

## \* Recursion

very very much important

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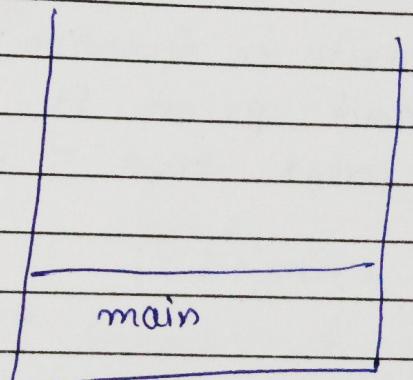
Recursion is confusing never Give up, because it is important for all the DP, and tree &... problems.

1 week

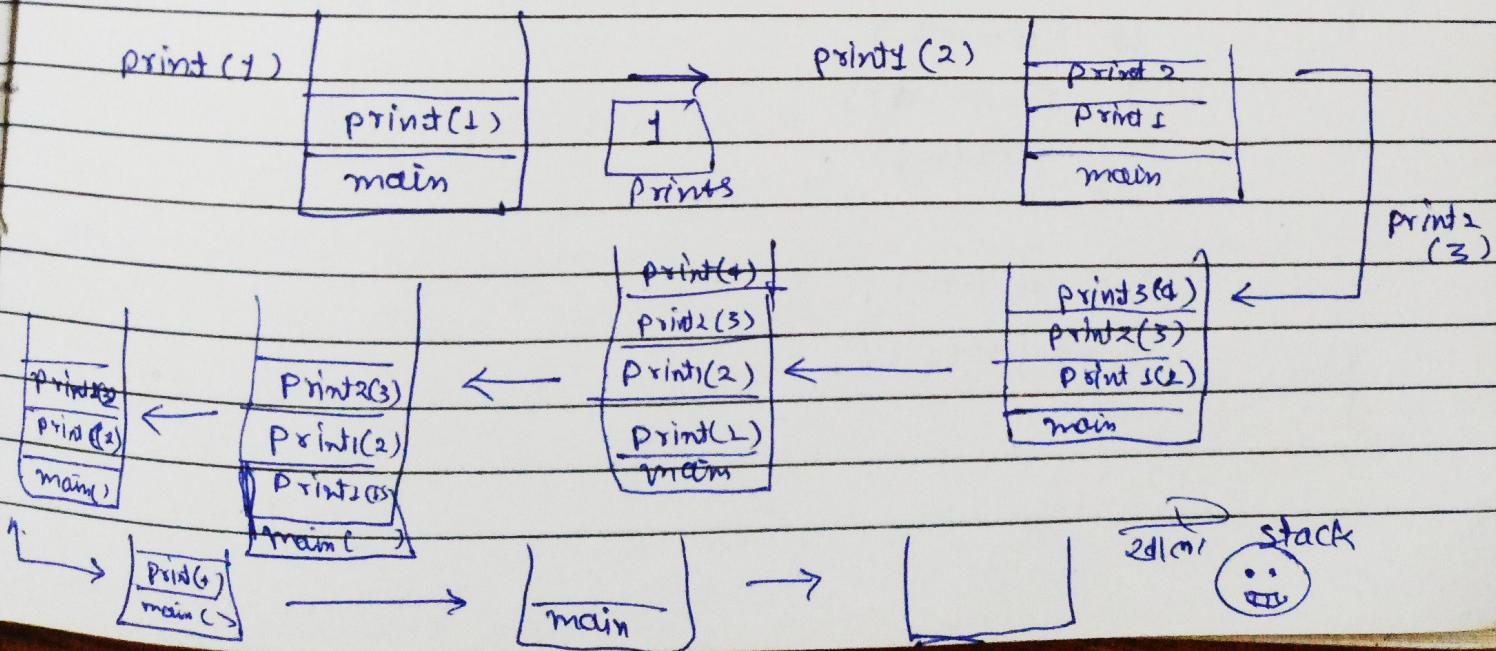
- pre requirements  $\rightarrow$
1. function
  2. memory management

service MysirG1 function

how function calls work in languages



- \* while the function is not finished executing, it will remain in stack



- \* when a function finishes executing, it is removed from stack and the flow of program is restored to where that function was called.

