

Recursion 11

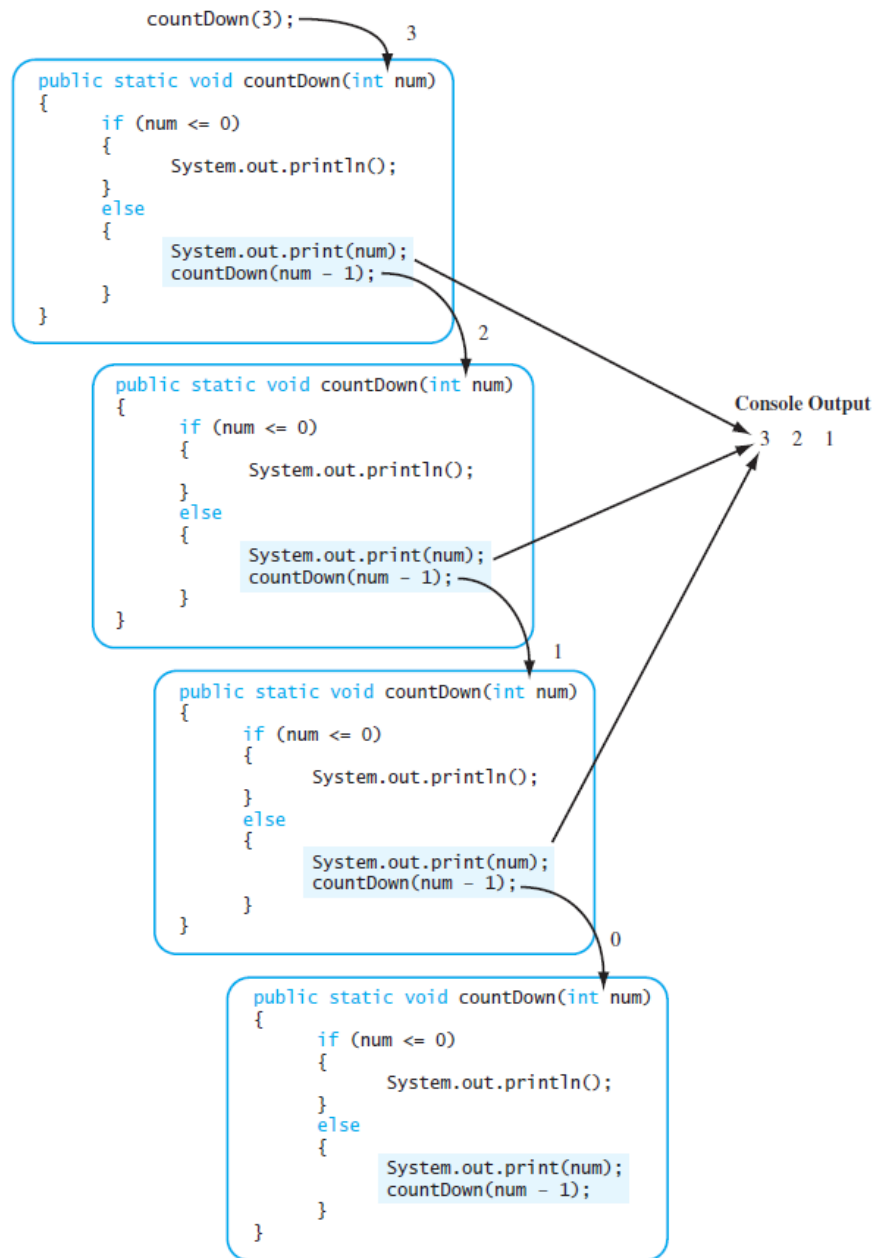
LISTING 11.1 Recursive Countdown Method

```
public class RecursiveCountdown
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        countdown(3);
    }
    public static void countdown(int num)
    {
        if (num <= 0)
        {
            System.out.println();
        }
        else
        {
            System.out.print(num);
            countdown(num - 1);
        }
    }
}
```

Sample Screen Output

321

FIGURE 11.1 Recursive Calls for the `countDown` Method



LISTING 11.2 A Recursion Program for Digits to Words (part 1 of 2)

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class RecursionDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Enter an integer:");
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        int number = keyboard.nextInt();
        System.out.println("The digits in that number are:")
        displayAsWords(number);
        System.out.println();

