

Recursion-1



- function calling itself
- Problem is broken down to smaller sub-problems & using the solution of smaller sub-problems, big problem is solved

Q → find sum of first N natural numbers using recursion.

$$\text{sum}(N) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N = \boxed{\frac{N \times (N+1)}{2}}$$

$$\text{sum}(5) = \boxed{1 + 2 + 3 + 4} + 5$$

$\text{sum}(4)$

$$\text{sum}(5) = \text{sum}(4) + 5$$

$$\boxed{\text{sum}(N) = \text{sum}(N-1) + N}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\hookrightarrow \text{sum}(N-2) + (N-1) \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Steps to write recursive code

1. Define the problem / function

$$\text{sum}(N) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N$$

2. Define recursive relation

$$\text{sum}(N) = \text{sum}(N-1) + N$$

3. Define base case. // simplest version of the problem

$$\text{sum}(1) = 1 \quad (N=1)$$

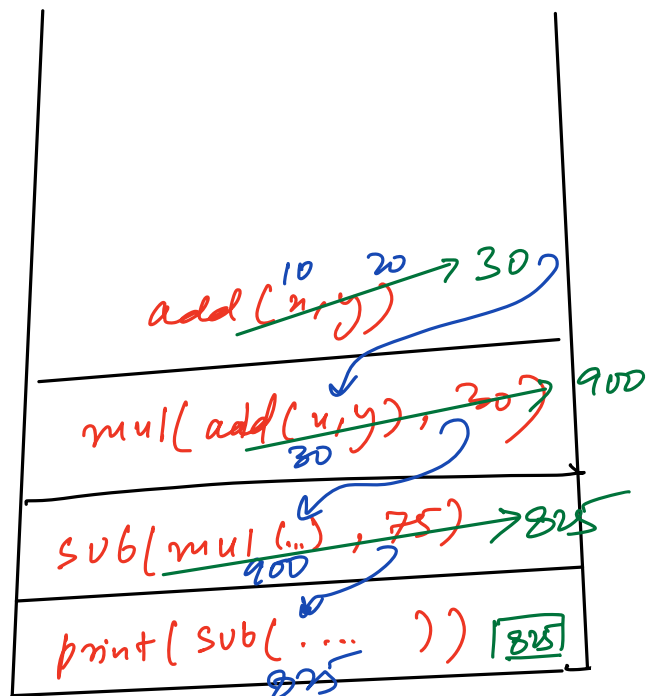
function call tracing

```
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  
}
```

```
void main() {  
    x=10, y=20  
    print(sub(mul(add(x,y), 30), 75))  
}
```



Call stack

`print(sub(mul(add(x,y), 30), 75))`

}

Q → Given a positive integer N , find factorial of N .

$$N=3 \quad \text{fact}(3) = 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6$$

$$N=5 \quad \text{fact}(5) = \underbrace{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4}_{\downarrow \text{fact}(4)} \times 5 = 120$$

1. $\text{fact}(N) = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times N$

2. $\text{fact}(N) = \text{fact}(N-1) \times N$

3. $\text{fact}(1) = 1$

```
int fact(N) {  
    1. if(N==1) return 1  
    2. return fact(N-1) * N  
}
```

$\text{print}(\text{fact}(3))$

$\swarrow \nearrow 2 \times 3 = 6$
int fact(N) {
 1. if(N==1) return 1
 2. return fact(N-1) * N
}

