

# Recursion



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## Today's content

- Recursion Introduction
- Function call Tracing
- Factorial of a no.
- Increasing
- Decreasing
- Print Decreasing Increasing
- Fibonacci no.

- \* Recursion → Function calling itself
- Solving a problem by using a subproblem
  - a smaller instance of the same problem.

### Why Recursion?

- Pre-requisite for Backtracking, DP, Trees, Graphs
- Sorting Algo → Merge Sort & Quick sort

### \* Sum of first 5 natural no.

$$\text{sum}(5) = \underbrace{1 + 2 + 3 + 4}_{\text{sum}(4)} + 5$$

$$\text{sum}(4) = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4$$

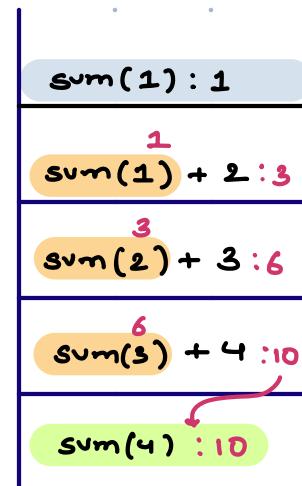
$$\text{sum}(5) = \underbrace{\text{sum}(4) + 5}_{\text{subproblem}}$$

$$\text{sum}(n) = \underbrace{1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1)}_{\text{sum}(n-1)} + n$$

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

Expectation  $\Rightarrow$  Calculate & return sum from 1 to N

```
int sum( n ) {  
    if ( n == 1 ) return 1  
    return sum( n-1 ) + n  
}
```



main()

Steps to follow to Recursive codes

01 Assumption /  $\rightarrow$  Decide what our function is supposed to do.

02 Main logic  $\Rightarrow$  Breaking the problem into a subproblem & then using it to solve the larger problem.

03 Base Case  $\Rightarrow$  Last valid input for which the recursion has to stop

## Function Call Tracing

Code-block

```

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

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

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

void print ( int x ){
    print (x) ;
}

```

main() {

x = 10, y = 20;

print ( sub ( mul ( add (x,y) , 30 ), 75 ) ); : 825

    ↳ mul ( add (x,y) , 30 ) : 900

        ↳ add (x,y) : 30

Ans = 825

Add(x,y) : 30

Mul ( Add(x,y) , 30 ) : 900

sub( Mul ( Add(x,y) , 30 ) , 75 )

825

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

x = 10     y = 20

3

### Conclusion

- \* Function will get added on the top
- \* the child will always return its answer to its parent & once child call is executed, then only parent call will execute.

Q Given a positive integer  $N$ , find the factorial of  $N$

$$\text{fact}(5) = 5 * \underbrace{4 * 3 * 2 * 1}_{\text{fact}(4)} \Rightarrow 120$$

$$\text{fact}(n) = n * \text{fact}(n-1)$$

$n > 0$

```
int fact( n ) {  
    if (n == 1) return 1;  
    return n * fact(n-1);  
}
```

$n \geq 0$

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

```

int fact(n) n=4
if (n==0) return 1
return n * fact(n-1);
3           4 * 6 = 24

```

main() {  
fact(4);  $\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{24}}$

```

int fact(n) n=3
if (n==0) return 1
return n * fact(n-1);
3           3 * 2 = 6

```

```

int fact(n) n=2
if (n==0) return 1
return n * fact(n-1);
3           2 * 1 = 2

