



## RECURSION

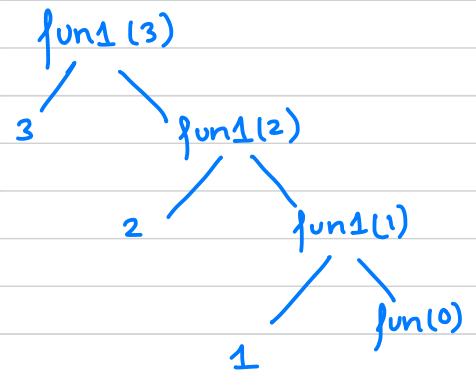
↳ When a function calls itself

### EXAMPLE #1

```
void fun1(int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        printf("%d", n);
        fun1(n-1);
    }
}
```

```
void main()
{
    int n = 3;
    fun1(n);
}
```

### TRACING TREE



### OUTPUT

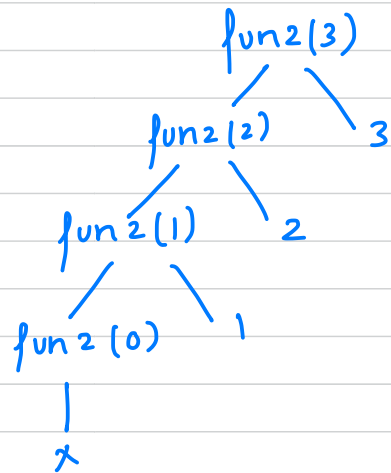
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### EXAMPLE #2

```
void fun2(int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        fun2(n-1);
        printf("%d", n);
    }
}
```

```
void main()
{
    int n = 3;
    fun2(n);
}
```

### TRACING TREE



### OUTPUT

1 2 3

```

void fun (int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        ASCENDING 1. calling

                2. fun(n-1)

        DESCENDING 3. returning
    }
}

```

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOOP AND RECURSION

The main difference between loop and recursion is that recursion allows two phases i.e ascending and descending while loop allows only ascending.

## HOW STACK IS UTILISED IN RECURSIVE FUNCTIONS?

### EXAMPLE #1

```

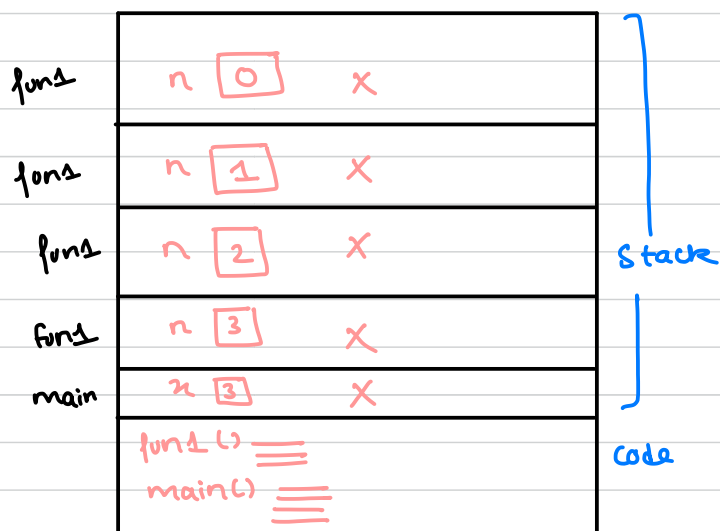
void fun1 (int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        printf ("%d", n);
        fun1 (n-1);
    }
}

```

```

void main()
{
    int n = 3;
    fun1 (n);
}

```



Here, value of  $n$  was 3, so there were 4 calls (Tracing tree).

So for value of  $n$ , there will be  $n + 1$  calls

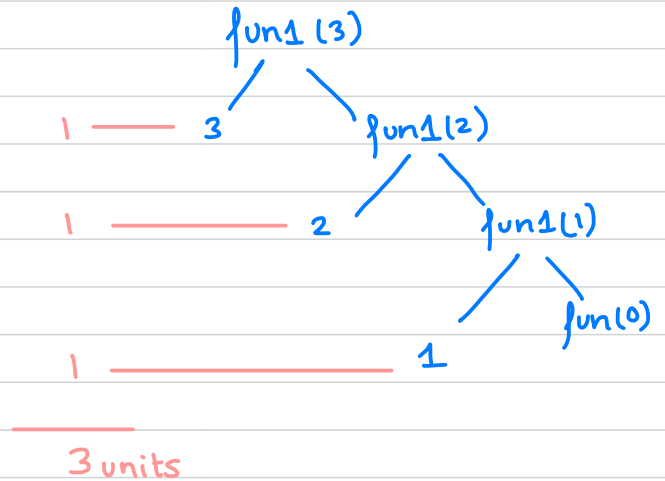
## TIME COMPLEXITY (using Tree)

### EXAMPLE #1

```
void fun1(int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        printf("%d", n);
        fun1(n-1);
    }
}
```

```
void main()
{
    int n = 3;
    fun1(n);
}
```

### TRACING TREE



Thus, for  $n$  calls  $\rightarrow n$  units of time.

