



BITS F232: FOUNDATIONS OF DATA STRUCTURES & ALGORITHMS (1ST SEMESTER 2023-24) RECURSION CONTINUED...

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LINEAR RECURSION

- A linear recursive function is a function that makes **at most one recursive call** each time it is invoked (as opposed to one that would call itself multiple times during its execution).

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4  int linearSum(int A[],int n){
5      if(n == 1) return A[0];
6      return linearSum(A,n-1) + A[n-1];
7  }
8
9  int main(){
10     int len;
11     cout<<"Enter length of input array : ";
12     cin>>len;
13     cout<<endl;
14     int A[len];
15     int aux;
16     cout<<"Enter the array : ";
17     for(int i=0;i<len;i++){
18         cin>>aux;
19         A[i] = aux;
20     }
21     cout<<"\nSum of the array is : "<<linearSum(A,len)<<endl;
22     return 0;
23 }
```

Result

compiled and executed in 13.95 sec(s)

Enter length of input array : 5

Enter the array : 4 3 6 2 5

Sum of the array is : 20

TAIL RECURSION: REVERSING AN ARRAY

```
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3  void swap(int *a,int *b){
4      int temp = *a;
5      *a = *b;
6      *b = temp;
7  }
8  void reverseArray(int A[],int start,int end){
9      if(start < end){
10         swap(&A[start],&A[end]);
11         reverseArray(A,start+1,end-1);
12     }
13 }
14 int main(){
15     int len;
16     cout<<"Enter length of the input array : ";
17     cin>>len;
18     cout<<endl;
19     int A[len];
20     cout<<"Enter the array : ";
21     int aux;
22     for(int i=0;i<len;i++){
23         cin>>aux;
24         A[i] = aux;
25     }
26     reverseArray(A,0,len-1);
27     cout<<"\nReversed array : ";
28     for(int i=0;i<len;i++) cout<<A[i]<<" ";
29     cout<<endl;
30     return 0;
31 }
```

- Tail recursion occurs when a linearly recursive method makes its recursive call as its last step.
- Such methods can be easily converted to non-recursive methods (which saves on some resources).
- Is Linear sum (previous program, tail recursive?)

Algorithm IterativeReverseArray(A,i,j):

Input: An array A and nonnegative integer indices *i* and *j*

Output: The reversal of the elements in A starting at index *i* and ending at *j*

while *i* < *j* do

Swap A[*i*] and A[*j*]

i ← *i* + 1

j ← *j* - 1

return

Result

compiled and executed in 12.089 sec(s)

Enter length of the input array : 4

Enter the array : 4 5 7 8

Reversed array : 8 7 5 4

BINARY RECURSION

- What is binary recursion?

Problem: add all the numbers in an integer array A :

Algorithm BinarySum(A, i, n):

Input: An array A and integers i and n

Output: The sum of the n integers in A starting at index i

if $n = 1$ **then**

return $A[i]$;

return BinarySum($A, i, n/2$) + BinarySum($A, i + n/2, n/2$)

Let us see the recursion trace... Used heavily in merging and tree traversals...

COMPUTING FIBONACCI NUMBERS

```
1 #include<bits/stdc++.h>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 int fib(int n)
5 {
6     if (n <= 1)
7         return n;
8     return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
9 }
10
11 int main ()
12 {
13     int n = 9;
14     cout << fib(n);
15     getchar();
16     return 0;
17 }
```

Is binary recursion better here?

n_k denote the number of calls performed in the execution of `fib(k)`

$$\begin{aligned}n_0 &= 1 \\n_1 &= 1 \\n_2 &= n_1 + n_0 + 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \\n_3 &= n_2 + n_1 + 1 = 3 + 1 + 1 = 5 \\n_4 &= n_3 + n_2 + 1 = 5 + 3 + 1 = 9 \\n_5 &= n_4 + n_3 + 1 = 9 + 5 + 1 = 15 \\n_6 &= n_5 + n_4 + 1 = 15 + 9 + 1 = 25 \\n_7 &= n_6 + n_5 + 1 = 25 + 15 + 1 = 41 \\n_8 &= n_7 + n_6 + 1 = 41 + 25 + 1 = 67\end{aligned}$$

Let us draw the tree too...

