

## ★ Recursion - When function calls itself

↳ jab bigger problem ka solution depend karta ho choti and same type ki problem par

→ fibonacci series



$$n = (n-1) + (n-2)$$

$f(n) \rightarrow$  print counting from  $n$  to 1

$f(5) \rightarrow$  print counting from 5 to 1

$f(5) \rightarrow \underline{\text{print}(5)} + \underline{\text{f}(n)}$

$\text{choti}$  problem

Badi Problem  $\rightarrow 5!$

$$\frac{5 \times 4!}{\text{choti}}$$

$\rightarrow 2^5 = (?)$

Badi Problem  $\rightarrow 2^5$

$$\frac{2 \times 2^4}{\text{choti problem}}$$

→ Recursive code

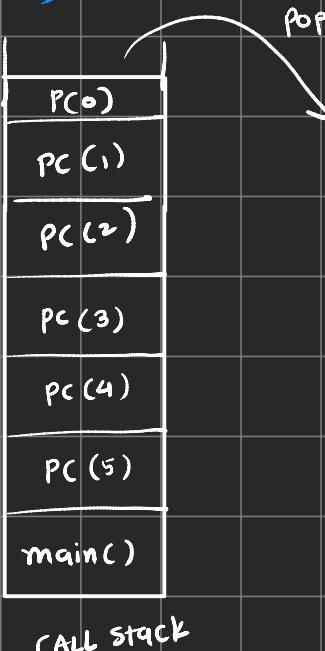
→ Base condition (when stop code)

→ recursive relation / recursive call [  $f(n) = n * f(n-1)$  ]

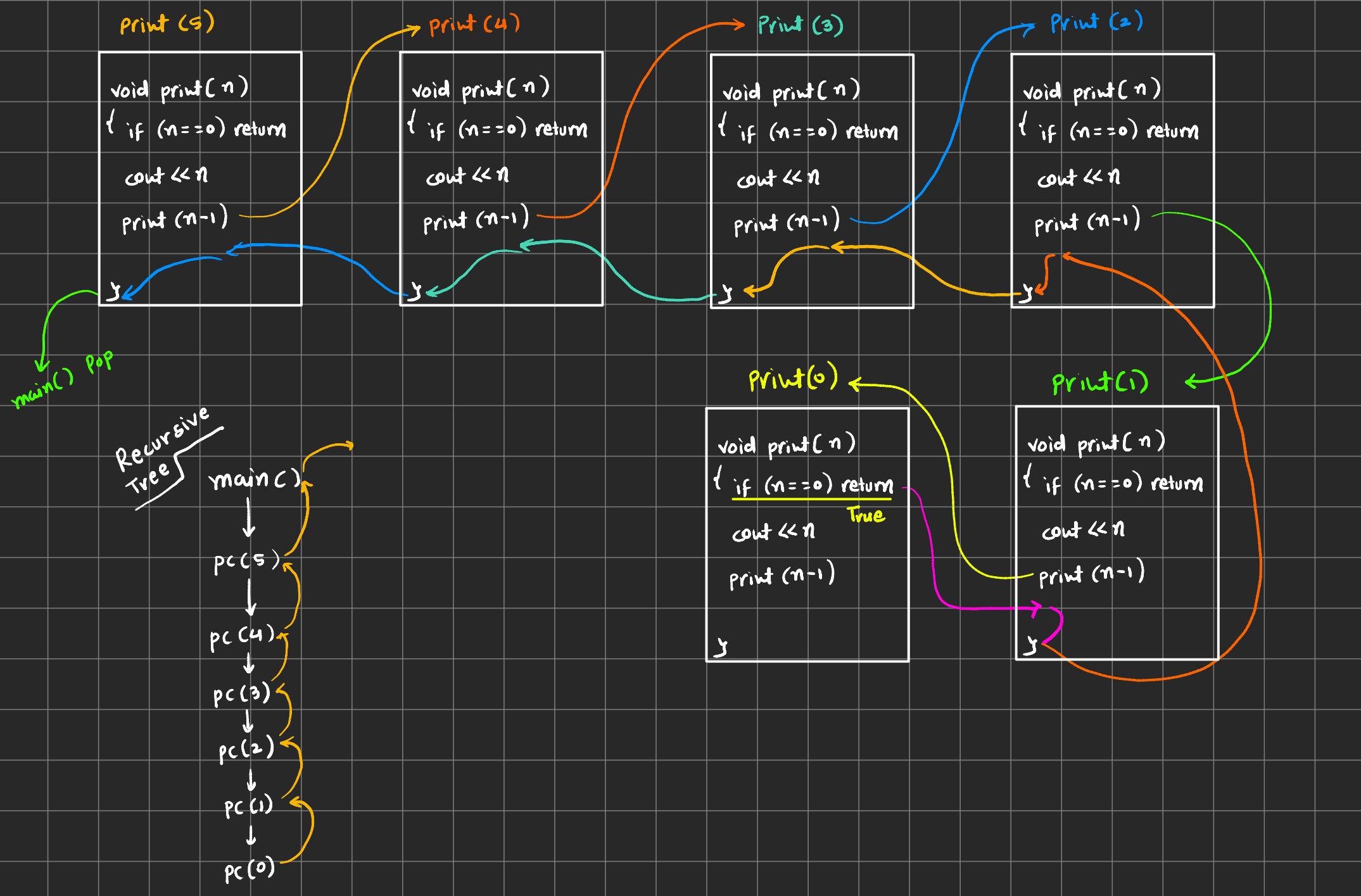
→ processing (optional)

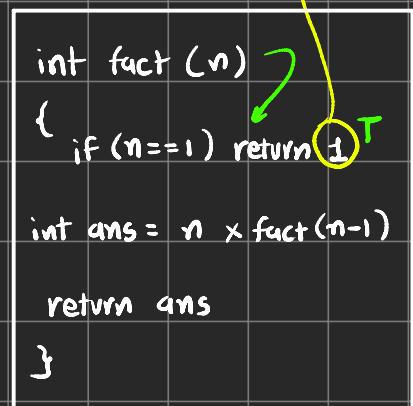
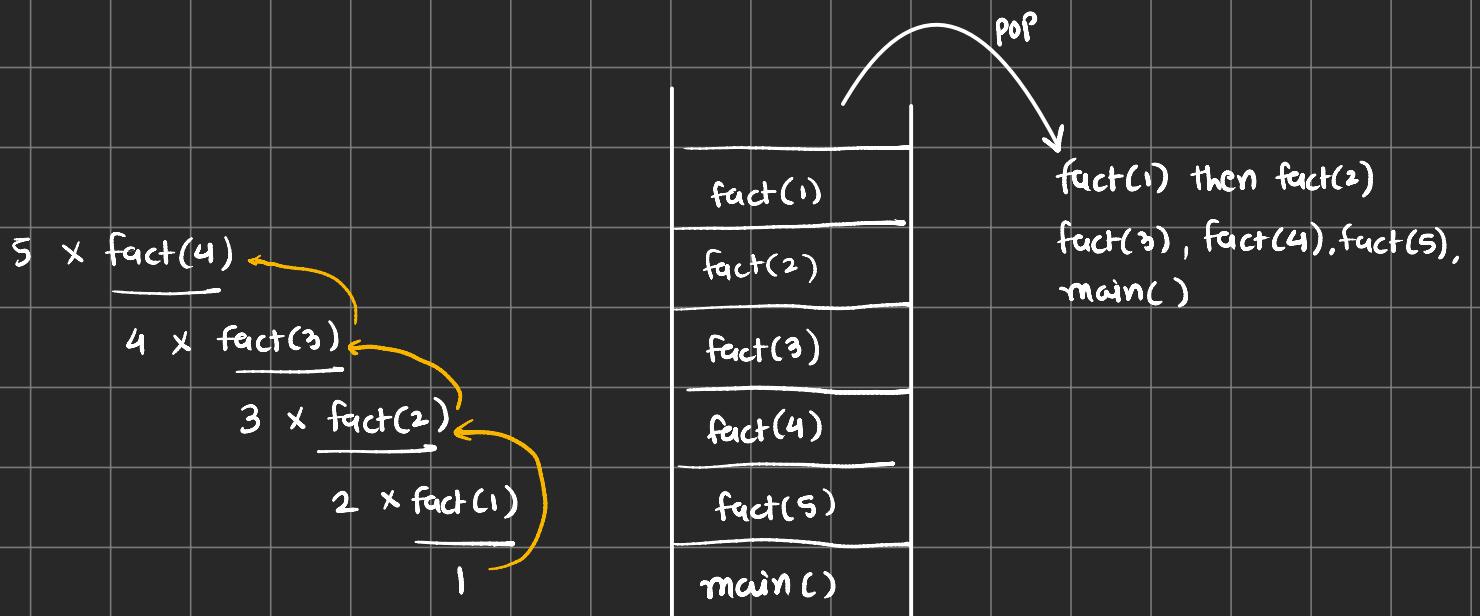
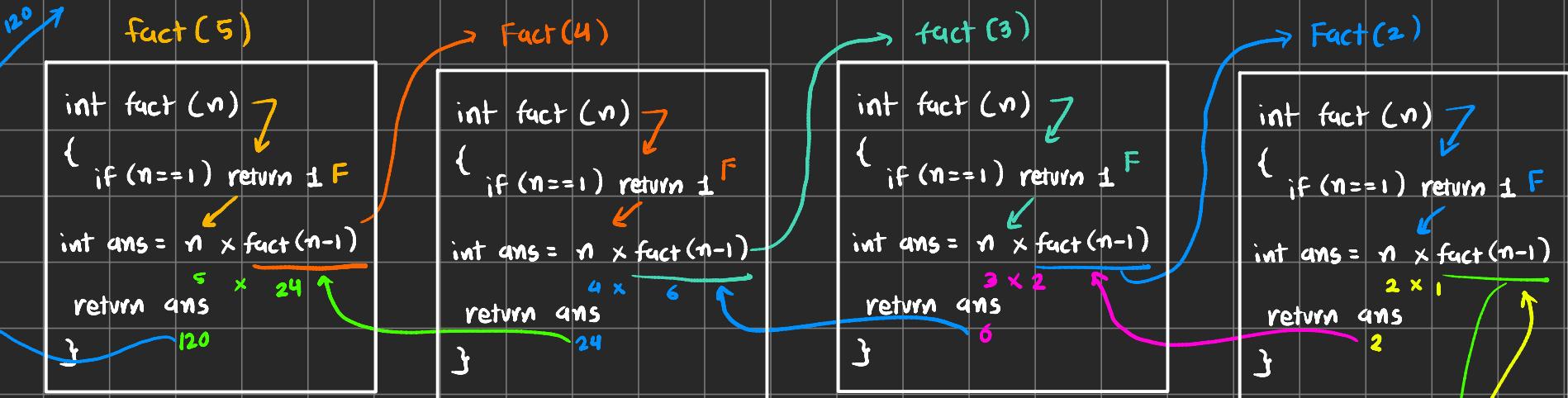
printCounting

```
void counting(int n){  
    // base condition  
    if(n==0){  
        return ;  
    }  
  
    // processing  
    cout << "function is called for " << n << endl;  
  
    // recursive relation  
    counting(n-1);  
    // come here after pop from stack
```



