

**Ex 1.8:**  $\text{float rsum}(\text{float list}[], \text{int } n)$

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{
    if (n) return rsum(list, n-1) + list[n-1];
    return 0;
}

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- This means that the compiler must save the parameters, the local variables, and the return address for each recursive call.
- The space needed for one recursive call is the number of bytes reqd. for the two parameters and the return address.
- Assume that an integer and a pointer each require 4 bytes.

Type	Name	Number of bytes
parameter: array pointer	list[]	4
parameter: integer	n	4
return address: (used internally)??	-	4
Total per recursive call	-	12

If the array has  $n = \text{MAX\_SIZE}$  numbers, the total variable space needed for the recursive version is  $S_{\text{rsum}}(\text{MAX\_SIZE}) = 12 * \text{MAX\_SIZE}$

The recursive version has a far greater overhead.

### Exercises 1.5.1

1) Determine the space complexity of the iterative and recursive factorial functions created in Exercise 7, Section 1.3

**Soln:** The iterative factorial ~~function~~  $\text{factorial}(\text{int } n)$  has only fixed space requirements. No structured variable exists.  $\therefore S_{\text{iterative-factorial}}(n) = O(1)$

The only variable is the input  $n$  which takes up a fixed space of 4 bytes.

Now we analyze the long recursive factorial  $\text{factorial}(\text{int } n)$  function.

Assume that the return address has 4 bytes.