

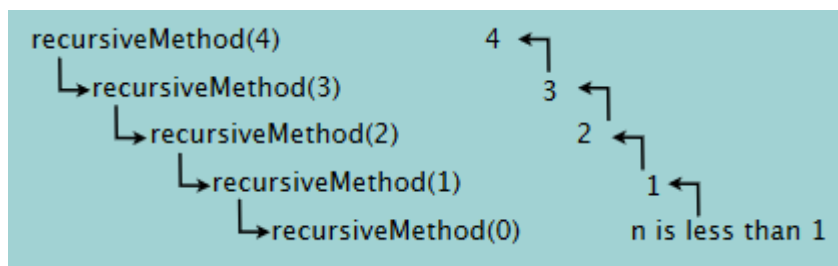
Data Structure

Now Will See the How Recursive method is Stored in Stack Memory.

How Recursion works?

```
def recursiveMethod(n):  
    if n<1:  
        print("n is less than 1")  
    else:  
        recursiveMethod(n-1)  
        print(n)
```

1st



2nd

Note: See the above image where it states about how Recursion Works.

- one function is there ie; recursiveMethod() user is given input 4 so the flow of the recursive function is the same as in the above image.

```
def Loading... (n):
    if n < 1:
        print("n is less than 1")
    else:
        recursive(n-1)
        print(n)
recursive(4)
```

```
n is less than 1
1
2
3
4
```

3rd

- see the 2nd image based on the LIFO (Stack) as we can see the last method recursiveMethod(0) called. so lastmethod will pop out first. ie; n is less than 1 and so on.

Note: we understood that stack memory is used by the system for managing the recursive calls.

- So every time Recursive method calls itself, the system stores it in the stack for coming back because there are execution (print) statement left after calling itself.
- This means that system somehow remembers the point where it should stops, and call to function with different parameter. based on the condition.

Recursive vs Iterative Solutions

```
def powerOfTwo(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        power = powerOfTwo(n-1)
        return power * 2
```

```
def powerOfTwoIt(n):
    i = 0
    power = 1
    while i < n:
        power = power * 2
        i = i + 1
    return power
```

- Here we can see the two functions are given one based on the Recursion, and another based on the iterative traditional method of looping concept.

- in the Recursion function, as we can see the above image we have a one condition to stop further execution (Infinite Loop).
 - if the condition is not satisfied then it will execute the else block and return the power of 2.
 - Conditional statement decides the termination of Recursion.
 - Here in Recursive function, infinite Recursion can leads the system crash.
 - Recursion repeatedly invokes (triggering) the mechanism consequently (accordingly) as per method calls.
 - so conclusion it can be Expensive for both processor time and memory Space. as we can discuss in previous section where it recursive function call stored the function in stack memory.
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in other side in Iterative solution

- we have created a two variable which is i and power, until i will less than 1 this while loop will execute till that time.
- As per analyzing the two function, Recursion code is easy to write. compare to Iterative one.
- but here variable value of i will decide the termination of execution.
- here in iterative function, infinite iteration consume CPU cycles ie; (CPU usage).
- where in