

Java Recursion Method

2019 Lecture 4

Normal method

```
public void normalMethod(int a, int b) {  
    int c = a + b;  
    int d = a * b;  
  
    System.out.println(c);  
    System.out.println(d);  
}
```

Method with a return type
e.g. given n, return sum of 0 to n

```
public int normalMethod(int n) {  
    int sum = 0;  
    for (int i = n; i >= 0; i--) {  
        sum += i;  
    }  
  
    return sum;  
}
```

Recursion Function

- Function will recursively calling itself
- Can have or not having a return type
- If not careful, can turn into infinite recursion

```
public void recurMethod(int a) {  
    System.out.println(a);  
    recurMethod(a + 1);  
}
```

```
public int recurMethod(int a) {  
    return recurMethod(a - 1);  
}
```

Proper designed Recursion Function

- Recursion function are usually used to solve problem that answers are depends on the previous calculation result.
- Recursion function should very carefully defined the BASE case, for function to stop
- Then carefully develop the recursion condition

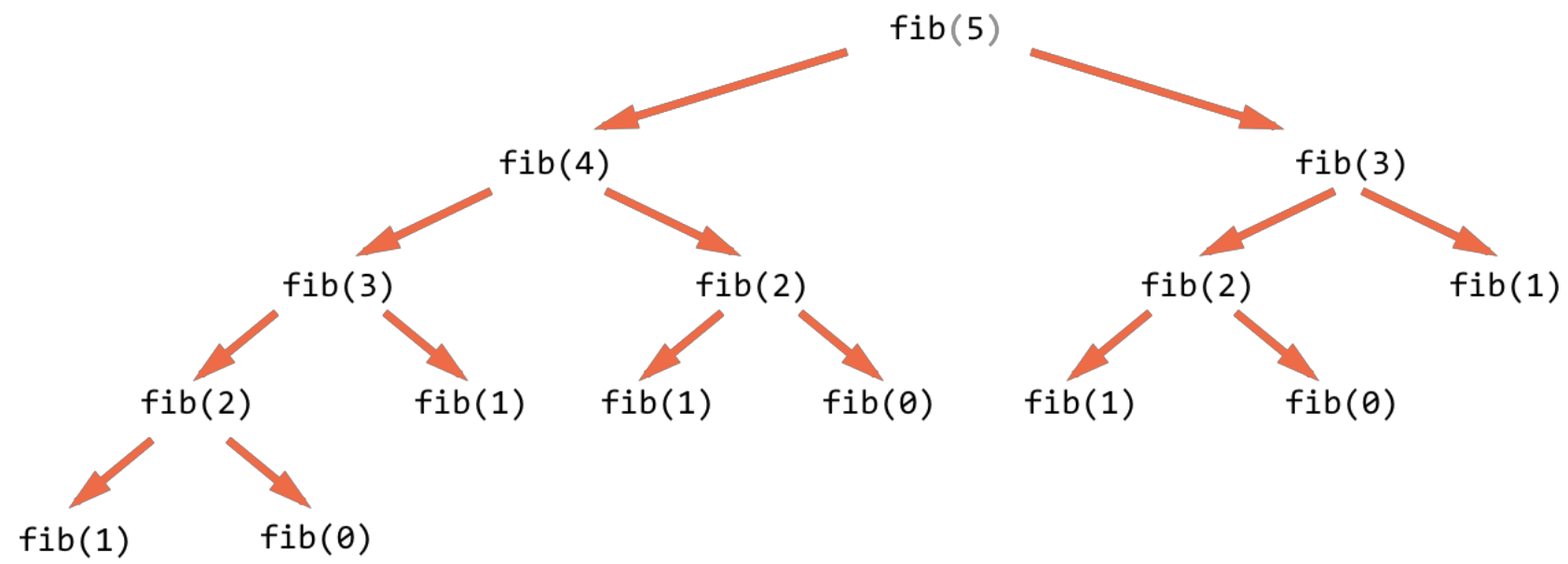
Fibonacci sequence

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13.....

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

Given int a, a is a number ≥ 0 , return the ath fibonacci number

```
public int fib(int a) {  
    }  
}
```

N!

N sum

```
public int factor(int n) {  
    if (n == 0) return 1;  
    return factor(n - 1) * n;  
}
```

```
public int sum(int n) {  
    if (n == 0) return 0;  
    return sum(n - 1) + n;  
}
```

Binary Search

```
public boolean binarySearch(int[] a, int key)
{
    int lo = 0;
    int hi = a.length - 1;
    while (lo <= hi)
    {
        // Key is in a[lo..hi] or not present.
        int mid = lo + (hi - lo) / 2; // do this to avoid overflow
        if (key < a[mid])
        {
            hi = mid - 1;
        }
        else if (key > a[mid])
        {
            lo = mid + 1;
        }
        else
        {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

```
public boolean binarySearch(int[ ] data, int target, int low, int high) {  
    if (low > high) {  
        return false;  
    } else {  
        int mid = low + (high - low) / 2; // do this to avoid overflow  
        if (target == data[mid])  
            return true;  
        else if (target < data[mid])  
            return binarySearch(data, target, low, mid - 1);  
        else  
            return binarySearch(data, target, mid + 1, high);  
    }  
}
```