

RECURSION FUNCTION

A function that calls itself is known as a recursive function. And, this technique is known as recursion.

Advantage of Recursion

- Function calling related information will be maintained by recursion.
- Stack evaluation will be take place by using recursion.
- In fix prefix, post-fix notation will be evaluated by using recursion.

Disadvantage of Recursion

- It is a very slow process due to stack overlapping.
- Recursive programs can create stack overflow.
- Recursive functions can create as loops.



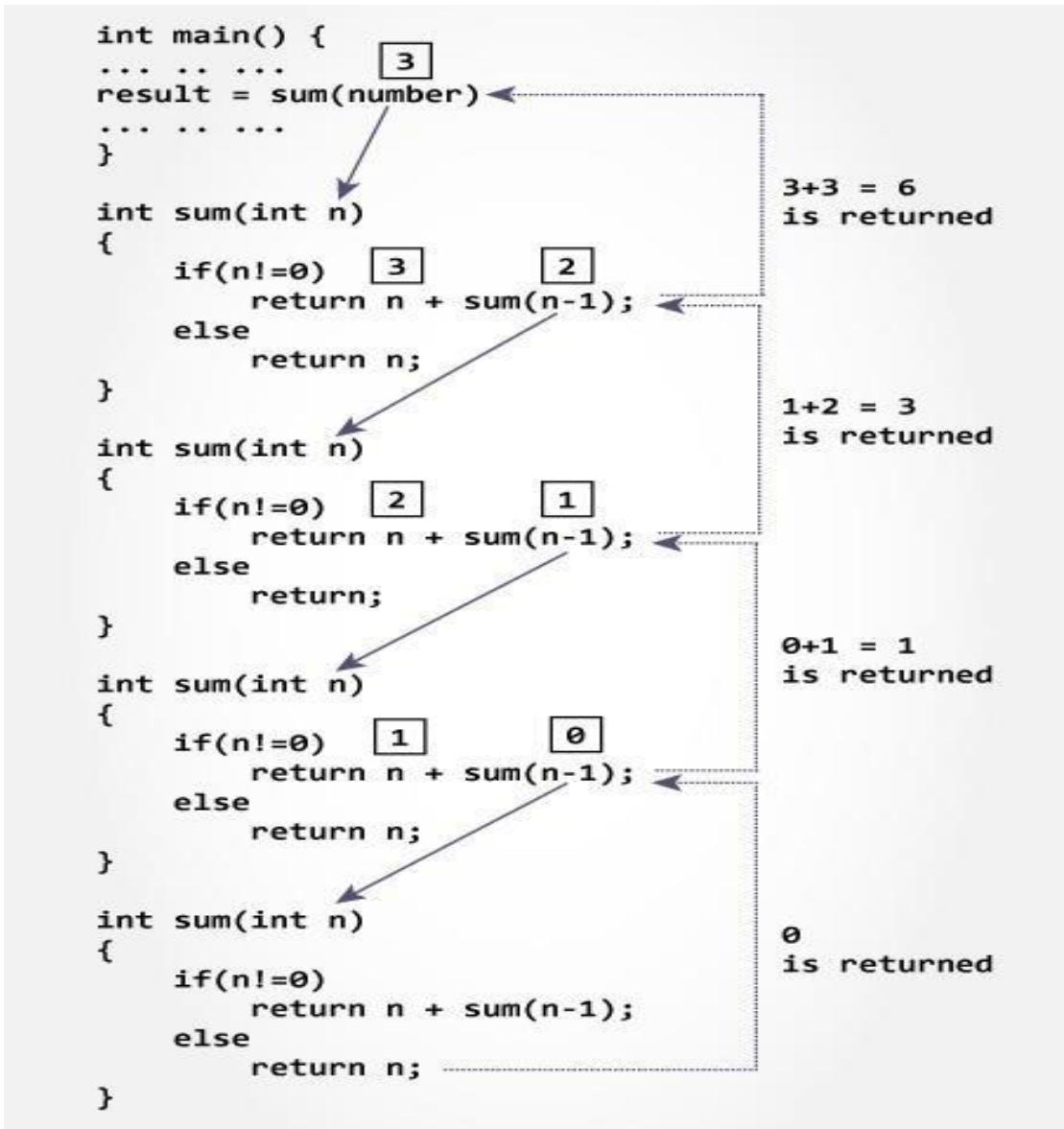
```
void recurse() {  
    ... . . . .  
    recurse(); —————— recursive call  
    ... . . . .  
}  
  
int main()  
{  
    ... . . . .  
    recurse(); ——————  
    ... . . . .  
}
```

