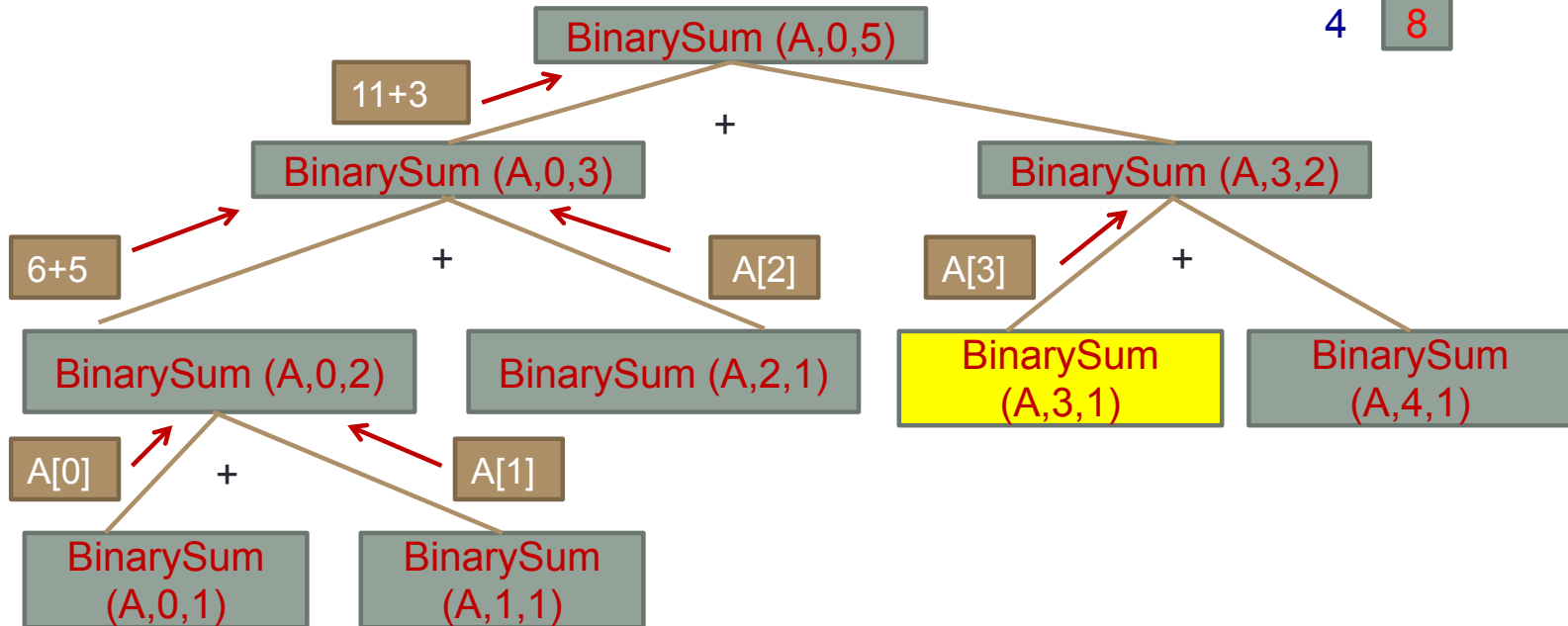


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

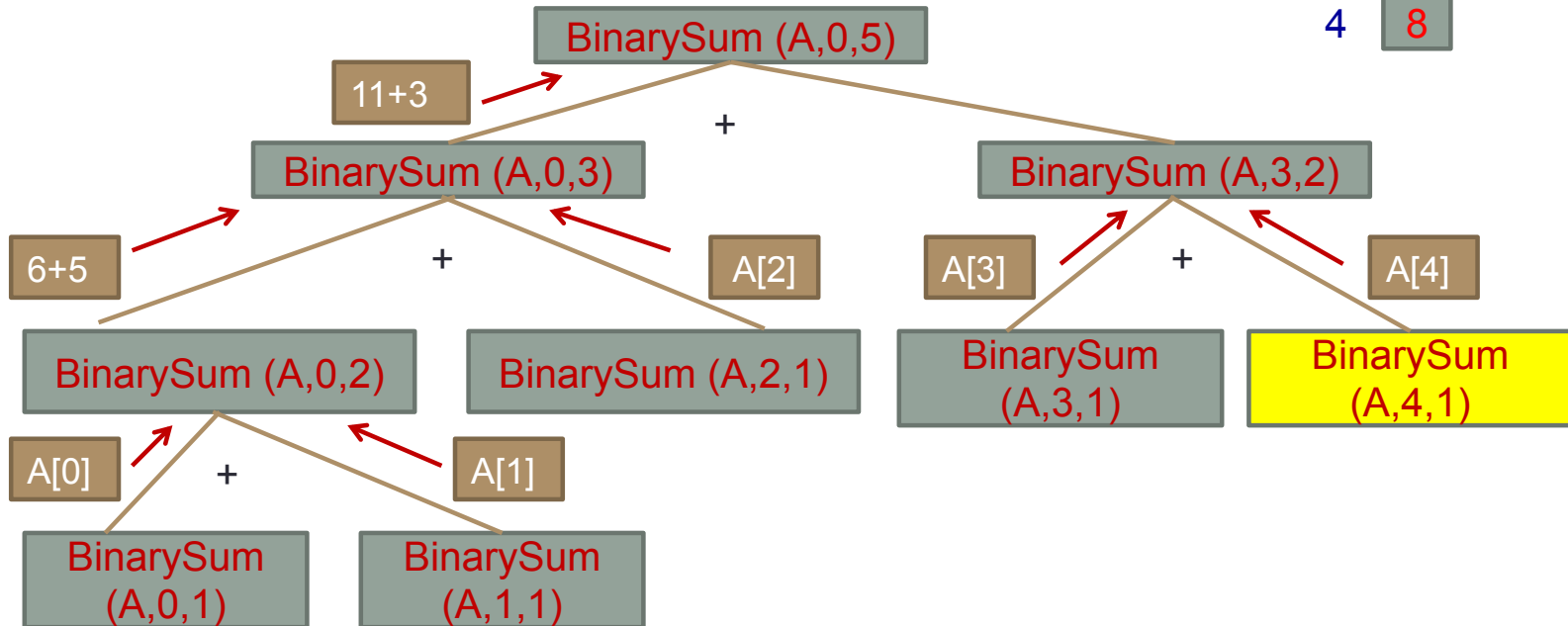


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

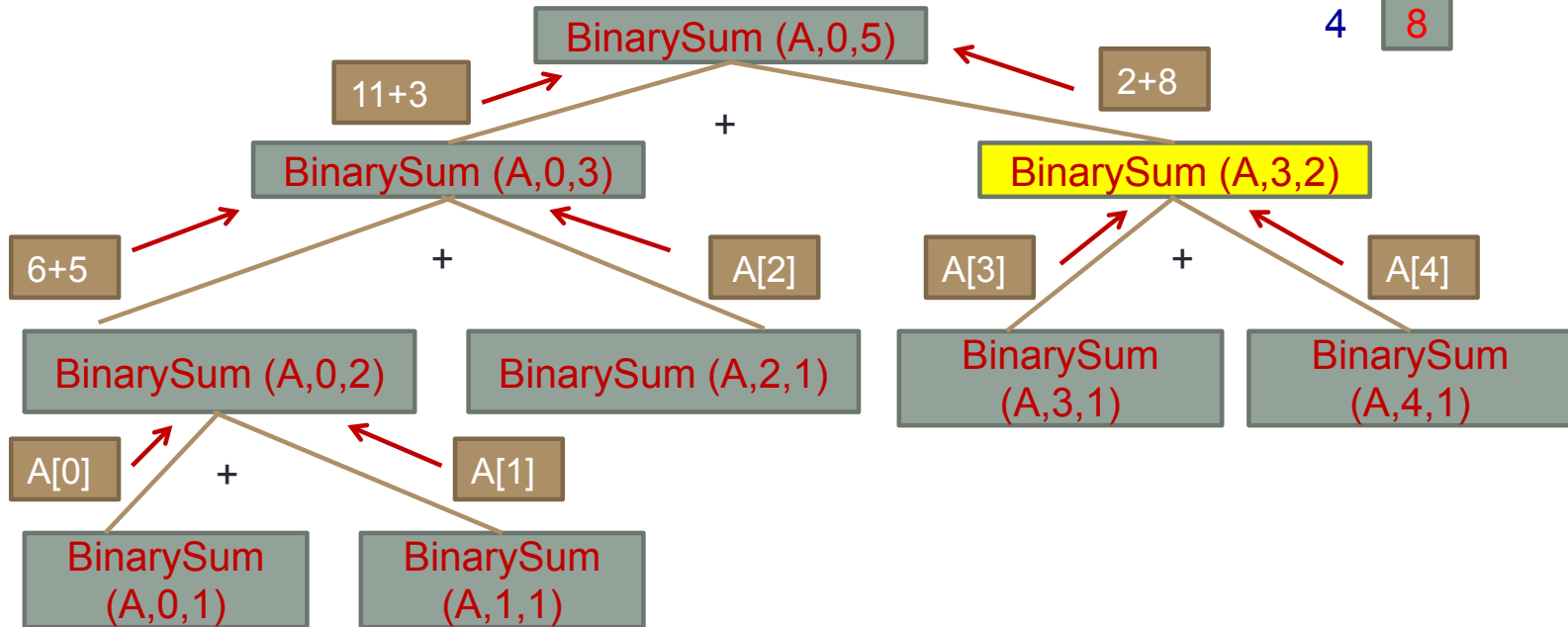


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8

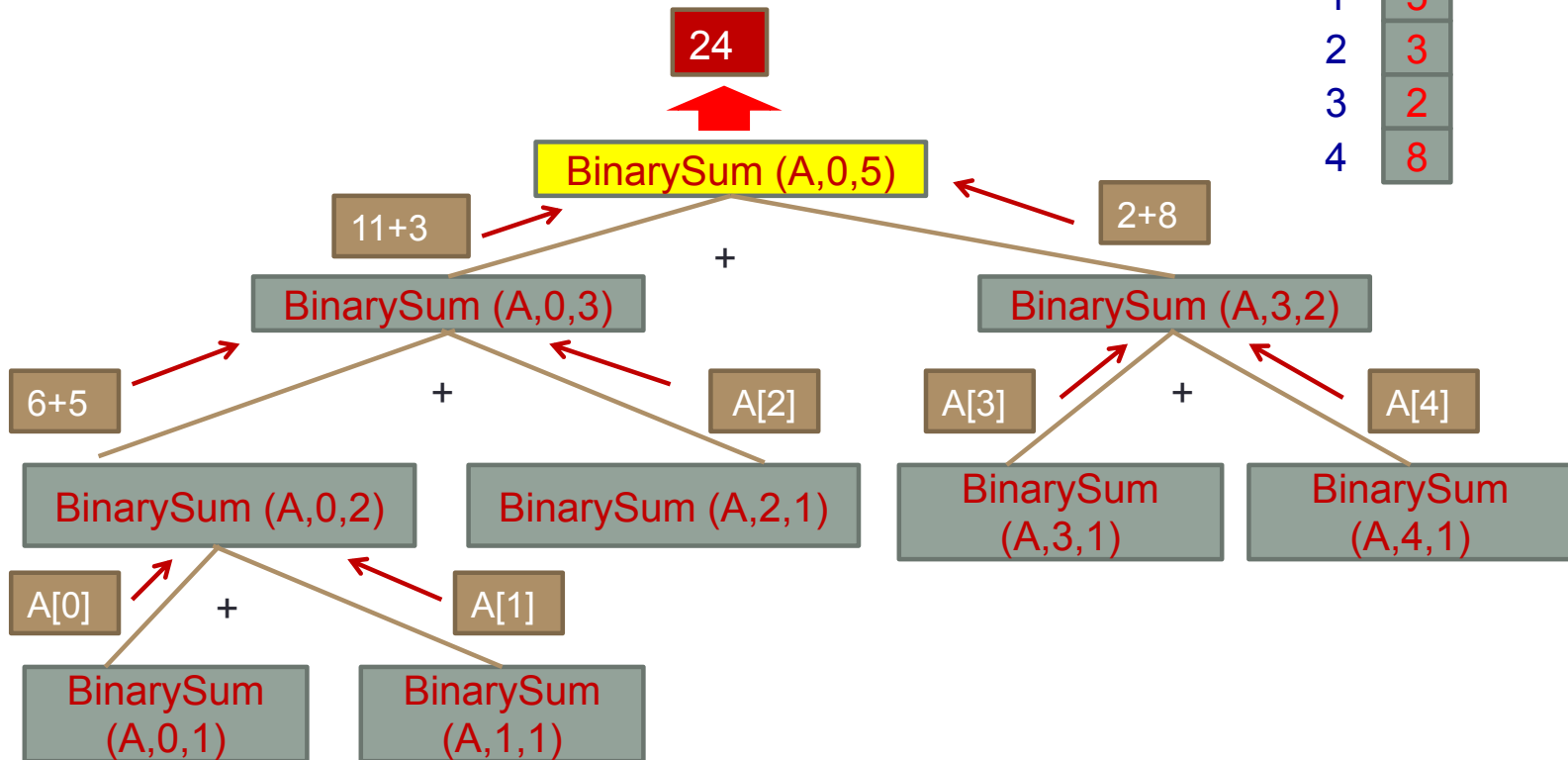


