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## Experiment # 2

### Implementing Tower of Hanoi Problem

#### Objective

To understand and implement the Tower of Hanoi Problem.

#### Software Tool

1. Operating System, Window 10
2. Sublime text, Version 3.0
3. Python

## 1 Theory

The Tower of Hanoi is a mathematical game or puzzle. It consists of three rods, and a number of disks of different sizes which can slide onto any rod. The puzzle starts with the disks in a neat stack in ascending order of size on one rod, the smallest at the top, thus making a conical shape.

The objective of the puzzle is to move the entire stack to another rod, obeying the following simple rules:

1. Only one disk can be moved at a time.
2. Each move consists of taking the upper disk from one of the stacks and placing it on top of another stack i.e. a disk can only be moved if it is the uppermost disk on a stack.
3. No disk may be placed on top of a smaller disk.

With three disks, the puzzle can be solved in seven moves. The minimum number of moves required to solve a Tower of Hanoi puzzle is  $2^n - 1$ , where  $n$  is the number of disks.

```
('moving disk from', 'A', 'to', 'B')
('moving disk from', 'A', 'to', 'C')
('moving disk from', 'B', 'to', 'C')
('moving disk from', 'A', 'to', 'B')
('moving disk from', 'C', 'to', 'A')
('moving disk from', 'C', 'to', 'B')
('moving disk from', 'A', 'to', 'B')
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```

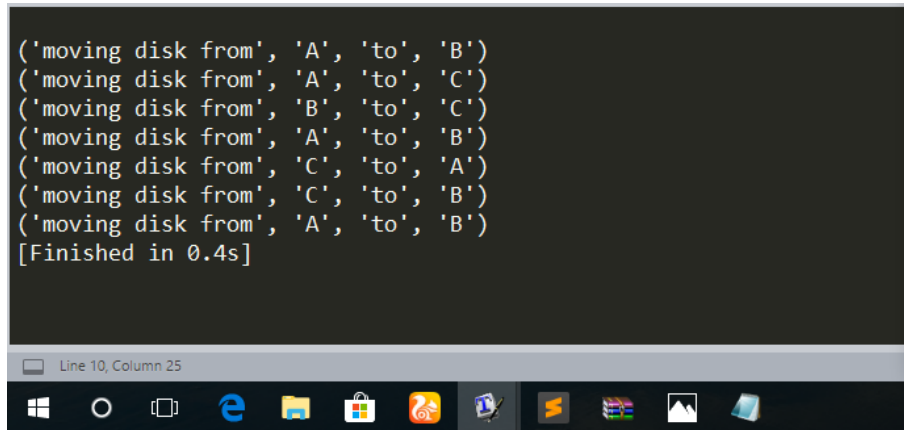


Figure 1: Time Independent Feature Set

## 2 Task

### 2.1 Procedure: Task 1

The minimum number of moves required to solve a Tower of Hanoi puzzle is  $2n - 1$ , where  $n$  is the number of disks.

```
def moveTower(height , fromPole , toPole , withPole):
    if height >= 1:
        moveTower(height - 1, fromPole , withPole , toPole)
        moveDisk(fromPole , toPole)
        moveTower(height - 1, withPole , toPole , fromPole)

def moveDisk(fp , tp):
    print("moving disk from" , fp , "to" , tp)

moveTower(3 , "A" , "B" , "C")
```

## 3 Conclusion

Thus we have successfully implemented a program to solve the Tower of Hanoi puzzle is  $2n-1$ , where  $n$  is the number of disks.