

## Recursion

Function calling itself.

When a function calls itself directly or indirectly

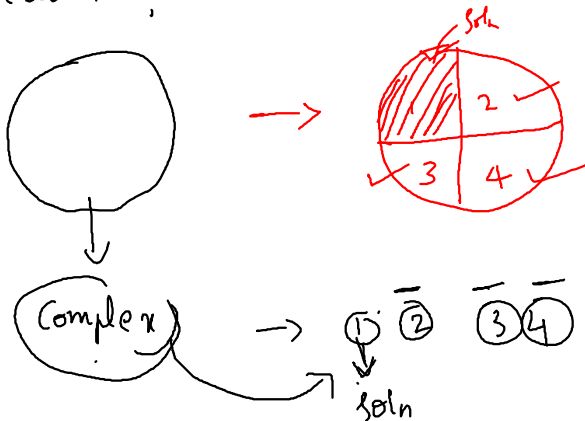
```
void update() {  
    //  
    int main() {  
        update();  
    }  
}
```

normal function call.

```
void update() {  
    update();  
}
```

recursion

Why recursion?



Ek problem  
badi ke mai kar dunga

→ Ek badi problem soln → same type of choti problem

Problem: Finding 5!

5! ⇒ 5 × 4 × 3 × 2 × 1  
↓  
bigger problem ⇒ 5 × 4!  
n! = n × (n-1)!

←  $F(n) = n \times f(n-1) \rightarrow$  smaller problem

Bigger problem

$$5! \Rightarrow 5 \times 4! (24) \Rightarrow 120 //$$

$$4! \Rightarrow 4 \times 3! (6) = 24$$

$$3! \Rightarrow 3 \times 2! (2) = 6$$

$$2! = 2 \times 1! = 1 (2)$$

$$1! = 1$$

Example:

$4^n$

$$n \Rightarrow 5$$

$$4^5 \Rightarrow 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$$

$$4^5 \Rightarrow 4 \times 4^4$$

$$4^n \Rightarrow 4 \times 4^{(n-1)}$$

$$F(n) = 4 \times f(n-1) \text{ Recursive relation.}$$

```
void display(){
    cout<<"Recursion"<<endl;
    display();
}
int main(){
    display();
}
```

?

$\Rightarrow$  When to stop



output  
Recursion  
Recursion  
Recursion  
...

$\rightarrow$  Segmentation fault

infinite loop

if  $n$  to 1

```
n=5
print() {
    print(n-1)
}
print(n)
```

```
5  $\rightarrow n=5$ 
4  $n=(n-1)=4$ 
3  $n-1 \Rightarrow 3$ 
2  $n-1 \Rightarrow 2$ 
1  $n-1 = 1$ 
```

```
void print(int n){
    cout<<n<<endl;
    print(n-1);
}
int main(){
    int n=5;
    print(n);
}
```

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Output

```
5
4
3
2
1
0
...
```

recursion fault

Base case/condition  
stop recursion

① ✗ return mandatory

```
for(i, 0, i/d)
{
}
```

Base condition

if(n==0) return;

≡ ✗

```
void print(int n){
    //base condition
    if(n==0) return;
    cout<<n<<endl;
    print(n-1);
}
int main(){
    int n=5;
    print(n);
}
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```
5
4
3
2
1
```

Base

\* 2 cheezen

Base condition → Return

Recursive relation → calling itself

Example: 1 to 6

6 > stop

```
1 (n+1)
2
3
4
5
6
```

```
void print(int n){
    //base condition
    if(n>6) return;
    cout<<n<<endl;
    print(n+1);
}
```

components for recursion

1) Base condition (return)

2) Processing

3) Recursive relation

①

1) BC

2) P

3) RR → Tail recursion

②

1) BC

2) RR

3) P

Head recursion.

