

Lecture 23 - Nov. 28

Recursion

Recursion on Strings: occurrencesOf

Recursion on Arrays: Call by Value

Recursion on Arrays: allPositive, isSorted

Announcements/Reminders

- **Lab5** released
 - + Required study: **Abstract Classes & Interfaces**
- Learning resources on **Recursion**
- **Exam** Review Sessions eClass Polling
- A tutorial session on **recursion**: 4pm on Sunday
- **ProgTest3** results to be released on Monday

Recursions on Strings

ex. "abcd"

Palindrome

"racecar"

"aracecars"

"racecar"

→ strictly smaller problem

!= no need to recur further.

Reversal

rev("abcd")

rev("bcd") + a
d c b

Number of Occurrences

"abca"

of 'a'

of 'a'

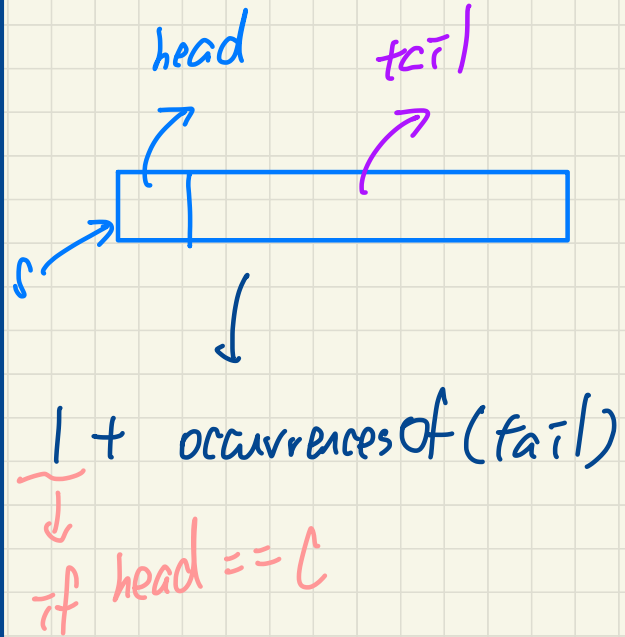
1 + occurrences of ("bca", 'a')

of 'b'

0 + occurrences of ("bca", 'b')

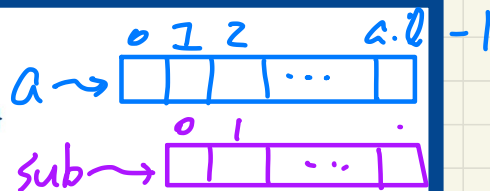
Problem: Number of Occurrences

```
int occurrencesOf (String s, char c) {  
    if (s.isEmpty()) {  
        /* Base Case */  
        return 0;  
    }  
    else {  
        /* Recursive Case */  
        char head = s.charAt(0);  
        String tail = s.substring(1, s.length());  
        if (head == c) {  
            return 1 + occurrencesOf (tail, c);  
        }  
        else {  
            return 0 + occurrencesOf (tail, c);  
        }  
    }  
}
```



Recursion on an Array: Passing new Sub-Arrays

```
void m(int[] a) {  
    if (a.length == 0) { /* base case */ }  
    else if (a.length == 1) { /* base case */ }  
    else {  
        int[] sub = new int[a.length - 1];  
        for(int i = 1; i < a.length; i++) { sub[i - 1] = a[i]; }  
        m(sub) } }  
m(sub)
```



recursive call on a strictly smaller array

Say $a1 = \{\}$, consider $m(a1)$

↳ reached base case

Say $a2 = \{A, B, C\}$, consider $m(a2)$

$m(\boxed{A \mid B \mid C})$

$m(\boxed{B \mid C})$

$m(\boxed{C})$

base case

subarrays created

recursive calls

efficient !!

