

DSML : Python Intermediate.

Recursion - 1

Recap: (a) Python syntax.

(b) Algorithms: Searching and Sorting.

(c) Time Complexity

(d) Big-Oh notation.

Today: (a) Recursion : Repeating computation.

(b) Steps : Assumption, Main logic, Base condition.

(c) Dry run : Function stack.

(d) Problem solving ; summation, factorial, fibonacci, sorting.

(a) Recursion:

(Assumption). 1] Bigger dolls will contain smaller dolls.

(Subproblem) 2] Design of 4 dolls are the same. We can open the bigger doll from the middle to find a smaller doll inside.

(Base case) 3] We cannot open any more dolls once we get a doll with a blue base.

(b) Recursion: Print all numbers from n to 1 in the descending order.

Let the name of the function which does this be called 'print-n(n)'

→ Assumption: print-n(k) will print all numbers (this is about the function we are implementing). from k to 1 in descending order.

→ Subproblem: - I know how to print n .
(use the assumption to solve for smaller n) I will print n , and use print-n($n-1$) to print the remaining.

Base Case:

Handle corner cases. ↑

I will stop printing when $n = 0$.

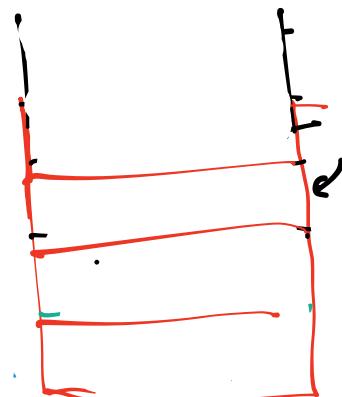
(c) Dry run: The function stack.

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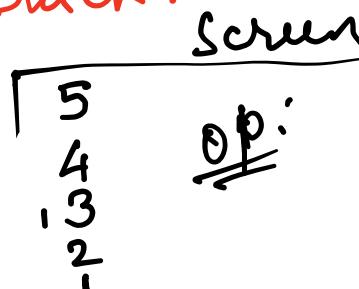
1] def print_n(n):
2]     if n == 0:
3]         return
4]     print(n)
5]     print_n(n-1)

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» print_n(5)



» Function stack.



line

2

4

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→ 2

Command Executed

5 == 0.

False.

print(5)

4 == 0.

False.

print(4)

3 == 0:

False.

print(3)

2 == 0

print(2)

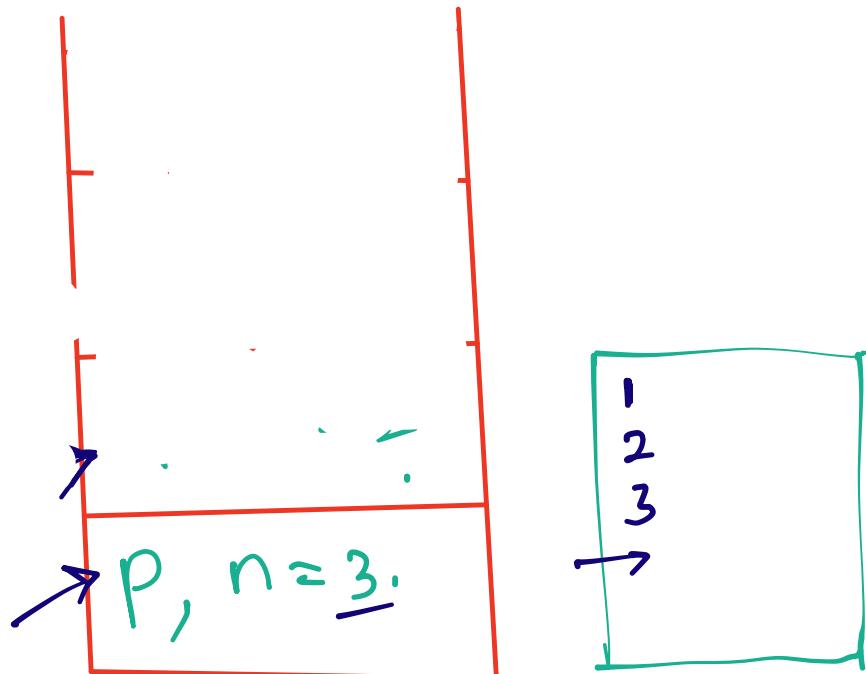
1 == 0 F

print(1)

0 == 0 → T.