```
1 #include <iostream>
2 using namespace std;
3
4 // A tail recursive function to
5 // calculate n th fibonacci number
6 int fib(int n, int a = 0, int b = 1)
7 {
8     if (n == 0)
9         return a;
10    if (n == 1)
11        return b;
12    return fib(n - 1, b, a + b);
13 }
14
15 // Driver Code
16 int main()
17 {
18     int n = 9;
19     cout << "fib(" << n << ") = "
20         << fib(n) << endl;
21     return 0;
22 }
```

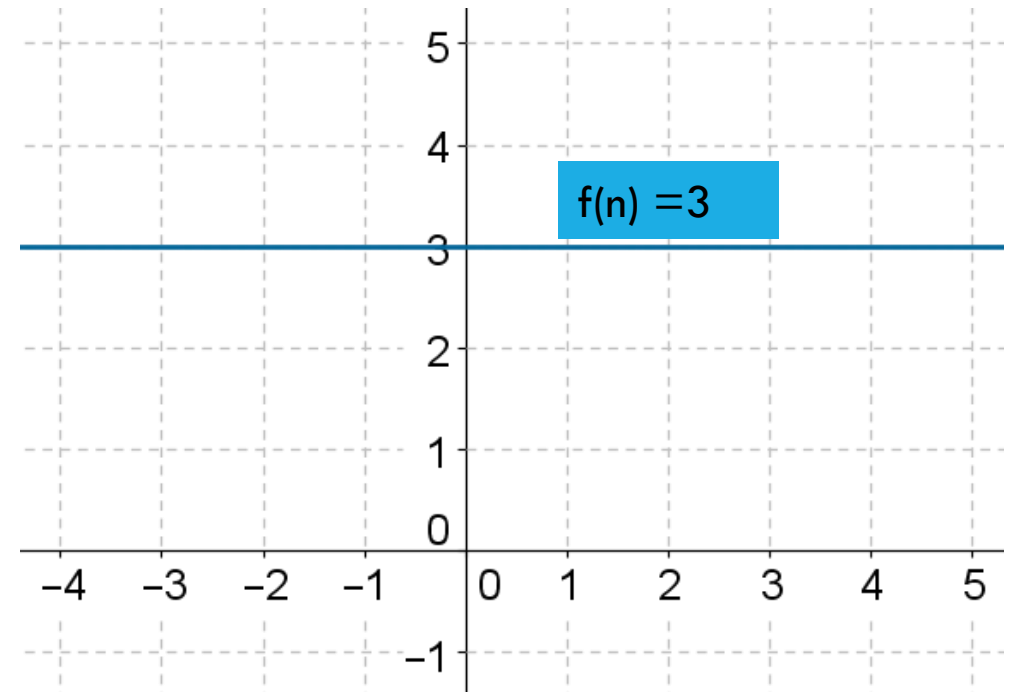
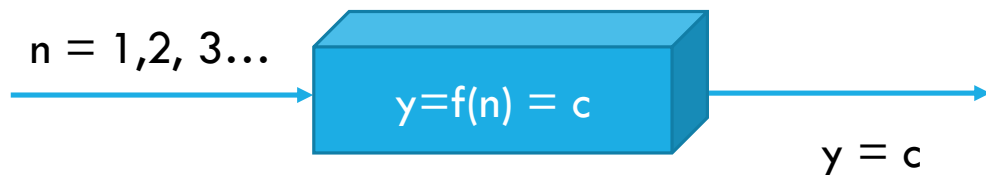
What is the type of this rec.?

WHAT IS COMPLEXITY & HOW IMPORTANT IS IT?

You want to look for a word in a dictionary that has every word sorted alphabetically. How many algorithms are there and which one will you prefer?

FUNCTIONS FOR ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

- **The Constant function:** Output is same i.e. independent of input. It characterizes the number of steps needed to do a basic operation on a computer like, what types of operations? Constant algorithm does not depend on the input size.



