CS 61A
DISCUSSION 2

ENVIRONMENT DIAGRAMS AND RECURSION

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AGENDA

- Announcements
- Environment diagram review
- Lambda
- Recursion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Project 1 Hog due tonight!!
- Lab 2 due Friday
- Homework 3 due Tuesday 9/13
- Guerrilla Section on Higher Order Functions & Recursion 9/10 noon - 3pm
- CSM small group tutoring sections sign ups

MIDTERM ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Midterm 1 next Thursday 9/15 8-10pm. Rooms TBD
- Topical Office Hours next week
- TA-led review session noon - 3pm Sunday 155 Dwindle
- HKN review session 2 - 5 pm Saturday 2050 VLSB

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Based on demand, I will hold at least one of the following (or both)
  - Review session to go over past exam problems Sunday 4-6pm Soda 320 (this may change)
  - Office Hour before midterm Thursday during discussion time (no discussion next week)

ENVIRONMENT DIAGRAMS

- Environment diagrams allow us to keep track of variables that have been defined and the values they are bound to.
- Assignment Statements
- Def Statements
- Function Calls
- Lambda Expressions

ASSIGNMENT STATEMENTS

REVIEW

- Evaluate right hand side.
  - Look up names in the current frame, and then parent frame.
- Left hand side variable created in local frame if it does not exist.

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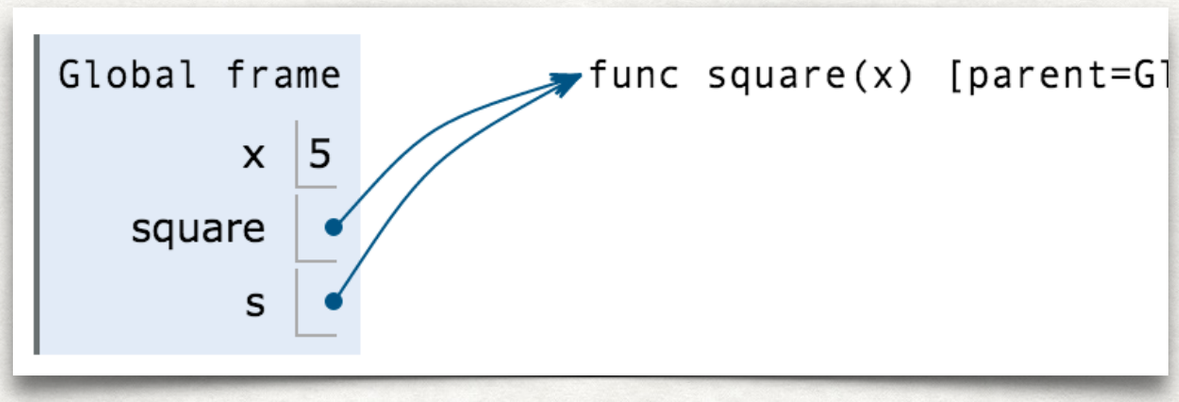
1  x = 5
2  def square(x):
3      return x**2
4
5  s = square
```



DEF STATEMENTS

REVIEW

- Function object has function signature (intrinsic name and formal parameters) and parent frame.
- The parent frame is the frame in which the frame is defined.
- Do not evaluate body.

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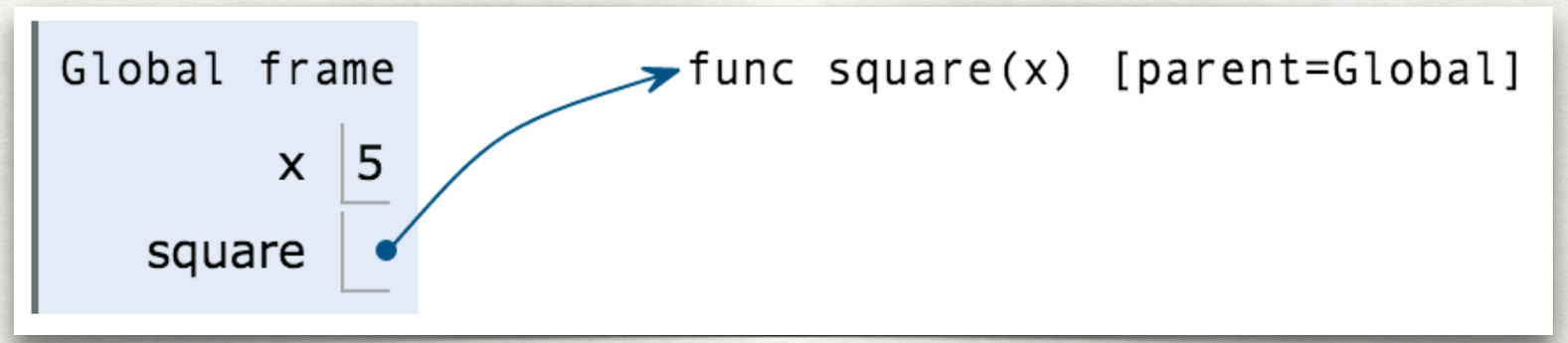

CALL EXPRESSIONS

REVIEW

- Evaluate the operator, then operands from left to right.
- Apply evaluated operands to operator and create new frame with intrinsic name.
- Bind arguments to formal parameters.

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1  y = 5
2  def square(x):
3      return x**2
4
5  z = square(y)
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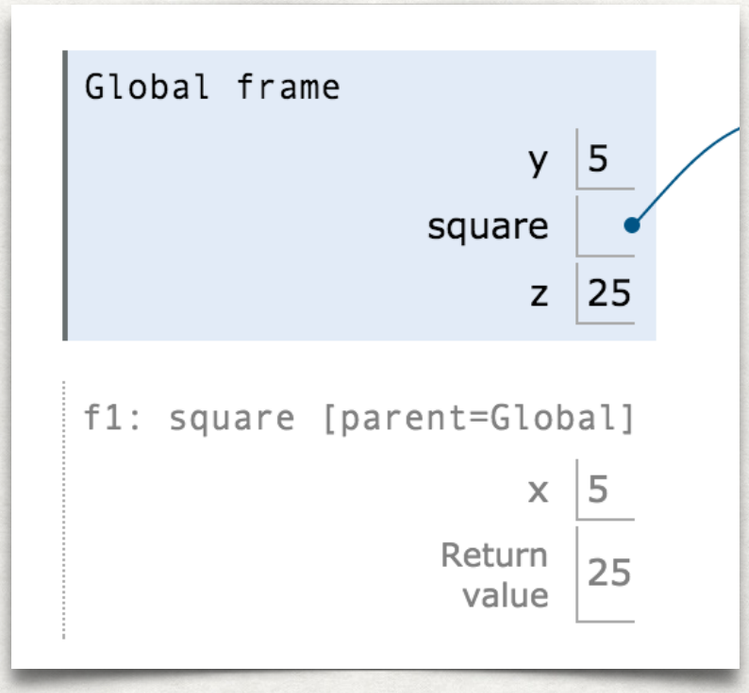

FUNCTION CALL VS. FUNCTION OBJECTS

REVIEW

- Function calls have parenthesis after variable that is bound to function object.

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1  square = lambda x: x * x
2  four = square(2)
3  f = square
4  nine = f(3)
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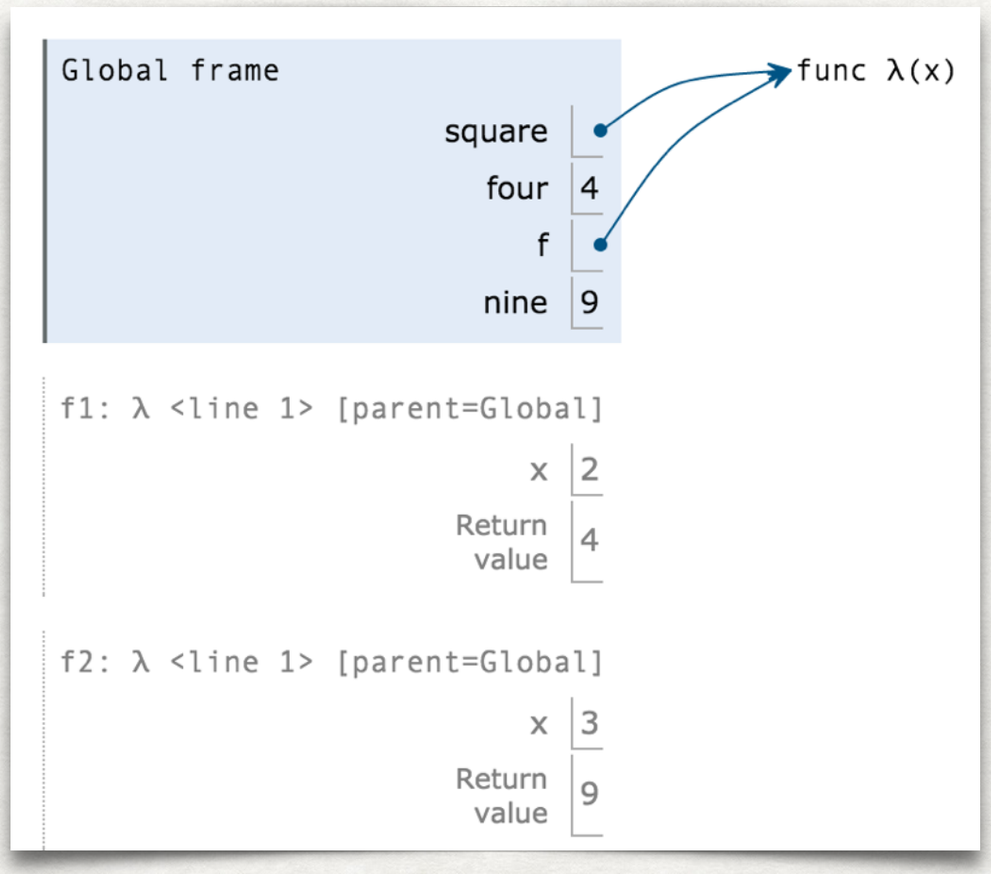

LAMBDA FUNCTIONS

- lambda <parameters>: <body>
- There can be multiple parameters delimited by commas.
  - lambda x, y, z: <body>
- Lambda functions create function objects with the function name as **λ**.
- Create the function object in the environment diagram even if it is not assigned to a variable.

LAMBDA FUNCTIONS

- Lambda functions cannot be accessed if it is not assigned to variables either by
  - using an explicit assignment statement or
  - passing the lambda function into another function's argument.

