

Assignment 8: Recursive function

You should read the following topics before starting this exercise

1. Recursive definition
2. Declaring and defining a function
3. How to call a function
4. How to pass parameters to a function

Recursion is a process by which a function calls itself either directly or indirectly. The points to be remembered while writing recursive functions

- i. Each time the function is called recursively it must be closer to the solution.
- ii. There must be some terminating condition, which will stop recursion.
- iii. Usually the function contains an if-else branching statement where one branch makes recursive call while other branch has non-recursive terminating condition

Expressions having recursive definitions can be easily converted into recursive functions

| Sr. No | Recursive definition | Recursive Function | Sample program |
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| 1. | The recursive definition for factorial is given below: $n! = 1 \quad \text{if } n = 0 \text{ or } 1$ $= n * (n-1)! \text{ if } n > 1$ | <pre>long int factorial (int n) { If(n==0) (n==1)) /* terminating condition */ return(1); else return(n* factorial(n-1)); /* recursive call */ }</pre> | <pre>#include <stdio.h> main() { int num; /* function declaration */ long int factorial(int n); printf("\n enter the number:"); scanf("%d",&num); printf("\n The factorial of %d is %ld",num,factorial(num)); } /* function code*/</pre> |
| 2. | The recursive definition for nCr (no of combinations of r objects out of n objects) is as follows $nCn = 1$ $nC0 = 1$ $nCn = n-1Cr + nCr-1$ | <pre>long int nCr(int n, int r) { if(n==r r==0) /* terminating condition */ return(1); else return (nCr(n-1,r) + nCr(n, r-1)); /* recursive call */ }</pre> | <pre>#include <stdio.h> /* function code*/ main() { int n, r; printf("\n enter the total number of objects:"); scanf("%d",&n); printf("\n enter the number of objects to be selected"); scanf("%d",&r); printf("\n The value %dC%d is %ld",n, r, nCr(n,r)); }</pre> |

Set A . Write C programs for the following problems

1. Write a recursive C function to calculate the sum of digits of a number. Use this function in main to accept a number and print sum of its digits.
2. Write a recursive C function to calculate the GCD of two numbers. Use this

function in main. The GCD is calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gcd}(a,b) &= a && \text{if } b = 0 \\ &= \text{gcd}(b, a \bmod b) && \text{otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

3. Write a recursive function to find factorial of a given number.
4. Write a recursive C function to calculate x^y . (Do not use standard library function)

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Set B. Write C programs for the following problems

1. Write a recursive function to calculate Fibonacci number. Use this function in main to display the first n Fibonacci numbers. The recursive definition of nth Fibonacci number is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fib}(n) &= 1 && \text{if } n = 1 \text{ or } 2 \\ &= \text{fib}(n-2) + \text{fib}(n-1) && \text{if } n > 2 \end{aligned}$$

2. Write a recursive function to calculate the sum of digits of a number till you get a single digit number. Example: 961 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 5. (Note: Do not use a loop)
3. Write a recursive C function to print the digits of a number in reverse order. Use this function in main to accept a number and print the digits in reverse order separated by tab.

Example: 3456 Output: 6 5 4 3

(Hint: Recursive print(n) = print n if n is single digit number
= print n % 10 + tab + Recursive print (n/10)

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Assignment Evaluation

0:Not Done ☐

2:LateComplete ☐

4:Complete ☐

1:Incomplete ☐

3:Need Improvement ☐

5: Well Done ☐

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