Lecture :- Recursion I

Agenda

- Basics
- Recursive codes
- Recursion call tracing

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– Next class

Class starts at 8:35 PM

Why recursion?

- Trees
- Dynamic programming
- Graphs
- Backtracking

Recursion

1. function calling itself.
2. Solving a problem using subproblems.

Example:

$sum(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 \dots\dots\dots n.$

problem: $sum(n)$ = subproblem: $sum(n-1) + n$

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

$sum(6) = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 = 21$

$sum(6) = sum(5) + 6$

$= [1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5] + 6 = 21.$

How to write recursive codes?

Three steps:

1. **Assumption**: what your function should do?
2. Main logic
3. Condition to stop recursion :- **Base case**

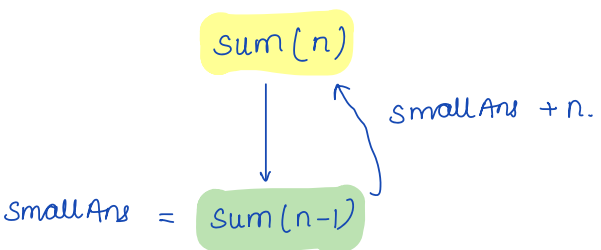
Qu Given a no n, find and return 1 + 2 + 3 ---- n using recursion.

```
int sum(int n) {
    if(n==1) {
        return 1;
    }
int sa = sum(n-1);
return sa + n;
}
```

1. Assumption

Given a no. n, return sum of first n natural numbers.

2. Main logic



3. Base case

Solve the smallest subproblem which can't be broken.

function call tracing

[function stored in stack memory]