Recursion on an Array: Passing Same Array Reference

```
void m(int[] a, int from, int to) {  
    if (from > to) { /* base case */  
    else if (from == to) { /* base case */  
    else { m(a, from + 1, to) } }
```

non-base case:
from < to

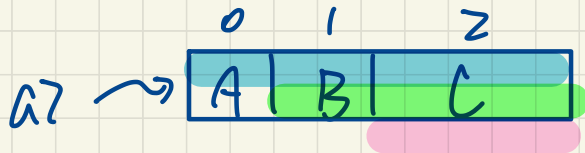
empty
range

single
ele. range

Say $a1 = \{\}$, consider $m(a1, 0, a1.length - 1)$

$\rightarrow 0 > -1 \rightarrow$ base case # 1
from to

Say $a2 = \{A, B, C\}$, consider $m(a2, 0, a2.length - 1)$



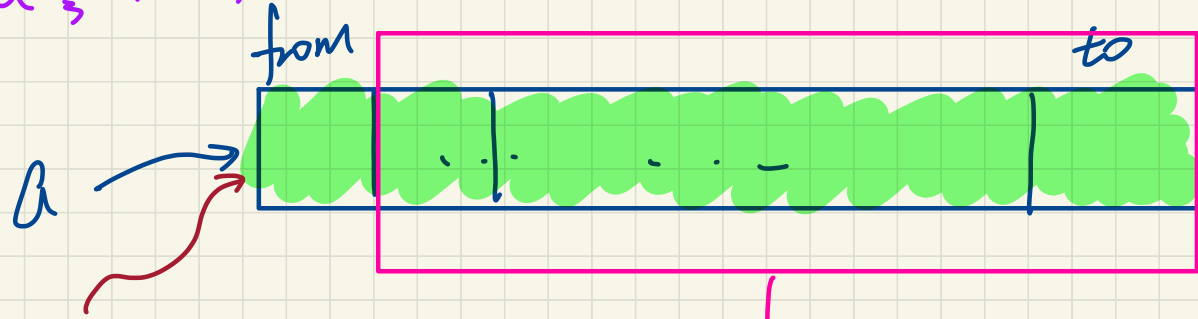
$m(a2, 0, 2)$

$m(a2, 1, 2)$

$m(a2, 2, 2)$

base
case
2

$m(a, \text{from}, \text{to})$



$m(a, \text{from} + 1, \text{to})$

↓
strictly
smaller
sub range.

Problem: Are All Numbers Positive?

→ Is there some positive number?
 $\exists x \cdot P(x) \rightarrow \underline{\text{False}}$: no witness to show satisf.
 $x \in \emptyset$
∴ no witness in empty collection to show validation of property

Say $a = \{\}$

$\forall x \cdot P(x) = \underline{\text{True}}$ →
 $x \in \emptyset$

Say $a = \{4\}$

True

Say $a = \{4, 7, 3, 9\}$

True

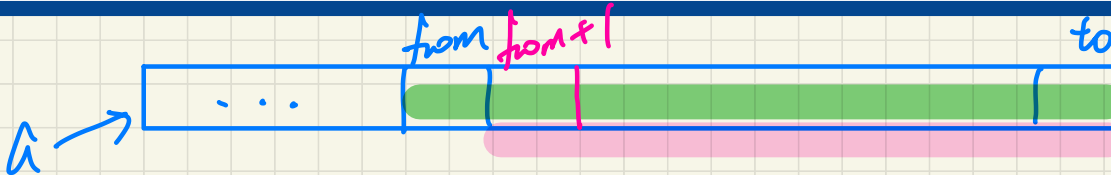
$\text{allPos}(\{4, 7, 3, 9\}, 0, 3)$
↓
 $a[0] > 0 \ \&\& \ \text{allPos}(a, 1, 3)$

Say $a = \{5, 3, -2, 9\}$

False

Problem: Are All Numbers Positive?

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boolean allPositive(int[] a) {  
    return allPositiveHelper(a, 0, a.length - 1);  
}  
  
