# Lab 5 Recursion

## Pre-Lab

```
Algorithm mystery1(list)
Input : a list of integers, list
Output : ?

    IF length of list is 1 THEN
        RETURN first element in the list
    ELSE
        a ← first element in list
        b ← mystery1(rest of the list)
        IF a > b THEN
            RETURN a
        ELSE
            RETURN b
```

1. What are the base case and recursive case of `mystery1`?
   The base case is `RETURN first element in the list`
   The recursive case is

```
a ← first element in list
b ← mystery1(rest of the list)
IF a > b THEN
    RETURN a
ELSE
    RETURN b
```

2. Trace function `mystery1` for a list of 5 integers. Show the call stack.

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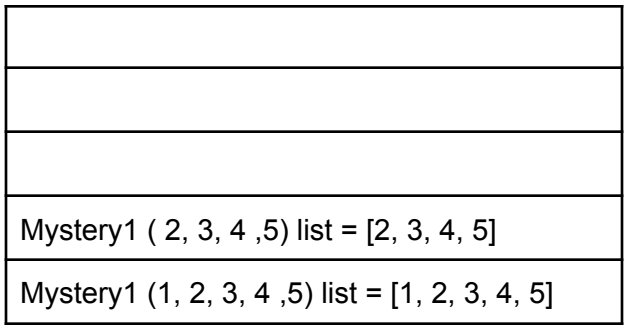
| Mystery1 (1, 2, 3, 4 ,5) list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] |

Call Stack

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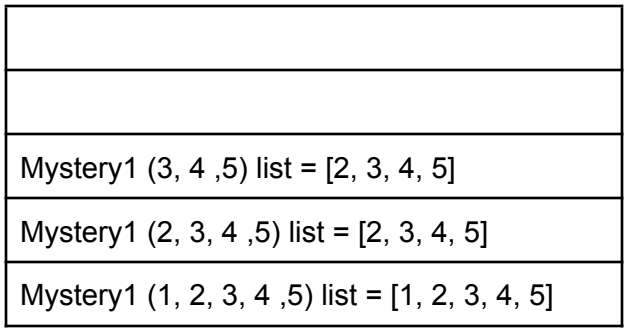


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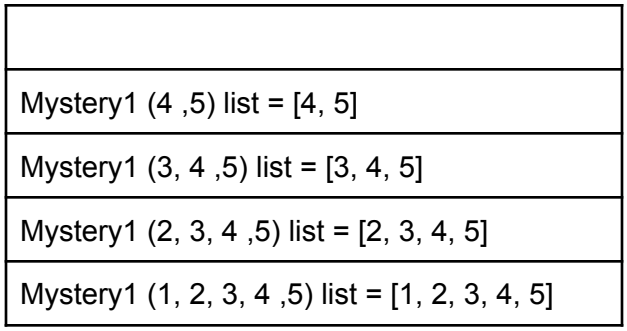


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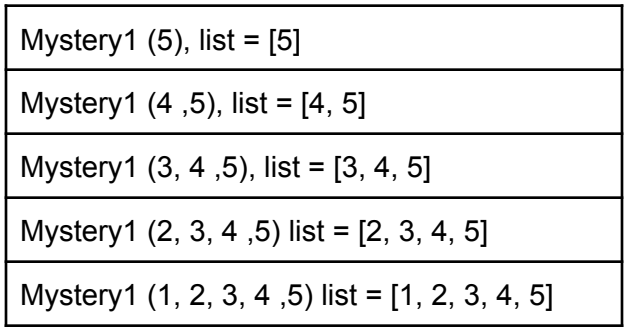


Call Stack

| ~~Mystery1 (5), list = [5]~~ | Return 5 |
|---|---|
| Mystery1 (4 ,5), list = [4, 5] | |
| Mystery1 (3, 4 ,5), list = [3, 4, 5] | |
| Mystery1 (2, 3, 4 ,5) list = [2, 3, 4, 5] | |
| Mystery1 (1, 2, 3, 4 ,5) list = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] | |

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Call Stack

3. What does `mystery1` do?
   Mystery 1 will return the largest number in a given list
4. Write an iterative version of `mystery1` (using pseudocode)

```
1       a ← 0
2       list ← input List
3       FOR i IN list:
4               IF i > a:
5                       a = i
6               ELSE:
7                       CONTINUE
8               END IF
9       END FOR
10      RETURN a
```

