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# ALGORITHMIC STRATEGIES

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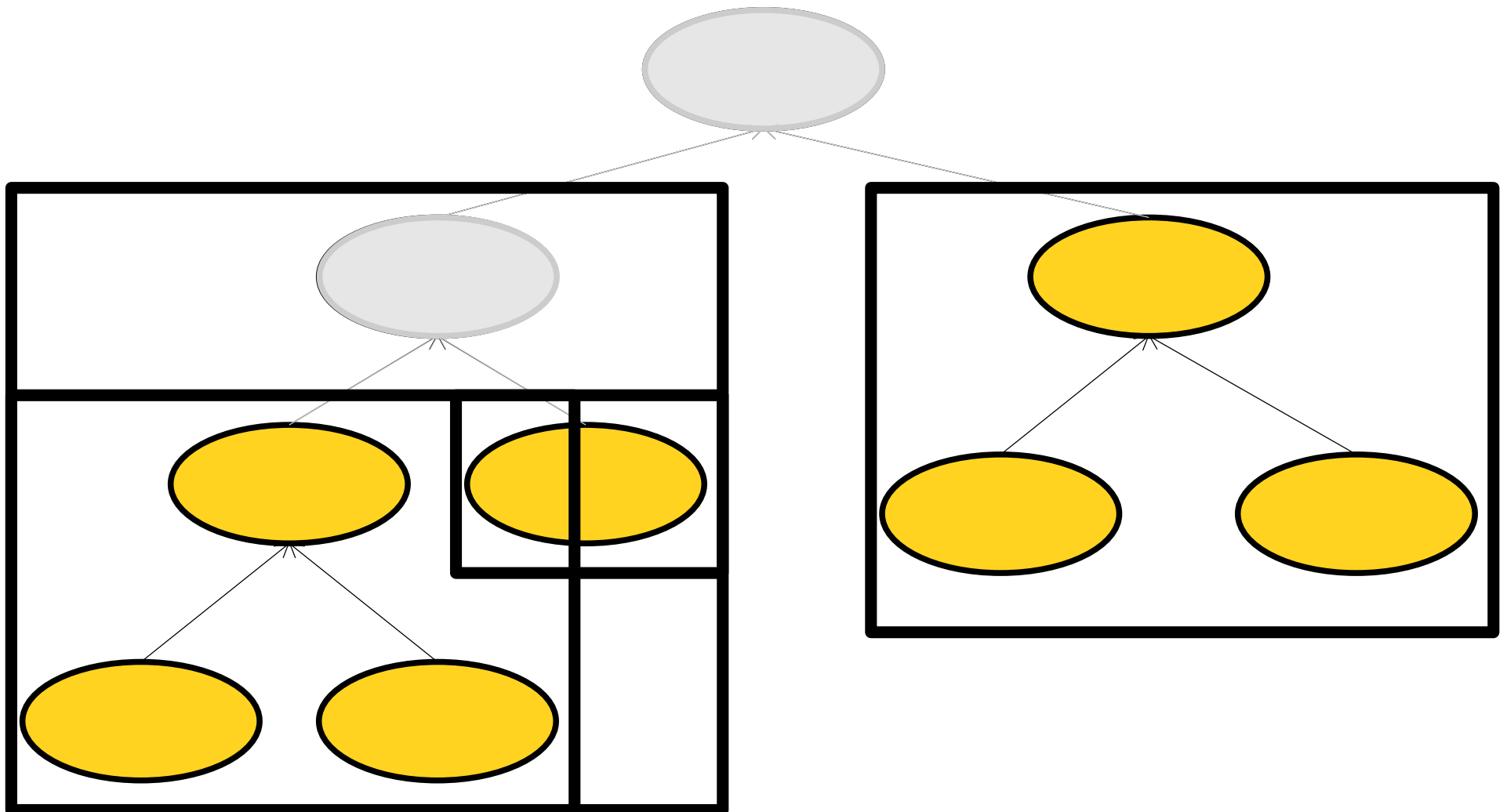
- Known techniques:
  - Recursion
  - Divide and Conquer
  - Try and Error
  - Dynamic Programming
  - Greedy algorithms

# RECURSION

*“To understand recursion, you need to understand recursion”*

- Recursive algorithm
  - Algorithm that calls itself direct or indirectly
  - Useful when the problem is naturally recursive or uses recursive data structures (like trees)

# RECURSION



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- Write an algorithm that calculates the factorial ( $n!$ ) of a number  $n$  provided
  - **Non-recursive algorithm:**
    - $\text{factorial } n = (n) \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n-2) \dots \cdot 2$

```
n = int(input())
fact = 1
if (n > 1):
    for i in range (2, n+1):
        fact = fact * i

print(fact)
```

# RECURSION

- Testing

```
n = int(input())
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        fact = fact * i

print(fact)
```

n	fact	i
5	1	5
	5	4
	20	3
	60	2
	120	1

**Output: 120**

# RECURSION

- Recursive solution
  - **factorial (n) = factorial(n-1)\*n**

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

# RECURSION

- Algorithm execution
  - The function calls itself recursively
  - The parameter is smaller in each iteration ( $n-1$ )
  - The function multiplies the result of its call by  $n$  until reaching the **base case**
- Base case
  - Stop condition
  - In the exemple, base case is  $n \leq 1$
  - We need to guarantee that the input will reach the base case

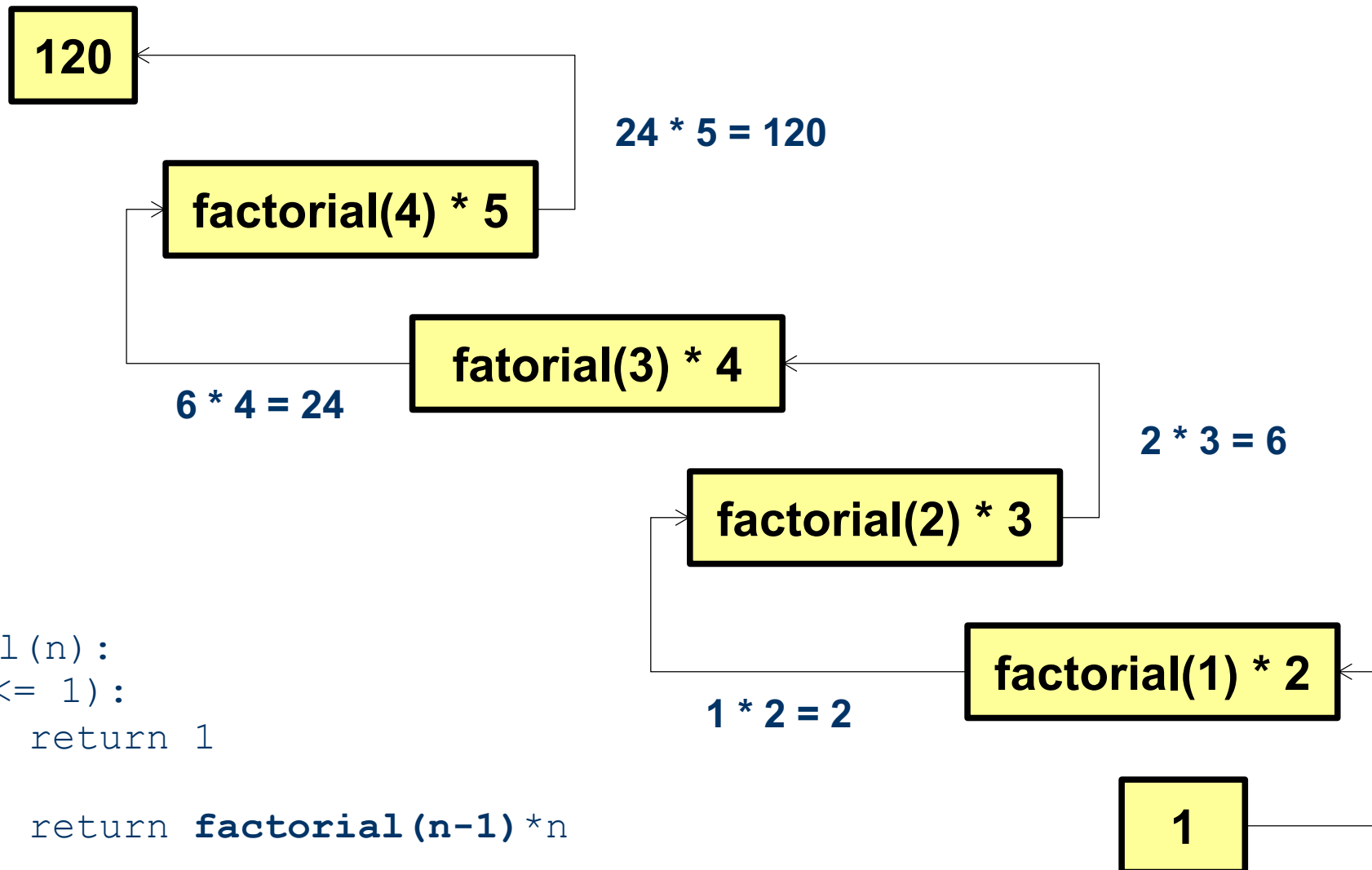


# RECURSION

- For n starting in 5:
  - **factorial(4) \* 5**
  - **factorial(3) \* 4**
  - **factorial(2) \* 3**
  - **factorial(1) \* 2**
  - **1**

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# RECURSION

- How to build a recursive algorithm?
  - Find the base case
  - Change the input until you reach the base case
  - Solve the base case
  - Return the result until you come back to the first call

**DIVIDE AND CONQUER!**

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

- Basic Steps
  - **Divide**
    - Divide the problem into subproblems (smaller)
  - **Conquer**
    - Calculate the result of the smaller problem
  - **Combine**
    - Combine the results to get the global solution

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

- Generic algorithm

```
def divide_conquer(x):  
    if (x is small or simple):  
        return solve_simple(x)  
    else:  
        decompose x in smaller sets ( $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ )  
        for i in range (0, n+1):  
             $y_i = \text{divide\_conquer}(x_i)$   
        combine  $y_i$ s  
        return y
```