function inside a stack

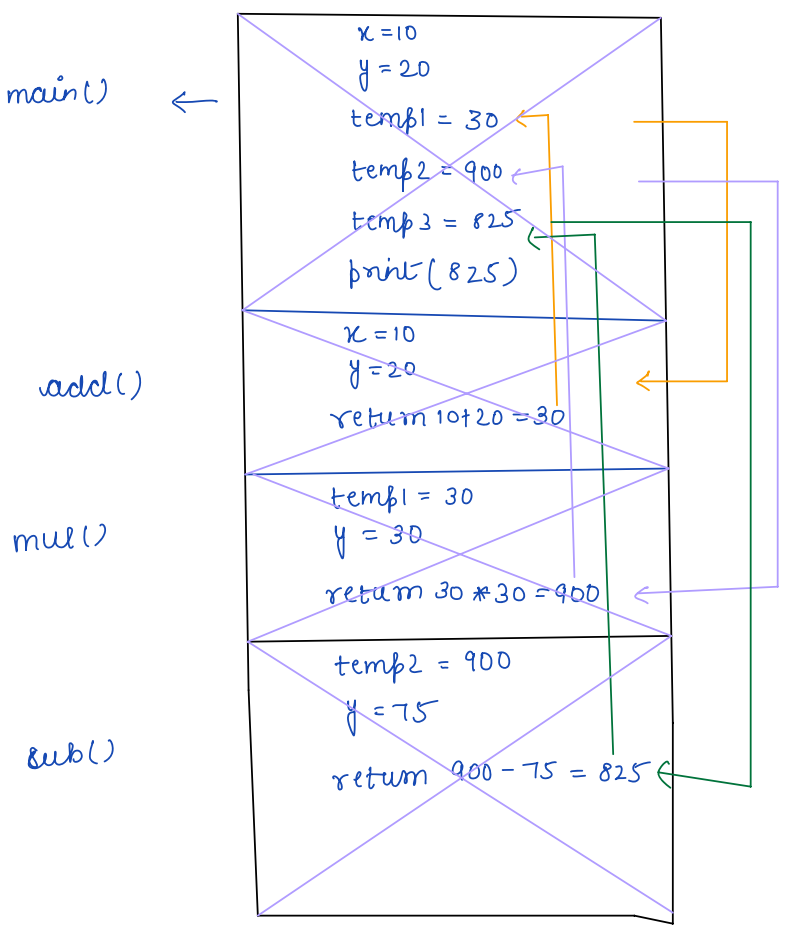
takes O(1) space

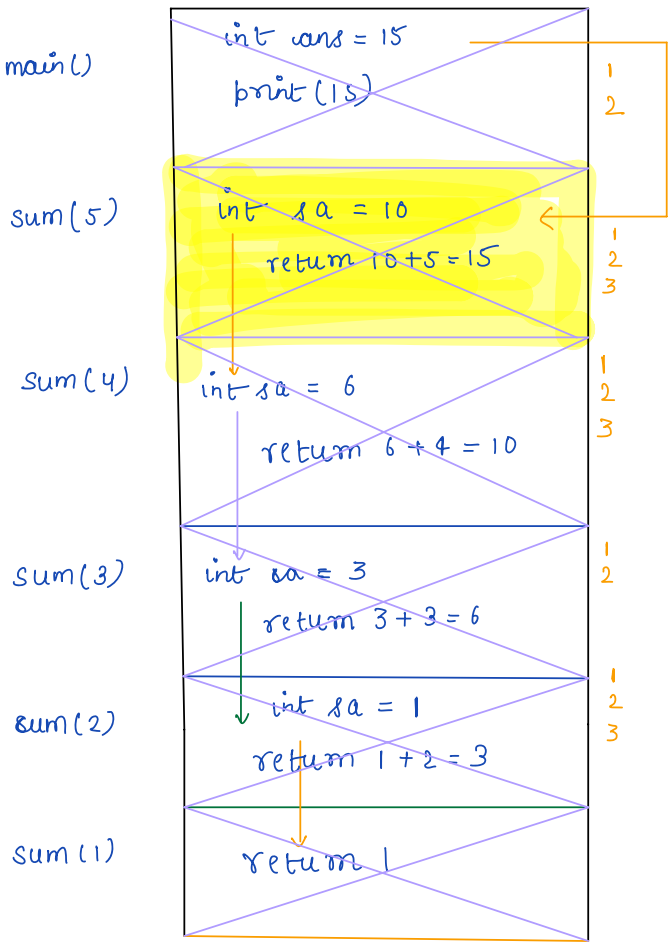
```
main() {
1. int x = 10;
2. int y = 20;
3 int temp1 = add(x, y);
4 int temp2 = mul( temp1, 30);
5 int temp3 = sub ( temp2, 75);
6 print (temp3);
}
```

```
int add(int x, int y){
    return x+y;
}

int mul (int x, int y){
    return x * y;
}

int sub (int x, int y){
    return x - y;
}
```



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int sum(int n) {
1.      if(n==1) {
            return 1;
        }
2.  int sa = sum(n-1);
3.  return sa + n;
}

main() {
1   int ans = sum(5);
2   print(ans);
}
```

Qu find factorial of a number

