





Structure, Pointer, DMA, Recursion, Binary Search, Tower of Hanoi

What, Why and How?



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Quick Recap of Last Week's Learnings





Asymptotic Notations

Algorithm & Time Complexity Analysis

Analysis of Various Operations of 1D and 2D Arrays

Visualized the Linear Searching Algorithm







1. What is an algorithm?

- a) A specific software program
- b) A set of instructions designed to perform a specific task
- c) A programming language
- d) A type of computer hardware

Answer: b) A set of instructions designed to perform a specific task







2. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of a good

algorithm?

- a) Finite steps
- b) Infinite loops
- c) Well-defined inputs
- d) Produces a correct output

Answer: b) Infinite loops







3. What will be the output of the following code?

- a) 5 6
- b) 5 7
- c) 6 7
- d) 6 6

Answer: b) 5 7

Quick Recap of Visualization of Searching Algorithms





01 Linear Search

02 Binary Search



8 3 1 2 4 5 6 7

Key Element = 4

Total Number of Comparison = 5

Key Element = 7

Total Number of Comparison = 8

Algorithm of linear search

Step 1- Start from the leftmost element of arr[] and one by one compare x with each element of arr[].

Step 2- If x matches with an element, return the index.

Step 3- If x doesn't match with any of the elements, return -1.





Time Complexity Analysis

Searching the key element present at the first index of a list

Key Element = 8

Total Number of Comparison = 1

$$f(n) = 1 = Constant = O(1)$$

Best Case Time Complexity





Time Complexity Analysis

Searching the key element present at the last index of a list

Key Element = 7

Total Number of Comparison = 7

for n elements f(n) = n

Worst Case Time Complexity

$$f(n) = O(n)$$





Time Complexity Analysis



Average Case Time Complexity

Searching the key element present at any random index of a list

Key Element = 8 or 3 or 1 or 2 or 4 or 5...

Total Avg Time = All possible case time divided by number of cases

for n elements Average Time= (1+2+3+...n)/n = n(n+1)/2n = n+1/2

Avg Case Time Complexity

$$f(n) = O(n)$$

Quick Recap of Visualization of Searching Algorithm



2. Binary Search



- Binary search is a fast way to find an item in a **sorted list**.
- It follows the divide and conquer approach in which the list is divided into two halves, and the item is compared with the middle element of the list.
- If the match is found then, the location of the middle element is returned.

 Otherwise, we **search into either of the halves** depending upon the result produced through the match.

Visualization of Searching Algorithms



2. Binary Search

Search for 47

0	4	7	10	14	23	45	47	53	
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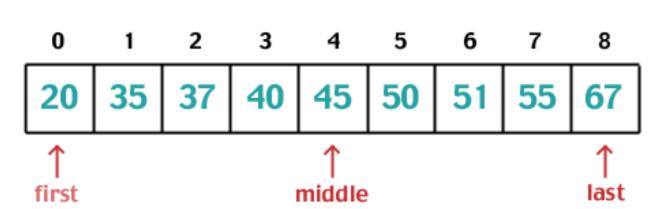
Visualization of Binary Searching Algorithms



1. Divide the search space into two halves by finding the middle index

"mid".

2. Compare the middle element of the search space with the key.



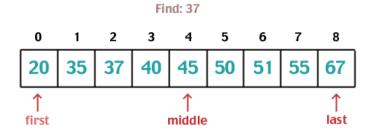
Find: 37

- 3. If the key is found at middle element, the process is terminated.
- 4. If the key is not found at middle element, choose which half will be used as the next search space.
 - 1. If the key is smaller than the middle element, then the left side is used for next search.
 - 2. If the key is larger than the middle element, then the right side is used for next search.
- 5. This process is continued until the key is found or the total search space is exhausted.

Time Complexity of Binary Searching Algorithms



(Iterative Method Approach)



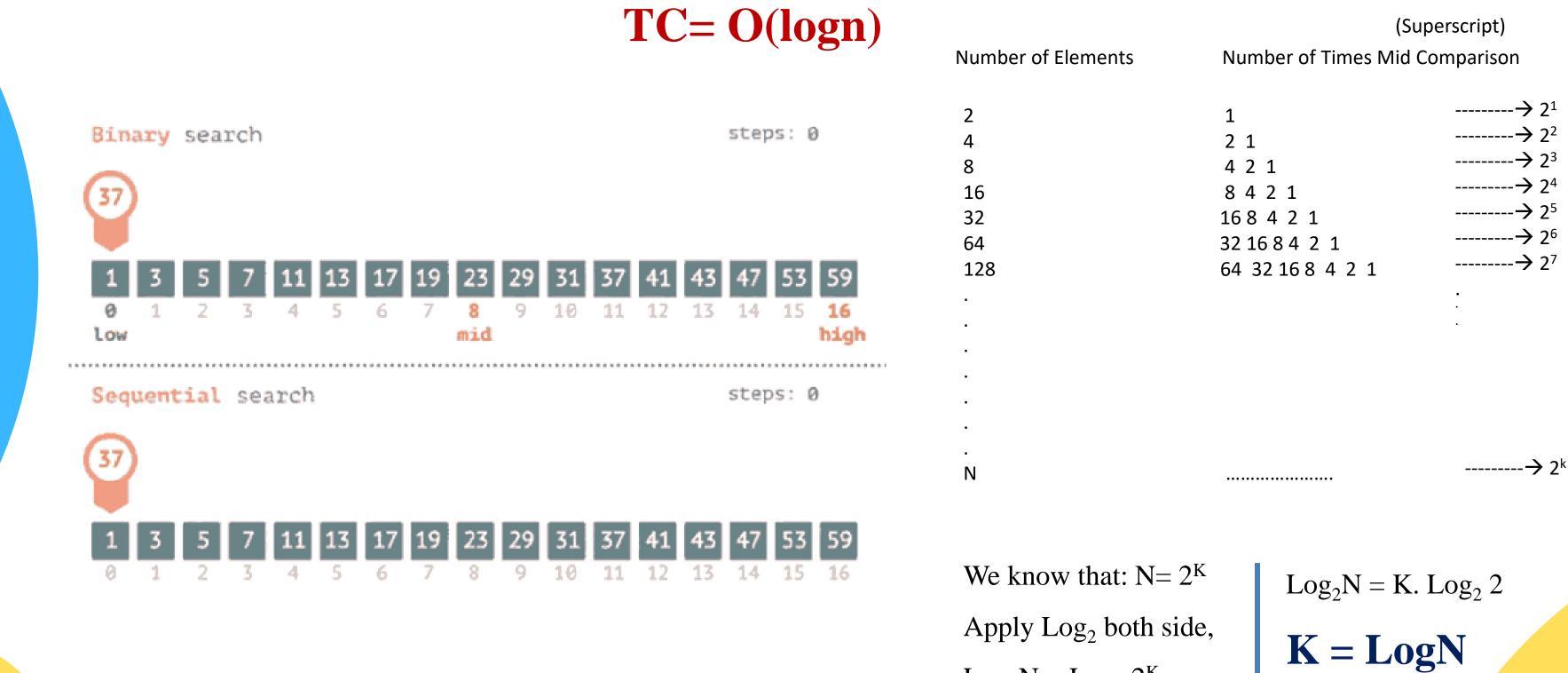
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```
int binarySearch(int[] A, int x)
  int low = 0, high = A.length - 1;
  while (low <= high)
    int mid = (low + high) / 2;
    if (x == A[mid])
      return mid;
                                 TC = O(logn)
    else if (x < A[mid])
      high = mid - 1;
    else
      low = mid + 1;
```

return -1;

Visualization of Time Complexity of Binary Searching Algorithm



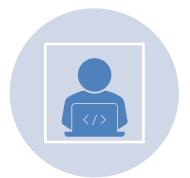


 $Log_2N = Log_2 2^K$

Time Complexity of Binary Searching Algorithm







Best Case Time Complexity of Binary Search: O(1)



Average Case Time Complexity of Binary Search: O(logN)



Worst Case Time Complexity of Binary Search: O(logN)



Space Complexity of Binary Search: O(1) (for iterative)

Auxiliary Space

Structure







```
member definition;
member definition;
...

[one or more structure variables];
```

Title
Author
Subject

Book ID

• Structure is another user defined data type that allows to combine data items of different kinds.

• Structures are used to represent a record. It helps us to keep track of our books in a library.

Structure



Each variable in the structure is known as a member of the structure.