Example: Sum of Natural Numbers Using Recursion

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum(int n);
int main()
{
    int number, result;
    printf("Enter a positive integer: ");
    scanf("%d", &number);
    result = sum(number);
    printf("sum=%d", result);
}
int sum(int num)
{
    if (num!=0)
        return num + sum(num-1); // sum() function calls itself
    else
        return num;
}
```

Output

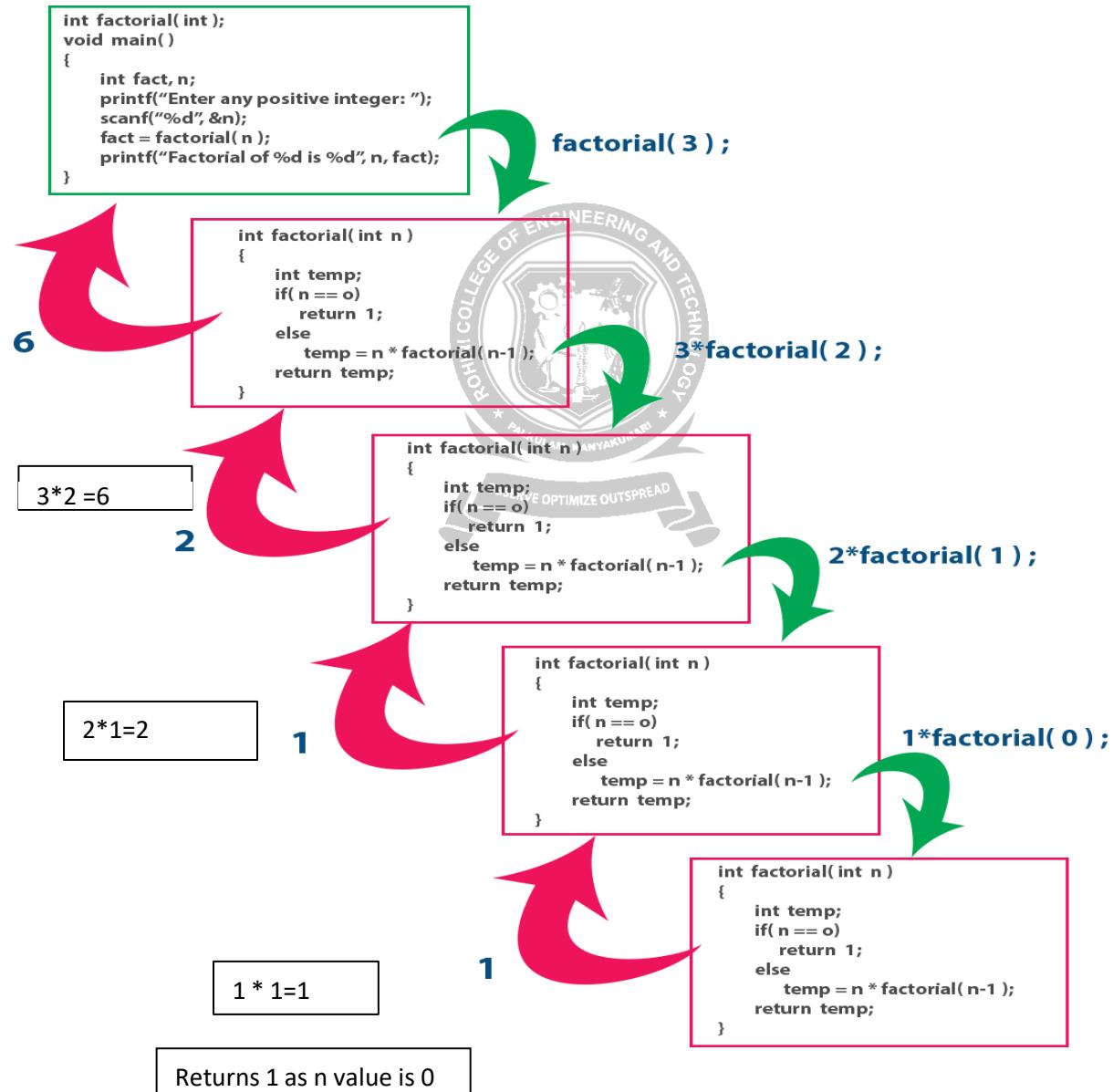
Enter a positive integer:3
6



FACTORIAL OF A NUMBER USING RECURSIVE FUNCTION