$O(n)$

## TIME COMPLEXITY (using recurrence relation)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 0 \\ T(n-1) + 1 & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Assume it as 1 for constant

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$$

$$T(n-1) = T(n-2) + 1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-2) + 1 + 1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-3) + 1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-3) + 1 + 2$$

⋮

$$T(n) = T(n-k) + k$$

$T(n)$  — void fun1(int n)  
This function takes  $n$  time.

```
void fun1(int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        printf("%d", n);
        fun1(n-1);
    }
}
```

As it is similar to  $T(n)$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 2$$

Assume  $n-k=0 \therefore n=k$

$$T(n) = T(n-n) + n$$

$$T(n) = T(0) + n$$

$$T(n) = 1 + n$$

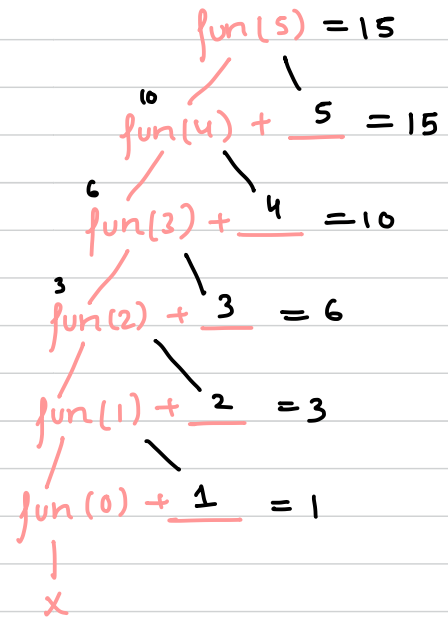
$O(n)$

## STATIC VARIABLES IN RECURSION

```
int fun (int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        return fun (n-1) + n;
    }
    return 0;
}

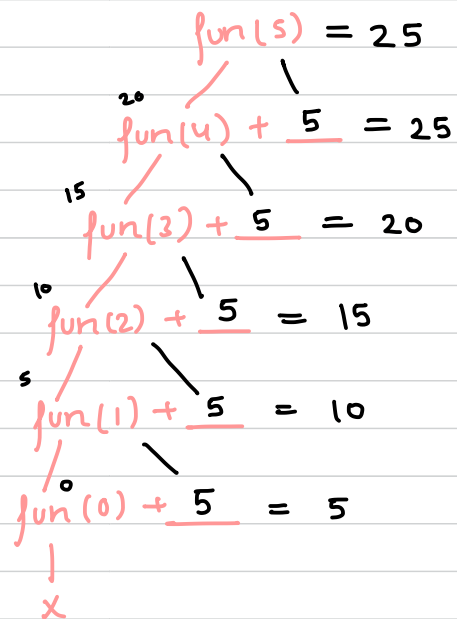
main()
{
    int a = 5;
    printf L" %d", fun (a);
}
```

### TRACING TREE



```
int fun (int n)
{
    static int x = 0;
    if (n > 0)
    {
        x++;
        return fun (n-1) + x;
    }
    return 0;
}

main()
{
    int a = 5;
    printf L" %d", fun (a);
}
```



## TYPES OF RECURSION

1. Tail Recursion
2. Head Recursion
3. Tree Recursion
4. Indirect Recursion
5. Nested Recursion

### 1. TAIL RECURSION

When the function is calling itself and that call is the last call in the function.

```
fun(n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        =====
        fun(n-1);
    }
}
```

1. Every operation is performed at calling time.

2. Tail recursions can easily be converted into loops.

### TAIL RECURSION AND LOOPS

Some compilers convert your program to loop if you have used tail recursion as they are more efficient

```
void fun(int n)
{
    while (n > 0)
    {
        printf("%d", n);
        n--;
    }
}

fun(3);
```

space  $O(1)$

```
void fun(int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        printf("%d", n);
        fun(n-1);
    }
}

fun(3);
```

$O(n)$

## 2. HEAD RECURSION

It means that the the function does not need to perform any operation at the time of calling. It has to do all operations at returning time.

```
void fun (int n)
{
    int i = 1;
    while (i <= n)
    {
        printf ("%d", i);
        i++;
    }
}
```

fun(3);

```
void fun(int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        fun(n-1);
        printf ("%d", n);
    }
}
```

fun(3);

Head recursions cannot be so easily converted into loops.

## 3. TREE RECURSION

### LINEAR RECURSION

```
fun(n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        ==
        fun(n-1);
        ==
    }
}
```

When the function calls itself only once.

### TREE RECURSION

```
fun(n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        ==
        fun(n-1);
        ==
        fun(n-2);
        ==
    }
}
```