```
struct [structure tag]
                                            struct Books {
                                              char title[50];
                                              char author[50];
 member definition;
                                              char subject[100];
                                                                             Title
 member definition;
                                                                             Author
                                              int book_id;
                                                                             Subject
                                            }book1, book2;
 member definition;
                                                                             Book ID
                                                      or
} [one or more structure variables];
                                            struct Books book1; //declaration of variables
```

struct Books book2;

Visualization of Structure Variables



```
struct Books book1; //declaration of variables
struct Books {
 char title[50];
                                                                    book1
                                                              char title[50];
                                                                            (50 bytes)
 char author[50];
 char subject[100];
                                                             char author[50];
                                                                             (50 bytes)
 int book_id;
                                                            char subject[100];
                                                                             | (100 bytes)
                                                              int book_id;
                                                                             | (4 bytes)
};
```

Total Space: 204 bytes

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Accessing Structure Variables



```
struct Books {

char title[50];
char author[50];
char subject[100];
int book_id;

}book1, book2;

Book1.subject= "Ds Tutorial";

Book1.book_id = 6495407;
```

```
cout<< "Book 1 title: %s\n", Book1.title";
cout<< "Book 1 author: %s\n", Book1.author";
```

Structure as a Function Argument



```
struct Books {
  char title[50];
  char author[50];
  char subject[100];
  int book_id;
};
```

```
/* function declaration */
void printBook( struct Books book );
 /* function definition */
 void printBook( struct Books book)
 cout << "Book 1 title: %s\n", book.title;
 cout<<"Book 1 author: %s\n", book.author;
```

Pointer



A pointer is a variable whose value is the address of another variable, i.e., it stores the direct address of the memory location.

```
type *var-name; //syntax of pointer variable declaration
int *ip;
double *dp;
float *fp;
char *ch;
```

Pointer

* is also used as dereferencing.



address of

variable

Value inside

A pointer stores the direct address of the variable, or it points to the memory location of variable.

address of pointer 0×123 0×155 int var1 = 100; Pointer points Value inside to variable 100 0×123 int *ptr ; //pointer to an integer pointer Int *ptr int Var1 ptr= &var1; //store the address of int variable cout<<pre>cout<<pre>cout<<<pre>ptr; //print the address of var1 cout << *ptr; // Output: 10 (value stored at the address in ptr)



- Accessing memory directly.
- ❖ Pointers are crucial for managing memory dynamically, especially in situations where the size of data is not known in advance.
- Efficient array and structure handling.

Pointer to an Array



Array and Pointer Relationship:

Arrays and pointers are closely related.

int arr
$$[3] = \{1, 2, 3\};$$

cout<<arr;</pre>

(arr indicated the base address of array)

arr[0] arr[1] arr[2]
arr 1 2 3
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ptr

int* ptr = arr; // ptr points to the first element of arr

(the array name acts as a pointer to the first element)

Pointer to an Array



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Pointer Arithmetic

arr[0] arr[1] arr[2]
arr 2 3
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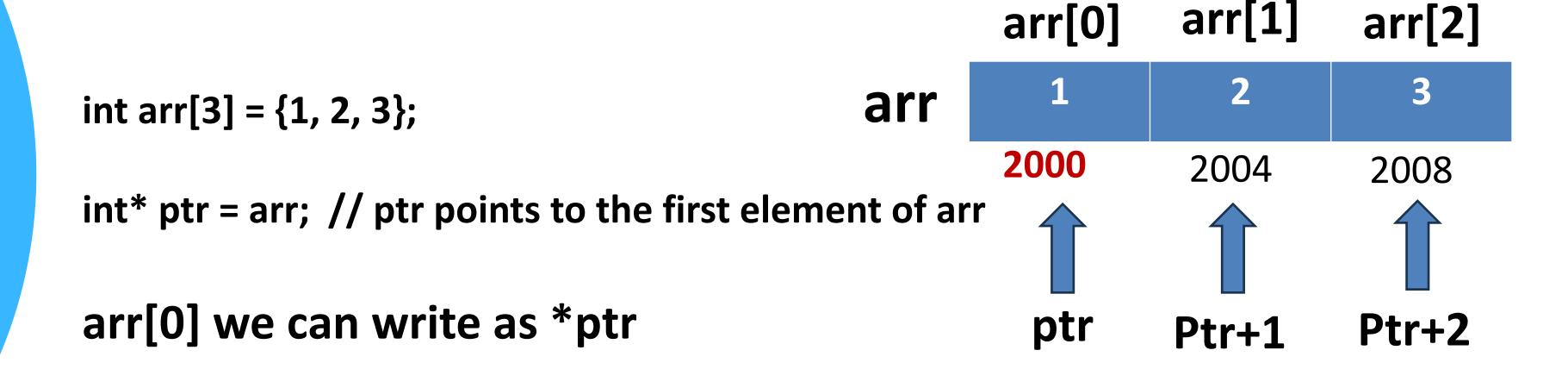
int* ptr = arr; // ptr points to the first element of arr ptr

// Output: 2 (Accessing the second element)

Pointer to an Array



Array and Pointer Relationship:



arr[1] we can write as *(ptr+1)

arr[2] we can write as *(ptr+2)



Pointers allow functions to modify variables outside their scope.

Example: Swapping of Two Numbers (Normal Approach)

```
int main()
int a = 5, b = 10, temp;
cout << "Before swapping." << endl; cout << "a = " << a << ", b = " << b << endl;
temp = a;
a = b;
b = temp;
cout << "\nAfter swapping." << endl; cout << "a = " << a << ", b = " << b << endl;
return 0; }
```



Pointers allow functions to modify variables outside their scope.

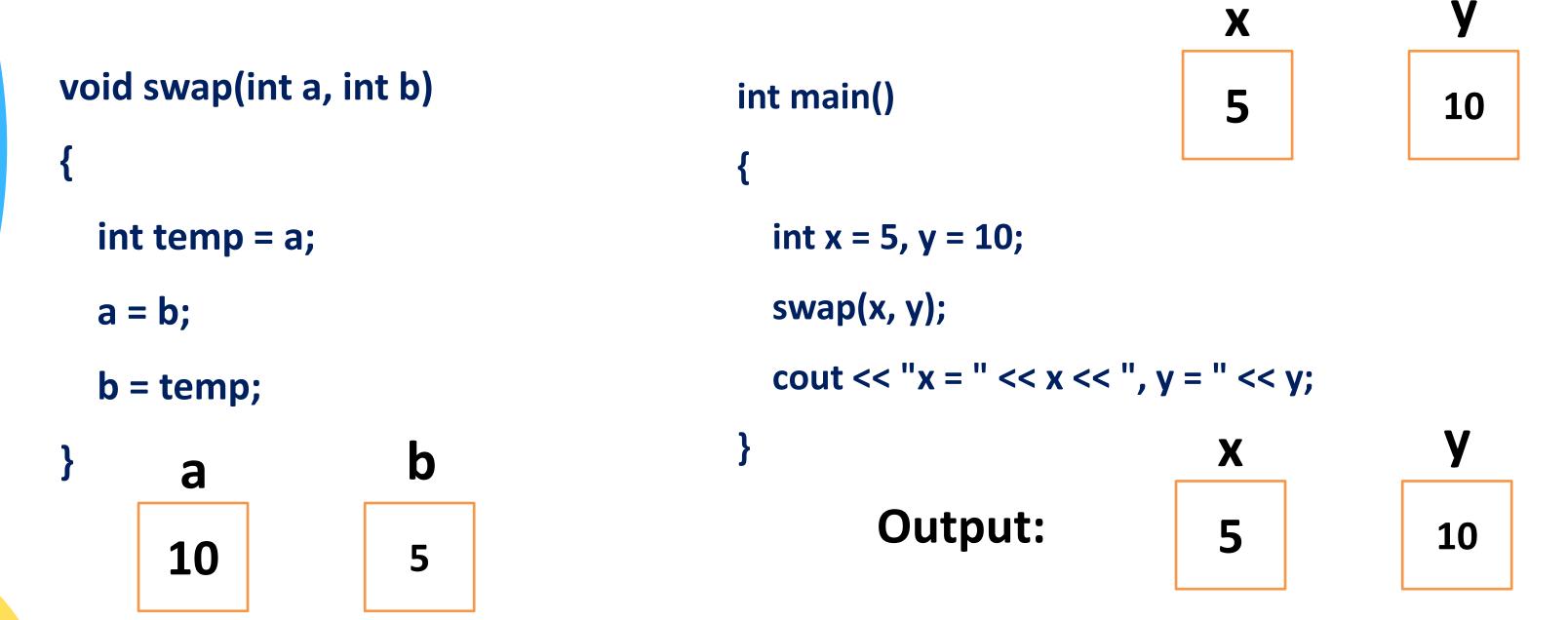
Example: Swapping of Two Numbers (using Function)

