

RECURSION FOUNDATIONS

Recursion

→ Coding

→ Visualizing

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Framework

→ Code

→ Recursion Tree

→ Recursion stack

Ex: $\text{fact}(n)$

{ if ($n=0$) return 1
return $n * \text{fact}(n-1)$;

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

$$n \leq 1, \text{ Fib}(n) = n$$

① Code

$$\text{Fib}(n)$$

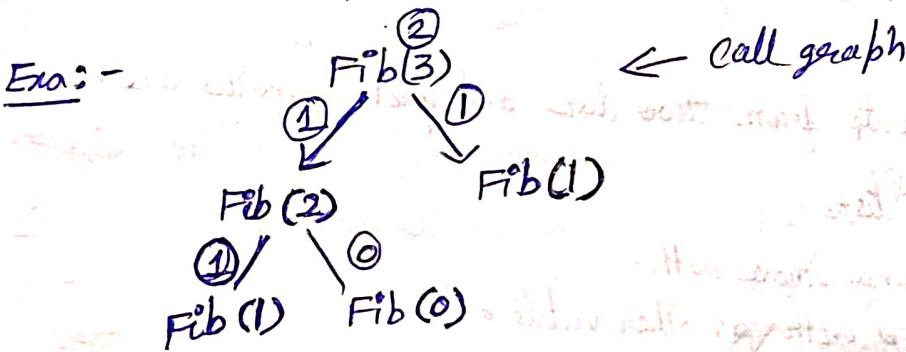
{ if ($n \leq 1$) return n ;

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

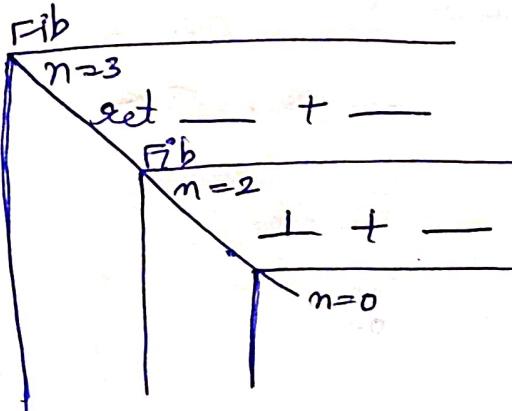
② Recursion Tree

Function calls → Name (Parameter)

Return value



③ Recursion stack



Exactly how
functions calls are
executed in cft.

Which is hard?

① Write new → Harder

② Understand Written → With practice can be learned

When you are dealing with recursion there are only certain types of code:

① Encode a logic

② Use recursion to [do, recursive, comeback]

③ Kth Finding

④ Fractals

→ 4 Forms of Recursion problem

① Encode logic

Q: Check if Palindrome using recursion?

s = "madam"
① Pruning → check for valid param - isPalindrome (first, last) ?
 | enters value
 | if (first >= last) return 1; // Base Case
 | // calculate
 | if (s[first] != s[last]) return 0;
 | return isPalindrome (first+1, last-1);

Q: You are given of n & r. Calculate nC_r recursively

$$\text{Relation: } {}^nC_r = {}^{n-1}C_r + {}^{n-1}C_{r-1}$$

Pseudo code:-

```
int nCr (int n, int r) {  
    //Pruning  
    if (r < 0 || r > n) return 0;  
    //Base Case  
    if (n == 0) return 1;  
    //calculate  
    return nCr (n-1, r-1) + nCr (n-1, r);  
}
```

Q: Write the recursive code for general n?

Do, Recurse, Comeback Pattern

1. Do → Print the current no N.

2. Recurse → call the funcⁿ for N-1

3. Comeback → After the recursive call returns
 point N again.

4	N
3	N-1
2	:
1	2
2	1
3	2
4	:
9	N-1
	N

Pseudocode:-

```
pointer (int N) {
    if (N == 1) cout << endl; //Base case
    return;
    cout << N << endl;
    pointer (N-1);
    cout << N << endl;
}
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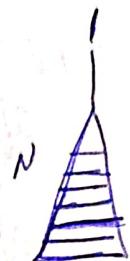
Q. Tower of Hanoi

move (N, from, to, extra)

move (N-1, from, extra, to)

N disk \rightarrow from \rightarrow to

move (N-1, extra, to, from)



Era: $N=3$

Recursion tree :-

Recd. Code:-

```
void movedisk(int disks, int from, int to,
              int extra) {
```

```
if (disks == 0) return; //Base Case
cout << "from" << from << "To" << to << endl;
movedisk(disks-1, extra, to, from);
```

$1 \rightarrow 3$
 $1 \rightarrow 2$ (Do, Recurse comeback
in no order)
 $3 \rightarrow 2$

$1 \rightarrow 3$

$2 \rightarrow 1$

$2 \rightarrow 3$

$1 \rightarrow 3$