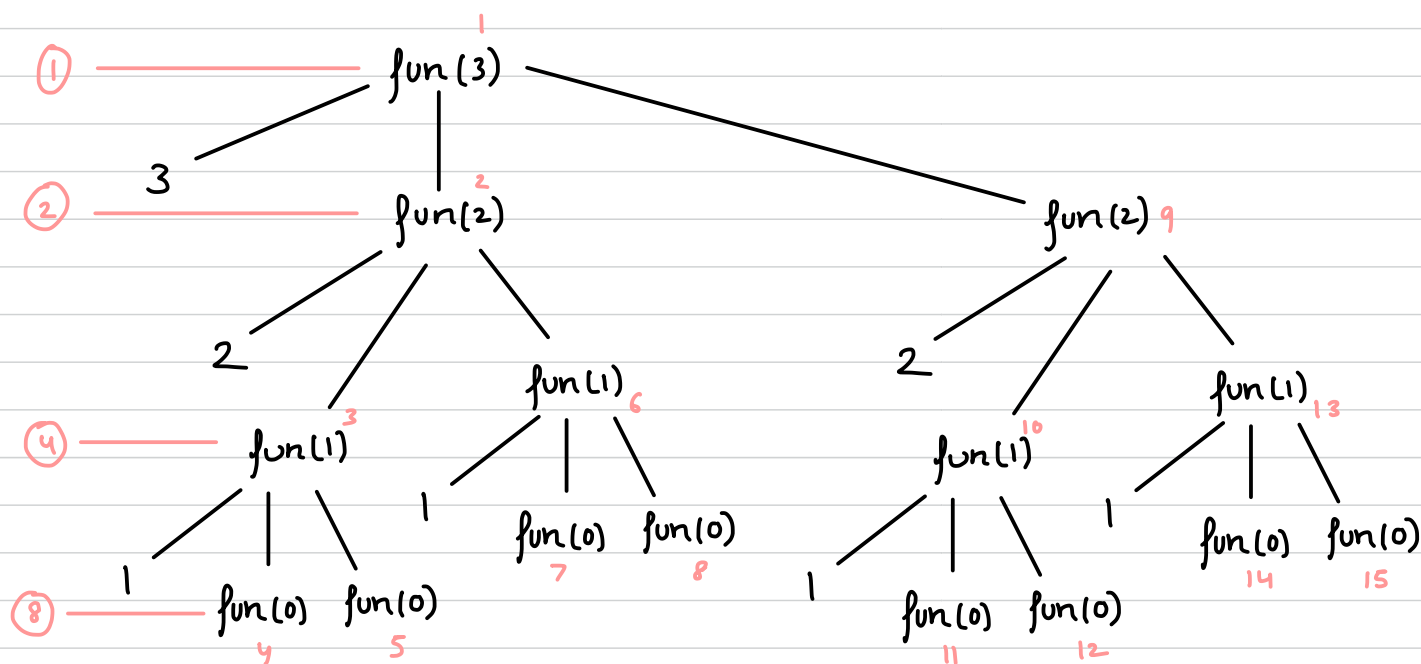
When the function calls itself more than one time.

## EXAMPLE OF TREE RECURSION

```
void fun (int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        printf ("%d ", n);
        fun (n-1);
        fun (n-1);
    }
}
```

fun (3);

● ACTIVATION RECORDS



$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 = 15$$
$$2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 = 2^{3+1} - 1$$

$$2^{n+1} - 1$$

GP Series

$$\text{Time} = O(2^n)$$

$$\text{Space} = O(n)$$

[No of levels of activation]  
records  $n+1$   
3 - parameter  
4 - levels

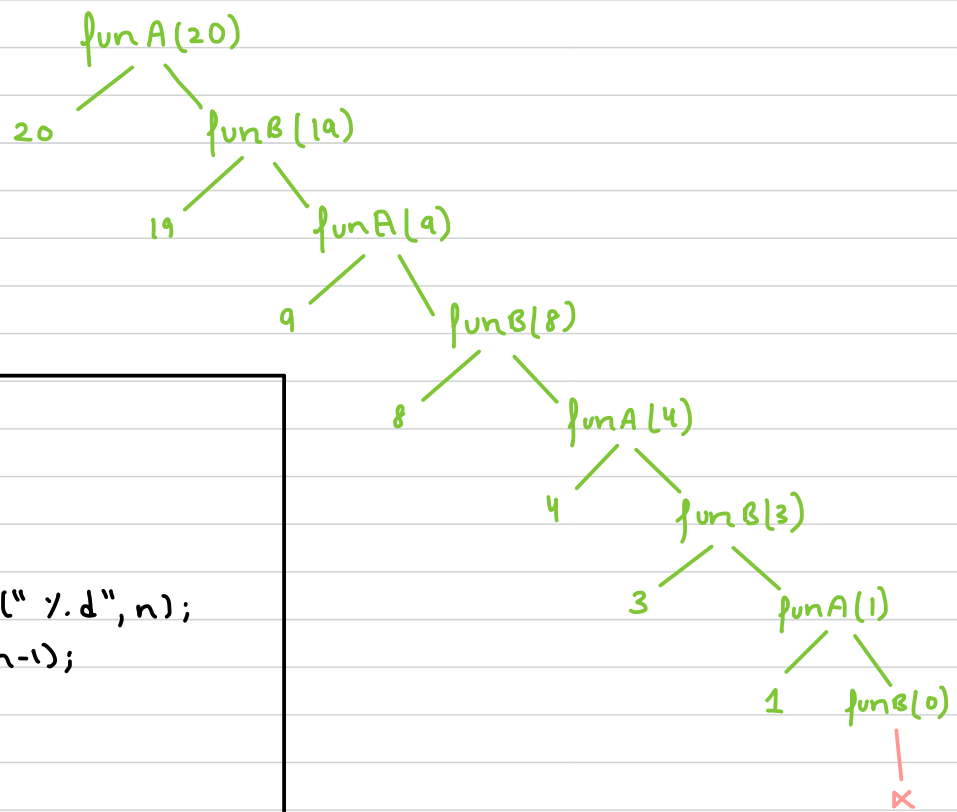
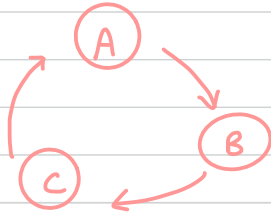
OUTPUT