```

```

int fact(n) n=1
if (n==0) return 1
return n * fact(n-1);
3           1

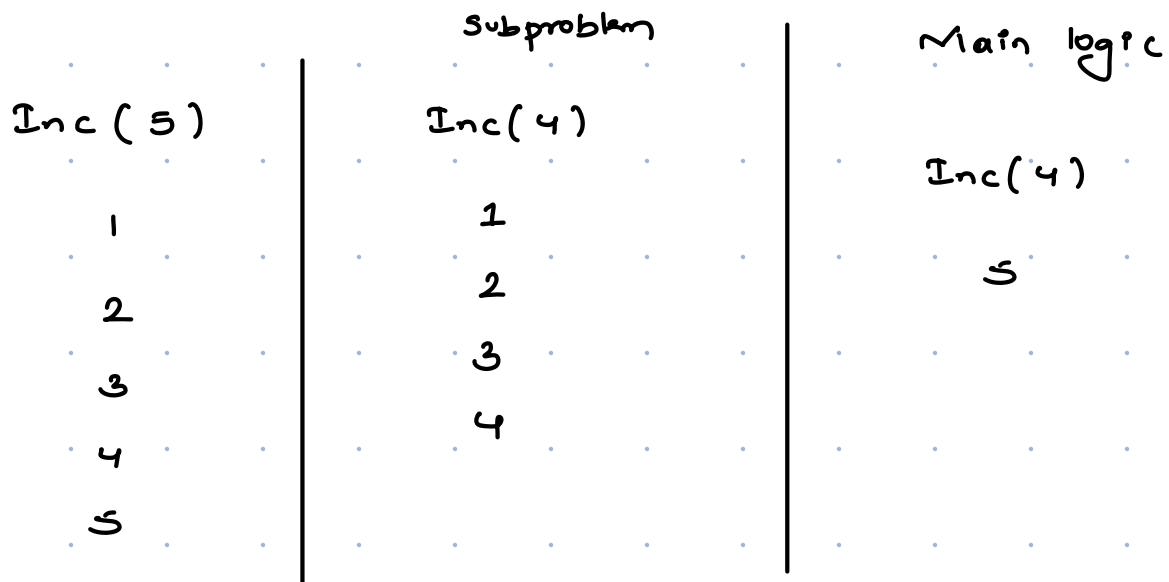
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```

int fact(n) n=0
if (n==0) return 1
return n * fact(n-1);
3

