# 2. Recursion

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## Introduction

- Approach to repetitive algorithms
  - Iteration (loop)
    - Intuitive
  - Recursion (function call to itself)
    - Less intuitive
    - Suitable for problem breaking-down
      - □ Divide-and-conquer
    - Many algorithms are drastically simplified by recursion

## What is Recursion?

Recursion: a method (function) calling itself.

- Recursive definition
  - Recursion:

see Recursion

# Factorial - A Case Study

Iterative definition of factorial

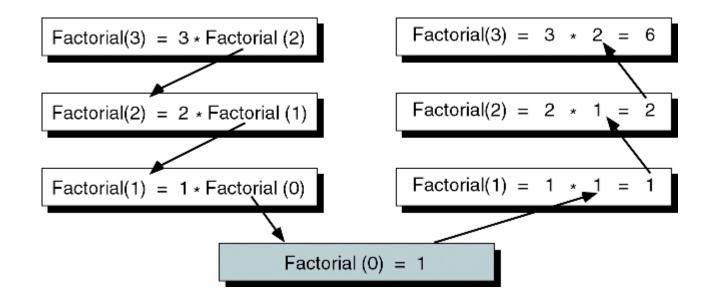
Factorial 
$$(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n \times (n-1) \times (n-2) \times ... \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 & \text{if } n > 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recursive definition of factorial

Factorial 
$$(n) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n \times (\text{Factorial } (n-1)) & \text{if } n > 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

## Factorial - A Case Study

#### Factorial of 3 (by recursion)



## Iterative Algorithm of Factorial

```
Algorithm iterativeFactorial (n)
Calculates the factorial of a number using a loop.
   Pre n is the number to be raised factorially
   Post n! is returned
1 set i to 1
2 set factN to 1
3 loop (i <= n)
   1 set factN to factN * i
   2 increment i
4 end loop
5 return factN
end iterativeFactorial</pre>
```

## Recursive Algorithm of Factorial

```
Factorial (n) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n \times (\text{Factorial } (n-1)) & \text{if } n > 0 \end{bmatrix}
```

```
Algorithm recursiveFactorial (n)

Calculates factorial of a number using recursion.

Pre n is the number being raised factorially

Post n! is returned

1 if (n equals 0)

1 return 1

2 else

1 return (n * recursiveFactorial (n - 1))

3 end if
end recursiveFactorial
```

## Trace of Recursion

```
program factorial
1 factN = recursiveFactorial(3)-
 2 print (factN) ▲
end factorial
       Algorithm decursiveFactorial (n)
       1 if (n equals 0)
             1 return 1
       2 else
            1 return (n x recursiveFactorial (n - 1))
       3 end if
       end recursiveFactorial
           Algorithm recursiveFactorial (n')
           1 if (n equals 0)
                 1 return 1
            2 else
                1 return (n x recursiveFactorial (n - 1))
           3 end if
            end recursiveFactorial
                Algorithm recursiveFactorial (n)
                1 if (n equals 0)
                     1 return 1
                2 else
                     1 return (n x recursiveFactorial (n - 1))
                3 end if
                end recursiveFactorial
                    Algorithm recursiveFa¢torial (n)
                    1 if (n equals 0)
                         1 return 1 —
                    2 else
                          1 return (n x recursiveFactorial (n - 1))
                    3 end if
                     end recursiveFactorial
```

## Local Variables in Recursion

When recursiveFactorial(3) calls recursiveFactorial(2), are local variables of the former occupy the same memory with the local variables of the latter?

Note! parameter ⊂ local variable

```
Algorithm recursiveFactorial (n)

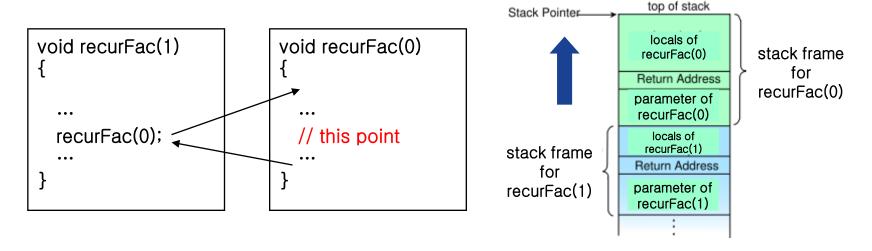
1 if (n equals 0)
1 return 1
2 else
1 return (n x recursiveFactorial (n - 1))
3 end if
end recursiveFactorial

Algorithm recursiveFactorial (n)
1 if (n equals 0)
1 return 1
2 else
1 return (n x recursiveFactorial (n - 1))
3 end if
end recursiveFactorial
```