PC(0) then PC(1) then PC(2) then PC(3) then PC(4)  
then PC(5) then main()





```

void solve()
{
    // Base case
    // processing
    // Recursive → Tail recursion
}

```

```

void solve()
{
    // Base case
    // recursive → Head recursion
    // processing
}

```

```

void print (n)
{
    if (n==0) return
    cout << n
    print (n-1) → Tail recursion
}

```

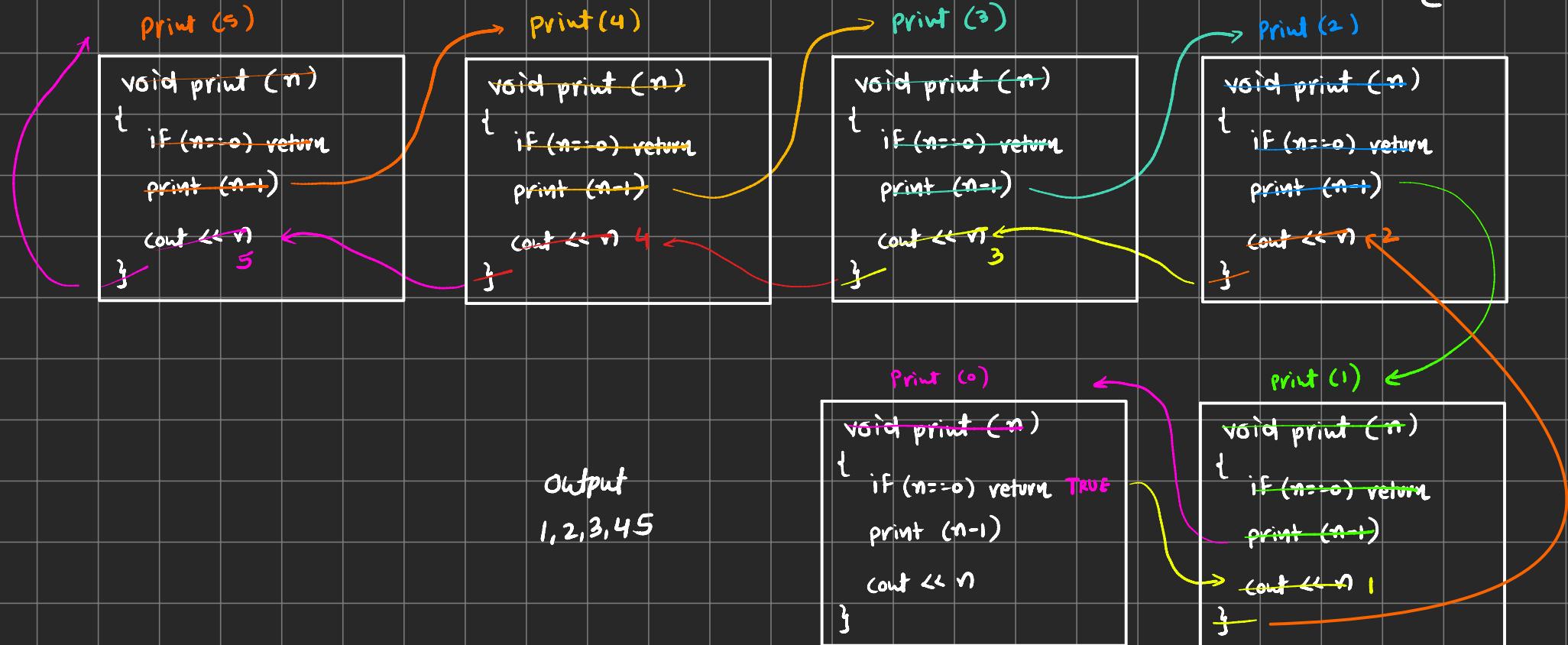
output → 5 4 3 2 1

```

void print (n)
{
    if (n==0) return
    print (n-1) → Head recursion
    cout << n → Rear
}

```

output → 1 2 3 4 5



```

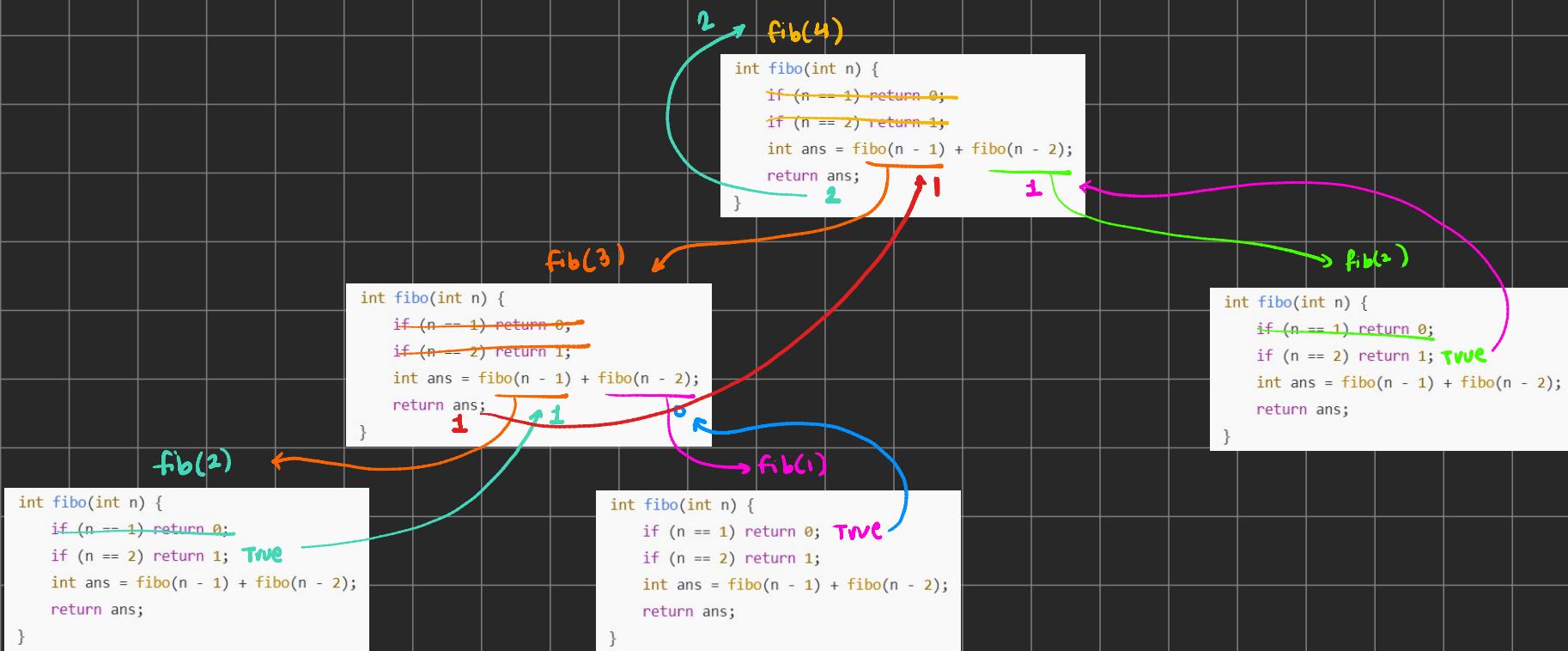
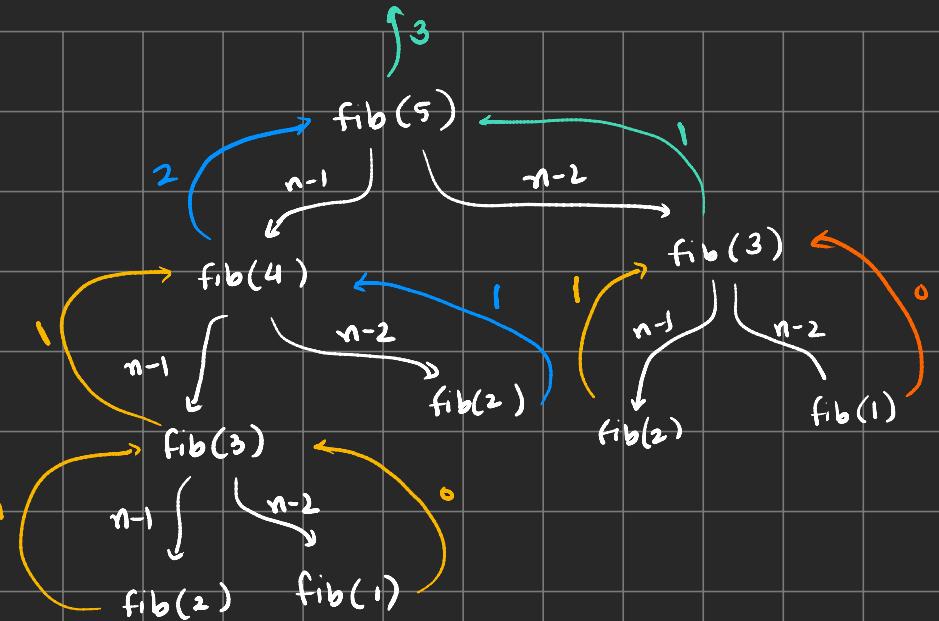
// 0   1   1   2   3   4
// first second thrid fourth fifth sixth

int fibo(int n){
    // base case
    if(n==1) return 0; // first term
    if(n==2) return 1; // second term

    // recursive rel [ f(n) = f(n-1)+f(n-2) ]
    int ans = fibo(n-1) + fibo(n-2);

    return ans;
}

```



Magical Line - ek case solve kardo baki  
recursion sambhal lega

$$5! = 5 \times 4!$$

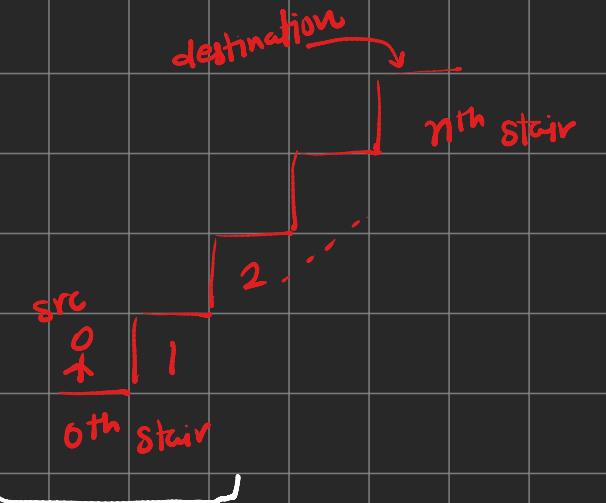
Badi problem  
Choti problem

→ solve this case

ye recursion sambhal  
lega

# steps allowed

- 1 stairs at a time
- 2 stairs at a time

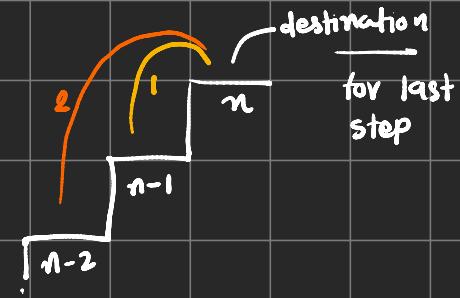


Base case

0<sup>th</sup> stair par jane k tarike = 1 (wo he stair par kudna)