3 2 1 1 2 1 1



#### 4. INDIRECT RECURSION

In indirect recursion, there are more than one function and they are calling one another in a circular manner.



```
void funA(int n)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        printf("%d", n);
        funB(n-1);
    }
}

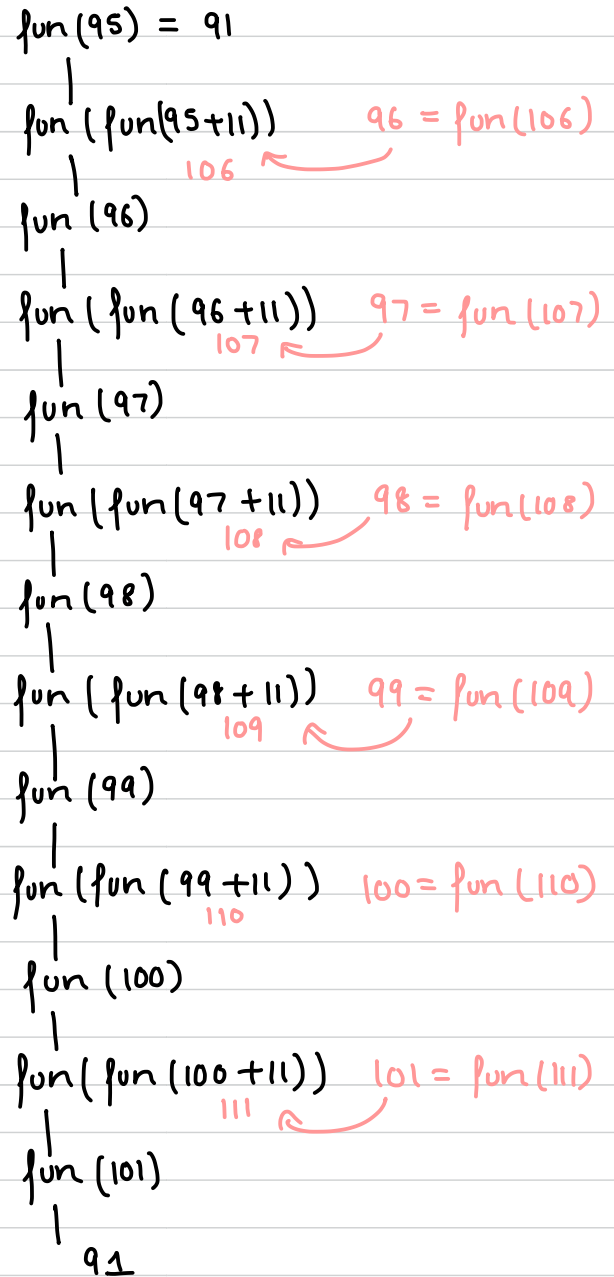
void funB(int n)
{
    if (n > 1)
    {
        printf("%d", n);
        funA( $\frac{n}{2}$ );
    }
}
```

## 5. NESTED RECURSION

In a nested recursion, the recursive function will pass parameter as a recursive call.

```
int fun(int n)
{
    if (n > 100)
        return n - 10;
    else
        return fun(fun(n+11));
}

fun(95);
```



## SUM OF FIRST N NATURAL NUMBERS

$$1+2+3+4+\dots+n$$

$$\text{sum}(n) = 1+2+3+4+\dots+(n-1)+n$$

$$\text{sum}(n) = \text{sum}(n-1) + n$$

$$\text{sum}(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n=0 \\ \text{sum}(n-1) + n & n>0 \end{cases}$$

```
int sum(int n)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (n == 0)
```

```
        return 0;
```

```
    else
```

```
        return sum(n-1) + n;
```

```
}
```

Time =  $O(n)$

Space =  $O(n)$

```
int sum(int n)
```

```
{
```

```
    return n * (n+1) / 2;
```

$O(n)$

```
}
```

```
int sum(int n)
```

```
{
```

```
    int i, s = 0;
```

```
    for (i = 1; i <= n; i++)
```

```
        s = s + i;
```

```
    return s;
```

```
}
```

$2n+3$

$O(n)$

sum(s)

$$\text{sum}(4) + 5 = 15$$

$$\text{sum}(3) + 4 = 10$$

$$\text{sum}(2) + 3 = 6$$

$$\text{sum}(1) + 2 = 3$$

$$\text{sum}(0) + 1 = 1$$

## FACTORIAL USING RECURSION

$$\text{fact}(n) = 1 * 2 * 3 * \dots * (n-1) * n$$
$$\text{fact}(n) = \text{fact}(n-1) * n$$

$$\text{fact}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n=0 \\ \text{fact}(n-1) * n & n>0 \end{cases}$$

```
int fact(int n)
{
    if (n==0)
        return 1;
    else
        return fact(n-1) * n;
}
```

## POWER USING RECURSION

$$m^n = m * m * m * m \dots \text{for } n \text{ times}$$
$$\text{pow}(m,n) = m * m * m \dots * (n-1) \text{ times} * m$$
$$\text{pow}(m,n) = \text{pow}(m,n-1) * m$$

$$\text{pow}(m,n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n=0 \\ \text{pow}(m,n-1) * m & n>0 \end{cases}$$

```
int pow(int m, int n)
{
    if (n==0)
        return 1;
    return pow(m, n-1);
}
```

