

Minggu-4 – Iterative vs Recursive



Algoritma & Pemrograman Saintifik

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What do we know about these algorithm?

Function Fib1(n)

Input: n ($n \geq 0$)

Output: Bilangan Fibonacci ke-n

if n \leq 1 **then**

 return(n)

else

return(Fib1(n-1) + Fib1(n-2))

endif

end Fib1



Recursive

Function Fib2(n)

Input: n ($n \geq 0$)

Output: Bilangan Fibonacci ke-n

if n \leq 1 **then**

 return(n)

else

 Prev:=0;

 Curr:=1

for i:=2 **to** n **do**

 Next := Prev + Curr;

 Prev:=Curr;

 Curr := Next;

endfor

endif

return(Curr)

end Fib2



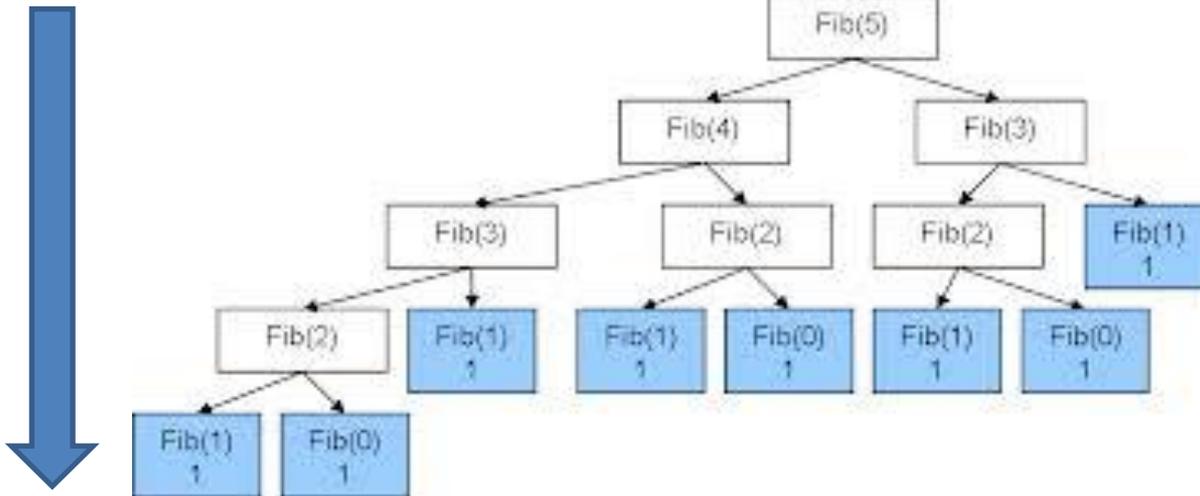
Iterative

Iterative vs Recursive

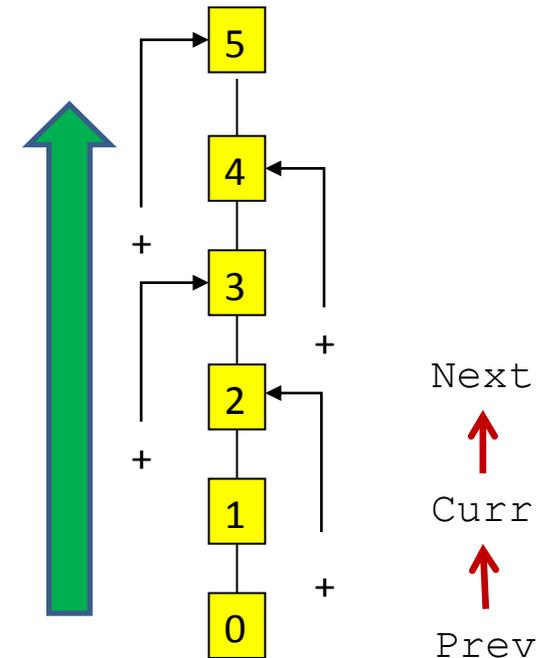
In computer programs, **repetition** is accomplished in one of two ways: either through *recursion* or through *iteration*.

