

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 * fact(n-1);
```

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

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

① Code

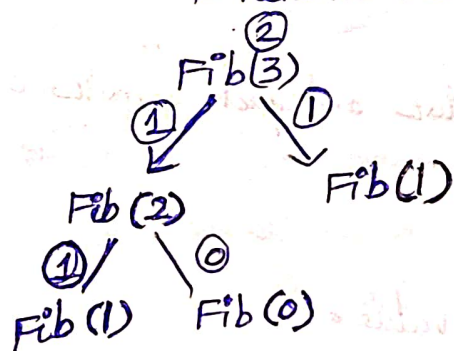
$\text{Fib}(n)$

```
if (n <= 1) return n;
return Fib(n-1) + Fib(n-2);
```

② Recursion Tree

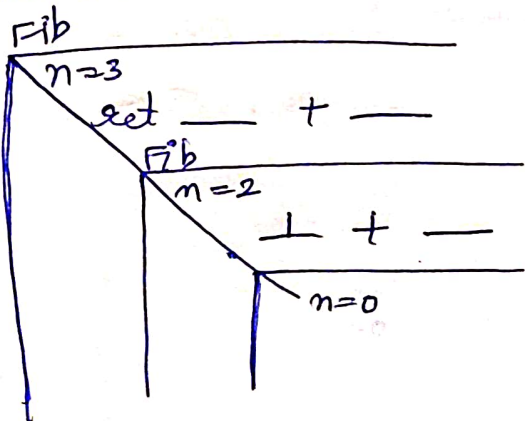
Function calls → Name (Parameter)
Return value

Ex: -



← Call graph

③ Recursion stack



Exactly how
functions calls are
executed in c++.

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, recurse, comeback]

③ Kth Finding

④ Fractals

→ 4 Forms of Recursion problem

① Encode logic

Q: Check if Palindrome using recursion?

① Panning → check for valid param-
eters value

② Base Case

③ Calculate

is Palindrome (first, last) {
if (first > last) return 1; // Base Case
// calculate
if (s[first] != s[last]) return 0;
return is Palindrome (first+1, last-1);
}

Q: You are given of n & x. Calculate $(n C x)$ recursively
Relation: $n C x = n-1 C x + n-1 C x-1$

Pseudo code: -

int nCx (int n, int x) {

// Panning

if (x < 0 || x > n) return 0;

// Base Case

if (n == 0) return 1;

// calculate

return nCx (n-1, x-1) + nCx (n-1, x);
}

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
print N again.

4
3
2
1
2
3
4

N
N-1
.
2
1
2
.
N-1
N

Pseudocode:-

```
printer (int N) {
```

```
    if (n == 1) cout << 1 << endl; // Base case
```

```
    return;
```

```
    cout << N << endl;
```

```
    printer (N-1);
```

```
    cout << N << endl;
```

```
}
```

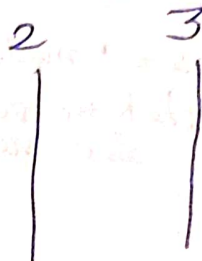
Q: Tower of Hanoi

move (N, from, to, extra)

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

N disk \rightarrow from \rightarrow to

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



Ex: N=3

Recursion tree :-

```
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
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3  $\rightarrow$  2 in no order)
```

```
1  $\rightarrow$  3
```

```
2  $\rightarrow$  1
```

```
2  $\rightarrow$  3
```

```
1  $\rightarrow$  3
```