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

- Did our factorial algorithm use this technique??
- Zero-cost combination
  - **The result of a subproblem is the solution**
- High-cost combination
  - **To combine it is necessary to analyze the previous results and (usually) loop through them**

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

- Exponential:
  - **First solution using weak induction:**
    - Base case:  $n = 0, a^0 = 1$
  - **Induction hypothesis:**
    - For any integer  $n > 0$ , I know how to calculate  $a^{n-1}$
  - **Induction step:**
    - Prove that it is possible to calculate  $a^n$ , for  $n > 0$ .
    - Using our induction hypothesis, I know how to calculate  $a^n, a^{n-1}$  by a

$$a^n = a^{n-1} * a$$

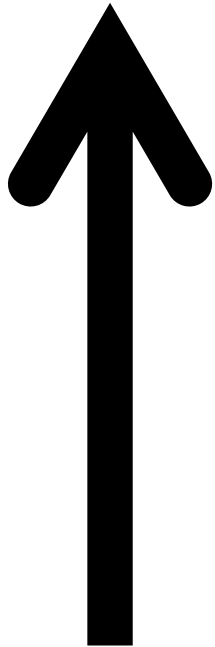


# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

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  - **Induction steps:**
    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^4 = 5^3 * 5$  (final solution)?
      - No, but, inductively i know how to calculate  $5^3 = 5^{3-1} * 5 \rightarrow 5^2 * 5$
    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^3 = 5^2 * 5$ ?
      - No, but, inductively i know how to calculate  $5^2 = 5^{2-1} * 5 \rightarrow 5^1 * 5$
    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^2 = 5^1 * 5$ ?
      - No, but, inductively i know how to calculate  $5^1 = 5^{1-1} * 5 \rightarrow 5^0 * 5$
    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^1 = 5^0 * 5$ ?
      - YES!  $5^0 = 1$  (base case)  $\therefore 1 * 5 = 5$
  - **Now, we can combine our solutions**

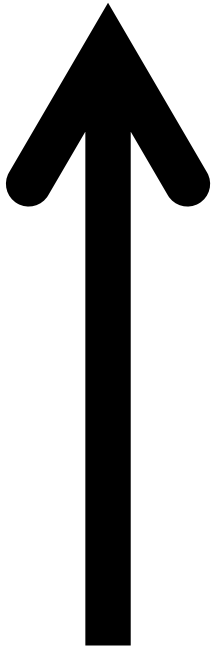
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    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^2 = 5^1 * 5$ ?
      - YES,  $5^1 * 5 = 5 * 5 = 25$
    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^1 = 5^0 * 5$ ?
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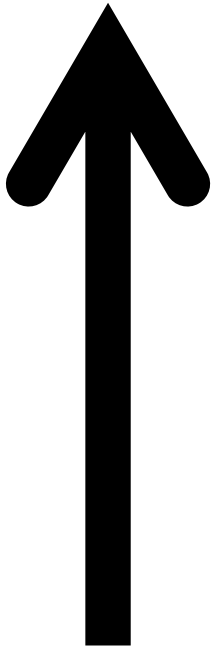
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    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^3 = 5^2 * 5$ ?
      - YES,  $5^3 = 5^2 * 5 = 25 * 5 = 125$
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# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

- For  $a = 5$  and  $n = 4$ , we want to calculate  $5^4 = 5^3 * 5$ 
  - **Induction steps**
    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^4 = 5^3 * 5$  (final solution)?
      - YES,  $5^4 = 5^3 * 5 \Rightarrow 5^3 * 5 = 625$
    - Do I know how to calculate  $5^3 = 5^2 * 5$ ?
      - YES,  $5^3 = 5^2 * 5 = 25 * 5 = 125$
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**Final Solution: 625**

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

- Let's write a divide-and-conquer algorithm that, given a list  $S$  of  $n > 2$  numbers, identifies the smallest element of  $S$
- We are building it, not using the `min()`

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

```
def calc_minimum(lst, start, end):
    min1 = 0
    min2 = 0
    if (end - start <= 1):
        if (lst[start] < lst[end]):
            # list with 2 values or less
            return lst[start]
        else:
            return lst[end]
    else:
        middle = int((start + end) / 2)
        min1 = calc_minimum(lst, middle, end)
        min2 = calc_minimum(lst, start, middle-1)
        if (min1 <= min2):
            return min1
        else:
            return min2

numbers = [2, 9, 1, 7, 8, 3]
print(calculate_minimum(numbers, 0, len(numbers)-1))
```

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

2      9      1      7      8      3

calc\_minimum(lst, 0, 5)

```
def calc_minimum(lst, start, end):
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```
    min1 = min2 = 0
```

```
    if (end - start <= 1):
```

```
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```
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```

```
        else:
```

```
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        middle = int((start + end) / 2)
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        min1 = calc_minimum(lst, middle, end)
```

```
        min2 = calc_minimum(lst, start, middle-1)
```

```
        if (min1 <= min2):
```

```
            return min1
```

```
        else:
```

```
            return min2
```

middle	start	end	min1	min2
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2	0	5		
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# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

2	9	1	7	8	3
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calc\_minimum(lst, 0, 5)

calc\_minimum(lst, 2, 5)

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        if (min1 <= min2):
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middle	start	end	min1	min2
3	2	5		

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```

```
        else:
```

```
            return min2
```

middle	start	end	min1	min2
4	3	5		

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

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4	3	5	3	

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```

```
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```

middle	start	end	min1	min2
4	3	5	3	7

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```
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```
        else:
```

```
            return min2
```

middle	start	end	min1	min2
	2	2		

# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

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            return min1  
        else:  
            return min2
```

middle	start	end	min1	min2
3	2	5	3	1

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```

middle	start	end	min1	min2
	0	1		



# DIVIDE AND CONQUER

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calc\_minimum(lst, 0, 5)

## Final Solution: 1

```
def calc_minimum(lst, start, end):  
    min1 = min2 = 0  
    if (end - start <= 1):  
        if (lst[start] < lst[end]):  
            return lst[start]  
        else:  
            return lst[end]  
    else:
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```

middle	start	end	min1	min2
2	0	5	1	2

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## TRY AND ERROR

# TRY AND ERROR

*“Try everything at least once”*

- Uses recursion to solve the problems for which the solution is trying different alternatives
- Consists of decomposing the process in a finite number of partial subtasks

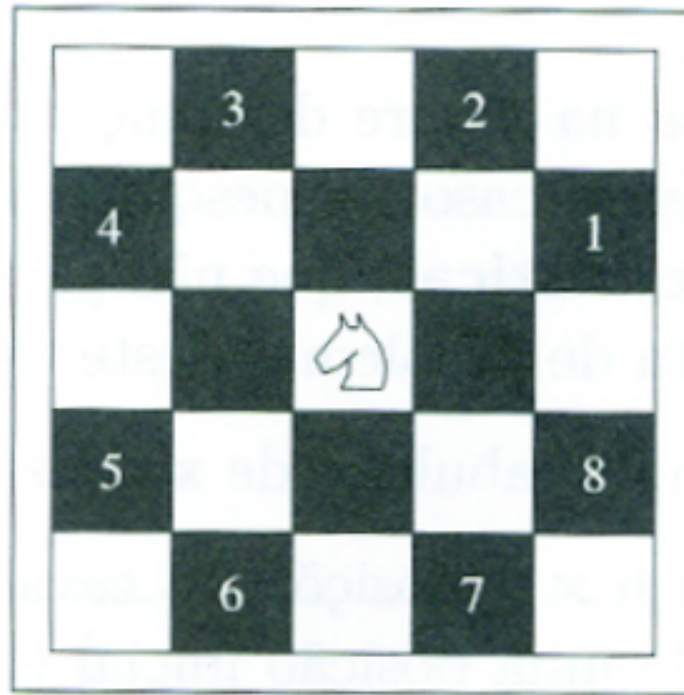
# TRY AND ERROR

- How it Works:
  - Steps towards a solution are attempted and recorded
  - If the steps do not take to the solution, they can be rolled back
- **The search in the solution tree can grow very quickly (exponentially)**



# TRY AND ERROR

- Knight's tour problem
  - Given a  $n \times n$  board, the Knight makes moves according to the chess rules
  - Given an initial position  $(x_0, y_0)$ , the problem is to make the Knight visit every square on the chess board exactly once



# TRY AND ERROR

```
def try():  
    initialize possible moves  
    while do not find an empty square and  
        there are alternatives do:  
        choose the next candidate  
        if move is possible:  
            record the move  
            if (board is not full):  
                try (...) # recursive call  
                if (bad move):  
                    remove previous move
```

# TRY AND ERROR

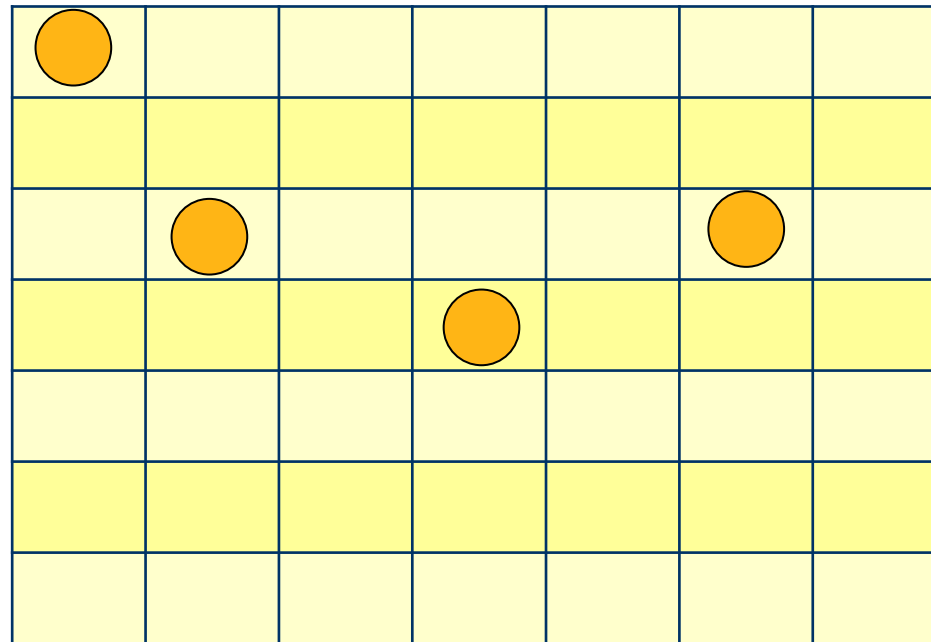
- Computational solution
  - **BOARD**  $\rightarrow$   $n \times n$  matrix
- Each square situation:
  - $t[x,y] = 0$ ,  $\langle x,y \rangle$  not visited
  - $t[x,y] = i$ ,  $\langle x,y \rangle$  visited in the “ $i^{\text{th}}$ ” movement
    - $1 \leq i \leq n^2$

# TRY AND ERROR

- Defining the possible moves

$dr = \{2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2\}$

$dc = \{1, 2, 2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1\}$



$k = 0$

$y + 2 / x + 1$

$k = 1$

$y + 1 / x + 2$

$k = 2$

$y - 1 / x + 2$



# TRY AND ERROR

