

# Announcements

- ❑ Lab grades will be uploaded in the next week
- ❑ Quiz 1 will be on Friday, 11 AM to 12 PM, Computer Lab 2

# Lecture 4

# Recursion

# Calculate Factorial!

$$f(n) = 1.2.3...(n-1).n$$

```
int fact(int n){  
    int cfact = 1;  
    for(i=n; i--, i>0)  
        cfact=cfact*i;  
    return cfact;  
}
```

# Recursive definition

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n \cdot f(n-1) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

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

# Recursion

- self similar repetition
- function calls itself
- base case or termination condition



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

# Recursion Vs Iteration

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

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int fact(int n){  
    int cfact = 1;  
    for(i=n; i--, i>0)  
        cfact=cfact*i;  
    return cfact;  
}
```

# Fibonacci Series

## Recursion

```
int fb(int n){  
    if(n==0||n==1)  
        return n;  
    return fb(n-1)+fb(n-2);  
}
```

## Iteration

```
int fb(int n) {  
    int x = 0, y = 1, z = 1;  
    for(int i = 0; i < n; i++){  
        x = y; y = z;  
        z = x + y; }  
    return x; }
```



**Exercise: can recursion  
ever be faster than  
iteration?**

**Linear Recursion: a  
function calls exactly  
once to itself!**

# Linear Recursion

- Test for base cases
  - Begin with test cases (at least 1)
  - Chain of recursive call must end at base case
- Recur once
  - Perform a single recursive call
  - Can choose one of many
  - Each call must progress towards base case

# Sum of first n Array Elements

```
int linearSum(int A[], int n){  
    if (n == 1)  
        return A[0];  
    return linearSum(A, n - 1) + A[n - 1];  
}
```

You call:

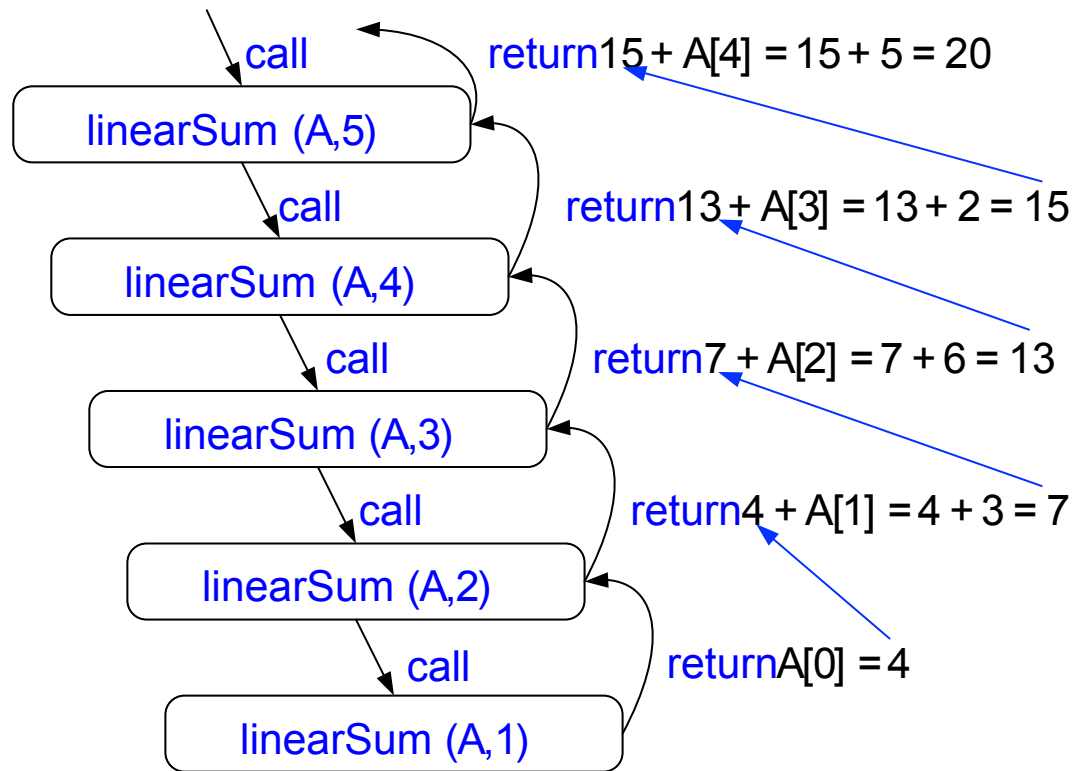
```
linearSum(A,n);
```

# Reversing an Array

```
int revArray(int A[], int i, int j){  
    if (i >= j)  
        return;  
    swap(A(i), A(j));  
    return revArray(A, ++i, --j );  
}
```

You call:  
revArray(A,0,n-1);

# Depth of recursion!



# Defining Arguments for Recursion

- function definition should facilitate recursion
- sometimes need additional parameters
- E.g. `revArray(A,i,n)` instead of `revArray(A)`

**Binary Recursion  
makes two recursive  
calls each time!**



# Fibonacci Series

```
int fb(int n){  
    if(n==0||n==1)  
        return n;  
    return fb(n-1)+fb(n-2);  
}
```

# Find Max in an Array

```
int max(int A[], int l, int j){  
    if (i==j)  
        return A[i];  
    int m = (i+j)/2;  
    int u = max(A, i, m);  
    int v = max(A, m+1, j);  
    if (u>v) return u; else return v;  
}
```

Tail Recursion: last  
step is a recursive  
call!

# No

```
int fb(int n){  
    if(n==0||n==1)  
        return n;  
    return fb(n-1)+fb(n-2);  
}
```

# Yes

```
int revArray(int A[], int i, int j){  
    if (i>=j)  
        return;  
    swap(A(i), A(j));  
    return revArray(A, ++i, --j );  
}
```

# Reversing Array

## Recursive

## Iterative

```
int revArray(int A[], int i, int j){  
    if (i>=j)  
        return;  
    swap(A(i), A(j));  
    return revArray(A, ++i, --j );  
}
```

```
int revArray(int A[], int i, int j){  
    while (i<j){  
        swap(A(i), A(j));  
        i++; j--;  
    }  
}
```

# Fibonacci Series

```
int fb(int n){  
    if(n==0||n==1)  
        return n;  
    return fb(n-1)+fb(n-2);  
}
```

Exercise: write tail recursive version!

Multiple Recursion makes  
more than two recursive calls  
each time!