Example : Head recursion

1 to n

BC (n==0)

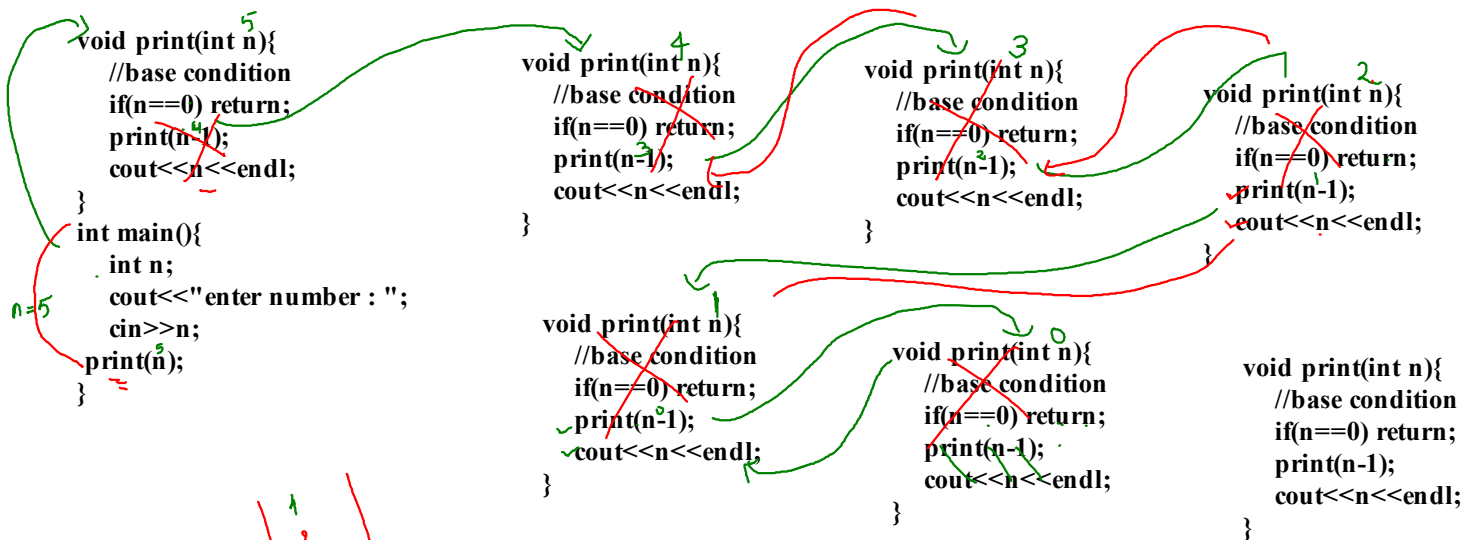
RR ~ (n-1)

Processing . . . n

n=5

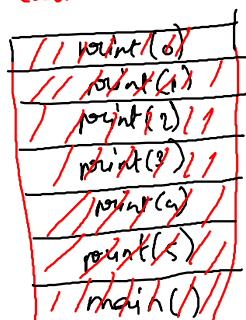
1  
2  
3  
4  
5

(n-1)



1  
2  
3  
4  
5

Call stack



1  
2  
3  
4  
5

Factorial of number

(n==0) return 1;

n=5

$$5! \Rightarrow 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 \times 4!$$