```
1  square = lambda x: x * x
2  def f(x):
3      def g(y, z):
4          return x(y, z)
5      return g
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7  f(lambda a, b: a + b)
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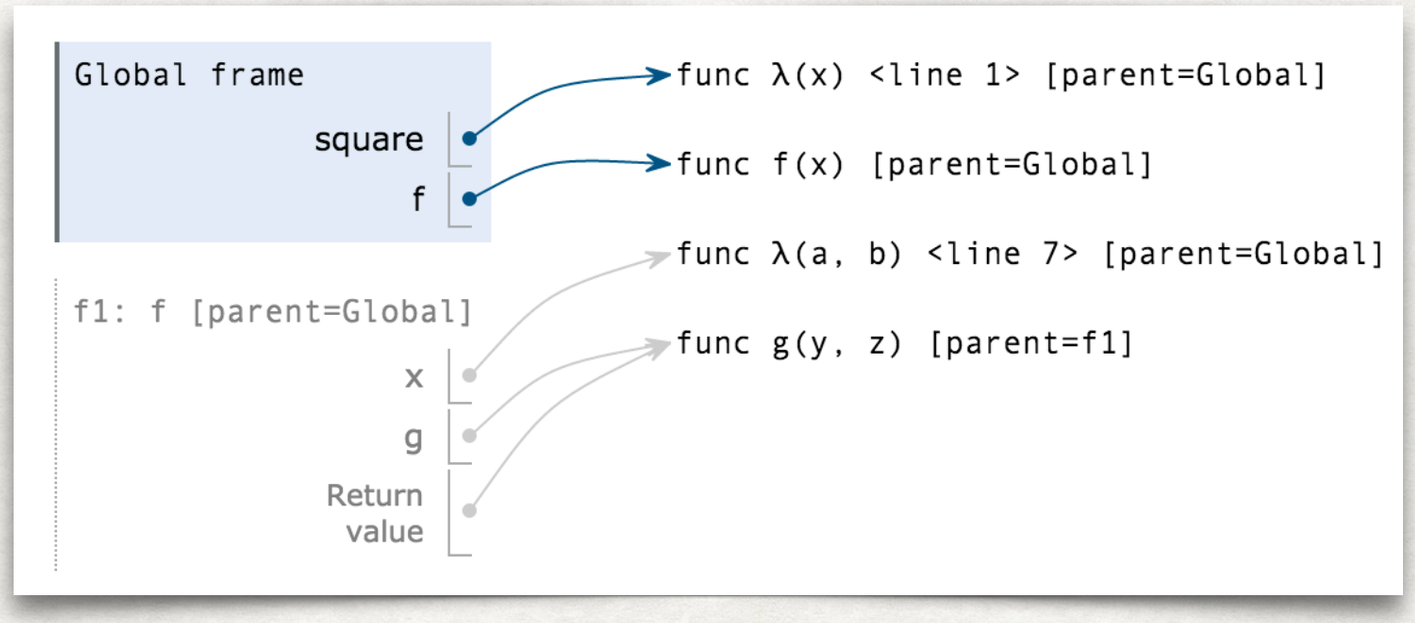

LAMBDA FUNCTIONS

- Remember what frame you are in when creating lambda functions.
- Vital to the lambda's parent frame.

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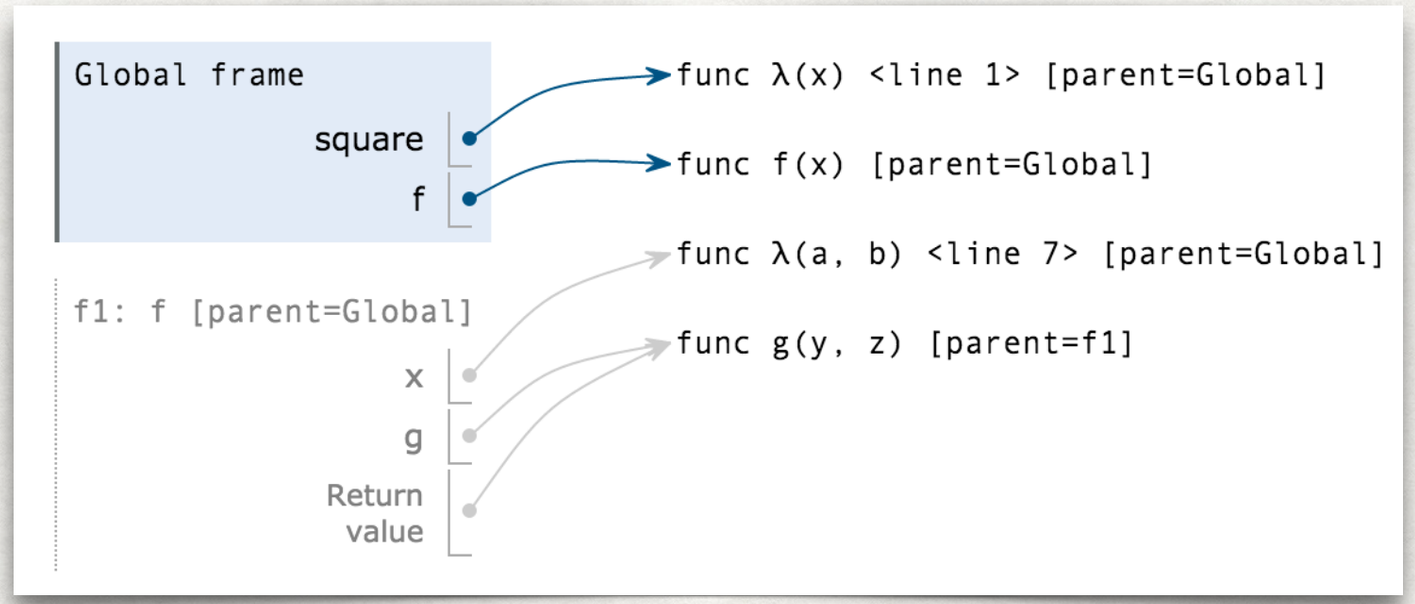

