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Recursion: Time & Space Complexity

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$$n! = (n-1)! * n$$

$$sum(n) = sum(n-1) + n$$

RECAP

$$x^n = x^{n-1} * x$$

$$x^{n/2} * x^{n/2} \quad n \text{ is even}$$

$$x^{n/2} * x^{n/2} * x \quad n \text{ is odd}$$

Let’s warm up

num % 3 == 0 divisible by 3.

num = num / 3

Check if a given number is a power of 3 or not

27 % 3 = 0

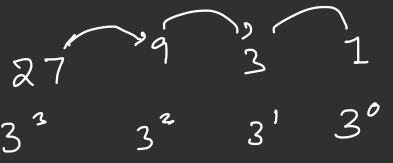
27 / 3 = 9

9 % 3 = 0

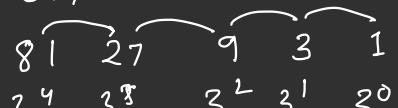
9 / 3 = 3

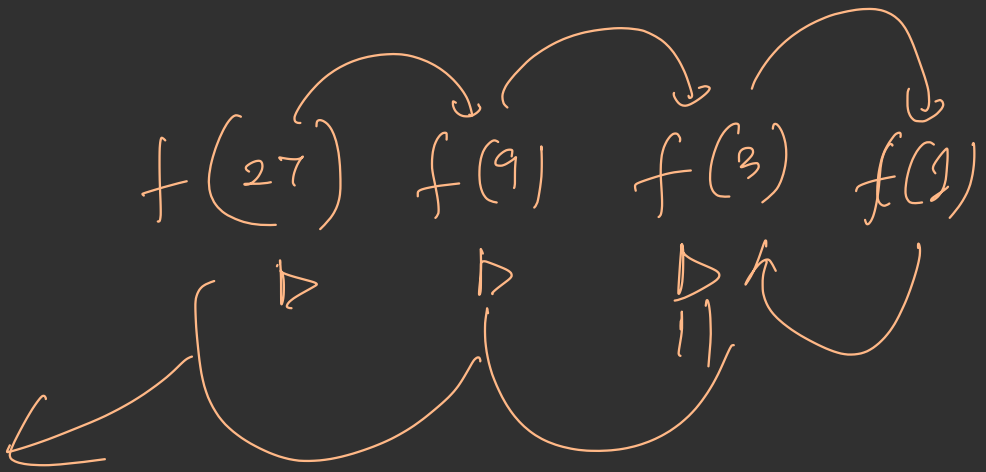
3 % 3 = 0

3 / 3 = 1



81 % 3 = 0



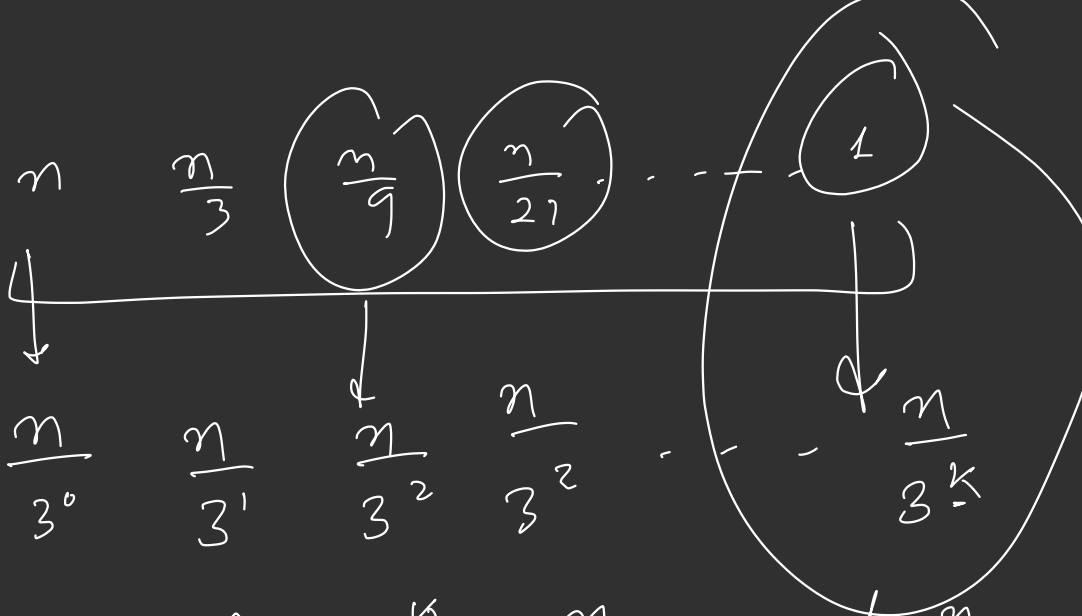


Recursion Tree for the problem we just solved

f(n)
↓
f(n/3)
↓
f(n/9)
f(n/27)

f(27)
↓
f(9)
↓
f(3)
↓
f(1)

space → log n
time log n



$1 = \frac{n}{3^k}$ $\quad 3^k = n$

$k \log 3 = \log n$ $\quad k = \frac{\log n}{\log 3}$

Another set of examples

Code 1

```
int power(int a, int n) {
    if(n == 0)
        return 1;
    int partial = power(a, n/2);

    if(n%2 == 0)
        return partial * partial;

    return partial * partial * a;

}
```

Code 2

```
int power(int a, int n) {
    if(n == 0)
        return 1;

    if(n%2 == 0)
        return power(a, n/2) * power(a, n/2);

    return power(a, n/2) * power(a, n/2) * a;

}
```

1. $a^n \rightarrow a^{n-1} * a$

2. $a^n \rightarrow a^{n/2} * a^{n/2}$

   $a^{n/2} * a^{n/2} * a$

Code 1

```
int power(int a, int n) {
    if(n == 0)
        return 1;
    int partial = power(a, n/2);

    if(n%2 == 0)
        return partial * partial;

    return partial * partial * a;
}
```

17

a^{17}

Tree

65536

256

16

4

2

$P(a, n)$ — 32

$P(a, n/2)$ — 16

$P(a, n/4)$ — 8

$P(a, n/8)$ — 4

$P(a, n/16)$ — 2

$P(a, n/32)$ — 1

$P(a, n/64)$ — 0

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n → n/2 → n/4 → ... → 2 → ... → 0