Here 10 calls are being performed

But this way is taking longer

$$2^8 = (2^2)^4$$
$$= (2 * 2)^4$$

$$2^9 = 2 * (2^2)^4$$

Diagram illustrating the recursive calls for  $\text{pow}(2,9)$ :

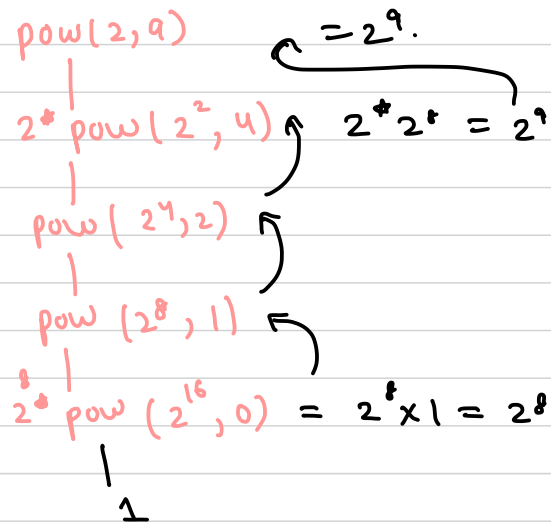
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{pow}(2,9) \\ &\quad | \\ &\text{pow}(2,8) * 2 \\ &\quad | \\ &\text{pow}(2,7) * 2 \\ &\quad | \\ &\text{pow}(2,6) * 2 \\ &\quad | \\ &\text{pow}(2,5) * 2 \\ &\quad | \\ &\text{pow}(2,4) * 2 \\ &\quad | \\ &\text{pow}(2,3) * 2 \\ &\quad | \\ &\text{pow}(2,2) * 2 = 6 \\ &\quad | \quad \swarrow \\ &\text{pow}(2,1) * 2 = 4 \\ &\quad | \quad \swarrow \\ &\text{pow}(2,0) * 2 = 2 \\ &\quad | \\ &1 \end{aligned}$$

## REWRITING POWER FUNCTION

```
int pow(m,n)
{
    if (n == 0)
        return 1;

    else
        if (n % 2 == 0)
            return pow(m*m, n/2);
        else
            return m * pow(m*m, (n-1)/2);
}
```

## FASTER METHOD



## TAYLOR'S SERIES

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

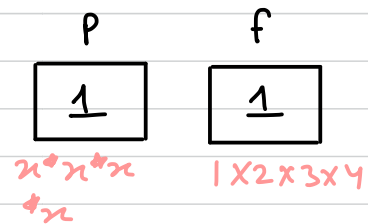
$$\begin{aligned} e(x, 4) &= 1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} \\ e(x, 3) &= 1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \\ e(x, 2) &= 1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2} \\ e(x, 1) &= 1 + \frac{x}{1} \\ e(x, 0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$p = p * x$      $f = f * 1$      $1 + p/f$

```
int e(int x, int n)
{
    static int p=1, f=1;
    int r;

    if (n == 0)
        return 1;

    else
    {
        r = e(x, n-1);
        p = p * x;
        f = f * n;
        return r + p/f;
    }
}
```



## TAYLOR'S SERIES USING HORNER'S RULE

$$e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

		$\frac{x \times x}{2 \times 1}$	$\frac{x \times x \times x}{3 \times 2 \times 1}$		
0	0	1+1	2+2		
		2	4	6	8
				10	

No of  
multiplications  
↓

$$2(1+2+3+\dots+n)$$

$$2 \frac{(n)(n+1)}{2}$$

$$O(n^2) \quad \text{Quadratic}$$

$$1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{1 \times 2} + \frac{x^3}{1 \times 2 \times 3} + \frac{x^4}{1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4}$$

$$1 + \frac{x}{1} \left[ \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{2 \times 3} + \frac{x^3}{2 \times 3 \times 4} \right]$$

$$1 + \frac{x}{1} \left[ \frac{x}{2} \left[ \frac{x}{3} + \frac{x^2}{3 \times 4} \right] \right]$$

$$1 + \frac{x}{1} \left[ \frac{x}{2} \left[ \frac{x}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{x}{4} \right] \right] \right]$$

↑   ↑   ↑   ↑

$O(n)$  Linear

```
int e(int x, int n)
{
    int s = 1;

    for (; n > 0; n--)
        s = 1 + x/n * s;

    return s;
}
```

USING FOR LOOP

```
int e(int x, int n)
{
    static int s = 1;

    if (n == 0)
        return s;
    else
        s = 1 + x/n * s;

    return e(x, n-1);
}
```

USING RECURSION

## FIBONACCI SERIES

fib(n)	0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13
n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

$$\text{fib}(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n=0 \\ 1 & n=1 \\ \text{fib}(n-2) + \text{fib}(n-1) & n>1 \end{cases}$$