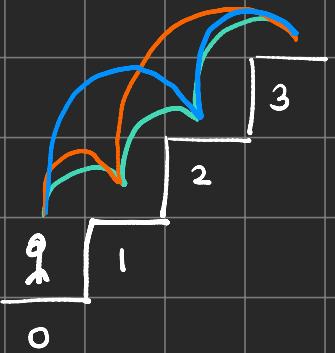
1<sup>st</sup> stair par jane k tarike = 1

To reach to the destination we have two types



$$f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$$

To reach to stair num 3



3 ways  $\rightarrow$  1-1-1  
1-2  
2-1

$n=1$	$n=2$	$n=3$	$n=4$	$n=5$	Base case $n=0 \rightarrow 1$ step $n=1 \rightarrow 1$ step
No of ways 1	2	3	5	8	
which ways?	$\rightarrow 1$ $\rightarrow 1+1$ $\rightarrow 2$	$\rightarrow 1+1+1$ $\rightarrow 1+2$ $\rightarrow 2+1$	$\rightarrow 1+1+1+1$ $\rightarrow 1+1+2$ $\rightarrow 1+2+1$ $\rightarrow 2+1+1$ $\rightarrow 2+2$	$\rightarrow 1+1+1+1+1$ $\rightarrow 1+1+1+2$ $\rightarrow 1+1+2+1$ $\rightarrow 1+2+1+1$ $\rightarrow 2+1+1+1$ $\rightarrow 1+2+2$ $\rightarrow 2+2+1$ $\rightarrow 2+1+2$	

Diagram illustrating the recursive breakdown of the problem:

- From  $n=2$  to  $n=4$ , the ways are categorized by the last step taken:
  - For 1+1+2:  $\rightarrow 1+1+1+1$ ,  $\rightarrow 1+2+1$ ,  $\rightarrow 2+1+1$
  - For 2+2:  $\rightarrow 1+2+2$ ,  $\rightarrow 2+2+1$ ,  $\rightarrow 2+1+2$
- From  $n=3$  to  $n=4$ , the ways are categorized by the last two steps taken:
  - For 1+1+1+1:  $\rightarrow 1+1+1+1$
  - For 1+2+1:  $\rightarrow 1+2+1$
  - For 2+1+1:  $\rightarrow 2+1+1$
- A bracket indicates that there are  $3+2 = 5$  ways to reach  $n=4$  from  $n=3$ .

\* Print array

arr [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]  
0 1 2 3 4  
i=0

n=5

printArr (arr, n, i)

```
{   if (i >= n) return  
    cout << arr[i]  
    printArr (arr, n, i+1)  
}
```

```
printArr (int arr[], n)  
{   if (n == 0) return  
    cout << arr[0] << endl  
    print (arr+1, n-1)  
}
```

\* Find max ele from arr

```
int findMaximumEle(int arr[], int n, int i, int& maxi){  
  
    // base case  
    if(i >= n){  
        return maxi;  
    }  
  
    // progress  
    if(maxi < arr[i]){  
        maxi = arr[i];  
    }  
  
    // recursion  
    findMaximumEle(arr, n, i+1, maxi);  
}
```

\* Key is present in char array or not

string str = "lovebabbar" , key='r' → is r present in str or not

```
int findKey(string& str, int& n, char& key, int i) {  
    if (i >= n) {  
        return -1;  
    }  
  
    if (str[i] == key) {  
        cout << "found at index =>" << i << endl;  
        return i;  
    }  
  
    int ans = findKey(str, n, key, i + 1);  
    return ans;  
}
```

\* Print all digits of number

ip → 647

$$\begin{array}{r} 647 \div 10 = 7 \\ \downarrow \\ 647/10 = 64 \\ \hline 64 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 = 4 \\ \downarrow \\ 64/10 = 6 \cdot 1 \cdot 10 = 6 \\ \hline 6/10 = 0 \rightarrow \text{stop} \end{array}$$

```
void printDigit(int num){  
  
    if( num == 0 ){  
        return;  
    }  
  
    // int digit = num%10;  
    // cout << digit << " "; // that gives 5 4 6  
  
    int newnum = num/10;  
    printDigit(newnum);  
  
    int digit = num%10;  
    cout << digit << " "; // niche ghosa do ulata kar dega  
}
```

\* ip → array → sorted in ascending order or not

## \* Binary Search

```
int binarySearch(vector<int>& v, int s, int e, int key){  
    // base case  
    if( s>e ){  
        return -1; // not found  
    }  
    int mid = (s+e)/2;  
    if( v[mid] == key ){  
        return mid; // got key  
    }  
  
    if( v[mid] < key ){  
        binarySearch(v, mid+1, e, key); // right search  
    }  
    else{  
        binarySearch(v, s, mid-1, key);  
    }  
}
```

→ Avoid to pass by value,

Pass by value - 250 MB - 90 ms

Pass by reference - 6 MB - 20 ms

\* return concept

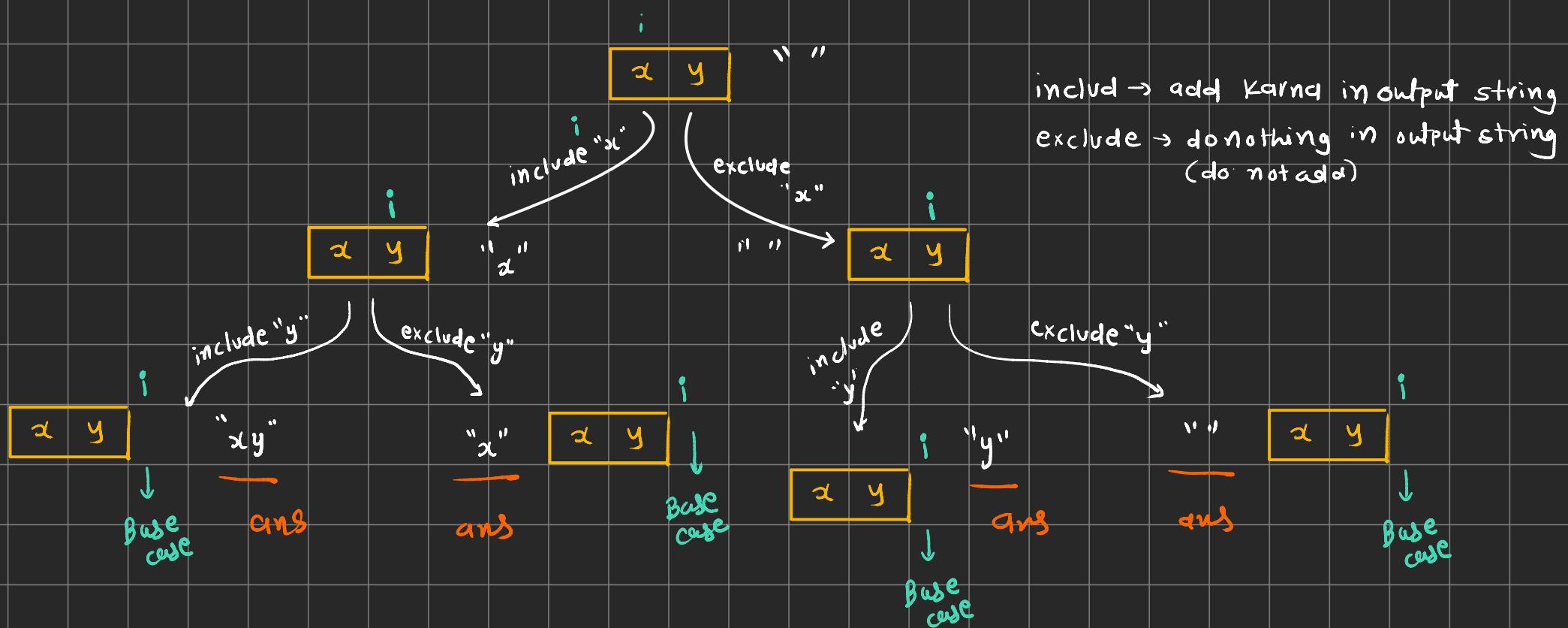
```
void solve() {  
    return;  
}  
int solve() {  
    return [ ]  
}{  
    func call  
}
```

## \* subsets / subsequences of String , ip: "abc" op - print all subsequences

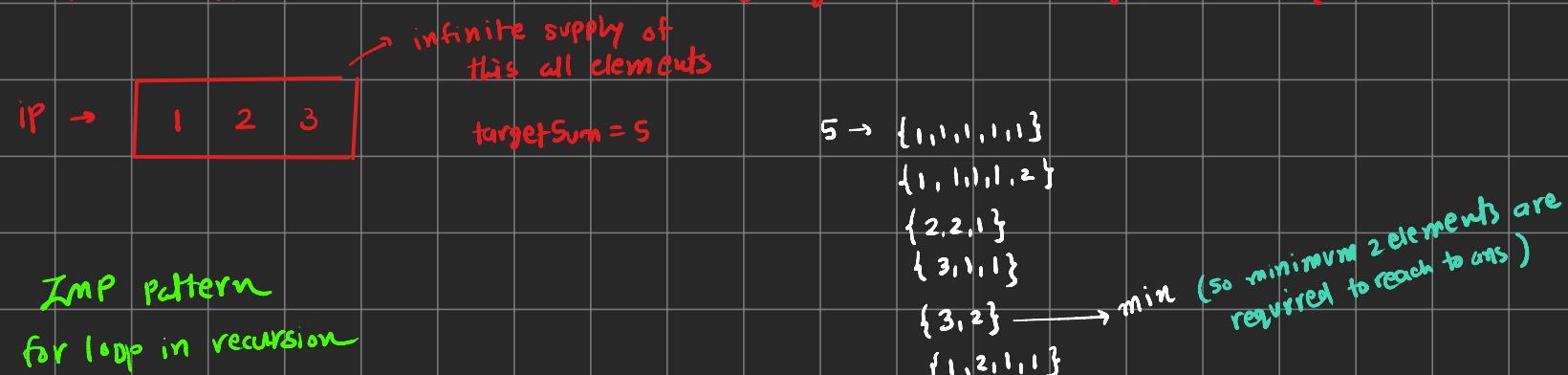
	n=3	n=1	n=2	n=3
abc	- abc			
v v v	- ab	no of chars		
v v x	- a	Subseqs.	2	
v x x	-			
x x x	- b			
x v x	- c			
x v v	- bc			
v x v	- ac			