## Internal working of Recursive Function

```
public class NumberExampleRecursion {
```

```
    public static void main( String[] args )
```

// write a function that takes in a number  
and prints it

// print first 5 numbers : 1 2 3 4 5

```
    }
```

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

```
        if ( n == 5 )
```

```
            System.out.println( n );
```

```
        }
```

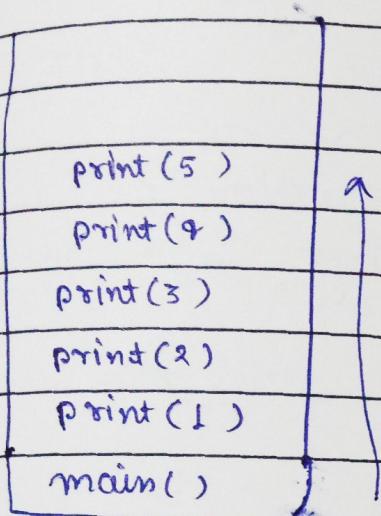
```
        System.out.println( n );
```

```
        print( n + 1 );
```

```
}
```

## Base condition -

where our recursion will stop making new calls.



Stack memory

1  
2  
3  
4  
5

no base condition -

means function calls will keep happening, Stack will be keep getting filled again & again and we know

that every call <sup>of function</sup> takes memory.

→ memory of computer will exceed the limit →  
Stack Overflow error

why recursion ?

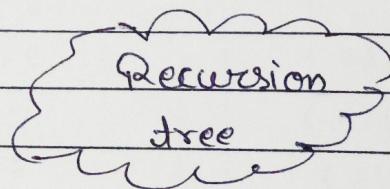
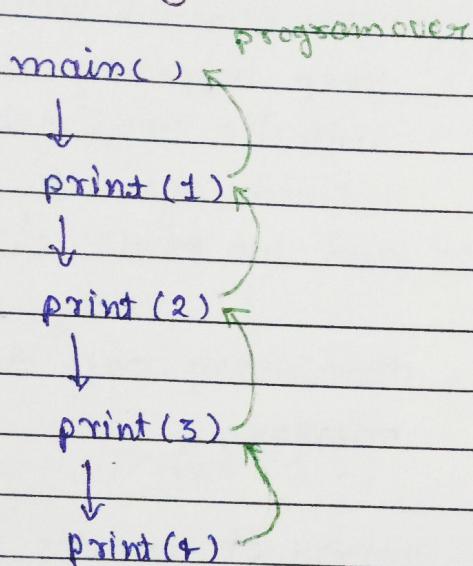
function calling itself is recursion

Ans - \* It helps us in solving bigger complex problems in a simple way.

\* you can convert the recursion solution into iteration & vice versa

- \* Space complexity is not constant because of recursive calls.
- \* it helps us in breaking down bigger problems into smaller problems.

## Visualising recursion

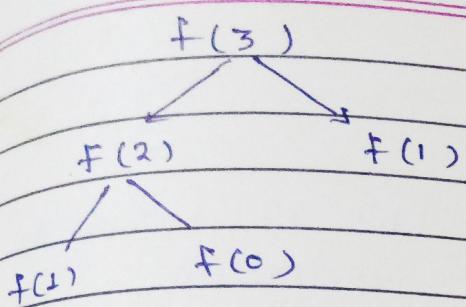


Fibonacci numbers series  $\Rightarrow$

$0^{\text{th}}$	$1^{\text{st}}$	$2^{\text{nd}}$	$3^{\text{rd}}$	$n^{\text{th}}$	$5^{\text{th}}$	$6^{\text{th}}$
0	1	1	2	3	5	8
			-----			$(n-1)+n$
			$n-1$	$n$		

Q. Find  $n^{\text{th}}$  Fibonacci number

$$\text{fib}(N) = \text{fib}(N-1) + \text{fib}(N-2)$$



\* Break it down into smaller problems

\* The base condition is represented by answers we already have

$$\text{fib}(N) = \text{fib}(N-1) + \text{fib}(N-2)$$

This is known as recurrence relation

in fibonacci e.g.

