

1. Find and fix any [logic] errors in the following function. (Performance need not be a concern.)

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long fib(short n)
{
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}
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2. There are 3 rules to recursion and a strong guideline. Explain each briefly.

3. Describe the general principles of back-tracking.

4. What is 'tail-recursion'?

How can it help a compiler seek greater efficiency out of a recursive function in your program?

5. Given the following problem: Cover a  $1 \times N$  ( $N \geq 1$ ) strip with  $1 \times 1$  tiles or with dominoes ( $1 \times 2$ ). Find a recurrence relation  $T(N)$  for the number of ways such a strip can be covered. When  $N=1$ , a  $1 \times 1$  strip can be covered only by the  $1 \times 1$  tile so  $T(1) = 1$ . And a  $1 \times 2$  strip can be covered by either one domino or two  $1 \times 1$  tiles, so  $T(2) = 2$ . Oh, and a  $1 \times 3$  strip can be covered by a single  $1 \times 1$  tile and a domino or a domino and a  $1 \times 1$  tile or by three  $1 \times 1$  tiles so that  $T(3) = 3$ . (Note how the order mattered for the  $1 \times 3$  strip.)

Can you relate this recurrence to any other recurrence relationship we've seen? Which one? What is the relationship?

6. Write a recursive binary search routine. (Tip: A wrapper function may help keep the implementation clean.)

7. Theorem: 
$$\sum_{i=0}^N ((-1)^{N-i} i^2) = \frac{N(N+1)}{2}$$

Prove by induction.

8. Write a recursive function to print the elements of a singly-linked list backwards given just the head of the list.
9. Write a recursive function to insert a new value into an ordered, singly-linked list. Your only other argument should be the head of the list.
10. Use memoization to fix any performance problems that might occur with the function in problem #1 above.
11. What is the minimax concept? How does it apply to back-tracking [and games]?

12. Prove the following by induction:  $\frac{n+2}{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i+1}{n+1} = \frac{n}{2} + 2$ , for  $n \geq 0$ .

13. Briefly explain the concept of memoization as it applies to recursive functions. (What's the basic approach? What is it trying to accomplish? When it is applicable? Etc.)

14. Find a closed form for the following recurrence relation:  $U_0 = 1$ ;  $U_n = 2U_{n-1}$ ; for  $n > 0$ . (Hint: Telescoping might help...)

15. Given the following table:

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
J(n)	1	1	3	1	3	5	7	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	1

And knowing that any positive number can be written in the form  $n = 2^m + r$ . Find a closed form for  $J(n)$ . Be sure to give all restrictions on  $n$ ,  $m$ , and  $r$  that need to apply.

16. Find a closed form for the following recurrence relation:  $L_0 = 1$ ;  $L_n = L_{n-1} + n$ ; for  $n > 0$ . (Hint: Telescoping might help...)

Does the solution remind you of some other result we've shown/seen before? Which one?

17. Given that  $Z_n = L_{2n} - 2n$  (for  $n \geq 0$ ), find a simplest terms closed form. (L here is the recurrence from #16.)

18. Given that a valid word in the language ABABA can contain only A's and B's and no two B's can be consecutively placed, find a recurrence relation to state the number of N letter words that can be formed in ABABA. For  $N=1$ , we have A and B, so  $W(1) = 2$ . For  $N=2$ , we have AA, AB, and BA (BB is illegal), so  $W(2) = 3$ . For  $N=3$ , we have AAA, AAB, ABA, BAA, and BAB, so  $W(3) = 5$ .

Is this recurrence related to any recurrence we've seen before? Which one(s)? What is(are) the relationship(s)?