```
X
void swap(int a, int b)
                                          int main()
                                                                         5
                                                                                       10
                                            int x = 5, y = 10;
  int temp = a;
                                            swap(x, y);
  a = b;
                                            cout << "x = " << x << ", y = " << y;
  b = temp;
                      b
                                                   Output?
                                                                                        ?
      10
                      5
```



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Example: Swapping of Two Numbers (using Function)

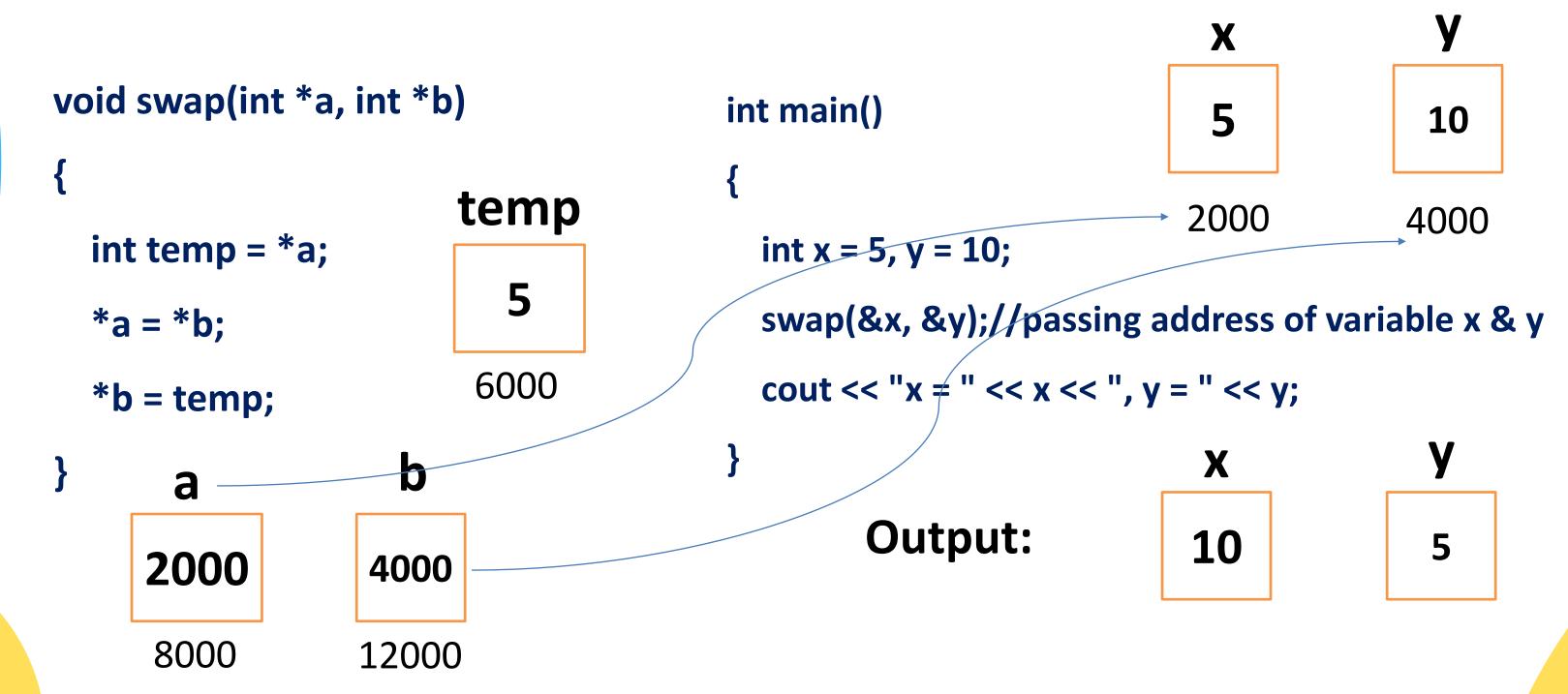


Note: When Swap function is called, it creates a local copy of variables, and scope of the variable is till function alive. the actual value of variables in the main function will remain unchanged.



Pointers allow functions to modify variables outside their scope.

Example: Swapping of Two Numbers (using Pointer Approach)



Pointers to Structures



```
struct Books {
    char title[50];
    char author[50];
    struct_pointer = &book1;
    char subject[100];
    int book_id;
}book1, book2;
```

To access the members of a structure using a pointer to that structure, you must use

```
the → operator as follows
```

```
struct_pointer->title;
```

```
cout<< "Book title :" << struct_pointer->title;
```

In Normal Structure book.title

Extended Pointer (Pointer to Pointer or Double Pointers)



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```
int a, *b, **c;

a=10;

b=&a;

c=&b;

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cout<<"The value of a is: "<< a;

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```

cout<<"The value of c is: "<< **c;

cout<<"The value of b is: "<< *b;

Output: 10, 10, 10





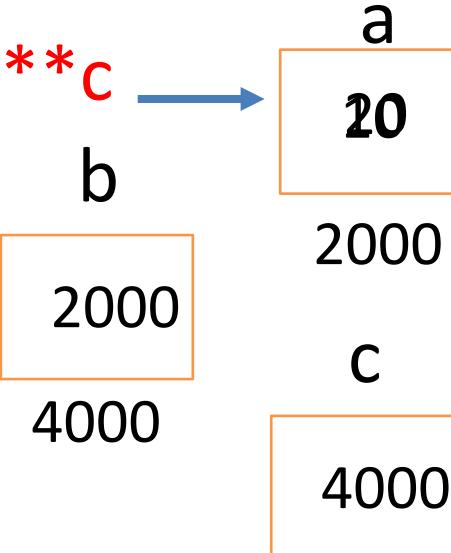
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int	a,	*b,	**C;
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$$a=10;$$

cout<<"The value of a is: "<< a;



Output:

- (A) 10
- (B) 20
- (C) 30
- (D) Error

Correct Answer is B

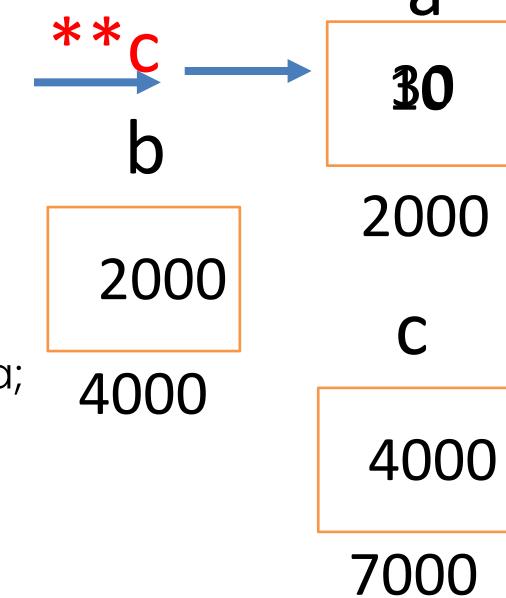






int a, *b, **c;	*b
a=10;	, D
b=&a	
c=&b	
**c=a + 2*(*b);	

cout<<"The value of a is: "<< a;



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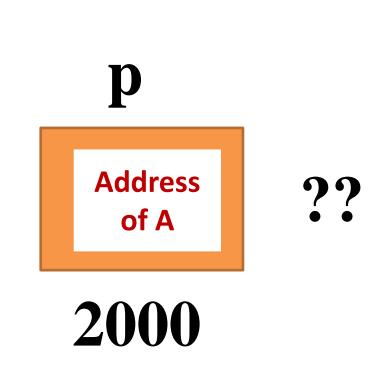
Correct Answer is C

Returning a Pointer (Assessment Time)





```
int* fun()
{
  int A = 10;
  return (&A); ←
```



Note: Scope/Life of a Variable is limited to the Local Function only

Output ??

Segmentation Error

Returning a Pointer



```
int* fun()
{
    static int A = 10;
    return (&A);
}
```

```
main()
{
  int* p;
  p = fun();
}
```

Pointer - Homework



Explore the different operations on Pointer

Dynamic Memory Allocation (DMA)



• **Memory Allocation**: Refers to the process of reserving memory space during program execution.

Types

- Static Memory Allocation: Memory size is determined at compile time.
- Dynamic Memory Allocation: Memory is allocated during runtime.

Why DMA?



- Flexibility in memory usage.
- Efficient use of memory.
- Allows the creation of data structures like linked lists, trees, etc., which require dynamic resizing.

How we create DMA?



Using NeW and delete Operators

• **new operator**: Allocates memory on the heap and returns a pointer to it.

• delete operator: Deallocates memory previously allocated with new.

How we create DMA?



Allocating Arrays Dynamically

```
int* arr = new int (5); // Allocating array of 5 integers
for(int i = 0; i < 5; i++)
  arr[i] = i + 1;
delete[] arr; // Deallocating memory
```

How we create DMA (Pointer & Structure)?



Allocating Structure Variables Dynamically