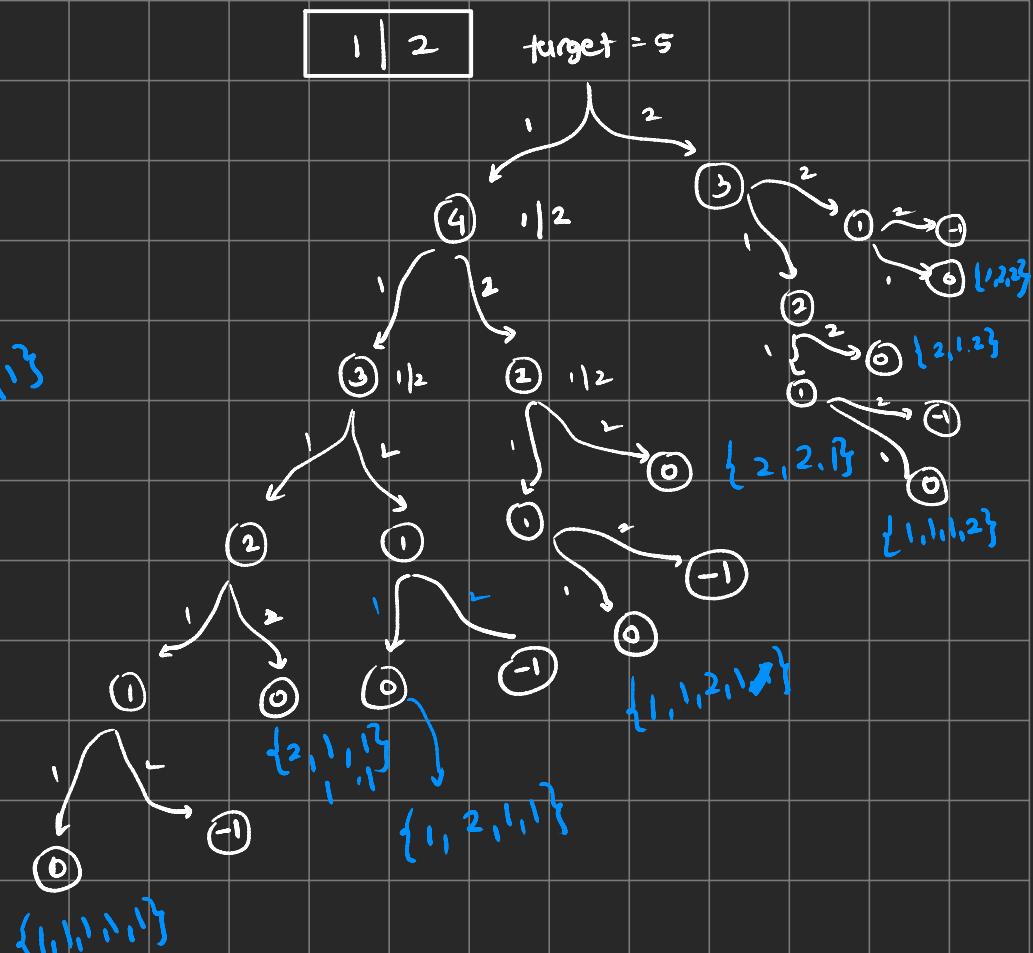
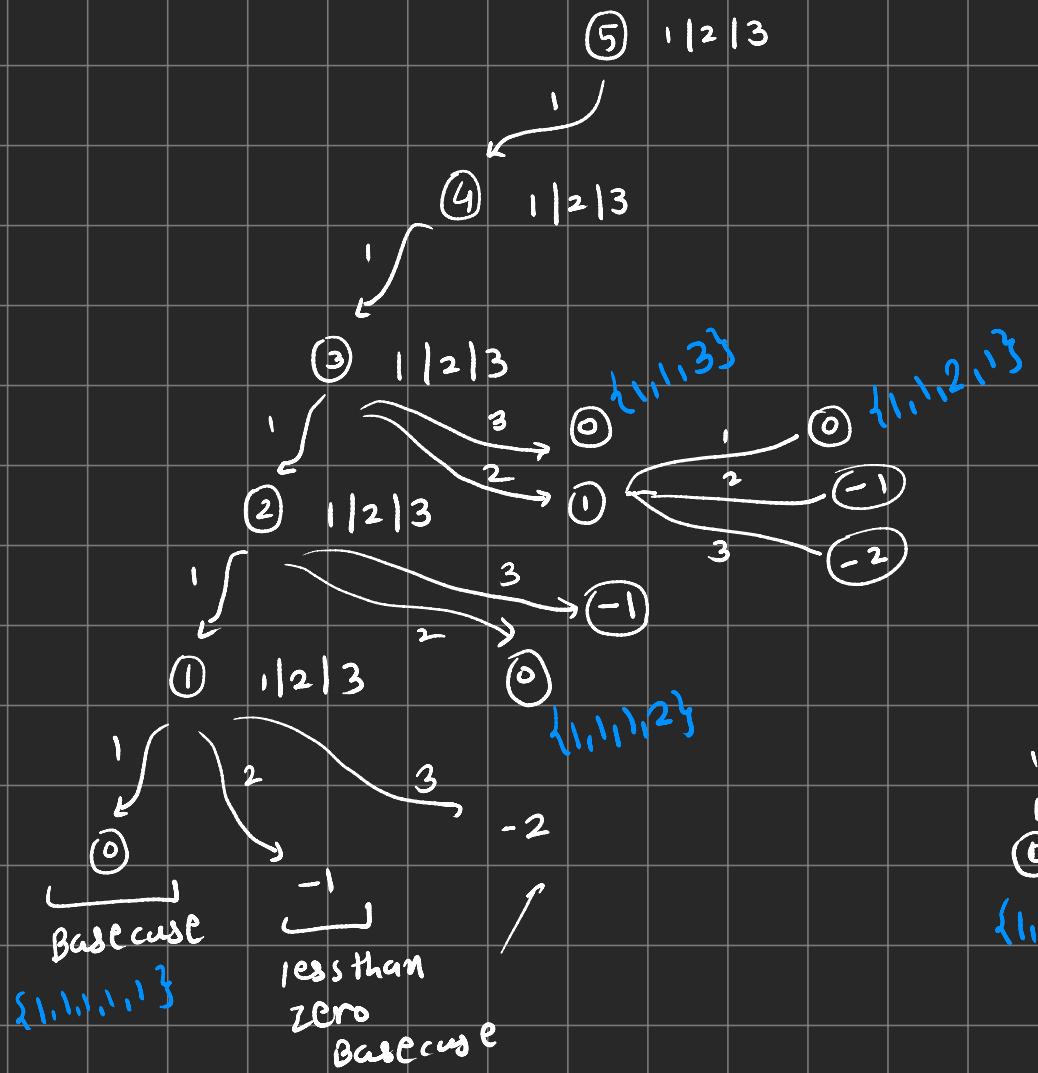
include exclude pattern  
pick - not pick pattern

```
void printSubstring(string str, string output, int i){  
    //base case  
    if(i>= str.length()){  
        cout << output << endl;  
        return;  
    }  
  
    // rr  
    // 1)exclude  
    printSubstring(str, output, i+1);  
  
    // 2)include  
    output.push_back(str[i]); → output + "~~"  
    printSubstring(str, output, i+1);  
}
```



\* You have to tell minimum number of elements required to reach target sum [COIN CHANGE]

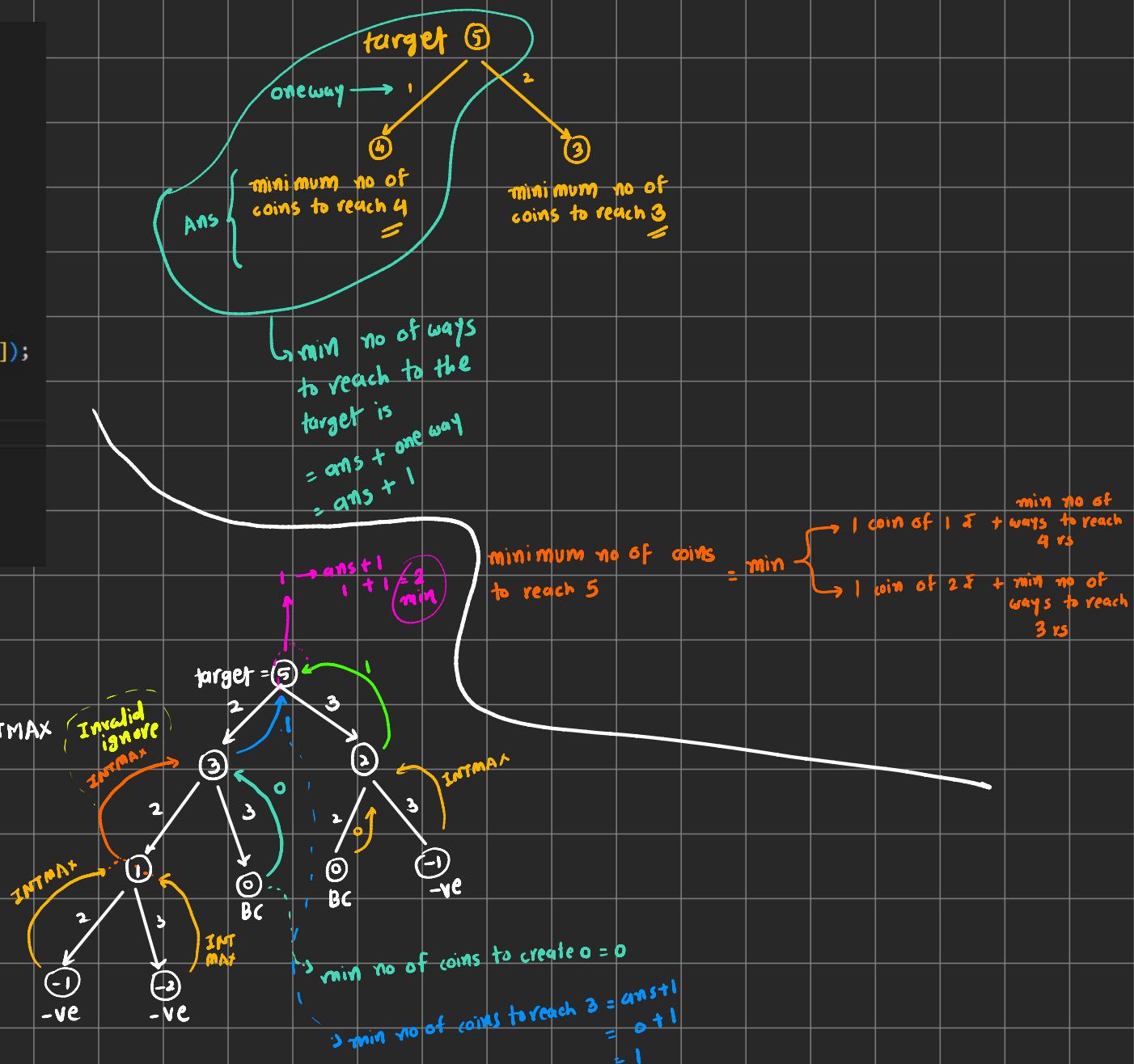




```
int coinChange(vector<int>& arr, int target){  
    if( target == 0 ) {  
        return 0;  
    }  
    if(target<0){  
        return INT_MAX;  
    }  
  
    int mini = INT_MAX;  
    for(int i=0; i<arr.size(); i++){  
        int ans = coinChange(arr, target-arr[i]);  
        if(ans!=INT_MAX){  
            mini = min(mini, ans+1);  
        }  
    }  
    return mini;  
}
```