boolean allPositiveHelper(int[] a, int from, int to) {  
    if (from > to) { /* base case 1: empty range */  
        return true;  
    }  
    else if (from == to) { /* base case 2: range of one element */  
        return a[from] > 0;  
    }  
    else { /* recursive case */  
        return a[from] > 0 && allPositiveHelper(a, from + 1, to);  
    }  
}
```



what a user needs to supply when using the solution

recursive helper method

public

private

Tracing Recursion: allPositive

non-descending $\neg (a[i] > a[i+1])$
non-ascending $\rightarrow a[i] \leq a[i+1]$

Say $a = \{\}$

allPositive(a)

allPH(a, 0, -1)

$\hookrightarrow$ true.

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Tracing Recursion: allPositive

Say a = {4}

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Tracing Recursion: allPositive

Say $a = \{4, 7, 3, 9\}$

allPositive(a)

allPH(a, 0, 3)

$a[0] > 0$

&&

allPH(a, 1, 3)

$a[1] > 0$

&&

allPH(a, 2, 3)

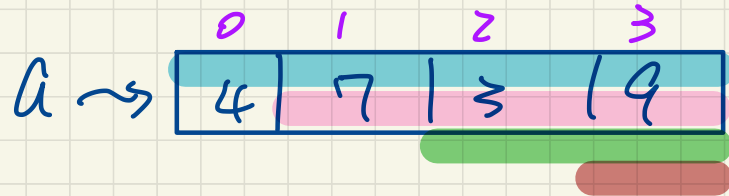
$a[2] > 0$

&&

allPH(a, 3, 3)

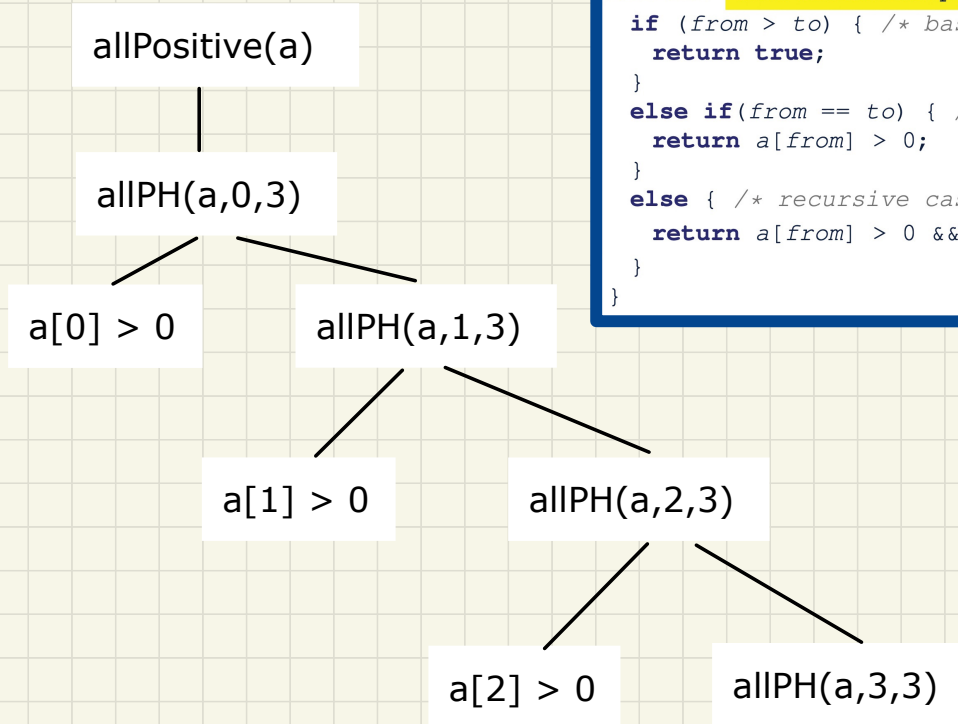
$\rightarrow a[3] > 0$

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}
```



Tracing Recursion: **allPositive**

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        return a[from] > 0;  
    }  
    else { /* recursive case */  
        return a[from] > 0 && allPositiveHelper(a, from + 1, to);  
    }  
}
```

Problem: Are Numbers Sorted?

Say $a = \{\}$

True

Say $a = \{4\}$

True

Say $a = \{3, 6, 6, 7\}$

isSorted($a, 0, 3$)



$\underbrace{a[0]}_3 \leq \underbrace{a[1]}_6$

&& isSorted($a, 1, 3$)

Say $a = \{3, 6, 5, 7\}$

Problem: Are Numbers Sorted?

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    else {  
        return a[from] <= a[from + 1]  
            && isSortedHelper(a, from + 1, to);  
    }  
}
```



Tracing Recursion: **isSorted**

Say $a = \{\}$

isSorted(a)

isSH(a,0,-1)