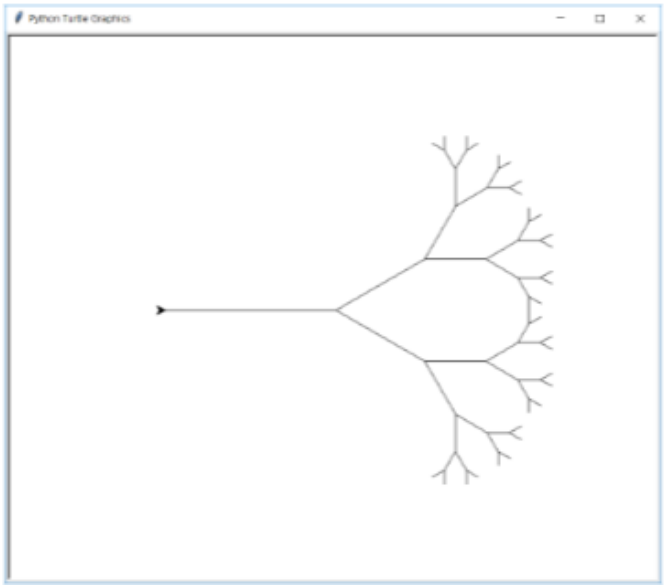
5. Write recursive algorithm using pseudocode to find out
   a. Whether a given string is a Palindrome

```
1       DEF palindome(str, i):
2               IF i > (len(str) / 2):
3                       RETURN True
4               ans ← True
5               END IF
6               IF ((str[ i ] is str[ len( string ) - i - 1]) and palindome(str, i + 1):
7                       ans ← True
8               RETURN ans
9               END IF
```

b. Calculate a * b where a and b are positive integers. Note that you are not allowed to use the " * " operator

```
1       DEF multiply(a, b)
2           IF b > 0:
3               RETURN (a + multiply(a, b - 1))
4           ELSE:
5               RETURN 0
6           END IF
```

# In-Lab

1. 


   a. Write a recursive algorithm (using pseudocode) to create this tree.

```
1       DEF draw(distance):
2           IF distance < 20:
3               hello ← 0
4           ELSE:
5               turtle.forward( distance )
6               turtle.left( 35 )
7               draw( 3 * distance / 4 )
8               turtle.right( 70 )
9               draw( 3 * distance / 4 )
10              turtle.left( 35 )
11              turtle.backward( distance )
12          END IF
```

```
13      WHILE TRUE:
14              draw(85)
15      END WHILE
```

i. What is the base case?
The base case is if distance < 20, hello ← 0

ii. What is a recursive case?
The recursive case is

```
ELSE:
        turtle.forward( distance )
        turtle.left( 35 )
        draw( 3 * distance / 4 )
        turtle.right( 70 )
        draw( 3 * distance / 4 )
        turtle.left( 35 )
        turtle.backward( distance )
```

b. (optional) Write a program to draw this tree using `turtle`.

# Post-Lab

1. Write an iterative algorithm (using pseudocode) of fib(n)

```
1       a ← 0
2       b ← 0
3       ans ← 0
4       FOR i IN RANGE (n):
5               IF i % 2 == 0:
6                       b ← b + a
7                       ans ← b
8               ELSE:
9                       a ← a + b
10                      ans ← a
11              END IF
12      END FOR
13      RETURN ans
```