#### Stack Frame of Recursion

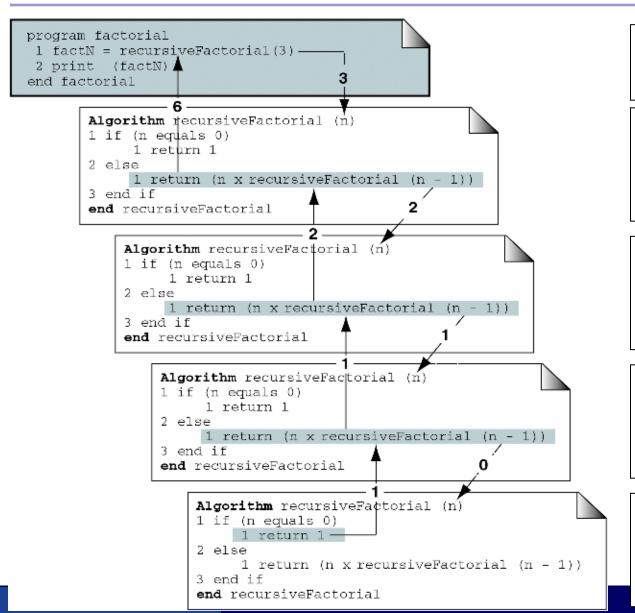
- Function call is implemented using a special type of memory, called stack
  - Stack stores parameters, return address, local variables, ...

Ex) recursiveFactorial(1) calls recursiveFactorial(0)



 An area of stack for a function call is called stack frame or activation record

## Stack Frame of Recursion



frame for factorial

frame for recursiveFactorial(3) (return addr, argument, local var, ...)

frame for recursiveFactorial(2) (return addr, argument, local var, ...)

frame for recursiveFactorial(1) (return addr, argument, local var, …)

frame for recursiveFactorial(0) (return addr, argument, local var, …)

## Properties of Recursion

#### Recursion is effective for

- Problems that are naturally recursive
  - □ Binary search (chap. 13)
- Algorithms that use a data structure naturally recursive
  - □ Tree (chap, 6)

#### Problems of recursion

- Function call overhead
  - Time
  - Stack memory

#### Limitations of Recursion

You should not use recursion if the answer to any of the following question is no:

- Is the algorithm or data structure naturally suited to recursion?
- Is the recursive solution shorter and more understandable?
- Does the recursive solution run within acceptable time and space limits?

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## **Greatest Common Divisor**

GCD design (Euclidean algorithm)

$$gcd(a, b) = a$$
 if  $b = 0$   
=  $b$  if  $a = 0$   
=  $gcd(b, a % b)$  otherwise

■ 78696과 19332의 최대공약수를 구하면,

```
78696 = 19332 \times 4 + 1368

19332 = 1368 \times 14 + 180

1368 = 180 \times 7 + 108

180 = 108 \times 1 + 72

108 = 72 \times 1 + 36

72 = 36 \times 2
```

## ALGORITHM 2-4 Euclidean Algorithm for Greatest Common Divisor

```
Algorithm gcd (a, b)
Calculates greatest common divisor using the Euclidean algo-
rithm.
  Pre a and b are positive integers greater than 0
  Post greatest common divisor returned
1 if (b equals 0)
  1 return a
2 end if
3 if (a equals 0)
  2 return b
4 end if
5 return gcd (b, a mod b)
end gcd
```

## PROGRAM 2-1 GCD Driver

```
/* This program determines the greatest common divisor
of two numbers.
Written by:
Date:

*/
finclude <stdio.h>
```

continued

# PROGRAM 2-1 GCD Driver (continued)

```
#include <ctype.h>
 8
9
    // Prototype Statements
10
    int gcd (int a, int b);
11
12
    int main (void)
13
14
    // Local Declarations
15
       int gcdResult;
16
17
    // Statements
       printf("Test GCD Algorithm\n");
18
19
20
       gcdResult = gcd (10, 25);
21
       printf("GCD of 10 & 25 is %d", gcdResult);
22
       printf("\nEnd of Test\n");
23
       return 0;
    } // main
24
```