fact(4) = 4 * 3 * 2 * 1 = 24.

```
int fact(int n) {
    if (n==0 || n==1) {
        return 1;
    }
    int sa = fact(n-1);
    return sa*n;
}
```

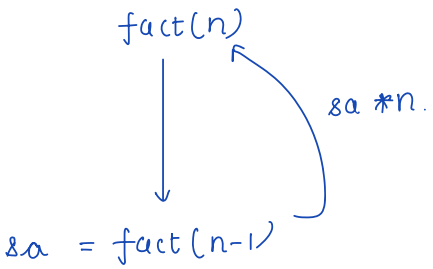
Assumption

Given a number n.
find and return
factorial of n.

Main logic

fact(5) = 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5

fact(5) = fact(4) * 5



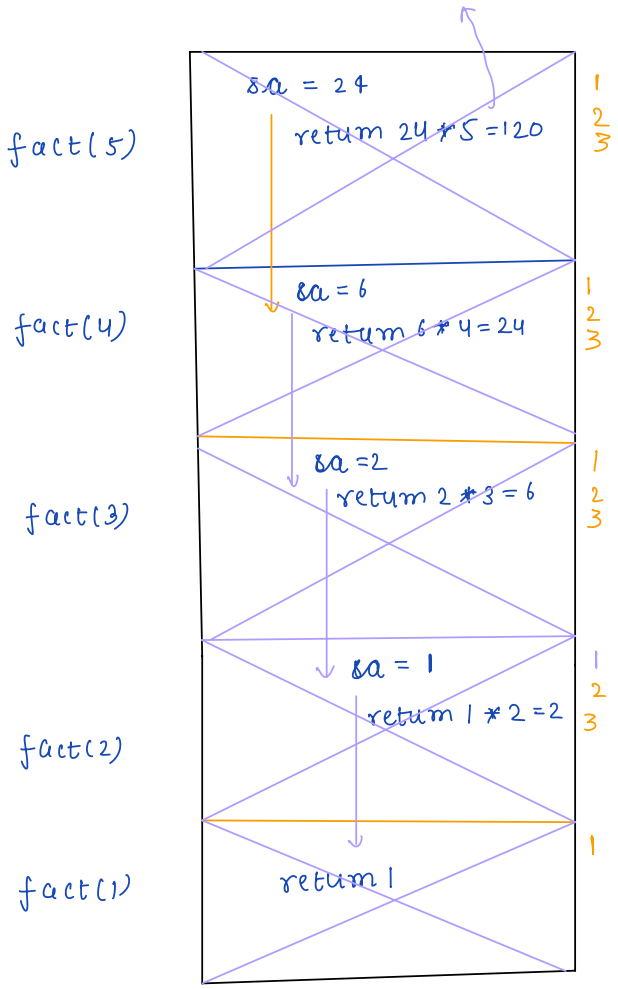
Base case

fact(1) = return 1.

fact(0) = return 1.

1 <= n <= 1000 [Base case: n==1]

0<=n<=1000 [Base case: n==0]

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  1 if(n==0 || n==1) {
        return 1;
    }
  2 int sa = fact(n-1);

  3. return sa * n;
}
```