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- Passing in newly defined lambda functions in a function call always creates the lambda object in the frame where the call expression is.

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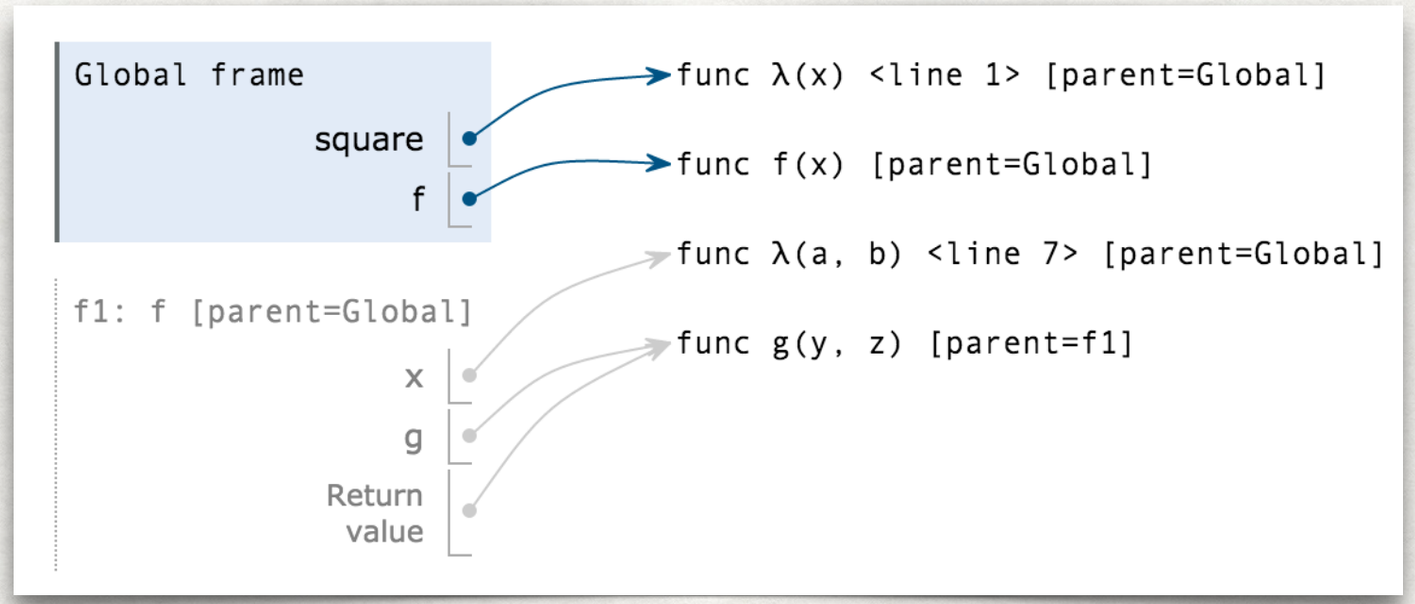

RECURSION

- A recursive function is a function that calls itself.
- Three common steps
  - Figure our your base case(s)
  - Make the problem smaller and make a recursive call with that simpler argument
  - Use your recursive call to solve the full problem

RECURSION

- Base cases are there to stop the recursion.
- No base case —> continue making recursive calls forever

```
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        return n * factorial(n-1)
```