# PROGRAM 2-1 GCD Driver (continued)

```
/* ========= gcd ===========
25
26
       Calculates greatest common divisor using the
27
      Euclidean algorithm.
28
          Pre a and b are positive integers greater than 0
         Post greatest common divisor returned
29
30
    */
31
    int gcd (int a, int b)
32
    {
33
      // Statements
34 l
      if (b == 0)
35
          return a;
36 l
      if (a == 0)
37
          return b;
38
       return gcd (b, a % b);
39
    } // gcd
```

#### Results:

```
Test GCD Algorithm
GCD of 10 & 25 is 5
End of Test
```

Fibonacci numbers: each number is the sum of previous two numbers

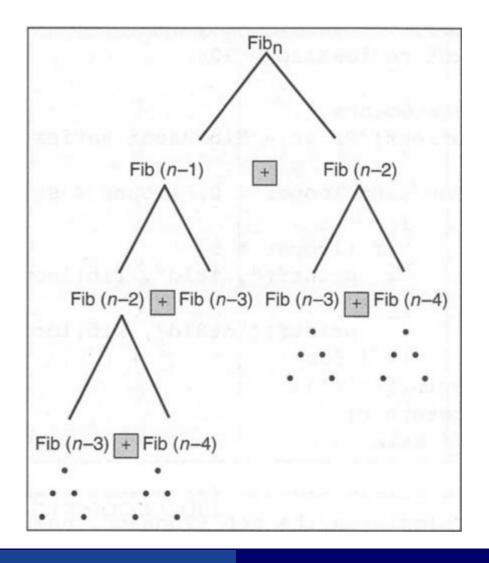
Recursive design

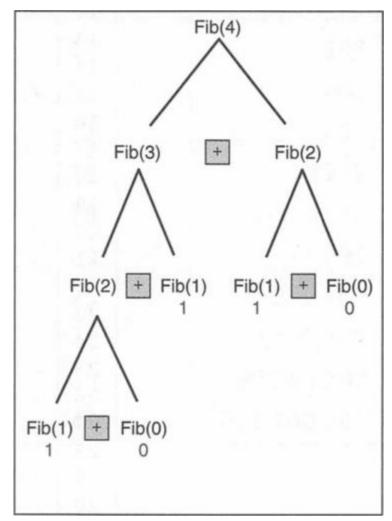
```
Fibonacci(n) = 0 if n = 0
= 1 if n = 1
= Fibonacci(n-1) + Fibonacci(n-2)
```

#### Recursive algorithm

```
long fib (long num)
{
    // Base Case
    if (num == 0 || num == 1)
        return num;

    // General Case
    return (fib (num - 1) + fib (num - 2));
} // fib
```





# of function calls to calculate Fibonacci numbers

fib(n)	Calls	fib(n)	Calls
1	1	11	287
2	3	12	465
3	5	13	<i>7</i> 53
4	9	14	1219
5	15	15	1973
6	25	20	21,891
7	41	25	242,785
8	67	30	2,692,573
9	109	35	29,860,703
10	1 <i>77</i>	40	331,160,281

## PROGRAM 2-2 Recursive Fibonacci Series

```
/* This program prints out a Fibonacci series.
          Written by:
          Date:
 5
    #include <stdio.h>
    // Prototype Statements
8
       long fib (long num);
10
    int main (void)
11
12
    // Local Declarations
13
       int seriesSize = 10;
14
15
    // Statements
       printf("Print a Fibonacci series.\n");
16
17
```

## PROGRAM 2-2 Recursive Fibonacci Series (Continued)

```
18
       for (int looper = 0; looper < seriesSize; looper++)
19
20
            if (looper % 5)
21
               printf(", %8ld", fib(looper));
22
            else
23
               printf("\n%8ld", fib(looper));
24
           } // for
25
       printf("\n");
26
       return 0;
27
    } // main
28
29
    /* ========= fib ===========
30
       Calculates the nth Fibonacci number
31
          Pre num identifies Fibonacci number
32
          Post returns nth Fibonacci number
33
    */
34
    long fib (long num)
35
36
    // Statements
37
       if (num == 0 | num == 1)
```

# PROGRAM 2-2 Recursive Fibonacci Series (continued)

```
38
        // Base Case
39
        return num;
40
   return (fib (num -1) + fib (num -2));
   } // fib
Results:
Print a Fibonacci series.
      0, 1, 1, 2,
5, 8, 13, 21,
```