# Binary Recursion

## Example – 4 (Continued):

- Recursive trace

	A
0	6
1	5
2	3
3	2
4	8



# Binary Recursion

## Example – 5

- **The Fibonacci Number**  
1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, . . . . .
- Each number after the second number is the sum of the two preceding numbers.
- These numbers can naturally be defined recursively :

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 & \leftarrow \text{Base Case-1} \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1 & \leftarrow \text{Base Case-2} \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2) & \text{if } n > 1 & \leftarrow \text{Recursive Case} \end{cases}$$

# Binary Recursion

## Example – 5 (Continued)

- Recursive Implementation of Fibonacci Function

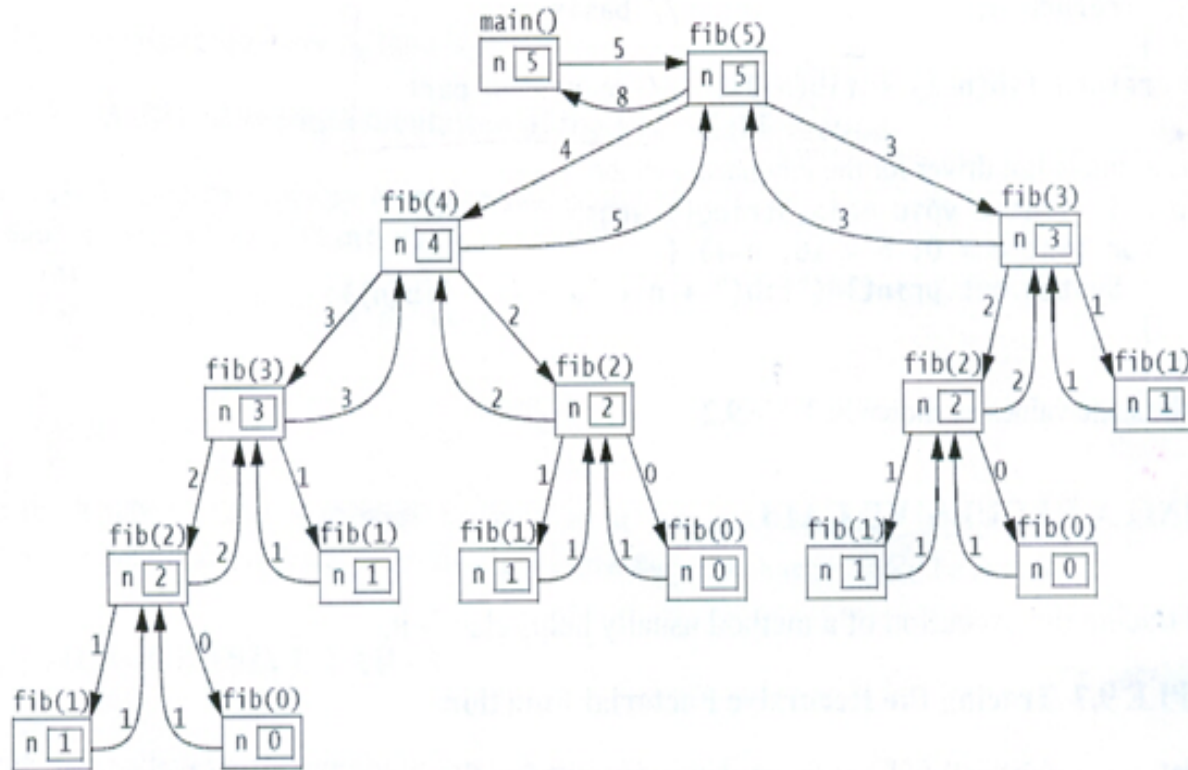
```
public static int fib(int n)
{
    if (n < 2)
        return 1;                // base cases
    else
        return fib(n-1)+fib(n-2); // recursive part
}
```