RECURSION

- Find a smaller problem for the recursive call.
- Make sure the problem is getting smaller **toward** the base case.
- Call the recursive function with this smaller argument.

```
def factorial(n):
    if n == 0 or n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
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RECURSION

- Take the ***leap of faith*** and trust that your recursive function is correct on the smaller argument.
- Knowing that the recursive call returns what you want, how can you solve the bigger problem?

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factorial(5)

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5 * factorial(4)

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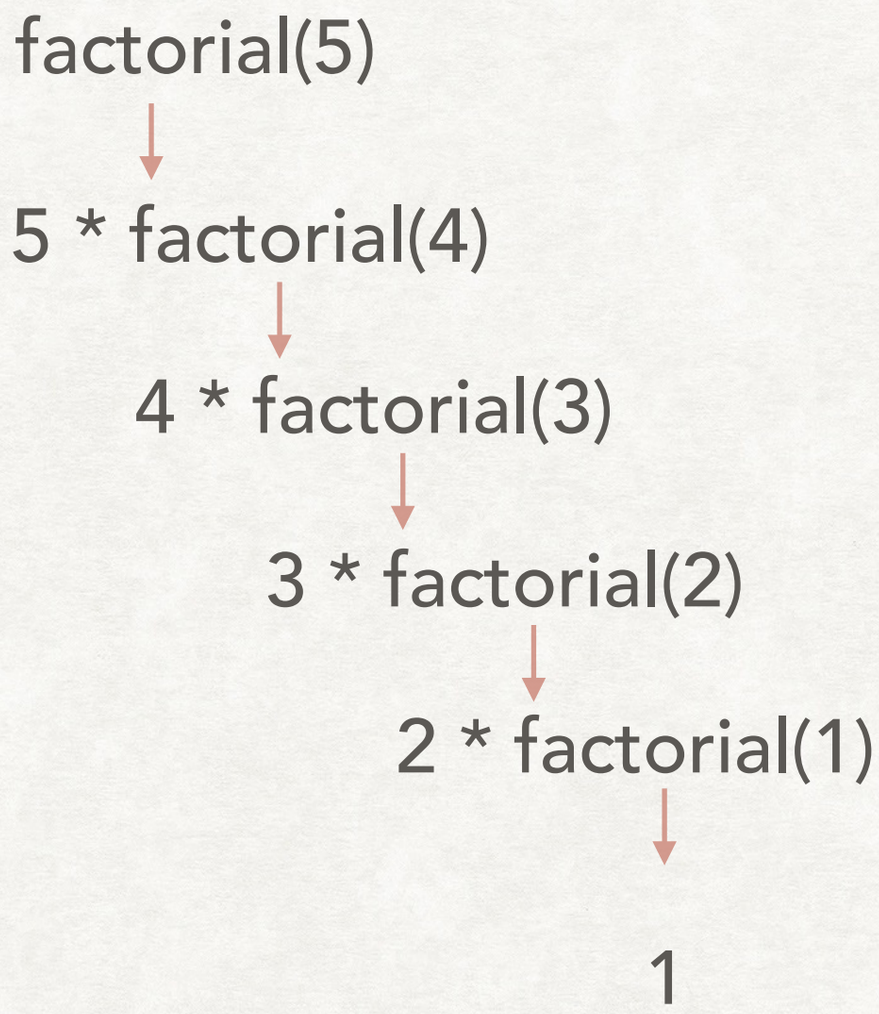
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1

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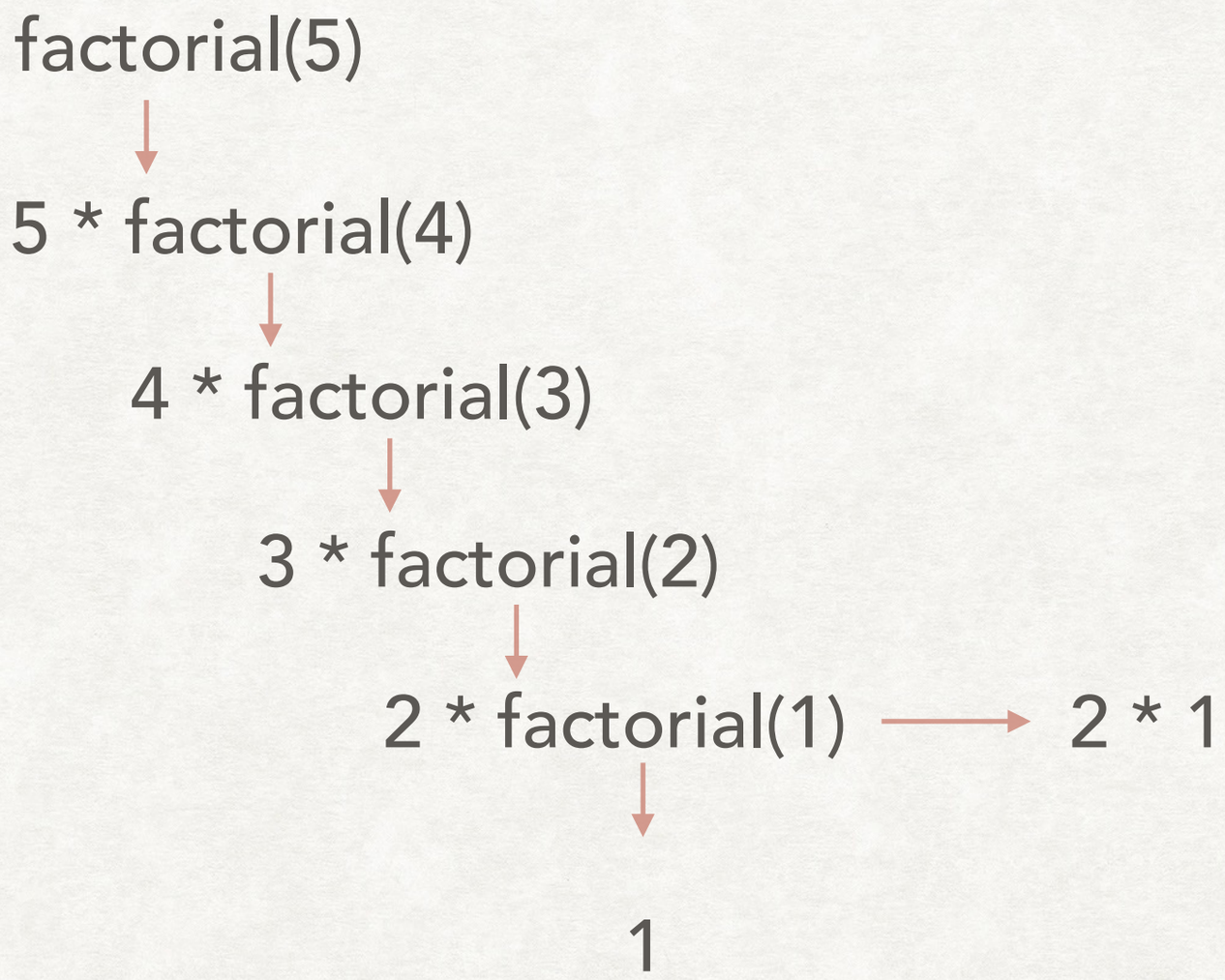