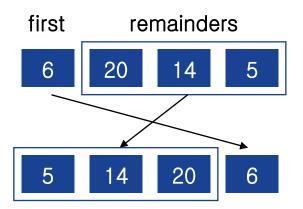
# Reverse Keyboard Input

#### Goal

- Input: sequence of input (terminates by EOF)Ex) 6 20 14 5
- Output: print in reverseEx) 5 14 20 6

#### Algorithm design

- General case
  - 1. Read a data
  - 2. Reverse remainders (sub-problem)
  - 3. Print a data
- Base case: last input? EOF
  - □ If input is EOF, do nothing

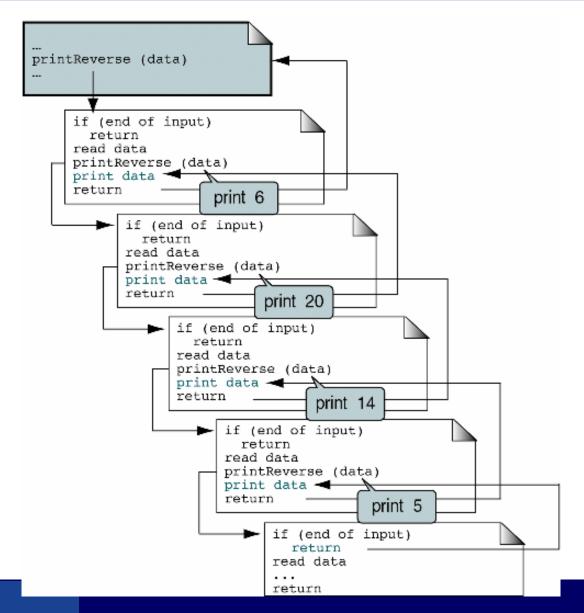


## Reverse Keyboard Input

#### Algorithm

```
void printReverse()
Algorithm printReverse (data)
Print keyboard data in reverse.
                                                 int v = 0, ret = 0;
  Pre nothing
  Post data printed in reverse
                                                 ret = scanf(" %d", &v);
1 if (end of input)
                                                 if(ret != 1){
      return
2 end if
                                                   // base case
3 read data
                                                   return:
4 printReverse (data)
                                                 } else {
Have reached end of input: print nodes
                                                   // general case
5 print data
                                                   printReverse();
6 return
                                                   printf("%d", v);
end printReverse
```

# Reverse Keyboard Input



# Analysis of Reverse Keyboard Input

- Is the algorithm or data structure naturally suited to recursion?
  - List is not a naturally recursive structure
  - Its is not logarithmic algorithm
- Is the recursive solution shorter and more understandable?
- Does the recursive solution run within acceptable time and space limits?
  - O(n)

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## Designing Recursive Algorithms

- Every recursive algorithm has two elements
  - Solve a primitive problem
- → non-recursive solution

- □ Base case
- Reduce the size of problem → recursion
  - □ General case

```
Algorithm recursiveFactorial (n)
Calculates factorial of a number using recursion.
         n is the number being raised factorially
  Post n! is returned
1 if (n equals 0)
  1 return 1
2 else
     return (n * recursiveFactorial (n - 1))
3 end if
end recursiveFactorial
```

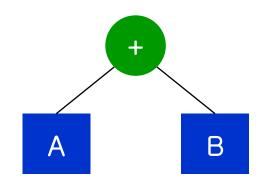
## Design Methodology

- Rules for designing a recursive algorithm
  - 1. Determine base case
    - □ Non-recursive solution of primitive case such as n = 0, 1
  - 2. Determine general case
    - Break down the problem into sub-problems which are the same, but smaller than original
    - Assume sub-problems are already solved
       Ex) To calculate factorial(n), assume factorial(n-1), factorial(n-2),
       ..., factorial(0) are solved
  - 3. Combine base and general cases

