

optional
Sunday: Problem solving session

Recursion?

How to write a recursive code?

TC / sc? [Wednesday]

Merge sort / Quicksort / heap sort

Trees

Dynamic Programming

Graphs

Backtracking

Recursion : Function calling itself \propto

Solving a problem with the help of similar smaller problems
subproblems

$$\text{sum}(N) = \underline{1 + 2 + 3 + 4 \dots (N-1) + N}$$

$$\underline{\text{sum}(N) = \text{sum}(N-1) + N}$$

How to write recursive codes?

Assumption : Decide what your function need to do and
assume it does it

Mainlogic : Solve problem with help of subproblems

Base condition: 1) Decide when to stop your code
2) Decide when main logic fails

1) Find sum of N natural no.s using recursion

1) Assumption: Find sum of no.s from $1 \dots N$

Base condition

```
int sum(N) {  
    if (N == 0) { return 0; }  
    return sum(N-1) + N;  
}
```

Main logic:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum}(N) &= \underline{1+2+3+4 \dots (N-1)} + N \\ &= \text{sum}(N-1) + N \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{sum}(0) = \text{sum}(-1) + 0$$

Factorial : $4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$$

Find factorial using recursion

Assumption: $\text{fact}(N)$ will find product of N to 1

```
int fact(N) {  
    if (N == 0) { return 1 }  
    return N * fact(N-1)  
}
```

Main logic:

$$\text{fact}(N) = N \cdot \underbrace{(N-1) \cdot (N-2) \dots 1}$$

$$\text{fact}(N) = N \cdot \text{fact}(N-1)$$

$$\text{fact}(0) = 1$$

Function cell stacking

```
int add(x, y) {  
    return x + y;  
}
```

```
int mul(x, y) {  
    return x * y;  
}
```

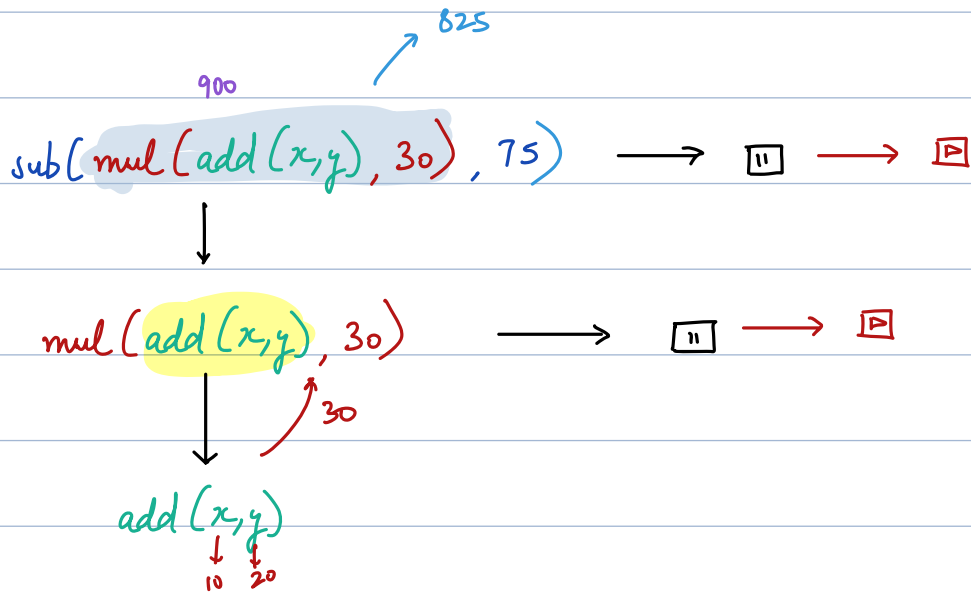
```
int sub(x, y) {  
    return x - y;  
}
```

```
main() {
```

