

CS1020E Tutorial + Lab 07

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Tutorial Solutions

“Tutorial 7 – Recursion”

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The Solution.

```
int gcd(int a, int b) {  
    if (b == 0) return a;  
    cout << "(" << a << ", " << b << ") " << a << " = "  
        << (a/b) << " * " << b << " + " << (a%b) << endl;  
    return gcd(b, a%b);  
}
```

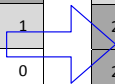
Question 2: Application of Recursion

- 2D integer array
- Each element is either 0 (white), 1 (light gray), 2 (dark gray).

```
void fill(int** arr, int numRows, int numCols,
         int currRow, int currCol, int newColour
         /*,one more param? */
         ) {
    // can use this method to recurse if necessary
}
void fill(int** arr, int numRows, int numCols,
         int startRow, int startCol, int newColour) {
    // client will use this method
}
```

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
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void fill(int** arr, int nRows, int nCols,
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          int newColo, int firstColo) {
    if (currRow < 0 || currRow >= nRows
        || currCol < 0 || currCol >= nCols
        || firstColo != arr[currRow][currCol])
        return;
    arr[currRow][currCol] = newColo;
    fill(arr, nRows, nCols, currRow-1, currCol,
          newColo, firstColo);
    fill(arr, nRows, nCols, currRow+1, currCol,
          newColo, firstColo);
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}
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```
void fill(int** arr, int numRows, int numCols,
         int startRow, int startCol, int newColour) {
    int firstColour = arr[startRow][startCol];
    if (firstColour == newColour)
        return; // nothing to fill
    fill(arr, numRows, numCols,
         startRow, startCol, newColour, firstColour);
}
```

End of Tutorial Discussion

Note: Detailed solutions (i.e. the file T7_ans.pdf) will be released soon at

<http://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~stevenha/cs1020e.html>

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Let's take a short break!

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Remark: Recursion is not the only way of computing these values.
It is also not the best method.

Kattis Problem

`https://open.kattis.com/problems/minimumscalar`

Any Questions?

See you next week!