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① def print_n(n):  
②     if n == 0:  
③         return None.  
④     print_n(n-1)  
⑤     print(n)
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>> print_n(3) ←



Dry run:

dine number.

Command ex.

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

(d) [Summation] Print the sum of all integers from 1 to n .

Let the name of the function which does this be summation(n).

Assumption: The function summation(k) will give me the correct summation from 1 to k . $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + k$.

Subproblem: Let us say I have summation($n-1$). Then, I will return:

- summation($n-1$) + n

$n = 1$, return 1

Base Case \rightarrow

(e) (Factorial) Print the product of all numbers from 1 to n .

Let the name of the function which does this be $\text{factorial}(n)$.

Assumption

$\text{factorial}(k)$ gives me $1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots \cdot k$ correctly.

Subproblem

If g know $\text{factorial}(n-1)$,
 g will return:
return. $n * \text{factorial}(n-1)$

Base Cases

if $n = 2 : \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \text{return } 2. \end{array} \right\}$

$$0! = 1$$

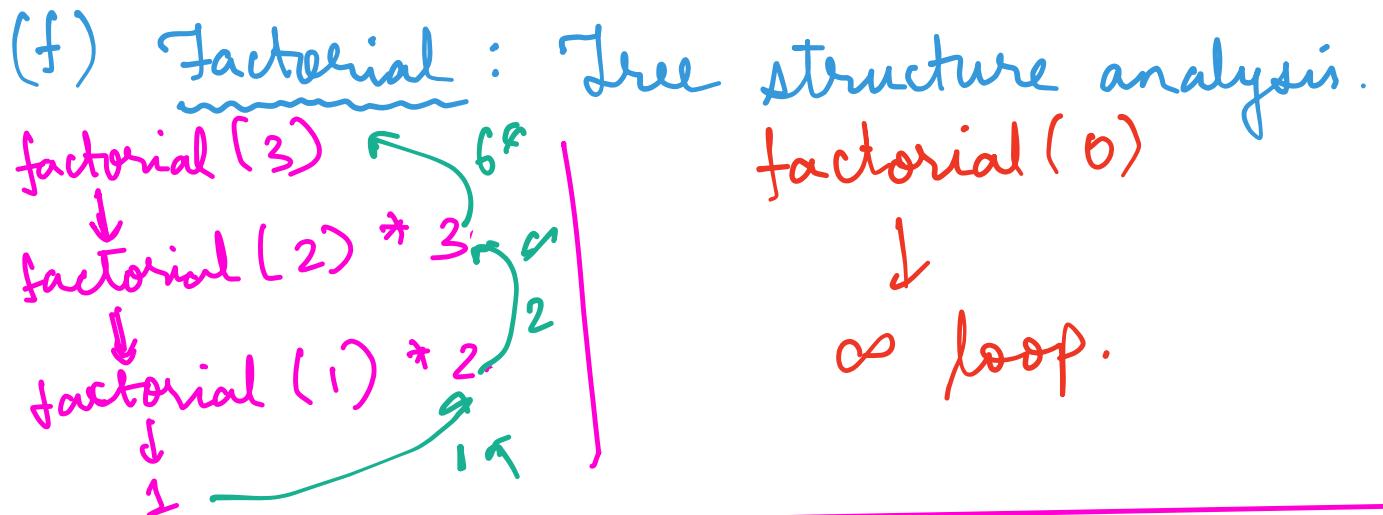
- ① $n = 1$
- ② $n = 0$
- ③ $n = 2$.

