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# C Programming Basic Recursion

## **Content**

- Recursion
- Recursion with memorization
- Backtracking



- Recursive function
  - Call itself (with smaller input parameters)
  - Base case
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```
Recursive Functions

int recursion (x)

{
Base case if (x==0) | Function being called again by itself

return;

recursion (x-1);
}
```



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```
    f(n) = 1 + 2 + ... + n
    Other form
    f(n) = 1, if n = 1
        f(n-1) + n, if n > 1
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int n){
    if(n == 1) return 1;
    return n + f(n-1);
}
int main(){
    printf("%d\n",f(4));
}
```

• Fibonacci sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, ...

```
f(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0 \text{ or } n = 1 \\ f(n-1) + f(n-2), & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}
```

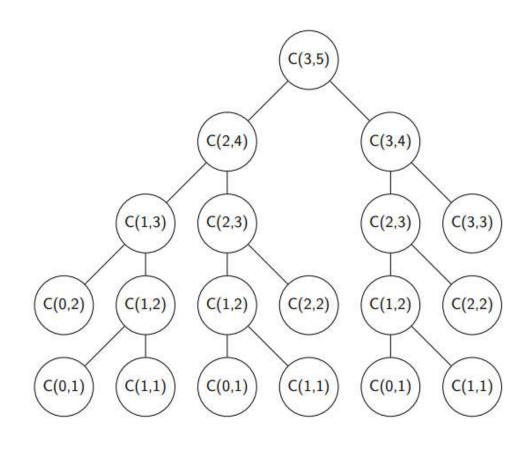
```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int n){
    if(n <= 1) return 1;
    return f(n-1) + f(n-2);
}
int main(){
    for(int i = 0; i <= 10; i++)
        printf("%d ",f(i));
}</pre>
```

How many ways to select k objects from n given objects

```
#include <stdio.h>
int C(int k, int n){
    if(k == 0 || k == n) return 1;
    return C(k,n-1) + C(k-1,n-1);
}
int main(){
    printf("%d ",C(3,5));
}
```



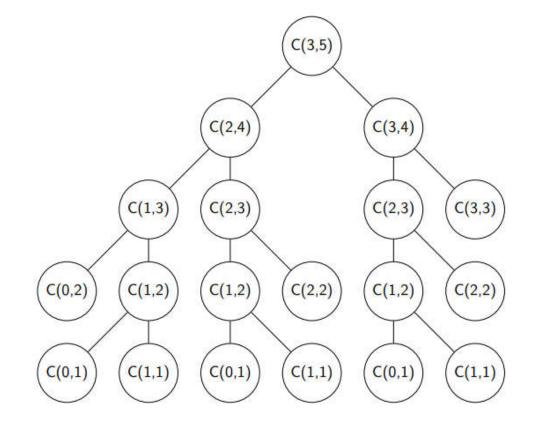
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$$C(k,n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } k = 0 \text{ or } k = n \\ C(k,n-1) + f(k-1,n-1), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Redundant computation
  - A function (with the same parameters) is called several times)





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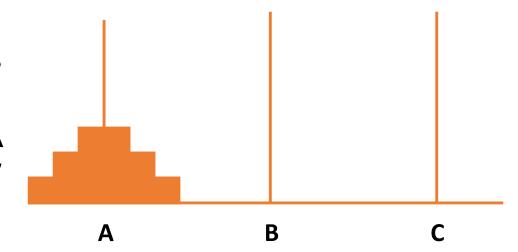
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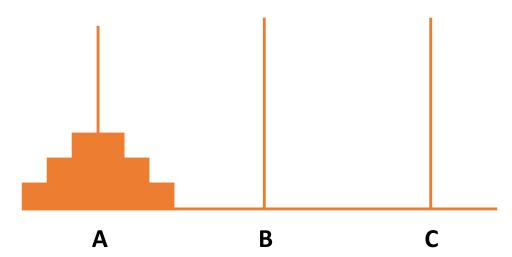
```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 100
int M[MAX][MAX];// M[k][n] store the value of
                // C(k,n)
int C(int k,int n){
    if(k == 0 | | k == n) M[k][n] = 1;
    else if(M[k][n] == 0)
      M[k][n] = C(k,n-1) + C(k-1,n-1);
    return M[k][n];
int main(){
    memset(M,0,sizeof(M));
    printf("%d ",C(3,5));
```



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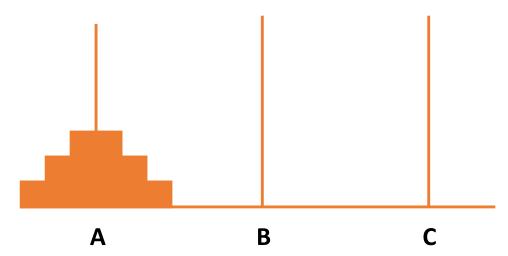