        System.out.println("If you add ten to that number,")
        System.out.println("the digits in the new number are:")
        number = number + 10;
        displayAsWords(number);
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

```
/**
Precondition: number >= 0
Displays the digits in number as words.
*/
public static void displayAsWords(int number)
{
    if (number < 10)
        System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(number) + " ")
    else //number has two or more digits
    {
        displayAsWords(number / 10); ← Recursive call
        System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(number) + " ")
    }
}
```

```

// Precondition: 0 <= digit <= 9
// Returns the word for the argument digit.
private static String getWordFromDigit(int digit)
{
    String result = null;

    switch (digit)
    {
        case 0: result = "zero"; break;
        case 1: result = "one"; break;
        case 2: result = "two"; break;
        case 3: result = "three"; break;
        case 4: result = "four"; break;
        case 5: result = "five"; break;
        case 6: result = "six"; break;
        case 7: result = "seven"; break;
        case 8: result = "eight"; break;
        case 9: result = "nine"; break;
        default:
            {
                System.out.println("Fatal Error.");
                System.exit(0);
            }
    }
    return result;
}
}

```

Sample Screen Output

```
Enter an integer:
```

```
987
```

```
The digits in that number are:
```

```
nine eight seven
```

```
If you add ten to that number,
```

```
the digits in the new number are:
```

```
nine nine seven
```

FIGURE 11.2 Executing a Recursive Call

`displayAsWords(987)` is equivalent to executing:

```
{//Code for invocation of displayAsWords(987)
  if (987 < 10)
    System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(987) + " ");
  else //987 has two or more digits
  {
    displayAsWords(987 / 10);
    System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(987 % 10) + " ");
  }
}
```

Computation waits here for the completion of the recursive call.

`displayAsWords(987/10)` is equivalent to `displayAsWords(98)`, which is equivalent to executing:

```
{//Code for invocation of displayAsWords(98)
  if (98 < 10)
    System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(98) + " ");
  else //98 has two or more digits
  {
    displayAsWords(98 / 10);
    System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(98 % 10) + " ");
  }
}
```

Computation waits here for the completion of the recursive call.

`displayAsWords(98/10)` is equivalent to `displayAsWords(9)`, which is equivalent to executing:

```
{//Code for invocation of displayAsWords(9)
  if (9 < 10)
    System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(9) + " ");
  else //9 has two or more digits
  {
    displayAsWords(9 / 10);
    System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(9 % 10) + " ");
  }
}
```

Another recursive call does not occur

LISTING 11.3 An Iterative Version of displayAsWords

```
import java.util.scanner;
public class IterativeDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    <The rest of main is the same as Listing 11.2.>

    /**
    Precondition: number >= 0
    Displays the digits in number as words.
    */
    public static void displayAsWords(int number)
    {
        int divisor = getPowerOfTen(number);
        int next = number;
        while (divisor >= 10)
        {
            System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(next / divisor) +
                " ");
            next = next % divisor;
            divisor = divisor / 10;
        }
        System.out.print(getWordFromDigit(next / divisor) + " ");
    }
    // Precondition: n >= 0.
    // Returns 10 raised to the power n.
    private static int getPowerOfTen(int n)
    {
        int result = 1;
        while (n >= 10)
        {
            result = result * 10;
            n = n / 10;
        }
        result result;
    }
    private static String getWordFromDigit(int digit)
    <The rest of getWordFromDigit is the same as in Listing 11.2.>
}
```

LISTING 11.4 A Recursive Method That Returns a Value (part 1 of 2)

```
import java.util.Scanner;

public class RecursionDemo2
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        System.out.println("Enter a nonnegative number:");
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        int number = keyboard.nextInt();
        System.out.println(number + " contains " +
            getNumberOfZeros(number) + " zeros.");
    }
}
```

```

/**
Precondition: n >=0
Returns the number of zero digits in n.
*/
public static int getNumberOfZeros(int n)
{
    int result;
    if (n == 0)
        result = 1;
    else if (n < 10)
        result = 0; //n has one digit that is not 0
    else if (n % 10 == 0)
        result = getNumberOfZeros(n / 10) + 1;
    else //n % 10 !=0
        result = getNumberOfZeros(n / 10);
    return result;
}
}

```

Sample Screen Output

```
Enter a nonnegative number:
```

```
2008
```

```
2008 contains 2 zeros.
```

LISTING 11.5 Recursion for Starting Over (part 1 of 2)

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class Countdown
{
    private int count;

