

Tutorial N°1

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2. Need of Recursivity

- Recursivity helps in logic building. Recursive thinking helps in solving complex problems by breaking them into smaller subproblems.

- Recursive solutions work as a basis for Dynamic Programming and Divide and Conquer algorithms.
- Certain problems can be solved quite easily using recursion like:
 - a) Towers of Hanoi (TOH),
 - b) Inorder/Preorder/Postorder Tree Traversals,
 - c) DFS of Graph, etc.

Exercise 03

- a) We ask you writing an algorithm that calculate a Fibonacci sequence.
- b) Translate the written algorithm in C language.

Explanation:

Each number in the Fibonacci sequence is the sum of the two preceding numbers:

$F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$ with base cases $F(0) = 0$ and $F(1) = 1$.

Solution

(n): if $n \leq 0$: return 0 else if $n == 1$: return 1 a = 0 b = 1 for i from 2 to n: c = a + b a = b b = c return b

Algorithm Fibonacci;

Var n : integer;

Begin

 Read (n) ;

:= 6; { Exemple : calcul du 6ème nombre de Fibonacci }

writeln('Fibonacci(', n, ') = ', Fibonacci(n)); readln; end.

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Recursive Fibonacci in C

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#include <stdio.h>  
  
// Recursive function to calculate Fibonacci  
int fibonacci(int n) {  
    if (n <= 0) return 0;  
    if (n == 1) return 1;  
    return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2);  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int n = 6; // Example: Find the 6th Fibonacci number  
    printf("Fibonacci(%d) = %d\n", n, fibonacci(n));  
    return 0;  
}
```

A recursive algorithm is an algorithm that invokes itself during execution with a

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#include <stdio.h>  
  
// Recursive function to find the sum of  
// numbers from 0 to n  
int findSum(int n)  
{  
    // Base case  
    if (n == 0)  
        return 0;  
  
    // Recursive case  
    return n + findSum(n - 1);  
}
```