## PROGRAM USING ITERATION

```
int fib(int n)
{
    int t0 = 0, t1 = 1, s, i; — 1
    if (n <= 1)
        return n; — 1
    for (i = 2; i <= n; i++) — n
    {
        s = t0 + t1; — n-1
        t0 = t1; — n-1
        t1 = s; — n-1
    }

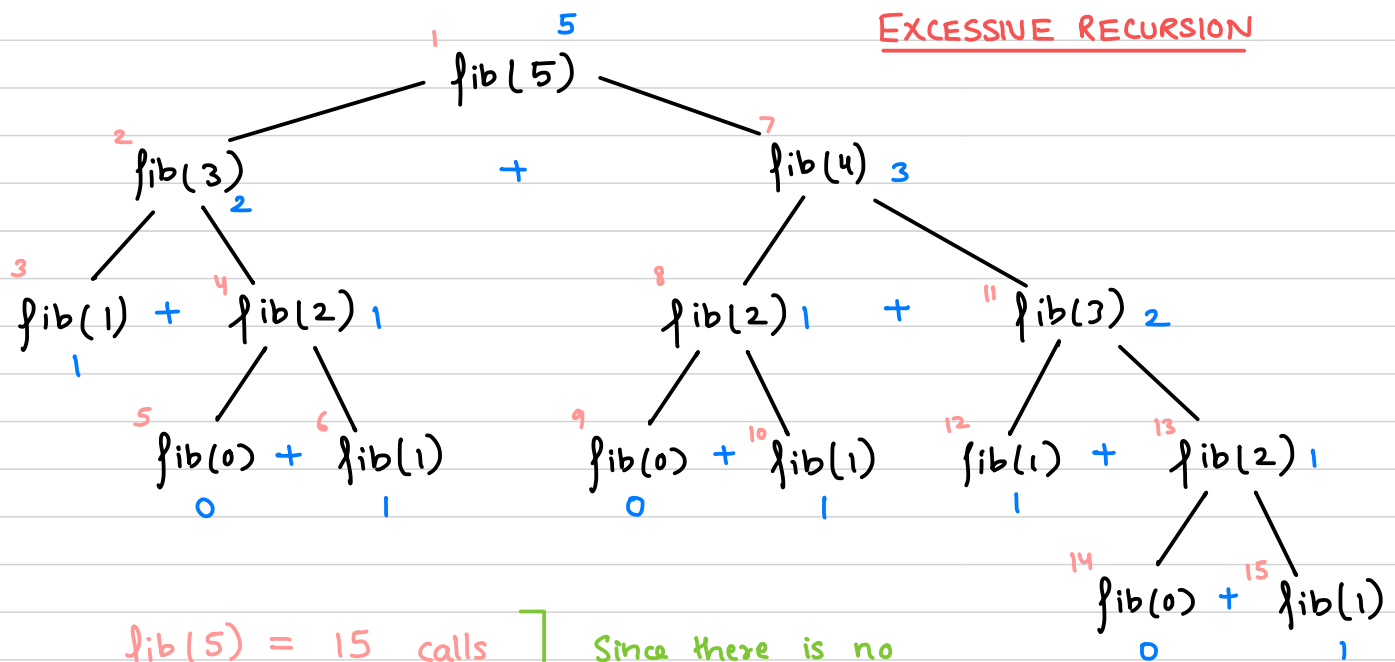
    return s; — 1
}
```

$O(n)$



## PROGRAM USING RECURSION

```
int fib (int n)
{
    if (n <= 1)
        return n;
    else
        return fib(n-2) + fib(n-1);
}
```



$\text{fib}(5) = 15$  calls  
 $\text{fib}(4) = 9$  calls  
 $\text{fib}(3) = 5$  calls

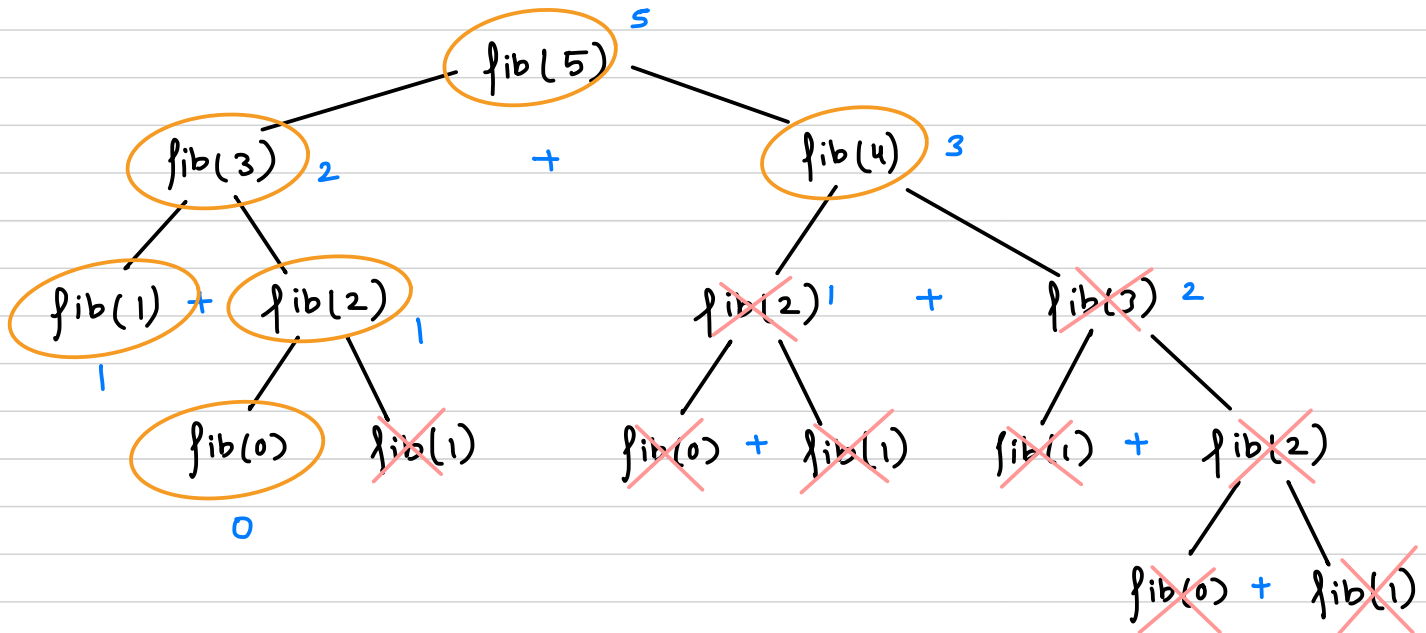
Since there is no definite pattern, then we have to assume that the function  $\text{fib}(n-2) + \text{fib}(n-1)$  is calling itself  $2 \text{ fib}(n-1)$

