

- For $n > 0$, the if conditional and the first return statement are executed. So each recursive call with $n > 0$ adds two to the step count.
- Since there are n such function calls and these are followed by one with $n = 0$, the step count for the function is $2n + 2$.
- Surprisingly, the recursive function has a lower step count than its iterative counterpart. But, the step count only tells us how many steps are executed, it does not tell us how much time each step takes.
- The recursive version, on avg, runs slowly compared to the iterative version.

Ex-1.11 We want to determine the step-count for a function that adds two-dimensional arrays.

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void add(int a[][MAX_SIZE], int b[][MAX_SIZE], int c[][MAX_SIZE], int rows, int cols)
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int i, j;
for(i=0; i<rows; i++) {
    count++; /* for i for loop */
    for(j=0; j<cols; j++) {
        count++; /* for j for loop */
        c[i][j] = a[i][j] + b[i][j];
        count++; /* for assignment statement */
    }
    count++; /* last time of j for loop */
}
count++; /* last time of i for loop */
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• If $\text{count} = 0$ initially, on termination, $\text{count} =$
 $\text{rows} + \text{rows} \cdot \text{cols} + \text{rows} \cdot \text{cols} + \text{rows} + 1$
 $= \boxed{2 \cdot \text{rows} \cdot (\text{cols} + 1) + 1}$ ✓

Another way to obtain step counts is to use a tabular method. To construct a step count table we first determine the step count for each statement. We call this the steps/execution or s/e for short. Next we figure out