

Lecture ÷ Recursion - I

- Trees
- DP
- Graph
- Backtracking
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Agenda

- Introduction of recursion
- factorial of a number.
- fibonacci of a number.
- Power of a number.
- Time complexity of recursive function.

Recursion

- function calling itself
- solving a problem, using smaller instances of same problem.

Example:

Qn Calculate sum of first n natural numbers.

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

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



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



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

* How to write recursive codes?

1. **Assumption** :- What your function should do?
2. **Main logic** :- Solving problem using smaller instances
3. **Base case** :- smaller problem you can solve.

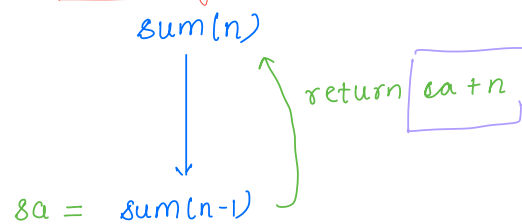
Qu: Given a number n , find $1+2+3+4+5+\dots+n$ using recursion.

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

1. Assumption

Given a number n , find & return sum of first n natural no.

2. Main logic



3. Base case

Stopping pt of recursion.

$n=1 \rightarrow sum=1$

```
if(n==1) {  
    return 1;  
}
```

function call tracing

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

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

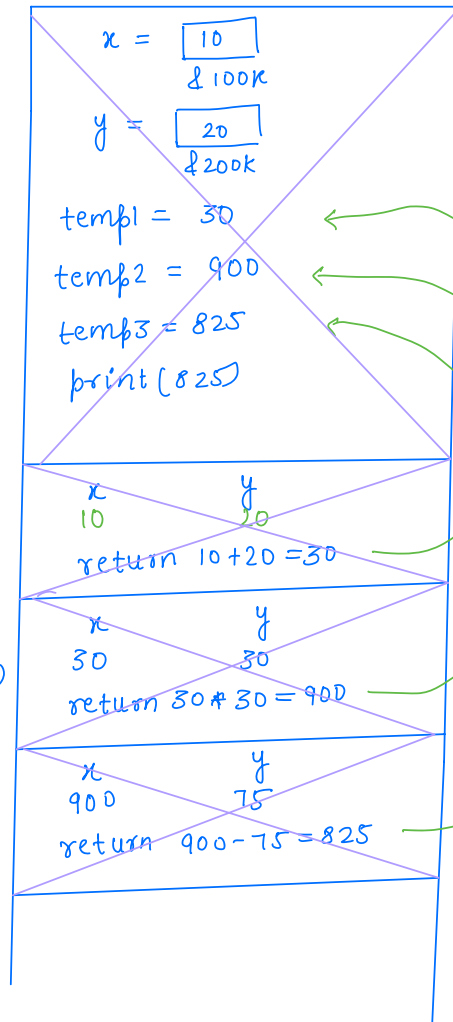
```
int prod(x, y) {  
    return x * y;  
}
```

```
main() {  
    int x = 10;  
    int y = 20;  
    int temp1 = add(x, y)  
    int temp2 = mul(temp1, 30);  
    int temp3 = sub(temp2, 75);  
    print(temp3);  
}
```

main()

add(x, y)

sub(x, y)



Recursive call function tracing

```
int sum(int n) {  
  1. if(n==1) {  
    return 1;  
  }  
  2. int sa = sum(n-1);  
  3. return sa + n;  
}
```

TC: $n * 1 = O(n)$

SC: $n * 1 = O(n)$

sum(4)

n = 4
sa = 6
return 6 + 4 = 10

sum(3)

n = 3
sa = 3
return sa + n
3 + 3 = 6

sum(2)

n = 2
sa = 1
return 1 + 2 = 3

sum(1)

n = 1
return 1

1
2

1
2
3

1
2
3

1

Qn: Given a number (+ve) n , find factorial of n using recursion

$$1! \Rightarrow 1$$

$$2! \Rightarrow 2$$

$$3! \Rightarrow 6$$

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

$$0! \Rightarrow 1$$

Approach

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

1. Assumption

Given a no. n , find &
return factorial of n .
 $\text{fact}(5) = 120$
 $\text{fact}(2) = 2$