This tree lies in the category of excessive recursion because it calls itself multiple times for the same parameters.

↓  
order of  $(2^n)$

To reduce the order of this function, we will write another program using static array and initialize all its values with -1.

F	<del>-1</del>	<del>-1</del>	<del>-1</del>	<del>-1</del>	<del>-1</del>	<del>-1</del>	<del>-1</del>
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6



So, for 5 as  $n$ , 6 calls are made •  
 $\therefore$  for  $n$ ,  $n+1$  calls are made

$O(n)$

This approach of storing result in an array is called **MEMOIZATION**.

→ Storing the result of function calls, so they can be utilized again for avoiding excessive calls

```
int F[10];
```

```
int fib(int n)
{
```

```
    if (n <= 1)
    {
```

```
        F[n] = n;
        return n;
    }
```

```
    else
    {
```

```
        if (F[n-2] == -1)
            F[n-2] = fib(n-2);
```

```
        if (F[n-1] == -1)
            F[n-1] = fib(n-1);
```

```
        return F[n-2] + F[n-1];
    }
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

## COMBINATION FORMULA

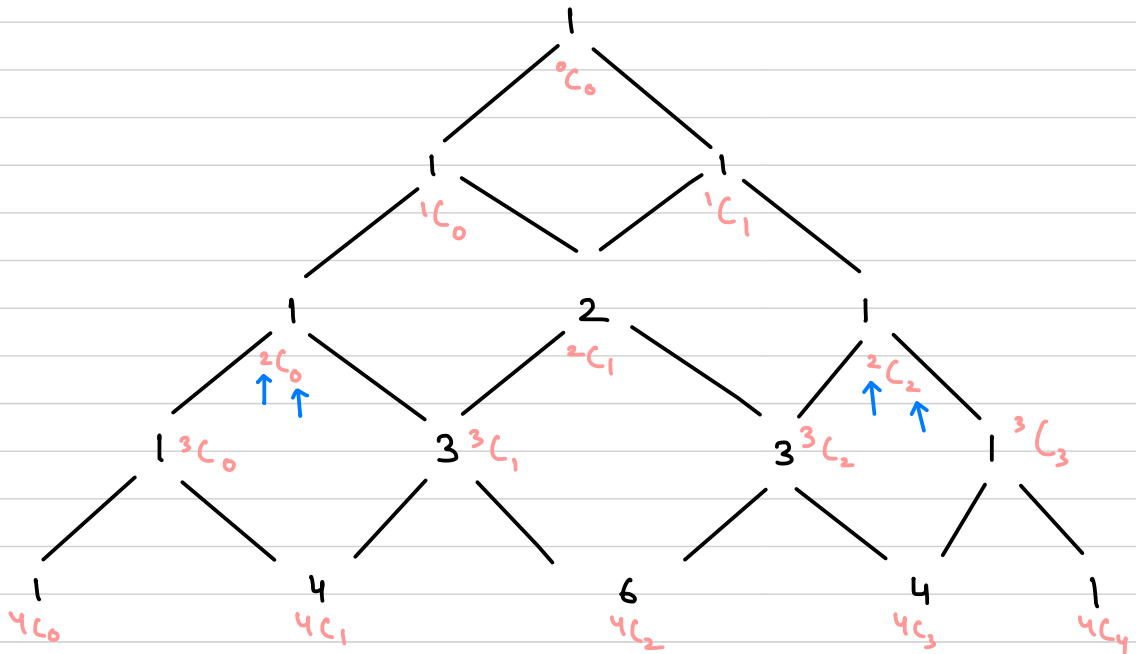
$${}^nC_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!r!}$$

```

int C (int n, int r)
{
    int t1, t2, t3;
    t1 = fact(n); _____ n
    t2 = fact(r); _____ n
    t3 = fact(n-r); _____ n

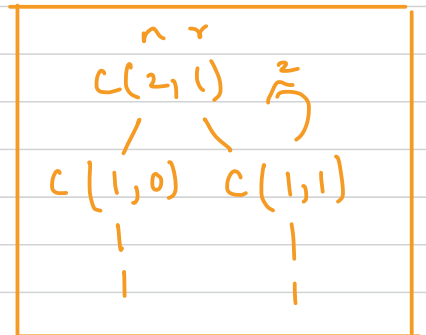
    return t1 / (t2 * t3); _____ 1
                        _____ 3n
                        o(n)
}
    
