

# Recursive Algorithms

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# Recursive Functions on Integers (given pred and succ)

add(0,Y) = Y.  
add(X,Y) = succ(add(pred(X),Y)).

sub(X,0) = X.  
sub(X,Y) = sub(pred(X),pred(Y)).

mul(0,\_) = 0.  
mul(X,Y) = add(mul(pred(X),Y),Y).

% name it my\_div, because div/2 is a built-in in Picat  
my\_div(X,Y) = 0, lt(X,Y) => true.  
my\_div(X,Y) = succ(my\_div(sub(X,Y),Y)).

% rem/2 is a built-in function  
my\_rem(X,Y) = X, lt(X,Y) => true. % if X < Y  
my\_rem(X,Y) = my\_rem(sub(X,Y),Y).

exp(\_,0) = succ(0).  
exp(X,Y) = mul(X,exp(X,pred(Y))).

% factorial/1 is a built-in function  
fact(0) = 1.  
fact(X) = mul(X,fact(pred(X))).

% gcd/2 is a built-in function  
my\_gcd(0,Y) = Y.  
my\_gcd(X,0) = X.  
my\_gcd(X,Y) = my\_gcd(Y,rem(X,Y)).

fib(1) = succ(0).  
fib(2) = succ(0).  
fib(X) = add(fib(pred(X)),fib(pred(pred(X)))).

# Recursive Functions on Lists

my\_last([X]) = X.

my\_last([\_|T]) = my\_last(T).

contains([E|\_], E) => true.

contains([\_|T], E) => contains(T, E).

find\_first\_of(L, E) = find\_first\_of(L, E, 1).

find\_first\_of([E|\_], E, I) = I.

find\_first\_of([\_|T], E, I) = find\_first\_of(T, E, I+1).

find\_first\_of([], \_E, \_I) = -1.

find\_last\_of(L, E) = find\_last\_of(L, E, 1, -1).

find\_last\_of([], \_E, \_I, Prel) = Prel.

find\_last\_of([E|T], E, I, \_Prel) = find\_last\_of(T, E, I+1, I).    perm([]) = [[]].

find\_last\_of([\_|T], E, I, Prel) = find\_last\_of(T, E, I+1, Prel).    perm(Lst) = [[E|P] : E in Lst, P in perm(Lst.delete(E))].

% the kth\_elm(L,K) is the same as L[K]

kth\_elm([E|\_], 1) = E.

kth\_elm([\_|T], K) = kth\_elm(T, K-1).

my\_len([]) = 0.

my\_len([\_|T]) = my\_len(T)+1.

my\_reverse([]) = [].

my\_reverse([H|T]) = my\_reverse(T) ++ [H].

power\_set([]) = [[]].

power\_set([H|T]) = P1++P2 =>

P1 = power\_set(T),

P2 = [[H|S] : S in P1].

# Merge Sort and Quick Sort

merge\_sort([]) = [].

merge\_sort([X]) = [X].

merge\_sort(L) = SL => split(L,L1,L2), SL = merge(merge\_sort(L1),merge\_sort(L2)).

split([X,Y|Zs],L1,L2) => L1=[X|LL1], L2=[Y|LL2], split(Zs,LL1,LL2).

split(Zs,L1,L2) => L1 = Zs, L2 = [].

merge([],Ys) = Ys.

merge(Xs,[]) = Xs.

merge([X|Xs],Ys@[Y|\_]) = [X|Zs], X<Y => Zs = merge(Xs,Ys). % Ys@[Y|\_] is an as-pattern

merge(Xs,[Y|Ys]) = [Y|Zs] => Zs = merge(Xs,Ys).

qsort([]) = [].

qsort([H|T]) = qsort([E : E in T, E=<H])++[H]++qsort([E : E in T, E>H]).

# Recursive Functions on Binary Trees

```
is_btree({}) => true.
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```
is_btree({_Val,Left,Right}) =>
    is_btree(Left),
    is_btree(Right).
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```
inorder({}) = [].
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```
inorder({Val,Left,Right}) =
    inorder(Left) ++ [Val] ++
    inorder(Right).
```

```
lookup_bstree({Elm,_,_},Elm) => true.
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```
lookup_bstree({Val,Left,_},Elm), Elm < Val =>
    lookup_bstree(Left,Elm).
lookup_bstree({_,_,Right},Elm) =>
    lookup_bstree(Right,Elm).
```

```
is_bstree({}) => true.
```

```
is_bstree(Tree) =>
    Min = left_most(Tree),
    Max = right_most(Tree),
    is_bstree(Tree,Min,Max).
```

```
is_bstree({}_Min,_Max) => true.
```

```
is_bstree({Val,Left,Right},Min,Max) =>
    Min <= Val,
    Val <= Max,
    is_bstree(Left,Min,Val),
    is_bstree(Right,Val,Max).
```

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left_most({}) = _ => throw(empty_tree).
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```
left_most({Val,{},_Right}) = Val.
```

```
left_most({_,Left,_Right}) = left_most(Left).
```

# Exercises (C++ or Java)

1. Write a function, `displayInBase(n,b)`, that prints a decimal integer  $n$  in base  $b$ .
2. Write a function, `printIntegers(n)`, that prints  $n$  such that groups of three (counting from the right) are separated by commas. For example, when  $n=12345$ , the output should be  $12,345$ .
3. Write a function that takes an array (unsorted) and an integer  $k$  that returns the  $k$ th largest element in the array.
4. The following implementation of `exp(X,Y)` is not efficient:

```
exp(_,0) = succ(0).  
exp(X,Y) = mul(X,exp(X,pred(Y))).
```

Design and implement a more efficient algorithm for the function.