```
tour (x, y) {  
    board[x][y] = 1  
    ready = try_move(2, x, y)  
    if (ready):  
        for i in range (0, SIZE):  
            for j in range (0, SIZE):  
                print (board[i][j] + " ")  
            print("\n")  
    else:  
        print ("I could not finish the tour")  
}
```

# TRY AND ERROR

```
def try_move(qt_movements, x, y):
    ready = (qt_movements > SIZE**2)
    k = 0
    while ((ready != True) & (k < SIZE)):
        u= x + dr[k]          //move in the row
        v = y + dc[k]        //move in the row
        if (is_a_move(u, v, SIZE)):
            board[u][v] = qt_movements
            #try another move
            ready = try_move(qt_movements + 1, u, v)
            if (ready != True): #if not good, discard it
                board[u][v] = 0
        k = k + 1
    return ready
```

# TRY AND ERROR

```
def is_a_move(x, y, SIZE):  
    #if x and y are inside the board  
    result = ((x >= 0) & (x <= SIZE - 1) &  
              (y >= 0) & (y <= SIZE - 1) &  
              (board[x][y] == 0))  
    return (result)
```

# TRY AND ERROR

try\_move(2,0,0)

1						

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	2	1	2	0	0

```

ready = (qt_movements > SIZE**2)
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    v = y + dc[k]     //move in the row
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        ready = try_move(qt_movements + 1, u, v)
        if (ready != True): #if not good, discard it
            board[u][v] = 0
    k = k + 1
return ready
    
```

```

int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
int[] dc = {1, 2, 2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1}
    
```

# TRY AND ERROR

try\_move(2,0,0)

try\_move(3,2,1)

1						
	2					

```

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k = 0
while ((ready != True) & (k < SIZE)):
    u= x + dr[k]  //move in the row
    v = y + dc[k] //move in the row
    if (is_a_move(u, v, SIZE)):
        board[u][v] = qt_movements
        ready = try_move(qt_movements + 1, u, v)
        if (ready != True): #if not good, discard it
            board[u][v] = 0
    k = k + 1
return ready

```

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	4	2	3	2	1

```

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# TRY AND ERROR

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k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	6	3	4	4	2

```

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```

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
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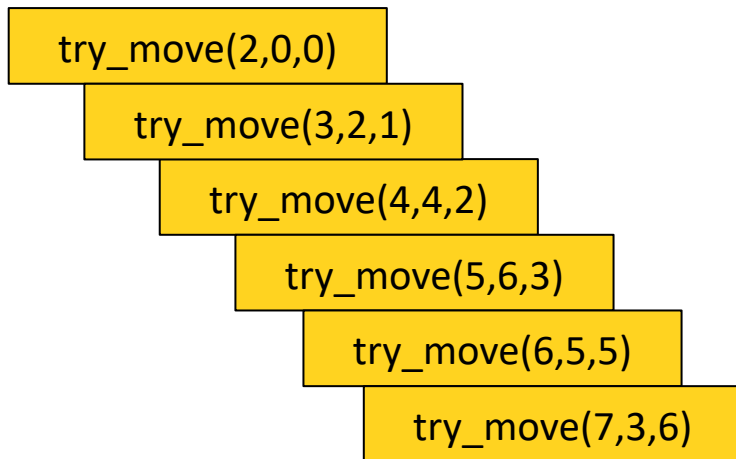
k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	5	7	7	3	6

```

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k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
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try\_move(8,1,5)

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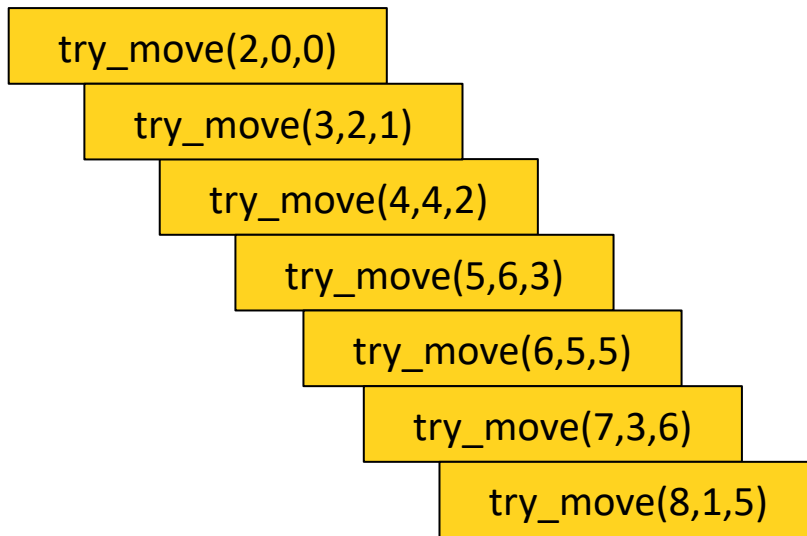
k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	3	6	8	1	5

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int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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# TRY AND ERROR



1						
					7	
	2					
						6
		3				
					5	
			4			

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	2	7	8	1	5

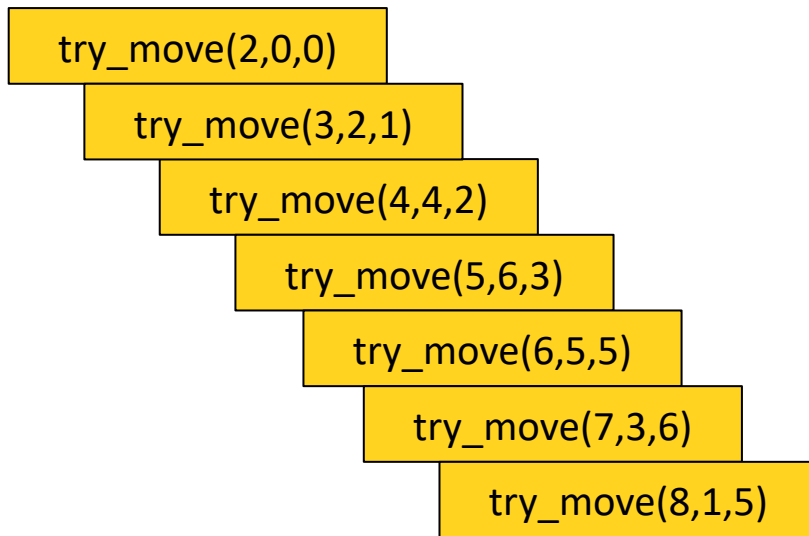
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# TRY AND ERROR



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					7	
	2					
						6
		3				
					5	
			4			

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
2	0	7	8	1	5

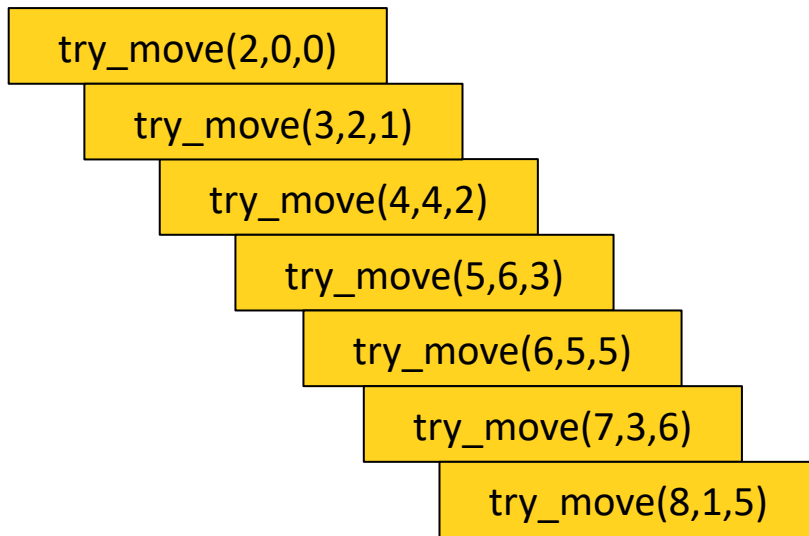
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# TRY AND ERROR



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						6
		3				
					5	
			4			