32 → 16 → 8 → 4 → 2 → 1

Code 2

```
int power(int a, int n) {
    if(n == 0)
        return 1;

    if(n%2 == 0)
        return power(a, n/2) * power(a, n/2);

    return power(a, n/2) * power(a, n/2) * a;

}
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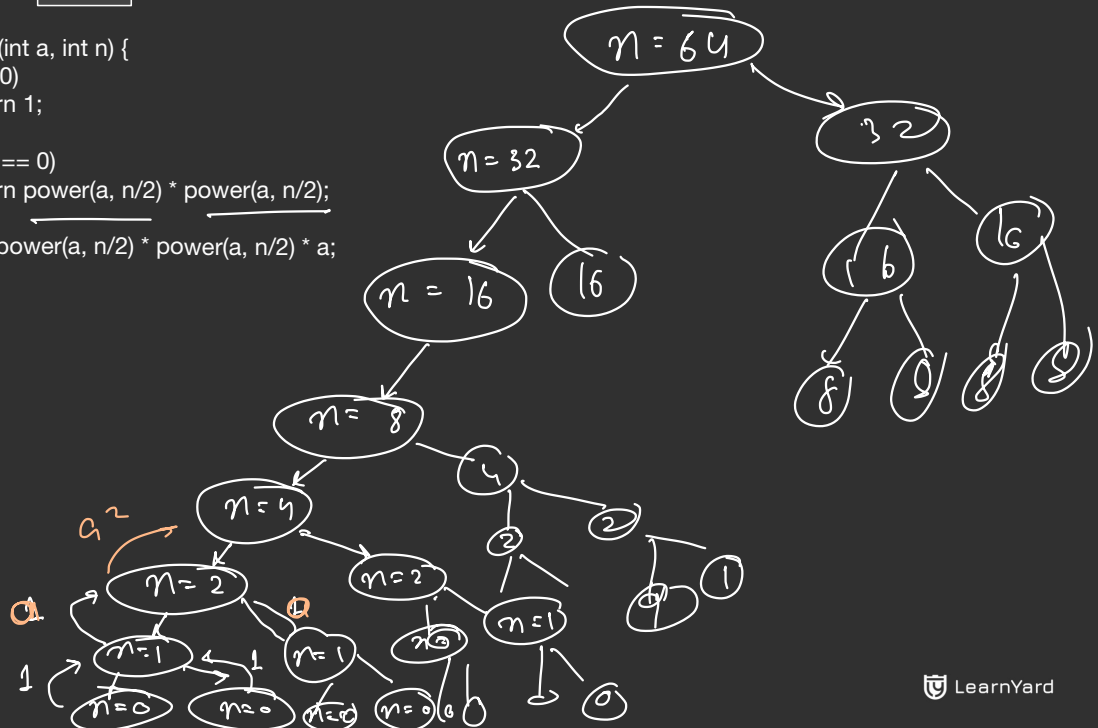

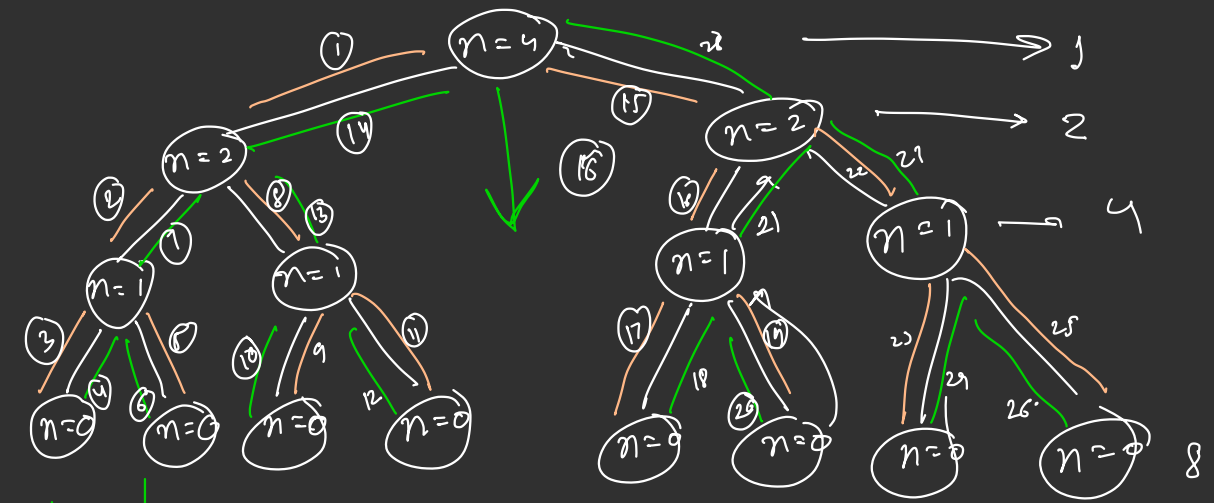
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n = 2
n = 2
n = 1
n = 1
n = 1
n = 0
n = 0
n = 0
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n = 0
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n = 0
n = 0
1
2
4
8
1
2
4
8
16
32
64 ..... log n terms
2^0 2^1 2^2 2^3 2^4 .....
$a\left(\frac{r^n - 1}{r-1}\right) = \left(\frac{2^{\log_2 n} - 1}{2-1}\right) = O(n)$