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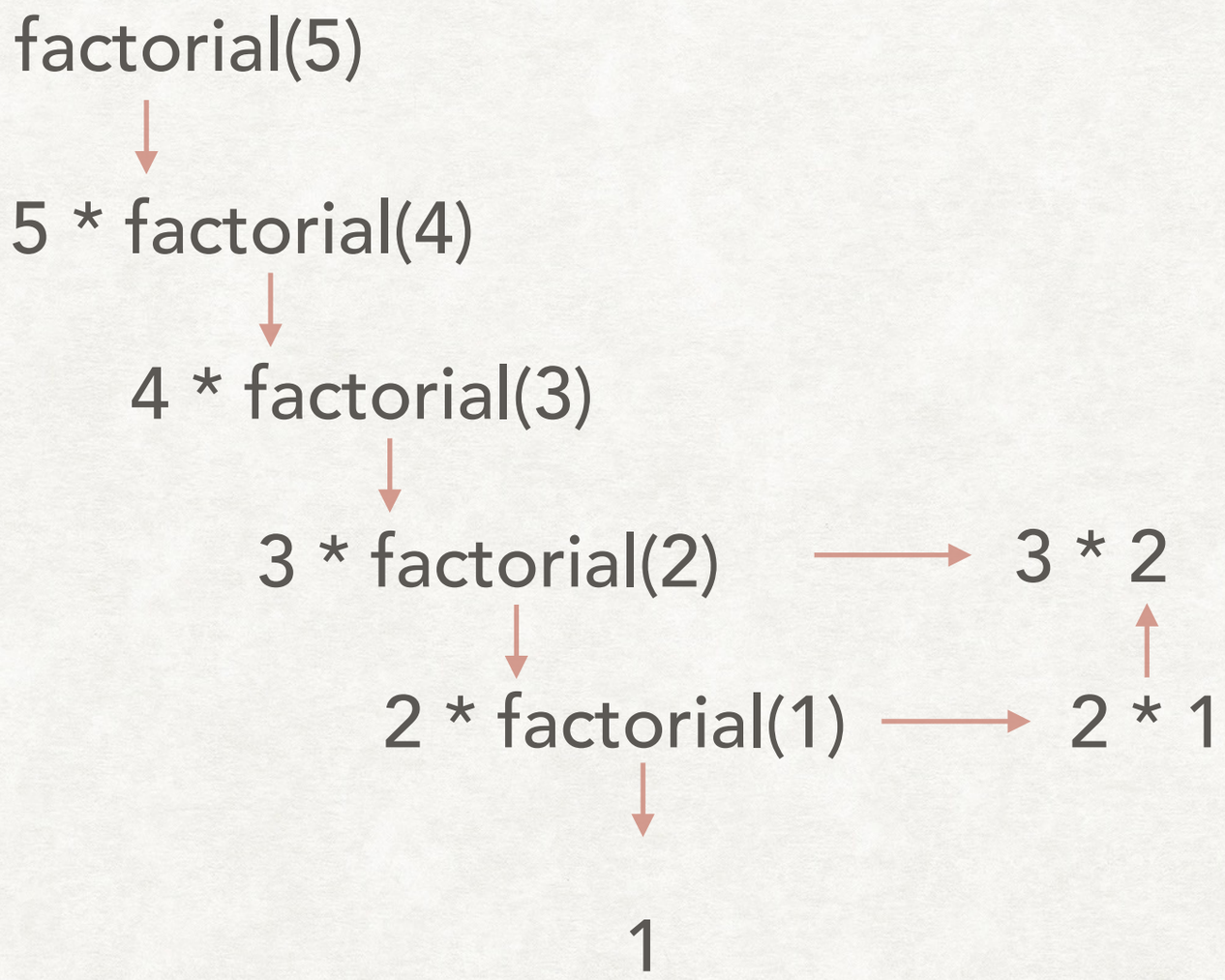
factorial(5)
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2 * factorial(1)
2 * 1
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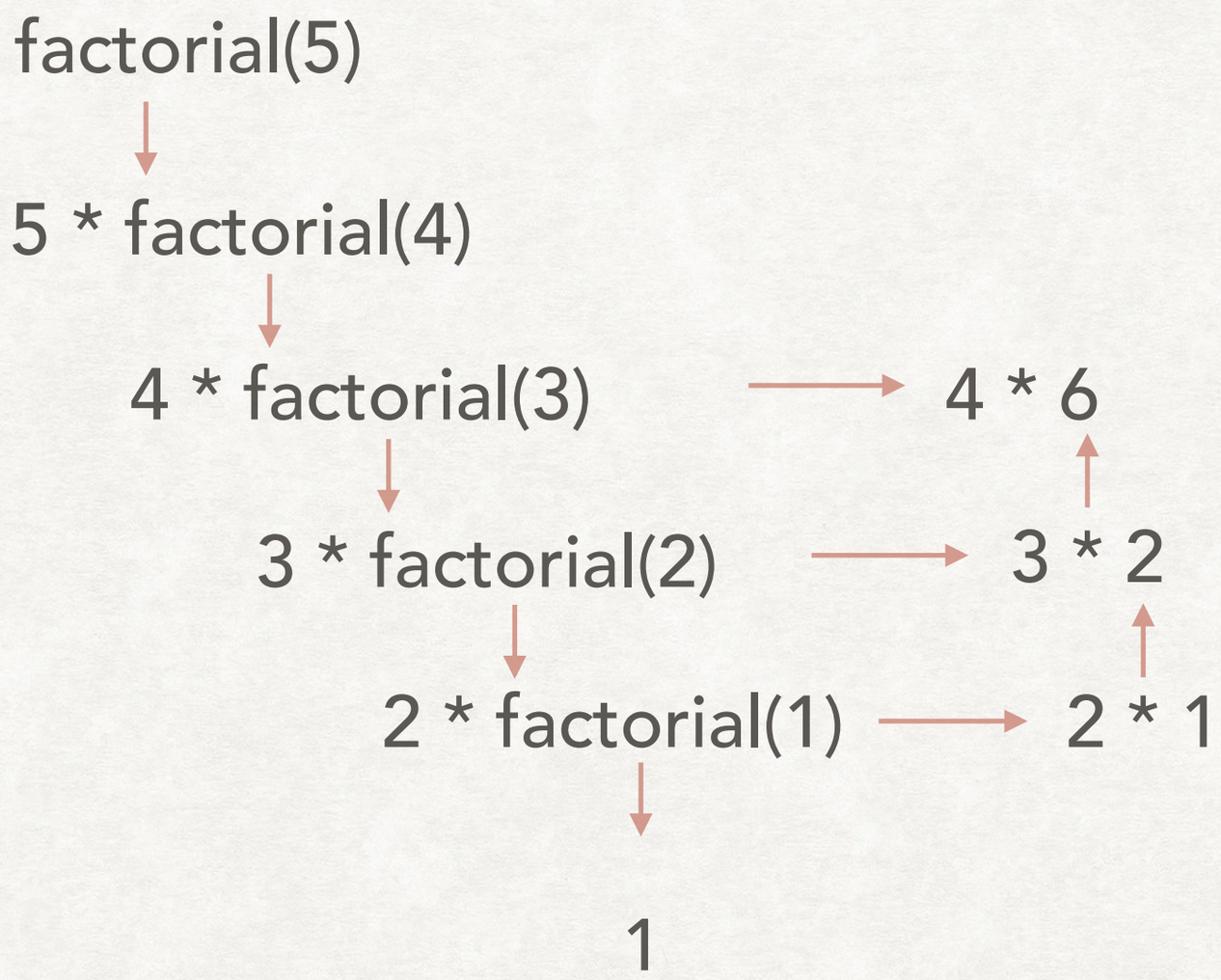
factorial(5)
5 * factorial(4)
4 * factorial(3)
4 * 6
3 * factorial(2)
3 * 2
2 * factorial(1)
2 * 1
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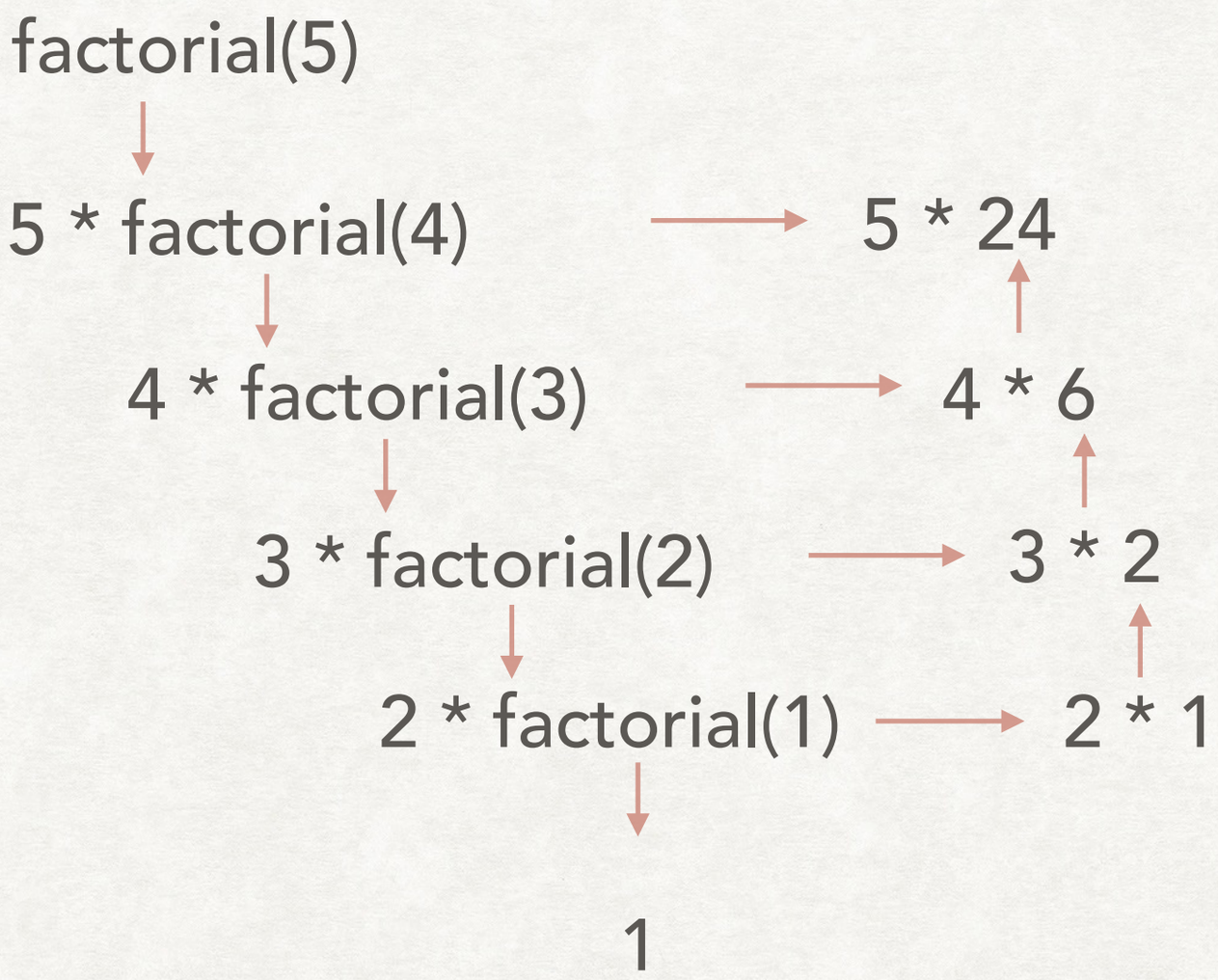
factorial(5)
5 * factorial(4)
5 * 24
4 * factorial(3)
4 * 6
3 * factorial(2)
3 * 2
2 * factorial(1)
2 * 1
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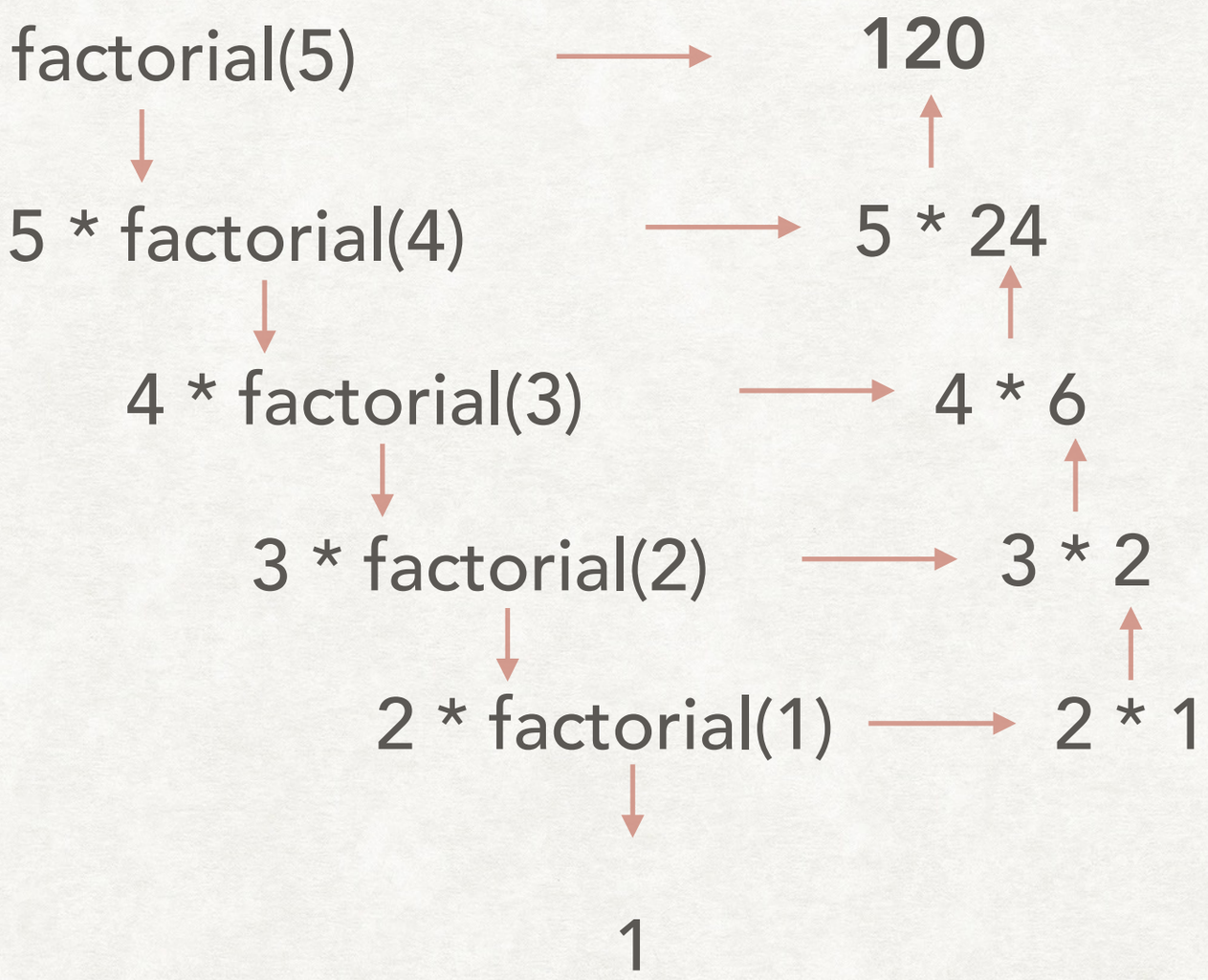
factorial(5)
120
5 * factorial(4)
5 * 24
4 * factorial(3)
4 * 6
3 * factorial(2)
3 * 2
2 * factorial(1)
2 * 1
1

TREE RECURSION

- Recursive functions that make more than one recursive call in its recursive case.
- Example: fibonacci sequence