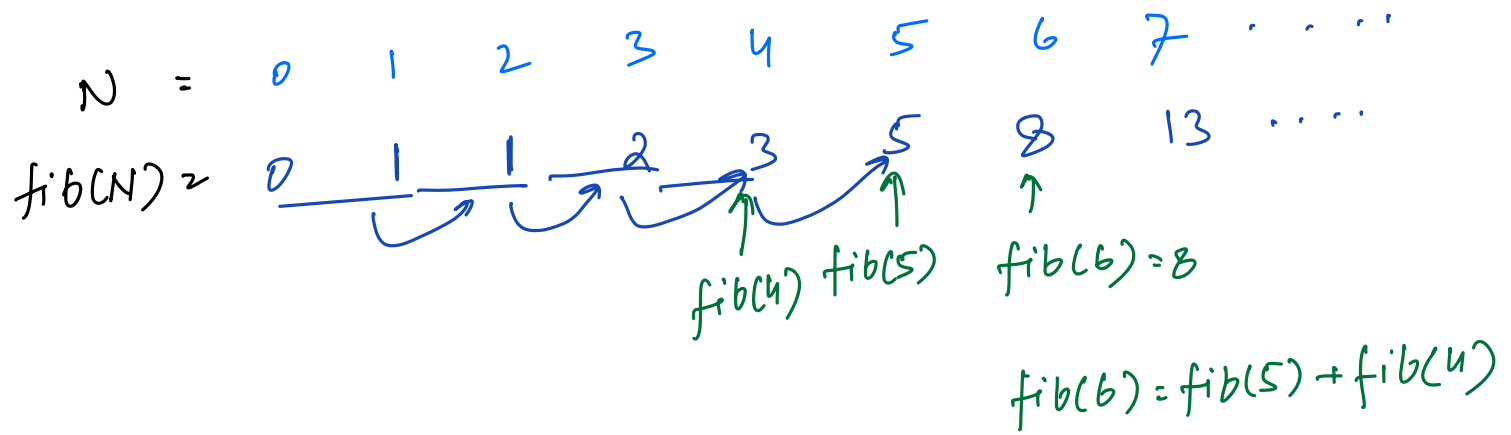
$\swarrow \nearrow 1 \times 2 = 2$

int fact(N) {
 1. if(N==1) return 1
 2. return fact(N-1) * N
}

$\swarrow \nearrow \text{return } 1$

int fact(N) {
 1. if(N==1) return 1
 2. return fact(N-1) * N
}

Q → Given a time number N , find N^{th} fibonacci number.



1. $\text{fib}(N) \rightarrow N^{\text{th}}$ fibonacci no.

2. $\text{fib}(N) = \text{fib}(N-1) + \text{fib}(N-2)$

3. $\text{fib}(0) = 0$
 $\text{fib}(1) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fib}(3) &= \text{fib}(2) + \text{fib}(1) \\ &\downarrow \\ &\text{fib}(1) + \text{fib}(0) \\ &\downarrow \\ &\text{fib}(0) + \text{fib}(-1) \end{aligned}$$

~~fib(0) + fib(-1)~~

int $\text{fib}(N) \{$

if ($N == 0 \parallel N == 1$)
return N

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

}

fib(4)=?

int fib(N) {

if(N==0 || N==1)

return N

return fib(N-1) + fib(N-2)

int fib(N) {

if(N==0 || N==1)

return N

return fib(N-1) + fib(N-2)

int fib(N) {

if(N==0 || N==1)

return N

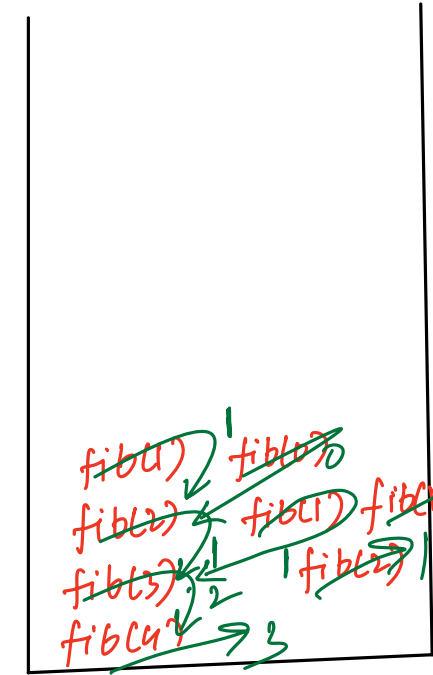
return fib(N-1) + fib(N-2)

int fib(N) {

if(N==0 || N==1)

return N

return fib(N-1) + fib(N-2)



Q → Given 2 +ve numbers a & b , find a^b using recursion.

eg $a=2$
 $b=3$

$$2^3 = \underbrace{2 \times 2}_{2^2} \times 2 = 8$$

1. $\text{pow}(a, b) \rightarrow a \times a \times a \dots \dots \times a$ (b times)

2. $\text{pow}(a, b) = \text{pow}(a, b-1) \times a$

3. $\text{pow}(a, 0) = 1$ [$b=0$]

```
int pow(a, b) {
```

```
    if (b == 0) return 1;
```

```
    return pow(a, b-1) * a
```

```
}
```

Alternate Solⁿ →

$$a^6 = a^3 \times a^3$$

$$a^{10} = a^5 \times a^5$$

$$a^7 = a^3 \times a^3 \times a$$

$$a^b = a^{b/2} \times a^{b/2}$$

$b \rightarrow \text{even}$

$$a^b = a^{b/2} \times a^{b/2} \times a$$

$b \rightarrow \text{odd}$

1. $\text{pow}(a, b) = a^b$
2. $\text{pow}(a, b) = \begin{cases} \text{pow}(a, b/2) * \text{pow}(a, b/2) & [b = \text{even}] \\ \text{pow}(a, b/2) * \text{pow}(a, b/2) * a & [b = \text{odd}] \end{cases}$