2. Main logic

$\text{fact}(n)$

$\text{return sa} * n;$

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

3. Base case

$n == 0, \text{return} = 1.$

$\text{fact}(1)$

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

$\text{return sa} * n$
 $1 * 1 = 1$

Recursive call tracing of factorial

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

Step 1: x = How many times you are generating this function?

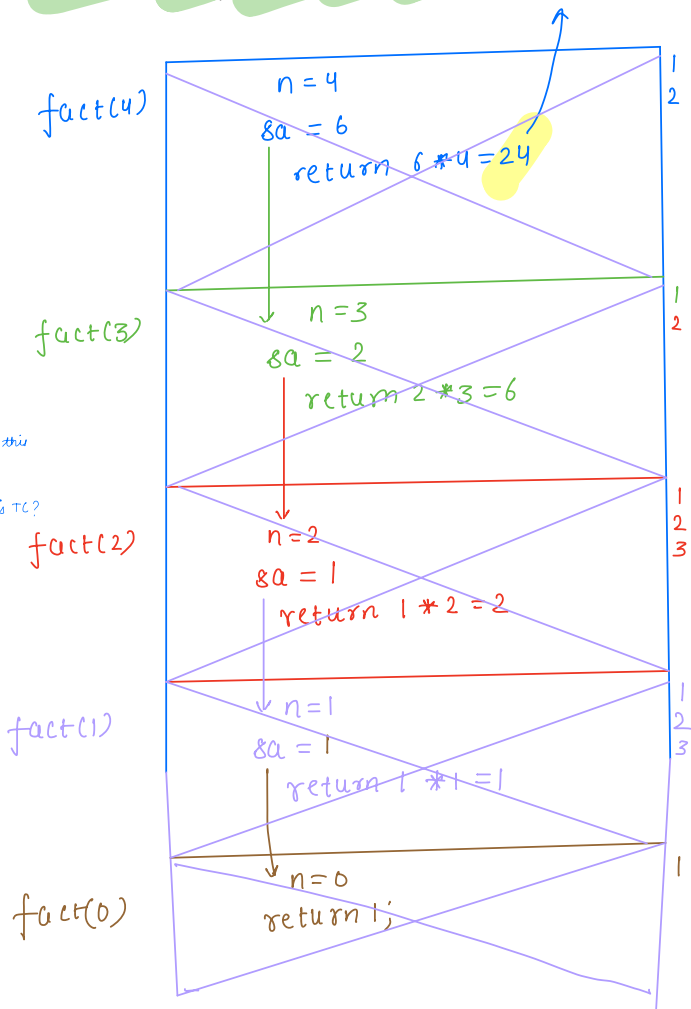
Step 2: y = Inside that fun in stack space, what is TC?

$$x = n + 1 \approx O(n)$$

$$y = O(1)$$

$$TC: O(n)$$

$$SC: n * O(1) \approx O(n)$$



Qu find nth fibonacci number using recursion

0th 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th
 0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34

```
int fib(int n) {
    if(n==0 || n==1) {
        return n;
    }
    int sa1 = fib(n-1);
    int sa2 = fib(n-2);
    return sa1 + sa2;
}
```

