

Discrete Mathematics

Chapter 7: Advanced Counting Techniques

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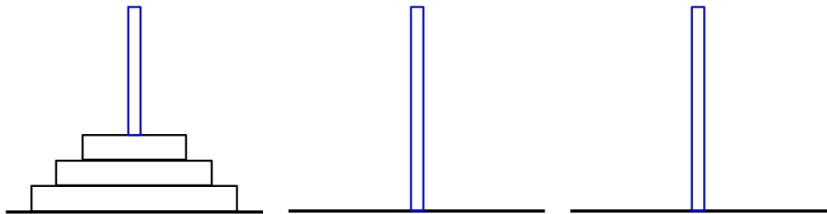
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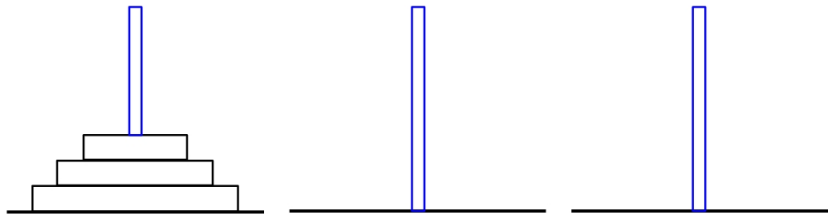
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Example 2. A young pair of rabbits (one of each sex) is placed on an island. A pair of rabbits does not breed until they are 2 month old. After they are 2 month old, each month they produce a pair. Find the recurrence relation for the number of pairs of rabbits after n months (that is, at the end of the n th month).

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64 disks are placed on the first of three pegs in order of size (as shown in the picture). A disk is allowed to move from one peg to another as long as a disk is never placed on a disk of smaller size. Find the least number of moves required to move all disks to another peg.

Example 3. How many bit strings of length 10 that do not have 2 consecutive 0s?

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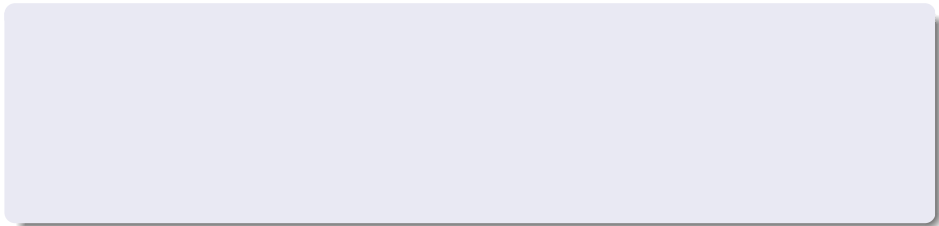
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Let f be an increasing function that satisfies

$$f(n) = af(n/b) + cn^d,$$

for all $n = b^k$, where k is a positive integer, $a \geq 1$ and $b > 1$ be positive integers, and c, d are positive real numbers. then

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d, \\ O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d, \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d. \end{cases}$$

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Using the Master Theorem we obtain $f(n) \approx O(n^{1.6})$.