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B1: A →	В			
B2: A →	C			
B3: B →	C			
B4: A →	В			
B5: C →	Α			
B6: C →	В			
B7: A →	В			



```
#include <stdio.h>
int cnt = 0;
void move(int n, char A, char B, char C){
    if(n == 1) {
        cnt++;
        printf("Step %d: Move a disk from %c to %c\n",cnt,A,B);
    }else{
        move (n-1,A,C,B);
        move (1, A, B, C);
        move (n-1,C,B,A);
int main(){
    move(3,'A','B','C');
}
```



- Solve combinatorial configuration generation or optimization problems
- $A = \{(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) \mid x_i \in A_i, \forall i = 1, \ldots, n\}$
- Generate all x∈ A satisfying a constraint P
- Procedure TRY(k):
  - Try all value v that can be assigned to  $x_k$  without violating the constraint P
  - For each feasible value v:
    - Assign v to  $x_k$
    - If k < n: call recursively TRY(k+1) to try values for x<sub>k+1</sub>
    - If k = n: get a solution



```
TRY(k)
  Begin
    Foreach \nu of A_k
     if check(v,k) /* check if v is feasible */
       Begin
         X_k = V;
         [may be: update incremental data structure D]
         if(k = n) solution();
         else TRY(k+1);
         [may be: recover D when backtracking]
       End
  End
Main()
Begin
  TRY(1);
End
```



Generate all binary sequences of length n



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```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 100
int n;
int x[N];
void solution(){
    for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
       printf("%d ",x[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
int check(int v, int k){
    return 1;
```

```
void Try(int k){
    for(int v = 0; v <= 1; v++){
        if(check(v,k)){
            x[k] = v;
            if(k == n) solution();
            else Try(k+1);
    }
int main(){
    n = 3;
    Try(1);
}
```

 Generate all binary sequences of length n containing no 2 consecutive bits 1

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 100
int n;
int x[N];
void solution(){
    for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
       printf("%d ",x[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
int check(int v, int k){
    if (k == 1) return 1;
    return x[k-1] + v <= 1;
```

```
void Try(int k){
    for(int v = 0; v <= 1; v++){
        if(check(v,k)){
            x[k] = v;
            if(k == n) solution();
            else Try(k+1);
    }
int main(){
    n = 3;
    Try(1);
}
```



Generate all permutations of length n



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```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10
int n;
int x[N];
int mark[N];
void solution(){
    for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
        printf("%d ",x[i]);
    printf("\n");
```

```
void Try(int k){
   for(int v = 1; v <= n; v++){
        if(!mark[v]){// v has not been used
           x[k] = v;
            mark[v] = 1;// update mark
            if(k == n) solution();
            else Try(k+1);
            mark[v] = 0 ;// recover
int main(){
   n = 3; memset(mark,0,sizeof(mark));
   Try(1);
```

## Backtracking: N-queen

- Place n queens on a chess board such that no two queens attack to each other
- Modelling
  - x[1, ..., n] where x[i] is the row of the queen on column i, for i = 1, ..., n
  - Constraint P
    - $x[i] \neq x[j], 1 \le i < j \le n$
    - $x[i] + i \neq x[j] + j$ ,  $1 \le i < j \le n$
    - $x[i] i \neq x[j] j$ ,  $1 \le i < j \le n$

	1	2	3	4
1		X		
2				X
3	X			
4			Х	

## **Backtracking: N-queen**

```
int check(int v, int k) {
    // kiểm tra xem v có thể gán được
    // cho x[k] không
    for(int i = 1; i <= k-1; i++) {
        if(x[i] == v) return 0;
        if(x[i] + i == v + k) return 0;
        if(x[i] - i == v - k) return 0;
    }
    return 1;
}</pre>
```

```
void TRY(int k) {
  for(int v = 1; v <= n; v++) {
    if(check(v,k)) {
      x[k] = v;
      if(k == n) printSolution();
      else TRY(k+1);
void main() {
    TRY(1);
```

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- Maintain T which is the sum of values of instantiated variables
- Function TRY(k)
  - Variables x<sub>1</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>, ..., x<sub>k-1</sub> are instantiated (has values)
  - $T = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{k-1}$
  - $x_{k+1} + x_{k+2} + ... + x_n \ge n-k$
  - $\rightarrow 1 \le x_k \le M T (n k)$

• Generate all solutions to the positive integer linear equation:  $x_1 + x_2 + ... + x_n = M$ 

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define N 100
int n,M,T;
int x[N];
void solution(){
    for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
        printf("%d ",x[i]);
    printf("\n");
}
int check(int v, int k){
    if(k == n) return T + v == M;
    return 1;
}
```

```
void Try(int k){
    for(int v = 1; v \leftarrow M - T - (n-k); v++){
        if(check(v,k)){
            x[k] = v;
            T += v;
             if(k == n) solution();
            else Try(k+1);
            T -= v;
int main(){
    n = 3; M = 5; T = 0;
    Try(1);
```





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## Thank you for your attentions!

