

# Recursion & Backtracking

## ① Introduction

```
</> Print Increasing  
</> Print Decreasing  
</> Print Increasing Decreasing  
</> Power-linear  
</> Power-logarithmic  
</> Print Zigzag  
</> Tower Of Hanoi
```

## ② Recursion & Arrays

```
</> Display Array  
</> Display Array In Reverse  
</> Max Of An Array  
</> First Index  
</> Last Index  
</> All Indices Of Array
```

### ③ Recursion & ArrayList {Get}

```
</> Get Subsequence  
</> Get Kpc  
</> Get Stair Paths  
</> Get Maze Paths  
</> Get Maze Path With Jumps
```

### ⑤ Backtracking

```
</> Flood Fill  
</> Target Sum Subsets  
</> N Queens  
</> Knights Tour
```

### ④ Recursion on the way up (Print)

```
</> Print Subsequence  
</> Print Kpc  
</> Print Stair Paths  
</> Print Maze Paths  
</> Print Maze Paths With Jumps  
</> Print Encodings  
</> Print Permutations
```

# Principle of Mathematical Induction (PMI)

① Trivial Case

$$\sum_{i=1}^0 i = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 i = 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n*(n+1)}{2}$$

② Assume

$$\sum_{i=1}^k i = \frac{k*(k+1)}{2}$$

③ To prove

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{k+1} i &= (\underbrace{1+2+\dots+k}_{\text{LHS}}) + (k+1) = \frac{k*(k+1)}{2} + (k+1) \\ &= \frac{(k+1)*(k+2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

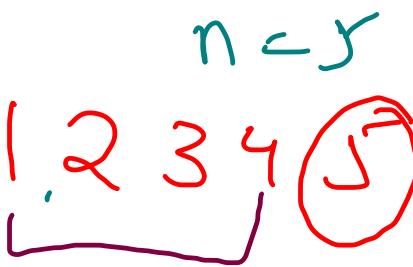
if  $n=k+1$  LHS = RHS

## Recursion

{ High-level thinking }

- ① Recursive function  $\rightarrow$  expectation

void printInc(int n)  $\rightarrow$  1, 2, 3, - ... n



- ② Recursive fn  $\rightarrow$  smaller values  $\rightarrow$  faith (call)

void printInc(n-1)  $\rightarrow$  1, 2, 3, - ... n-1 | 2 3 4

- ③ Meeting Expectation with faith

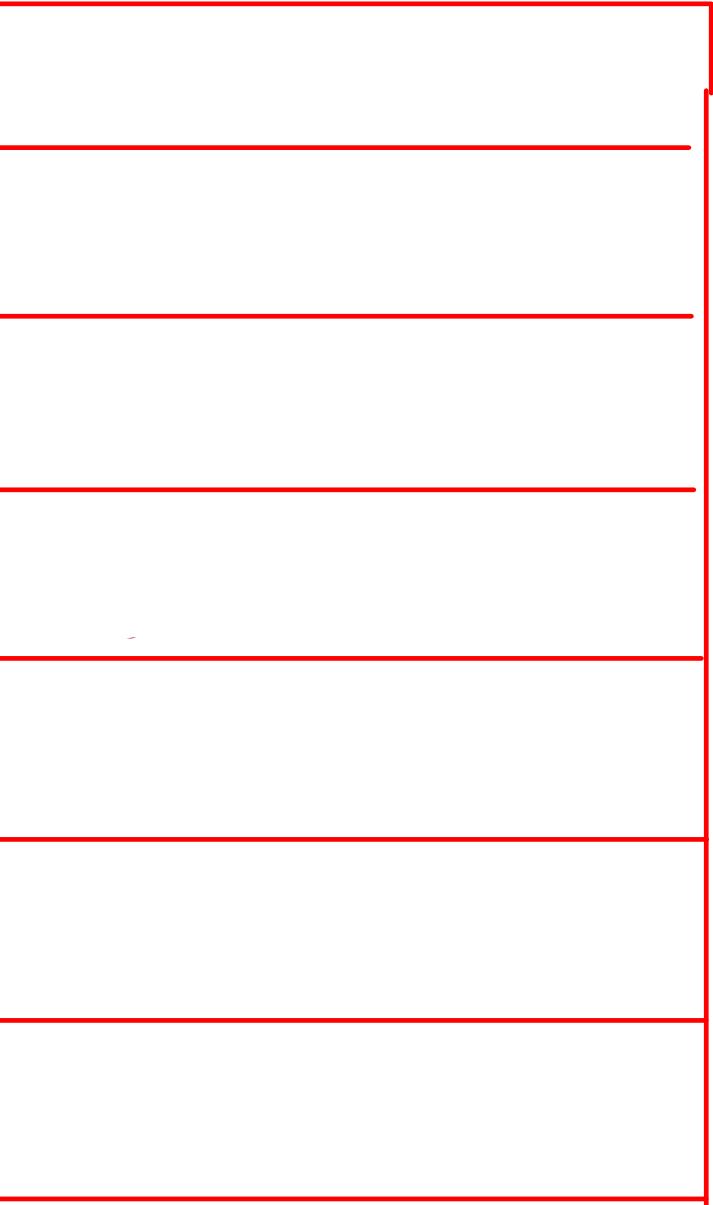
System.out.println(n);

- ④ Base Case ↳ To stop recursion
- $\swarrow$  Stack overflow / memory limit exceeded

# low-level thinking

function call stack

```
void printInc(int n) {  
    Base case → ① if(n == 0) return;  
    Fact → ① printInc(n-1);  
    Meeting Expectation → ② System.out.println(n);  
  
    main() {  
        printInc(5);  
    }
```



```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);
    int n = scn.nextInt();
    printIncreasing(n);
}

public static void printIncreasing(int n){
    if(n == 0){
        // Base Case
        return;
    }

    // 1. Faith : 1, 2, .. n-1
    printIncreasing(n - 1);

    // 2. Meet Expectation with Faith
    System.out.println(n);
}
```

Tail Recursion

work is being done while returning

## Q2) Point Decreasing

① pointDecreasing(int n) :->

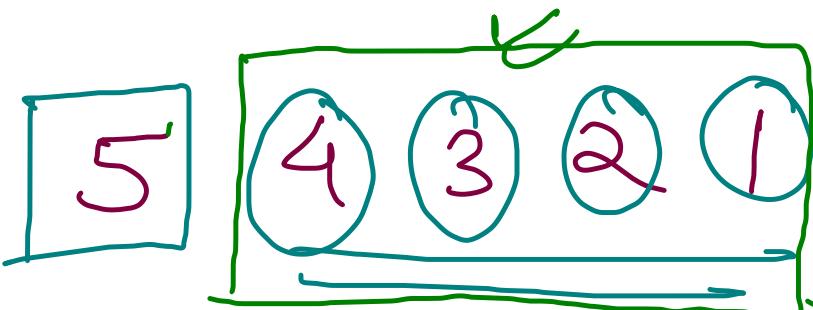
Expectation

$n, n-1, n-2, \dots, 1$

② pointDecreasing(n-1) :->

$n-1, n-2, n-3, \dots, 1$

③ System.out.println(b) :-> Meeting Expectation  
Should be  
before the  
call.