## Prefix to Postfix Conversion

#### Arithmetic expressions

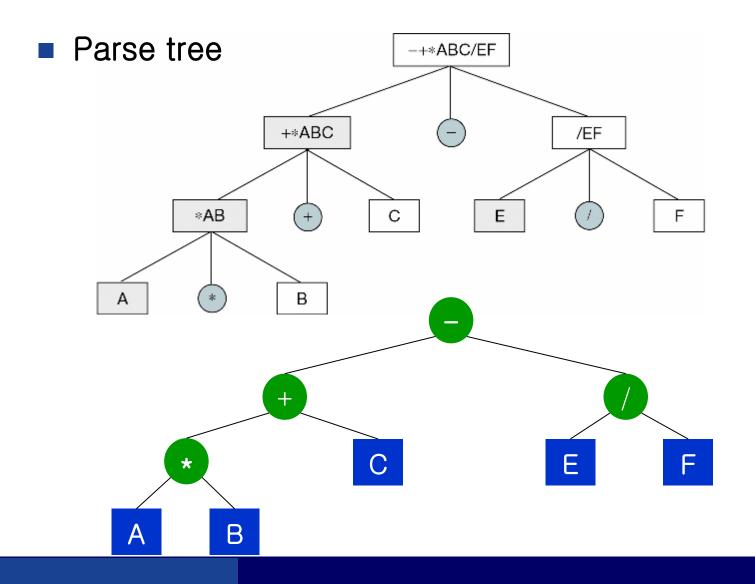
- Infix: operator comes between operands
  Ex) A+B
- Prefix: operator comes before operands
  Ex) +AB
- Postfix: operator comes after operands
  Ex) AB+



#### Prefix to postfix conversion

- +AB → AB+
- -+\*ABC/EF → ?

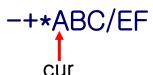
# Tree Representation of -+\*ABC/EF



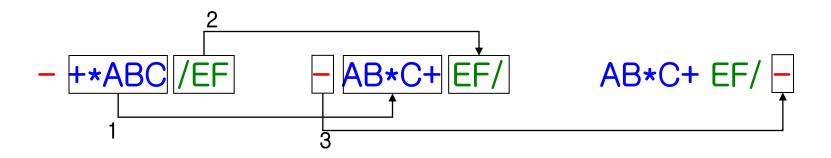
## Prefix to Postfix Conversion

#### Algorithm design

- Base case: terminal node
  - Current element is not an operator
  - → Just return current token



- General case: non-terminal node (operator)
  - Current element is an operator
  - → 1. Convert left operand
    - 2. Convert right operand
    - 3. Concatenate converted operands and operator



#### ALGORITHM 2-5 Convert Prefix Expression to Postfix

```
Algorithm preToPostFix (preFixIn, postFix)
Convert a preFix string to a postFix string.
  Pre preFix is a valid preFixIn expression
        postFix is reference for converted expression
  Post postFix contains converted expression
1 if (length of preFixIn is 1)
     Base case: one character string is an operand
  1 set postFix to preFixIn
  2 return
2 end if
  If not an operand, must be an operator
3 set operator to first character of preFixIn
  Find first expression
4 set lengthOfExpr to findExprLen (preFixIn less first char)
5 set temp to substring(preFixIn[2, lengthOfExpr])
6 preToPostFix (temp, postFix1)
  Find second postFix expression
7 set temp to prefixIn[lengthOfExpr + 1, end of string]
8 preToPostFix (temp, postFix2)
  Concatenate postfix expressions and operator
9 set postFix to postFix1 + postFix2 + operator
10 return
end preToPostFix
```

### ALGORITHM 2-6 Find Length of Prefix Expression

```
Algorithm findExprLen (exprIn)
Recursively determine the length of a prefix expression.
   Pre exprIn is a valid prefix expression
   Post length of expression returned
1 if (first character is operator)
  General Case: First character is operator
  Find length of first prefix expression
  1 set len1 to findExprLen (exprIn + 1)
  2 set len2 to findExprLen (exprIn + 1 + len2)
2 else
  Base case--first char is operand
  1 set len1 and len2 to 0
3 end if
4 return len1 + len2 + 1
end findExprLen
```



```
/* Convert prefix to postfix expression.
          Written by:
          Date:
    */
    #include <stdio.h>
    #include <string.h>
    #define OPERATORS "+-*/"
10
    // Prototype Declarations
11
    void preToPostFix (char* preFixIn, char* exprOut);
12
    int findExprLen (char* exprIn);
13
14
    int main (void)
15
```