$$\text{the base condition } \text{fib}(0) = 0$$

$$\text{fib}(1) = 1$$

recursion in a formula is recurrence relation

Base conditions are the answers that are already provided to you.

public class F {

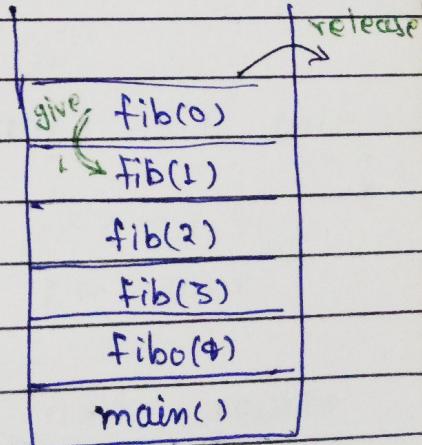
    p. g. v. main ( String[] args )

    {  
        s.o.p ( fibo(3) );  
    }

    static int fibo ( int n )

        if (n < 2)  
            return n ; }

        return fibo(n-1) + fibo(n-2) ;



Note -

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

```
    if ( n == 5 )
```

```
        s.o.phn( n );
```

```
    }
```

```
    s.o.phn( n );
```

```
print( n+1 );
```

```
}
```

This is known as tail recursion

print(1) वाला कोई फॉल  
+ print(2) फॉल

and print(2); का फॉल

this is the last  
statement in the func.

in Fibonacci

```
int fibo( int n )
```

This is not tail recursion

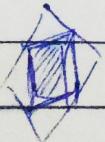
```
{
```

```
    if ( n < 2 )
```

```
        return n;
```

```
    return fib( n-1 ) + fib( n-2 );
```

this is the last  
statement in the fun.



Note - How to understand and approach a problem.

1. Identify if you can break down problem into smaller problem.
2. write the recurrence relation if needed
3. Draw the recursive tree.
  - See the flow of function, how they are getting in stack
  - identify & focus on left tree calls and right tree calls.
  - Draw the tree and pointers again and again using pen and paper.
  - use a debugger to see the flow
5. See how the values are returned at each step. see where the function call will come out of. in the end you will come out of the main function

Key areas to be focused for Recursion -

1. function calls

2. variables

- ① Argument
- ② return type
- ③ Body of function.

Binary search with recursion



④ Comparing  $O(1)$



⑤ Dividing into two parts

$$F(N) = O(1) + F\left(\frac{N}{2}\right)$$

↓              ↓

comparison    dividing

→ recurrence relation

Types of recurrence relation -

1. Linear recurrence relation → e.g. fib. number

2. Divide & conquer recu. rela. → e.g. binary search

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reducing it linearly

inefficient

Fibonacci for 50

program stuck

reasons -

function calls are being  
recalculated

D & C.

divide by a factor

## Dynamic Programming

Tip - Do not overthink.

Argument → it is going to go in the next function call. जो pass करना है तो कैसे

~~search~~ search ( arr, target, s, e ) argument में

Body of Function → specific to that call

जिस तरही func. में काम है var.

इसी call में जो है तो body में हो।

# Make sure to return the result of a function call of the return type.

public class BS {

    public static void main ( String[] args )

    {

    }

        int search ( int[] arr , int target , int s , int e )

    {

        if ( s > e )

            return -1 ;

        int m = s \* ( e - s ) / 2 ;

        if ( arr[m] == target )

            return m ;

        if ( target < arr[m] )

            return search ( arr , target , s , m - 1 );

        return search ( arr , target , m + 1 , e );

    if ( target .