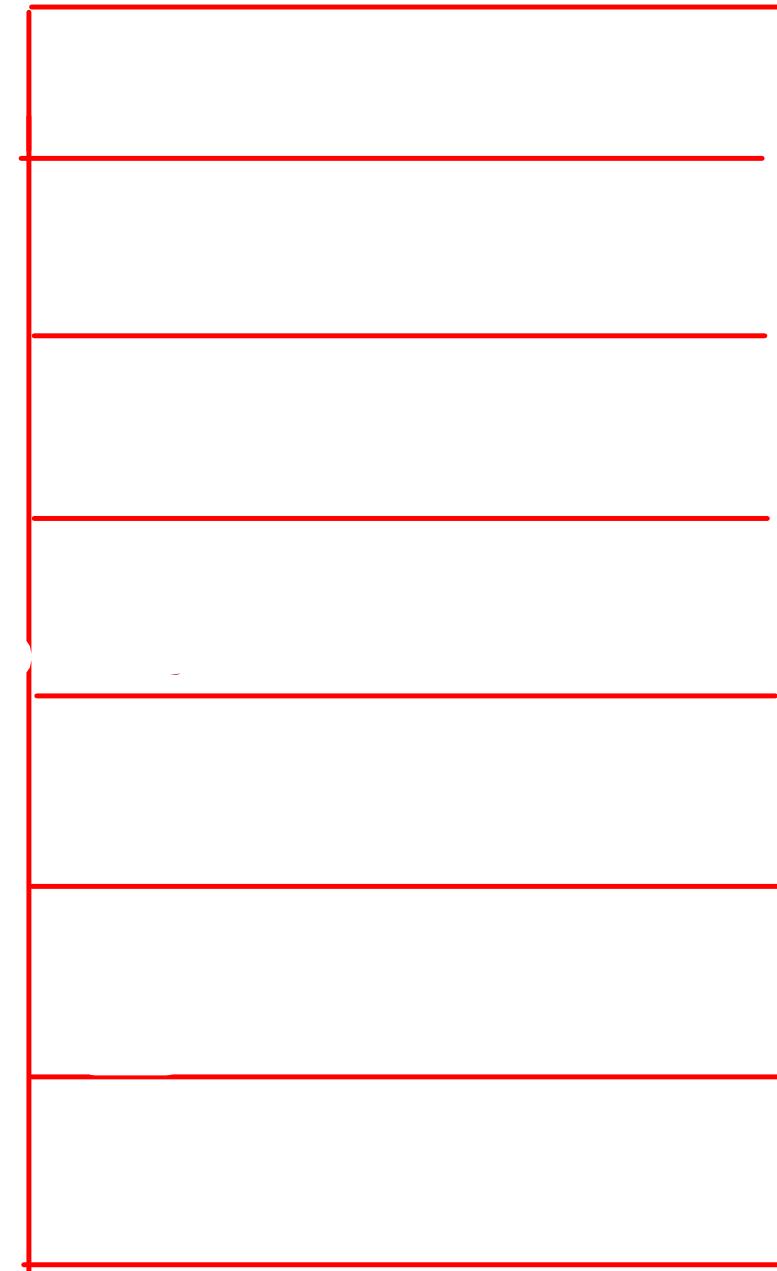
$n=5$     5 4 3 2 1

void printDec (int n) {  
    ① if ( $n == 0$ ) return;  
    System.out.println (n); } → Border

② printDec (n-1);

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~~head recursion~~  
work is done before  
calling functions



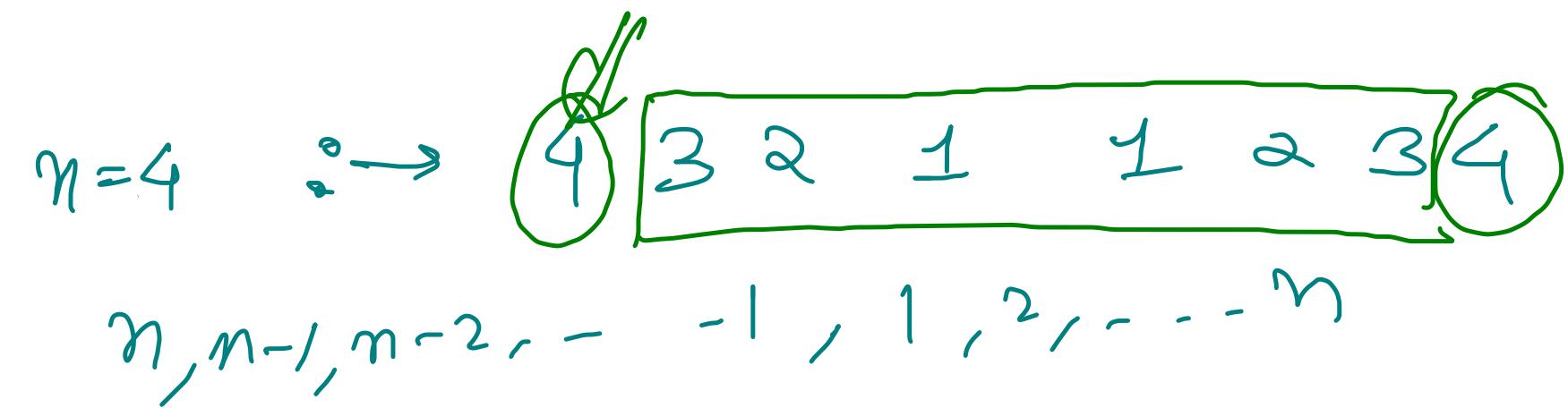
5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Q) Print Increasing Decreasing

High-Level Thinking

① Expectation

PDI(int n) : →



② Fault

PDI(n-1) : →

$n=3 \rightarrow$  3 2 1 1 2 3

$n-1, n-2, n-3, \dots, 1, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-2, n-1$