Ver. 1

$n = 1$

↓

1



factorial(0)

↓

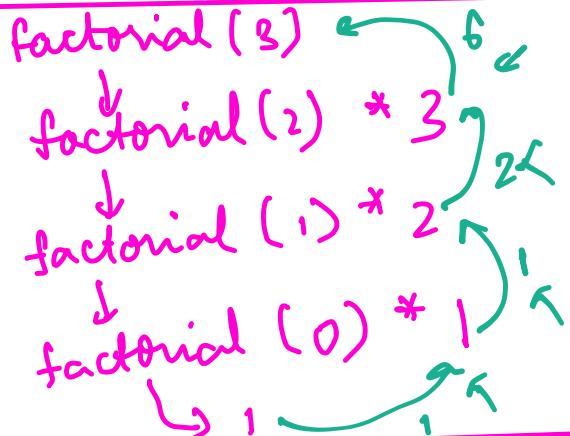
∞ loop.

Ver. 2

$n = 0$

↓

1



factorial (0), factorial!

↓

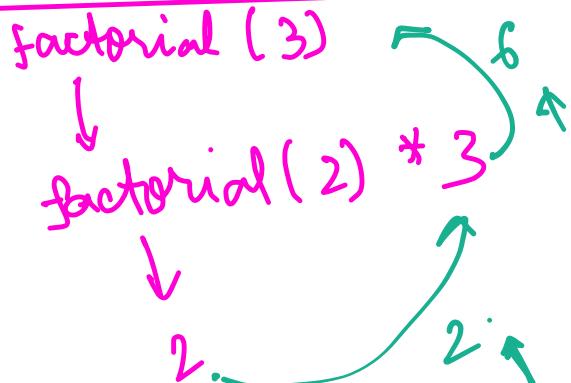
Correct answer.

Ver. 3

$n = 2$

↓

2.



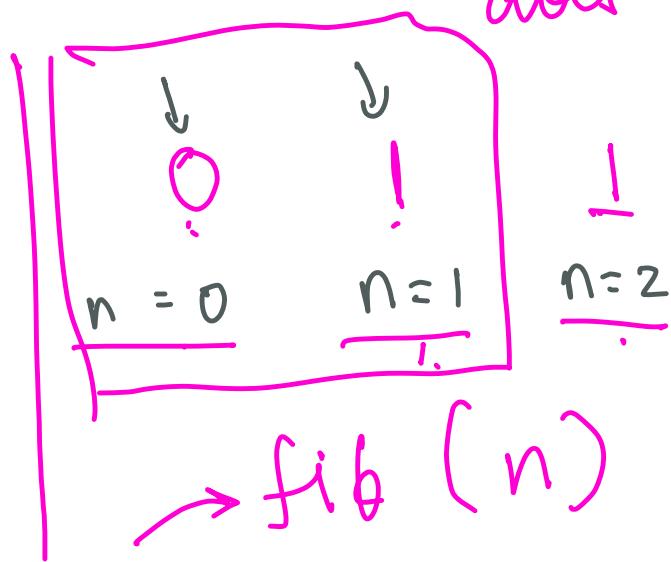
factorial (1)

↓

∞ loop.

(g) (Fibonacci Sequence) Print the n^{th} term in the fibonacci sequence.

Let the name of the function that does this be $\text{fib}(n)$.



$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & & & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 13 \\ & & & \underline{n=2} & \underline{n=3} & \underline{n=4} & \underline{n=5} & \underline{n=6} & \underline{n=7} \\ & & & & & & & & \underline{n=8} \end{array}$

$$\rightarrow \text{fib}(n) = \frac{\text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)}{T}$$

* Assumption

$\text{fib}(k)$ and $\text{fib}(k-1)$ will give me the correct fibonacci numbers.

