

Day - 1

### Recursion

it is a process in which a function calls itself directly or indirectly.

Syntax:-

```
def func():
```

```
    | (recursive call)
```

```
    |  
    func() --
```

Example 1 :- (Factorial Example)

```
def fact(n):
```

```
# base case
```

```
if n == 0:
```

```
    return 1
```

```
else:
```

```
    return n * fact(n-1)
```

Note :-

whenever you are trying to develop a recursive solution it is very important to think about the base case, as your solution will need to return the base case once all the recursive cases have been worked through.

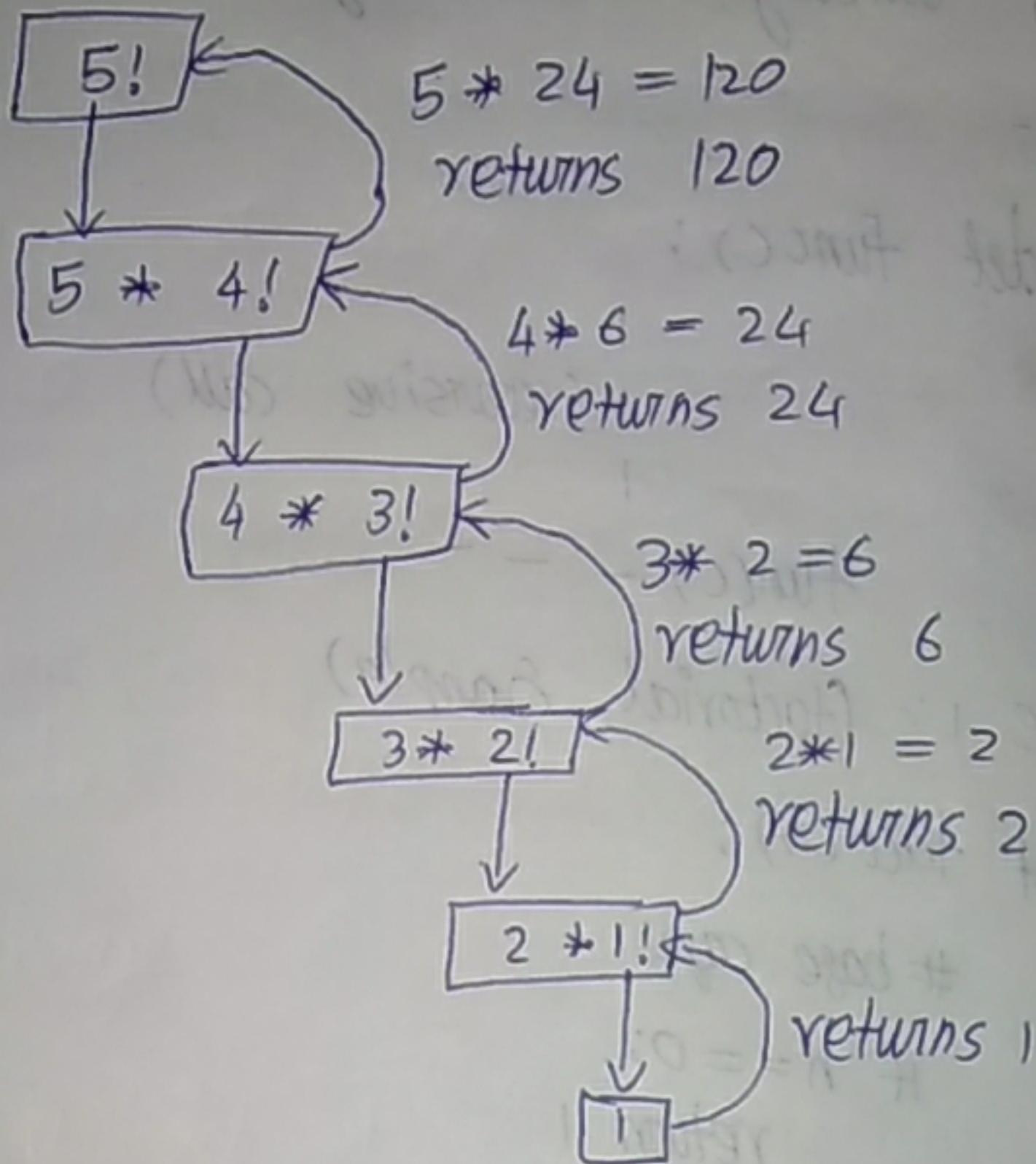
Test case 1 :-

$$n=5$$

factorial of  $n = 120$

Explanation :-

Final value = 120

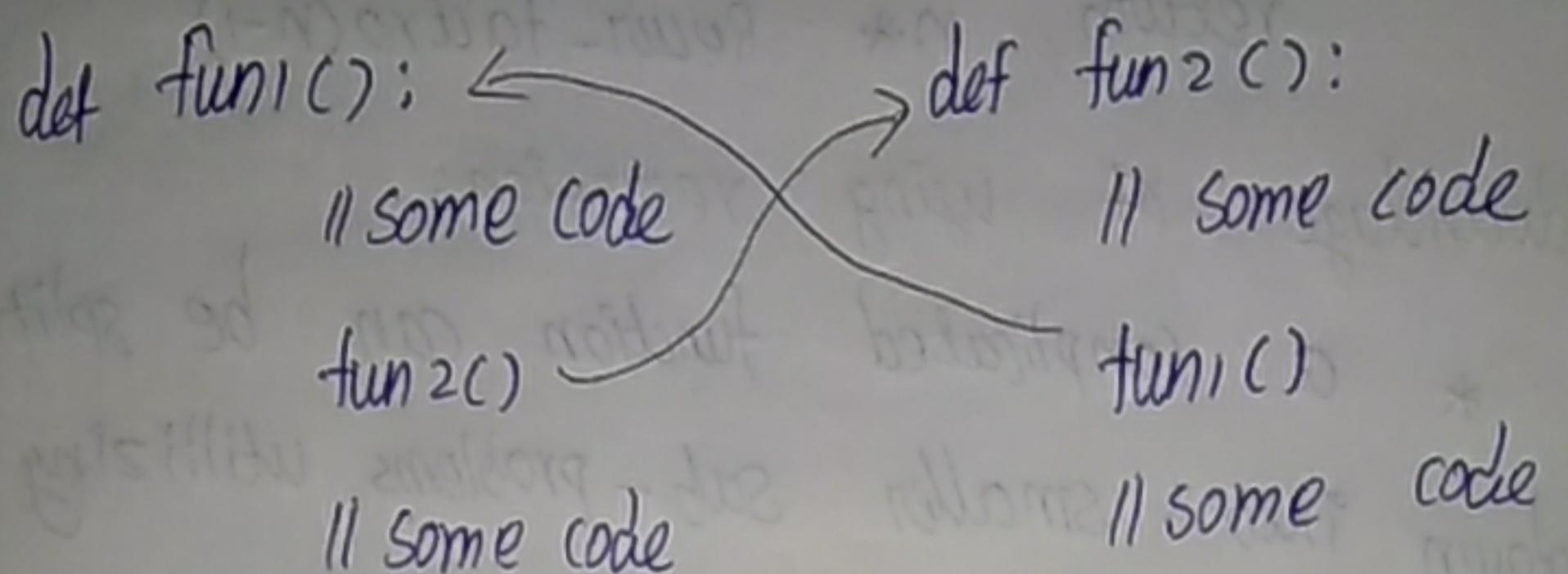


Types of recursion :-

- \* Direct recursion  $\rightarrow$  it calls the same function again
- \* in-direct recursion
- \* Tail recursion
- \* Non-tail recursion.

Indirect function:-

If it calls another function (let say fun2) and then fun2 calls fun1 directly or indirectly.



Tail recursion:-

A function is tail recursive when recursive call is last thing executed by the function.

factorial function as tail recursive

```
def fact(n, a=1):
    if (n==0):
        return a
    return fact(n-1, n*a)
```

non-tail recursive function:-

def Recur-factro(n):-

if ( $n == 0$ ):

    return 1

    return  $n * \text{Recur-factro}(n-1)$

Advantage of using recursion:-

\* a complicated function can be split down into smaller sub-problems utilizing recursion.

\* look simple and effective.

disadvantage of using recursion:-

\* a lot of time and memory is taken through.

\* challenging to debug