```

Q Given  $N$ , print all no. from 1 to  $N$  in increasing order

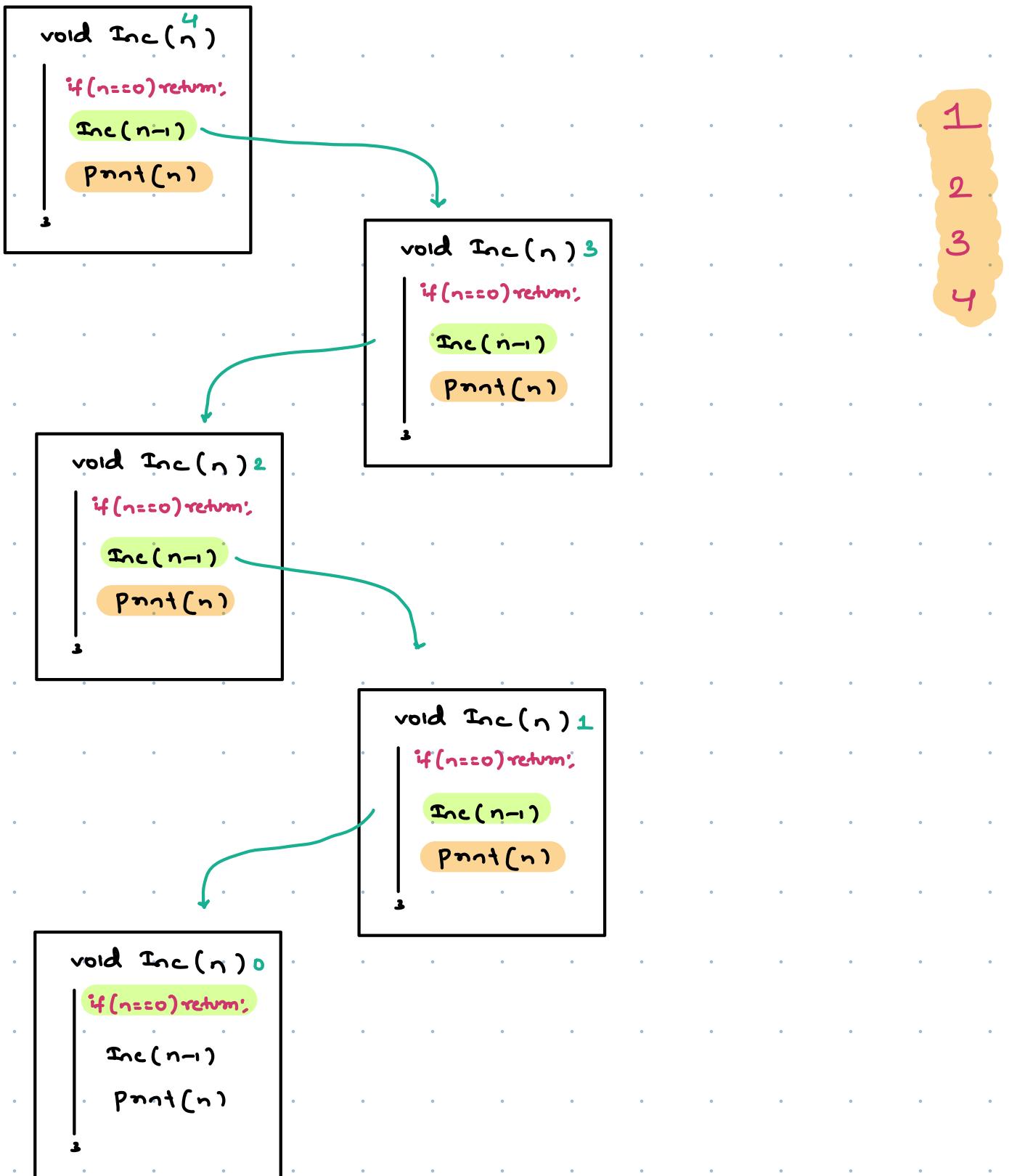


Inc(5) = Inc(4)  
print(5);

Inc( $n$ ) = Inc( $n-1$ )  
print( $n$ )

```
void Inc(n){  
    if (n==0) return;  
    Inc(n-1);  
    print(n);  
}
```

```
1 n  
void incr(a, b){  
    if (a>b) return;  
    print(a);  
    incr(a+1, b);  
}
```



## Problem

Whirlpool wants to design a timer for their **washing machines**. This feature is a simple countdown timer. When a user sets a time, for example, 10 minutes, the washing machine needs to show each minute passing, counting down until it reaches 0.

Your task is to write a program that takes an integer **A** (the time in minutes set by the user) and then prints out each minute as it counts down to **0**. The requirement is that after a user set a timer for the washing machine for some time say **A**, the washing machine should display each minute after that decremented one by one till the time becomes **0**.

```
void dec ( int n ) {  
    if ( n < 0 ) return;  
    print ( n )  
    dec ( n - 1 );
```

3

}

code will print 0

```
if ( n == 0 ) {  
    print ( n );  
    return;  
}
```

2

Another  
valid base case

10:25 → 10:35 pm

## \* Time & Space Complexity

Time complexity → Time taken by our code.

Space complexity → Amount of calls that we are making in recursive stack

```

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

```

$$\tau(0) = 1$$

$\tau(n) \rightarrow$  Time taken by recursion to calculate  $\text{fact}(n)$

$\tau(n-1) \rightarrow$  Time taken by recursion to calculate  $\text{fact}(n-1)$

$$\tau(0) = 1$$

$$\tau(n) = \tau(n-1) + 1$$

} Recurrence relation

$$\tau(n) = \tau(n-1) + 1$$

→ 1<sup>st</sup> subs

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

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

$$\tau(n) = \tau(n-2) + 2$$

→ 2<sup>nd</sup> subs

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

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

$$\tau(n) = \tau(n-3) + 3$$

→ 3<sup>rd</sup> substitution

After  $k$  substitution

$$\tau(n) = \tau(n-k) + k$$

$$\tau(0) = 1$$

$$n - k = 0$$

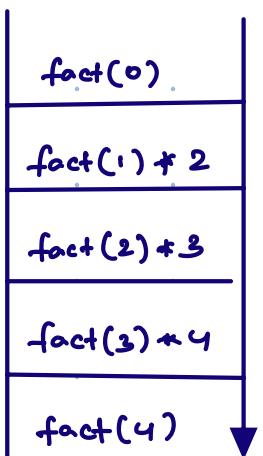
$$k = n$$

$$\tau(n) = 1 + n$$

$$\tau(n) = n + 1$$

TC :  $O(n)$

SC :  $O(n)$



5 calls

fact(n) = n+1 calls

Q Given  $N$ , print all the no. from  $N$  to 1 in decreasing order & then 1 to  $N$  in increasing order.

