

(6.1) Recursion

Introduction

A function that calls itself is known as Recursive Function.

Eg:

```
factorial(3)=3*factorial(2)
            =3*2*factorial(1)
            =3*2*1*factorial(0)
            =3*2*1*1
            =6
factorial(n)= n*factorial(n-1)
```

The main advantages of recursive functions are

1. We can reduce length of the code and improves readability
2. We can solve complex problems very easily.

Tail Recursion

In [11]:

```
def func(x):
    if x:
        func(x-1)
    print(x)

func(5)
```

1
2
3
4
5

Head Recursion

In [15]:

```
def func(x):
    if x:
        print(x)
        func(x-1)

func(5)
```

5
4
3
2
1

Recursion depth

In [6]:

```
import sys
print(sys.getrecursionlimit())
```

3000

```
In [3]: c = 0
def hello():
    global c
    c = c + 1
    hello()
```

```
In [4]: hello()
```

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RecursionError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
C:\Users\PANKAJ~1\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_10808\2674044599.py in <module>
----> 1 hello()

C:\Users\PANKAJ~1\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_10808\850710868.py in hello()
      3     global c
      4     c = c + 1
----> 5     hello()

... last 1 frames repeated, from the frame below ...

C:\Users\PANKAJ~1\AppData\Local\Temp\ipykernel_10808\850710868.py in hello()
      3     global c
      4     c = c + 1
----> 5     hello()

RecursionError: maximum recursion depth exceeded
```

We can change limis ?

```
In [9]: sys.setrecursionlimit(1000)
print(sys.getrecursionlimit())
#if we restart the kernal it will automatic become default limit
```

1000

```
In [10]: sys.setrecursionlimit(3000)
print(sys.getrecursionlimit())
```

3000

Problems On Recursion

Number Table

```
In [14]: def func(num, c=1):
          if c != 11:
              print(num*c)
              func(num, c+1)

          func(5)
```

5
10
15
20
25
30
35

40
45
50

Factorial

In [18]:

```
def fact(num):  
    if num == 0:  
        return 1  
    return num*fact(num-1)  
  
fact(5)
```

Out[18]: 120

Fibonacci

fib(8) -> fib(7) + fib(6)
fib(7) -> fib(6) + fib(5)

fib(1) -> 0
fib(2) -> 1

fib(3) -> fib(2) + fib(1)
fib(4) -> fib(3) + fib(2)

In [19]:

```
def fib(n):  
    if n == 1:  
        return 0  
    if n == 2:  
        return 1  
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)  
  
fib(8)
```

Out[19]: 13

Prime Number

In []: