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Continuing Recursion: Backtracking

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RECAP

A couple of recursion &
backtracking classes, will begin
with DP after that.

$$[1, 2] \rightarrow \boxed{\{1\} \{1, 2\}, \{2\}, \{\}}$$

$$[5] \rightarrow \{5\} \{\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{\}$$

1. The subset problem

$$\begin{array}{l} \cancel{[5]} \rightarrow \\ \underline{[1, 2, 3, 4, 5]} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \underline{\underline{2^5}} \quad \underline{\underline{2^n}}$$

$$\{1\} \rightarrow \underbrace{\{ \} \{1\}}$$

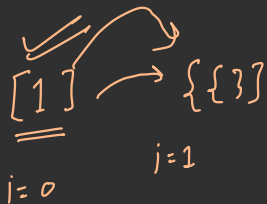
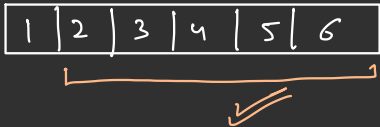
$$\begin{array}{c} 2 \checkmark \quad \times \\ \downarrow \checkmark \quad \searrow \times \end{array}$$

$$\{1, 2\} \rightarrow \boxed{\underline{\{2\}} \{1, 2\} \{ \} \{1\}}$$

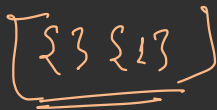
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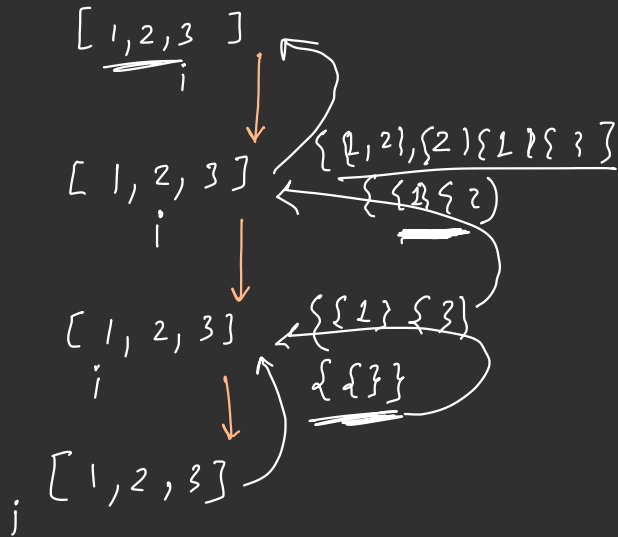
$$\{1, 2, 3\} \{2, 3\}, (1, 2, 3), \{3\} \{1, 3\} \{2\} \{1, 2\} \{ \} \{1\}$$

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{16}}$$



Solution 1





Let's
implement

[1 2 3]

2 2 2

25

(8)

1 Y N

{1} {}

Solution 2

1

Y

Y

N

N

2

Y

N

Y

N

1

Y

Y

Y

Y

N

N

N

O

2

Y

Y

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→ 1, 2)

→ 1 2

→ 1 3

→ 1

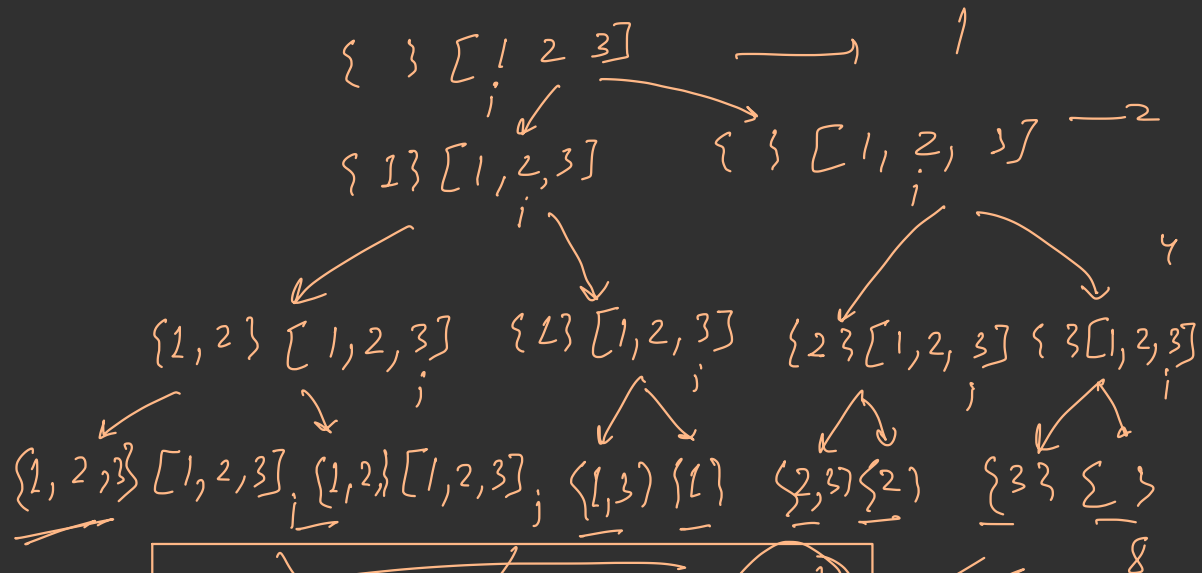
→ 2 3

→ 2

→ 3

→ 1 3

→ {1, 2} }
→ {1} }
→ {2} }
→ {3} }



$$2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^N$$

$$N \propto 2^N$$

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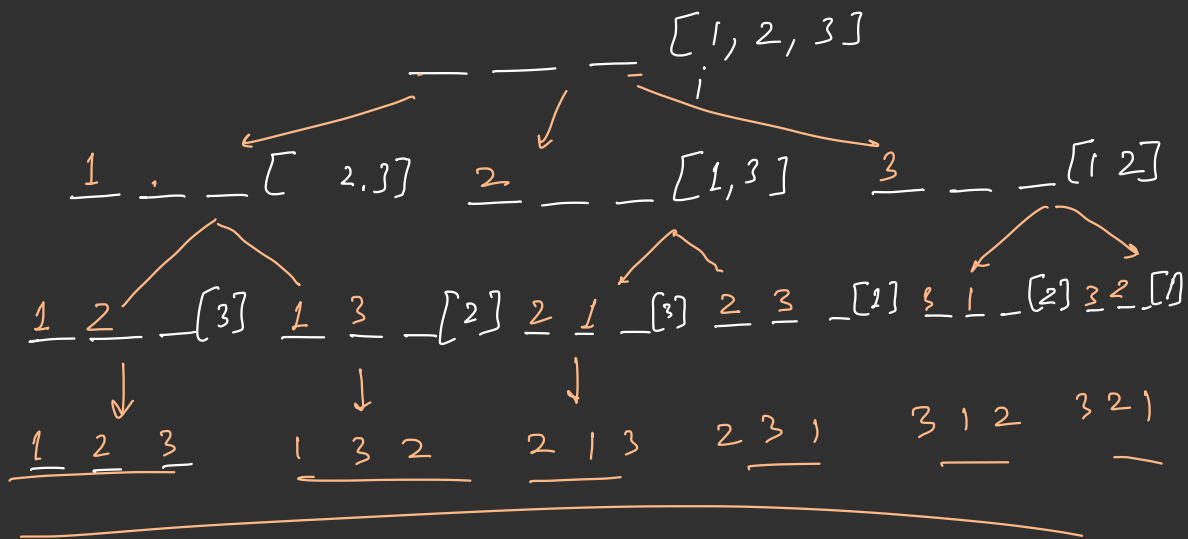
Time & Space?

$$[1, 2] \rightarrow \{1, 2\} \quad \{2, 1\}$$

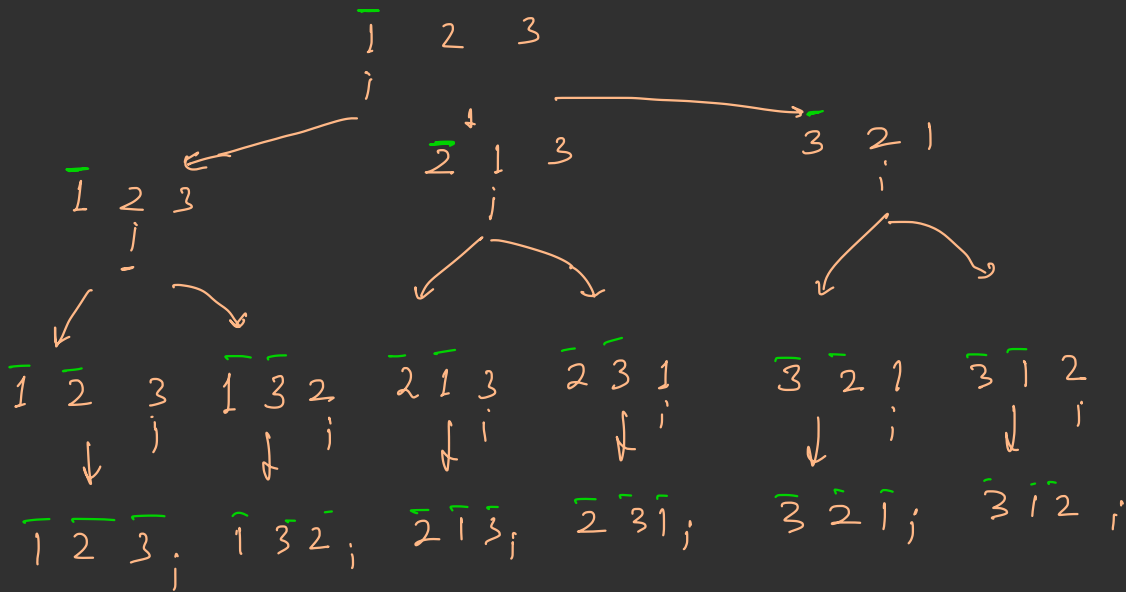
$$[1, 2, 3] \rightarrow \begin{array}{cc} \underline{1 \ 2 \ 3} & \underline{1 \ 3 \ 2} \\ \underline{3 \ 1 \ 2} & \underline{3 \ 2 \ 1} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{cc} \underline{2 \ 1 \ 3} & \underline{2 \ 3 \ 1} \end{array}$$

2. Generate Permutations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{1} & \underline{2} & \underline{3} \\ \underline{2} & \underline{1} & \underline{3} \\ \underline{3} & \underline{1} & \underline{2} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \underline{2} & \underline{3} & \underline{1} \\ \underline{3} & \underline{2} & \underline{1} \end{array}$$



Intuition



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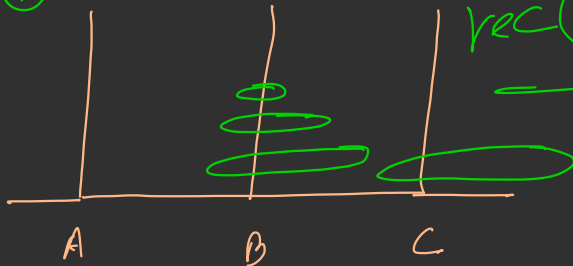
rec (from to using
A B C N-1)

3. Tower of Hanoi

A → C

(N)

rec(B C A N-1)



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Thank You!

Reminder: Going to the gym & observing the trainer work out can help you know the right technique, but you'll muscle up only if you lift some weights yourself.

So, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!