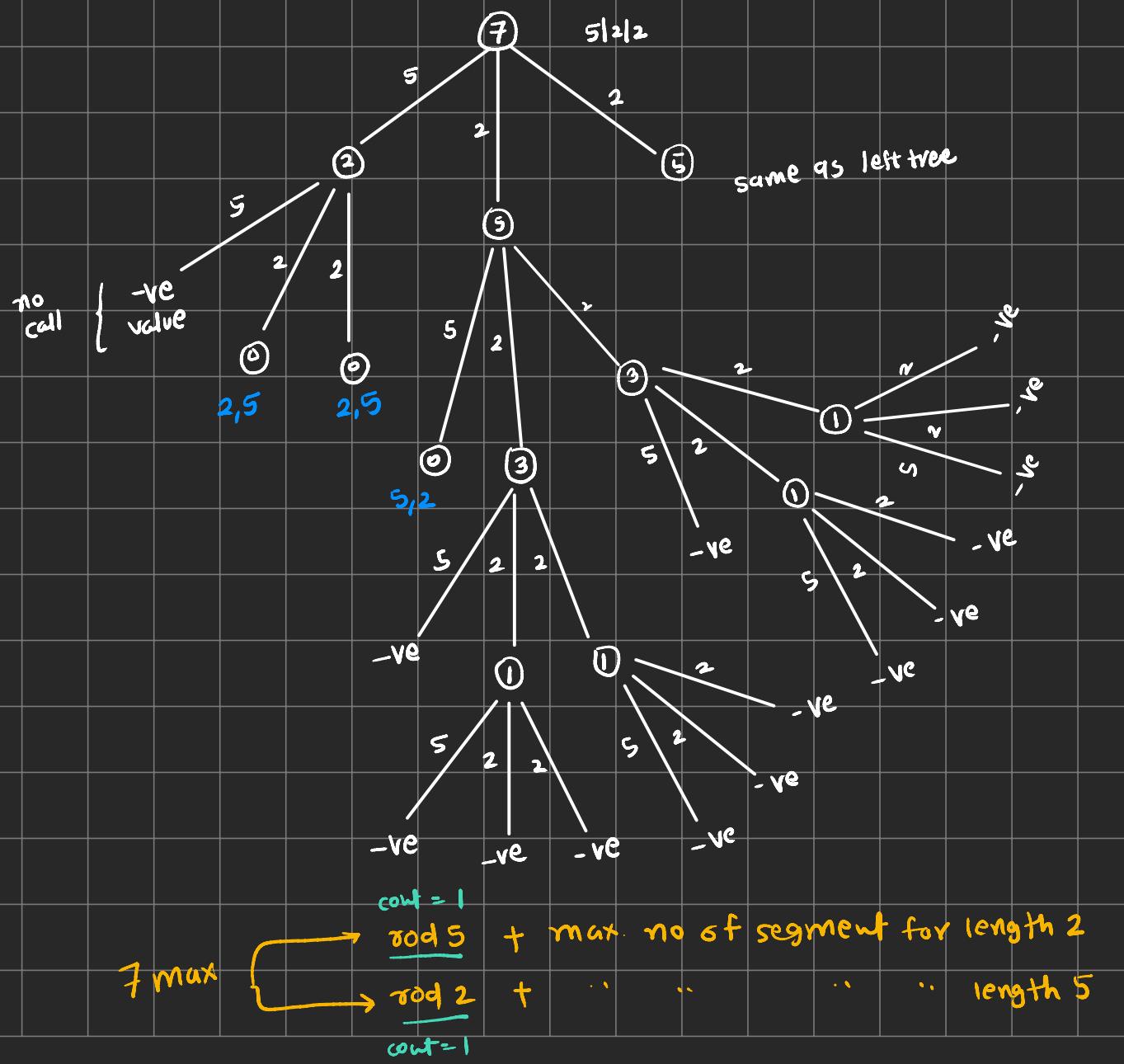
if ( $\text{target} = 0$ )  $\rightarrow \text{return } 0$

if (target = -ve)  $\rightarrow$  return INTMAX Invalid ignore



\* cut into segments

iP → N → rod length

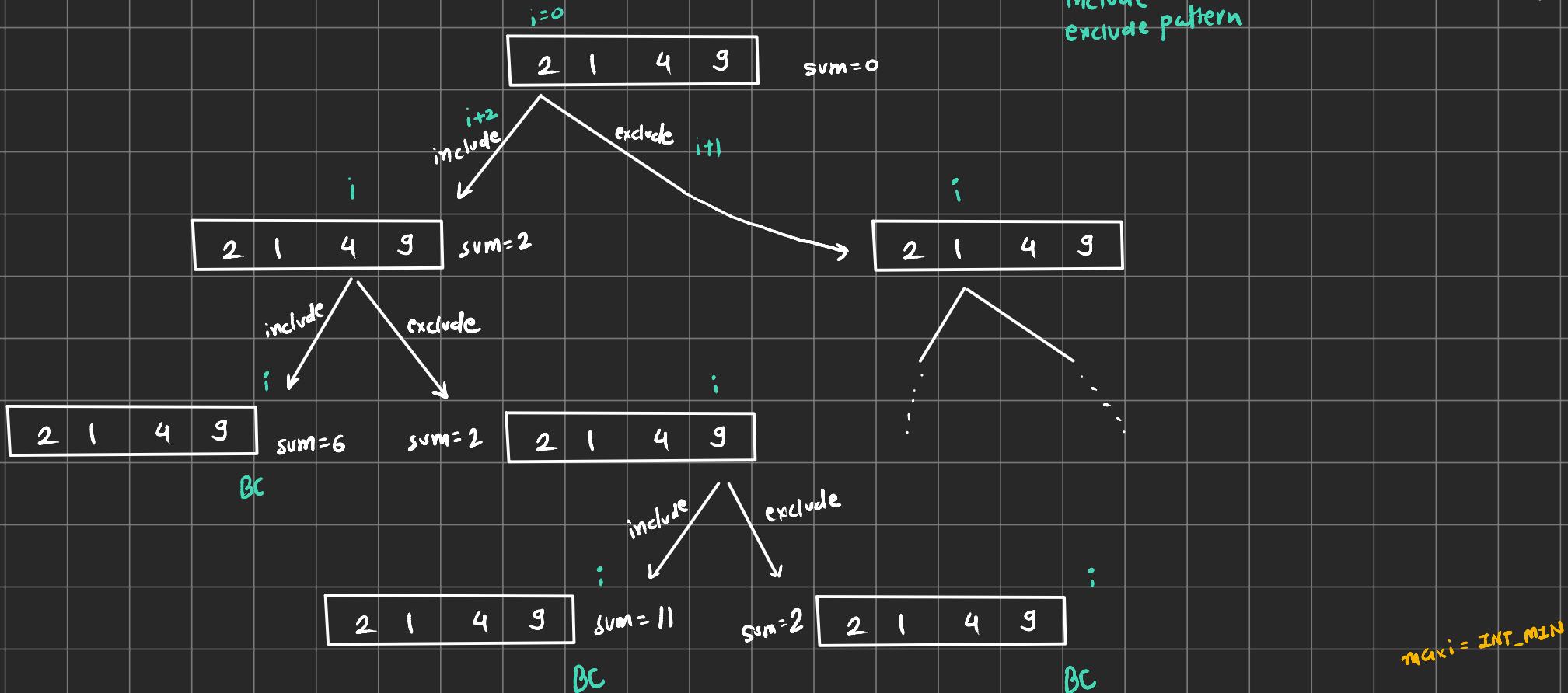


```
int cutIntoSegment(int n, int x, int y, int z){  
    // base case  
    if( n == 0 ) [  
        return 0;  
    }  
    if( n<0 ){  
        return INT_MIN;  
    }  
  
    int a = cutIntoSegment(n-x, x,y,z) + 1;  
    int b = cutIntoSegment(n-y, x,y,z) + 1;  
    int c = cutIntoSegment(n-z, x,y,z) + 1;  
  
    int ans = max( a, max(b,c) );  
    return ans;  
}
```

```
int ans = cutIntoSegment(n, x,y,z);
if(ans<0){
    cout << "ans is" << 0 << endl;
}
cout << "ans is" << ans << endl;
```

max of Both  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} ansA = \text{funct}() + 1 \\ ansB = \text{funct}(7) + 1 \end{array} \right.$

\* Maximum sum of non adjacent element - return the maximum sum of subsequence in which no two elements are adjacent



```
void maxSumOfNonAdjacentEle(vector<int>& arr, int sum, int& maxi, int i){
    //base
    if(i>=arr.size()){
        maxi = max(sum, maxi);
        return;
    }

    //include
    maxSumOfNonAdjacentEle(arr, sum+arr[i], maxi, i+2);

    //exclude
    maxSumOfNonAdjacentEle(arr, sum, maxi, i+1);
}
```

## \* Last occurrence of a char

string → "abcddedg"       $\text{char } x = 'd'$        $\text{ans} \rightarrow 6$  index  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

① search from left to right (iterative method)    ② search from right to left (iterative method)

③ STL function `strchr()`

④ Base case → if ( $i \geq \text{string.length}()$ ) return  
→ if ( $s[i] == \text{target}$ ) →  $\text{ans} = i$   
 $\text{solve}(s, \text{target}, \text{ans}, i+1)$

## \* Time and Space Complexity of Recursive Solution

```
void printArray(int a[], int n){  
    if(n == 0) return;  
    cout << *a << " ";  
    printArray(a+1, n-1);  
}
```