```
struct Node {
                                                             Data
                                                                     next
                                                             (10)
                                          ptr
  int data;
                                                                2000
  Node* next;
                                           2000
};
Node* ptr = new Node;
                                cout << ptr->data;
                                                         delete ptr;
                                // Output: 10
                                                         // delete the allocated
ptr->data = 10;
                                                         memory
```

Explore More about DMA



Self Study

Recursion



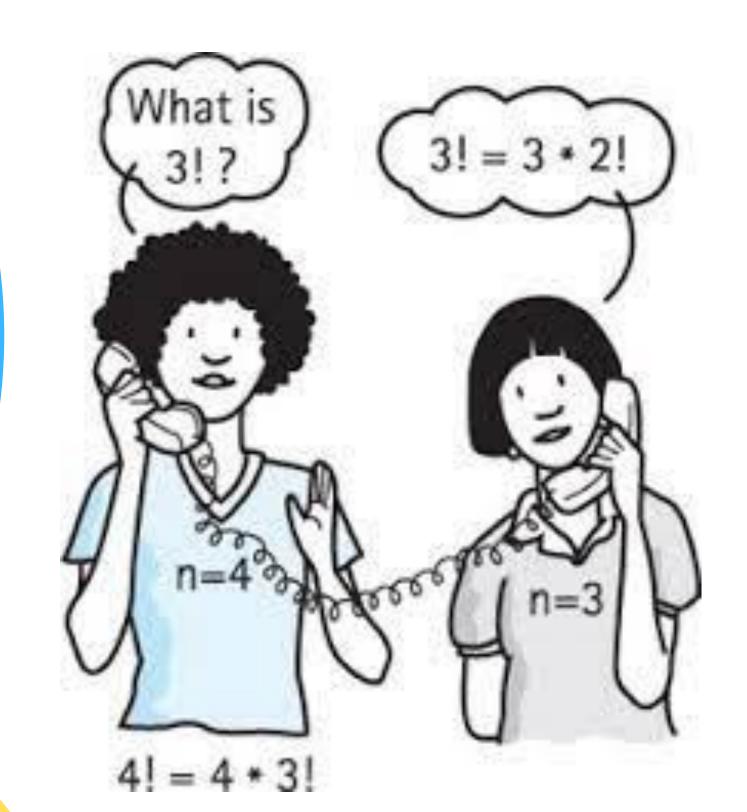


A function calling itself is called **recursion** & corresponding function is called as **recursive function**.

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + n$$

Recursion





```
fact(int n)
 if (n < = 1) // base case or stopping condition
  return 1;
  else
  return n*fact(n-1);
```

factorial(n) calls factorial(n-1) until n reaches 1.

Visualization of Recursion



Example - Sum of first n natural numbers

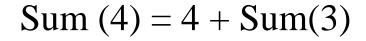
Approach(1) - Simply adding one by one

```
Algorithm Sum (A, n)
 S=0;
 for ( i=0; i<n; i++)
   S = S + A[i];
 return S;
```

Approach(2) – Recursive adding

Sum(n) = n+ sum(n-1) Sum (5) = 5+4+3+2+1

Sum
$$(5) = 5 + Sum(4)$$



Sum
$$(3) = 3 + Sum(2)$$

Sum
$$(2) = 2 + Sum(1)$$

Sum
$$(1) = 1$$

```
Algorithm Sum (n)
{

if(n==1)

return 1;

else
```

return n + sum(n-1);

Visualization of Recursion



Example - Sum of first n natural numbers Sum(n) = n + sum(n-1)

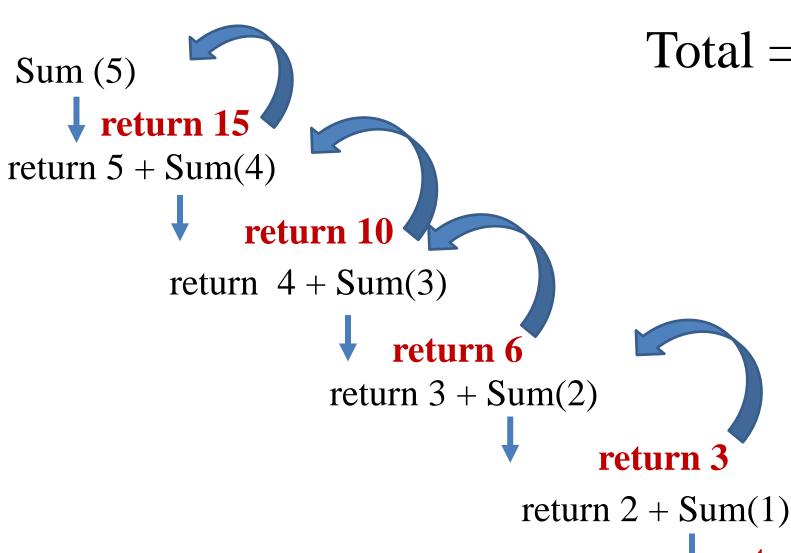
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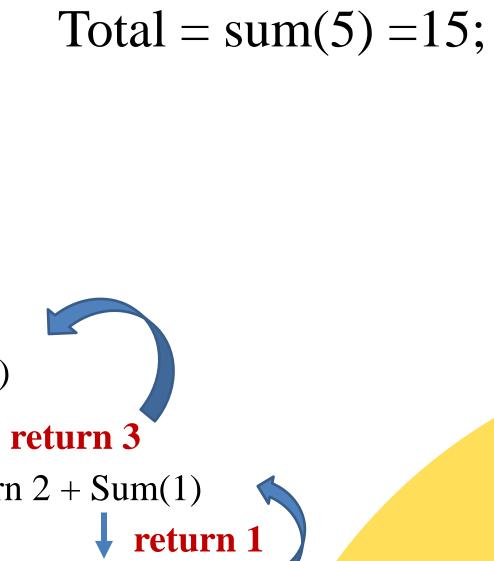
else

return n + sum(n-1);
}
```



Explore these topic in detail

- 1. Recursion Tree
- 2. Call Stacks



return 1

Examples of Recursion



Fibonacci Series

```
int fibonacci(int n) {
  if (n == 0) // Base case 1
    return 0;
  else if (n == 1) // Base case 2
    return 1;
  else
    return fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2); // Recursive case
```

Each term is the sum of the previous two terms. Recursion continues until n is 0 or 1.

Examples of Recursion



Self Practice

Sum of Digits

• Write a recursive function to find the sum of the digits of a given positive integer n.

Power of a Number

• Write a recursive function to calculate xⁿ where x is a base and n is the exponent.

Reverse a String

Write a recursive function to reverse a string.

Palindrome Check

• Write a recursive function to check if a given string is a palindrome.

Applications of Recursion



- Solving Mathematical Problems (Tower of Hanoi)
- Binary Search
- Tree Traversals
- Solving Complex Problems (Divide and Conquer, back Tracking...)

Recurrence Vs Iteration



• Both used to solve problems & achieve similar results, but they differ significantly in their implementation, usage, and performance.

• Recursive solutions are more expensive than corresponding iterative solutions

Explore more (Self Study)

When to Use Recursion



Use Recursion

- When the problem can be broken down into similar sub-problems.
- When the recursive structure naturally mirrors the problem (e.g., tree structures).
- When simplicity and readability are more important than performance.
- In problems like tree traversal, dynamic programming (with memoization), and backtracking (e.g., N-Queens).

Use Iteration

- When performance and memory efficiency are critical.
- When the problem involves simple repetitive tasks.
- When recursion depth could be too large, risking stack overflow.
- In problems like searching, sorting, and iteration over data structures like arrays and linked lists.

What does recursion relation mean



$$Sum (n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ Sum(n-1) + n & \text{if } n>1 \end{cases}$$
 Base/Stopping Condition

- A recurrence relation is an equation or inequality that describes a function in terms of its values on smaller inputs.
- Used to **reduce complicated problems** to an iterative process based on simpler versions of the problem
- T(n) term is used to define the time complexity in recurrence relation analysis.

Writing Recurrence Relations



```
Algorithm Demo(n) ———
                       T(n)
 If (n>0)
  Print "n";
  Demo(n-1); T(n-1)
  T(n) = T(n-1) + 1
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=0 \\ T(n-1) + 1 & \text{if } n>0 \end{cases}$$

Writing Recurrence Relations



Example - Sum of first n natural numbers

```
Algorithm Sum (n)
                 T(n)
if(n==1)
return 1;
 else
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ T(n-1) + n & \text{if } n>1 \end{cases}$$

Solving Recurrence Relations



There are four methods for solving Recurrence Problems

- Back Substitution/ Iteration Method
- Recursion Tree Method
- Master Method
- Substitution Method

Note:

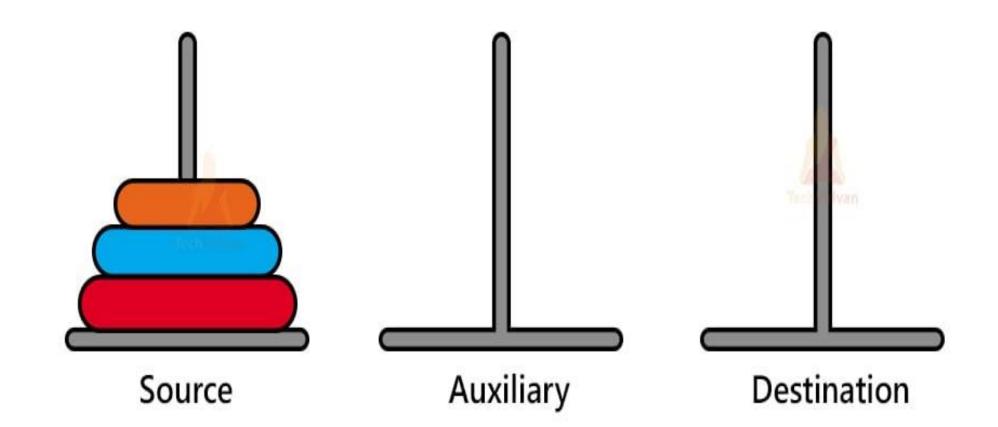
• Detail of these topic will be covered in the course Design and analysis of Algorithms (Next Semester)

