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## Recurrence Relation

fun<sup>n</sup> calls itself

Step 1:- How to write r.r.

Step 2:- How to solve r.r.

Let's write r.r. for Binary Search

wt is

↑ Binary search?

Searching an element in the sorted array

Let's consider the array we have is

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
10	20	30	40	50	60	70
$i$						$j$

Algorithm:-

BS( $a, i, j, x$ )

$mid = (i+j)/2$

if ( $a[mid] == x$ )

return( $mid$ )

else

if ( $a[mid] > x$ )

BS( $a, i, mid-1, x$ )

else

BS( $a, mid+1, j, x$ )

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Let's consider  $x=30$

Now check value of  $i$  &  $j$

$i=0, j=6$

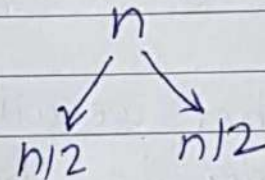
First find  $mid = (i+j)/2$   
 $= (0+6)/2$   
 $= 3$

$a[3] = 40$

$mid = 40$

10 20 30 40 50 60 70

So the problem I have with size  $n$ , is divided into 2 parts  $n/2$  &  $n/2$



Now check

if ( $a[mid] == x$ )

$40 \neq 30$

If consider  $x=40$  the element is found & our search operation is complete

So time required for execution is  $O(1)$ , constant time for finding  $mid$  & comparison.

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Now let's continue  
with  $x = 30$

$$a[mid] = x$$

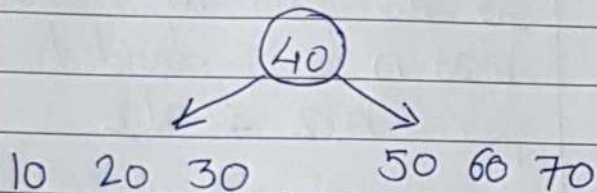
$$40 \neq 30$$

so you need to go to else  
part of your algorithm

$$\text{check if } a[mid] > x$$

$$40 > 30$$

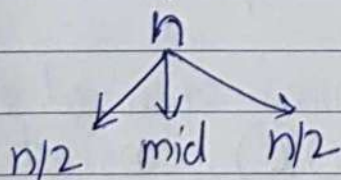
condition is true  
your problem is now  
divided into 2 parts



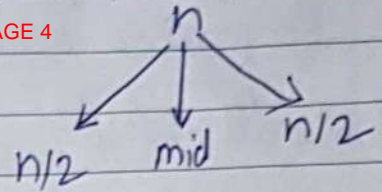
so either we will go to  
left side i.e. first  
sub problem or we will go  
second sub problem

As  $40 > 30$  let's go  
to left sub problem

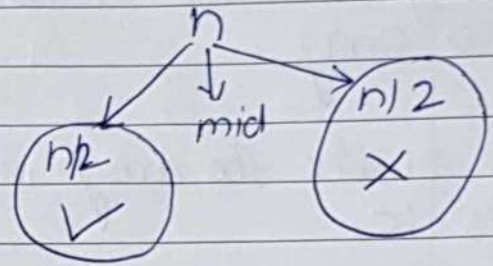
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size  $n$ ,



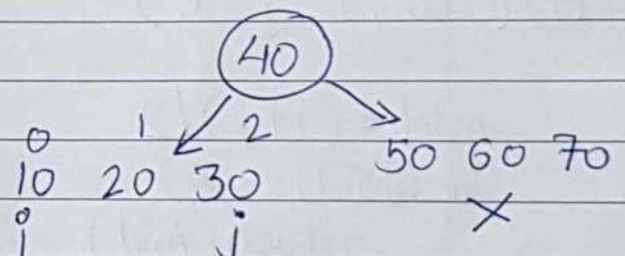
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if element we want to  
search is smaller than  
mid then we are interested  
in first part of problem.  
And we don't consider  
second part of problem.



Moving further left  
subproblem  $n/2$  is  
divided into subparts.



$$mid = (i + j) / 2$$

$$= (0 + 2) / 2$$

$$= 1$$

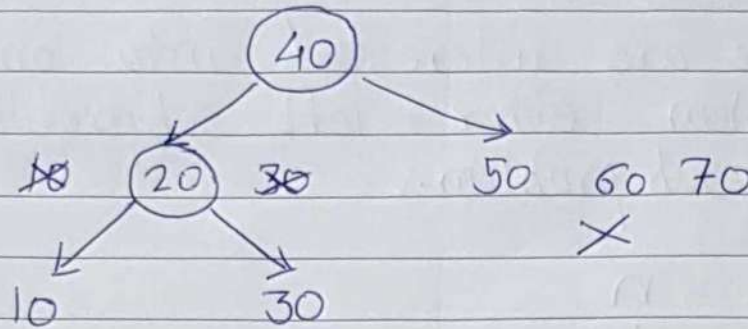
$$a[mid] = 20$$

Let's compare mid with  $x$   
 $a[mid] > x$   
 $20 > 30$  (False)