③ Meeting Expectation

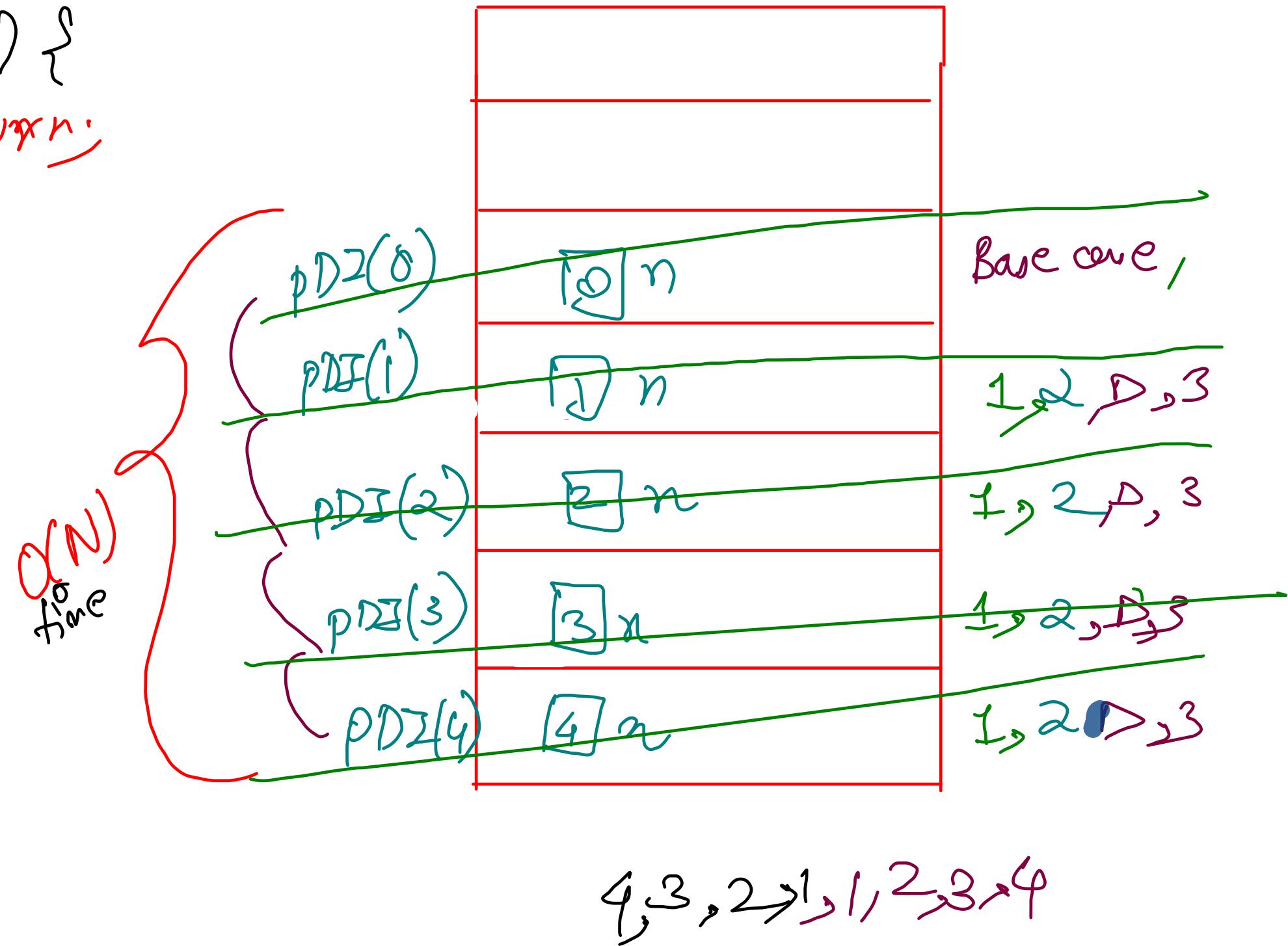
SPO(n) → Preorder  
Postorder

$$N = 4 \quad 4, 3, 2, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4$$

```

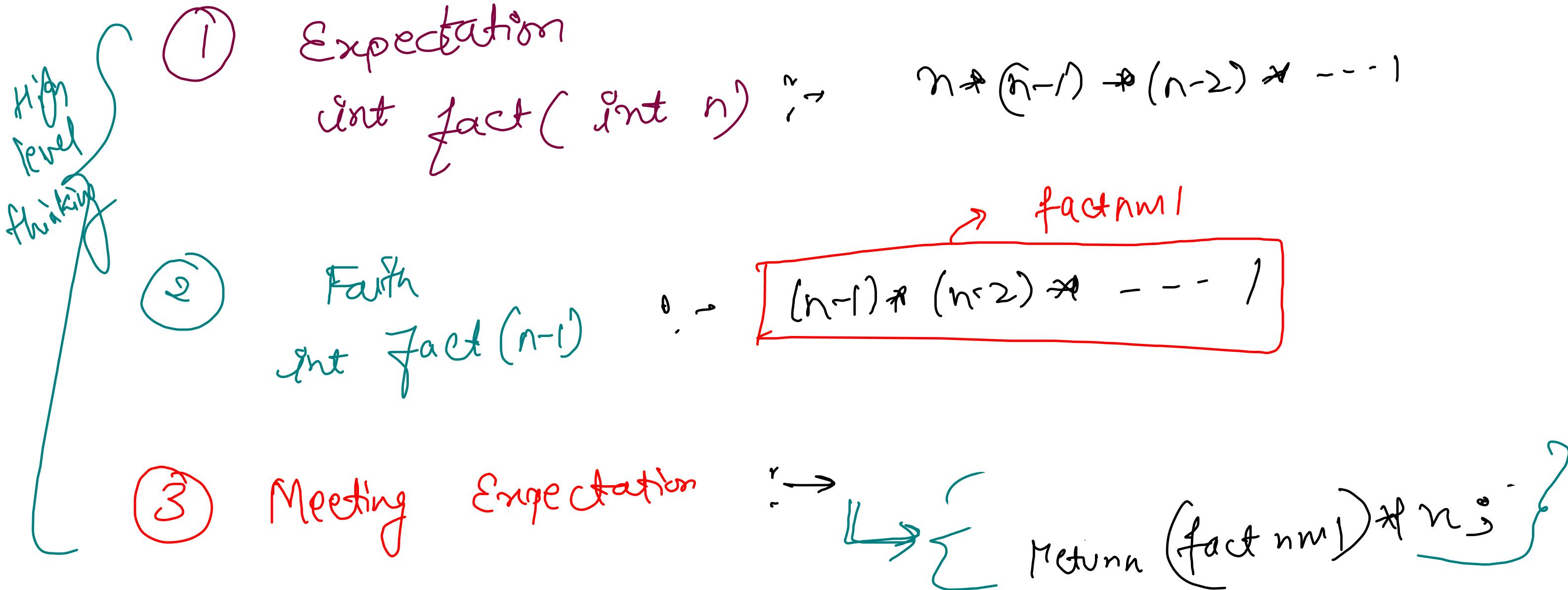
void PDI( int n ) {
    if ( n == 0 ) return;
    Preorder{ ① } Sys0(n);
    father{ ② } PDI( n-1 );
    Postorder{ ③ } Sys0(n);
}
main() {
    PDI( n );
}

```



# Factorial

$$5! = 5 * 4 * 3 * 2 * 1$$

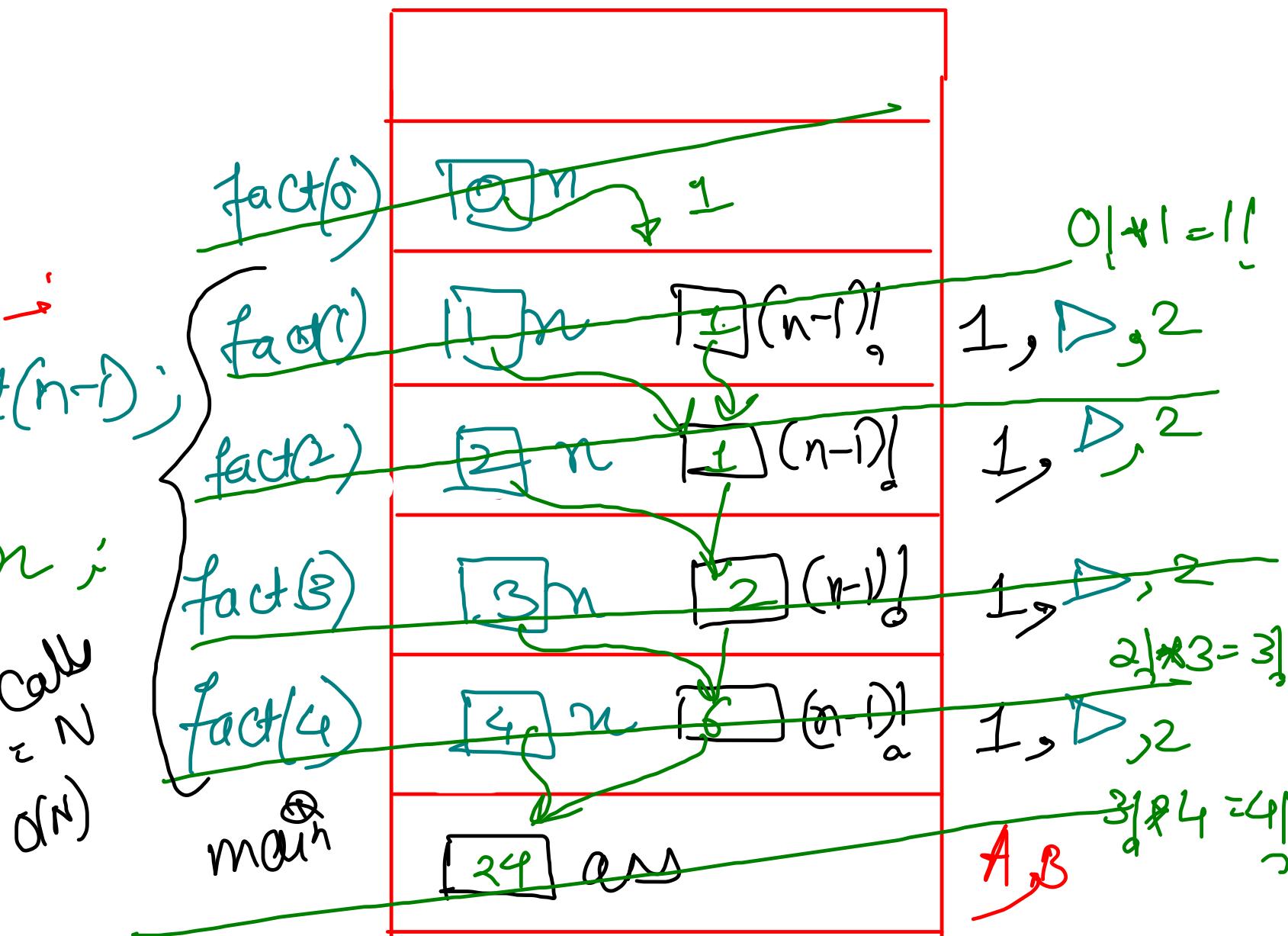


# how-level thinking

$$N=4 \quad 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

```
int fact (int n) {  
    Base case ① if (n == 0) return 1;  
    faith { ② int factnum1 = fact(n-1);  
        Meeting  
        Expectation  
        }  
        return factnum1 * n;  
    }  
    Call  
    = N  
    O(N)  
main() {
```

