

W3-10020-Recursion

Number of participants: 36



1. Any questions so far?

1 respondent

I dont understand how the tower of hanoi works in both pseudocode and python code



2. What is a return value? Where is "return"?

9 respondents

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The return keyword is to exit a function and return a value.

the answer

the output of the function/ return at the end of the function definition

It's the value that a function will output

RETURN TO WHERE IS FUNCTION IS CALLED

None

output of a function

output



3. A function can call itself

12 correct answers

out of 12
respondents



True

100%

12 votes

False

0%

0 votes



Let's say we have a function def 4. f(arg): I can call this function using print(f)

14 correct answers

out of 15
respondents

True

7%

1 vote



False

93%

14 votes



5. What is recursion?

10 correct answers
out of 11
respondents

A way to sort
arrays

0%

0 votes

A function that
calls another
function

9%

1 vote



A function that
calls itself

91%

10 votes

A function that
runs infinitely

0%

0 votes



6. What happens if the base case is missing in a recursive function?

13 correct answers

out of 16
respondents

The program will
execute
successfully

0%

0 votes

The function will
run only once

6%

1 vote

The program may
enter an infinite
recursion and crash

81%

13 votes

It will
automatically
terminate

13%

2 votes



7. How many times is `f()` called in the following code?

5 correct answers

out of 18
respondents

```
8
9  def f(n) -> None :
10     if n == 0:
11         return
12         f(n - 1)
13         f(n - 1)
14
15  f(3)
```

6



17%

3 votes

7



28%

5 votes

8



22%

4 votes

10



6%

1 vote



15



28%

5 votes



8. What is the time complexity of the naive recursive Fibonacci function?

0 correct answer
out of 1 respondent

```
def nth_fibonacci(n):  
  
    # Base case: if n is 0 or 1, return n  
    if n <= 1:  
        return n  
  
    # Recursive case: sum of the two preceding Fibonacci numbers  
    return nth_fibonacci(n - 1) + nth_fibonacci(n - 2)  
  
n = 5  
result = nth_fibonacci(n)  
print(result)
```

O(N)

0%

0 votes

O(N log N)

0%

0 votes



O(2^N)

0%

0 votes

O(N²)

100%

1 vote



9. What is the space complexity of the naive recursive Fibonacci function?

0 correct answer
out of 0 respondent

```
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    if n <= 1:  
        return n  
  
    # Recursive case: sum of the two preceding Fibonacci numbers  
    return nth_fibonacci(n - 1) + nth_fibonacci(n - 2)  
  
n = 5  
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O(N)

0%

0 votes

O(N log N)

0%

0 votes

O(2^N)

0%

0 votes

O(N²)

0%

0 votes



10. Which of the following problems is best solved using recursion?

0 correct answer
out of 0 respondent



Heap Search

0%

0 votes

Linear Search

0%

0 votes

Insertion Sort

0%

0 votes

Bubble Sort

0%

0 votes



11. Which step in Merge Sort is responsible for most of the computational cost?

0 correct answer
out of 0 respondent

Dividing the array
into two halves

0%

0 votes



Merge two arrays

0%

0 votes

Finding the
midpoint

0%

0 votes

Recursive function
calls

0%

0 votes



12.

How many recursive calls are made when sorting a list of 8 elements using merge sort (not counting the merge steps)?

0 correct answer
out of 0 respondent

7

0%

0 votes

8

0%

0 votes



15

0%

0 votes

16

0%

0 votes



13.

What is the space complexity of Merge Sort? The one we implemented in class.

0 correct answer
out of 0 respondent

 $O(N)$

0%

0 votes

 $O(N^2)$

0%

0 votes

 $O(N \log N)$

0%

0 votes

 $O(1)$

0%

0 votes



14. Merge Sort always divides the array into:

0 correct answer
out of 0 respondent



Two equal parts

0%

0 votes

One sorted half
and one unsorted
half

0%

0 votes

Two unequal parts

0%

0 votes

Depends on the
array size

0%

0 votes