In general, **recursion** and **iteration** perform the same kinds of tasks:
solve a complicated task one piece at a time, and combine the results.
 Both approaches result in a process being repeated several times.

In Fibonacci case:



Top-Down



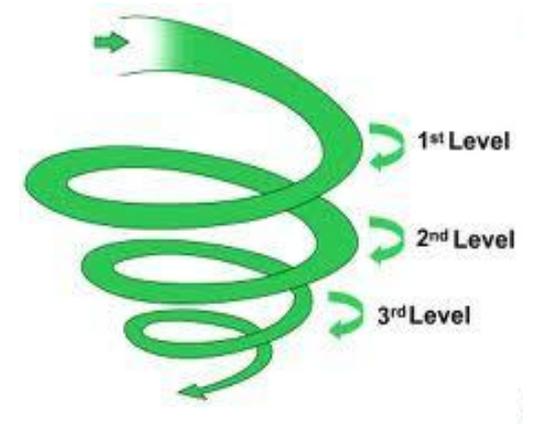
Bottom-Up

Iterative

Iterative structures usually refers to structures that contain explicit repetitions of a process, that is, **loops**.

A loop must have some sort of stopping criterion. Usually it is of one of two type:

- ✓ predetermined number of iterations through the loop;
- ✓ a specific condition that is achieved.