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
3	-1	3	8	1	5

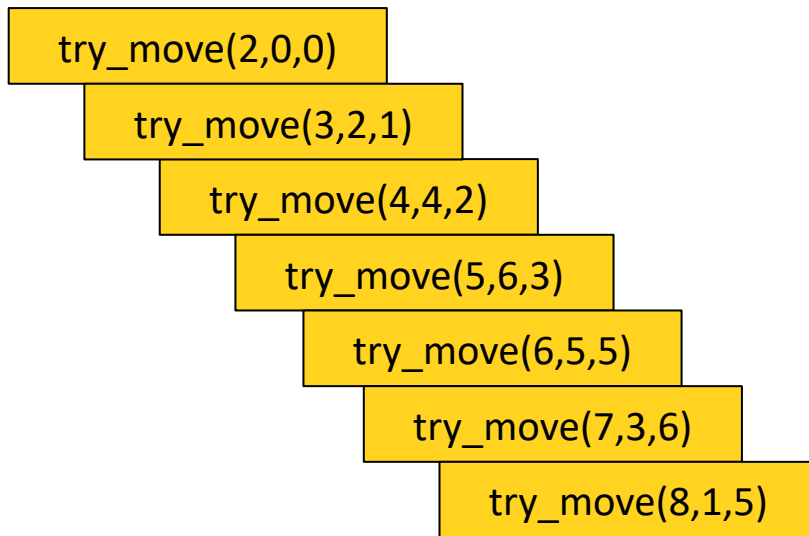
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# TRY AND ERROR



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	2					
						6
		3				
					5	
			4			

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
4	-1	4	8	1	5

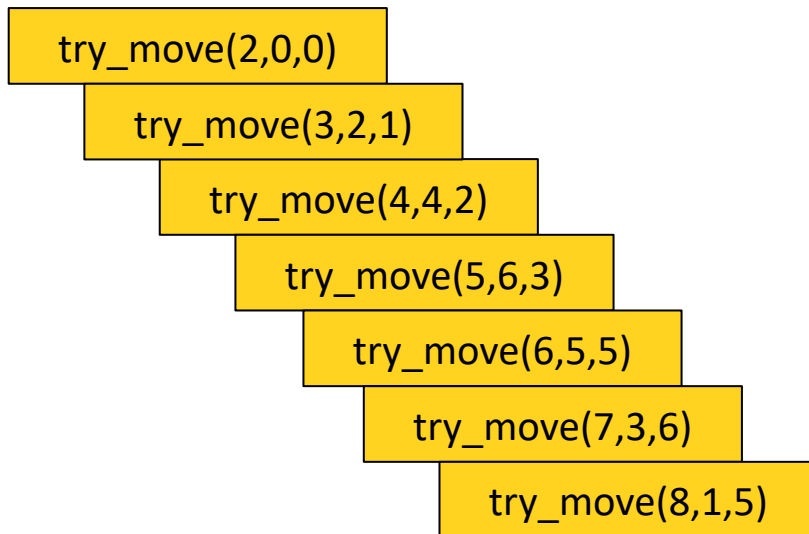
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# TRY AND ERROR



k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
5	0	3	8	1	5

1						
					7	
	2					
						6
		3				
					5	
			4			

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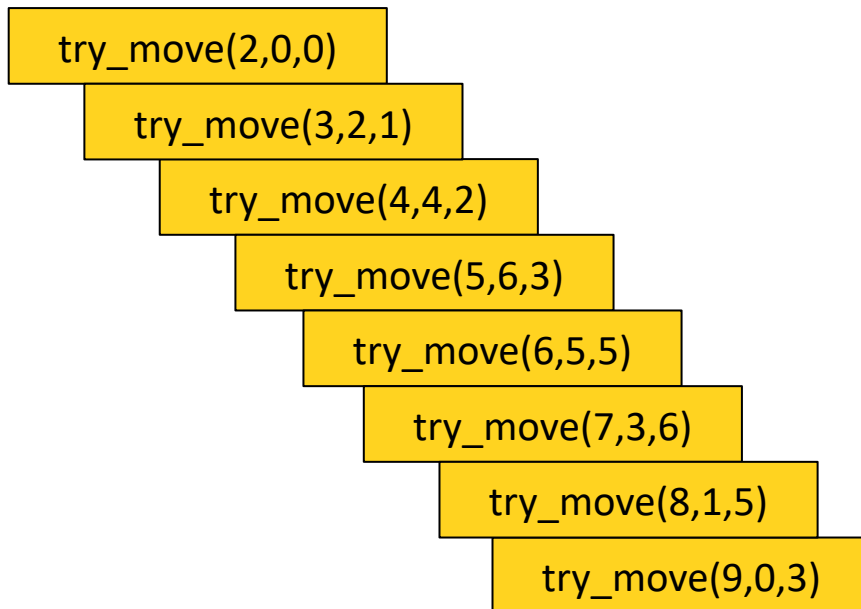
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# TRY AND ERROR



1			8			
					7	
	2					
						6
		3				
					5	
			4			

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	2	4	9	0	3

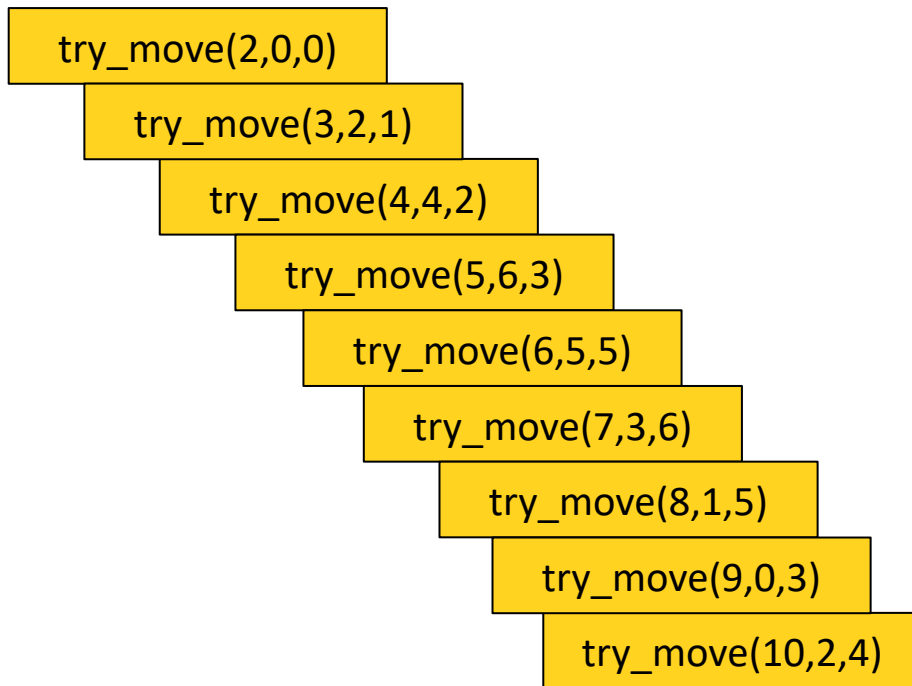
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```

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# TRY AND ERROR



1			8			
					7	
	2			9		
						6
		3				
					5	
			4			

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	4	5	10	2	4

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try\_move(5,6,3)

try\_move(6,5,5)

try\_move(7,3,6)

try\_move(8,1,5)

try\_move(9,0,3)

try\_move(10,2,4)

try\_move(11,4,5)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	6	6	11	4	5

1			8			
					7	
	2			9		
						6
		3			10	
					5	
			4			

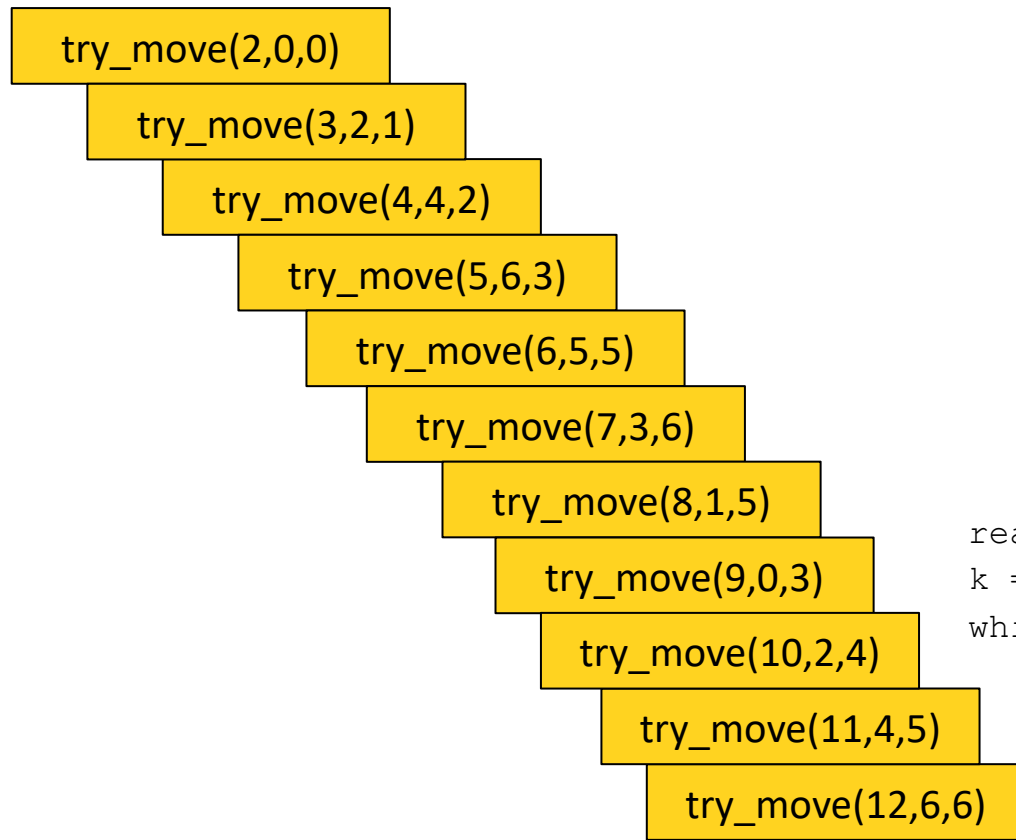
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```

```

int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
int[] dc = {1, 2, 2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1}
    
```