3. $\text{pow}(a, 0) = 1$

FAST exponentiation

```
int pow(a, b) {
    if (b == 0) return 1
    if (b % 2 == 0) {
        return pow(a, b/2) * pow(a, b/2)
    }
    else {
        return pow(a, b/2) * pow(a, b/2) * a
    }
}
```

```
int pow(a, b) {
    if (b == 0) return 1
    x = pow(a, b/2)
    if (b % 2 == 0)
        return x * x
    else
        return x * x * a
}
```

$\uparrow 4 * 4 * 2 = 32$

$\text{pow}(2, 5)$

$\downarrow \uparrow 2 * 2 = 4$

$\text{pow}(2, 2)$

$\downarrow \uparrow 1 * 1 * 2 = 2$

$\text{pow}(2, 1)$

$\downarrow \uparrow 1$

$\text{pow}(2, 0)$

$2^5 = 32$

Time Complexity $\rightarrow O(\# \text{ iterations})$

$\rightarrow O(\# \text{ function calls} \times \text{TC of function})$

int fact(N) {

1. if(N==1) return 1

2. return fact(N-1) * N

}

\uparrow
 $O(N)$

$O(1)$

$\Rightarrow O(N \times 1) = O(N)$

$$T(N) = T(N-1) + 1$$

$$= [T(N-2) + 1] + 1$$

$$= (T(N-3) + 1) + 1 + 1$$

$$T(N) = T(N-3) + 3$$

$$T(N) = T(N-K) + K$$

$$= T(1) + N-1$$

$$= 1 + N-1$$

$$= N$$

$$\text{if } N-K = 1$$

$$K = N-1$$

$$T(N) = O(N)$$


```
int pow(a, n) {
```

```
    if (n == 0) return 1;
```

```
    return pow(a, n-1) * a
```

```
}
```

$$T(N) = T(N-1) + 1 = O(N)$$

```
int pow(a, n) {
```

```
    if (n == 0) return 1
```

```
    if (n % 2 == 0) {
```

```
        return pow(a, n/2) * pow(a, n/2)
```

```
    }
```

```
    else {
```

```
        return pow(a, n/2) * pow(a, n/2) * a
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + T(n/2) + 1$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1$$

$$= 2 \left(2T(n/4) + 1 \right) + 1$$

$$= 2^2 T(n/4) + 2 + 1$$

$$= 2^2 \left(2T(n/8) + 1 \right) + \frac{2+1}{3} = 2^2 - 1$$

$$= 2^3 T(n/2^3) + \frac{4+2+1}{7} = 2^3 - 1$$

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

$$n/2^K = 1 \Rightarrow 2^K = n$$

instead of $T(0)$ take
 $T(1)$ as base

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

$$= n + n - 1$$

$$T(n) = O(N)$$

```
int pow(a, n) {
    if (n == 0) return 1
    x = pow(a, n/2)
    if (n % 2 == 0)
        return x * x
    else
        return x * x * a
}
```

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$$

$$= T(n/4) + 1 + 1$$

$$= T(n/8) + 1 + 2$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2^K) + K$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

}

$$n/2^k = 1 \Rightarrow 2^k = n$$

$$k = \log_2 n$$

$$T(n) = T(1) + \log n$$

$$T(n) = 1 + \log n$$

$$T(n) = \log_2 n$$

int fib(N) {

if (N == 0 || N == 1)
return N

return fib(N-1) + fib(N-2)

}

$$T(N) = T(N-1) + T(N-2) + 1$$

$$\approx T(N-1) + T(N-1) + 1$$

$$\approx 2T(N-1) + 1$$

$$= 2(2T(N-2) + 1) + 1$$

$$= 2^2 T(N-2) + 3$$

$$T(N) = 2^k T(N-k) + 2^k - 1$$

$$T(0) = 1$$

$$N-k=0 \Rightarrow k=N$$

$$T(N) = 2^N T(1) + 2^N - 1$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2^N - 1$$

$$T(N) = O(2^N)$$

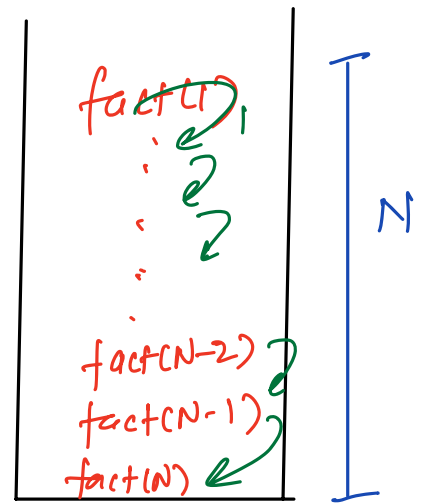
$\leftarrow \text{fact}(6) \rightarrow \text{fact}(5) \rightarrow \text{fact}(4) \rightarrow \text{fact}(3) \rightarrow \text{fact}(2) \rightarrow \text{fact}(1)$
 6 calls.

Space Complexity