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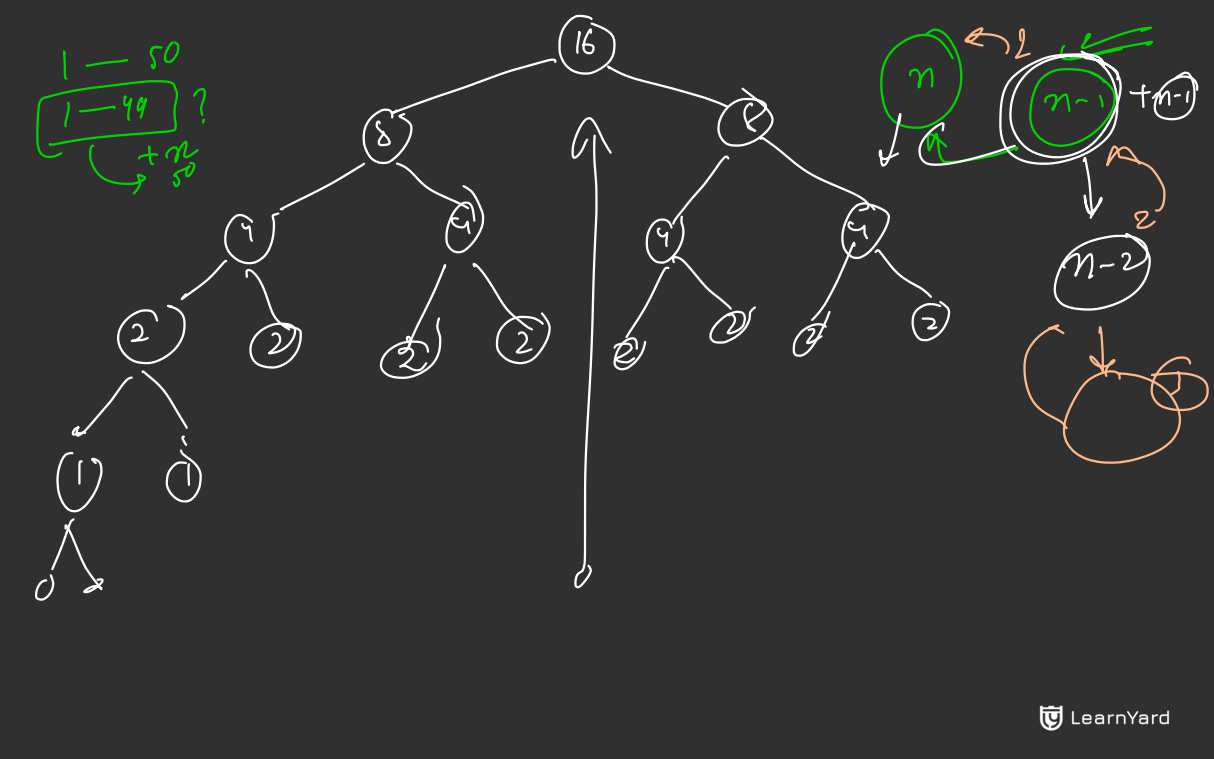


Recursion Tree 1

Recursion Tree 2

Quick Tip: Time Complexity

Time Complexity in case of recursive code can be calculated by:

(No. of recursive calls)
x
(No. of operations in each recursive call)

Quick Tip: Space Complexity

Space Complexity in case of recursive code:

(Depth of recursion)
x
(Space used in each recursive call)

A different way to analyse : Recurrence Relations

Example 1 : power(a, n)

$$T(n) = 1 + T(n/2)$$

$$+ \quad T(n/2) = 1 + T(n/4)$$

$$+ \quad T(n/4) = 1 + T(n/8)$$

$$\vdots$$

Example 2 : factorial(n)

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$$

$$+\ T(n-1) = T(n-2) + 1$$

$$+\ T(n-2) = T(n-3) + 1$$

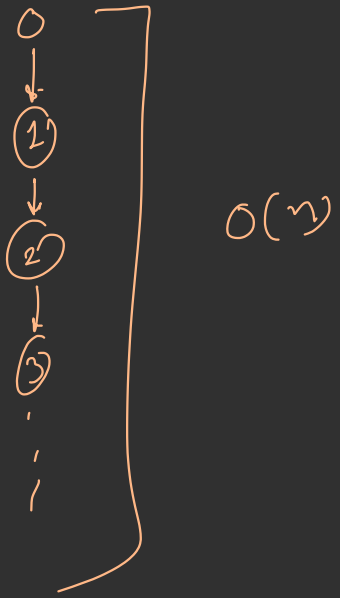