$$f(n) \Rightarrow n \times f(n-1)$$

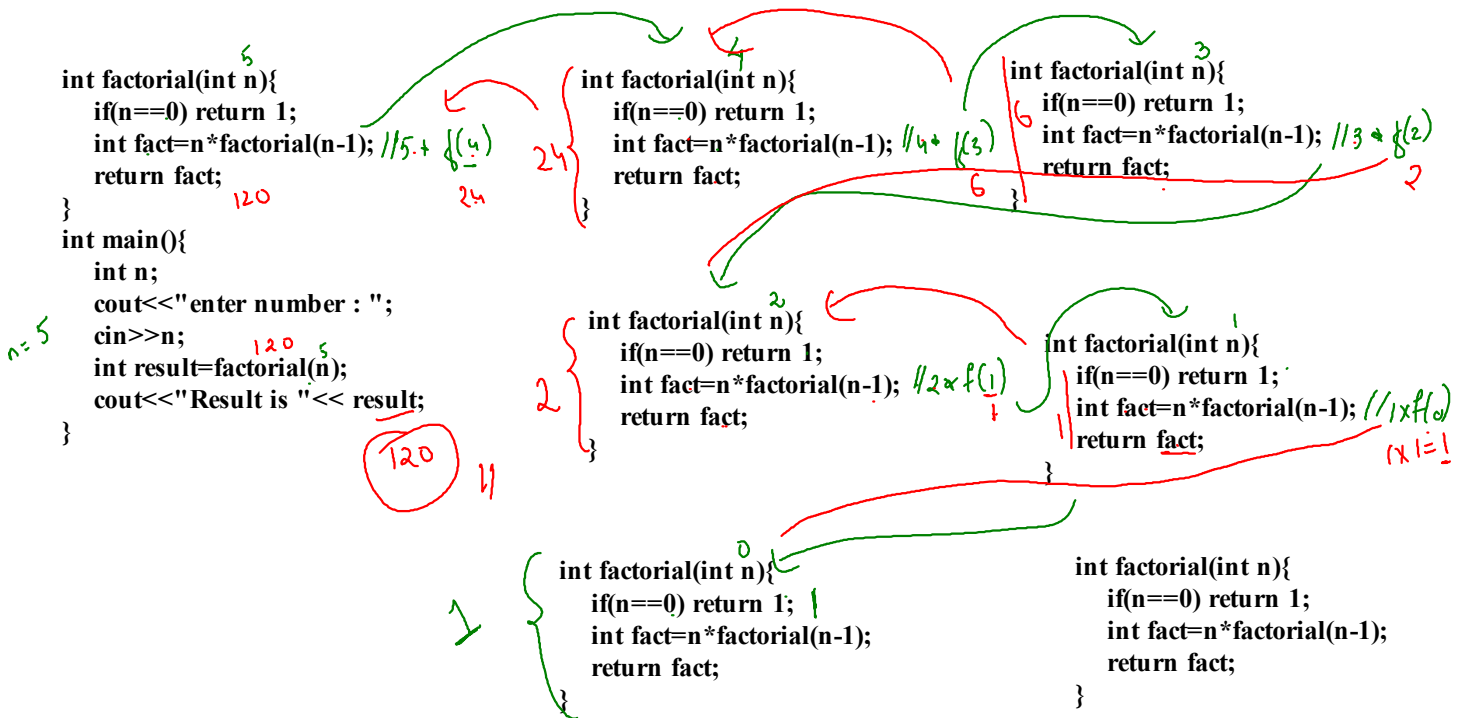
$$5 \times f(4)^{24} \Rightarrow 120$$

$$4 \times f(3)^6$$

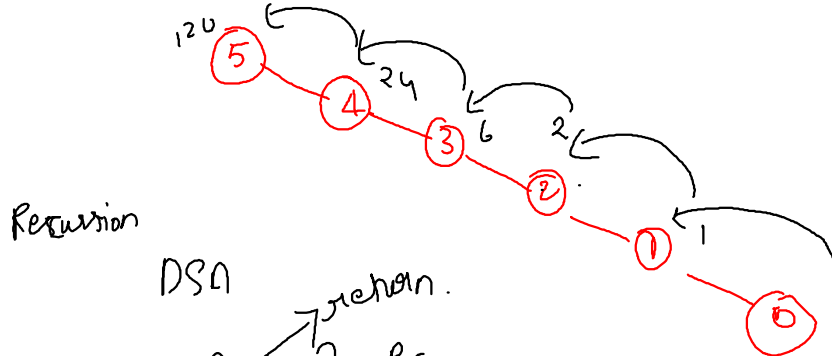
$$3 \times f(2)^2$$

$$2 \times f(1)^1$$

$$1 \times f(0)^1$$



→ Recursion Tree



Recursion

DSA

BC  
RR

Trichan.

BC  
RR  
P → Head

BC

P RR → Tail Recursion