Subproblem

Assume g know $\text{fib}(n-1)$ and $\text{fib}(n-2)$

g will give $\text{fib}(n)$

as follows:

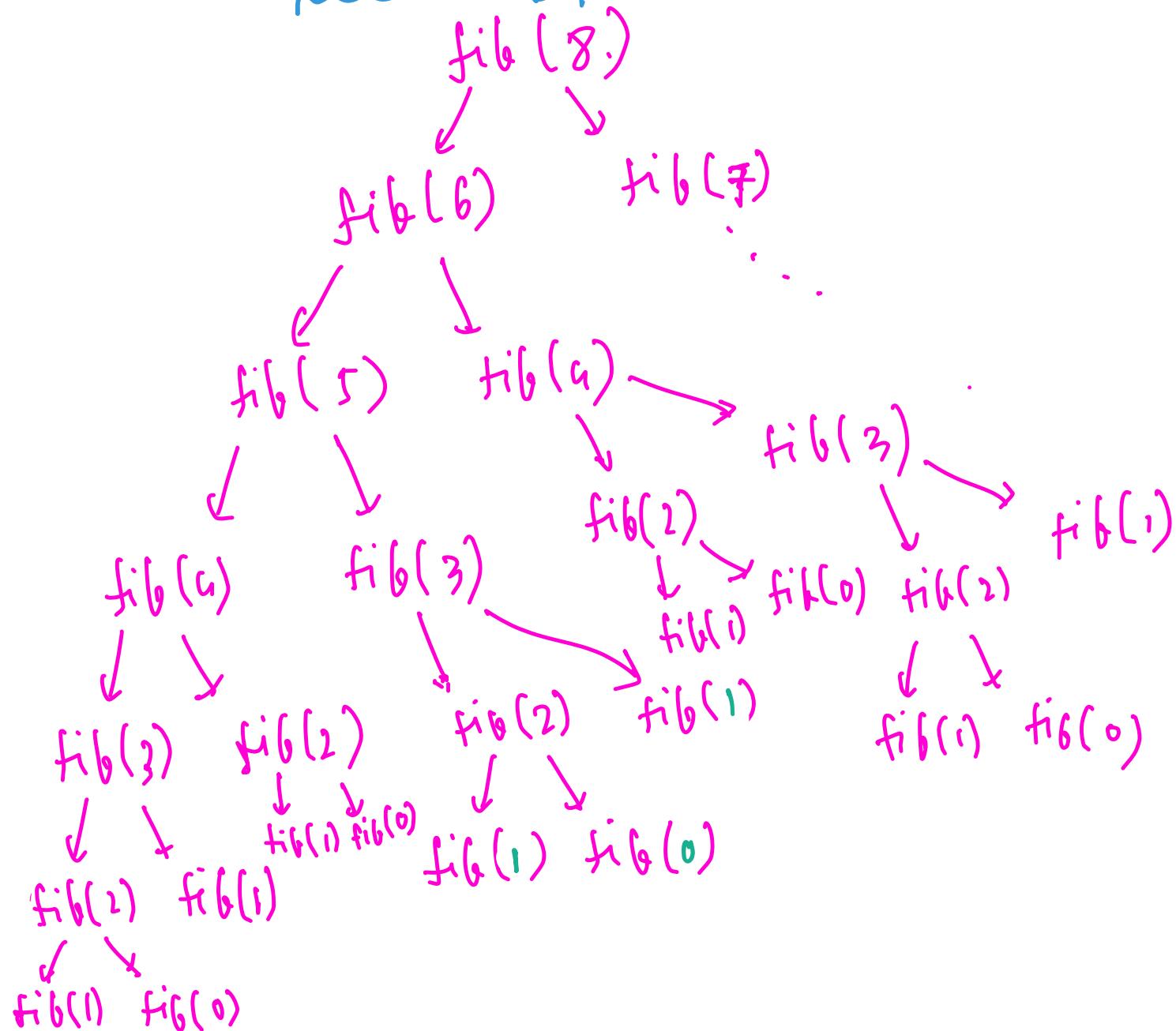
return $\text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)$

Base cases

if $n = 0$
return 0

if $n = 1$
return 1

(h) Fibonacci sequence: Tree structure analysis.