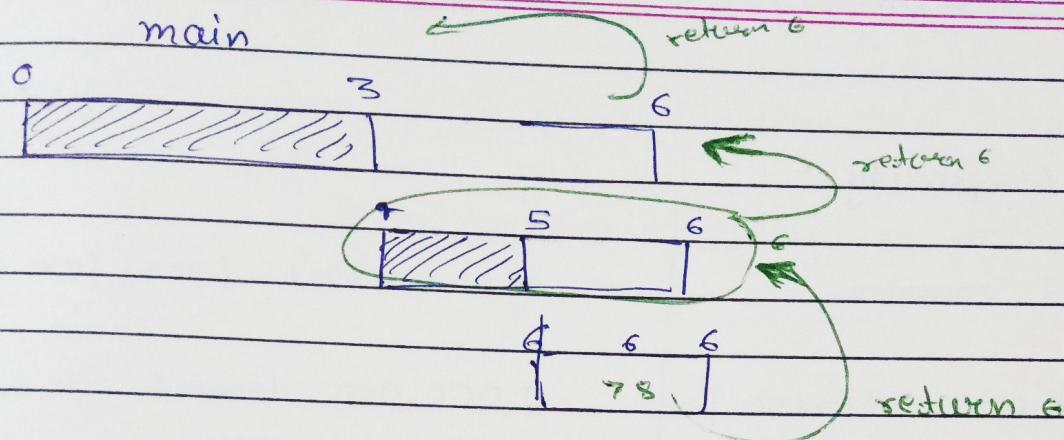
}

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$\text{arr} = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 55, 66, 78 \}$

target = 78

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# Complexity

Time complexity -

old computer

\* data 1,000,000 elements in  
an array

my macbook (very fast)

1,000,000 element in  
an array

Q2. Algo - linear search for target that does not exist on  
the array

Time taken - 10 sec.

Time ser. 1 sec.

\* Both machines have same time complexity

**Time complexity  $\neq$  Time taken**

Old machine

my macbook

Time

Time

200

100

10

10

100

200

Size

10

10

100

100

300

3

Size

Time complexity - it is a function that tells us

How the time is going to grow as the input grows.

old machine

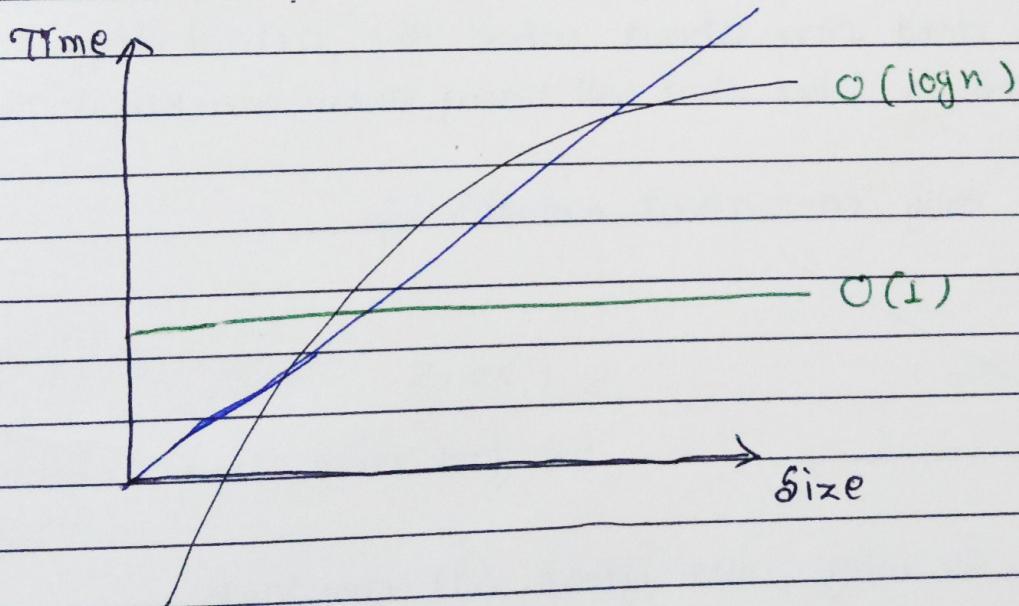
new mac

time is growing linearly == time is growing linearly

- \* Function that gives us the relationship about how the time will grow as the input grows.

Why do we care ?