$$N = 3 \Rightarrow 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3$$

```
void fun(int n){
```

```
    if (n==0) return;
```

```
    print(n) 1
```

```
    fun(n-1); 2
```

```
    print(n); 3
```

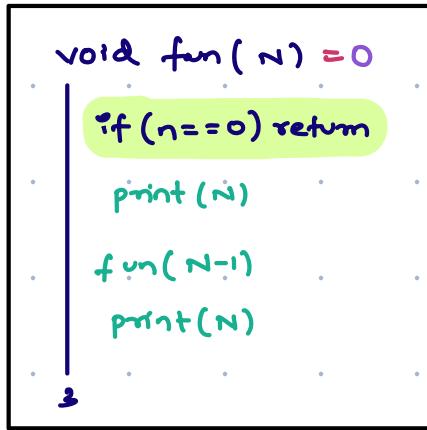
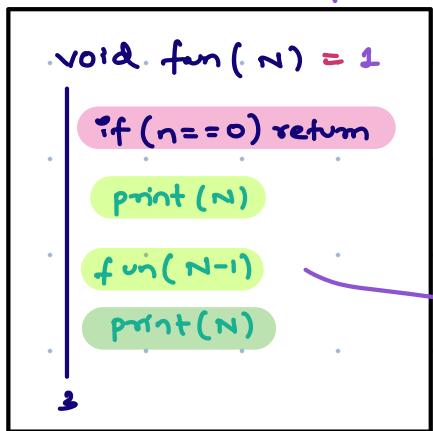
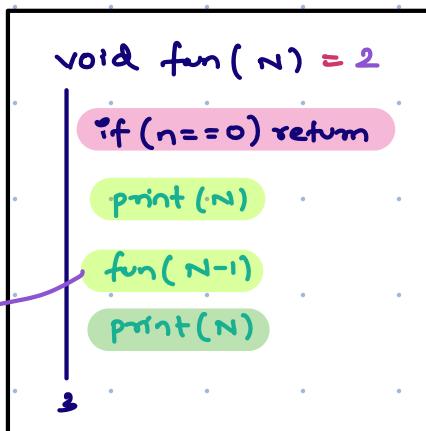
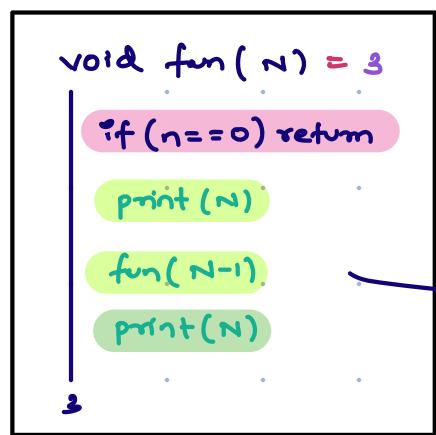
```
    if (n==1){
```

```
        print(n)
```

```
        return
```

} base case  
when we  
wants to  
print a  
single 1

3  
2  
1  
1  
2  
3



TC : O(N)  
SC : O(N)

## \* Fibonacci series

$n = 0$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\text{fib}( )$	0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13

$\text{fib}(n) = \text{sum of previous 2 fib no.}$

$$\text{fib}(5) = \text{fib}(4) + \text{fib}(3)$$

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

// Assumption → Calculate & return the  $n^{\text{th}}$  fib no.

```
int fib(n){  
    if (n==0) return 0  
    if (n==1) return 1  
    } }  
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);  
}
```

Base case → Last valid input for which recursion has to stop

$$N=0 \quad \text{fib}(-1) + \text{fib}(-2)$$

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

$$N=2 \quad \text{fib}(1) + \text{fib}(0)$$



## Time & Space complexity

// Assumption =  $\text{fib}(n)$  is going to take  $T(n)$  time.