# TRY AND ERROR



k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	8	7	12	6	6

```

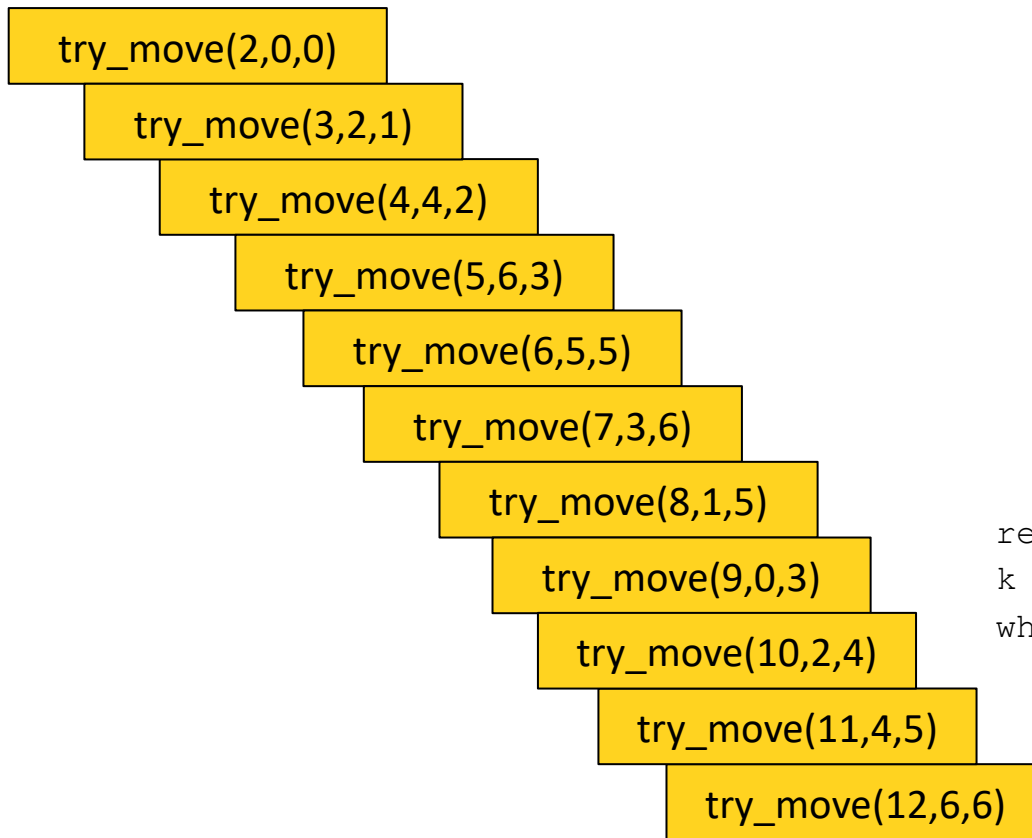
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    k = k + 1
return ready
    
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1			8			
					7	
	2			9		
						6
		3			10	
					5	
			4			11

```

int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
int[] dc = {1, 2, 2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1}
    
```

# TRY AND ERROR



k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	7	8	12	6	6

→ k = k + 1  
return ready

1			8			
					7	
	2			9		
						6
		3			10	
					5	
			4			11

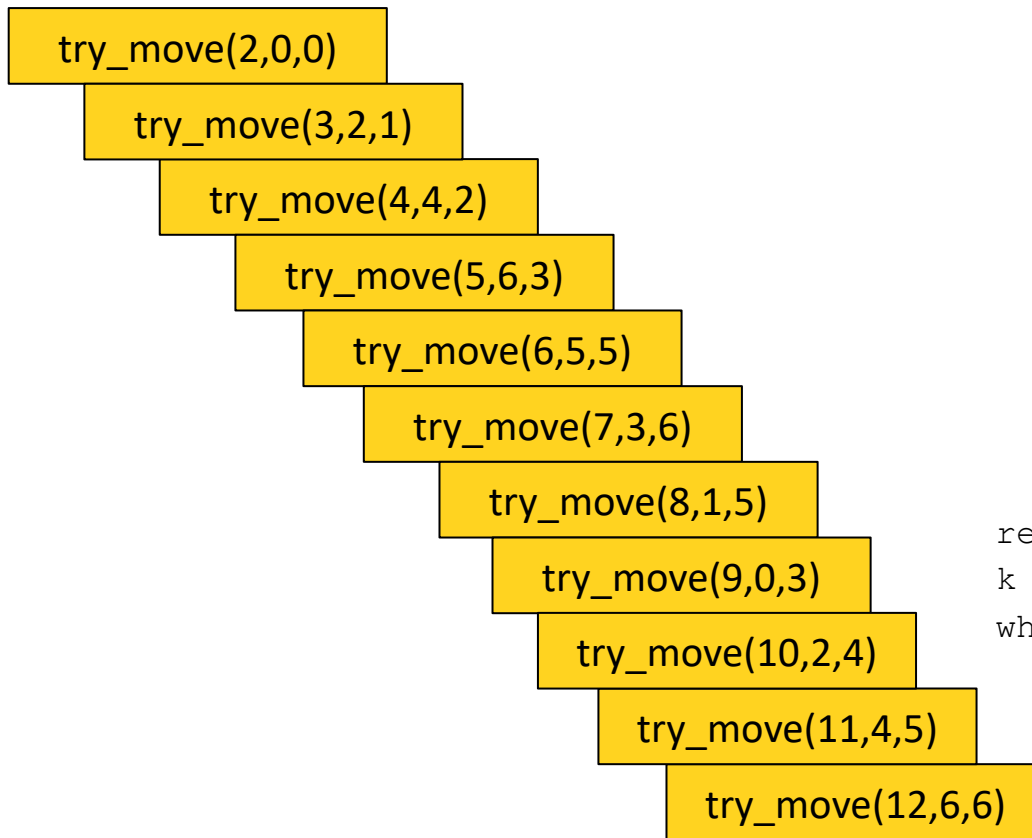
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int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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```

# TRY AND ERROR



k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
2	5	8	12	6	6

→ k = k + 1  
return ready

1			8		
					7
	2			9	
					6
		3			10
					5
			4		11

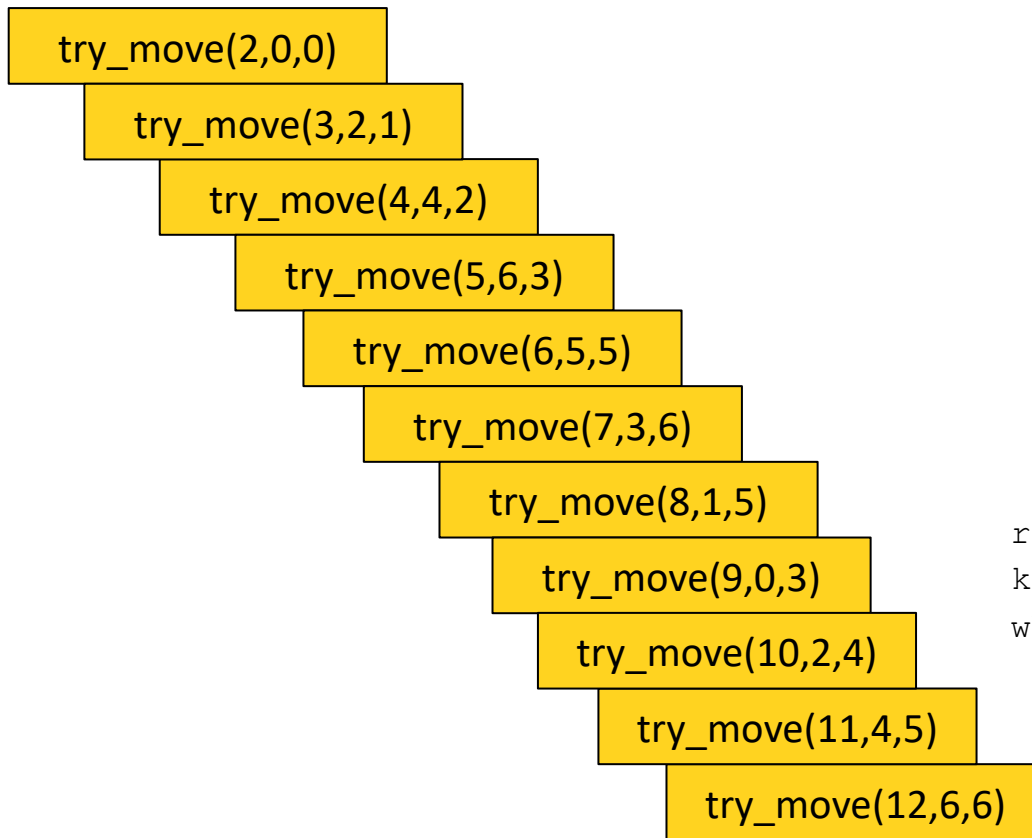
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int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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# TRY AND ERROR



1			8			
					7	
	2			9		
						6
		3			10	
					5	
			4			11

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
3	4	7	12	6	6



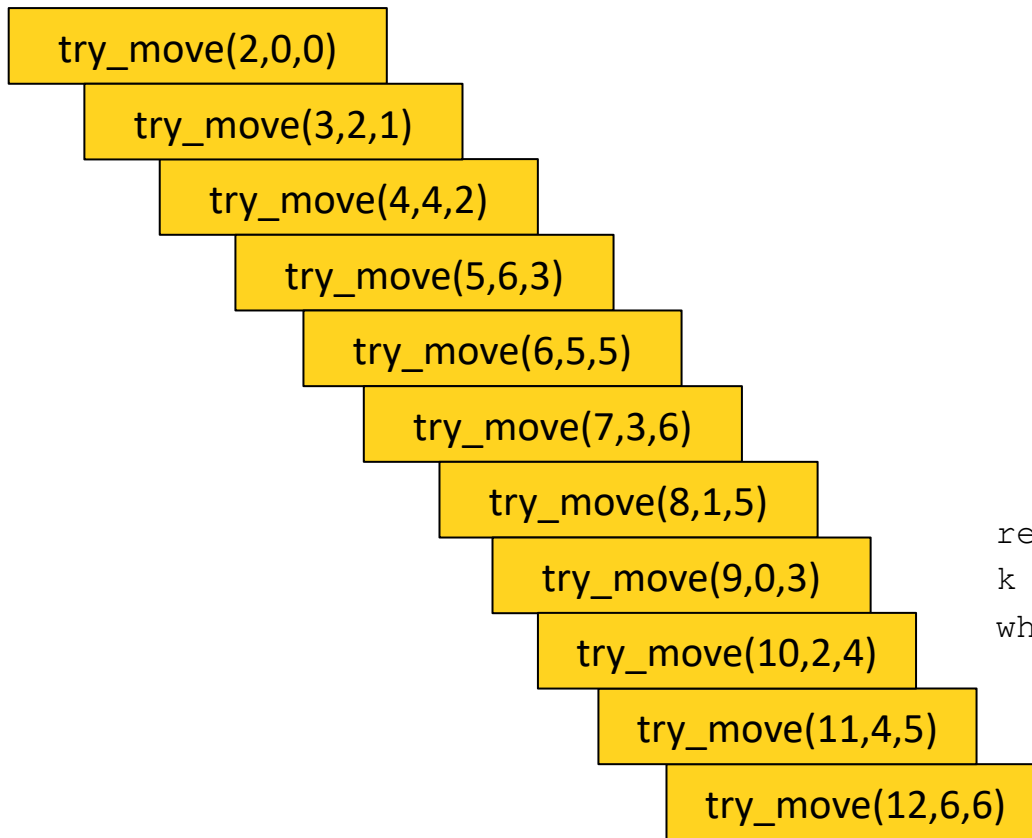
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# TRY AND ERROR



k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
4	4	5	12	6	6

→ k = k + 1  
return ready

1			8		
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# TRY AND ERROR

try\_move(2,0,0)

try\_move(3,2,1)

try\_move(4,4,2)

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try\_move(7,3,6)

try\_move(8,1,5)

try\_move(9,0,3)

try\_move(10,2,4)

try\_move(11,4,5)

try\_move(12,6,6)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
5	5	4	12	6	6

1			8		
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try\_move(11,4,5)

try\_move(12,6,6)

try\_move(13,5,4)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	7	5	13	5	4

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try\_move(13,5,4)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	6	6	13	5	4

→ k = k + 1  
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1			8			
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try\_move(11,4,5)

try\_move(12,6,6)

try\_move(13,5,4)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
2	4	6	13	5	4

1			8			
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return ready

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try\_move(10,2,4)

try\_move(11,4,5)

try\_move(12,6,6)

try\_move(13,5,4)

try\_move(14,4,6)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	6	7	14	4	6

1			8			
					7	
	2			9		
						6
		3			10	13
				12	5	
			4			11

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ready = (qt_movements > SIZE**2)
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k = 0
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    u = x + dr[k]           //move in the row
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    if (is_a_move(u, v, SIZE)):
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        board[u][v] = qt_movements
```