$O(n)$



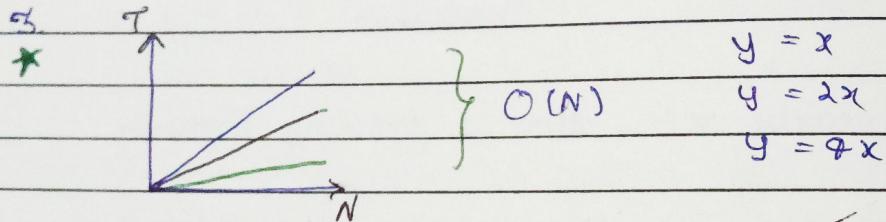
for large size data

time  
Complexity

$$O(1) < O(\log n) < O(n)$$

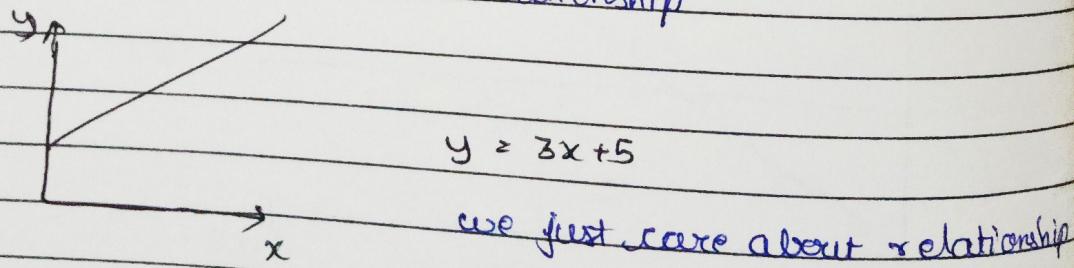
what do we consider when thinking about complexity

1. Always look for worst case complexity
2. Always look at complexity for large/ $\infty$  data



\* Even though value of actual time is different they are all growing linearly.

- \* we don't care about what the actual time taken is (bcz that will vary from machine to machine)
- \* we only care about relationship



we just care about relationship

for large

\* This is why, we ignore all constants

4.  $O(N^3 + \log N)$  from point no. ②

$O(1) <$

imagine

if data  $N = 1 \text{ million}$

$$\text{complexity} \Rightarrow (1 \text{ mill.})^3 + \log(1 \text{ mill.})$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 \text{ mill.})^3 + 6 \text{ sec.}$$

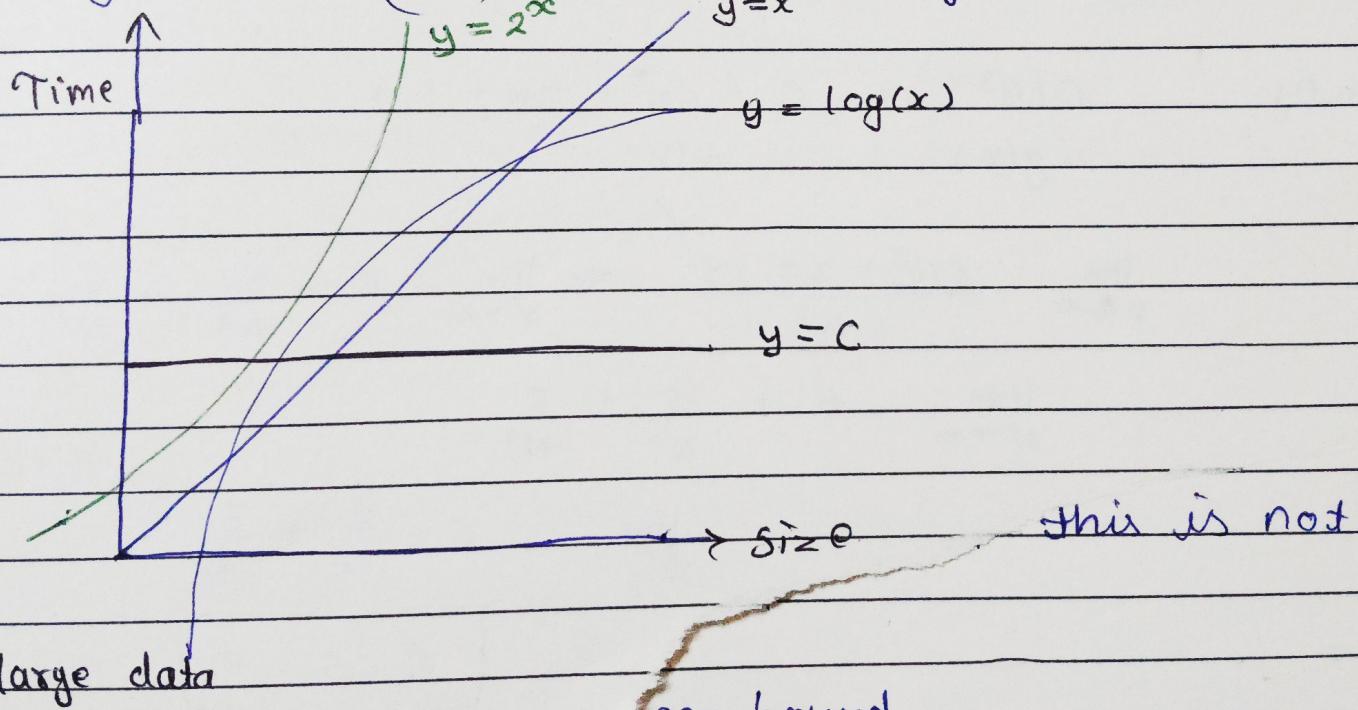
$\underbrace{\text{very small}}_{\text{hence}}$  - ignore