$$\vdots$$

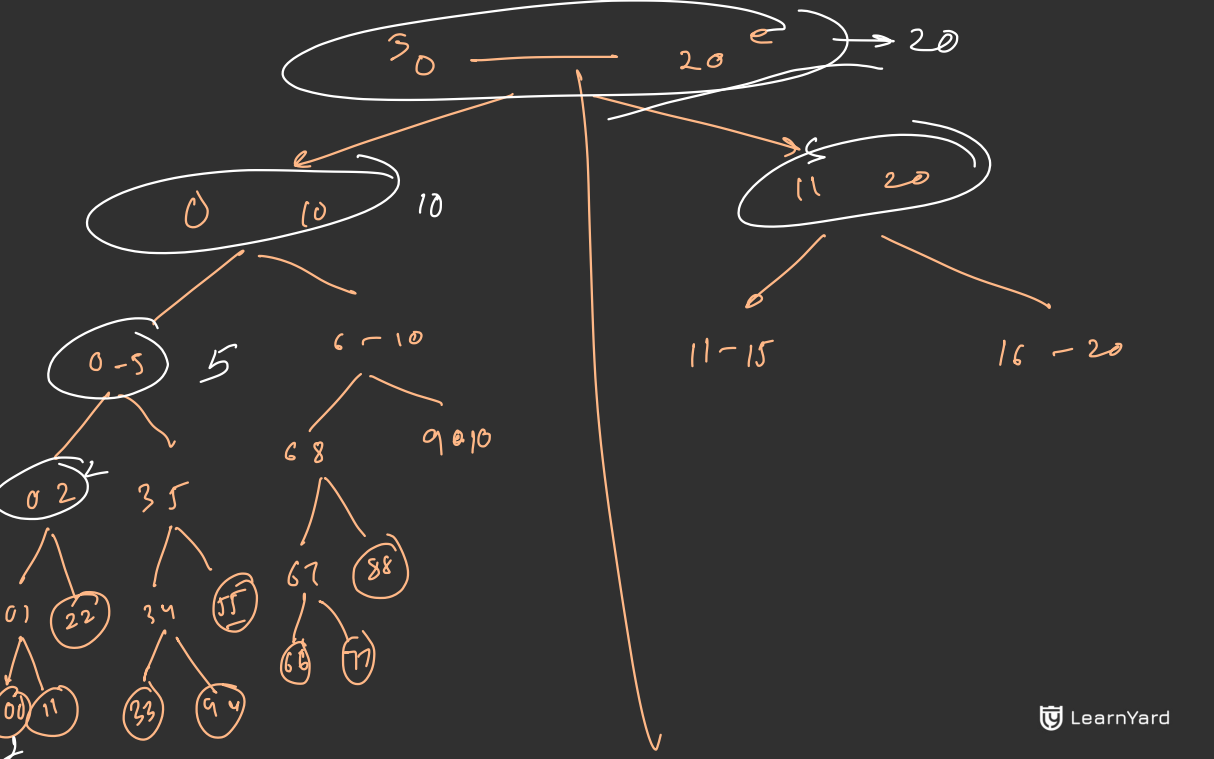
$$T(n) = n$$

Enough Time & Space Complexity now.
Let’s solve a problem?

Given an array and a target K, find the first occurrence of the target inside the Array. Return -1 if K isn't present inside the Array.

The catch: We're not allowed any kind of loops (i.e. for, while, do-while are not allowed)

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11 20
0-5
5
6-10
11-15
16-20
6 8
9 10
0 2
3 5
01
22
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88
00
11
33
44
66
77

Thank You!

Reminder: Going to the gym & observing the trainer work out can help you know the right technique, but you'll muscle up only if you lift some weights yourself.

So, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!