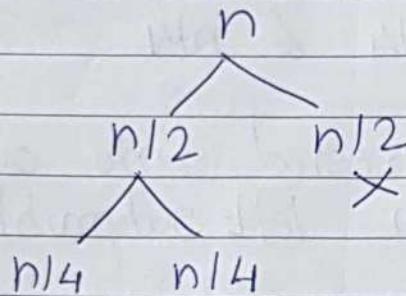




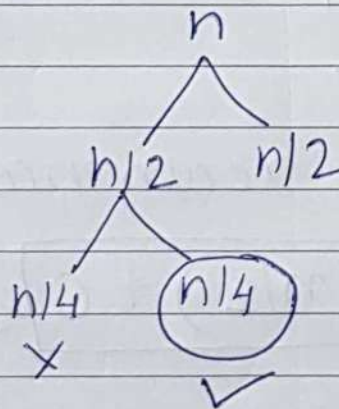
In that case we will go for the second condition  
& check  $a[mid] < x$   
 $20 < 30$  True



So we say for problem with size  $n$ ,



As  $a[mid] < x$  i.e.  $20 < 30$  is True we are further going with second subpart of problem





Now let's see that we have a problem with size  $n$ , we divide it into 2 parts  $n/2$  &  $n/2$ .

But we are interested into only one subproblem either left subproblem or ~~either~~ right sub problem.

$n$   
↓  
 $n/2$

Further this  $n/2$  we divide into two more subproblems  $n/4$  &  $n/4$

But we are interested into only one subproblem from left subproblem & right subproblem

$n$   
↓  
 $n/2$   
↓  
 $n/4$   
↓  
 $n/8$

So what is the recurrence relation

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + C$$

constant time  
for finding mid  
or comparisons  
of mid &  $x$

So this the recurrence relation for Binary search.





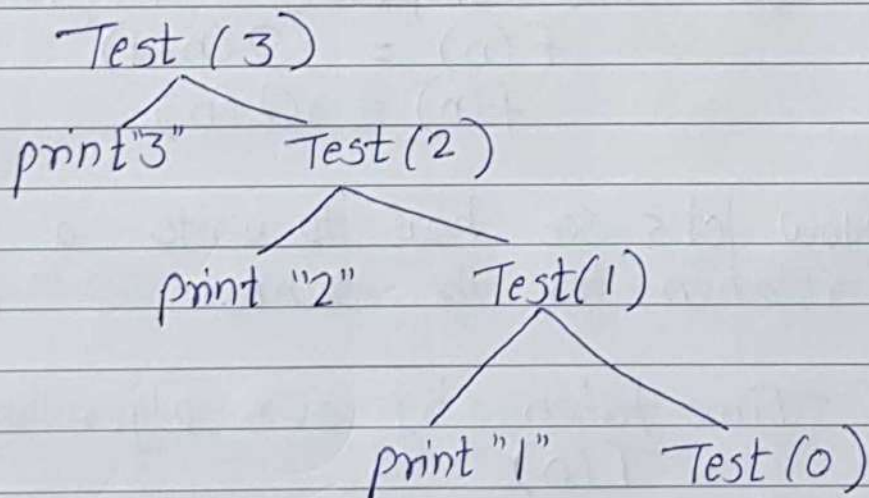
Now next <sup>step</sup> ~~problem~~ is how to solve recurrence relation.

Before we see how to solve a recurrence relation, let's take one more example of how we write recurrence relation.

Let's we have an algorithm as given below.

```
Void Test (int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        print("%d", n)
        Test(n-1)
    }
}
```

Let's ~~to~~ take  $n=3$



Tracing Tree for recursive fun<sup>n</sup>

As  $0 > 0$  False  
X



In every call if  $n > 0$  it is printing a value & calling fun<sup>n</sup> again

For There are 2 tasks

- ① print a value
- ② call the fun<sup>n</sup> again

For  $n = 3$ ,

① 3 times print statement is executed

② 4 times the recursive call is made to the fun<sup>n</sup>

For  $n$ ,  $n+1 \rightarrow$  calls  
 $n \rightarrow$  printing a value

Let's ignore time for printing a value as it constant. we have only  $(n+1)$

So time complexity of given algorithm is—  
 $f(n) = O(n+1)$   
 $f(n) = O(n)$

Now let's see how to write a recurrence relation for the same.

Time taken by our algorithm is let's say  $T(n)$

So,  $T(n) = C + T(n-1)$   
                  ↑  
          constant time for  
          comparision & printing  
          a value





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Therefore,

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & \text{for } n=0 \\ T(n-1) + C & \text{for } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

This is the recurrence relation for the given algorithm.

Solving Recurrence Relation :-

- ① The substitution Method
- ② Recursive Tree Method
- ③ Master's Method