\* 4: Always ignore less dominating term.

ex.  $O(3N^3 + 9N^2 + 5N + 6)$

by point 3  $\Rightarrow O(N^3 + N^2 + N)$  (ignore constants)

by p. 7  $\Rightarrow O(N^3)$  (ignored less dominating)



this is not

per bound

$$O(1) < O(\log(N)) < O(N) < O(C)$$

$$O(N \log N) < O(N^2 \log N)$$

## Big-oh notation

defn.  $\Rightarrow$

upper bound  $\Rightarrow$  your algo. will not exceed this complexity.  
worst case

1.  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

2.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty$

always look  
for large  
value

कमाले का complexity  
हो सकता है तो  
इसमें प्राप्ति करनी  
नहीं होगी।

in. e.g.  $O(N^3) = O(6N^3 + 3N + 5)$   
 $g(n)$                      $f(n)$

3.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6N^3 + 3N + 5}{N^3} \Rightarrow \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 6 + \frac{3N}{N^3} + \frac{5}{N^3}$

4.  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 6 + \frac{3}{N^2} + \frac{5}{N^3}$

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} 6 + \frac{3}{\infty} + \frac{5}{\infty}$

\* This is why, we ignore

$6 < \infty$

4.  $O(N^3 + \log N)$  from point finite value

Big Omega - opposite of Big Oh

lower bound

best case

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} > 0$$

Question - what if an algorithm has lower bound and upper bound of as  $\Theta(N^2)$

$O(N^2)$  &  $\Omega(N^2)$

Theta notation  $\Theta(N^2)$

Both upper bound & lower bound is equal to

$$0 < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} < \infty$$

Little O notation

- \* This is also giving upper bound, this is not a strict upper bound

words : loose upper bound

```

    for ( i=1 ; i<=N ; )
    {
        for ( j=1 ; j <=k ; j++ )
        {
            // some operation that
            // take time t
            i = i + k;
        }
    }

```

inner loop is running  $k$  times and taking  $t$  time  
 $O(kt)$  time

Ans  $\Rightarrow O(kt + \underbrace{\text{time outer loop is running}}_{?})$

$$i = 1, 1+k, \underbrace{1+2k}_{1+k+k}, \underbrace{1+3k}_{1+k+k+k} \dots + 1+2k$$