K time taken operation

$$F(n) = K + F(n-1) \quad \text{→ two operations so } K \text{ time}$$

$$F(n-1) = K + F(n-2)$$

$$F(n-2) = K + F(n-3)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$F(1) = K + F(0)$$

$$F(0) = K_1 \quad \text{base case} \rightarrow \text{return}$$

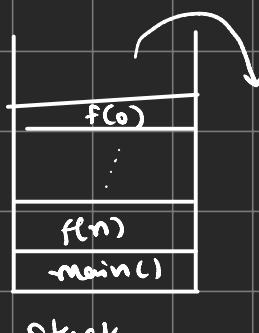
only one operation so  $K_1$  time

$$F(n) = nK + K_1 \quad \text{→ } K_1 \text{ is constant so ignore } O(nK)$$

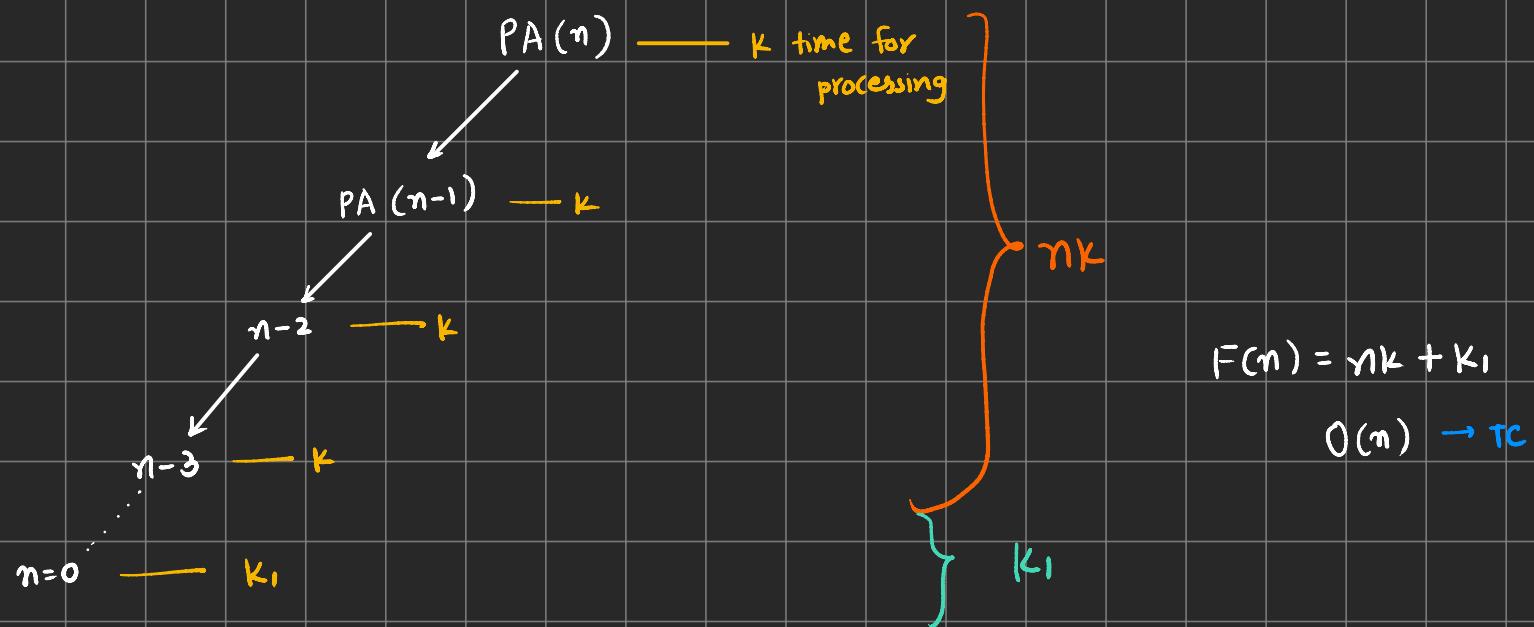
$K$  is constant so ignore

$O(n)$

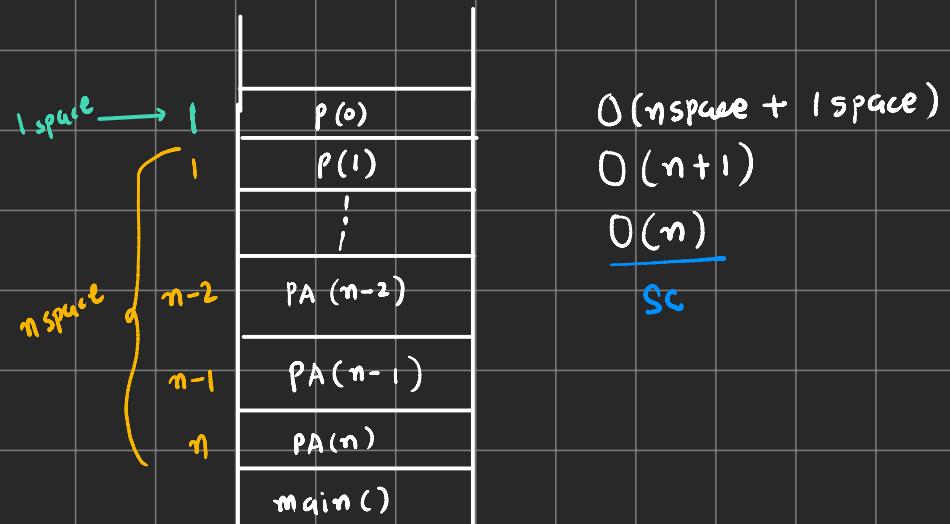
TC



→ Recursive tree method



→ Space complexity



if  $n=3$



## → Factorial

```
int fact(int n)
{
    if (n == 1)
        return 1;

    return n * fact(n - 1);
}
```

$$f(n) = n * f(n-1)$$

$$T(n) = K * T(n-1) \rightarrow \text{equation}$$

$$T(n) = K + T(n-1)$$

$$T(n-1) = K + T(n-2)$$

⋮

$$T(1) = K$$

$$\hline T(n) = nk$$

$$O(T_n) = O(nk)$$

$$= O(n) TC$$

$f(1)$

⋮

$f(n-1)$

$f(n)$

$main$

$n$

SC.  $O(n)$

$f(n) \rightarrow K$

$(n-1)$

$T_n = nk$

$O(n)$

$n-2$

going from  $1 \rightarrow N$

or  $N \rightarrow 1$

$2$

$\vdots$

$N=1$

## → Binary Search

```

int BS(int a[], int k, int start, int end)
{
    if (start > end)
        return -1;

    int mid = start + (end - start) / 2;
    if (a[mid] == k)
        return mid;
    else if (k > a[mid])
    {
        return bsr(a, k, mid + 1, end);
    }
    else
    {
        return bsr(a, k, start, mid - 1);
    }
}

```

$$F(n) = K + F(n/2)$$

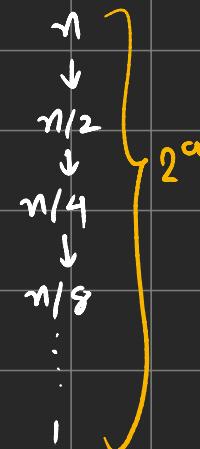
$$F(n/2) = K + F(n/4)$$

$$F(n/4) = K + F(n/8)$$

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$$F(2) = K + F(1)$$

$$F(1) = K$$



$$\frac{n}{2^a} = 1$$

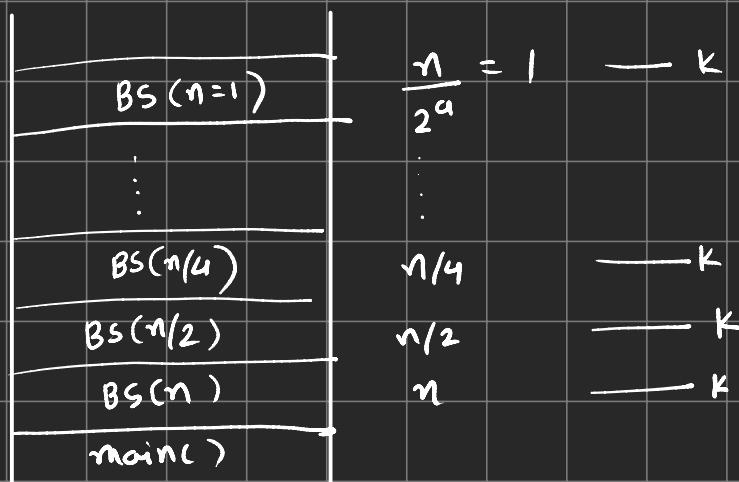
$$a = \log n$$

$$F(n) = a * K$$

$$= O(aK)$$

$$= O(\log n \cdot K) \quad K \text{ is const}$$

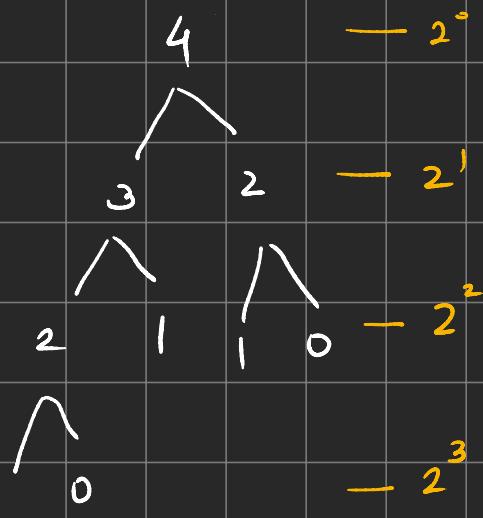
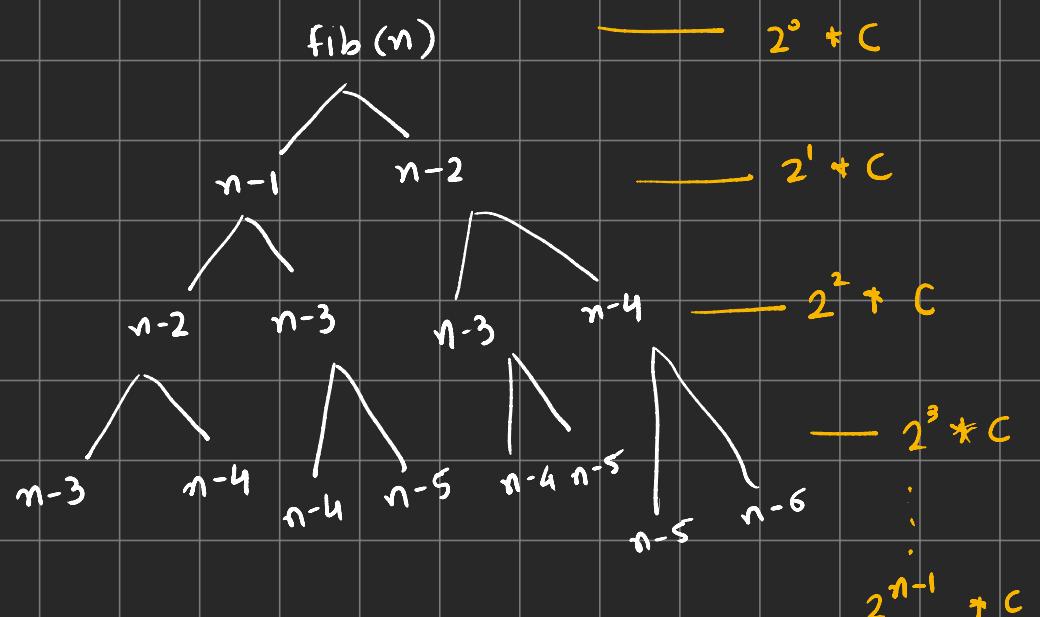
$$= O(\log n) \quad \underline{\text{TC}}$$



## → Fibonacci

```
int fib(int n){
    if(n == 0 || n == 1) return n;

    return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2);
}
```



$SC \rightarrow O(4)$   
 $O(n)$

$$T(n) \leq C [2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}]$$

$$T(n) \leq C [2^{n-1}]$$

$$T(n) \leq 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3$$

$T(n) = O(2^n) \rightarrow$  crazy high TC  
exponential  
that's why } { back way no!