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        ready = try_move(qt_movements + 1, u, v)
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```
            board[u][v] = 0
```

```
        k = k + 1
```

```
    return ready
```

```
int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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try\_move(12,6,6)

try\_move(13,5,4)

try\_move(14,4,6)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	5	8	14	4	6

→ k = k + 1  
return ready

1			8			
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				12	5	
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            k = k + 1
```

```
return ready
```

```
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# TRY AND ERROR

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k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
2	3	8	14	4	6

→ k = k + 1  
return ready

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    u = x + dr[k]           //move in the row
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```
    if (is_a_move(u, v, SIZE)):
```

```
        board[u][v] = qt_movements
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```
        ready = try_move(qt_movements + 1, u, v)
```

```
        if (ready != True): #if not good, discard it
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```
    k = k + 1
```

```
return ready
```

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int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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try\_move(11,4,5)

try\_move(12,6,6)

try\_move(13,5,4)

try\_move(14,4,6)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
3	2	7	14	4	6

→ k = k + 1  
return ready

1			8			
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# TRY AND ERROR

**Fast-forwarding...**

# TRY AND ERROR

...

try\_move(29,4,3)

try\_move(30,6,4)

try\_move(31,5,3)

try\_move(32,3,3)

try\_move(33,1,2)

try\_move(34,0,4)

try\_move(35,1,6)

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
0	3	7	35	1	6

→ k = k + 1  
return ready

1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	34
	2	27		9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

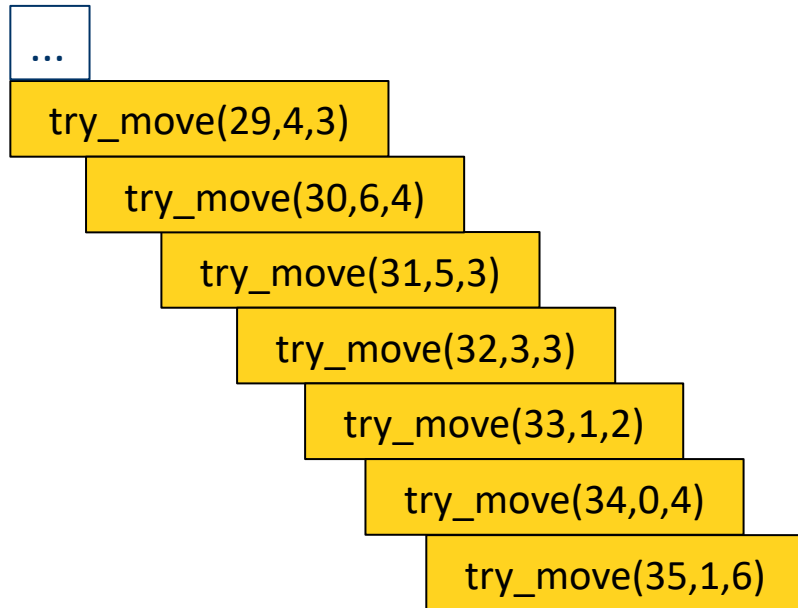
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```

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int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
int[] dc = {1, 2, 2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1}
    
```

# TRY AND ERROR



1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	34
	2	27		9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	2	8	35	1	6

```

ready = (qt_movements > SIZE**2)
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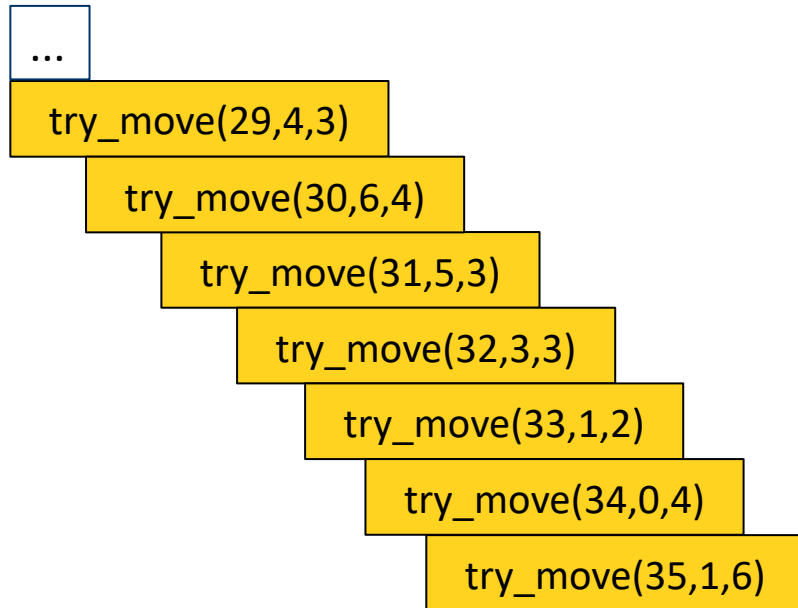
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int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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```

# TRY AND ERROR



1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	34
	2	27		9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
2	0	8	35	1	6

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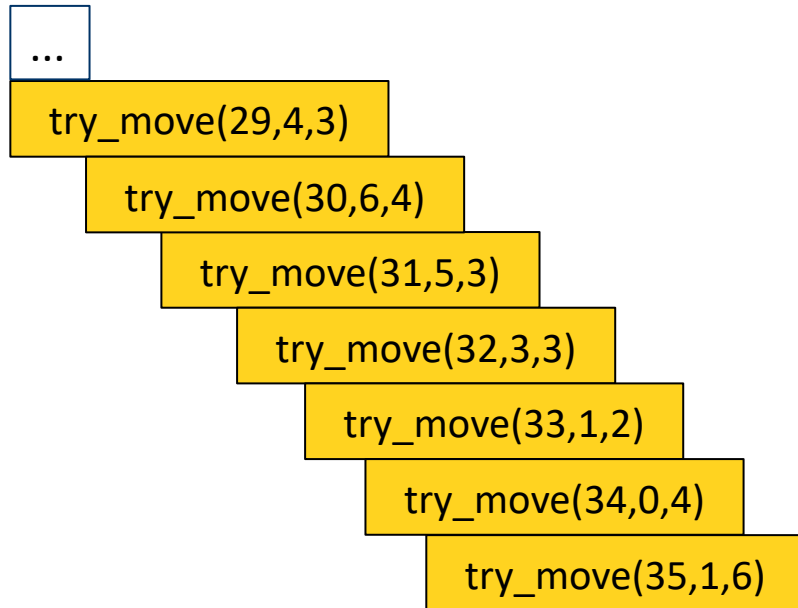
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k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
3	-1	7	35	1	6



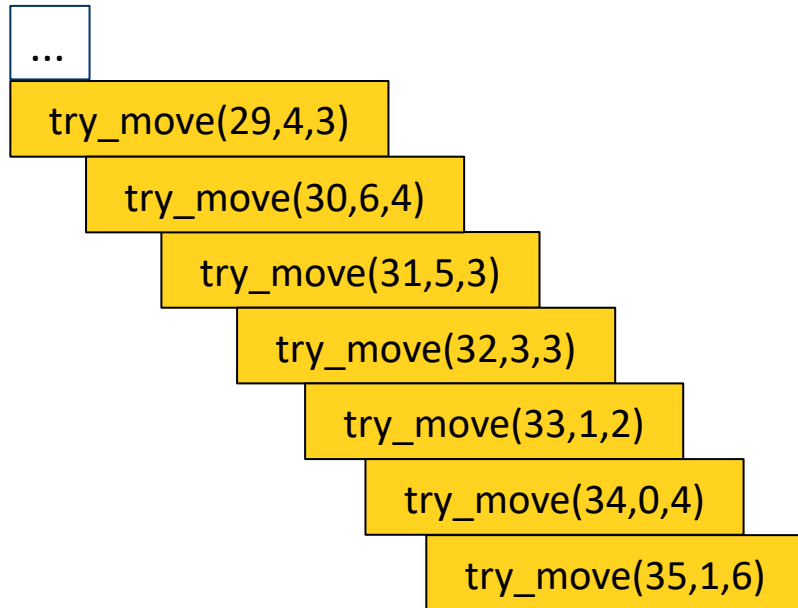
k = k + 1

return ready