```
#include <stdio.h>
int factorial( int ) ;
void main()
{
    int fact, n ;
    printf("Enter any positive integer: ") ;
    scanf("%d", &n) ;
    fact = factorial( n ) ;
    printf("Factorial of %d is %d", n, fact) ;
}
int factorial( int n )
{
    int temp ;
    if( n == 0)
        return 1 ;
    else
        temp = n * factorial( n-1 ) ; // recursive function call
    return temp ;
}
```

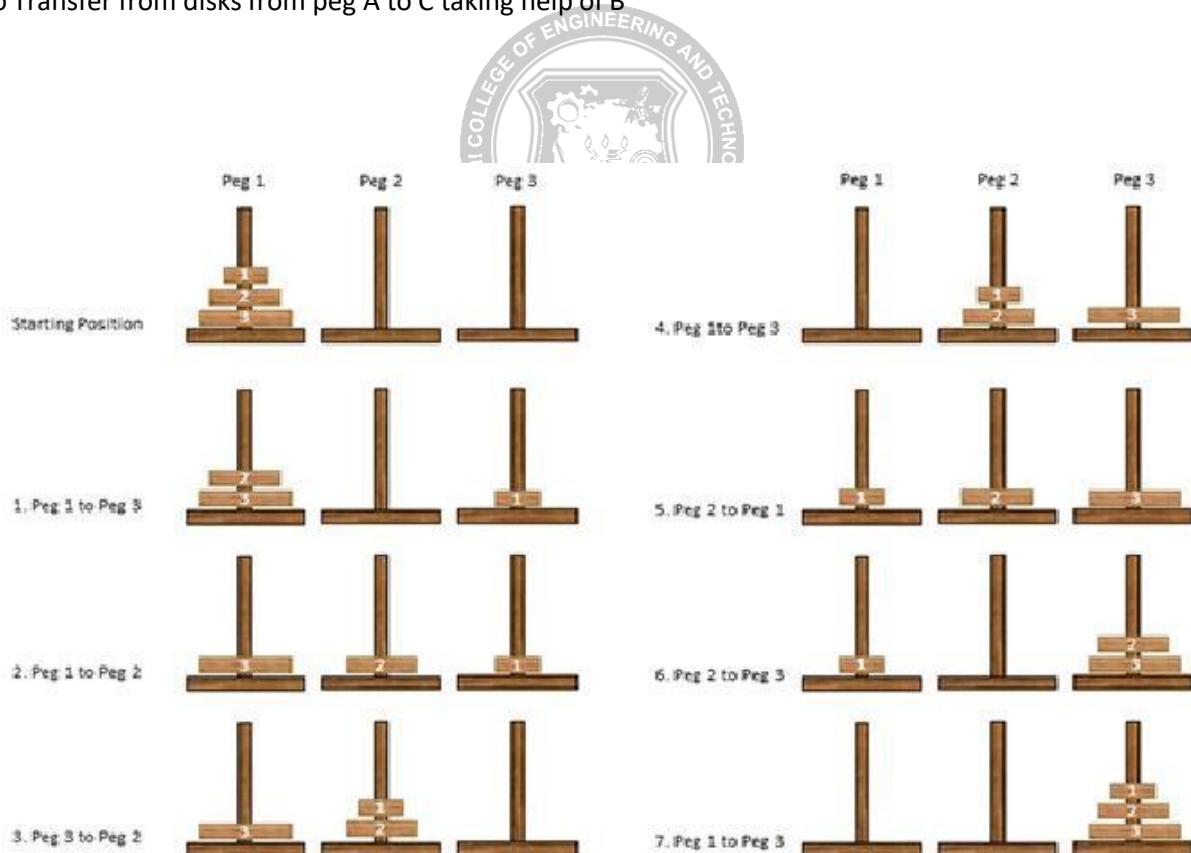
Enter any positive integer: 3
Factorial of 3 is 6



TOWER OF HANOI OF A NUMBER USING RECURSIVE FUNCTION