```

## PASCAL'S TRIANGLE

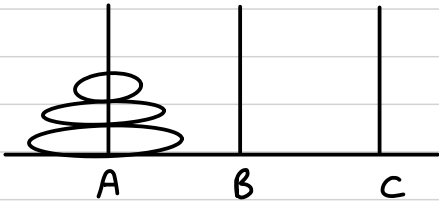


```

int C (int n, int r)
{
    if (r == 0 || n == r) •
        return 1;
    else
        return C(n-1, r-1) + C(n-1, r);
}
    
```



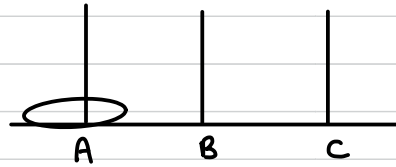
## TOWER OF HANOI



1. Move one disk at a time.
2. No bigger disk can be there above a smaller one.

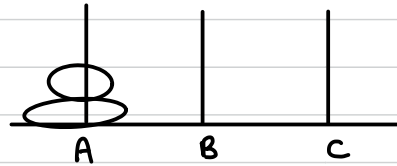
$\text{TOH}(1, A, B, C)$

Move disk A to C using B.



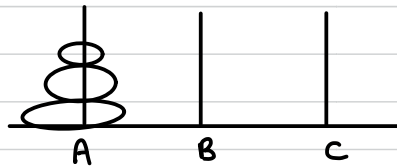
$\text{TOH}(2, A, B, C)$

1.  $\text{TOH}(1, A, C, B)$
2. Move disk A to C using B.
3.  $\text{TOH}(1, B, A, C)$



$\text{TOH}(3, A, B, C)$

1.  $\text{TOH}(2, A, C, B)$
2. Move disk from A to C using B
3.  $\text{TOH}(2, B, A, C)$ .



FOR n number of disk.

$\text{TOH}(\cancel{3}^n, A, B, C)$

1.  $\text{TOH}(\cancel{2}^{n-1}, A, C, B)$
2. Move disk from A to C using B
3.  $\text{TOH}(\cancel{2}^{n-1}, B, A, C)$ .

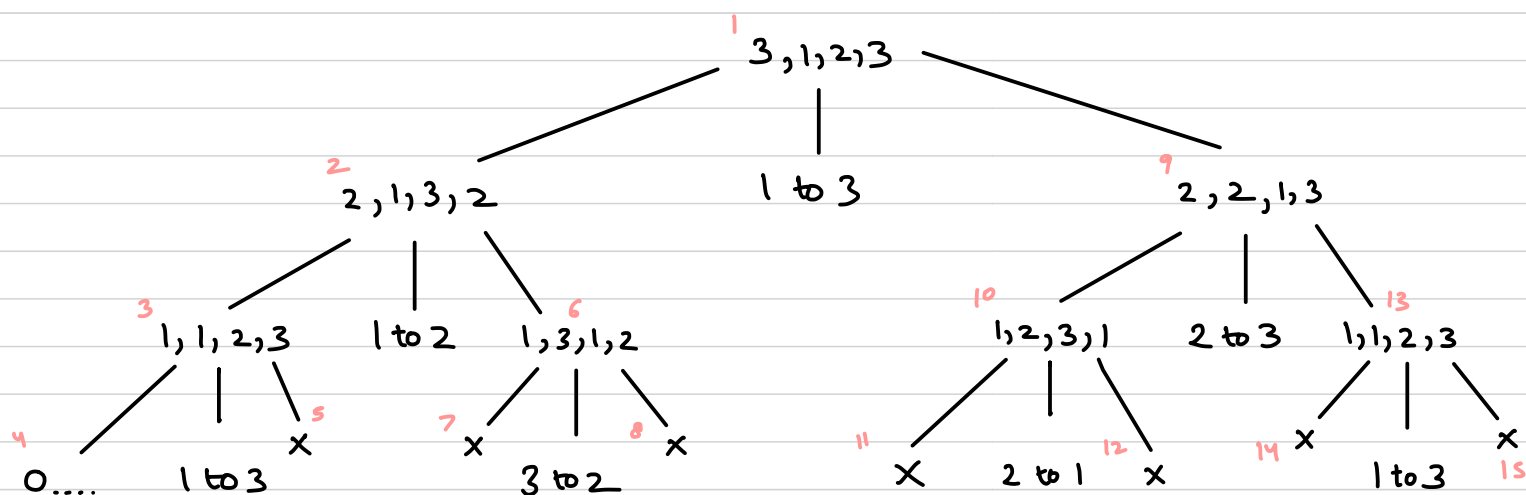
```

void TOH(int n, int A, int B, int C)
{
    if (n > 0)
    {
        TOH(n-1, A, C, B);
        printf("from %d to %d", A, C);
        TOH(n-1, B, A, C);
    }
}

```

TOH(3, 1, 2, 3)

A → 1  
B → 2  
C → 3



OUTPUT

(1 to 3), (1 to 2), (3, 2), (1, 3), (2, 1), (2, 3), (1, 3)

calls

n = 3	15	$1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 = 2^4 - 1$
n = 2	7	$1 + 2 + 2^2 = 2^3 - 1$

$2^{n+1} - 1$

$O(2^n)$