```
def fib(n):
    if n == 0:
        return 0
    elif n == 1:
        return 1
    else:
        return fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2)
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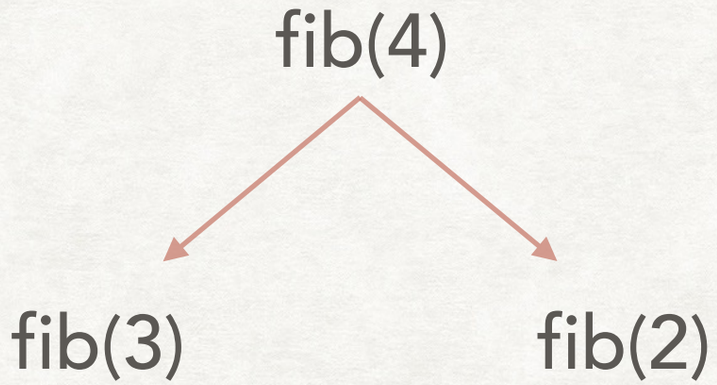

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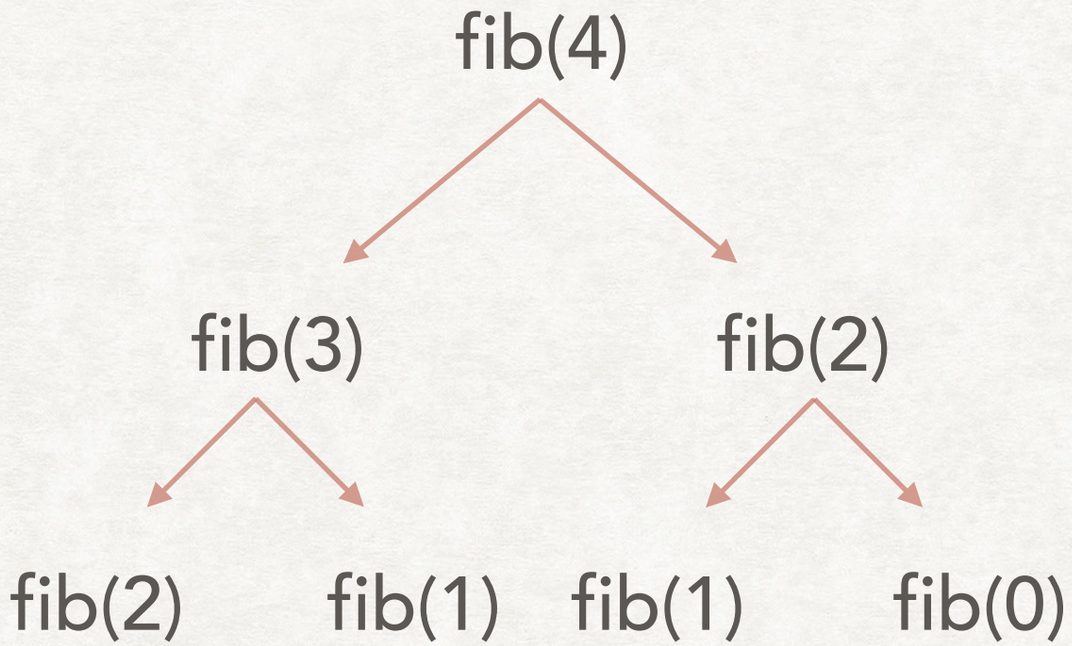