$x = 10, y = 20$

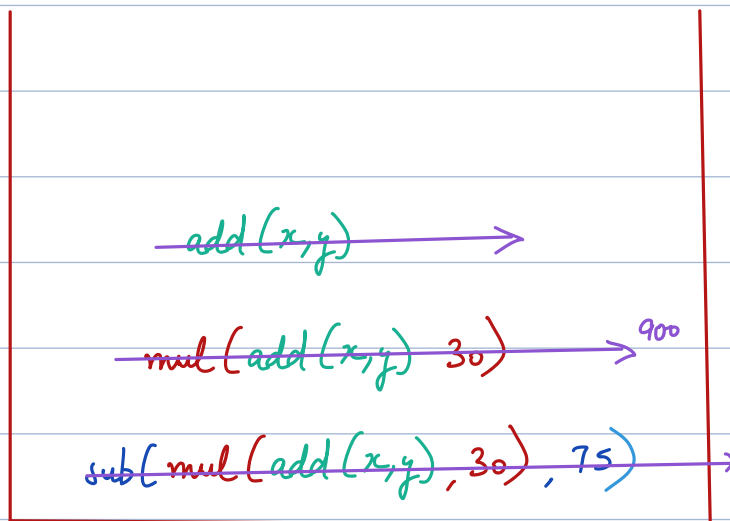
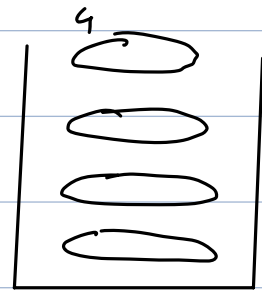
```
    print(sub(mul(add(x, y), 30), 75))  
}
```

output: 825



Stack

LIFO



10⁵

int fact(N) { N=5
1) if (N==0) { return 1}
2) return N * fact(N-1)
}

120

n

int fact(N) { N=4
1) if (N==0) { return 1}
2) return N * fact(N-1)
}

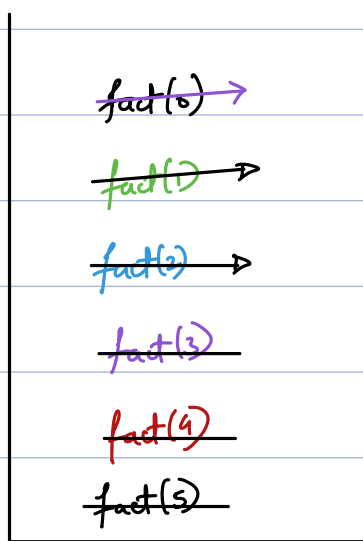
n

int fact(N) { N=3
1) if (N==0) { return 1}
2) return N * fact(N-1)
}

int fact(N) { N=2
1) if (N==0) { return 1}
2) return N * fact(N-1)
}

int fact(N) { N=1
1) if (N==0) { return 1}
2) return N * fact(N-1)
}

int fact(N) { N=0
1) if (N==0) { return 1}
return N * fact(N-1)
}



1) Incorrect base case / No base case

→ Stack overflow

→ Memory limit exceeded

Fibonacci number

N =

Input:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	...	N
fib():	0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34			

$$\text{fib}(7) = \text{fib}(6) + \text{fib}(5)$$

$$\text{fib}(8) = \text{fib}(7) + \text{fib}(6)$$

N^{th} fib number

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

$$N \leq 1 \quad \text{return } N$$

```
int fib(N) {  
    if (N <= 1) { return N }  
    return fib(N-1) + fib(N-2)  
}
```