A      int ans = fact(n);  
B      Sys0(ans);



Power - Linear  $\Rightarrow O(N)$

$$a^b = a * a * a * \dots b \text{ times}$$

$$3^5 = 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3$$

① Expectation  
power( $x, n$ )  $\xrightarrow{\text{constant variable}}$

$$\{ 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 \} \\ x * x * x * \dots n \text{ times}$$

② Faith  
power( $x, n-1$ )  $\xrightarrow{\text{}}$

$$\{ 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 \} \\ x * x * \dots (n-1) \text{ times}$$

③ Meeting Expectation  $\xrightarrow{\text{return}}$

return

$$\text{pxnum} * x^j \\ 3^4 * 3 = 3^5$$

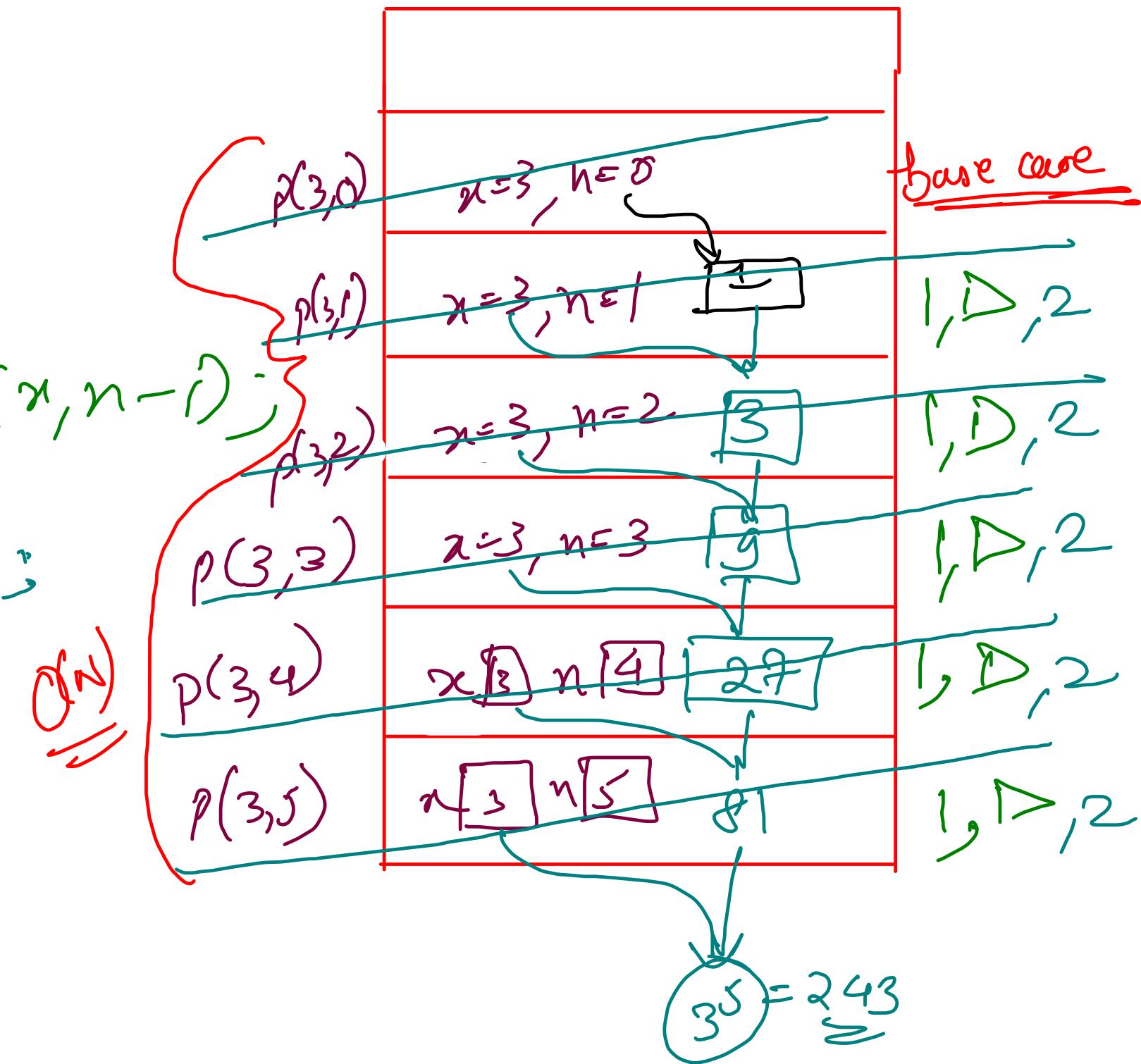
# Low-level Thinking

```
int power(int x, int n) {
```

① if ( $n == 0$ ) return 1;

② int pxnml = power(x, n-1);  
return pxnml \* x;

3



```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    // write your code here
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);
    int x = scn.nextInt();
    int n = scn.nextInt();
    int ans = power(x, n);
    System.out.println(ans);
}

public static int power(int x, int n){
    if(n == 0) return 1; //  $x^0 = 1$ 
    int pxnm1 = power(x, n - 1); // faith
    return pxnm1 * x; // meeting expectation
}
```

## Power - logarithmic

$$x = \cancel{x}^{\frac{n}{2}} + \cancel{x}^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$a^b = a * a * a * \dots \text{ b times}$$

$$3^5 = 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3$$

$$3^8 = 3^4 * 3^4$$

$$\cancel{x}^{\frac{n}{2}} + \cancel{x}^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$3^9 = 3^4 * 3^4 * 3$$

~~if odd~~

① Expectation  
 power( $x, n$ )  $\stackrel{\substack{\text{constant} \\ \text{variable}}}{\rightarrow}$

$$\{ 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 * 3 \}$$

$$x * x * x * \dots \text{ n times}$$

② fair  
 power( $x, n/2$ )  $\stackrel{\substack{\text{?} \\ \text{?}}}{\rightarrow}$

$$\overbrace{x * x * \dots}^{\text{n/2 times}} \xrightarrow{\text{pxnby2}}$$

③ Meeting Expectation  $\stackrel{\substack{\text{?} \\ \text{?}}}{\rightarrow}$

return  $\boxed{\begin{array}{l} \text{pxnby2} \Rightarrow \text{pxnby2} \\ 0 * x \text{ if } (n/2 \text{ is } 1) \end{array}}$

## Low-level Thinking

int power (int x, int n) {

    ① if ( $n == 0$ ) return 1;

    ② int pxnby2 = power(x, n/2);

    if ( $n \% 2 == 1$ ) return x \* pxnby2 \* pxnby2;  
 else return pxnby2 \* pxnby2;