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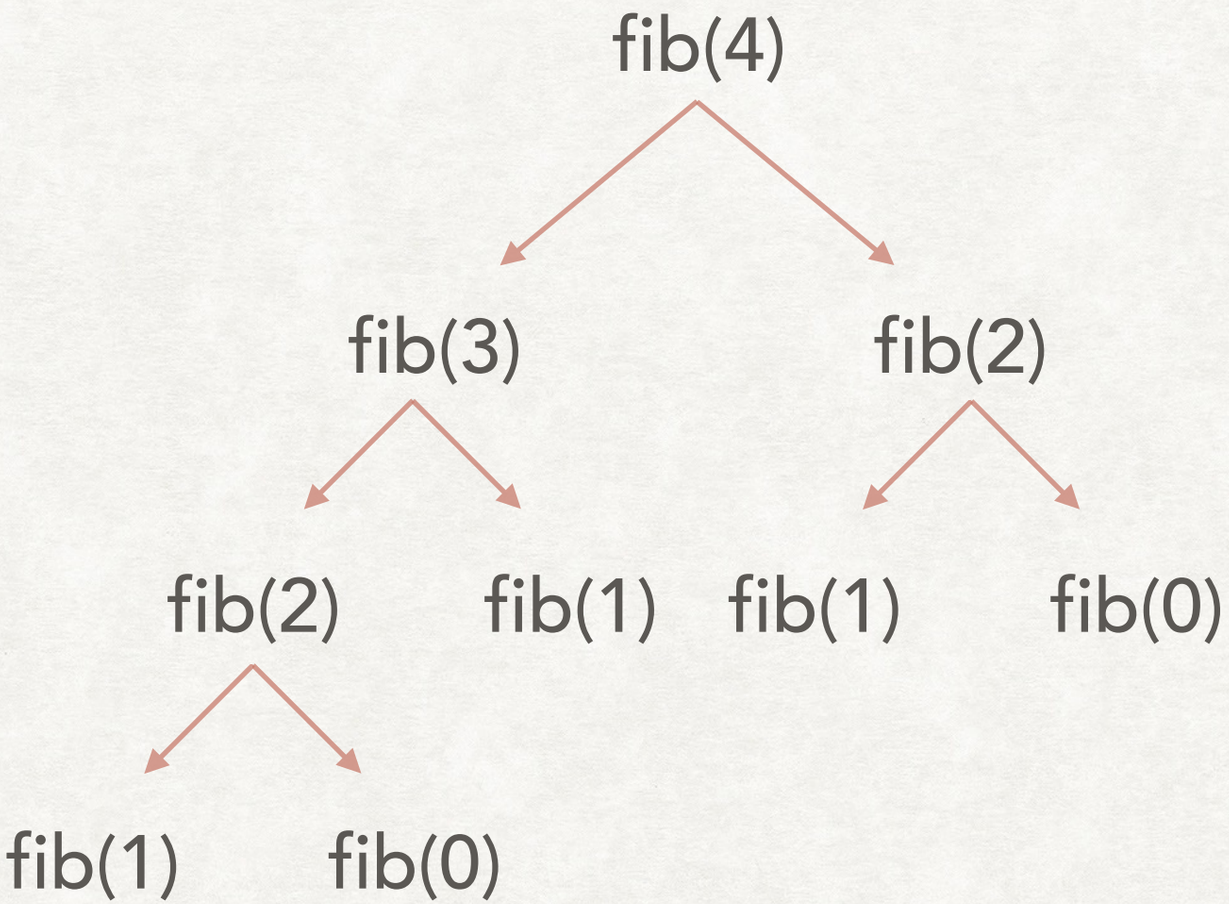

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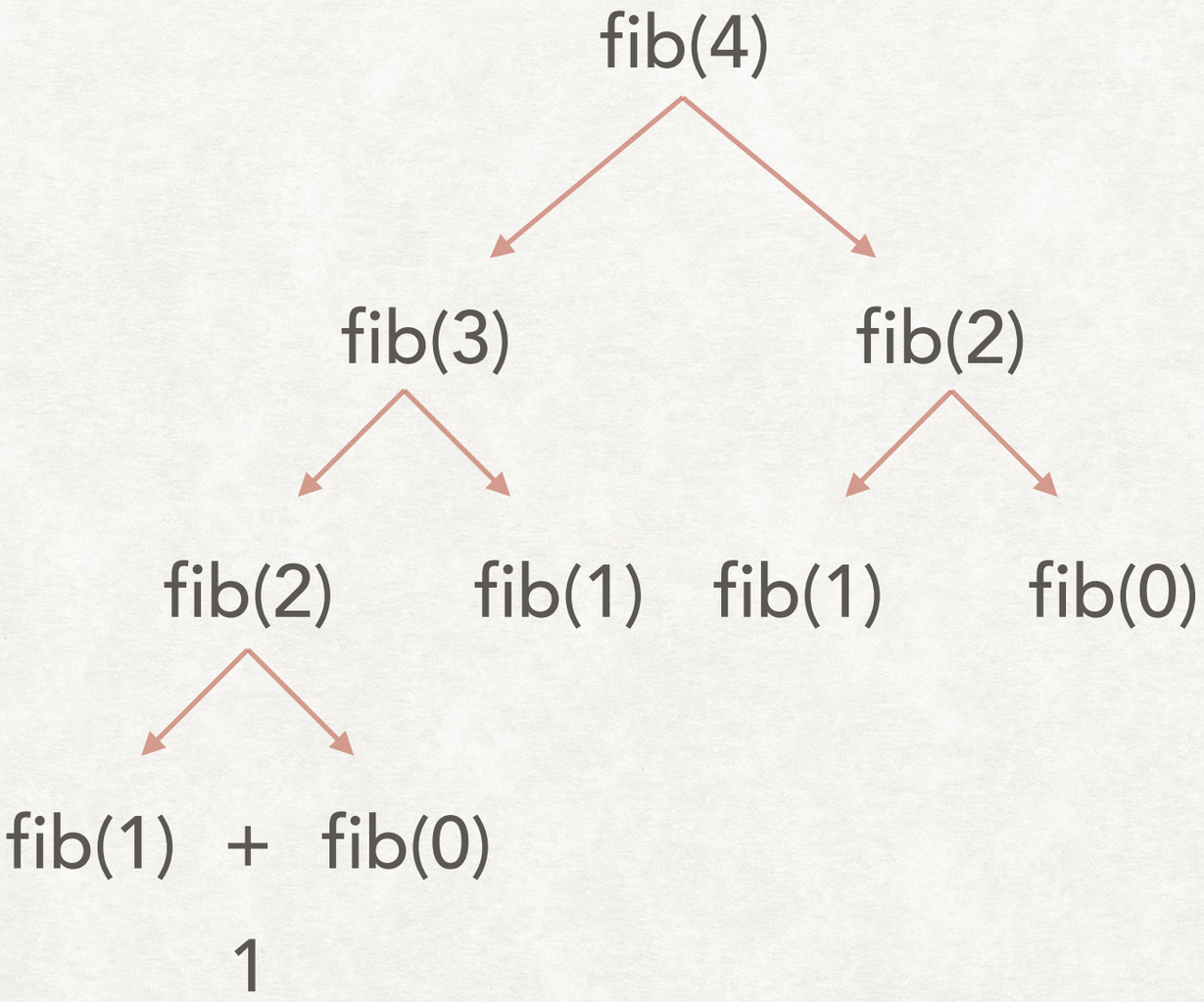

