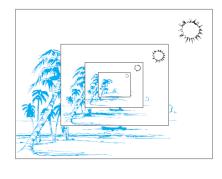


# Recursive

Sometimes it is difficult to define an object explicitly. However, it may be easy to define this object in terms of itself. This process is called **recursion**.



$$f(0) = 3,$$
  
 $f(n + 1) = 2f(n) + 3.$ 

# Recursively

BASIS STEP:

RECURSIVE STEP:

$$f(1) =$$
 $f(2) =$ 
 $f(3) =$ 
 $f(4) =$ 





Give a recursive definition of  $a^n$ , where a is a nonzero real number and n is a nonnegative integer. Recursively

BASIS STEP:

RECURSIVE STEP:

Give a recursive algorithm for computing the greatest common divisor of two nonnegative integers *a* and *b* not both zero.





# Give a recursive algorithm for computing n!, where n is a nonnegative integer.

$$4! =$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} a_{k}.$$





Devise a recursive algorithm for computing  $b^n \mod m$ , where b, n, and m are integers with  $m \ge 2$ ,  $n \ge 0$ , and  $1 \le b$ .

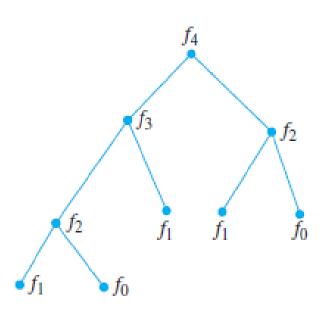


### Some binary-recursions





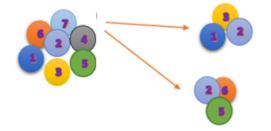
#### Fibonacci numbers of 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, ...





# Some binary-recursions

The number of k-combinators from the set of n+1 elements



$$\begin{pmatrix} n+1 \\ k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n \\ k-1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} n \\ k \end{pmatrix}.$$
number of number of number of  $k$ -element  $k$ -element subsets of subsets of  $S = \{1, \dots, n, n+1\}$   $S$  without  $n+1$   $++$   $- n+1$   $n+1$ 



#### Recursive

#### A Recursive Linear Search Algorithm.



#### Recursive

#### A Recursive Binary Search Algorithm.



# The Merge Sort

The Merge Sort of 8, 2, 4, 6, 9, 7, 10, 1, 5, 3.