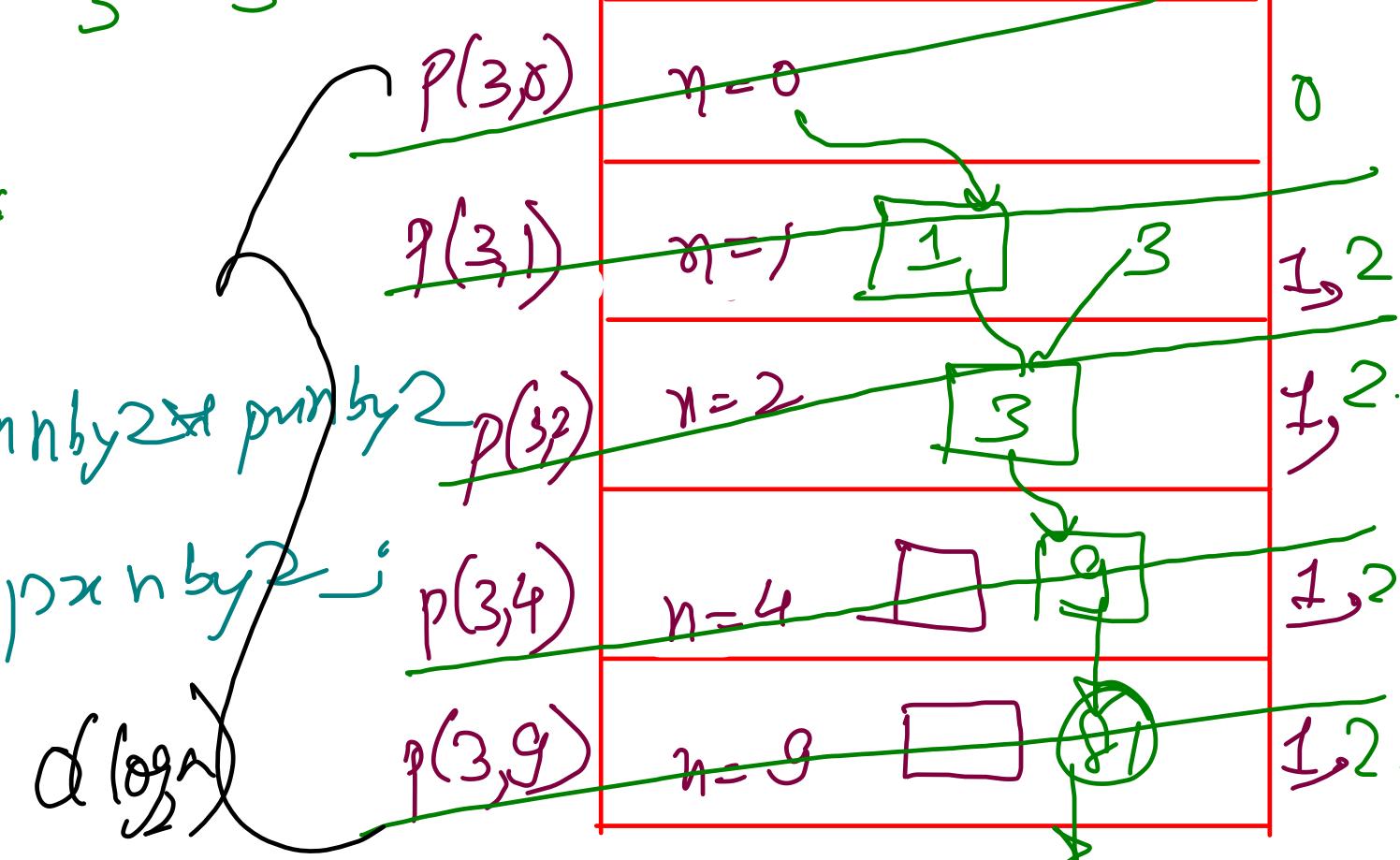
}

$$3^2 = 3^1 \times 3^1$$

$$3^4 = 3^2 \times 3^2$$

$$3^9 = 3^4 \times 3^4 \times 3$$

$$n = 9$$

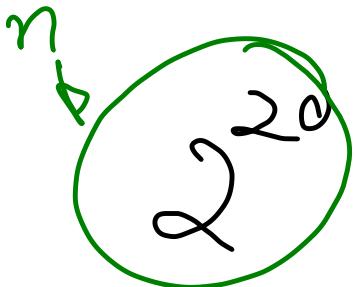


$$3^9 = 81 \times 81 \times 3$$

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {  
    Scanner scn = new Scanner(System.in);  
    int x = scn.nextInt();  
    int n = scn.nextInt();  
    int ans = power(x, n);  
    System.out.println(ans);  
}
```

```
public static int power(int x, int n){  
    if(n == 0) return 1;  
  
    int pxnby2 = power(x, n/2);  
  
    if(n % 2 == 1) return pxnby2 * pxnby2 * x;  
    else return pxnby2 * pxnby2;  
}
```

$$n = 2^x \Rightarrow \text{no of calls} = x$$



$$\log n = \log(2^x)$$

$$O(n) \Rightarrow 1048576$$

$$\log n = x \Rightarrow \log_2 2$$

$$O(\log_2 n) \Rightarrow O(\log_2 2^{20}) \\ = O(20)$$

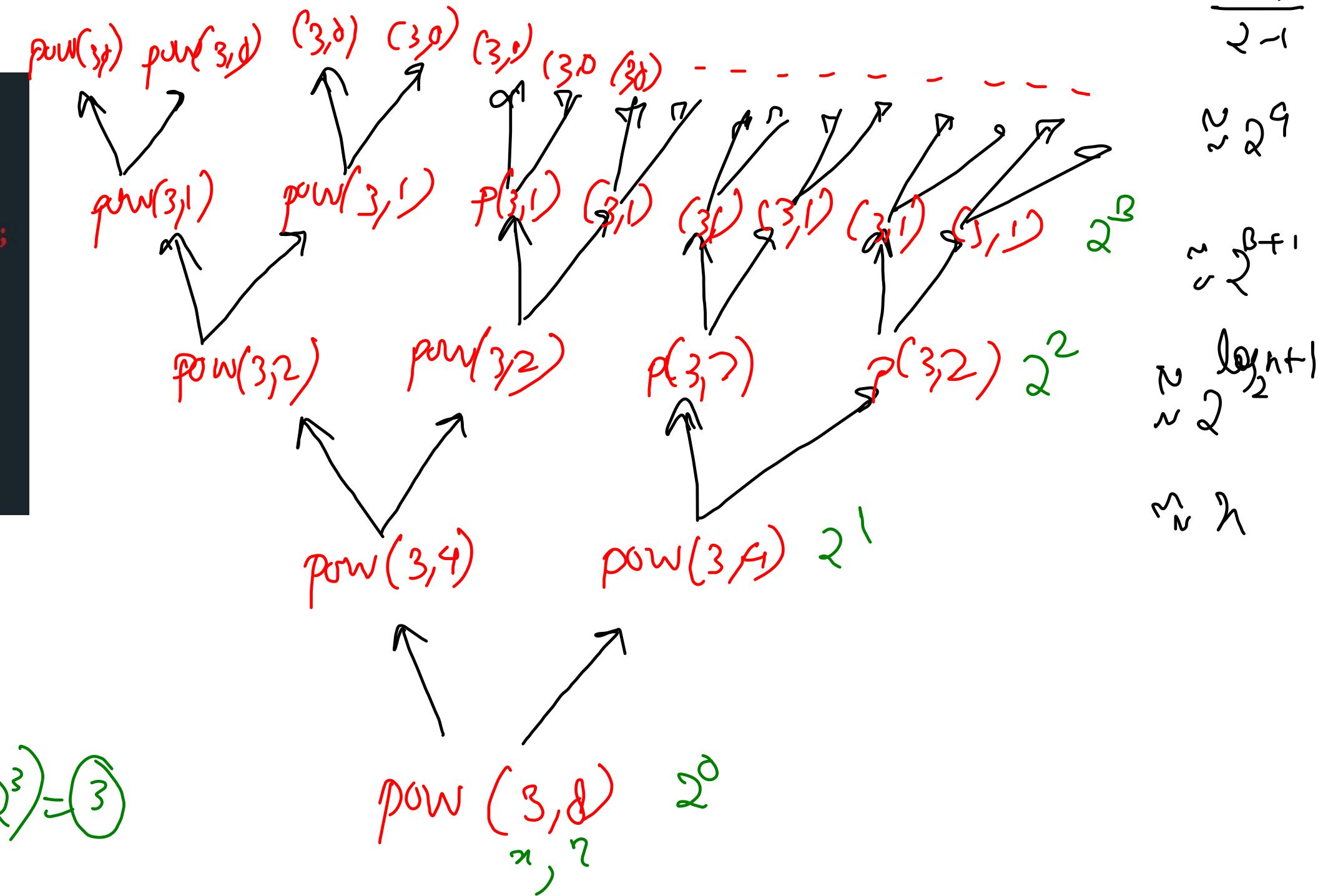
$$\log n = x \Rightarrow \text{no of call} \Rightarrow O(\log_2 n) \text{ constant}$$

## Today's Questions

- ① Power - 3<sup>rd</sup> method
- ② Print zigzag
- ③ Tower of Hanoi
- ④ Display Array
- ⑤ Display Array - Reverse
- ⑥ Max of Array

Power  $\rightarrow$  III<sup>rd</sup> method

