

Recursion is made for trees and Divide and Conquer type of problem statements

Recursion

↳ function calls itself directly or indirectly

factorial

$$\rightarrow 5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = \underline{\underline{120}}$$

In recursion based problem statements Base case condition will be always present that represents the condition where code is meant to be terminated



Base case condition

↳ code will terminate

Small problem

Since factorial is 0 and 1 is equals to 1

$T(n)$

fact(n):

{ if $n == 0$ or $n == 1$:

 return 1

 else:

$n > 1$

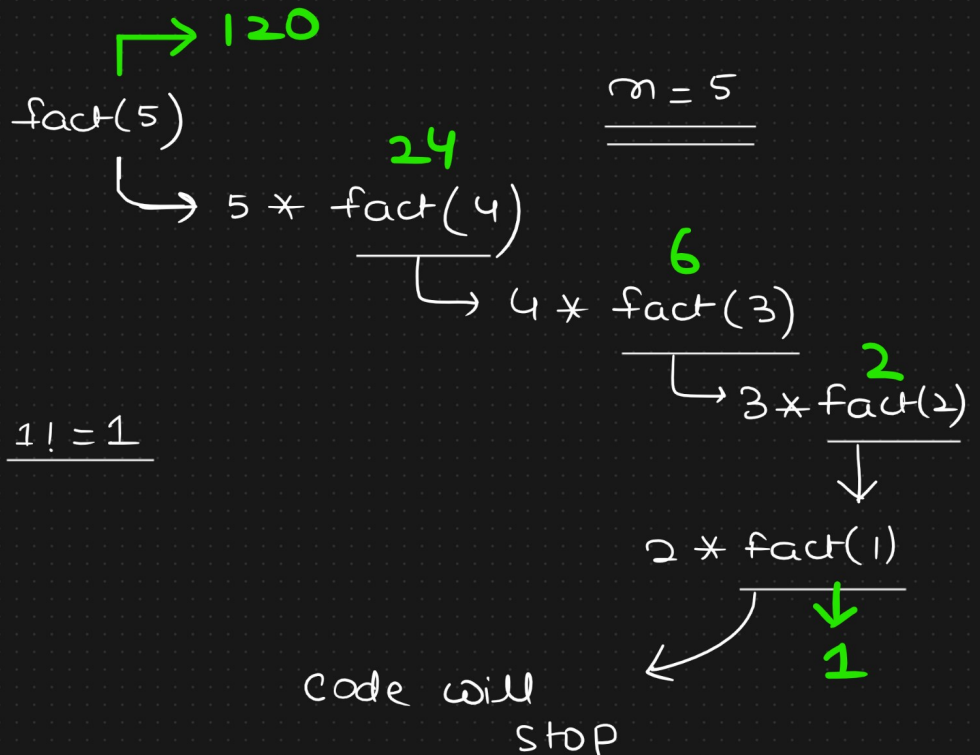
$\text{result} = n \times \text{fact}(n-1)$

$n \times T(n-1)$

 return result

Base case condition

Recursive call



In recursion, recursive function calls are stored in the form of Stack where last recursive call is returned first as soon as base condition (termination state) is met

Stack \rightarrow LIFO
(Last In First Out)
 \Downarrow
to store function call

fact(1)
fact(2)
fact(3)
fact(4)
fact(5)

\rightarrow Empty stack

Recurrence Relation

(factorial of number)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n=1 \\ n \times T(n-1) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = n \times T(n-1)$$

\hookrightarrow Substitution method