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

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

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

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

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

$$T(n) = 4T(n-2) + 3 = 2^2 T(n-2) + 2^2 - 1$$

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

$$T(n) = 4 * (2T(n-3) + 1) + 3$$

$$T(n) = 8T(n-3) + 7 = 2^3 T(n-3) + 2^3 - 1$$

After  $k$  substitution

$$T(n) = 2^k T(n-k) + 2^k - 1$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$n - k = 1$$

$$k = n - 1$$

$$T(N) = 2^{n-1} + 1 + 2^{n-1} - 1$$

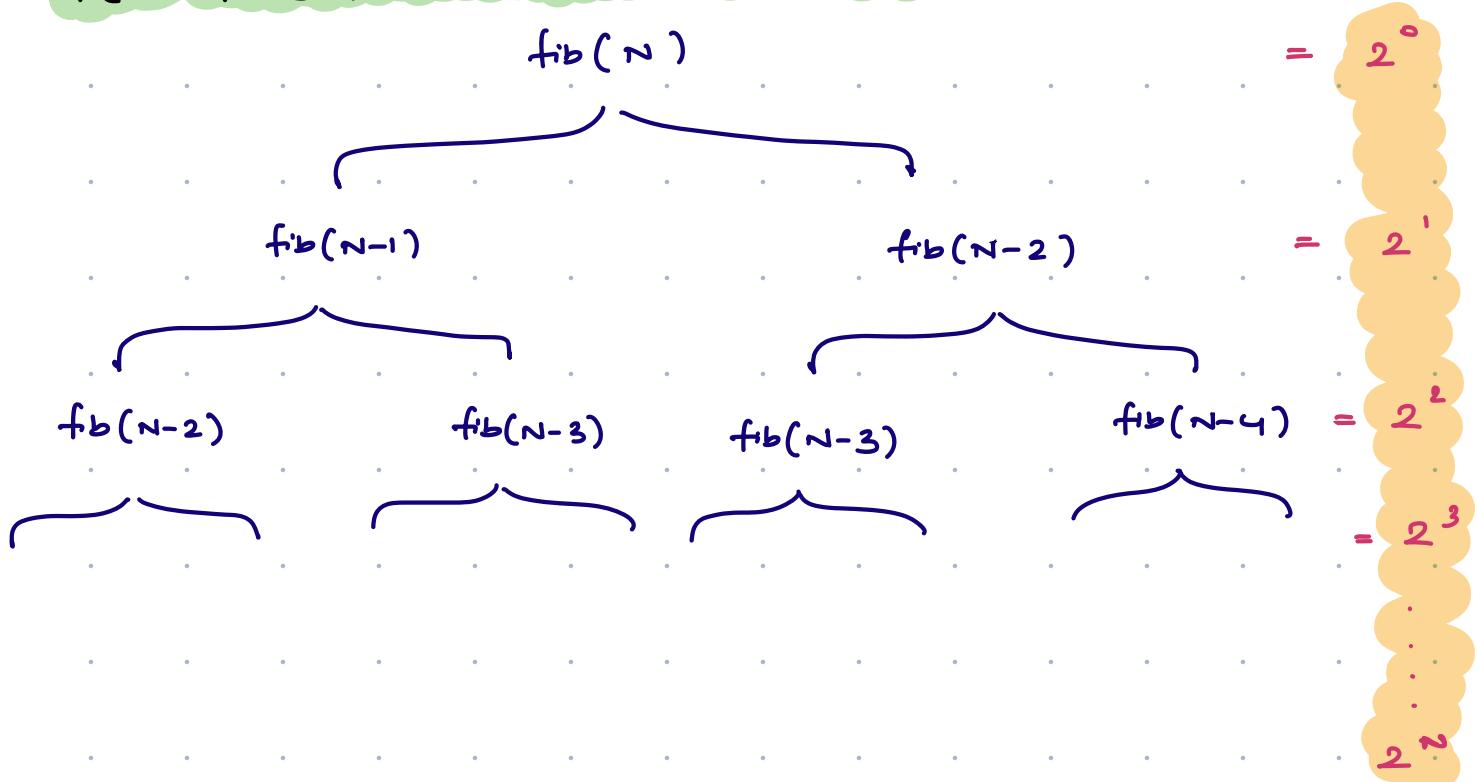
$$T(n) = 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} - 1$$