```
public static int power(int x, int n) {
    if(n == 0){
        return 1;
    }
    int xpn = power(x, n/2) * power(x, n/2);
    if(n % 2 == 1){
        xpn = xpn * x;
    }
    return xpn;
}
```



$$n = 8$$

$$\mathcal{O}(\log_2 n) = \mathcal{O}(\log_2 2^3) = 3$$

(c) Point Zigzag

# ① Expectation :-

point Zigzag( int n )

3 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 3 2 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2 3 , 2

2 Faith

printZigzag(n-1)

2 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 2

## ③ Meet Expectations ↗

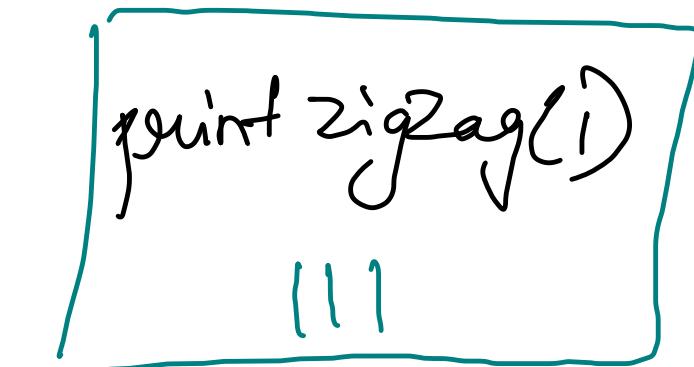
Sysu(n)

print zigzag( $n-1$ )

Sys 0 (n)

Paint zigzag (n+1)  
Sys0(n)

point 2



```

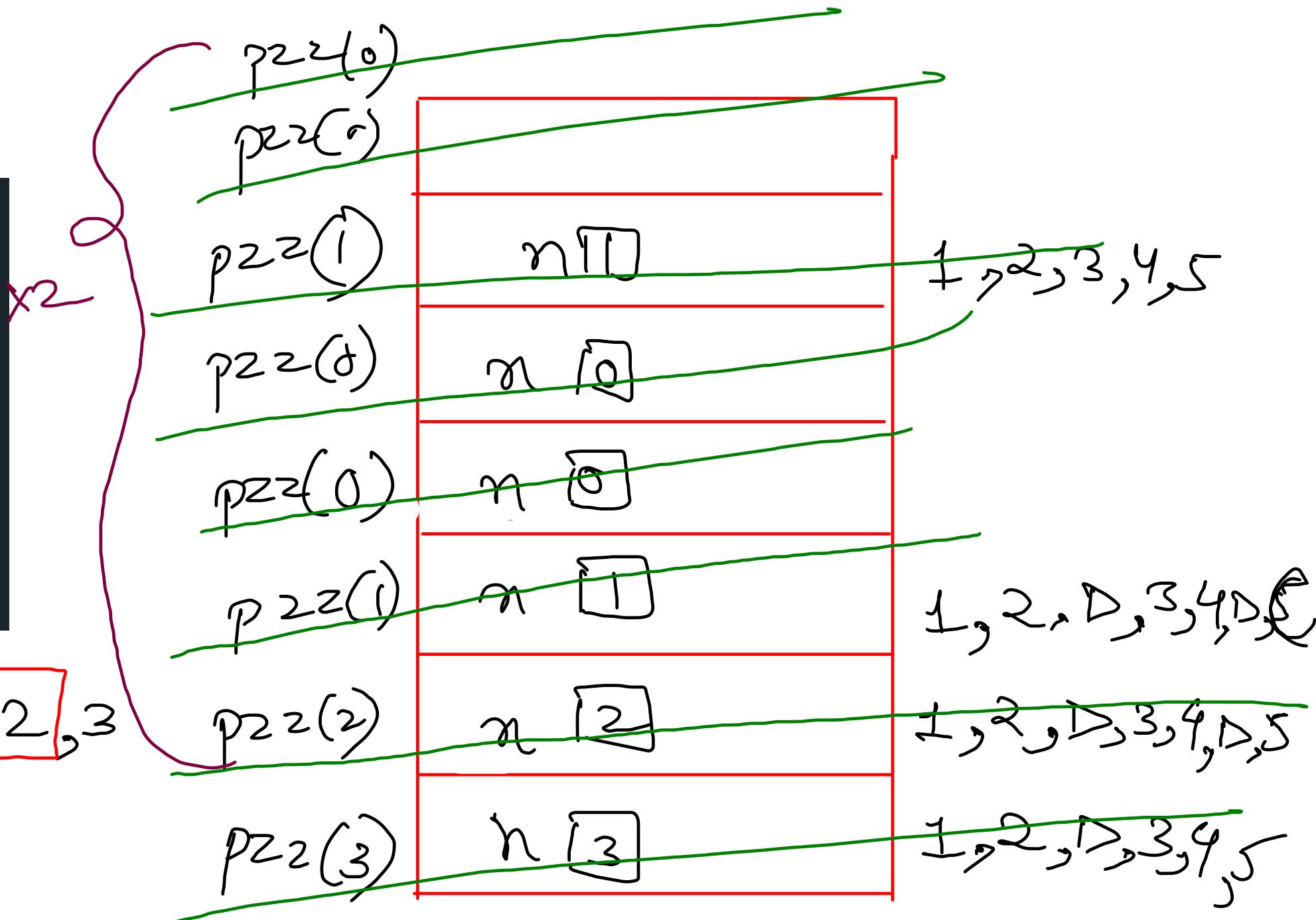
public static void pzz(int n){
    if(n == 0) return;

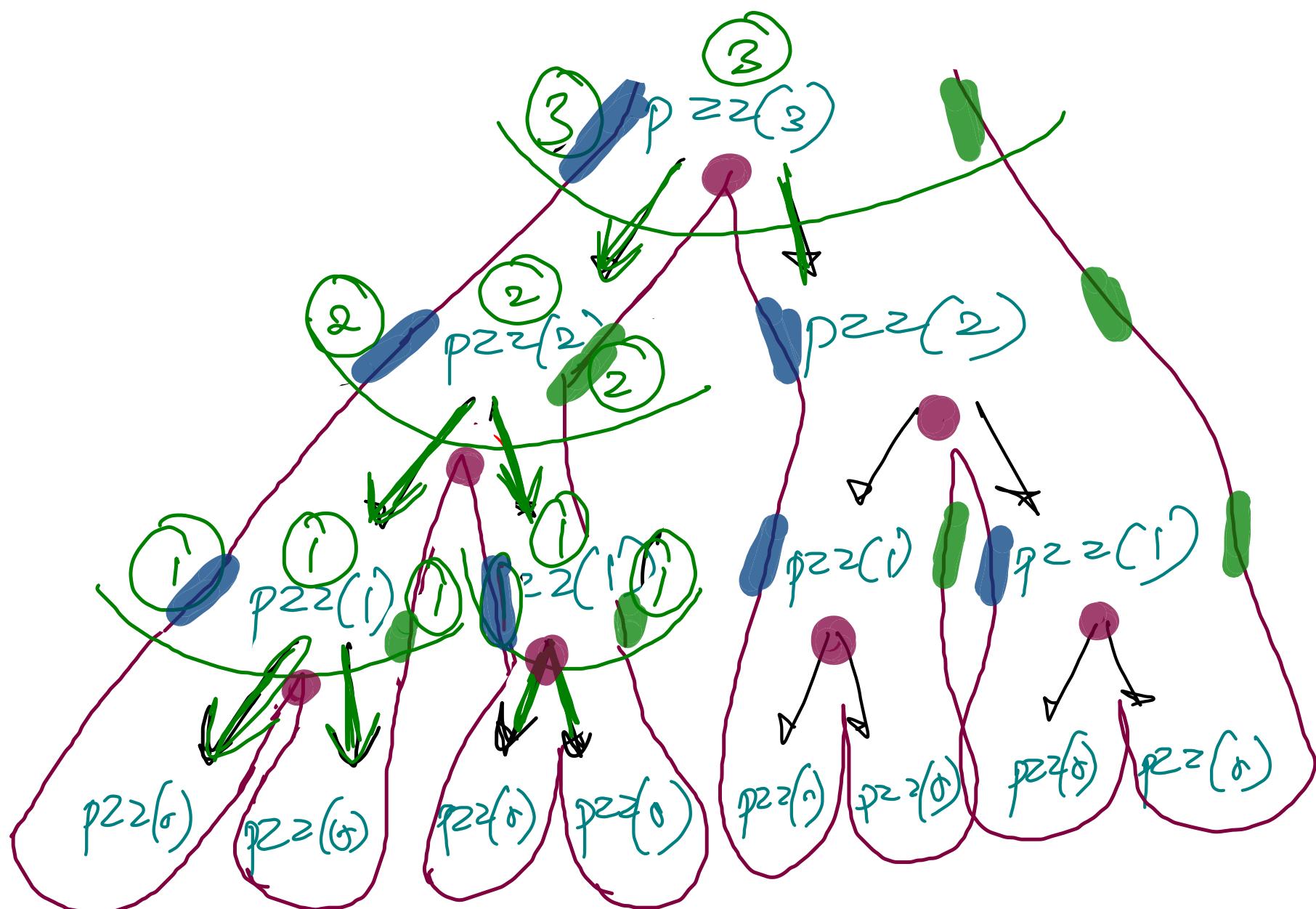
    System.out.print(n + " ");
    pzz(n - 1);
    System.out.print(n + " ");
    pzz(n - 1);
    System.out.print(n + " ");
}

```

3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3

2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3





