

Chapter 19: Recursion

Question 1:

Briefly describe the purpose of recursion.

Question 2:

- (a) Give one simple example of recursion in pseudocode. Use line number (e.g. 1, 2, etc.)
- (b) State the purpose of this algorithm.
- (c) Explain how recursion works step by step each line.
- (d) On which line is the recursive call made?
- (e) Unwind the algorithm to find the answer to the initial problem. Use a table.

Question 3:

- (a) Give a second example of recursion in pseudocode. Use line number (e.g. 1, 2, etc.)
- (b) State the purpose of this algorithm.
- (c) Explain how recursion works step by step each line.
- (d) On which line is the recursive call made?
- (e) Unwind the algorithm to find the answer to the initial problem. Use a table.

Question 4:

Explain the role of base case in recursion.

Question 5:

What do we mean by the term 'rogue value'?

Question 6:

List the criteria needed when use a recursive algorithm.

Question 7:

Define the following terms by referring to recursive subroutines:

- (a) Parameter by value
- (b) Parameter by reference
- (c) Local variables
- (d) Stack overflow
- (e) Return values

Question 8:

Explain what happens whenever a subroutine is called.

Question 9:

In your words, explain the steps on pages 5-8 (using your own example from Question 2 or 3).

Question 10:

Draw a copy of the picture in page 8 based on your example.

Question 11:

Briefly explain the procedure described in Video 1 (page 9).

Question 12:

On page 10, trace the subroutine when called with the string "pizza". Do NOT see the answer on page 11 !!!

Question 13:

Using one of your recursion examples, convert it to an iterative one.

Question 14:

Give some differences between recursive and non-recursive algorithms.

Question 15:

What happens when a subroutine is called?

Question 16:

- (a) Explain what happens with Call Stack on page 14.
- (b) Explain what happens with Stack Frame on page 14.

Question 17:

Briefly explain the procedure described in Video 2 (page 15).

Question 18:

- (a) Explain the purpose of subroutine (page 16).
- (b) Trace the subroutine using your own values.