Recursion :

→ A function is called recursive if a statement in the body of the function calls itself

→ Recursion is the process of defining something in terms of itself.

→ C functions may be used recursively ; that is a function may call itself either directly or indirectly

→ If func1() and func2() are two functions, then the

direct call structure is ;

```
func1()
  {
  ------
  ------
  func1();
  ------
  }------
```

i.e function func1() calls itself directly.

and indirect call structure is ;

```
func1()
   {
   ----
   ----
   func2();
   ------
   ----
   }
func2()
   {
   ------
   ------
   func1();
   ----
   ----
}
```

The function func1() calls itself indirectly i.e. func1() calls func2() and func2() once again calls function func1().

Examples of recursion :

```
/* write a program to find the factorial of a number using
   recursion */

# include <stdio.h>
# include <conio.h>
int fact (int );
void main( )
  {
     int a, f ;
     clrscr();
    printf (" Enter the number :"),
    scanf (" %d", &a);
  f = fact (a);
 printf (" The factorial of %d is = %d\n", a, f);
 getch();
}
int fact (int x)
{
    int f ;
  if ( x == 1)
      {return x;
      }
 else
     {
       f = x * fact(x-1);
     }
   return f ;
}
```

```
/* write a program to find the power value of a number
   using recursion */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int power (int, int);
void main()
{
   int n, x, p;
   clrscr();
   printf("Enter the base and power :");
   scanf("%d %d", &n, &x);
   p = power(n, x);
printf("power value is : %d\n", p);
getch();
}
int power(int a, int b)
{
   int result;
   if (b == 0)
         {
          return 1;
         }
   else
       {
        result =(a * power(a, b-1));
       }
    return result;
}
```

```
/* write a program to find the GCD of two numbers using
   recursion */

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int gcd (int m, int n);
void main()
{
   int a, b, c;
   clrscr();
  printf (" Enter two numbers : ");
  scanf ("%d %d", &a, &b);
  if ( a<b)
     {
       c = gcd (a,b);
     }
  else
       { c = gcd (b,a);
       }
  printf (" gcd = %d\n", c);
 getch();
}
int gcd (int x, int y)
{
   int rem;
   rem = y % x;
 if ( rem == 0)
      return x;
 else {
      return gcd(rem, y);
    }
 }
```

/* write a program to find the fibonacci series upto a range using recursion */

```
#include <stdio.h>
# include <conio.h>
void fibo (int );
void main()
{
   int z ;
   clrscr();
   printf (" Enter the range :") ;
    scanf ("%d", &z ) ;
    fibo (z) ;
   getch();
}
void fibo (int z)
 {
    static int a=0, b=1;
     int c ;
  if ( z < 2 )
        printf ( "%d", a ) ;
   else
        {
            fibo (z-1);
            c = b;
            b = a+b;
            a = c ;
          printf ("%d", a) ;
        }
  }
```

```
/* program to find out the LCM and HCF of two numbers
   recursively */                    (Least common multiple)   (Highest common factor)

#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
int hcf (int a, int b);
int lcm (int a, int b);
int m, n;
void main()
{
   int x, y;
   clrscr();
 printf("Enter two numbers:");
 scanf("%d %d", &x, &y);
 printf("HCF of %d and %d is %d\n", x, y, hcf(x,y));
  m = x;
  n = y;
 printf("LCM of %d and %d is %d\n", x, y, lcm(x,y));
 getch();
}
int hcf (int a, int b)
  { if (a==b)
       return b;
 else if (a<b)
      hcf(a, b-a);
 els
     hcf(a-b, b);
}
int lcm (int a, int b)
    {
      if (a==b)
         return b;
```

```
else if (a<b)
    lcm (a+m, b);
else
    lcm (a, b+n);
}
```

/* write a program to print the reverse of a positive number using recursion */

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <conio.h>
void reverse (long int n);
void main()
{
   long int num;
   clrscr();
   printf ("Enter the number :");
   scanf ("%ld", &num);
     reverse (num);
  getch();
}
void reverse (long int n)
 {  int rem;
    if (n==0)
        return;
 else
      {
        rem = n%10;
        printf ("%d", rem);
        n = n/10;
       reverse (n);
      }
 }
```