What about $f(w) = w^2$?

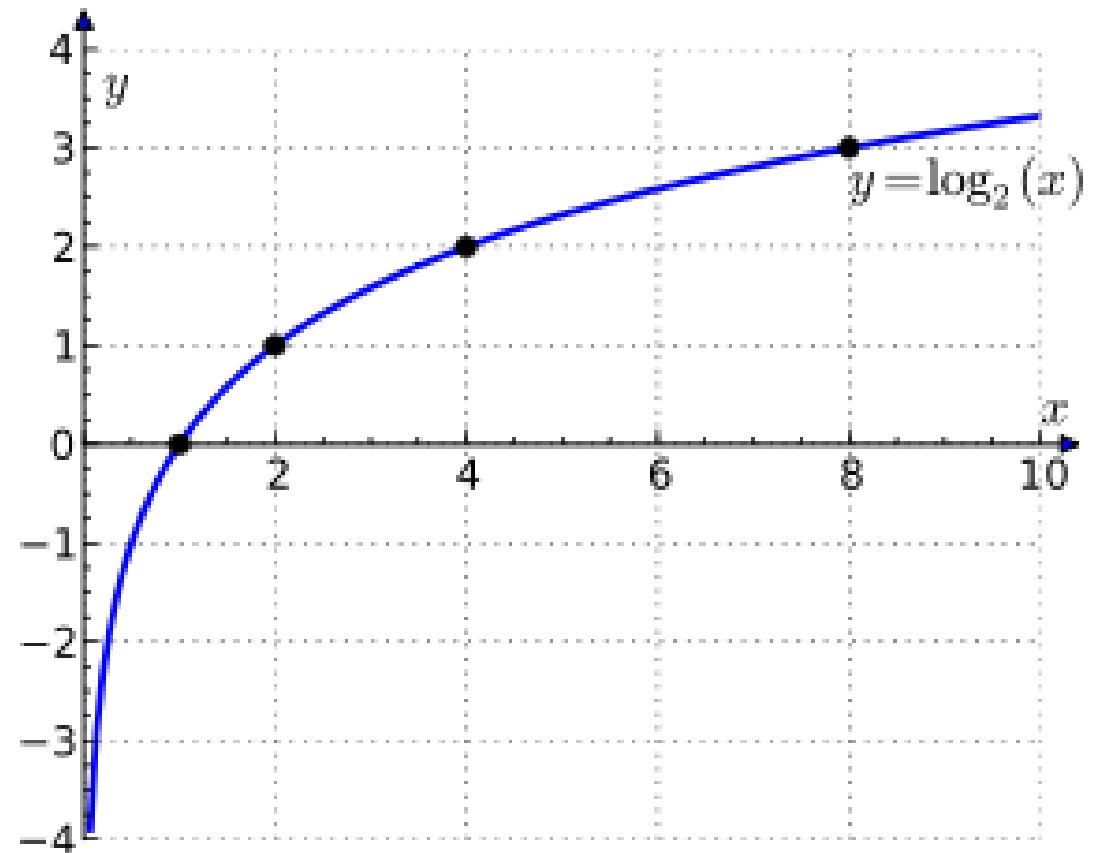
LOGARITHMIC FUNCTION

- Heavily used in Analysis of algorithms.
- Why is it used with base 2 most?

(Rules)

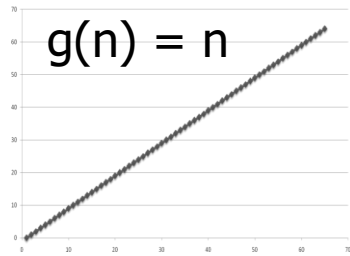
1. $\log(nm) = \log n + \log m$
2. $\log(n/m) = \log n - \log m$
3. $\log(n^r) = r \log n$
4. $\log_a n = \log_b n / \log_b a$

(img. source: wiki)

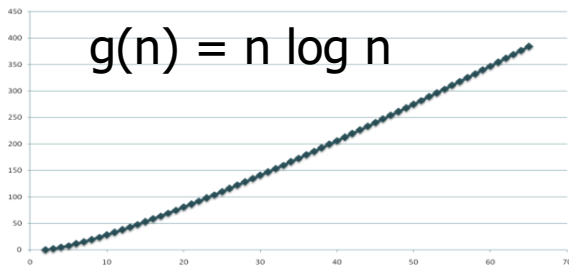


LINEAR AND N-LOG-N FUNCTIONS

Linear Function: Given an input value 'n', the linear function $g(n)$ assigns the value 'n' itself.



nlogn function: A function that assigns to an input 'n' the value of 'n' times logarithm base 2 of 'n'.



```
void quicksort (list[ ], left, right) {  
    int pivot = partition (list, left, right);  
    quicksort (list, left, pivot-1);  
    quicksort (list, pivot+1, right);  
}
```

complexity?