Self Practice Problem using Recursion



Tower of Hanoi Problem

There are three towers, 3 disks, with decreasing sizes, placed on the first tower. You need to move all of the disks from the first tower to the last tower, A large disk can not be placed on top of a smaller disk. The remaining tower can be used to temporarily hold disks



Self Practice Problem using Recursion



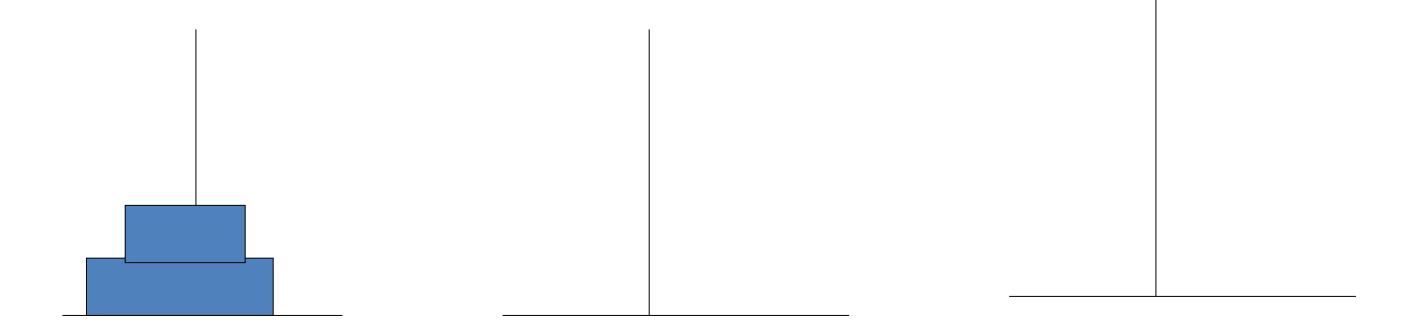
Tower of Hanoi Problem

• How many operations needed to transfer 7 disks from source tower to destination tower?

• Given that 10 disks can be moved in 1023 operations, how many operations needed for 11 disks?

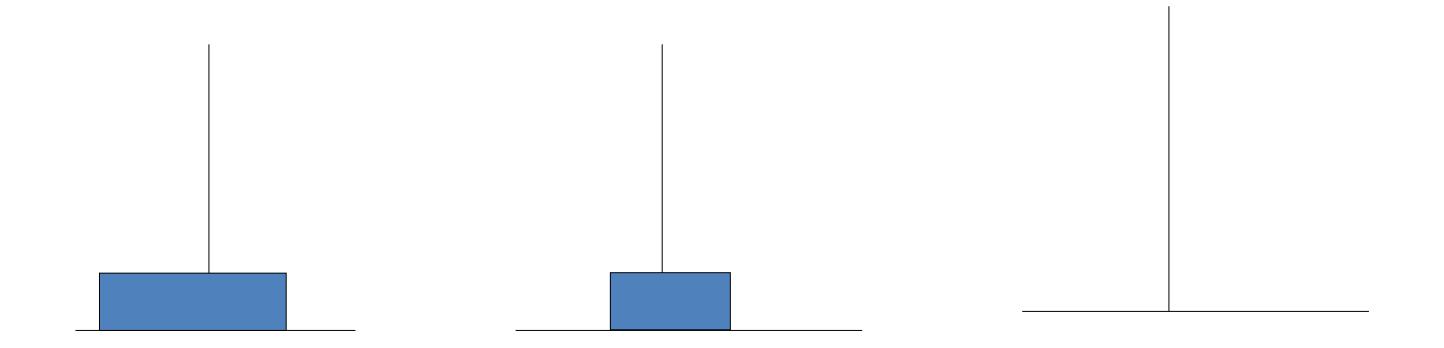


- The problem is to move two disks from first tower to the third tower
- The second tower is the temporary tower



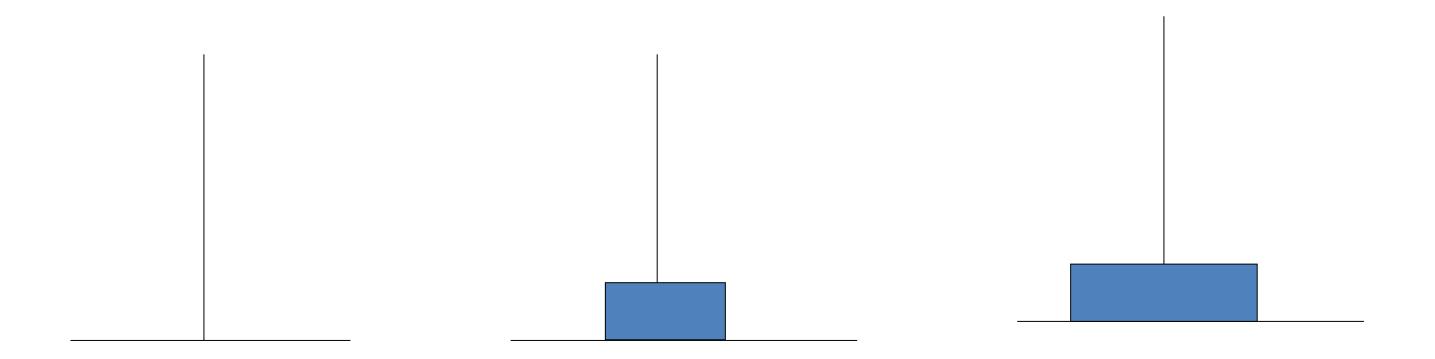


Step 1 Move n-1 disks source to temp





Step 2 Move disk 1 from source to destination





Step 3: Move disk from temp to destination





So to move 2 disks, it required 3 steps in all (Total 3 operations or movements) (It does not matter which tower is source and which is destination.)

Now let us extend the problem to 3 disks-

We shall do it in 3 large steps

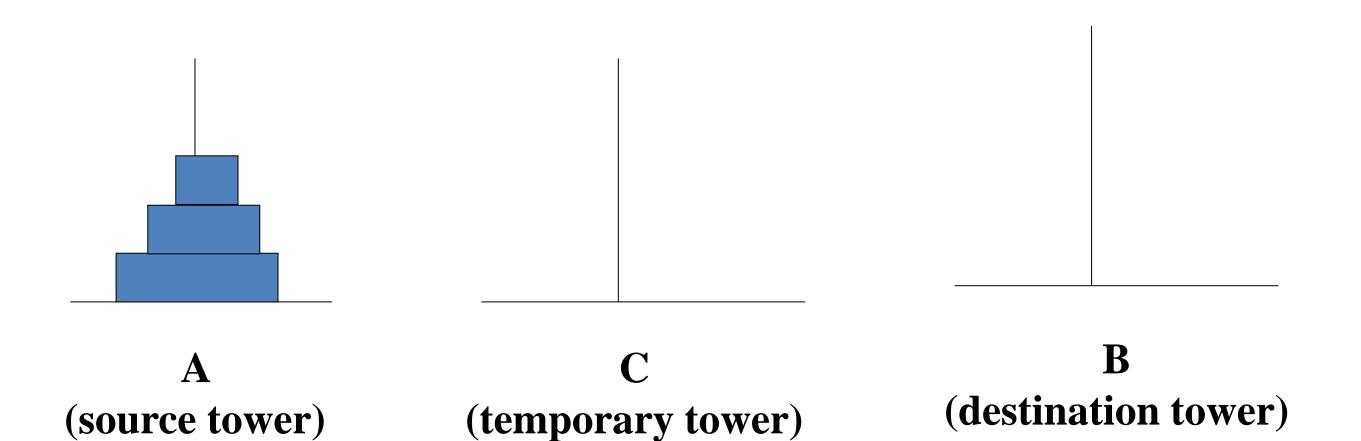
Step 1: move 2 disks from source to temp (use destination T to do this)

Step 2: Move the *last remaining disk* from source to destination

Step 3: Move 2 disks from temp to destination (using source T to do this)

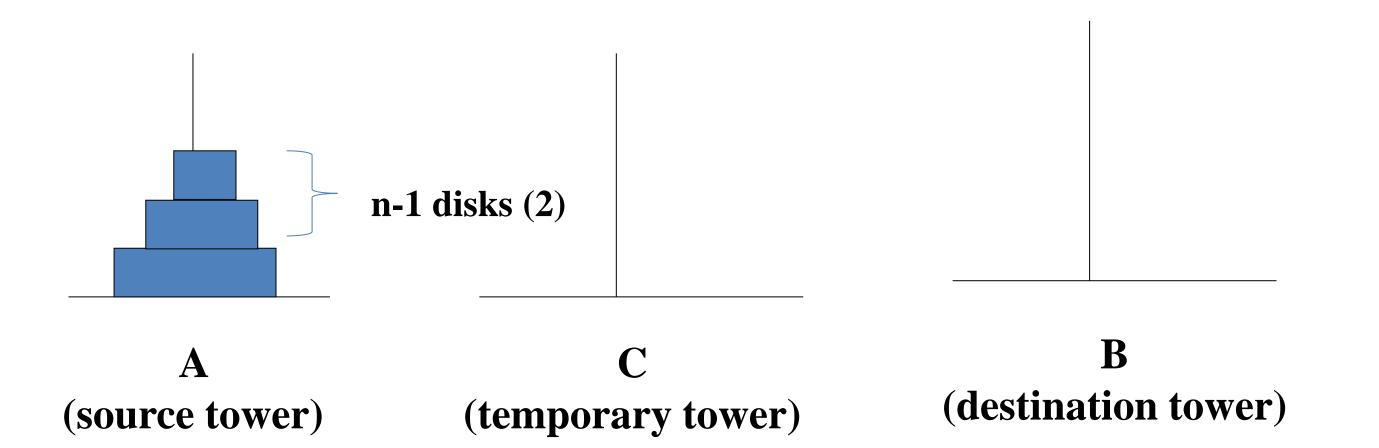


- Let first tower be called a (source tower)
- Let third tower be called b (destination tower)
- Let second tower be called c (temporary tower)