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FOR i = 0 TO 9 DO  
    Procedure
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i:=0  
WHILE (i < 10) DO  
    Procedure  
    i := i + 1
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i:=0  
REPEAT  
    Procedure  
    i := i + 1  
UNTIL (i >= 10)
```

Iterative

Emphasis of iteration: **keep repeating until a task is “done”**
e.g., loop counter reaches limit

Example 1: $n!$

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Function fact(n)
Input: n (integer) (n ≥ 0)
Output: n!

running_total := 1
while (n > 1)
    running_total := running_total × n
    n := n - 1
end
return (running_total)

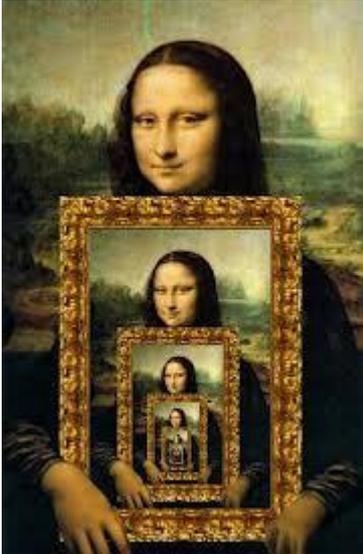
end fact
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Example 2: X^n

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Function Power(x: real, n: integer)
Input: x (real), n (n (integer) ≥ 0)
Output:  $x^n$ 

Hasil := x
for i:=1 to n-1 do
    Hasil := Hasil * x
endfor
return(Hasil)
end Power
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Recursive



Recursion in [computer science](#) is a method where the solution to a problem depends on solutions to smaller instances of the same problem. The approach can be applied to many types of problems, and [recursion](#) is one of the central ideas of computer science. (Wikipedia)

Suatu fungsi rekursif $f(x)$: adalah suatu fungsi dimana evaluasinya untuk suatu input x_i (x_i bukan initial input x_0) memerlukan evaluasi fungsi dirinya sendiri untuk input x_j yang lain.

Contoh:

$\text{Fact}(n) = n * \text{Fact}(n-1),$

$\text{Fibo}(n) = \text{Fibo}(n-1) + \text{Fibo}(n-2),$

$\text{Gcd}(a,b) = \text{Gcd}(b, a \bmod b),$

dengan kondisi awal: $\text{Fact}(1) = 1$

dengan kondisi awal: $\text{Fibo}(0)=0, \text{Fibo}(1)=1$

dengan kondisi awal: $\text{Gcd}(a,0) = a$

A mathematical definition of a function is recursive if **the function is defined in terms of itself** (with a slightly smaller argument), and **a computer function (subroutine) is recursive if it invokes itself** (with slightly different arguments).

Recursive

Emphasis of recursion: solve a large problem by breaking it up into smaller and smaller pieces until you can solve it; combine the results

A classic example:

Recursive version

Function fact(n)

Input: n (integer) ($n \geq 0$)

Output: n!

if n = 0 **then**

return (1)

else

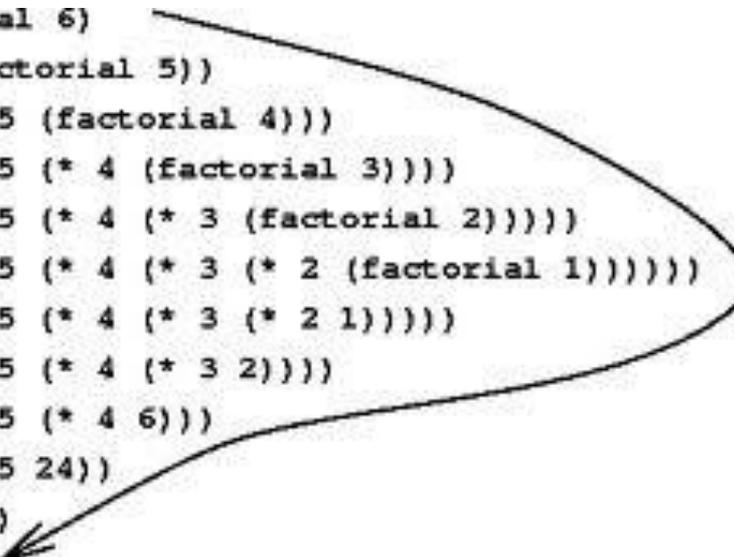
return (n * fact(n-1))

endif

end fact

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

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(factorial 6)
(* 6 (factorial 5))
(* 6 (* 5 (factorial 4)))
(* 6 (* 5 (* 4 (factorial 3))))
(* 6 (* 5 (* 4 (* 3 (factorial 2))))))
(* 6 (* 5 (* 4 (* 3 (* 2 (factorial 1))))))
(* 6 (* 5 (* 4 (* 3 (* 2 1))))))
(* 6 (* 5 (* 4 (* 3 2))))
(* 6 (* 5 (* 4 6)))
(* 6 (* 5 24))
(* 6 120)
720
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Notes: Recursive codes have no loops. Repetition is achieved when the subprogram calls itself repeatedly until it reaches the base case.

Iterative vs Recursive

In performance:

Example 1: $N!$

N	Recursive	Iterative
10	334 ticks	11 ticks
100	846 ticks	23 ticks
1000	3368 ticks	110 ticks
10000	9990 ticks	975 ticks
100000	stack overflow	9767 ticks

Example 2: $Fibonacci(n)$

(see the slide #3)

Which One is Better?

- No clear answer, but there are known trade-offs.
- “Mathematicians” often prefer recursive approach.
 - Solutions often shorter, closer in spirit to abstract mathematical entity.
 - Good recursive solutions may be more difficult to design and test.
- “Programmers”, esp. w/o college CS training, often prefer iterative solutions.
 - Somehow, it seems more appealing to many.
 - Control stays local to loop, less “magical”.

Exercises

1. Write an algorithm to compute the mean and variance of 1000 data
2. Write a recursive algorithm to compute: $a_n = 2^{n-1}$, with $a_1 = 1$
3. Design an algorithm to compute:

$$f(t) = \frac{\sqrt{t}(t-5)^2}{4}, \quad t \in [0, 10]$$

with

$$\Delta t = 0.25$$

