

#### 4. RECURSION

- Disadvantages:
- Need more overhead space (extra space)
  - Recursion is function call overhead [many function calls are there in stack]
- Tail Recursive: A function is tail recursive when last thing to happen is function call → This is optimised by modern compiler (Take less time & auxiliary space)

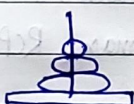
##  $n^{\text{th}}$  number in a fibonacci series

fibonacci Series: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...

→ Any number is actually sum of last 2 number in series

```
int fib (int n) {
    if (n <= 1)
        return 1;
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}
```

## Tower of hanoi



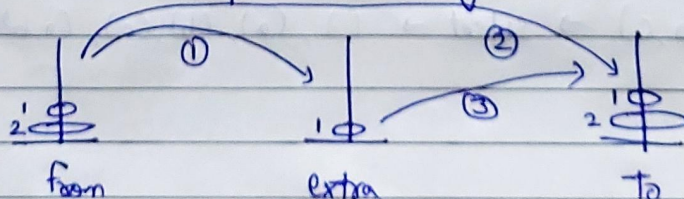
→ (this game)

to solve this problem,  
we can observe pattern as follow:

```
toh(n, from, to, extra) {
    toh(n-1, from, extra, to);
    cout << n << from << to;
    toh(n-1, extra, to, from);
}
```

if (n == 0)  
return 0;

to understand this problem, always take case  $n=2$



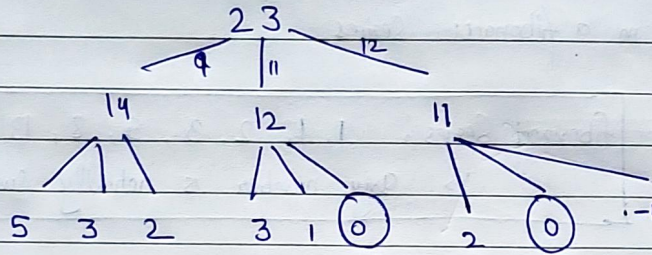
\*\*\* Total no. of movement =  $2^n - 1$

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## Rope Cutting problem: given a rope of length  $n$ , and possible cutting length  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ .  
find possible no of ways to cut the given rope completely

eg

 $n = 23$  $a = 9$  $b = 11$  $c = 12$ 

$\Rightarrow$  ans = 2

```
int RCP (int n, int a, int b, int c) {
```

```
    if (n < 0)
```

```
        return -1;
```

```
    if (n == 0)
```

```
        return 0;
```

```
    int ans = max(RCP(n-a, a, b, c), max(RCP(n-b, a, b, c),
```

```
        RCP(n-c, a, b, c)));
```

```
    if (ans == -1)
```

```
        return -1;
```

```
    return ans + 1;
```

```
}
```

## Subset / Subsequence generation

Total no of Subset =  $2^n$

$(a, b, c) \rightarrow \text{subset} \rightarrow (), (a), (b), (c), (a, b), (b, c), (a, c), (a, b, c)$

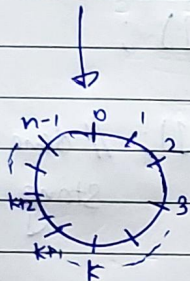


```

int subset (string str, string cur = ""; int i = 0) {
    if (i == str.length()) {
        cout << cur << endl;
        return 0;
    }
    subset (str, cur, i+1);
    subset (str, cur + str[i], i+1);
}

```

## Josephus problem  $\rightarrow$  given  $n$  people in circle, and a given  $k$ , eliminate every  $k^{\text{th}}$  each round.  
(starting index = 0)



```

int Jos (int n, int k) {
    if (n == 1)
        return 0;
    return [ Jos(n-1, k) + k ] % n;
}

```

TC:  $\Theta(n)$

$\rightarrow$  using bit magic pattern is like for every diff greater than power of 2  
(ans =  $2 * \text{diff} + 1$ )  
like  $n = 2^x + l$  then ans =  $2 * l + 1$

OR

TRICK:  $n \rightarrow$  binary take MSB and put it in LSB then ans = new no. like  
 $n = 41: 101001$  then MSB at 6<sup>th</sup> position so new no.  
after shift  $010011 = 19$  (in decimal) (ans)

$\downarrow$

To do this, we find MSB pos then make it like (10000) and do XOR  
then add an extra '0' in end ( $\ll 1$  use) and then add '1' (11)



## Permutation of a String [ total possible permutation =  $n!$  ]

eg abc  $\rightarrow$  { abc, acb, bac, bca, cab, cba }

```
int perm.( string str, int i=0 ) {
    if ( i == str.length() - 1 ) {
        cout << str << endl;
        return 0;
    }
```

```
    for ( int j = i; j < str.length(); j++ )
    {
```

```
        swap( str[i], str[j] );
```

```
        perm( str, i+1 );
```

```
        swap( str[i], str[j] ); // done to get original
                                string back
    }
```

```
}
```