    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        Countdown countDowner = new Countdown();
        countDowner.getCount();
        countDowner.showCountDown();
    }

    public void getCount()
    {
        System.out.println("Enter a positive integer:");
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        count = keyboard.nextInt();
        if (count <= 0)
        {
            System.out.println("Input must be positive.");
            System.out.println("Try again.");
            getCount();//start over
        }
    }

    public void showCountDown()
    {
        System.out.println("Counting down:");
        for (int left = count; left >= 0; left--)
            System.out.print(left + ", ");
        System.out.println("Blast Off!");
    }
}
```

Sample Screen Output

```
Enter a positive integer:
```

```
0
```

```
Input must be positive.
```

```
Try again.
```

```
Enter a positive integer:
```

```
3
```

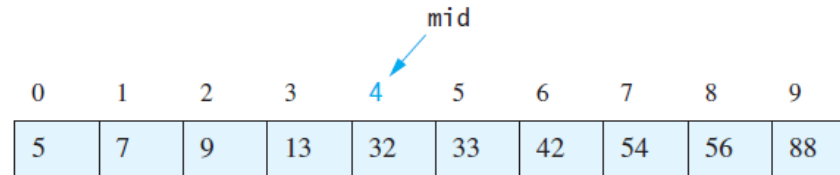
```
Counting down:
```

```
3, 2, 1, 0, Blast Off!
```

FIGURE 11.3 A Binary Search Example

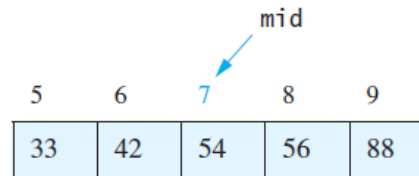
target is 33

Eliminate half of the array elements:



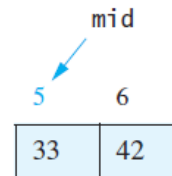
1. $\text{mid} = (0 + 9)/2$ (which is 4).
2. $33 > a[\text{mid}]$ (that is, $33 > a[4]$).
3. So if 33 is in the array, 33 is one of $a[5], a[6], a[7], a[8], a[9]$.

Eliminate half of the remaining array elements:



1. $\text{mid} = (5 + 9)/2$ (which is 7).
2. $33 < a[\text{mid}]$ (that is, $33 < a[7]$).
3. So if 33 is in the array, 33 is one of $a[5], a[6]$.

Eliminate half of the remaining array elements:



1. $\text{mid} = (5 + 6)/2$ (which is 5).
2. 33 equals $a[\text{mid}]$, so we found 33 at index 5.

33 found in $a[5]$.

LISTING 11.6 A Binary Search Class (part 1 of 2)

```
/**
Class for searching an already sorted array of integers.
*/
public class ArraySearcher
{
    private int[] a;

    /**
    Precondition: theArray is full and is sorted
    from lowest to highest.
    */
    public ArraySearcher(int[] theArray)
    {
        a = theArray;//a is now another name for theArray.
    }

    /**
    If target is in the array, returns the index of an occurrence
    of target. Returns -1 if target is not in the array.
    */
    public int find(int target)
    {
        return binarySearch(target, 0, a.length - 1);
    }
}
```

*//Uses binary search to search for target in a[first] through
//a[last] inclusive. Returns the index of target if target
//is found. Returns -1 if target is not found.*

```
private int binarySearch(int target, int first, int last)
{
    int result;
    if (first > last)
        result = -1;
    else
    {
        int mid = (first + last)/2;
        if (target == a[mid])
            result = mid;
        else if (target < a[mid])
            result = binarySearch(target, first, mid - 1);
        else //(target > a[mid])
            result = binarySearch(target, mid + 1, last);
    }
    return result;
}
```

LISTING 11.7 A Binary Search Demonstration (part 1 of 3)

```
import java.util.Scanner;
public class ArraySearcherDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int[] anArray = new int[10];
        Scanner keyboard = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.println("Enter 10 integers in increasing " +
                           "order,");
        System.out.println("one per line.");
        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
            anArray[i] = keyboard.nextInt();
        System.out.println();

        for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++)
            System.out.print("a[" + i + "]= " + anArray[i] + " ");
        System.out.println();
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

```

ArraySearcher finder = new ArraySearcher(anArray);
String ans;
do
{
    System.out.println("Enter a value to search for:");
    int target = keyboard.nextInt();
    int result = finder.find(target);

    if (result < 0)
        System.out.println(target + "is not in the array.");
    else
        System.out.println(target + "is at index" + result);
    System.out.println("Again?");
    ans = keyboard.next();

} while (ans.equalsIgnoreCase("yes"));

System.out.println(
    "May you find what you're searching for.");
}
}