```
#include <stdio.h>
void hanoi(int n, char from, char to, char temp)
{
    if (n == 1)
    {
        printf("\n Move Disk 1 from Peg %c to %c", from, to);
        return;
    }
    hanoi(n-1, from, temp, to);
    printf("\n Move disk %d from rod %c to rod %c", n, fr, tr);
    hanoi(n-1, temp, to, from);
}
int main()
{
    printf(" Towers of Honoi");
    int n;
    printf("\nEnter number of Disks");
    scanf("%d", &n); // n implies the number of discs
    hanoifun(n, 'A', 'C', 'B'); // A, B and C are the name of Peg
    return 0;
}
```

To Transfer from disks from peg A to C taking help of B

Output

- Move Disk 1 from Peg 1 to Peg 3.
- Move Disk 2 from Peg 1 to Peg 2.
- Move Disk 1 from Peg 3 to Peg 2.
- Move Disk 3 from Peg 1 to Peg 3.
- Move Disk 1 from Peg 2 to Peg 1.
- Move Disk 2 from Peg 2 to Peg 3.
- Move Disk 1 from Peg 1 to Peg 3.

Example: GCD of Two Numbers using Recursion

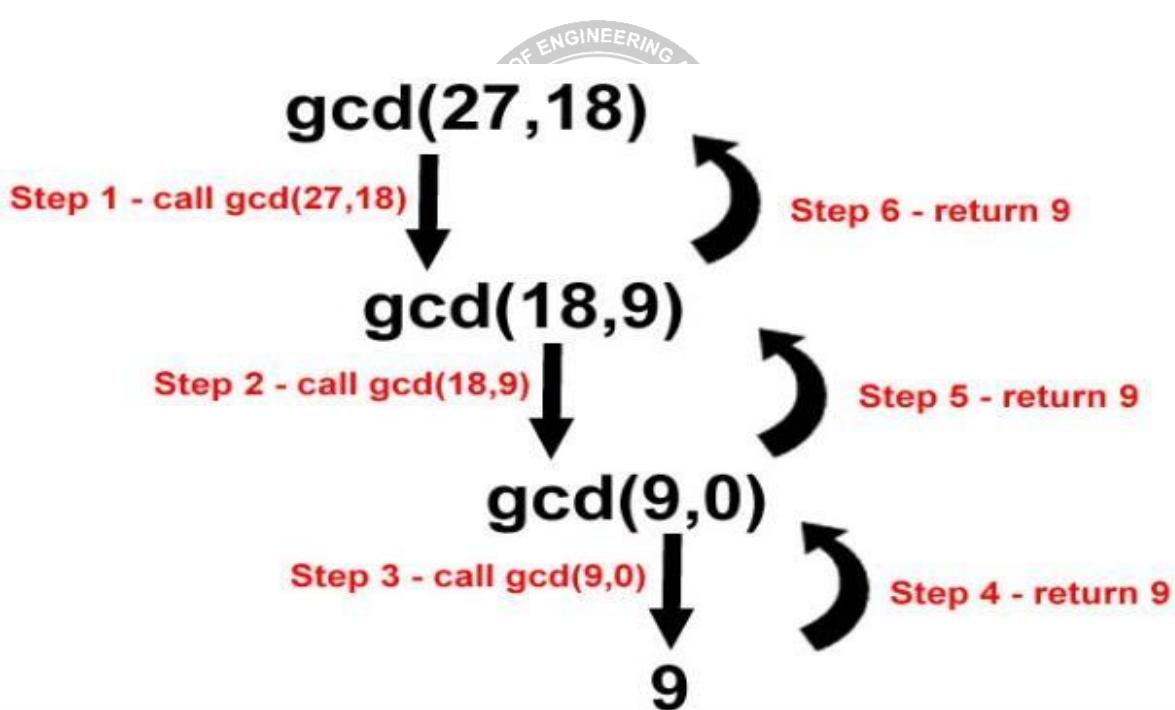
```
#include <stdio.h>
int hcf(int n1, int n2);
int main()
{
    int n1, n2;
    printf("Enter two positive integers: ");
    scanf("%d %d", &n1, &n2);

    printf("G.C.D of %d and %d is %d.", n1, n2, hcf(n1,n2));
    return 0;
}

int hcf(int n1, int n2)
{
    if (n2 != 0)
        return hcf(n2, n1%n2);
    else
        return n1;
}
```

Output

Enter two positive integers: 27 18
G.C.D of 27 and 8 is 9.



Example: Fibonacci Series using Recursion

```
#include
<stdio.h>
int
fibonacci(i
nt i)
{
    if(i == 0)
    {
        return 0;
    }
    if(i == 1)
    {
        return 1;
    }
    return fibonacci(i-1) + fibonacci(i-2);
}

int main()
{
    int i,f;
    for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)
    {
        f=
        fibonacci(
        i);
        printf("%d
\n ",f);
    }
    return 0;
}
```



Output

```
0
1
1
2
3
5
8
13
21
34
```