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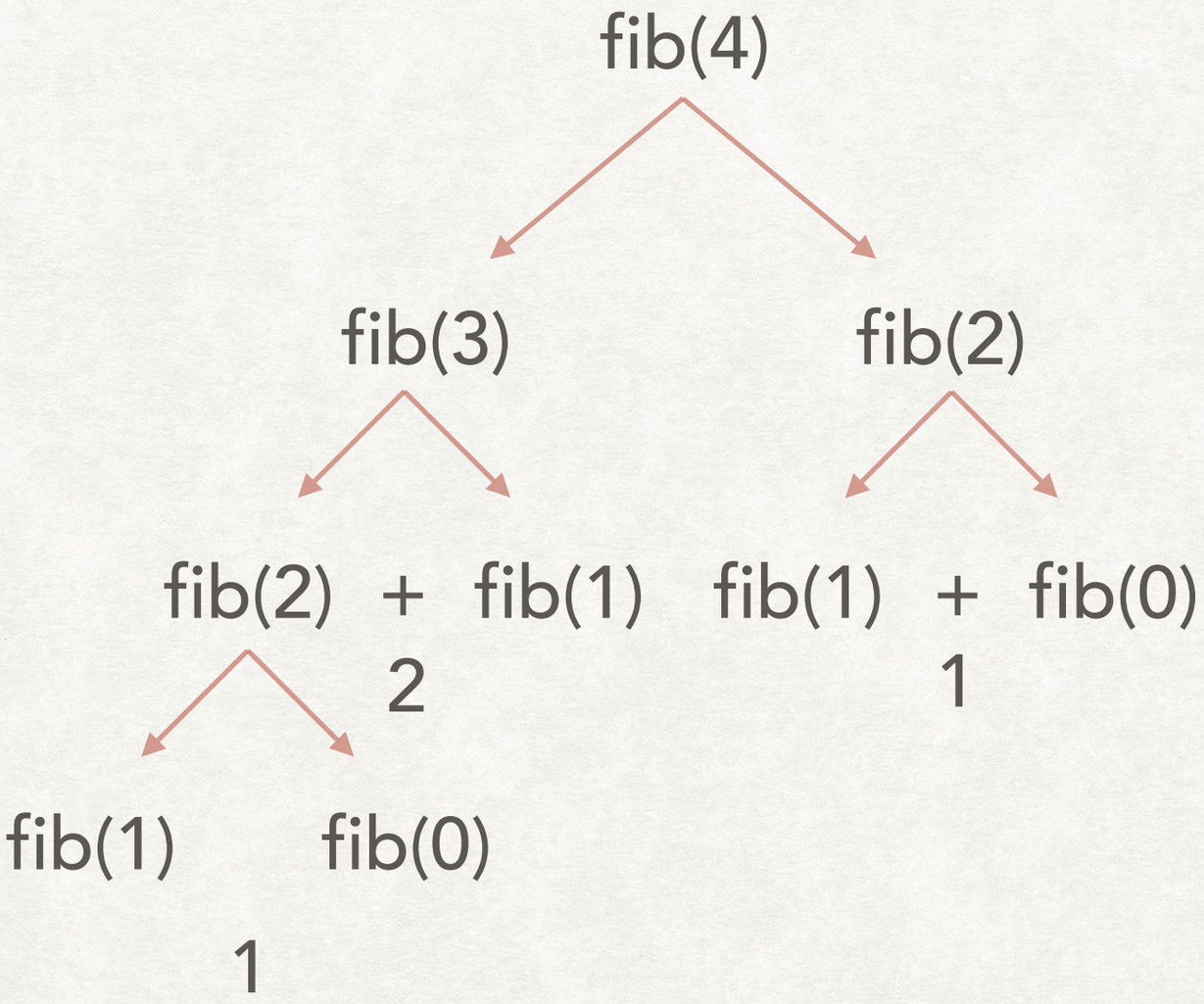

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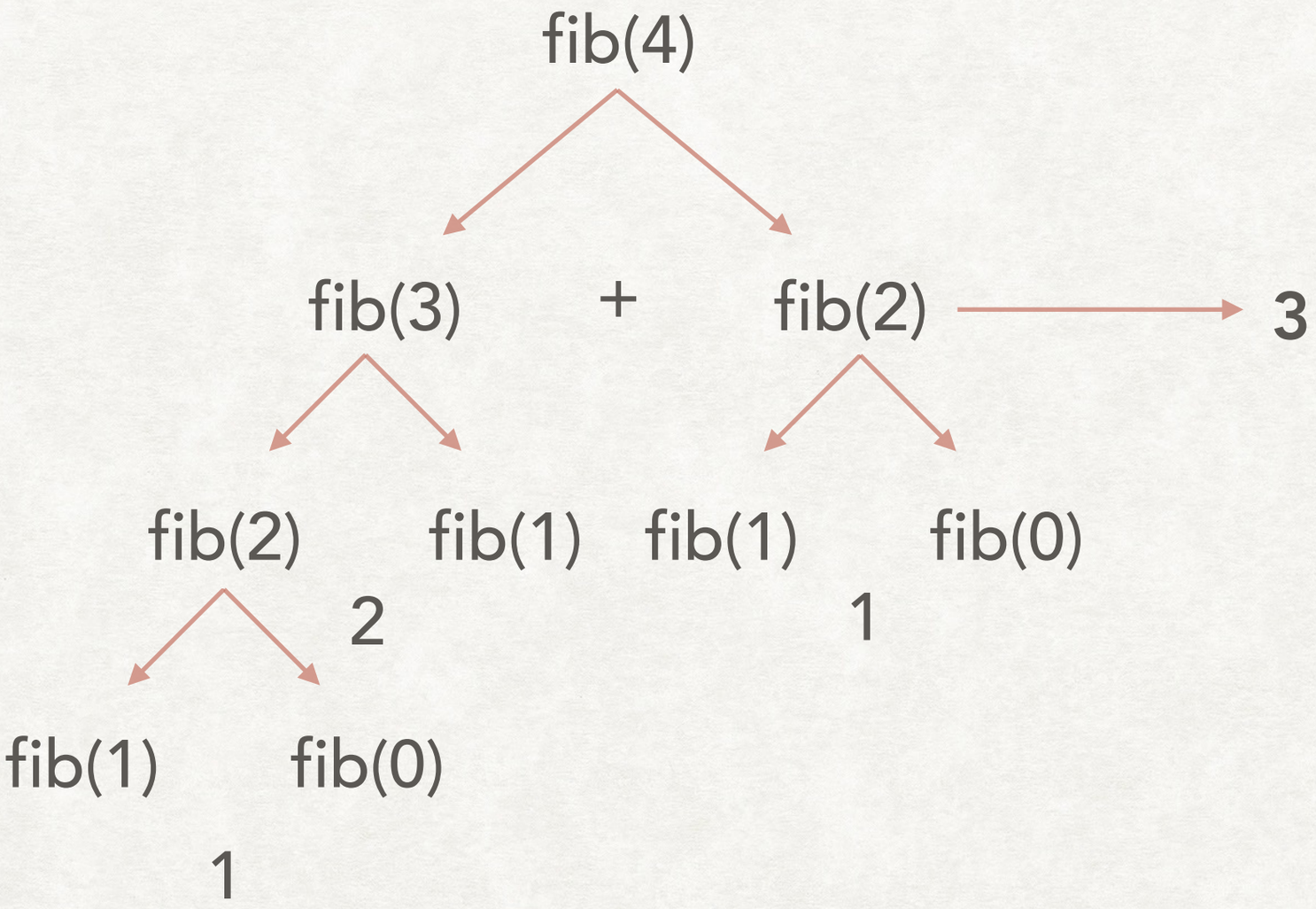

RECAP

- Environment diagrams allow us to keep track of a variables and their values.
- Recursion functions call themselves.
- Tree recursive functions call themselves multiple times from one frame.