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Question 1: How many disks can you handle with a timeout of 1 minute?

I can handle 5 disks.

In fact, using the command: telingo hanoi.lp towers03.lp

We can see that for 6 disks it takes a time of 109 seconds equals approximately 1 min e 49 seconds so the maximum of disks it can handle with a timeout of 1 minute is 5.

Question 2: For n=2 the solution takes 3 steps, for n=3 it takes 7 steps. Use the recursive relation above to find a formula for the length of the solution for an arbitrary n.

The length of solution will follow the formula 2^n-1 where n=number of the disks.

Because we know that the algorithm is:

If the disks are initially in A and we want to move them in C

- 1) Move the first n-1 disks from pole A to pole B using C.
- 2) Move the largest disk (disk n) from pole A to pole C.
- 3) Move the n-1 disks from pole B to pole C using A.

So we need f(n-1) moves for the first step, 1 for the second, f(n-1) for the third (where f is a function of the number of disks.

Thus,

Total moves= f(n-1)+1+f(n-1)=2*f(n-1)+1

In addition, we know that f(1)=1 (because obviously to move one disk we need just one move).

So f(2)=2*f(1)+1=2*1+1=3

f(3)=2*f(2)+1=2*3+1=7

f(4)=2*f(3)+1=2*7+1=15

f(5)=2*f(4)+1=2*15+1=31

f(6)=2*f(5)+1=2*31+1=63

So , observing the results we can derive a general formula for the number of moves that is f(n)=2^n-1.

Question 3: For n=4 how many steps are required if, instead of 3 poles, we have 5 poles (a, b, c, d, e) available? It requires 7 steps. But a notable change is that now we have more models, that makes sense because now we have more freedom on the choice of what pole to use as auxiliary.

Question 4: if we implement this control rule, is there any variation in the execution time?

With the constraint Time: 2.572s

Without the constraint Time: 2.735s

It is normal that the execution time decreases as I avoid making unnecessary moves.