$$1 + 2k \leq N$$

$$2k \leq N-1$$

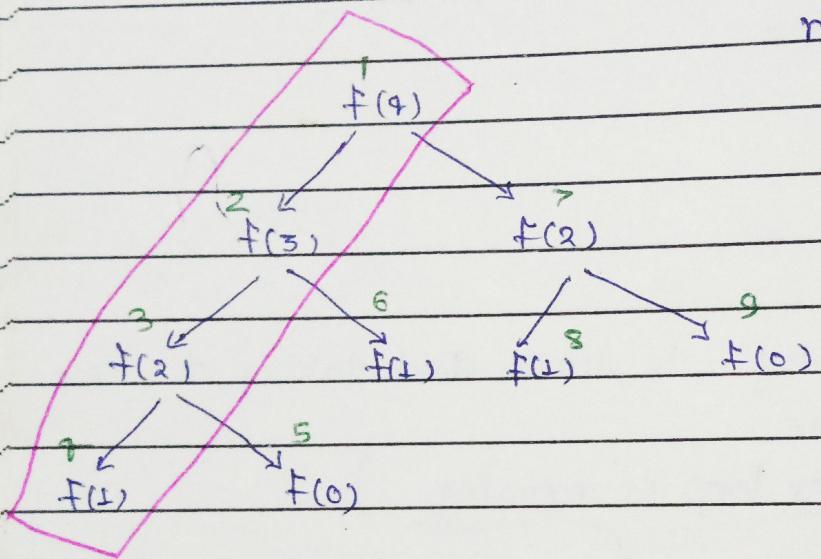
$$k = \frac{N-1}{2}$$

$$\text{Ans} \Rightarrow O\left(kt + \frac{N-1}{2}\right)$$

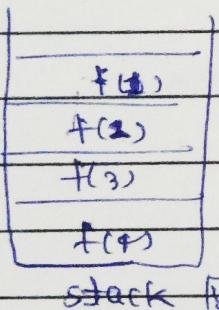
Bubble sort, Selection sort, Insertion sort  
 watch notes Kunal's

## Recursive algorithms

in Fibonacci ex. -



Space complexity -  
not constant because in recursion function calls are stored in stacks, and therefore fun. calls take some memory in stacks, hence recursive programs do not have constant space complexity



flow of recursive program

↑ fun call can not be in the stack at the same time,

longest chain starting from the root till the leaf

Space complexity = high of the tree  
(path)

$O(N)$

## 2 types of recursion

### ① Linear

(i.e. Fibonacci)

$$f(N) = f(N-1) + f(N-2)$$

### ② Divide & conquer

(e.g. binary search)

$$f(N) = f\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + O(1)$$

## Recurrence Relations

### Divide & conquer recurrence

- How to identify whether an equation is of div & con or not

Form :

$$T(x) = a_1 T(b_1 x + \epsilon_1(x)) + a_2 T(b_2 x + \epsilon_2(x)) + \dots + a_k T(b_k x + \epsilon_k(x)) + g(x)$$

e.g.  
ob. binary  $T(N) = T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + C$

for  $x \geq x_0$   
Some constant

by comparing

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\epsilon_1(x) = 0$$

$$g(x) = C$$

$$T(N) = g + T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{3} T\left(\frac{5}{6}N\right) + \frac{1}{6} N^3$$

$$a'_1$$

$$b'_1$$

$$a'_2$$

$$b'_2$$

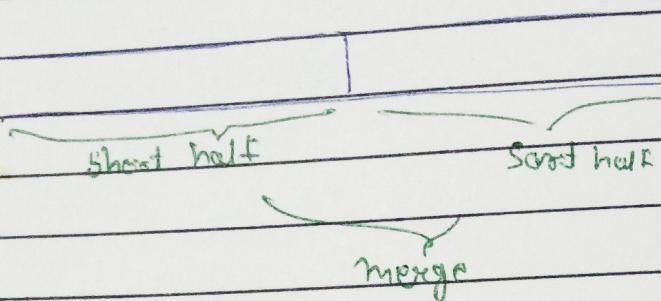
g(x)

$g(x) / g(N)$  means what?

$$T(N) = \underbrace{2 T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right)}_{a'_1 b'_1} + \underbrace{(N-1)}_{g(N)}$$

→ when you get ans from this  
& what you are doing with answer  
takes how much time

in merge sort



$$\begin{aligned}
 T(N) &= T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + \underbrace{(N-1)}_{\text{merging step}} \\
 (3) \quad &= 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + \underbrace{(N-1)}_{g(N)}
 \end{aligned}$$

How to actually solve the to get complexity

① Plug & chug.

$$F(N) = F\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + c \quad \text{<west of time>}$$

② Masters Theorem <no need to do>

③ ~~Ack~~ Akra-Bazzi (1995)