```

public static void pzz(int n){
    if(n == 0) return;
    Preorder: System.out.print(n + " ");
    Left: pzz(n - 1);
    Middle: System.out.print(n + " ");
    Right: pzz(n - 1);
}

```

Depth first Search

↓  
Recursive tree/  
euler tree

## Recursion

$c$  ↗  
(calls)<sup>height</sup> + {preorder + inorder + postorder} \* height

eg Point zigzag

$$2^n + \{k+k+k\} * n = 2^n + 3kn$$

$O(2^n)$

# Recursion & Arrays

## ① Display Array

```
public static void displayArr(int[] arr, int idx){  
    ...  
}
```

## ③ Meeting Expectation

→ Preorder

sys( arr[idx] )

display( arr, idx + 1 )

① Expectation  
{ 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 }

displayArr( arr, 0 )

## ② Faith

display( arr, 1 )

{ 20, 30, 40, 50 }

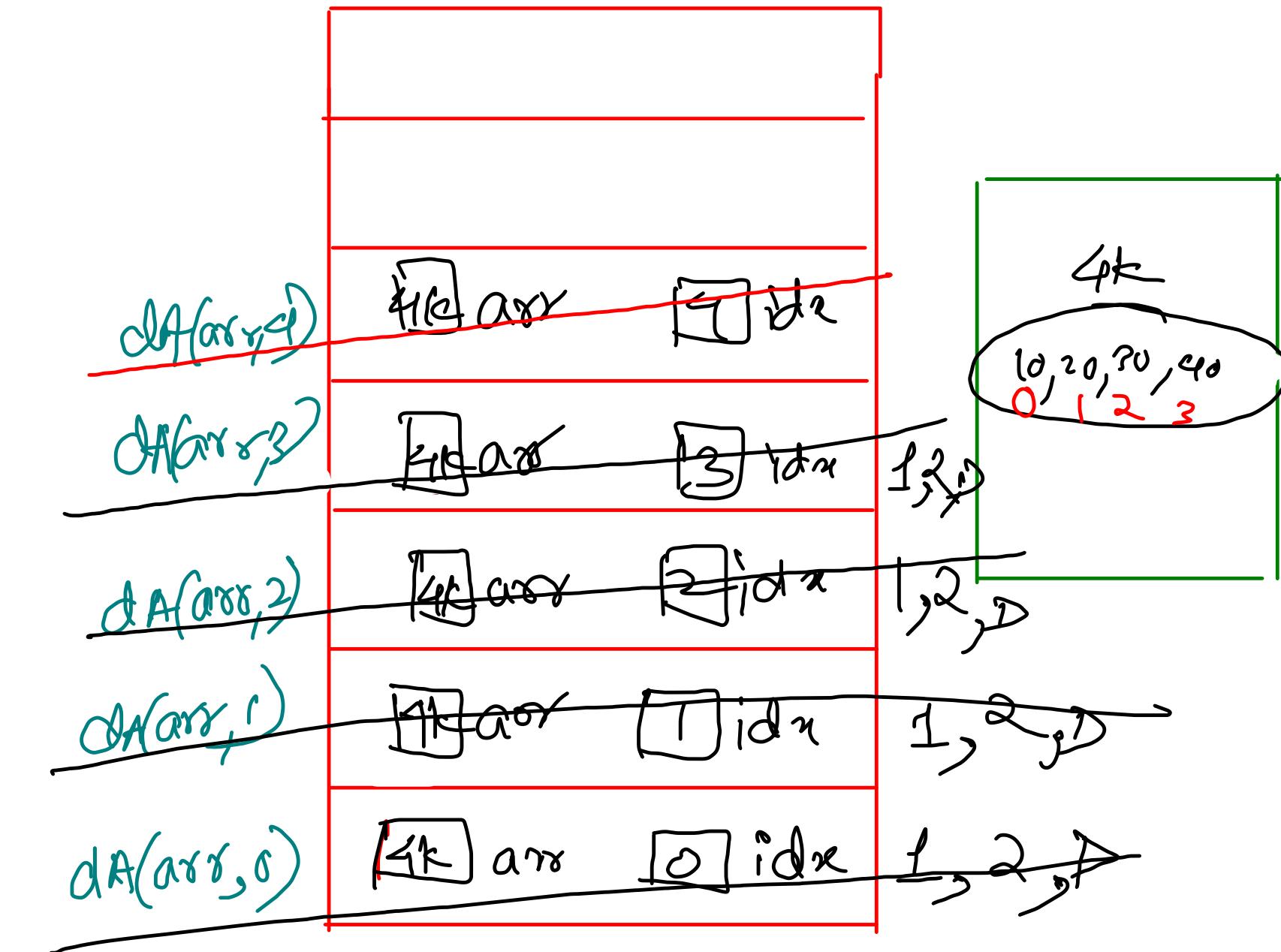
④ Base case  
if( idx == arr.length )  
 return