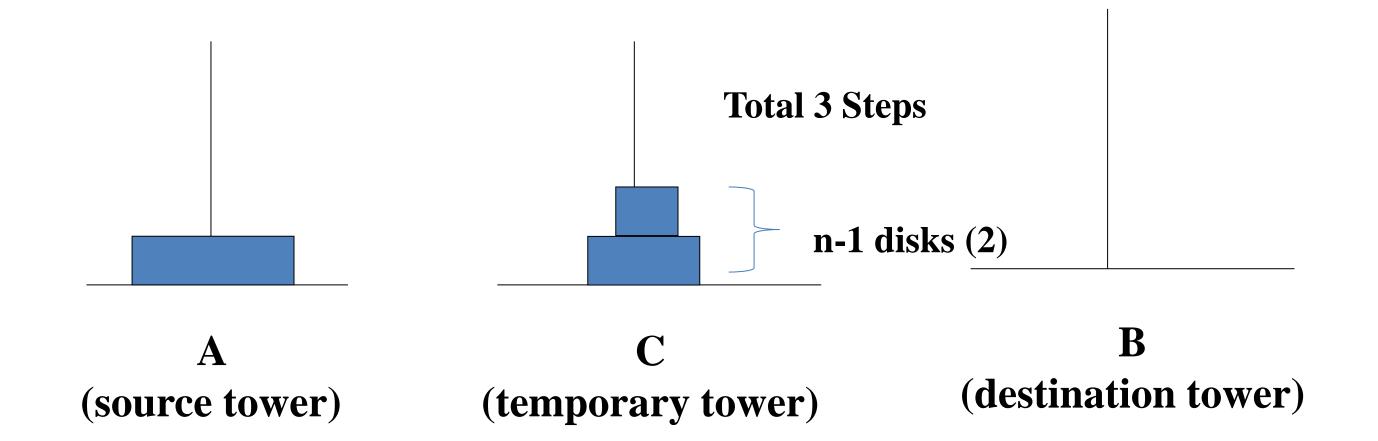


- Remove n-1 disks to temp tower
- We already know the solution to this problem, just solved it in previous slides
- Let us simply copy the solution



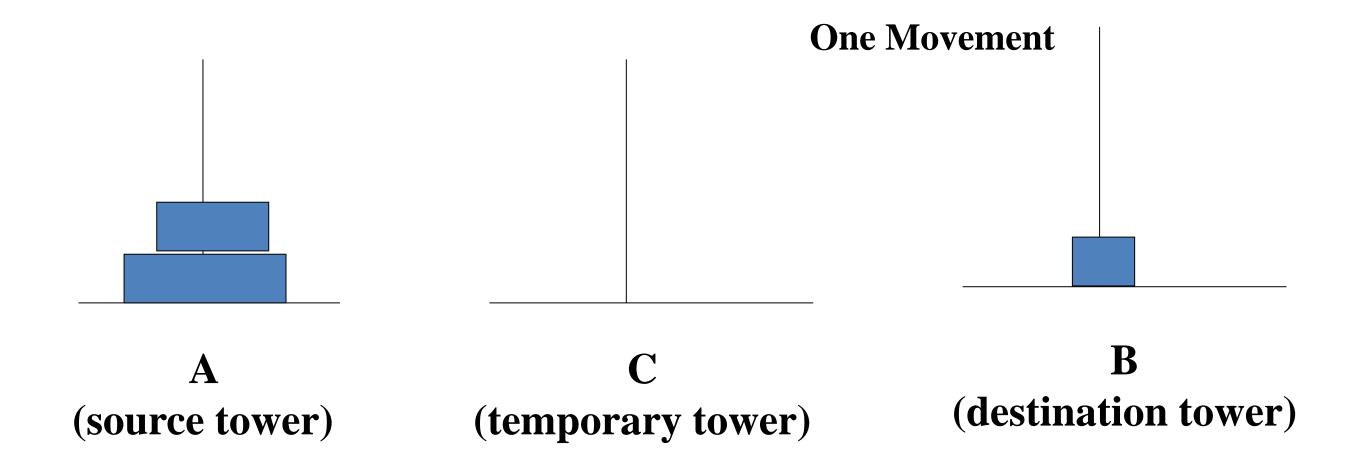


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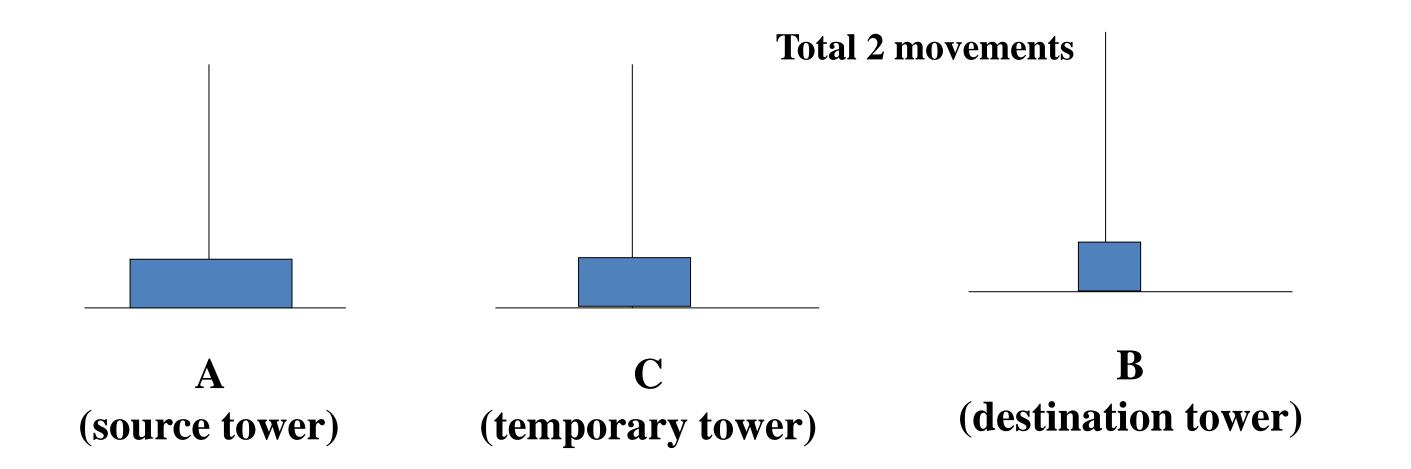
Step 1a: Start moving n-1 disks from source tower to temp tower using destination tower





Step 1 contd.

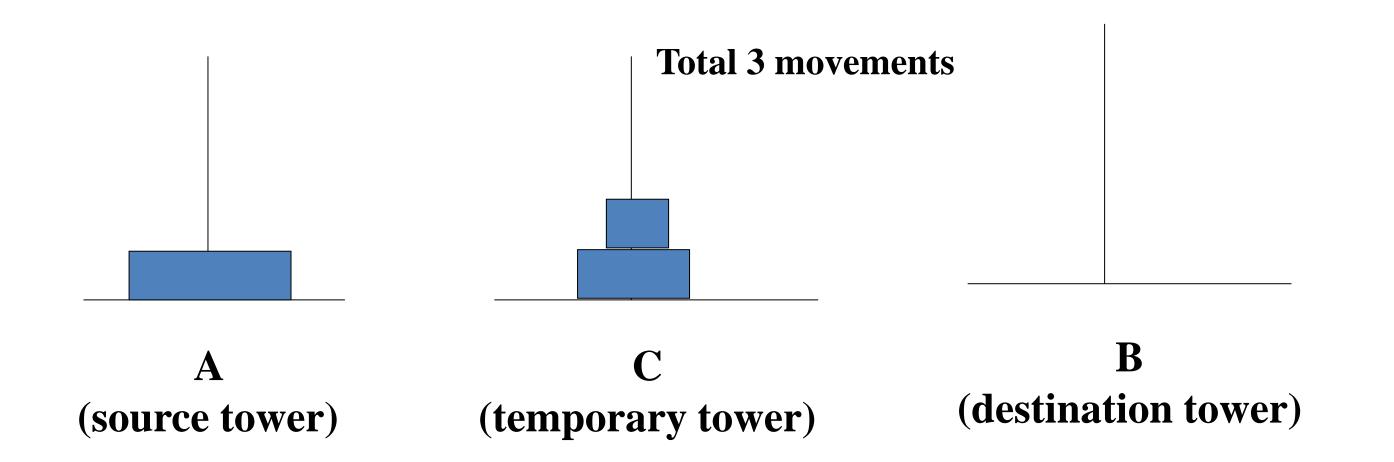
carry on process of moving n-1 disks from source tower to temp tower using destination tower