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Qu Print nth fibonacci number.

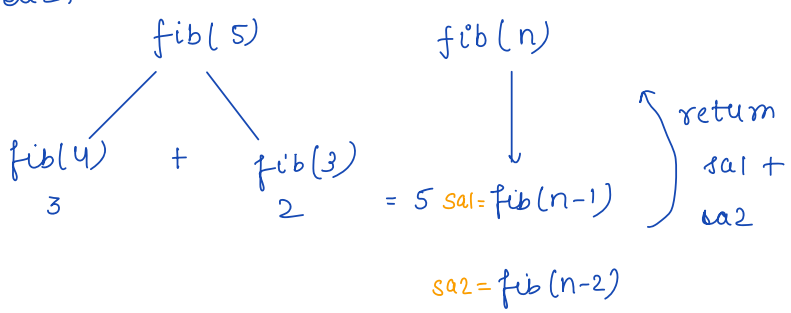
0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	⇒ 21 + 13	55-
0th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	----					

```
int fib(int n) {
    if (n==0 || n==1) {
        return n;
    }
    int sa1 = fib(n-1);
    int sa2 = fib(n-2);
    return sa1 + sa2;
}
```

Assumption

Given a number n, find and return nth fibonacci number.

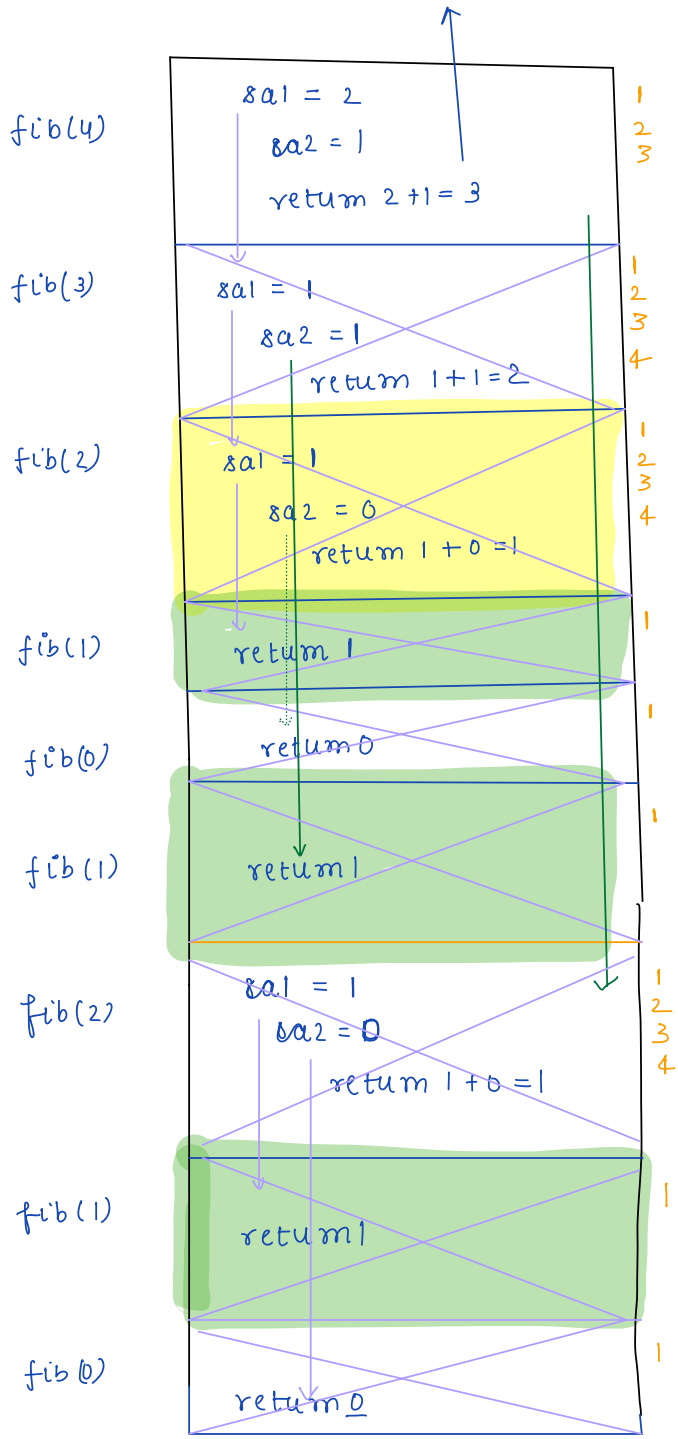
Main Logic



Base case

fib(1) = 1

fib(0) = 0

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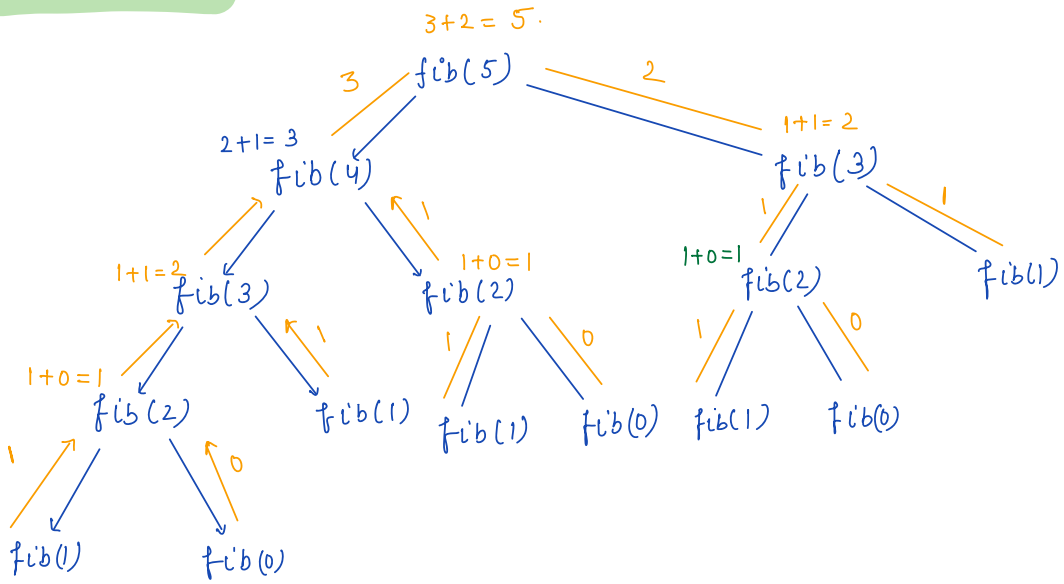
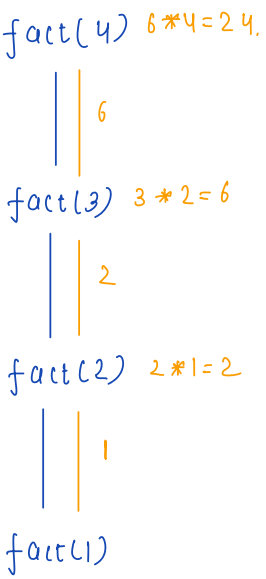
Recursion tree



factorial



Qu. Given a ch[], check if its a palindrome or not?

```
boolean isPalindrome(char[] ch, int s, int e) {
    if (s >= e) {
        return true;
    }
    if (ch[s] == ch[e]) {
        return isPalindrome(
            ch, s+1, e-1);
    }
    return false;
}
```

Assumption

Given a ch[], s, e.

whether a ch[] from s to e is a palindrome?