```

public static void displayArr(int[] arr, int idx){
    if(idx == arr.length) return;
    // preorder -> Meeting Expectation
    System.out.println(arr[idx]); {bordered}
    // faith
    displayArr(arr, idx + 1);
}

```

10, 20, 30, 40



## Q) Maximum In an Array

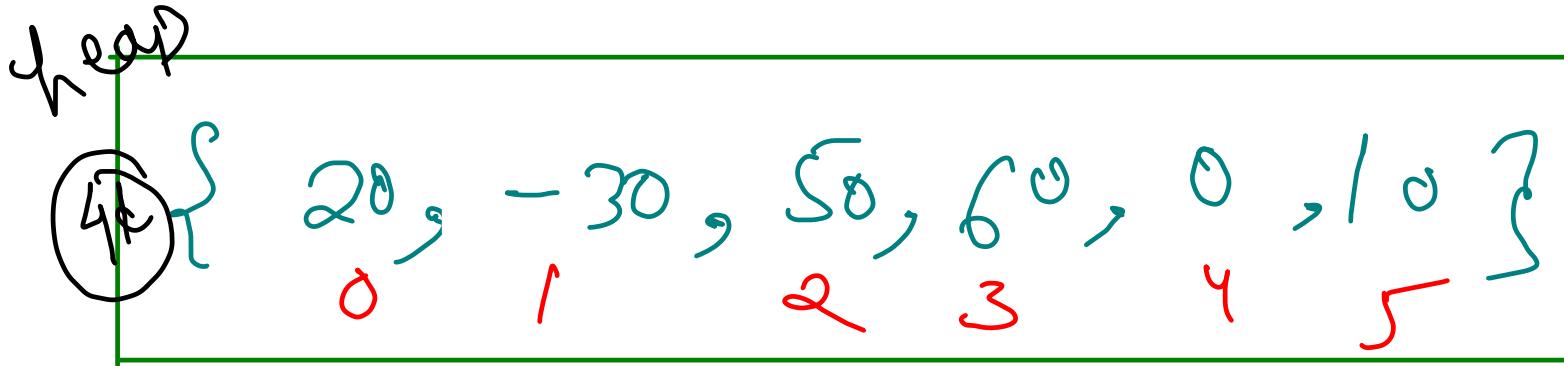
{ 20, -30, 50, 60, 0, 10, 40 }

① Expectation

int max of Array( arr, l )  $\Rightarrow$  max arr[0 : l-1]  $\Rightarrow$  60

② Faith int max of Arr( arr, l )  $\Rightarrow$  max arr[1 : l-1]

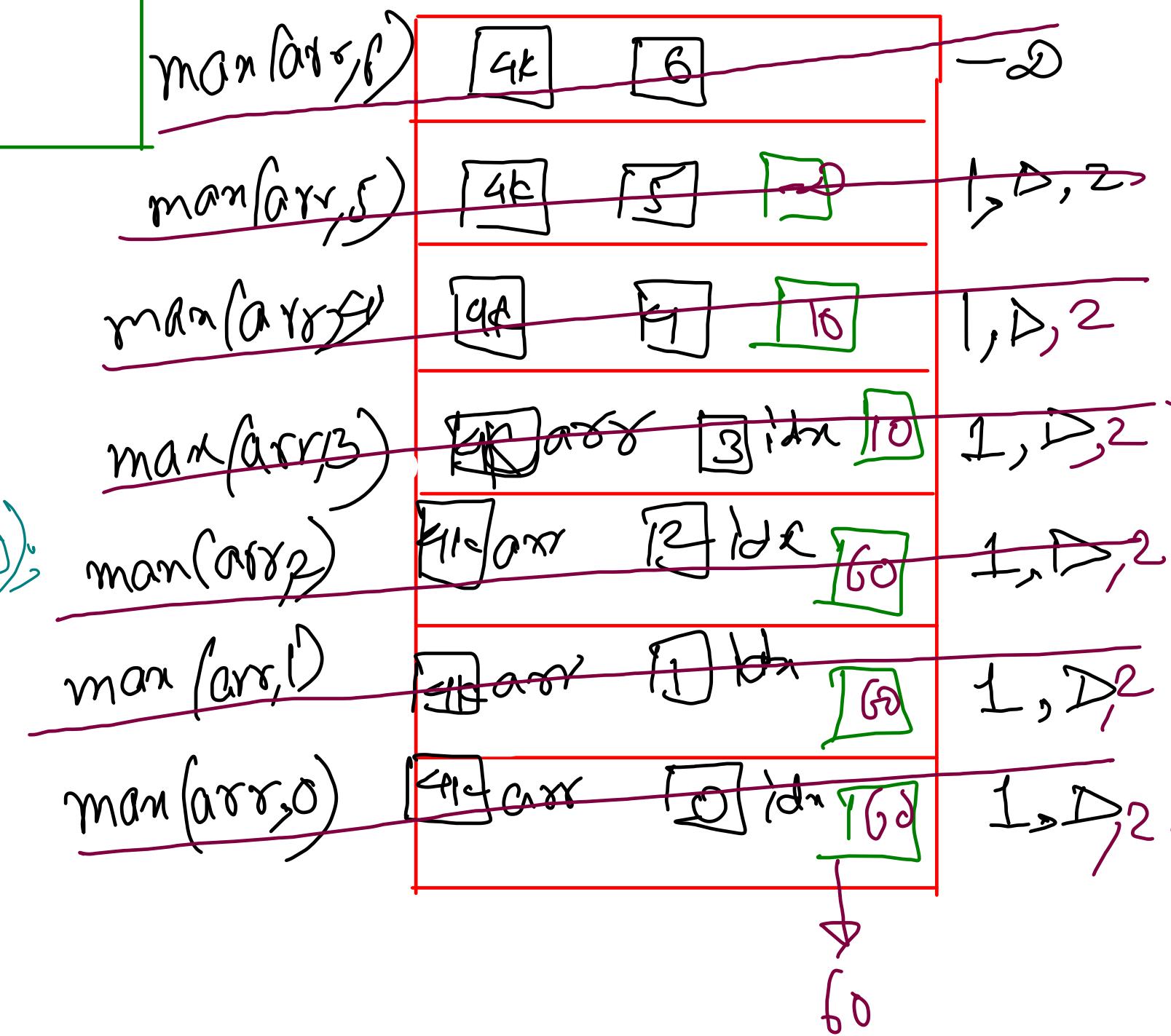
③ Meeting Expectation  $\Rightarrow$  return max( arr[i:l], maxall )



```

int maxOfArr(int [] arr, int idn) {
    ⑥ if( idn == arr.length ) return -∞;
    ① int maxTemp = max(arr, idn+1);
    ② return max(maxTemp, arr[idn]);
}

```



Addition

$$x + ? = x$$

Subtraction

$$x - ? = x$$

Multiplication

$$x * ? = x$$

Minimum

$$\min(x, +\infty) = x$$



Integer. MAX VALUE

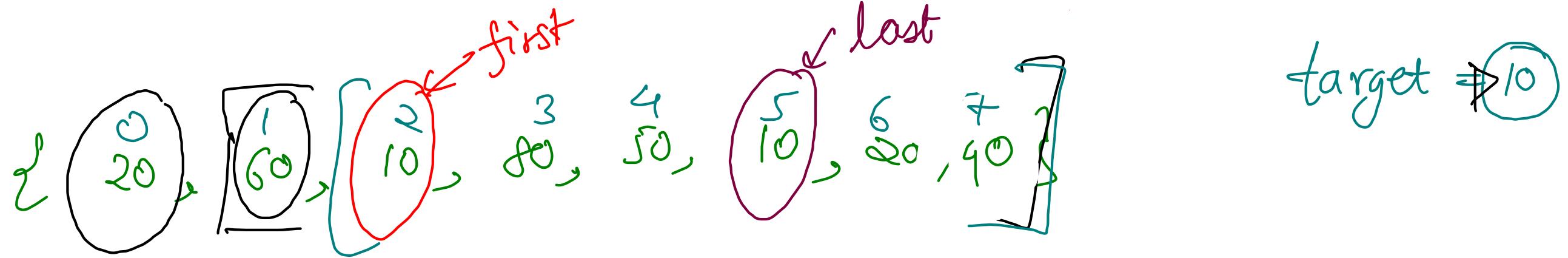
$$+2^{31} - 1$$

Maximum

$$\min(x, -\infty) = x$$

Integer. MIN VALUE

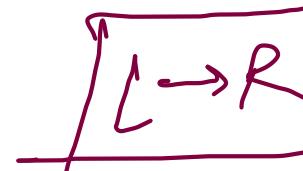
$$-2^{31}$$



First Index

$fI(\text{arr}, c) \rightarrow 2$

faith



temp =  $fI(\text{arr}, \text{idn}+1)$

Meeting End

if ( $\text{arr}[\text{idn}] == \text{target}$ )  
    T → return  $\text{idn};$   
    F → return temp;

Last Index

$fI(\text{arr}, a.l - 1)$

faith



temp =  $fI(\text{arr}, \text{idn} - 1)$

Meeting End

if ( $\text{arr}[\text{idn}] == \text{target}$ )  
    T → return  $\text{idn};$   
    F → return temp;

```
public static int firstIndex(int[] arr, int idx, int x){  
    if(idx == arr.length) return -1;  
  
    ① if(arr[idx] == x){  
        // meeting expectation  
        return idx;|  
    } else {  
        // faith  
        return firstIndex(arr, idx + 1, x);  
    }  
}
```

$$\{ 20, 50, 10, 80, 50, 10, 20, 40 \}$$

```
public static int lastIndex(int[] arr, int idx, int x){  
    if(idx == -1) return -1; // search unsuccessful  
  
    if(arr[idx] == x){  
        return idx;  
    } else {  
        return lastIndex(arr, idx - 1, x);  
    }  
}
```