Step 1

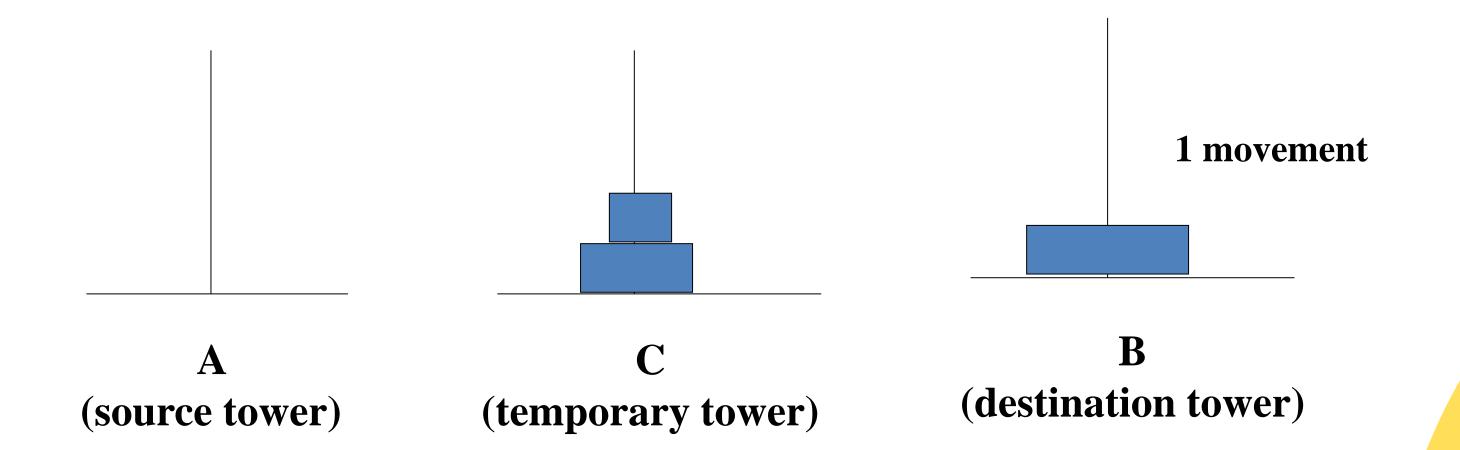
We have completed moving n-1 disks from source to temp using destination (total 3 movements), We can go for step 2





Step 2

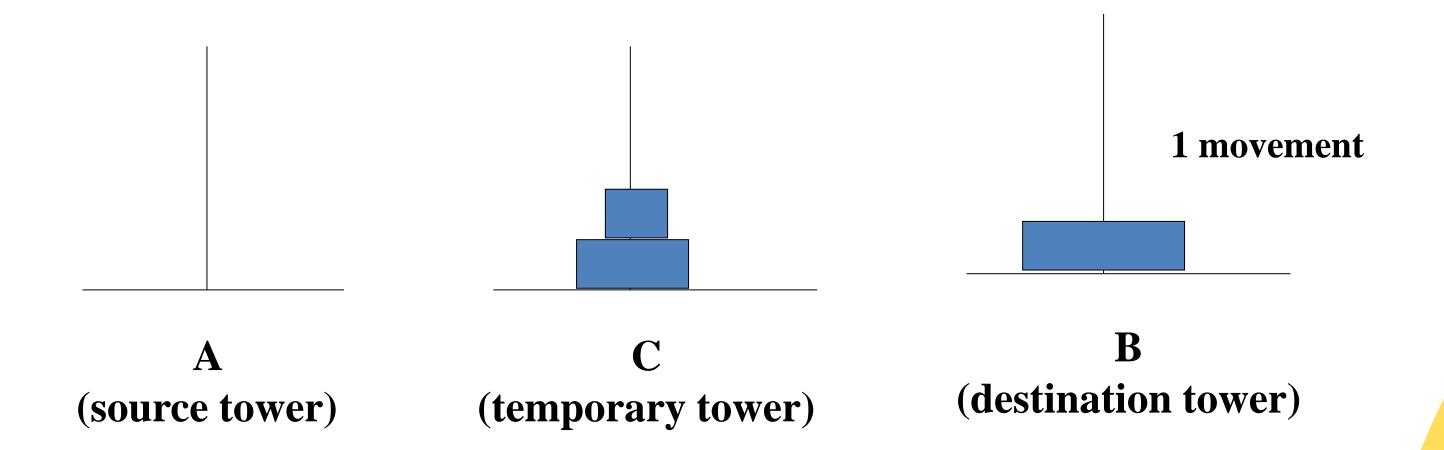
Move remaining disk (disk 1) from source to destination using temp (It is just a single step), Total **One Movement**





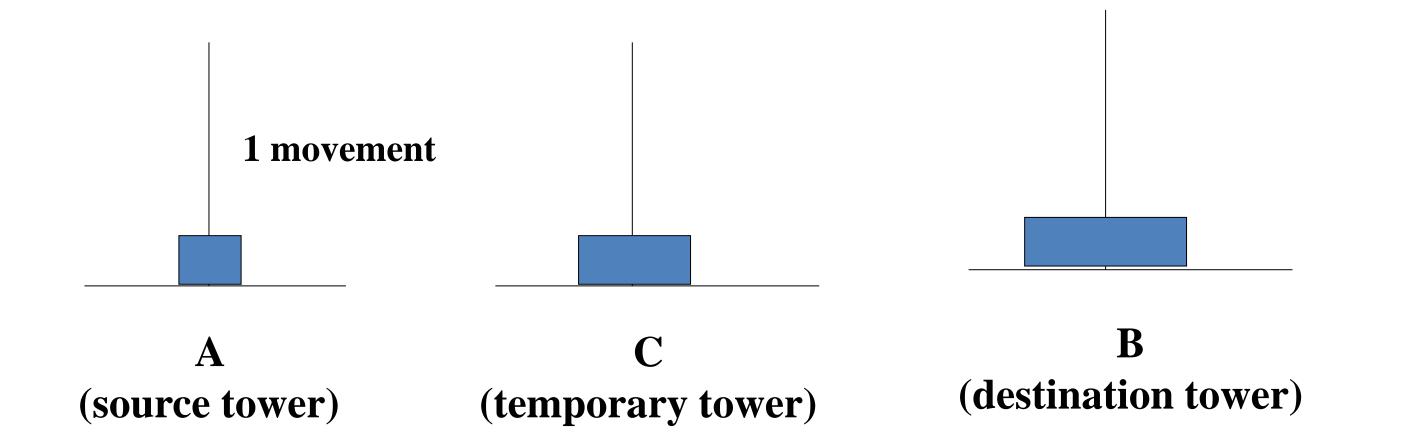
Step 3: Move n-1 disks (2 disks) from temp to destination using source tower

