

Recursion (Basic)

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1 Recursion

Recursive function is a function which calls itself until some condition is not fulfilled with some input

The condition on basis of which function stops calling itself is called **Base Case**

Recursion is based on the mathematical concept known as **PMI**

1. *PMI* is method has 3 steps:
 1. prove for trivial input
 2. Assume for n
 3. prove for n+1
2. *Recursion* is also has three:
 1. Trivial Case or Base Case
 2. Assume Answer Smaller Solution
 3. Calculate the Solution For Larger Input

1.1 Examples

1.1.1 1. Factorial

```
[1]: def factorial(num):  
      if num==0 : # Base Case  
          return 1  
      smaller_ans = factorial(num - 1) # Smaller Answer  
      return num * smaller_ans # Calculation For The Larger Answer
```

```
[2]: # n = int(input())  
n = 4  
print(factorial(4))  
print(factorial(5))  
print(factorial(6))  
print(factorial(7))
```

24
120
720
5040

1.1.2 2. Sum of the n natural numbers

```
[3]: def sum_of_n(num):  
      if num==0:  
          return 0  
      smaller_ans = sum_of_n(num - 1)  
      return num + smaller_ans
```

```
[4]: n = 10 # 10+9+8 ... +2+1 = 55  
      print(sum_of_n(10))  
      print(sum_of_n(11))  
      print(sum_of_n(12))  
      print(sum_of_n(13))  
      print(sum_of_n(14))
```

55
66
78
91
105

1.1.3 3. Print 1 to n

```
[5]: def print_linear(num):  
      if num==0:  
          return  
      print_linear(num-1)  
      print(num)  
      return
```

```
[6]: n = 15  
      print_linear(n)
```

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4
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7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15

1.1.4 4. Print n to 1

```
[7]: def print_rev_linear(num):  
      if num ==0:  
          return  
      print(num)  
      print_rev_linear(num - 1)  
      return
```

```
[8]: n = 10  
      print_rev_linear(n)
```

```
10  
9  
8  
7  
6  
5  
4  
3  
2  
1
```

1.1.5 5. Fibonacci Series

1,1,2,3,5,8,.....

```
[9]: def fibo(num):  
      if num==0 or num==1:  
          return 1  
      return fibo(num-1)+fibo(num-2)
```

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[10]: n = 5  
        print(fibo(n))  
        # 0 1 2 3 4 5  
        # 1 1 2 3 5 8
```

```
8
```

1.1.6 6. Is A List Sorted

```
[11]: def is_sorted_list(nums,i=0):  
      if i>=len(nums)-1:  
          return True  
      elif nums[i]>nums[i+1]:  
          return False  
      return is_sorted_list(nums,i+1)
```

```
[12]: nums_list = [1,2,3,4,6]
      nums_list2 = [1,2,6,5,4]
      print(is_sorted_list(nums_list))
      print(is_sorted_list(nums_list2))
```

True
False

1.1.7 7. Sum of Array

```
[13]: def sum_of_array(nums,i=0):
      if i == len(nums):
          return 0
      return nums[i] + sum_of_array(nums,i+1)
```

```
[14]: nums_list = [1,2,3,4,10,6,7,8]
      print(sum_of_array(nums_list))
```

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1.1.8 8. First In the Array

```
[15]: # Basic function
      def in_array(nums,target,i=0):
          if i == len(nums):
              return -1
          elif nums[i] == target:
              return i
          return in_array(nums,target,i+1)
```

```
[16]: nums_list = [1,2,20,4,5,20]
      print(in_array(nums_list,20))
      print(in_array(nums_list,10))
```

2
-1

1.1.9 9.Last in the Array

```
[17]: # Basic function
      def last_array(nums,x,i=0):
          index = len(nums)-i-1
          if i == len(nums):
              return -1
          elif nums[index]==x:
              return index
          return last_array(nums,x,i+1)
```

```
[18]: # from back
def last_index_better(nums,x,li):
    if li == 0 :
        return -1
    elif nums[li-1]==x:
        return li-1
    return last_index_better(nums,x,li-1)
```

```
[19]: # form fornt
def last_index(nums,x,si=0):
    if si == len(nums):
        return -1
    smaller_ans = last_index(nums,x,si+1)
    if smaller_ans != -1:
        return smaller_ans
    elif nums[si] == x:
        return si
    return -1
```

```
[20]: nums_list = [1,2,20,4,5,20]
print(last_array(nums_list,20))
print(last_index(nums_list,20))
print(last_index_better(nums_list,20,len(nums_list)))
print(last_array(nums_list,10))
print(last_index(nums_list,10))
print(last_index_better(nums_list,10,len(nums_list)))
```

```
5
5
5
-1
-1
-1
```