1. Assumption
 Given a no n. find &
 return nth fibonacci no
 $\text{fib}(2) = 1$
 $\text{fib}(6) = 8$

2. Main logic

```

    fib(n)
    /   \
sa1=fib(n-1) sa2=fib(n-2)
    \   /
    return sa1 + sa2;
  
```

3. Base case

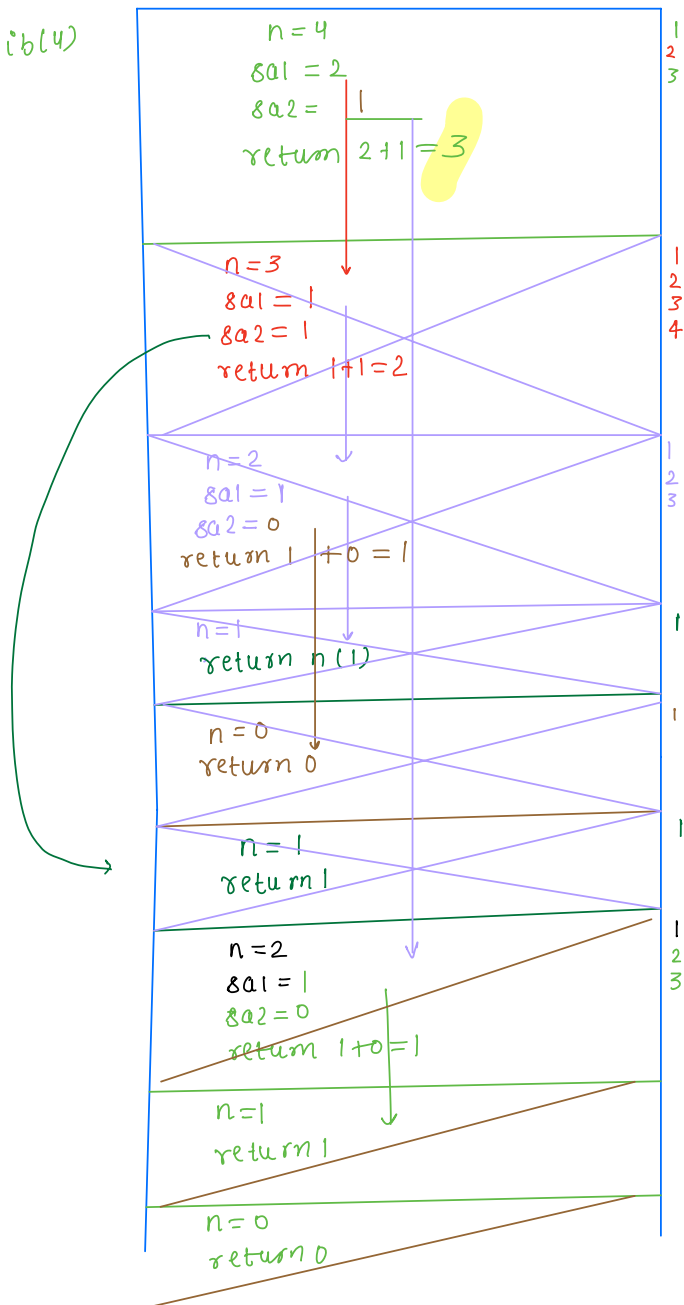
```

n=0 → return 0
n=1 → return 1
if(n==0 || n==1) {
    return n;
}
  