- Q. print 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
  - Q. print n.....1
  - Q. factorial of a number
  - Q. sum of n to 1
  - Q. product of n to 1
  - Q. sum of digits
  - Q. product of digits
  - Q. Reverse a number using recursion
- same

### class A

```

    p.s.v.m(~~)
    {
        fun(5);
    }
}

```

```
static void fun( int 5 )
```

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

```
    return;
```

```
System.out.println(n);
```

```
    fun(n--);
```

```
}
```

$n--$  vs  $--n$

both are  $n = n - 1$

but  $n--$  post prefix

$n \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

$\rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$

### Reverse of a number

```
int rev = 0
```

```
void fun (n)
```

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

```
    return;
```

```
int rem = n % 10;
```

```
    rev = rev * 10 + rem;
```

```
    fun (n/10);
```

```
static boolean Palind (int n)
```

```
{ return n == rev2(n); }
```

```
static void rev2 (int n)
```

```
{ // sometimes you might need some additional variables in the argument  
// in that case make another function(helper)
```

```
int digits = (int)(Math.log10(n)) + 1;
```

```
return helper (n, digits);
```

```
static int helper (int n, int digit)
```

```
{ if (n % 10 == n)
```

```
    return;
```

```
int rem = n % 10;
```

```
return rem * (Math.pow(10, digits-1)) + helper (n/10, digits-1); }
```

Important question for count  
pattern how to return same value to above fun call

```
static int count (int n)
```

```
{  
    return helper(n, 0);  
}
```

c  $\setminus$  increase.  
call stack, last  
↑ c  $\setminus$   
return value

```
private static int helper( int n , int c )  
{
```

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

```
        return c;
```

Leet Q. easy

```
int rem = n % 10
```

Number of  
steps to reduce  
a number to  
Zero

```
if (rem == 0)
```

```
    return helper( n/10 , c+1 );
```

```
return helper( n/10 , c );
```

```
{ }
```

( argument )  $\rightarrow$  unit of total problem solved  $\Sigma$

Recursion →

Arrays

Q.1 Sorted Array

Q.2 Linear search

Q.3 Linear search (on multiple occurrences)

Q.4 Return an ArrayList

Q.5 Return the list without passing the argument

Q.6 Rotated Binary Search

Prefer Kunal's notes

(1) Is the array sorted or not check by recursion  
 ⇒ Try by yourself if fail you can watch video again 88

(2) Linear search with recursion.  
 ⇒ Try by yourself

↳ static boolean find (int[] arr, int target, int index)  
 {  
 if (index == arr.length)  
 { return false; }  
 return arr[index] == target || find (arr, target, index + 1); }

(3) Multiple occurrence

(use list) ArrayList

static ArrayList<Integer> findAllIndex (int[] arr, int target, int index, ArrayList<Integer> list)  
 {  
 if (index > arr.length)  
 { return list; }  
 if (arr[index] == target)  
 { list.add (index); }  
 findAllIndex (arr, target, index + 1, list); }

5

return the list without passing it in argument

return type → ArrayList

Problem - every call will have new ArrayList

argument ⇒ ( arr, target, 0 )

// not optimised but sometime we may need

static ArrayList<integer> findAllIndexes (int[] arr, int target, int index)

{  
ArrayList<Integer> list = new ArrayList<>();

if (index == arr.length)  
{  
return list;  
}

// this will contain answer for that function call only

if (arr[index] == target)  
{  
list.add(index);  
}

ArrayList<Integer> ansFromBelowCalls = findAllIndexes (arr, target, index + 1);  
list.addAll (ansFromBelowCalls);

return list;

}

## Rotated Binary Search

```
static int search (int[] arr, int target, int s, int e)
{
    if (s > e) {return -1; }

    int m = s + (e - s) / 2;
    if (arr[m] == target) {return m}

    if (arr[s] <= target && arr[m] > target)
        if (target >= arr[s] && target <= arr[mid])
            return search (arr, target, s, m-1);
        else
            return search (arr, target, m+1, e);

    if (target >= arr[m] && target <= arr[e])
        return search (arr, target, m+1, e);

    return search (arr, target, s, m-1);
```