$$N=2$$

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

$$\text{fib}(1) + \text{fib}(0)$$

valid

$$(N=1)$$

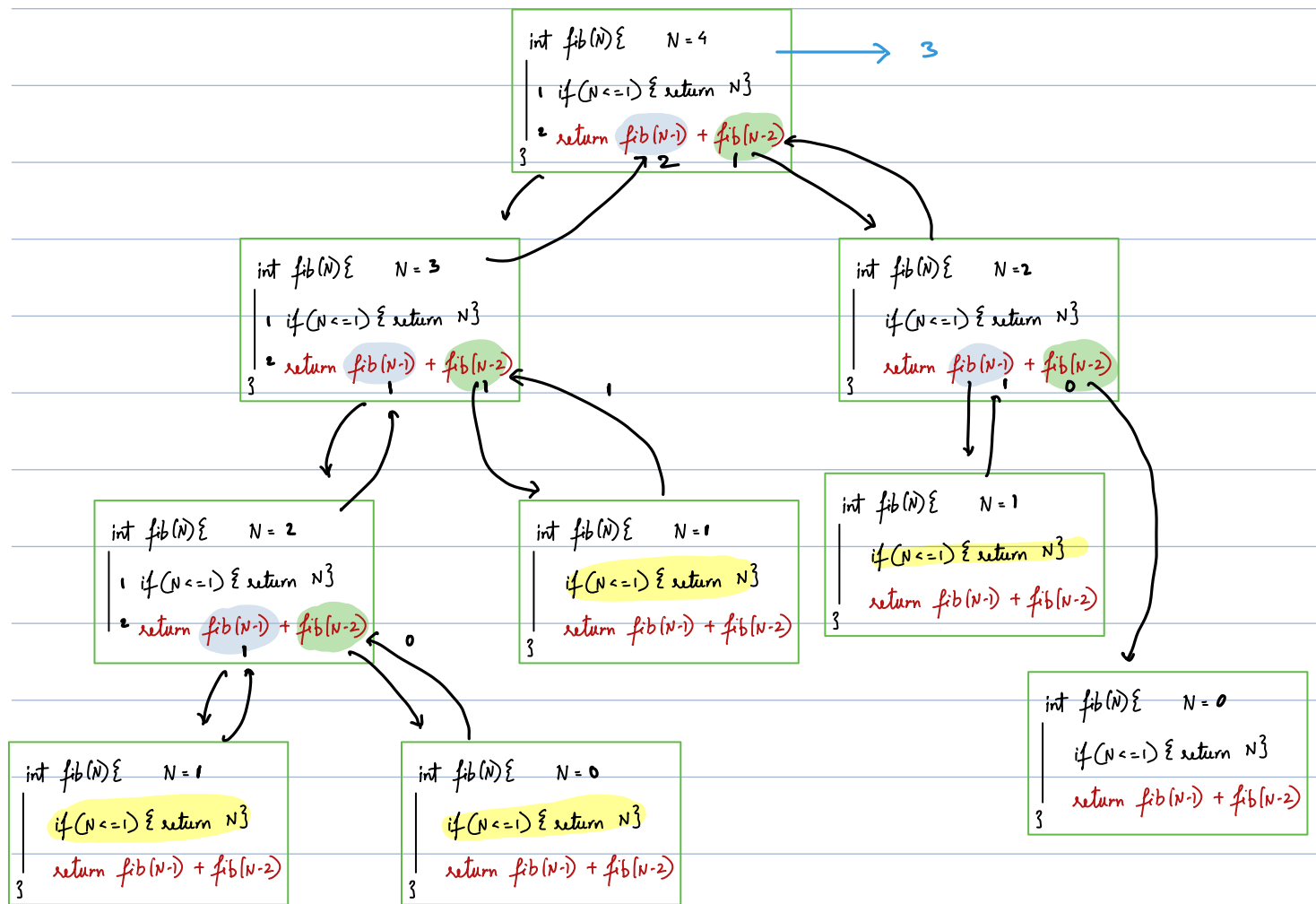
$$\text{fib}(0) + \text{fib}(-1)$$

main logic fail

$$N=0$$

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

main logic fail



Breck (10:30-10:40)

Q3) Print all numbers from 1-N in increasing order
using recursion

$N = 5$

1 2 3 4 5

inc: Should print num from 1...N

```
void inc(N) {  
    if (N == 0) { return }  
    inc(N-1)  
    print(N)  
}
```

TODO:

Dry run

print(N) 1 2 3 4 5 ... N

1 2 3 4 .. (N-1)

```
void inc(N) {  
    if (N == 0) { return }  
    print(N)  
    inc(N-1)  
}
```

string = rev(string)

Q5) Given a substring of a string check if it is
is a palindrome?

0	1	2	3	4	5
M	A	D	D	A	M

0	1	2	3	4	5
G	O	O	D	O	G

A, s, e

bool palin(A, s, e)

A		rev(A)	
raar	→	raar	✗
deed	→	deed	✓
maddam	→	maddam	✓
noon	→	noon	✗

B & C

e
↓
s
↓

s == e

return true

s > e

return true

N I T I N

↓

↓

M A D D A M

N X P
↑ ↑

if (A[s] != A[e])

return false

↓
s

↓
e

A B C D A
↑ ↑
s+1 e-1

Assumption: $\text{palin}(A, s, e)$ checks if string $A[s:e]$ is palindromic or not?

```
bool palin(A, s, e) {  
    1 if (s >= e) { return true }  
    2 if (A[s] == A[e] && palin(A, s+1, e-1)) {  
    3     | return true  
    3  
    4 return false  
    }  
}
```

0	1	2	3	4	5
M	A	D	X	A	M
		↑	↑		

```

bool palin(A, s=0, e=5)
1 if (s >= e) { return true; }
2 if (A[s] == A[e] && palin(A, s+1, e-1)) {
3     return true;
4 }
    return false;
}
  
```

→ False

↓ ↗ F

```

bool palin(A, s=1, e=4)
1 if (s >= e) { return true; }
2 if (A[s] == A[e] && palin(A, s+1, e-1)) {
3     return true;
4 }
    return false;
}
  
```

↓ ↗

```

bool palin(A, s=2, e=3)
1 if (s >= e) { return true; }
2 if (A[s] == A[e] && palin(A, s+1, e-1)) {
3     return true;
4 }
    return false;
}
  
```