```

Sample Screen Output

```
Enter 10 integers in increasing order,  
one per line.  
0  
2  
4  
6  
8  
10  
12  
14  
16  
18  
a[0]=0  
a[1]=2 a[2]=4 a[3]=6 a[4]=8 a[5]=10 a[6]=12 a[7]=14  
a[8]=16 a[9]=18
```

Enter a value to search for:

14

14 is at index 7

Again?

yes

Enter a value to search for:

0

0 is at index 0

Again?

yes

Enter a value to search for:

2

2 is at index 1

Again?

yes

Enter a value to search for:

13

13 is not in the array.

Again?

no

May you find what you're searching for.

LISTING 11.8 The MergeSort Class (part 1 of 3)

```
/**
 * Class for sorting an array of integers from smallest to largest
 * using the merge sort algorithm.
 */
public class MergeSort
{
    /**
     * Precondition: Every indexed variable of the array a has a value.
     * Postcondition: a[0] <= a[1] <= . . . <= a[a.length - 1].
     */
    public static void sort(int[] a)
    {
        if (a.length >= 2)
        {
            int halfLength = a.length / 2;
            int[] firstHalf = new int[halfLength];
            int[] lastHalf = new int[a.length - halfLength];

            divide(a, firstHalf, lastHalf);
            sort(firstHalf);
            sort(lastHalf);
            merge(a, firstHalf, lastHalf);
        }
        //else do nothing. a.length == 1, so a is sorted.
    }
}
```

```

//Precondition: a.length = firstHalf.length + lastHalf.length.
//Postcondition: All the elements of a are divided
//between the arrays firstHalf and lastHalf.
private static void divide(int[] a, int[] firstHalf,
                           int[] lastHalf)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < firstHalf.length; i++)
        firstHalf[i] = a[i];

    for (int i = 0; i < lastHalf.length; i++)
        lastHalf[i] = a[firstHalf.length + i];
}
//Precondition: Arrays firstHalf and lastHalf are sorted from
//smallest to largest; a.length = firstHalf.length +
//lastHalf.length.
//Postcondition: Array a contains all the values from firstHalf
//and lastHalf and is sorted from smallest to largest.
private static void merge(int[] a, int[] firstHalf,
                           int[] lastHalf)
{
    int firstHalfIndex = 0, lastHalfIndex = 0, aIndex = 0;
    while ((firstHalfIndex < firstHalf.length) &&
           (lastHalfIndex < lastHalf.length))
    {
        if (firstHalf[firstHalfIndex] < lastHalf[lastHalfIndex])
        {
            a[aIndex] = firstHalf[firstHalfIndex];
            firstHalfIndex++;
        }
        else
        {
            a[aIndex] = lastHalf[lastHalfIndex];
            lastHalfIndex++;
        }
        aIndex++;
    }
}

```



```

//At least one of firstHalf and lastHalf has been
//completely copied to a.

//Copy rest of firstHalf, if any.
while (firstHalfIndex < firstHalf.length)
{
    a[aIndex] = firstHalf[firstHalfIndex];
    aIndex++;
    firstHalfIndex++;
}
//Copy rest of lastHalf, if any.
while (lastHalfIndex < lastHalf.length)
{
    a[aIndex] = lastHalf[lastHalfIndex];
    aIndex++;
    lastHalfIndex++;
}
}
}

```

LISTING 11.9 Demonstration of the MergeSort Class

```
public class MergeSortDemo
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int[] anArray = {7, 5, 11, 2, 16, 4, 18, 14, 12, 30};
        System.out.println("Array values before sorting:");
        for (int i = 0; i < anArray.length; i++)
            System.out.print(anArray[i] + " ");
        System.out.println();
        MergeSort.sort(anArray);
        System.out.println("Array values after sorting:");
        for (int i = 0; i < anArray.length; i++)
            System.out.print(anArray[i] + " ");
        System.out.println();
    }
}
```

Screen Output

```
Array values before sorting:
7 5 11 2 1 4 18 14 12 30
Array values after sorting:
2 4 5 7 11 12 14 16 18 30
```