Merge
Sort
↓

$O(n \log_2 n)$

(i) (Sorting). Sort an array a using recursion
let the name of the function which
does this be sort(a).

Assumption: sort(arr) will sort the
array in the ascending
order.

Subproblem:

I have two sub-array of
 arr : A and B. To get
C from A and B, I will
use the 'merge' operation.

Base Case:

return $\Rightarrow [.]$, $[,]$ \rightarrow Already sorted
 \curvearrowright already sorted.

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def merge( A, B):  
    # A and B are both sorted.
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$\underbrace{A}_{\text{len}(A)} : [1, 3, 7]$ $B : [2, 5, 8]$
 \uparrow $\text{id}_x A$ \uparrow $\text{id}_x B$
 $\text{len}(B)$
 $C : [1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8]$

should
be sorted. C : [1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8].

$\overset{a \rightarrow n}{\underset{O(n)}{\circ}} \left(\underline{\text{len}(A)} + \underline{\text{len}(B)} \right) \rightarrow \text{algorithm}$
to do this!

def merge (A,B): # A and B are sorted .

idx_A = 0

idx_B = 0.

C = []

while idx_A < len(A) and idx_B < len(B):

if A[idx_A] < B[idx_B]:

C.append (A[idx_A])

idx_A += 1

else:

C.append (B[idx_B])

idx_B += 1.

if idx_A != len(A):

C += A[idx_A:]

if idx_B != len(B):

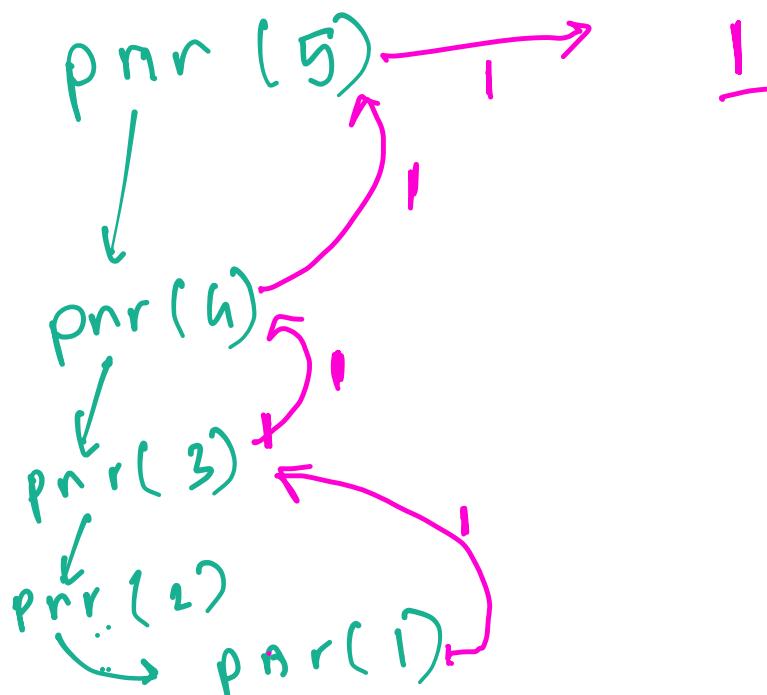
C += B[idx_B:]

return C.