continued

```
// Local Definitions
16
       char preFixExpr[256] = "-+*ABC/EF";
17
18
       char postFixExpr[256] = "";
19
20
    // Statements
21
       printf("Begin prefix to postfix conversion\n\n");
22
23
       preToPostFix (preFixExpr, postFixExpr);
       printf("Prefix expr: %-s\n", preFixExpr);
24
       printf("Postfix expr: %-s\n", postFixExpr);
25
26
27
       printf("\nEnd prefix to postfix conversion\n");
28
       return 0;
29
    } // main
30
```

```
31
              ======== preToPostFix ========
32
       Convert prefix expression to postfix format.
33
               preFixIn is string prefix expression
          Pre
34
               expression can contain no errors/spaces
               postFix is string variable for postfix
35
          Post expression has been converted
36
37
    */
38
    void preToPostFix (char* preFixIn, char* postFix)
39
40
    // Local Definitions
41
       char operator [2];
       char postFix1[256];
42
43
       char postFix2[256];
      char temp
44
                     [256];
45
       int
             lenPreFix;
46
```

```
47
    // Statements
48
       if (strlen(preFixIn) == 1)
49
50
           *postFix = *preFixIn;
51
           *(postFix + 1) = ' \setminus 0';
52
           return;
53
          } // if only operand
54
55
       *operator = *preFixIn;
56
       *(operator + 1) = '\0';
57
58
       // Find first expression
59
       lenPreFix = findExprLen (preFixIn + 1);
60
       strncpy (temp, preFixIn + 1, lenPreFix);
       *(temp + lenPreFix) = '\0';
61
62
       preToPostFix (temp, postFix1);
```

```
63
64
      // Find second expression
      strcpy (temp, preFixIn + 1 + lenPreFix);
65
      preToPostFix (temp, postFix2);
66
67
68
       // Concatenate to postFix
69
      strcpy (postFix, postFix1);
      strcat (postFix, postFix2);
70
71
       strcat (postFix, operator);
72
73
       return;
74
      // preToPostFix
75
```

```
=========== findExprLen ===
      Determine size of first substring in an expression.
         Pre exprIn contains prefix expression
78
79
         Post size of expression is returned
80
   int findExprLen (char* exprIn)
82
83
    // Local Definitions
84
      int len1;
85
      int len2;
```

```
87
    // Statements
 88
        if (strcspn (exprIn, OPERATORS) == 0)
 89
              // General Case: First character is operator
 90
              // Find length of first expression
 91
 92
              len1 = findExprLen(exprIn + 1);
 93
 94
              // Find length of second expression
 95
              len2 = findExprLen(exprIn + 1 + len1);
 96
            } // if
       else
 97
 98
              // Base case--first char is operand
 99
              len1 = len2 = 0;
100
       return len1 + len2 + 1;
101
     } // findExprLen
```

#### Results:

Begin prefix to postfix conversion

Prefix expr: -+\*ABC/EF Postfix expr: AB\*C+EF/-

End prefix to postfix conversion

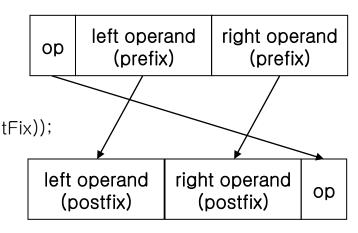
# 참고

- unsigned int strcspn(const char\* string, const char\* strCharSet)
  - string은 검색될 문자열, strCharSet은 검색할 문자들의 집합(문자열?)
  - 문자집합 중 하나의 문자라도 일치하면 위치를 반환하고, 없으면 문자열의 길이를 반환한다
- char \* strncpy ( char \* destination, const char \* source, size\_t n );
  - Destination은 문자열을 복사할 버퍼, source는 복사할 원본 문자열, n은 복사할 문자 개수
  - 부분 문자열을 복사하는 함수
  - 반환 값: destionation

