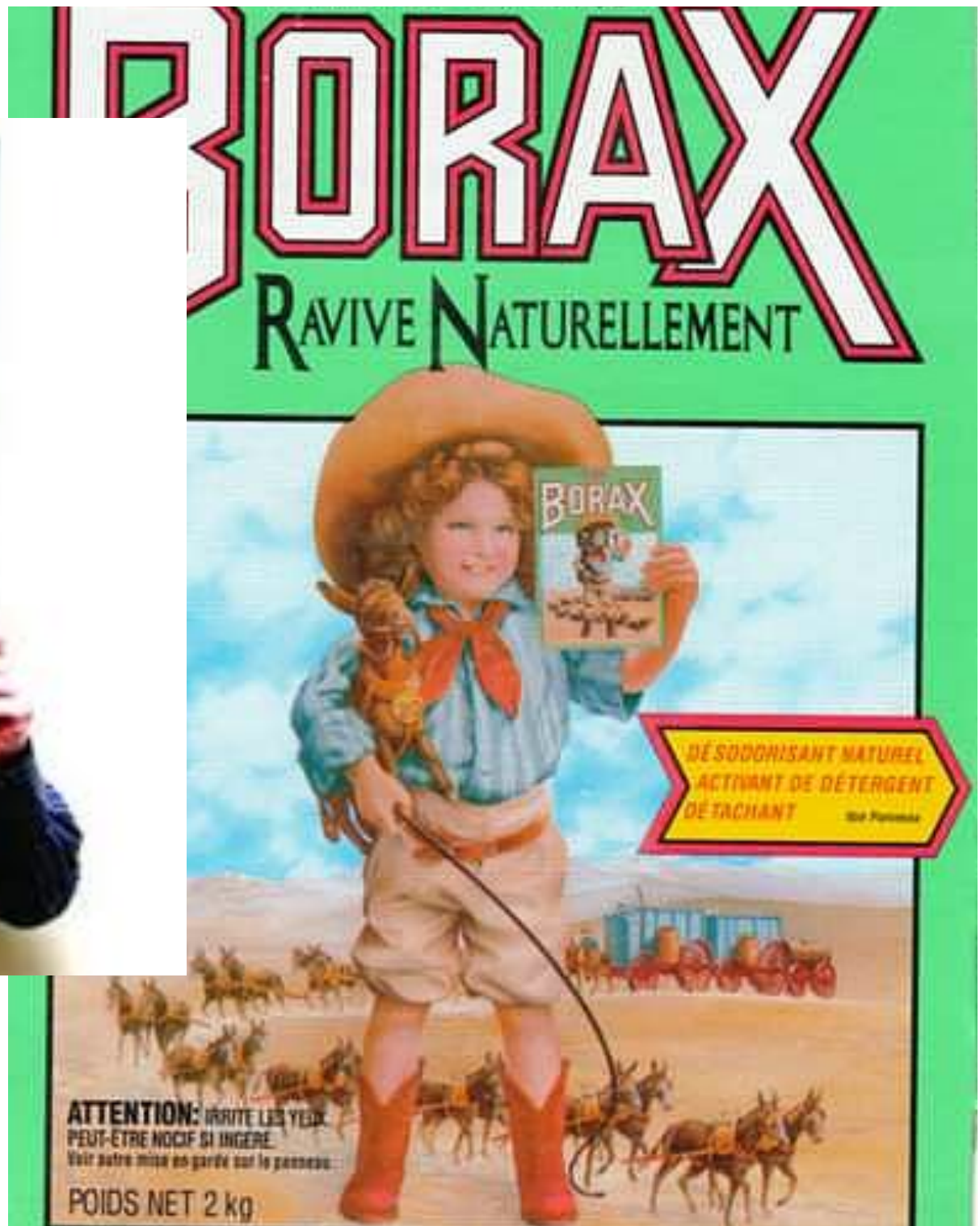


Recursion continued...



# recall template for a recursive algorithm

**recursiveFunction(data)**

**if** (smallestPossibleProblem? data)  
    the simple answer  
    **return ...**

Basecase

**else**

first part of data ...

Deal with one piece  
of the data

Recursive  
call

**recursiveFunction(smallerProblem(data))**  
**return ...**

# Exercise

- Write the pseudocode for a recursive algorithm that will take an array of numbers and the length of that array and returns the product of the values in that array.
- Recall:
  - the product of numbers ( $n_1$  and  $n_2$ ) is:  $n_1 * n_2$
  - the result of multiplying no numbers is 1

## Process:

- Input/output?
- Examples:
  - Simplest example of calling the function
  - A more complex example
- Edit the template
  - Rename function & data
  - Edit the basecase
  - Deal with one data piece
  - Update to smaller problem for recursive call

input – array, length

output – product of numbers in array of specified length

**productArray**(array, length)

if (length == 0)

**return** 1

else

    result = array[length-1] \* **productArray**(array, length-1)

**return** result

# Exercise

- Write the pseudocode for a recursive linear search algorithm.
- It will take an array of numbers, the length of that array and the value being searched for. It will return the index the value is found at or -1 if it is not found.
- Recall, linear search visits each element one after another. TIP: You can search from back to front of the array.

## Process:

- Input/output?
- Examples:
  - Simplest example of calling the function
  - A more complex example
- Edit the template
  - Rename function & data
  - Edit the basecase
  - Deal with one data piece
  - Update to smaller problem for recursive call

input – array, length, value

output – product of numbers in array of specified length

**search**(array, length, value)

**if** (length == 0)

**return** -1

**else**

**if** (array[length-1] == value)

**return**(length-1)

**else**

**return** search(array, length-1, value)

# Exercise

- Write the pseudocode for a recursive binary search algorithm.
- It will take an array of numbers, the minIndex and the maxIndex to search in the array and the value being searched for. It will return the index the value is found at or -1 if it is not found.
- Recall binary search begins looking in the middle of the array and splits the search space in half with each check.

## Process:

- Input/output?
- Examples:
  - Simplest example of calling the function
  - A more complex example
- Edit the template
  - Rename function & data
  - Edit the basecase
  - Deal with one data piece
  - Update to smaller problem for recursive call



# recall the iterative binarySearch...

```
binarySearch(list, value)

    N = number of elements in list
    minIndex = 0
    maxIndex = N-1
    while (minIndex <= maxIndex)
        middle = (minIndex + maxIndex)/2
        currentItem = list[middle]
        if (currentItem == value)
            return middle
        else if (currentItem > value)
            maxIndex = middle-1
        else
            minIndex = middle+1

    return -1 // not found
```

input – array, minIndex, maxIndex, value

output – product of numbers in array of specified length

**binarySearch**(array, minIndex, maxIndex, value)

**if** (minIndex>maxIndex)

**return** -1

**else**

        middle = (minIndex+maxIndex)/2

**if** (array[middle] == value)

**return** middle

**else** (value<array[middle])

**return** search(array, minIndex, middle-1, value)

**else**

**return** search(array, minIndex+1, maxIndex, value)