• We already know how to move 2 disks from one tower to any other tower



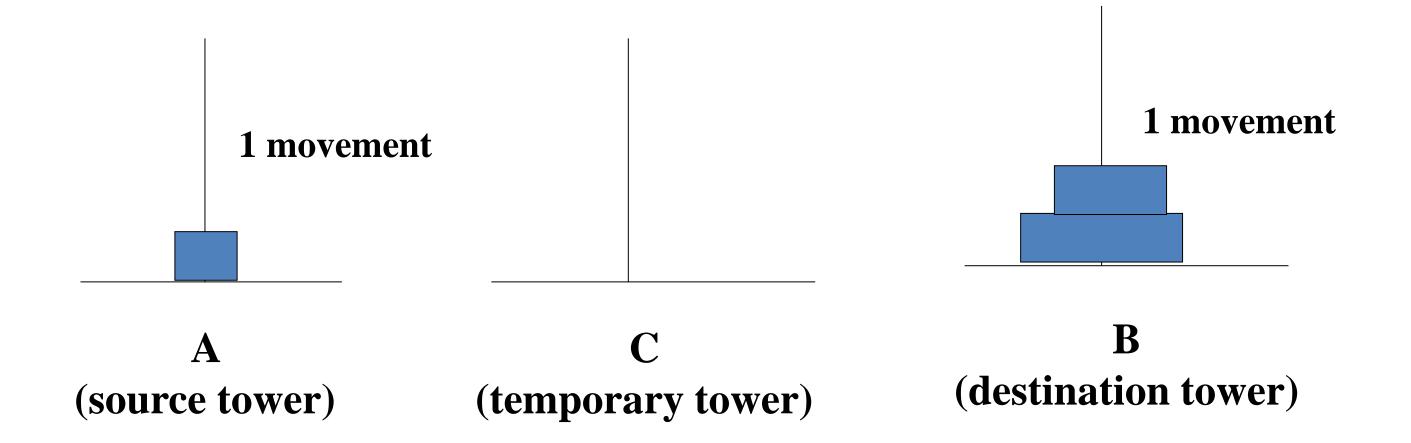


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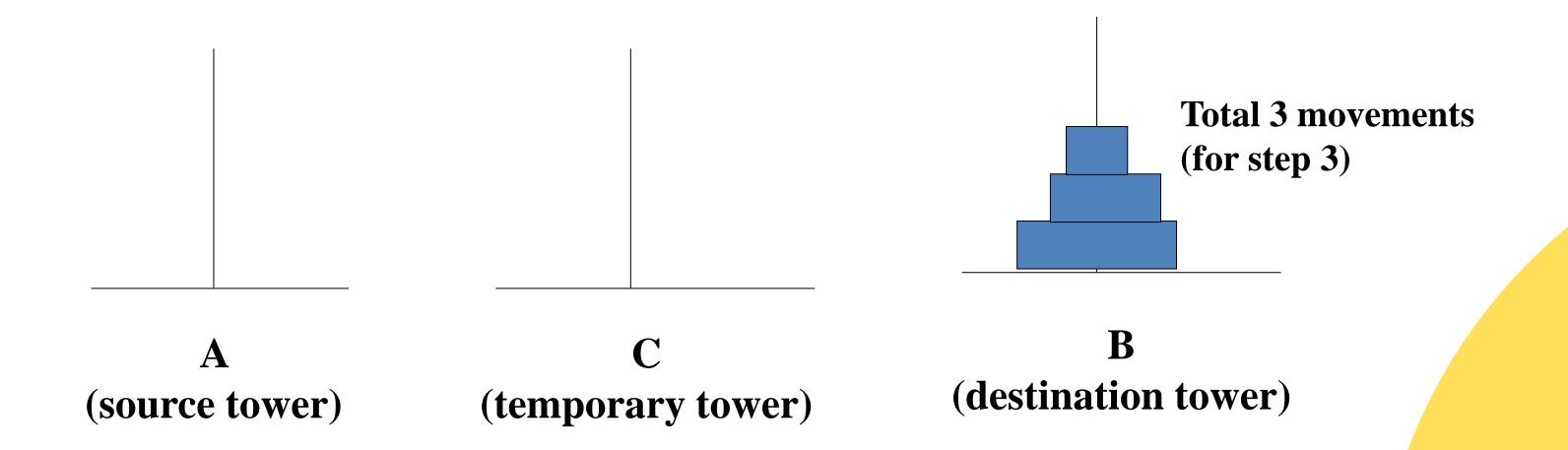


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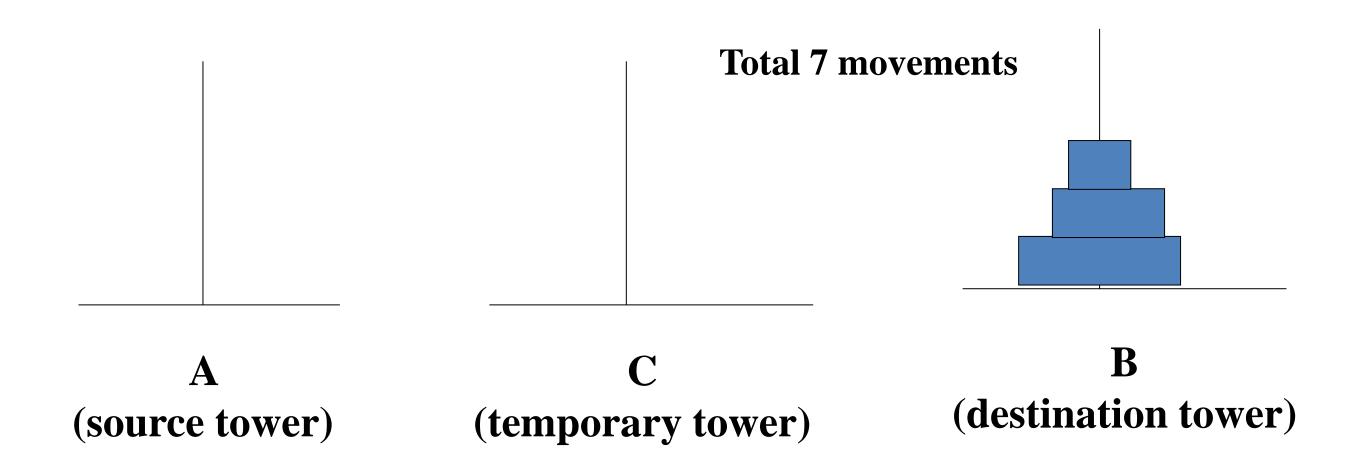




We have now completed moving n-1 disks from temp to destination using source tower.

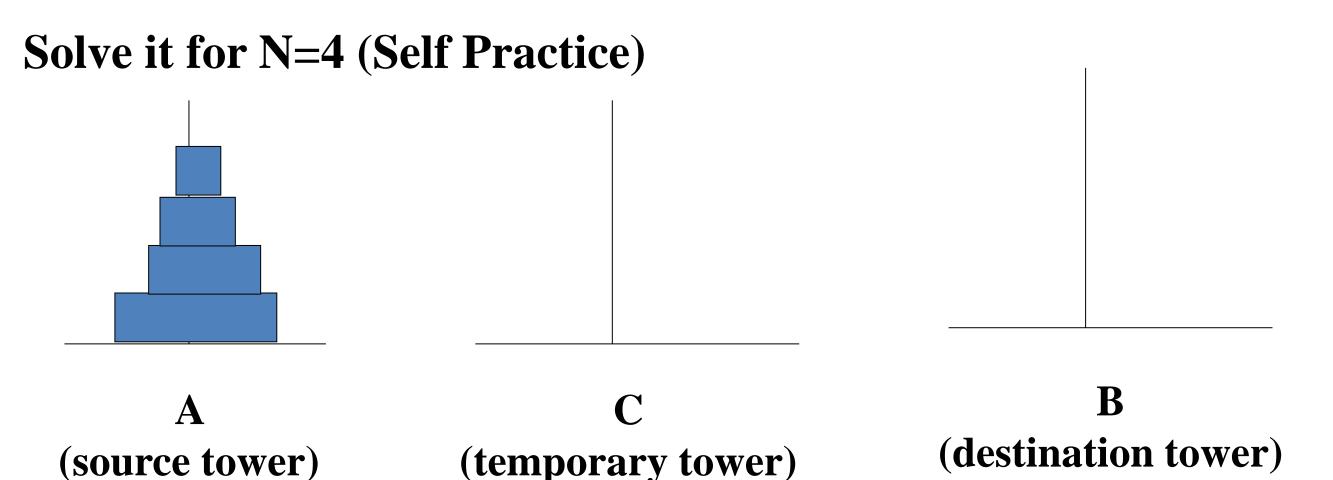
Total Movements = Step
$$1 + \text{Step } 2 + \text{Step } 3$$

 $3 + 1 + 3 = 7$





- In 3 major steps, we have solved the problem for n=3 disks.
- We can now solve the problem for any value of n.
- The 3 steps remain the same for any size problem





Although there are Three major steps, the number of actual operations

(movements) will depend on value of n.

- For n = 1, 1 step needed
- For n = 2, 1 + 1 + 1 (3 steps in 3 operations)
- For n = 3, 3 + 1 + 3 (3 steps in 7 operations)
- For n = 4, 7 + 1 + 7 (15 operations)

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Algorithm of Tower of Hanoi Problems (n Disks)



```
void Hanoi(n, a, b, c) /*a:source, b:destination, c:temp*/
   if (n == 1) /* base case */
     Move(a, b);
    else {
                        /* recursion */
     Hanoi( n-1, a, c, b); // a to c using b
     Move(a, b); // last disk a to b
     Hanoi( n-1, c, b, a); // c to b using a
```

Visualize it (Self Practice)

Explore Sorting Algorithms

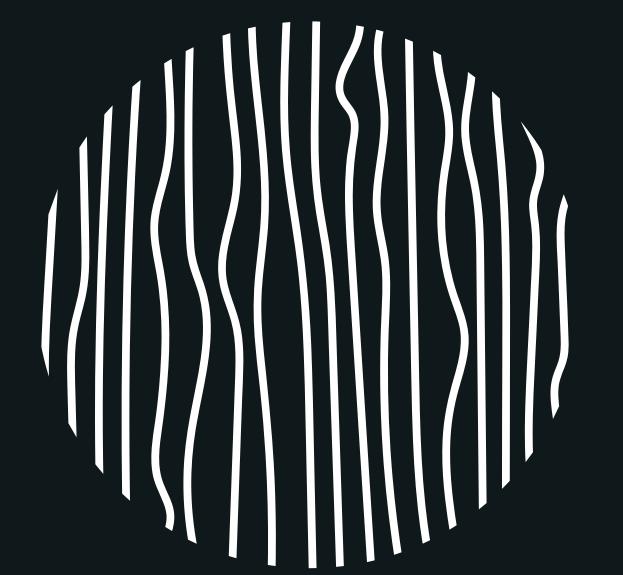


Explore the Sorting Algorithms

- Stable and In-Place Sorting Algorithms
- Bubble
- Selection
- Insertion Sort
- Merge Sort







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