### Prefix to Postfix Conversion

#### Algorithm in C code

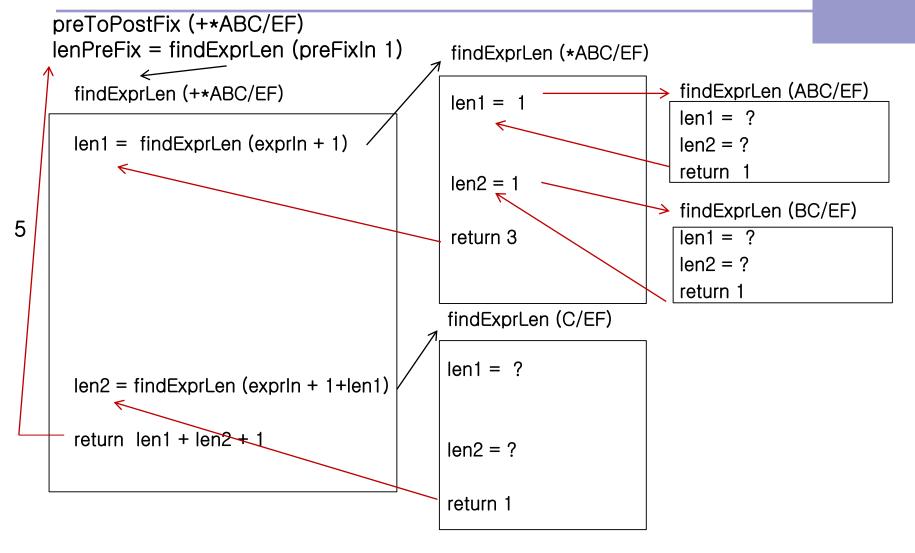
```
int preToPostFix (char* preFixIn, char* postFix)
// return value: length of converted expression
   char op[2];
                           // operator
   int p = 0;
   // base case
   if (strchr("+-*/", preFixIn[0]) == NULL){
      postFix[0] = preFixIn[0];
      postFix[1] = 'W0';
      return strlen(postFix);
   // general case
   op[0] = preFixIn[p++];
   op[1] = 'W0';
   p += preToPostFix(preFixIn + p, postFix);
   p += preToPostFix(preFixIn + p, postFix + strlen(postFix));
   strcat(postFix, op);
   // return length of current sub-expression
   return strlen(postFix);
   // preToPostFix
```



# 참고

- strchr(대상문자열, 검색할문자);
- char \*strchr(char \* const \_String, int const \_Ch)
  - 문자를 찾으면 문자로 시작하는 문자열의 포인터를 반환하고, 문자가 없으면 NULL을 반환
  - char\* ptr = strchr(s1, 'a'); 와 같이 문자열(s1)과 검색할 문자('a')를 넣어주면 해당 문자로 시작하는 문자열의 위치(포인터)를 반환

# Recursive Call Sequence



## Prefix to Postfix Conversion

#### Exercises

Draw call graph of preToPostFix by yourself

#### Input

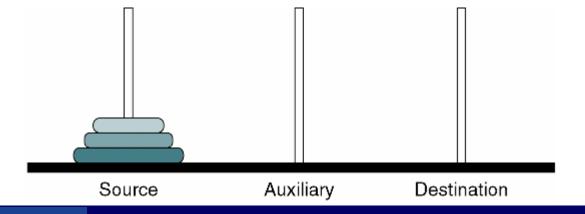
- Three towers (source, destination, auxiliary)
- n disks of different diameters placed on source tower in decreasing diameter

#### Problem

Move all disks from source tower to destination tower

#### Rules

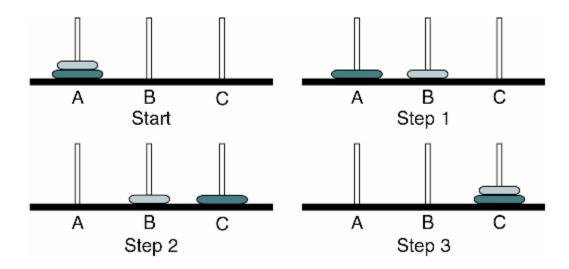
- Only one disk can be moved at any time
- No disk can be placed on top of a disk with a smaller diameter



- Algorithm design
  - Base case: only one disk to move
    - Just move it
  - General case: # of disk > 1
    - → How to break down the problem?

### Moving 2 disks

- 1. Move one disk from source to auxiliary
- 2. Move one disk from source to destination
- 3. Move one disk from auxiliary to destination



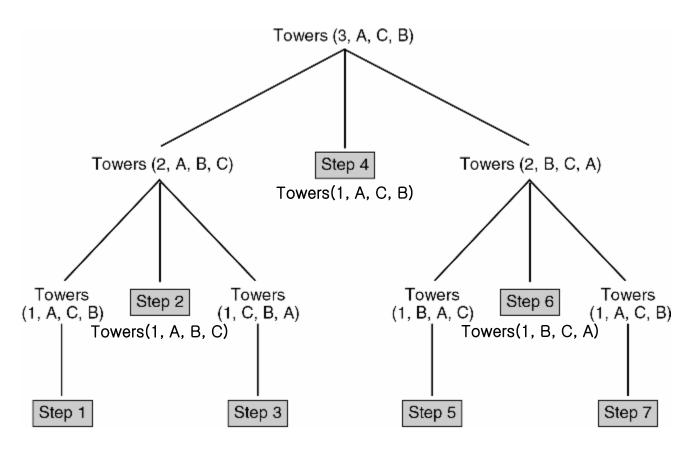
### Moving n disks

- 1. move n −1 disks from source to auxiliary
- 2. move 1 disk from source to destination