} return C + A[idx_A:] \ + B[idx_B:]

```
1] def print_n_roshan(k):  
2]     if k > 1:  
3]         return print_n_roshan(k-1)  
4]         print(k)  
5]     return 1
```

print_n_roshan(5) ↪



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for i in range (5):
    for j in range (i, -1, -1):
        print (j, end = " ")
    print ()

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\downarrow
 i
 $\rightarrow 0$
 1
 $\rightarrow 2$
 3
 \vdots

\downarrow
 j
 $[0] \leftarrow$
 $[1, 0]$
 $[2, 1, 0]$
 $[3, 2, 1, 0]$

n

\uparrow
count
 1
 2
 3
 \vdots
 n

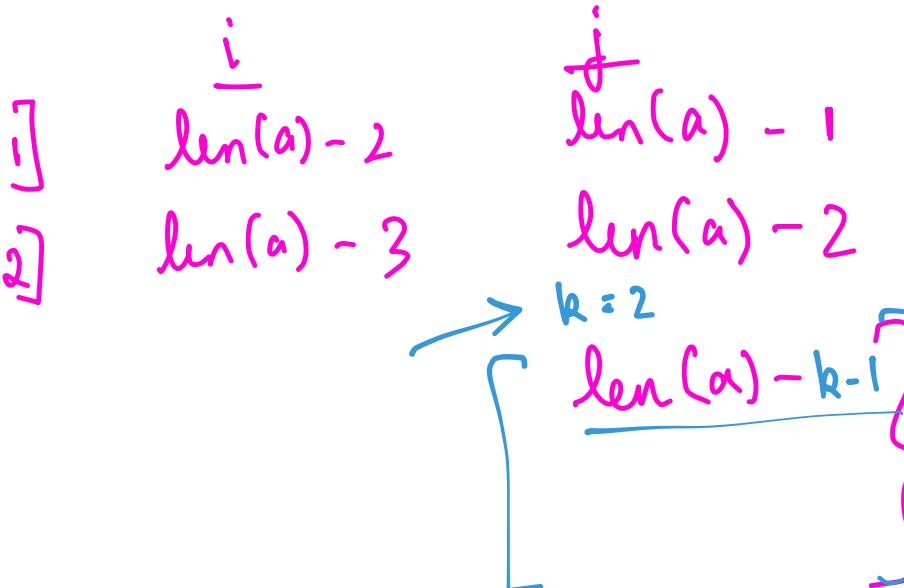
$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
 \downarrow
summation ()
 \uparrow

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for i in range (5):
    for j in range (i, -1, -2):
        print(j, end = " ")
    print()
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Vinkatish : Bubble Sort

$\text{len}(a) - 1$ times.

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def bubble_sort(a):
    count = 0
    for i in range(len(a) - 2, -1, -1):
        for j in range(0, i+1):
            count += 1
            if a[j] > a[j+1]:
                a[j], a[j+1] = a[j+1], a[j]
    print(f"Num times the loop was run: {count}")
    return a
```



$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \leftarrow \frac{(n-k-1)(n-k)}{2}$$

1 to $n - \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$$1 + \frac{(n-k-1)}{2} - \frac{(n-k-i)(n-k)}{2}$$

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{2} \leq \frac{(n-k-1)(n-k)}{2}$$

$$\frac{n^2 - n}{2} = \frac{(n^2 - kn - k^2 + k^2 - n + k)}{2}$$

$$2kn - k^2 - k.$$

$$\frac{k(2n - k - 1)}{2}$$

def merge_sort (arr) :

→ 2 recursive calls to
merge - sort .

And use the
merge function

to do the
sort .

```
i, j, k, p, q = 0
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for i in range(n):
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    p = 0
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    j = n
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    while(j>1):
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        p+=1
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        k = 1
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        while(k<p):
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            q+=1
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            k *=2
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            j = j/2
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n

$\log_2(n)$

$\log_2[\log_2(n)]$

$\log_2(\log_2(n))$

$j \rightarrow [n, \frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{4}, \dots, 1]$

$\log_2 n$

$O(n * \log_2(n) * \log_2(\log_2(n)))$