```

int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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# TRY AND ERROR



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		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
4	-1	5	35	1	6



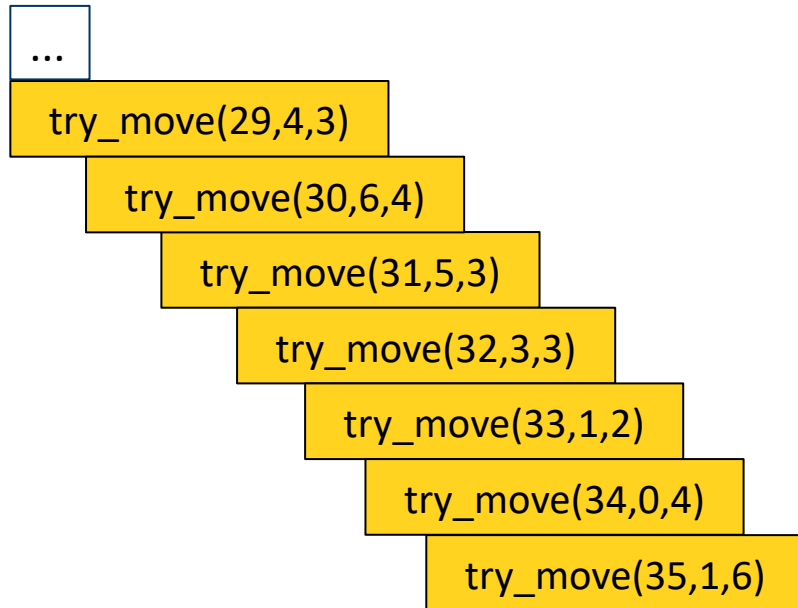
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    k = k + 1
return ready

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k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
5	0	4	35	1	6



k = k + 1

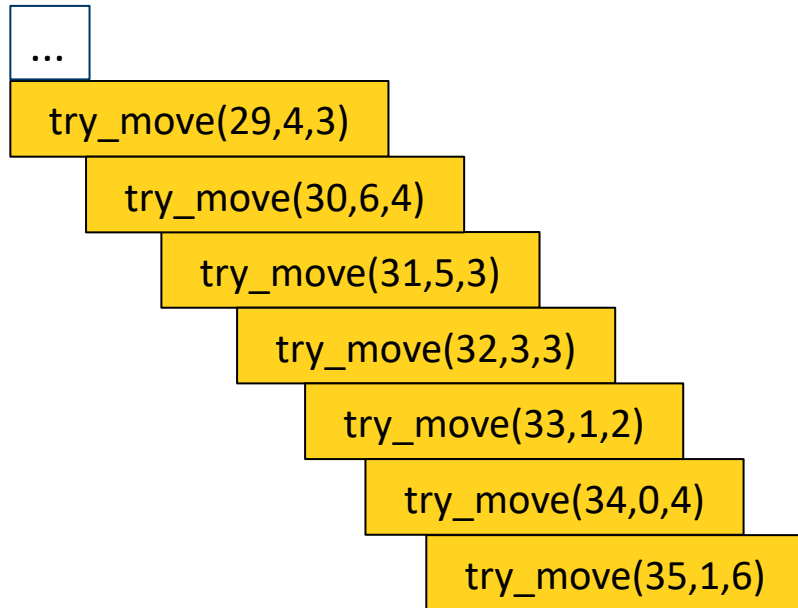
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# TRY AND ERROR



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		32	25	26	7	34
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```

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
6	2	4	35	1	6



k = k + 1

return ready

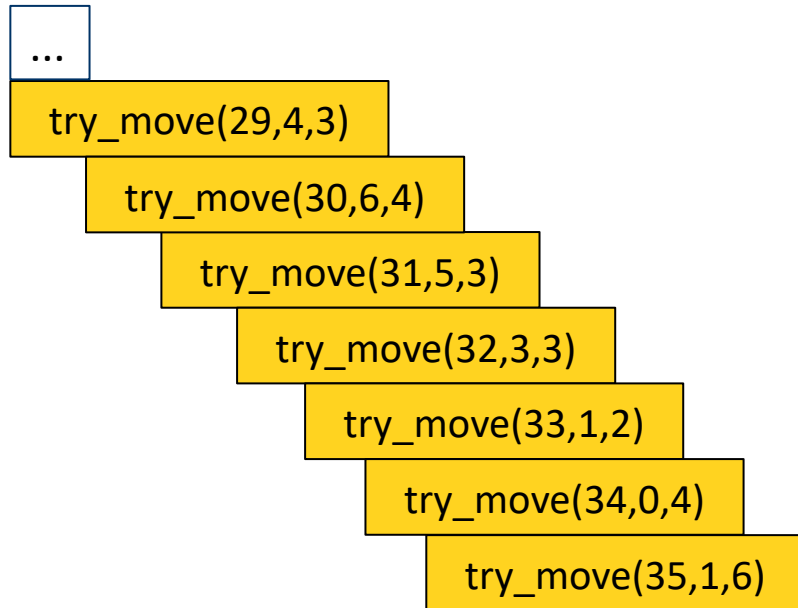
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    k = k + 1
return ready

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k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
7	3	5	35	1	6

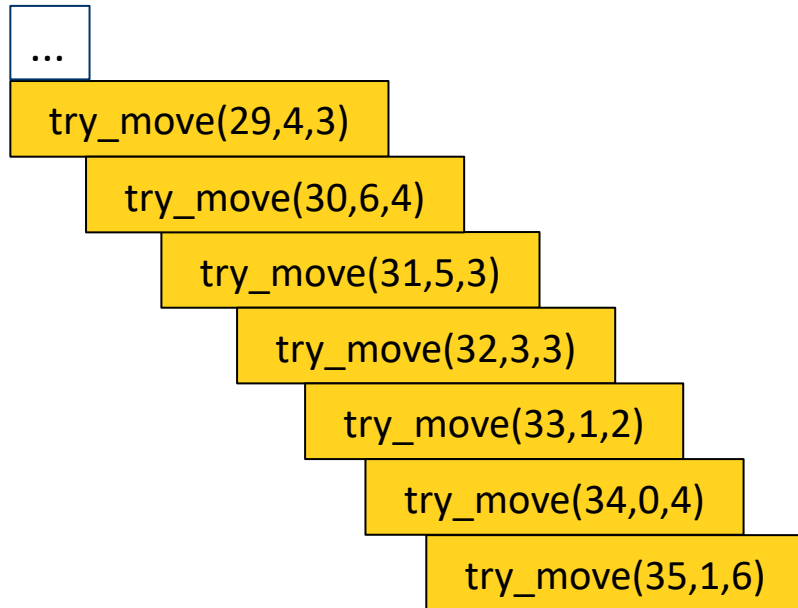


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# TRY AND ERROR



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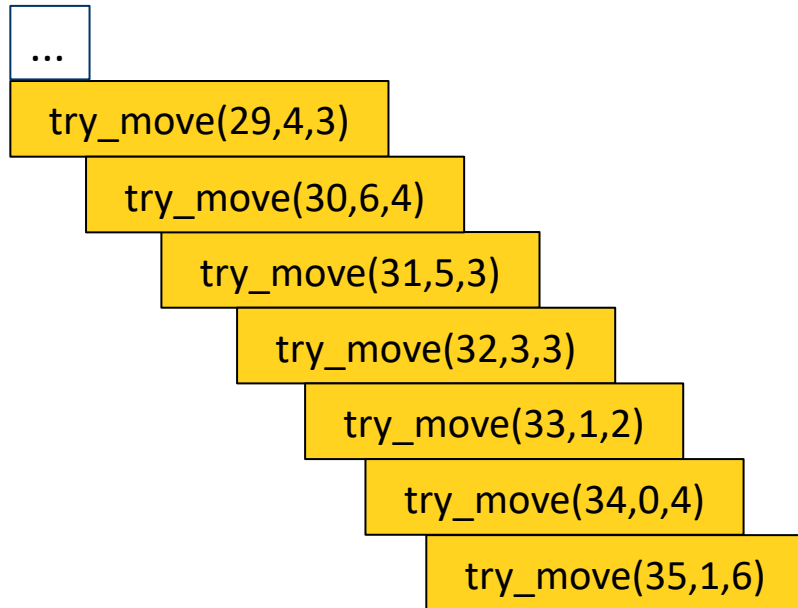
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# TRY AND ERROR



