

homework 2

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1) Solution,

$$(N, M) = (13, 5)$$

$$answer = 39$$

$$(N, M) = (13, 7)$$

$$answer = 37$$

$$(N, M) = (19, 5)$$

$$answer = 73$$

$$(N, M) = (19, 7)$$

$$answer = 59$$

$$(N, M) = (23, 5)$$

$$answer = 101$$

$$(N, M) = (23, 7)$$

$$answer = 75$$

2) The minimum amount of Hanoi problem is $T_n = 2^n - 1$, and I think sub-minimum answer $T'_n = T_n - 1$ is correct. I will give a possible way to implemnet it. Now we have 3 pegs (p_1, p_2, p_3) , in the minimum solution, the last step is to move the smallest disk to p_3 , instead of this step, we can move the last disk to another empty peg, then move the last disk to p_3 .

3) if break Lucas rule once

Disks	Break	No breaks
1	1	1
2	3	3
3	5	7
4	9	15
5	17	31
...

if break Lucas rule once, the answer is $2^{n-1} + 1$.

Suppose we have 3 pegs (p_1, p_2, p_3) , firstly, move $n - 2$ disks to p_2 , using $2^{n-2} - 1$ steps. Secondly, move the topest disk on p_1 to p_2 (breaking Lucas rule). then, move the last disk to p_3 and move the topest disk on p_2 to p_3 , using 3 steps. Finally, move all the disks on p_2 to p_3 , using $2^{n-2} - 1$ steps. Totally, we'll use

$$(2^{n-2} - 1) \times 2 + 3 = 2^{n-1} + 1$$

steps.