```

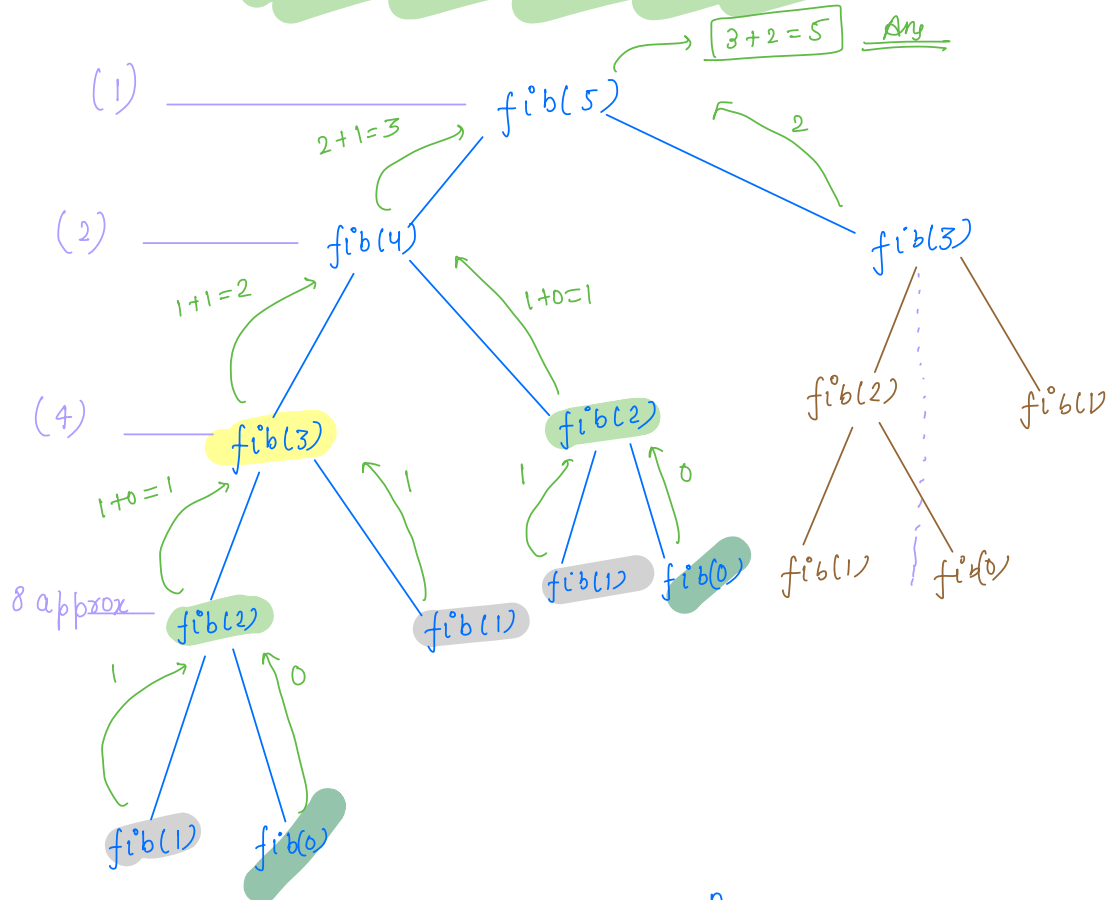

function call tracing of fibonacci number

```
int fib(int n) {
    1 if(n==0 || n==1) {
        return n;
    }
    2 int sa1 = fib(n-1);
    3 int sa2 = fib(n-2);
    4 return sa1 + sa2;
}
```

fib(4)



Recursion tree of fibonacci number



$$x = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots + 2^n \quad n \text{ times}$$

$$x = \frac{1 * (2^n - 1)}{1} \approx O(2^n)$$

$$y = O(1)$$

$$\text{TC: } x * y = O(2^n) * O(1) = O(2^n) \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

Step 1: x = How many times you are generating this function?

Step 2: y = Inside that fun in stack space, what is TC?

Qn: Given 2 integers a and n , find a^n using recursion.

Input: $a = 2$ $2^3 = 8$
 $n = 3$

Brute force:

```
int pow(a, n) {  
    if (n == 0) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    sa = pow(a, n-1);  
    return sa * a;  
}
```

1) Assumption
Given a, n , find & return a^n .

2) Main logic

$a=2, n=4$
 2^4
 \downarrow
 2^3
 \downarrow
 $2^4 = 2^3 * 2$

$\swarrow *2$
 \searrow

$pow(a, n)$
 \downarrow
 $sa = pow(a, n-1)$
 $return sa * a;$

3) Base case
 $n=1$, return a .
 $n=0$, return 1.