```

int fact(N) {
  1. if(N==1) return 1
  2. return fact(N-1) * N
}
  
```

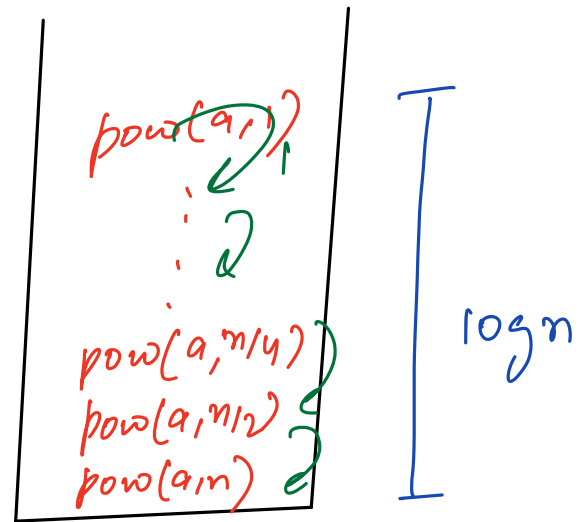
$$SC = O(N)$$



```

int pow(a, n) {
    if (n == 0) return 1
    x = pow(a, n/2)
    if (n % 2 == 0)
        return x * x
    else
        return x * x * a
}

```



}

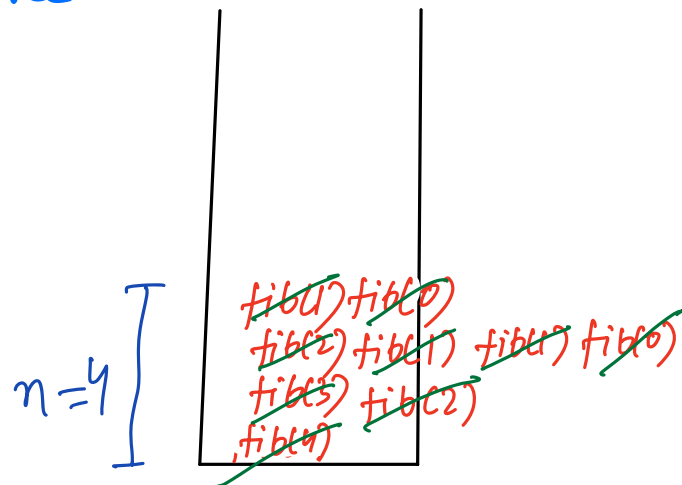
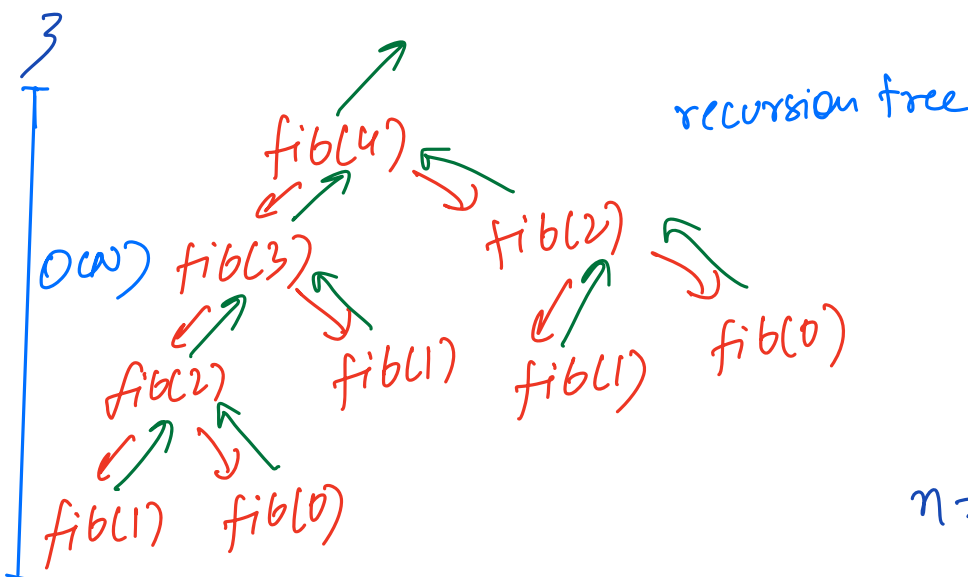
$$TC = O(\log_2 N)$$

$n \rightarrow n/2 \rightarrow n/4 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1$
 (log n times)

```

int fib(N) {
    if (N == 0 || N == 1)
        return N
    return fib(N-1) + fib(N-2)
}

```



$$SC = O(N)$$