$T \in O(2^n)$



## Tree Approach to calculate TC

$T_C = \text{Time taken in 1 call} * \text{Total fn calls}$



$$\text{Total } f_n \text{ calls} = 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^n$$

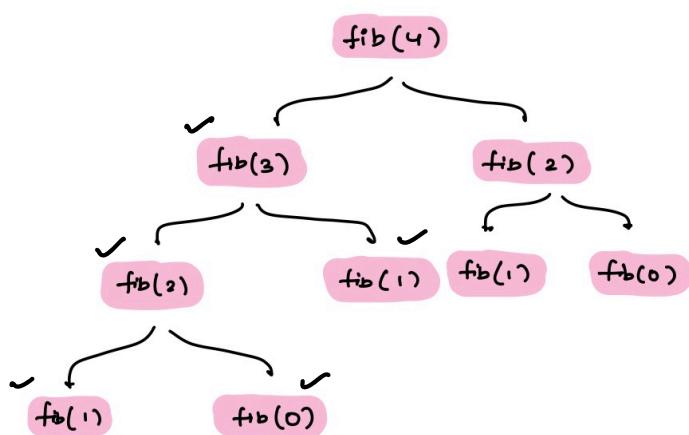
$$\text{Sum of GP} = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$= \frac{2^0 + (2^{n+1} - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$TC = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

$$TC \approx O(2^n)$$

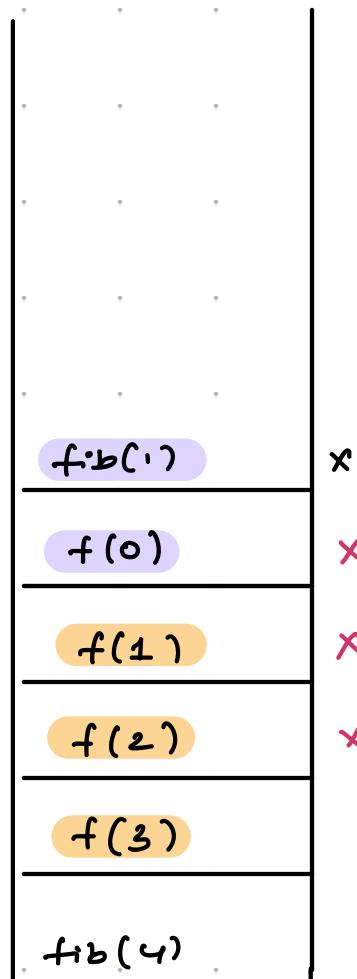
## Space complexity



int fib(n) {

if ( $n \leq 1$ ) return  $n$

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



$TC: O(2^n)$

$SC: O(n)$

$\text{Max calls} = 4$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1 & = & 0 \ 0 \ 1 \\ 2 & = & 0 \ 1 \ 0 \\ 3 & = & 0 \ 1 \ 1 \\ 4 & = & 1 \ 0 \ 0 \end{array}$$

$$s_2 = 4$$

$$\text{submagn} = \frac{4 * 4 + 1}{2}$$

1 = {0 0 1} = 1

1, 2 = {0 1 1} = 3

1, 2, 3 = {0 1 1} = 3

1, 2, 3, 4 = {1 1 1} = 3

2 = {0 1 0} = 2

2, 3 = {0 1 1} = 3

2, 3, 4 = {1 1 1} = 3

3 = {0 1 1} = 3

3, 4 = {1 1 1} = 3

4 = {1 0 0} = 4

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