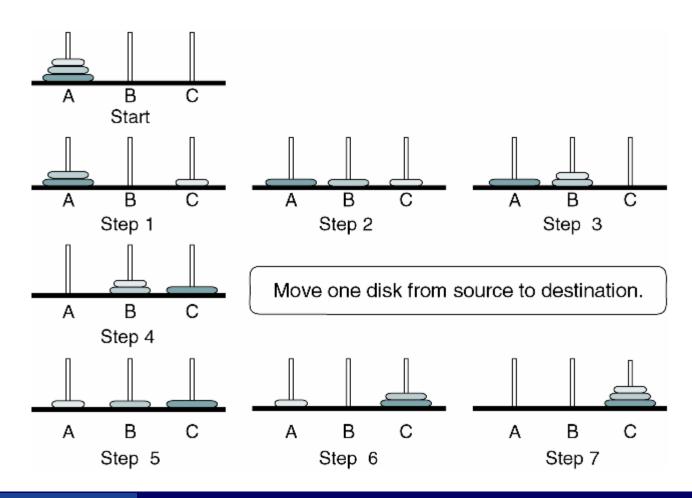
- → base case
- 3. move n −1 disks from auxiliary to destination

Ex) 
$$n = 3$$

### Moving 3 disks



### Moving 3 disks



#### Algorithm

```
Algorithm towers (numDisks, source, dest, auxiliary)
Recursively move disks from source to destination.

Pre numDisks is number of disks to be moved
source, destination, and auxiliary towers given
Post steps for moves printed

1 print("Towers: ", numDisks, source, dest, auxiliary)

2 if (numDisks is 1)
1 print ("Move from ", source, " to ", dest)

3 else
1 towers (numDisks - 1, source, auxiliary, dest, step)
2 print ("Move from " source " to " dest)
3 towers (numDisks - 1, auxiliary, dest, source, step)
4 end if
end towers
```

### Algorithm in C code

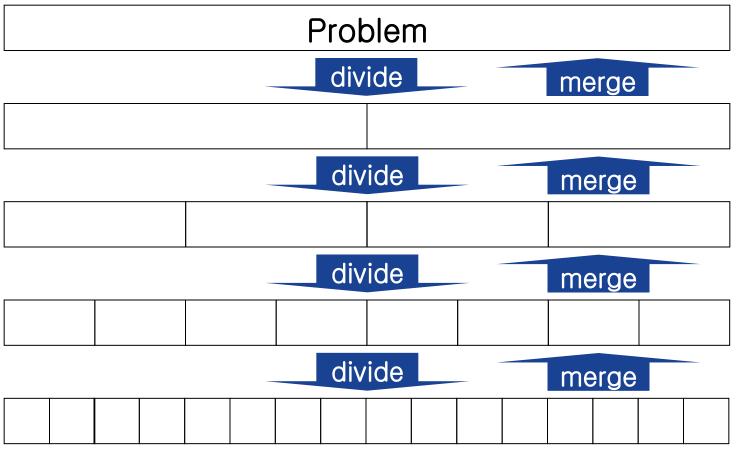
```
void towers (int n, char source, char dest, char auxiliary)
  if (n == 1) // base case
     printf("Move from %c to %c\u20fc\u20fc\u20fc\u20fc);
  else { // general case
     towers(n - 1, source, auxiliary, dest);
     towers(1, source, dest, auxiliary);
     towers(n - 1, auxiliary, dest, source);
  } // if else
} // towers
```

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# Recursion and Divide-and-Conquer

Divide-and-Conquer: a strategy to solve a problem



Conquer (solve)

# Divide and Conquer

#### Procedure

- 1. Divide problem into sub-problems with smaller size
- 2. If problem is small enough to solve directly, solve it without recursion
- 3. Merge sub-problems

## Frame of Recursion

- Divide and Conquer
  - Divide problem
  - Solve elementary problems through a trivial method
  - Merge solutions of subproblems

Typical recursive function

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  if(termination_condition){
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    return;
  // general case
  sub_problems = Divide(problem);
  RecurFunc(sub_problem1);
  RecurFunc(sub_problem2);
  RecurFunc(sub_problemN);
  solution = Merge(sub_solutions);
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# Example: Tower of Hanoi

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#### Tower of Hanoi