Pseudocode: Recursion

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- Recursive procedure
  - `factorial(n)` is suspended till `factorial(n-1)` returns a value

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Procedure Listsum2(l)
  if (l == []) {
    return(0)
  }
  else {
    return(last(l) +
           Listsum2(init(l)))
  }
End Listsum2
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Procedure InsertionSort(l)

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if (length(l) <= 1) {
  return(l)
}
else {
  return(
      SortedListInsert(
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Summary

- Many functions are naturally defined in an inductive manner
  - Base case and inductive step
  - For numeric functions, base case is typically 0 or 1
  - For lists, base case is typically length 0 or length 1
- Use recursive procedures to compute such functions
  - Base case: value is explicitly calculated and returned
  - Inductive case: value requires procedure to evaluated on a smaller input
  - Suspend the current computation till the recursive computation terminates
- Warning Without properly defined base cases, recursive procedures will not terminate!