1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	34
	2	27		9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	1	6	34	0	4

```

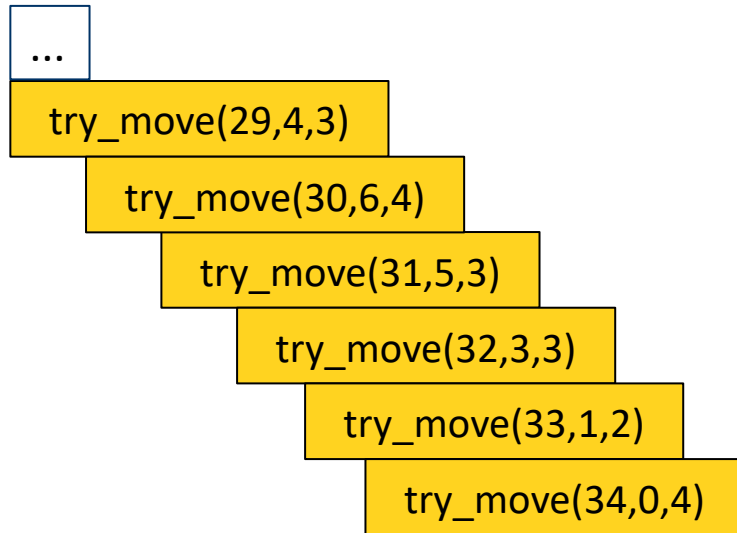
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    if (is_a_move(u, v, SIZE)):
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        ready = try_move(qt_movements + 1, u, v)
        if (ready != True): #if not good, discard it
            board[u][v] = 0
    k = k + 1
return ready
    
```

false →

```

int[] dl = {2, 1, -1, -2, -2, -1, 1, 2}
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```

# TRY AND ERROR



k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	1	6	34	0	4

1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	0
	2	27		9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
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            board[u][v] = 0
    k = k + 1
return ready

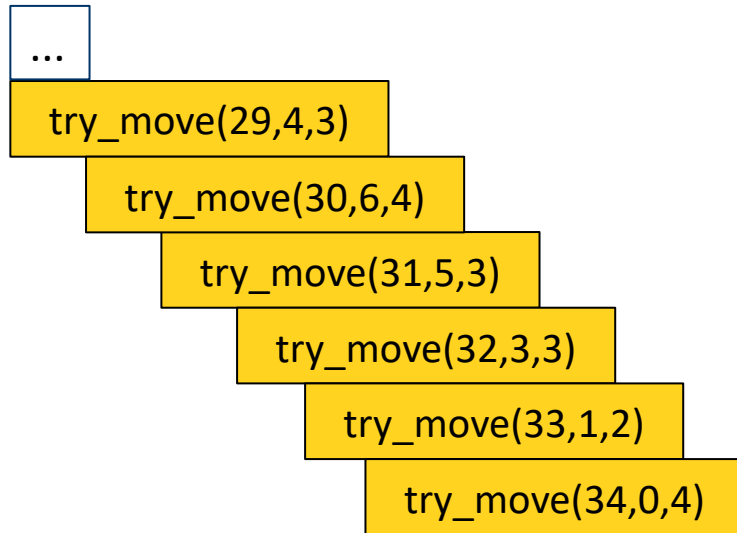
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```

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```

# TRY AND ERROR



1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	
	2	27		9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
1	1	6	34	0	4



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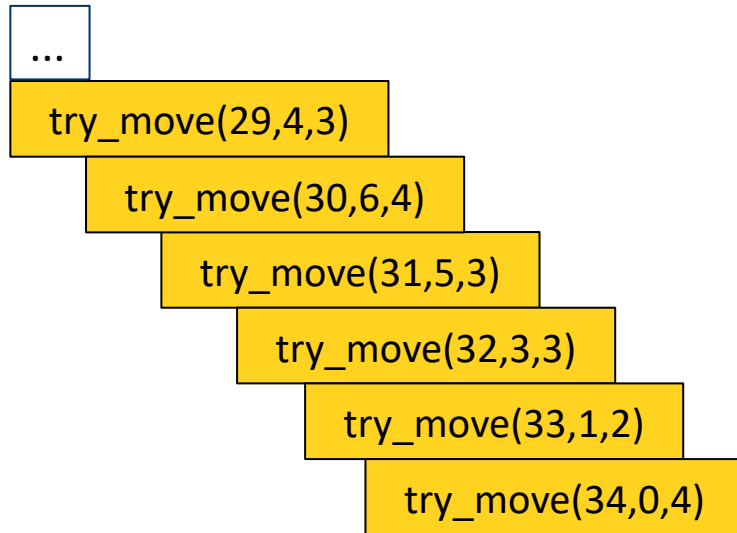
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```

# TRY AND ERROR



1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	
	2	27		9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

k	u	v	qt_mov	x	y
2	-1	6	34	0	4

```

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k = 0
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    k = k + 1
return ready
    
```

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```

# TRY AND ERROR

- It is possible to make the 34th move with  $k=7$

1	26		8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	
	2	27	34	9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- Then, add 35 to (0,2)

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
		32	25	26	7	
	2	27	34	9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11



# TRY AND ERROR

- Then, add 37 to (1, 0)

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
	2	27	34	9	14	23
			31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- Then, add 38 to (3, 1)

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38		31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- And 39 to (5, 0)

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38		31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
			4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- $40 \rightarrow (6, 2)$

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38		31	22	17	6
		3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- $42 \rightarrow (2, 0)$

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38		31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- $41 \rightarrow (4, 1)$

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38		31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- $43 \rightarrow (3, 2)$

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38	43	31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- $44 \rightarrow (1, 1)$

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37	44	32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38	43	31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11



# TRY AND ERROR

- 45 to (3, 0)

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37	44	32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
45	38	43	31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- $46 \rightarrow (5, 1)$

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37	44	32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
45	38	43	31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39	46	30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- Impossible to make 47!!!!
  - Rollback 46 to 0 and try another move from 45

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37	44	32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
45	38	43	31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39	0	30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- Not possible to make another 46
  - Rollback 45, and go to 44 to try another move

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37	44	32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
0	38	43	31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- Oh no!!!! Impossible to make 45
  - Rollbak 44 and go back to 43

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37	0	32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38	43	31	22	17	6
	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- Yahoo!!! Made it
  - **And tries to make 45**
    - It will come to na end one day...

1	26	35	8	33	24	15
37		32	25	26	7	
42	2	27	34	9	14	23
	38	43	31	22	17	6
44	41	3	28	19	10	13
39		30	21	12	5	18
		40	4	29	20	11

# TRY AND ERROR

- Solution

1	38	31	8	19	36	15
32	29	20	37	16	7	18
39	2	33	30	9	14	35
28	25	40	21	34	17	6
41	22	3	26	45	10	13
24	27	48	43	12	5	46
49	42	23	4	47	44	11



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# DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

“Life can only be understood **backwards**; but it must be lived **forwards**.” (*Kierkegaard*)

- Most used method in optimization problems
- Applicable to problems in which the optimal solution can be computed from the combination of optimal solutions previously calculated and memorized

# DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

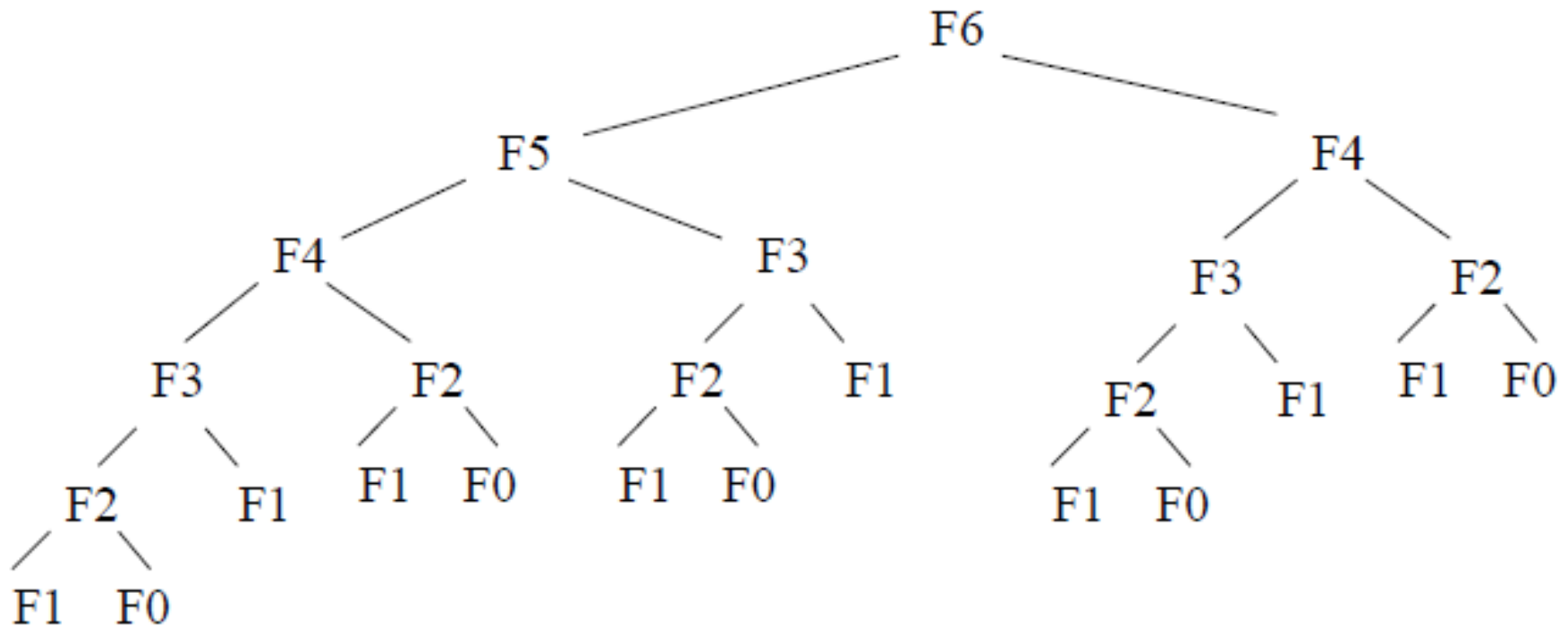
- Characteristics of algorithms
  - **Optimal substructure**
    - A global optimal solution is composed of optimal solution to the subproblems
  - **Overlapping subproblems**
    - The global solution uses the solution of same subproblems multiple times

# DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

- Principle of optimality
  - **The complete problem can be solved if the values of each subproblems' best solutions had been previously determined**
  - **Example**
    - If the shortest path between Flagstaff and Tucson goes through Phoenix, so the path between Phoenix and Tucson is the shortest
    - The path between Flagstaff and Phoenix too!

# DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

- Fibonacci Algorithm
  - To calculate the Fibonacci of a number, several values are calculated more than once.



# DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

- Strategy
  - Store the values we've already calculated
  - When an already-calculated value is requested, no operation is necessary
  - Only new values are calculated