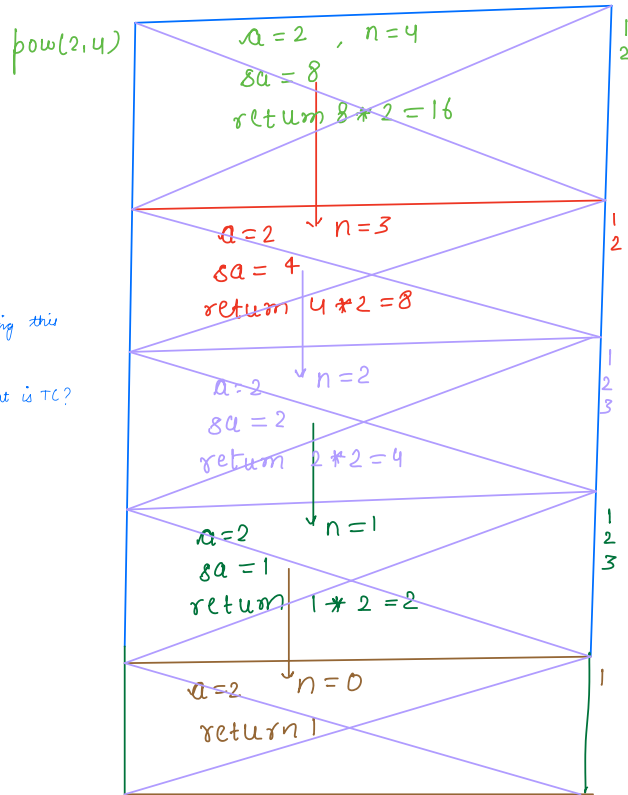
function call tracing

```
int pow(a, n) {
  1 if(n==0) {
    return 1;
  }
  2 sa = pow(a, n-1);
  3 return sa * a;
}
```

Step 1: x = How many times you are generating this function?

Step 2: y = Inside that fun in stack space, what is TC?

pow(a, n)
 $x = n + 1 \leq n$
 $y = O(1)$
 TC: $O(n) * O(1) = O(n)$



a=2, n=5, stack height = 6

2 13 " = 14

5 2 " = 3

Optimised approach 1

$$2^{12} = 2^{11} * 2.$$
$$\text{pow}(a, n) = \text{pow}(a, n-1) * a.$$

$$2^{13} = 2^{12} * 2.$$

$$2^{12} = 2^6 * 2^6$$
$$\text{pow}(a, n) = \text{pow}(a, \frac{n}{2}) * \text{pow}(a, \frac{n}{2})$$

$$2^{13} = 2^6 * 2^6 * 2$$
$$a^n = a^{n/2} * a^{n/2} * a.$$

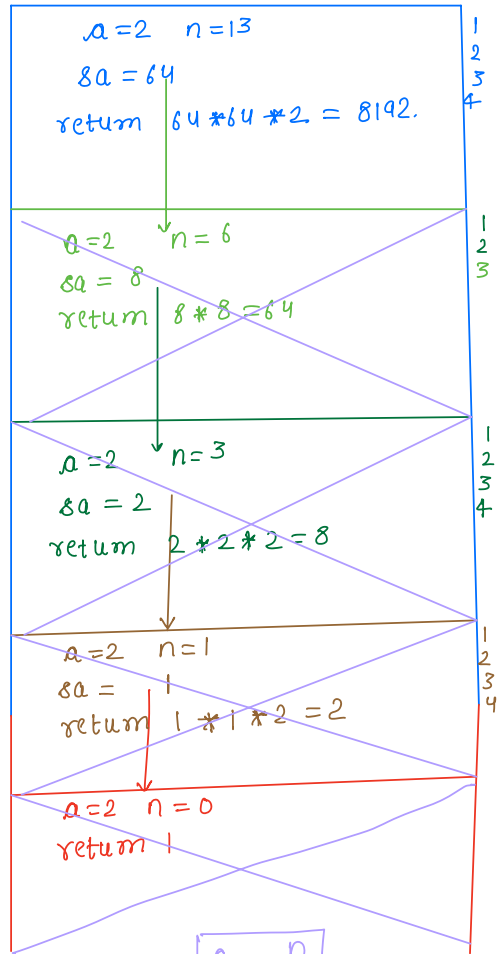
if n is even $- a^n = a^{n/2} * a^{n/2}$
" " " odd $- a^n = a^{n/2} * a^{n/2} * a$

```
int pow(a, n) {  
    if (n == 0) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    sa = pow(a, n/2);  
    if (n % 2 == 0) {  
        return sa * sa;  
    }  
    return sa * sa * a;  
}
```