## \* Reverse string recursively

$s = "abcd"$  → swap in RE

a	b	c	d
↑ s	↑ e		

swap(s,e)

base case ( $s >= e$ )

$TC = O(n/2) = O(N)$

$SC = \left(\frac{N}{2}+1\right) = O(N)$

## \* Add Strings

$$\begin{array}{r}
 & 1 & 1 \\
 4 & 5 & 6 \\
 & 7 & 7 \\
 \hline
 & 5 & 14 & 13 \xrightarrow{13 \cdot 10 = 3} \\
 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 13 / 10 = 1 \rightarrow \text{carry} \\
 \text{Ans} \rightarrow & 5 & 4 & 3
 \end{array}$$

```

string addString(string &s1, string &s2, int p1, int p2, int carry, string &ans){

    // base
    if( p1 < 0 && p2 < 0 ){
        if(carry!=0){
            ans.push_back(carry+'0');
            return string(1,carry+'0');
        }
        return "";
    }

    int n1 = ( p1>=0 ? s1[p1] - '0' : '0' );
    //int n2 = s2[p2] - '0'; // int convert
    int n2= ( p2>=0 ? s2[p2] - '0' : '0' );

    int total = n1+n2+carry;

    int digit = total%10;
    carry = total/10;

    string rAns = "";

    ans.push_back(digit+'0');
    rAns.push_back(digit+'0');

    // rec
    rAns += addString(s1,s2,p1-1, p2-1, carry, ans);
    return rAns;
}

```

→ reverse Ans in end

#include <algorithm>      reverse (ans.start(), ans.end())

## \* Palindrome Check

r	a	c	e	c	a	r
s				e		

TC as above

$O(N)$

SC as above

$O(N)$

$TC = p_1=2, p_2=2 \rightarrow k$

1,1 → k

0,0 → k  
-1,-1 → k<sub>p</sub>

$N=3$

$O(N+1)$   
 $O(N)$

SC  
 $O(N+1)$   
 $O(N)$

## \* Remove all occurrences of subarray

$S = d \ a \ a \ b \ c \ b \ a \ a \ b \ c \ b \ c$        $\text{part} = "abc"$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

/

2 → ① find partString position in S

② remove partString from S

③ call again function for new string

"abcabc" → s size=6  
 $\frac{\downarrow}{\downarrow}$  part size=3  
 2 calls here

$$= \frac{6}{3} = \frac{N}{m} = 2 \text{ calls}$$

SC  
 total calls  
 $= O(N/m)$

How many recursive calls in worst case?  
 $S \rightarrow N \text{ size}$   
 $\text{part} \rightarrow m \text{ size}$

total calls = for each part in s

$$= \frac{N}{m} \text{ worst case}$$

$$= O\left(\frac{N}{m}\right) * O(Nm)$$

$$= O(n^2)$$

```
void removeOcc(string &s, const string &part) {
    int found = s.find(part);

    if (found != string::npos) {
        // Part string is found
        string leftPart = s.substr(0, found);
        string rightPart = s.substr(found + part.size());
        s = leftPart + rightPart;

        // s.erase(found, part.length()); // another way

        // Recursively call removeOcc to remove further occurrences
        removeOcc(s, part);
    } else {
        return;
    }
}
```

TC :  $\text{find}() \rightarrow O(Nm)$

$N \rightarrow s.size$   
 $m \rightarrow \text{part.size}$

$\text{leftpart}() \rightarrow O(n)$

$\text{rightpart}() \rightarrow O(n)$

general  $\rightarrow O(n)$

$$= O(Nm) + O(n) + O(n) + O(n)$$

worst case

$= O(Nm) \rightsquigarrow \text{TC of one case}$

## \* Printing all subarrays

Subarrays

1	2	3	4	5	2	3	4	5
1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5		1 2 3	2 3 4	3 4 5	
1 2 3	2 3 4	3 4 5		1 2 3 4	2 3 4 5			
1 2 3 4	2 3 4 5			1 2 3 4 5				
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1	2	3	4	5
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```

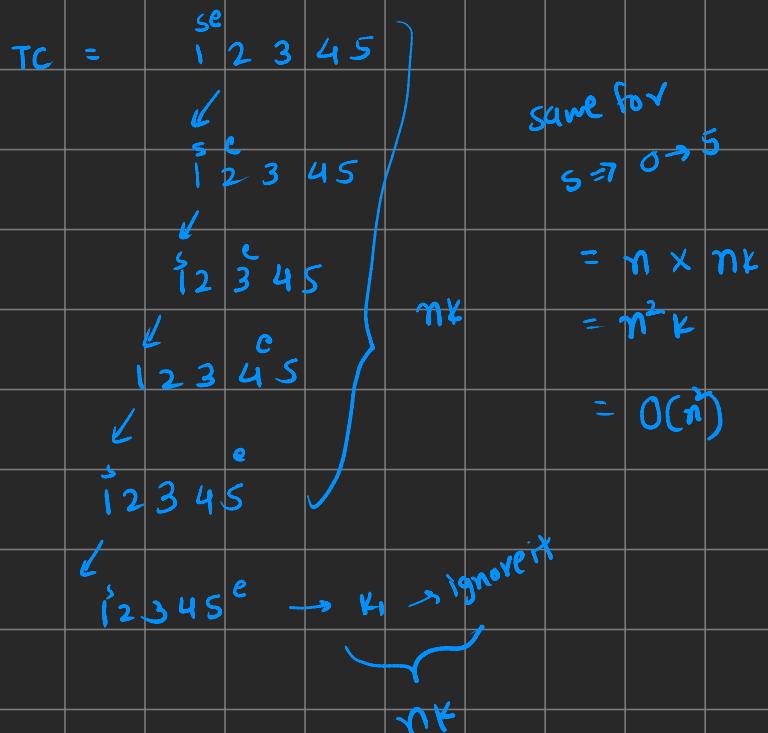
void printAllSubarrays(vector<int>& arr, int start, int end) {
    // Base case
    if (end == arr.size()) {
        return;
    }

    for (int i = start; i <= end; i++) {
        cout << arr[i] << " ";
    }
    cout << endl;

    printAllSubarrays(arr, start, end + 1);
}

void forLoopFunc(vector<int>& arr) {
    // Loop over all possible starting points
    for [int start = 0; start < arr.size(); start++]
        int end = start;
        printAllSubarrays(arr, start, end );
}

```



## Buy and sell stocks

price →	7	1	5	3	6	4
at day	1	2	3	4	5	

Buy → stock price is lowest

Sell → stock price is highest in future

7	1	5	3	6	4
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0	1	2	3	4	5
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$\minPrice = 7$   
 $todayProfit = 0$   
 $maxProfit = 0$

$\minP = 1$   
 $tp = -6$   
 $maxP = 0$

$\minP = 1$   
 $tp = 4$   
 $maxP = 4$

$\minP = 1$   
 $tp = 2$   
 $maxP = 4$

$\minP = 1$   
 $tp = 5$   
 $maxP = 5$

```

void maxProfitFinder(vector<int>& prices, int i, int& minPrice, int& maxProfit) {
    // Base case: if we've processed all days
    if (i == prices.size()) {
        return;
    }

    // Update minPrice if current price is lower
    if (prices[i] < minPrice) {
        minPrice = prices[i];
    }

    // Calculate today's profit and update maxProfit if it's higher
    int todayProfit = prices[i] - minPrice;
    if (todayProfit > maxProfit) {
        maxProfit = todayProfit;
    }

    // Recursive call for the next day
    maxProfitFinder(prices, i + 1, minPrice, maxProfit);
}

```

$TC = O(n+1)$   
 $= O(n)$   
 $SC = O(n)$

## House Robber

1	2	3	1
0	1	2	3

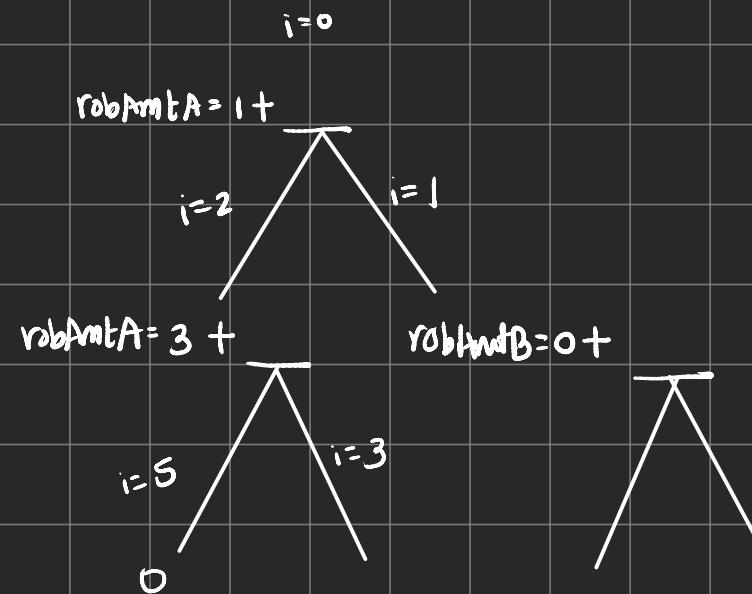
include - exclude solution

- cannot rob adjacent house
- find max amount that you can rob

```
int robHelper(vector<int>& nums, int i){
    if( i>=nums.size() ){
        return 0;
    }

    int robAmt1 = nums[i] + robHelper(nums, i+2); // include
    int robAmt2 = 0 + robHelper(nums, i+1); // exclude

    return max(robAmt1, robAmt2);
}
```



## INT to English words

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 → 1 million - one million

234 thousands two hundred thirty four thousands

567 five hundred sixty seven

Hashes	1 - one	11 - eleven	20 - twenty	100 - Hundred
2	- two	12 - twelve	30 - thirty	1000 - thousands
3		13	40	$10^6$ - million
4		14	50	$10^9$ - billion
5		15	60	
6		16	70	
7		17	80	
8		18	90	
9		19		
10	- ten			

$$N = 123$$

100

$$\text{Num} = 123 > 100$$

20

$$= 123 / 100 = 1.23 = 1 \rightarrow \text{one Hundred}$$

3

$$\text{updated Num} = 123 \% 100$$

$$= 23$$

$$\text{Num} = 23 > 20 \rightsquigarrow \text{twenty}$$

$$\text{updated Num} = 23 \% 20$$

$$= 3$$

$$\text{Num} = 3 == 3 \rightsquigarrow \text{three}$$

① find N just  $>=$  in Map

IF ( $N >= 100$ ) → find how many nums of hundred

$$= N / \text{mp.num}$$

Recursive call

②  $N = N \% \text{mp.num}$