# Binary Recursion

## Example – 5 (Continued)

- Recursive Trace of Fibonacci Function: fib(5)



# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6: Binary Search

- **Problem:** Given  $S = \{s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}\}$  is a sorted sequence of  $n$  integers, and an integer  $x$ . Search whether  $x$  is in  $S$ .
- **Binary Search Algorithm:**
  - If the sequence is empty, return -1. *Base case*
  - Let  $s_i$  be the middle element of the sequence.
    - If  $s_i = x$ , return its index  $i$ . *Base case*
    - If  $s_i < x$ , apply the algorithm on the subsequence that lies above  $s_i$ . *recursive case*
    - Otherwise, apply the algorithm on the subsequence of  $S$

*BinarySearch(A, i, x) {*  
    *if (A[i] == x)*  
        *return i;*  
    *else if (A[i] > x)*  
        *return BinarySearch(A, i+1, x);*  
    *else*  
        *return BinarySearch(A, i-1, x); }*

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2; // الإمتة الى بالنها
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search(a, i+1, hi, x)
        else // الإمتة الى بالنها أكبر
            return search(a, lo, i-1, x);
    }
}
```

Starting Point  
end Point  
x = 6

α →

2	4	6	8
0	1	2	3

2 2

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=2

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 14)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=4

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 14)

search(a, 3, 5, 14)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=2

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 2)



# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=0

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 2)

search(a, 0, 1, 2)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=2

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 5)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 5)

search(a, 0, 1, 5)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 5)

search(a, 0, 1, 5)

search(a, 1, 1, 5)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=2

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 21)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=4

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 21)

search(a, 3, 5, 21)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=5

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi/2);
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 21)

search(a, 3, 5, 21)

search(a, 5, 5, 21)



# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 21)

search(a, 3, 5, 21)

search(a, 5, 5, 21)

search(a, 6, 5, 21)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=2

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 12)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=4

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 12)

search(a, 3, 5, 12)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

i=3

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 12)

search(a, 3, 5, 12)

search(a, 3, 3, 12)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 12)

search(a, 3, 5, 12)

search(a, 3, 3, 12)

search(a, 4, 3, 12)

# Linear Recursion

## Example – 6 (continued): Binary Search

– Implementation:

a	2	5	7	11	14	20
---	---	---	---	----	----	----

```
public static int search(int a[], int lo, int hi, int x)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1; // Basis
    else { // Recursive part
        int i = (lo+hi)/2;
        if(a[i] == x) return i;
        else if(a[i] < x)
            return search (a, i+1, hi, x)
        else
            return search (a, lo,i-1, x);
    }
}
```

search(a, 0, 5, 12)

search(a, 3, 5, 12)

search(a, 3, 3, 12)

search(a, 4, 3, 12)