Main logic

ch[s] == ch[e]

sa

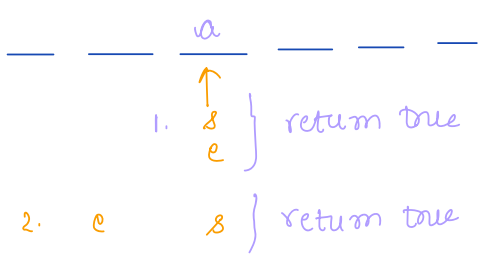
sa = isPalindrome(ch[], s+1, e-1)

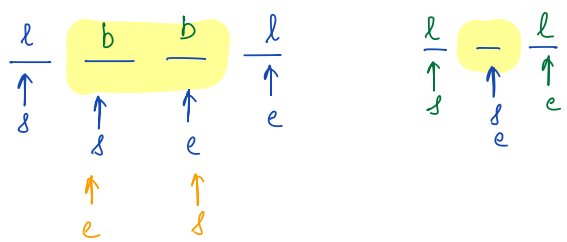
ch[s] != ch[e]

return false

H|w: Dry run. (h|w)

Base case

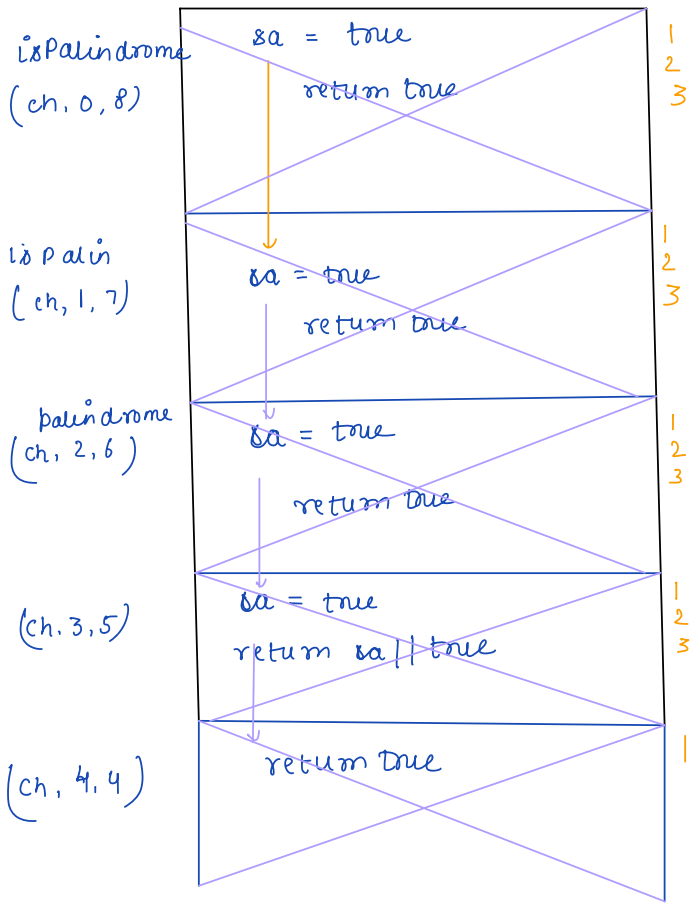




Dry run:

ch[] = m a l a y a l a m.
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

s = 0
e = 8

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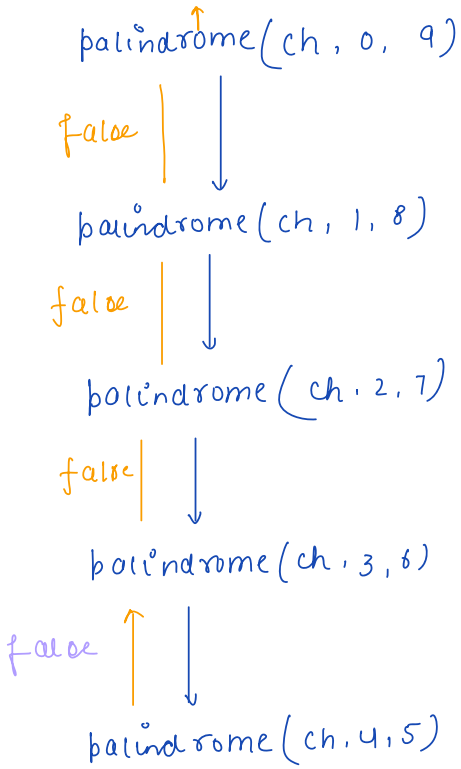
     }
  2  if (ch[s] == ch[e]) {
  3      sa = isPalindrome(
                 ch, s+1, e-1);
     | return sa;

  4  return false;
}
```

m a l a y k a l a m
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



Assignment: print numbers from 1 to n in increasing manner.

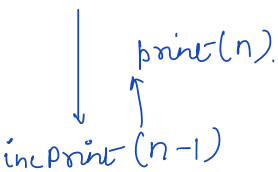
```
void incPrint(int n) {
    if (n==1) {
        print(1);
        return;
    }
    incPrint(n-1);
    print(n);
}
```

Assumption

main logic

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

incPrint(n)



Base case

n==1 : print(1)
return.

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