```
vector<pair<int, string>> mp = {  
    {1000000000, "Billion"}, {1000000, "Million"}, {1000, "Thousand"}, {100, "Hundred"},  
    {90, "Ninety"}, {80, "Eighty"}, {70, "Seventy"}, {60, "Sixty"}, {50, "Fifty"},  
    {40, "Forty"}, {30, "Thirty"}, {20, "Twenty"}, {19, "Nineteen"}, {18, "Eighteen"},  
    {17, "Seventeen"}, {16, "Sixteen"}, {15, "Fifteen"}, {14, "Fourteen"}, {13, "Thirteen"},  
    {12, "Twelve"}, {11, "Eleven"}, {10, "Ten"}, {9, "Nine"}, {8, "Eight"},  
    {7, "Seven"}, {6, "Six"}, {5, "Five"}, {4, "Four"}, {3, "Three"},  
    {2, "Two"}, {1, "One"}  
};
```

```
string numberToWords(int num) {  
    if (num == 0) {  
        return "Zero";  
    }  
  
    for (auto it : mp) {  
        if (num >= it.first) {  
            string a = "";  
  
            if (num >= 100) {  
                a = numberToWords(num / it.first);  
                a = a + " ";  
            }  
  
            string b = it.second;  
            string c = "";  
  
            if (num % it.first != 0) {  
                c = numberToWords(num % it.first);  
                c = " " + c;  
            }  
  
            return a + b + c;  
        }  
    }  
  
    return "";  
}
```

## # Wild card matching

? → denotes single character

\*

\* → denotes any number of char [0,∞]

$s \rightarrow 'aa'$

$s \rightarrow 'ab'$

$s \rightarrow 'aa'$

$p \rightarrow '*' \} \text{True}$

$p \rightarrow 'a?'$  } True

$p \rightarrow 'a*' \} \text{True}$

$0, \infty \dots$

$p \rightarrow '*' ab'$

$s \rightarrow 'ab' \} \text{True}$

$p \rightarrow 'ab'd'$

$s \rightarrow 'abcc' \} \text{False}$

$s \rightarrow abcdefg$

$p \rightarrow ab*fjg$

$s \rightarrow ab c d e f g$

$p \rightarrow ab * f g$

if ( $p[i] == '*' \}$ )

\* is null  
empty

si      pi  
 $cdefg | fg$

si      pi  
 $cdefg | *fg$

consume one character  
of s string

si      pi  
 $defg | *fg$

$si \neq pi$  so  
 return False

```

bool isMatcherHelper(string &s, int si, string &p, int pi) {
  // base case
  // 1) complete
  if (si == s.size() && pi == p.size()) {
    return true;
  }

  // 2) s=abc p=abc****
  if (si == s.size() && pi < p.size()) {
    while (pi < p.size()) {
      if (p[pi] != '*') {
        return false;
      }
      pi++;
    }
    return true;
  }

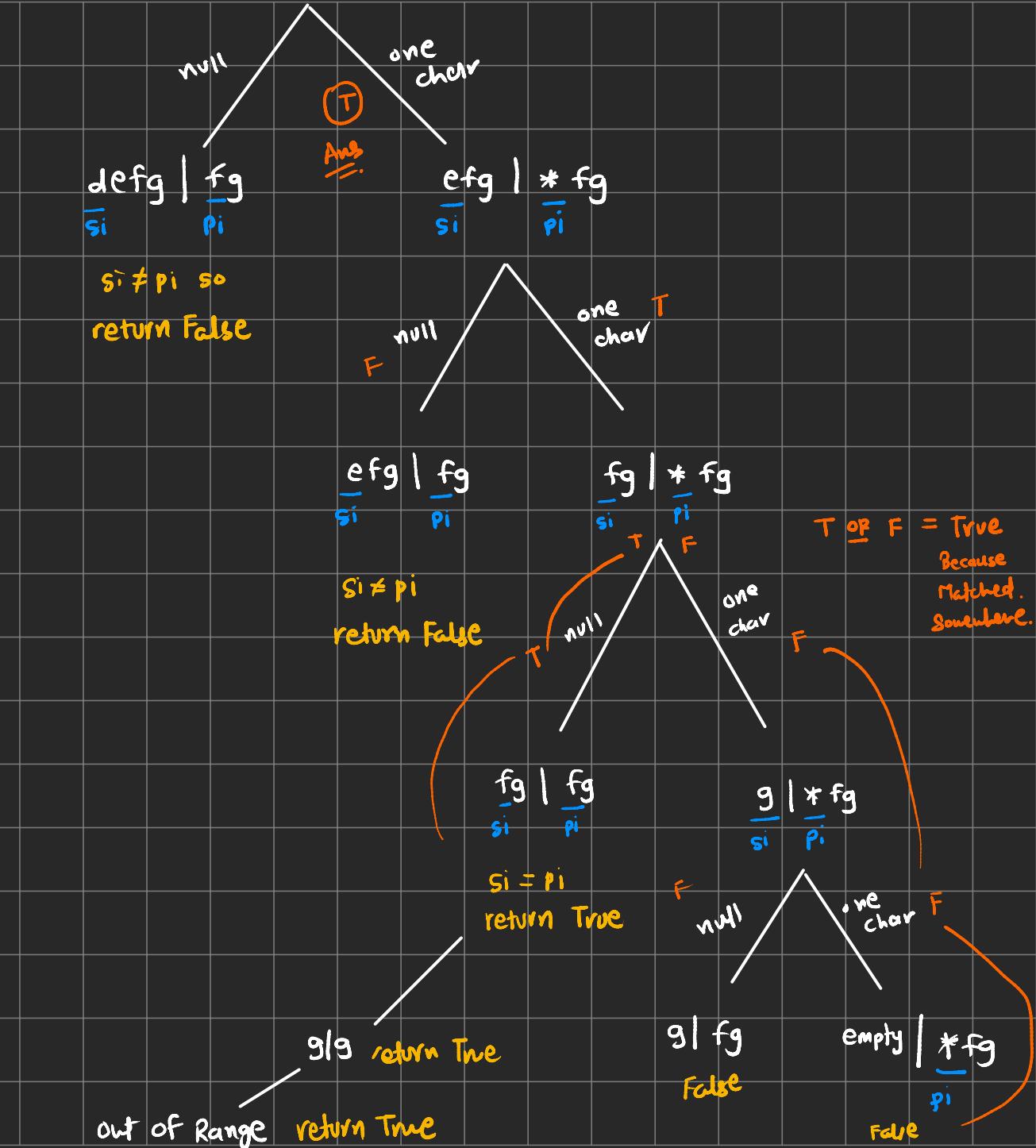
  // rr
  // single char matching
  if (s[si] == p[pi] || '?' == p[pi]) {
    return isMatcherHelper(s, si + 1, p, pi + 1);
  }

  if (p[pi] == '*') {
    // treat '*' as empty or null
    bool caseA = isMatcherHelper(s, si, p, pi + 1);

    // treat '*' consume 1 char
    bool caseB = isMatcherHelper(s, si + 1, p, pi);

    return caseA || caseB;
  }

  return false;
}
  
```



## # Perfect Squares

Perfect Square means 1, 4, 9, 16, 25

$N = 13$

$$1^2 = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = 13$$

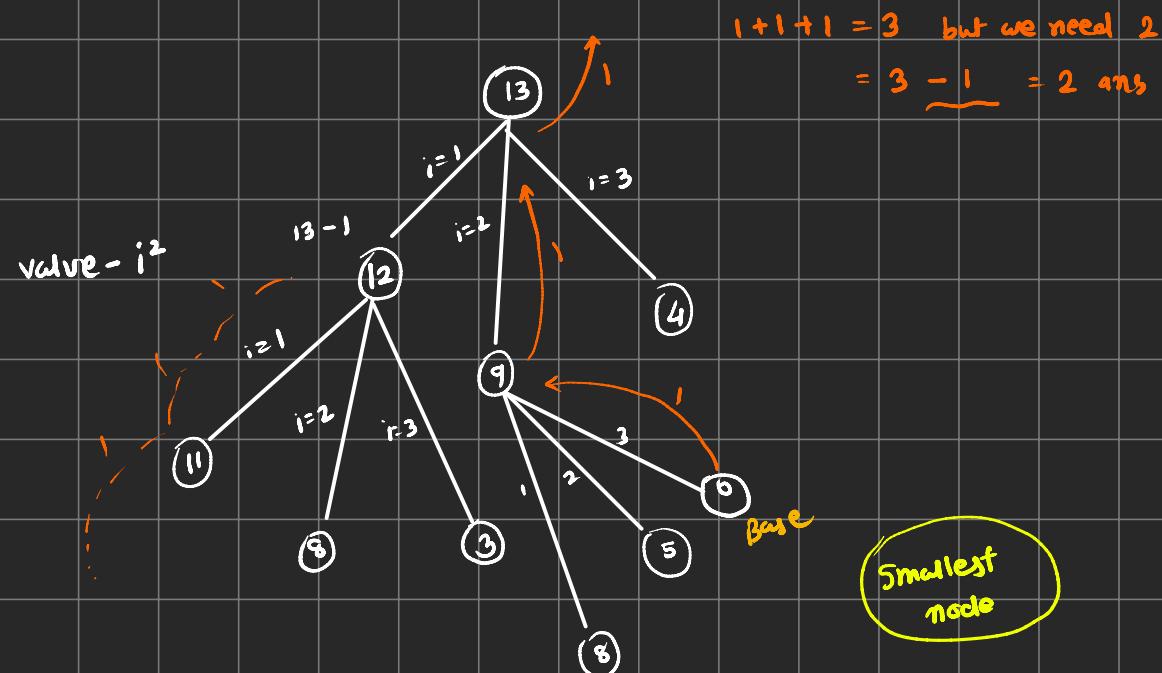
$$2^2 = 4 + 4 + 4 > 13 \quad \text{cannot use}$$

$\times$

$$= 4 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots \text{9 times} = 13$$

$$2^2, 3^2 = 4 + 9 = 13$$

1    1     $\rightarrow 2$



$N = 12$

$$2^2 + 2^2 + 2^2$$

$$\underline{4} + \underline{4} + \underline{4}$$

3 ans

```

int numSquareHelper(int n){
    if(n==0) return 1;
    if(n<0) return 0;

    int ans = INT_MAX;
    int i = 1 ;
    int end = sqrt(n);

    while (i<=end)
    {
        int perfectSquare = i * i;

        int numberOfPerfectSquare = 1 + numSquareHelper(n-perfectSquare);

        if(numberOfPerfectSquare<ans){
            ans = numberOfPerfectSquare;
        }

        i++;
    }

    return ans;
}

int numSquares(int n){
    return numSquareHelper(n) - 1;
}

```