2. Write recursive definition of fib(n)

```
1       DEF fibo_rec(n):
2               IF n <= 1:
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3                   RETURN n
4               END IF
5               RETURN fibo_rec(n-1) + fibo_rec(n-2)
```
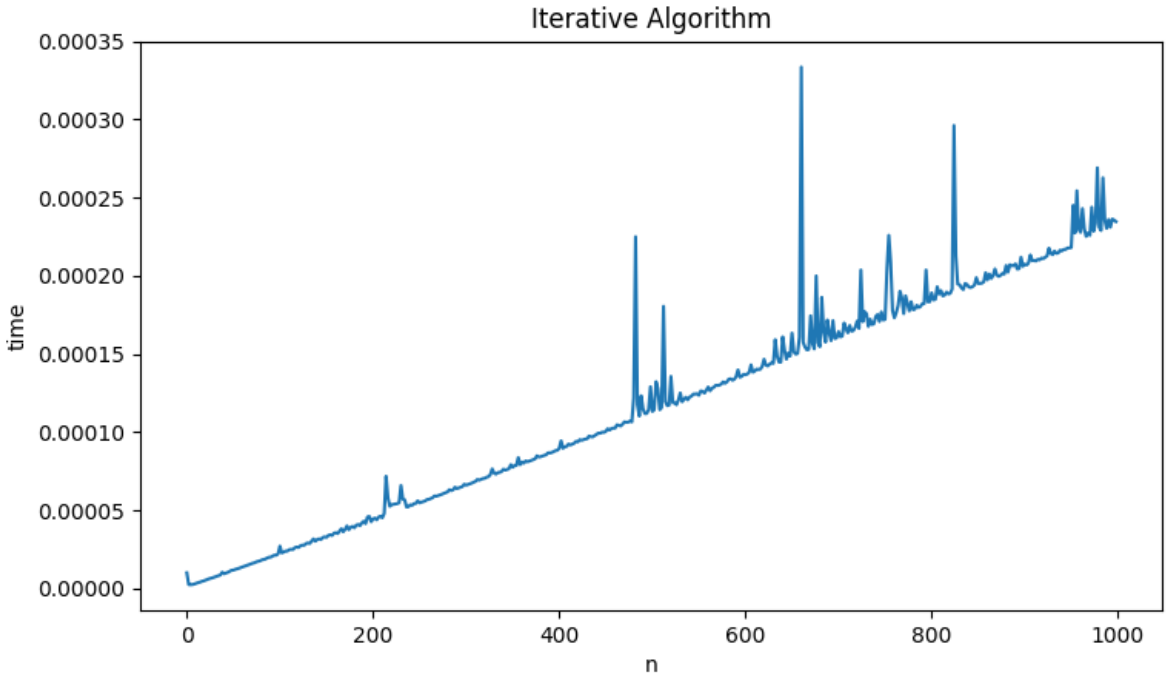
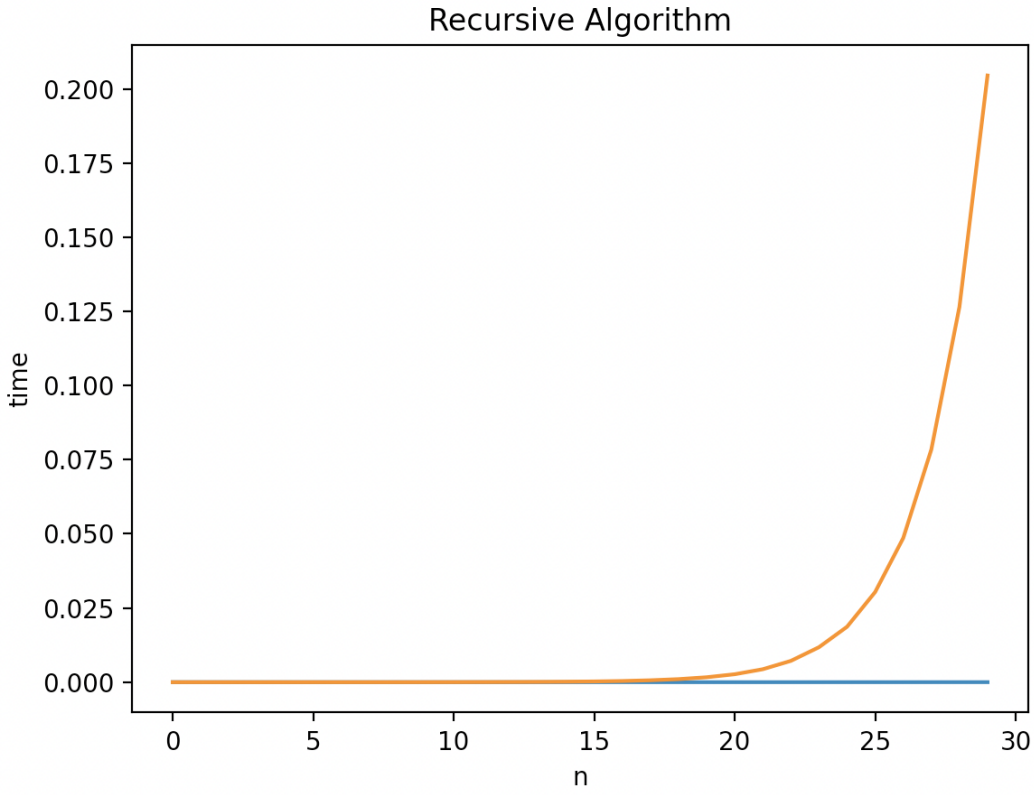

3. Write a recursive algorithms in 1 and 3 in Python
4. Implement algorithms in 1 and 3 in Python
5. Run your programs against a number of n's. Record the run time and draw graph (plot the runtime of both versions of Fibonacci on the graph)






6. Explain what you found

I found that using recursive algorithm is slower than iterative algorithm since iterative has Big O of O(n) and recursive has Big O of (n**4)