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        return true;  
    }  
    else {  
        return a[from] <= a[from + 1]  
            && isSortedHelper(a, from + 1, to);  
    }  
}
```

Tracing Recursion: **isSorted**

Say $a = \{4\}$

isSorted(a)

isSH(a,0,0)

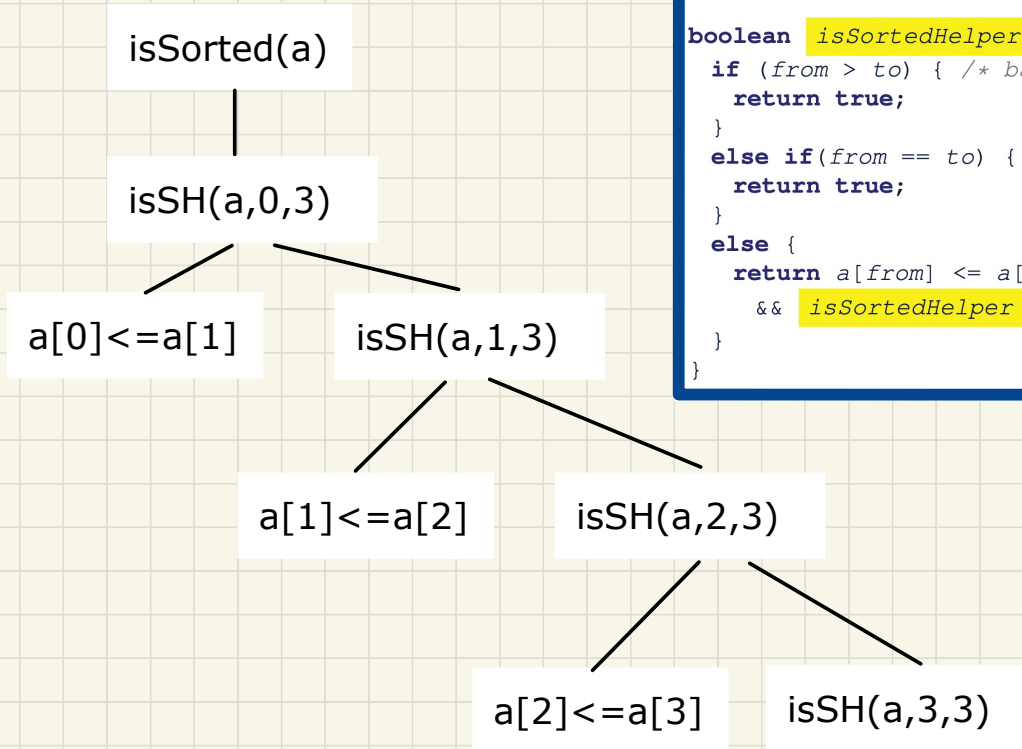
return **true**

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Tracing Recursion: **isSorted**

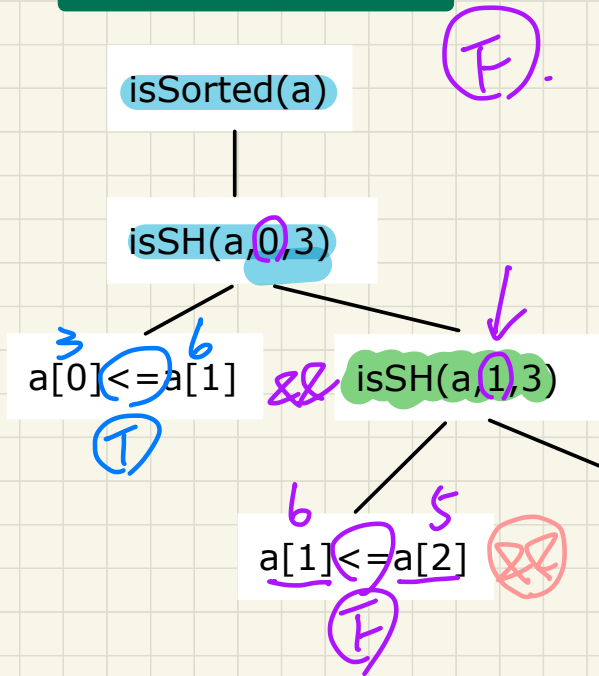
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Tracing Recursion: isSorted

Say $a = \{3, 6, 5, 7\}$



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