function call tracing

```
int pow(a, n) {
    1 if(n==0) {
        return 1;
    }
    2 sa = pow(a, n/2);
    3 if(n%2==0) {
        return sa * sa;
    }
    4 return sa * sa * a;
}
```

pow(2, 13)



Step 1: x = How many times you are generating this function?

Step 2: y = Inside that fun in stack space, what is TC?

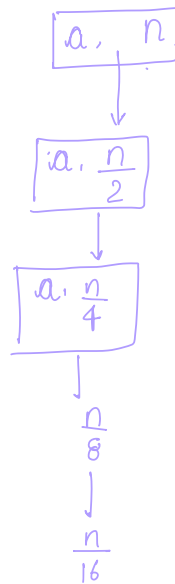
pow(a, n)

$x = \log_2 n$.

$y = O(1)$

TC: $O(\log_2 n) * O(1) = O(\log_2 n)$

a=2, n=13 stack height = 5



approx
 $O(\log_2 n)$

Time complexity of recursive code

Recursive codes: multiple instances of same function.

Step 1: x = How many times you are generating this function?

Step 2 y = Inside that fun in stack space, what is TC?

Total T.C. of recursive code $\div x * y$

Space complexity of Recursion

Recursive codes: multiple instances of same function.

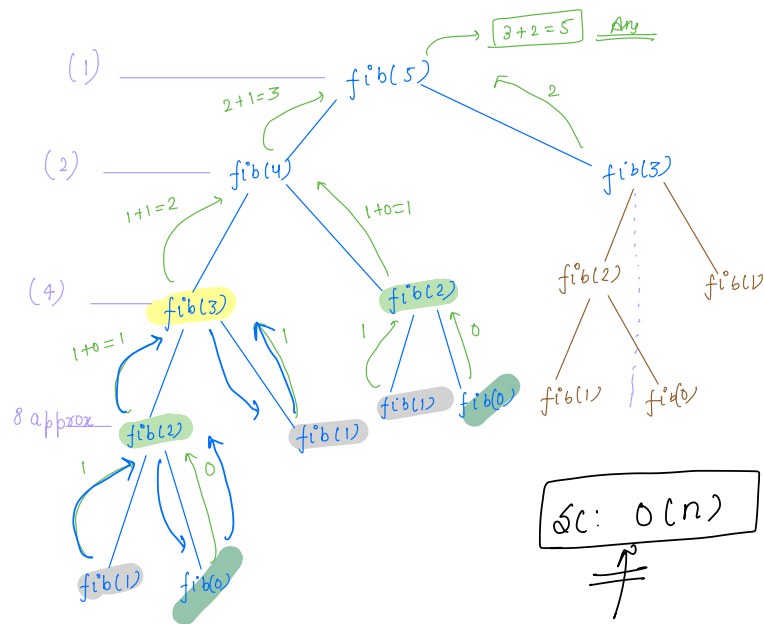
Step 1: $x = \text{stack height}$

Step 2 $y = \text{Inside that fun in stack space. what is SC?}$

$$\text{SC: } x * y$$

H/W: SC: fibonacci
power ?

Thank you 😊



Sc: $O(n)$

1
 2
 3
 4
 5 — max ans
 4
 3
 3
 4
 3
 ...