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Recursion II

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CS 2124: Object Oriented Programming
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Agenda

- Linked List Recursion (continued)
- Towers of Hanoi
- Recursive strategy

Linked lists and recursion

Linked lists as recursive data structures

```
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};

Node* build_list(const vector<int>& vals);
void print_list(const Node* ptr);

int main() {
    Node* my_list = build_list({1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55});
    print_list(my_list);

    cout << endl;
    Node* other_list = dup_list(my_list);



}
```

Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
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};


___ dup_list() {}
```

Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


_4_ dup_list() {}
```

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Which return type replaces blank #4 when duplicating a list?

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};

_4_ dup_list() {}
```

Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
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    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list() {}
```
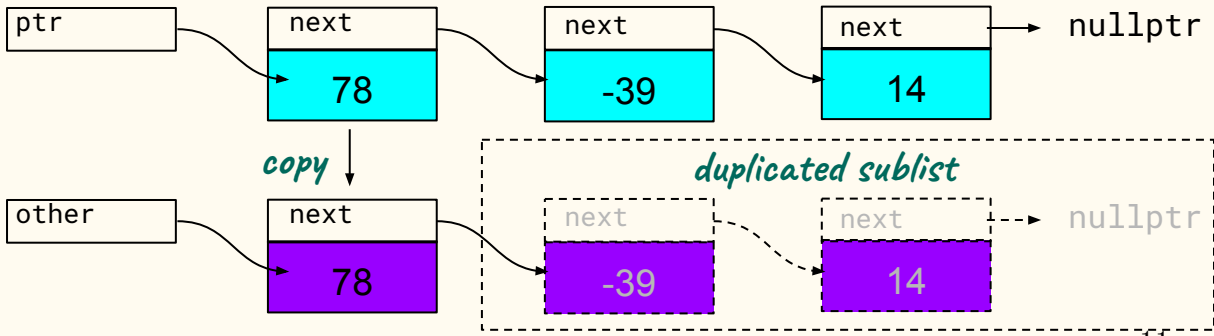

Linked lists as recursive data structures

```
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {}
```

Linked lists as recursive data structures

```
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    // base case

    // recursive case
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
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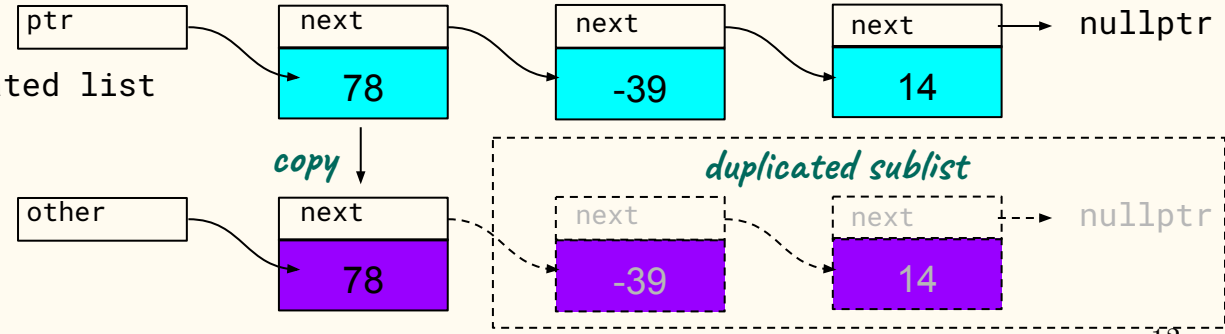
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    // base case

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



When are we done? What will be true of the state of the problem after all `Node`s have been duplicated?

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    // base case

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```

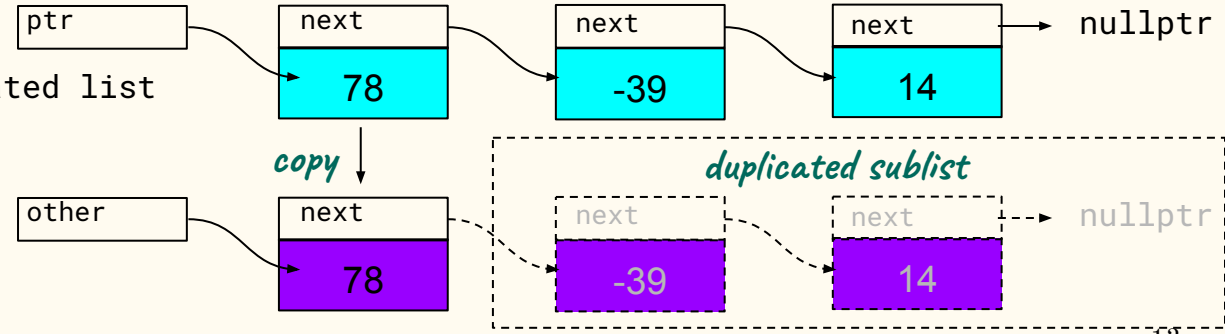

Linked lists as recursive data structures

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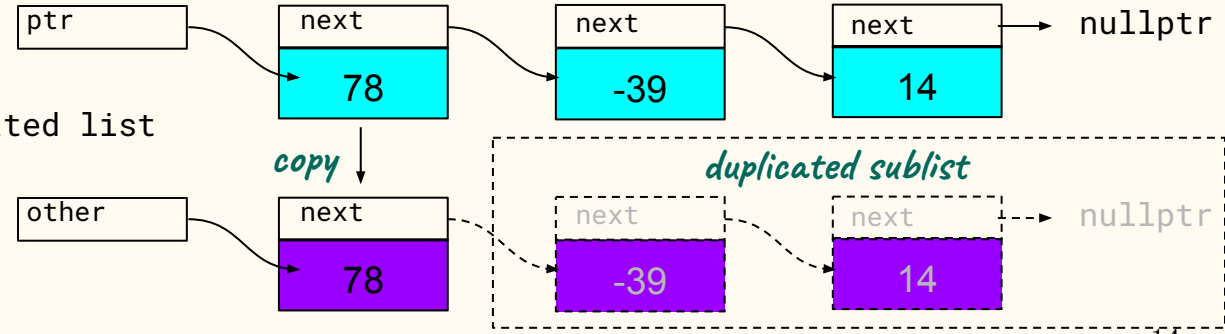
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    // base case
    if (ptr == nullptr) return ___;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```
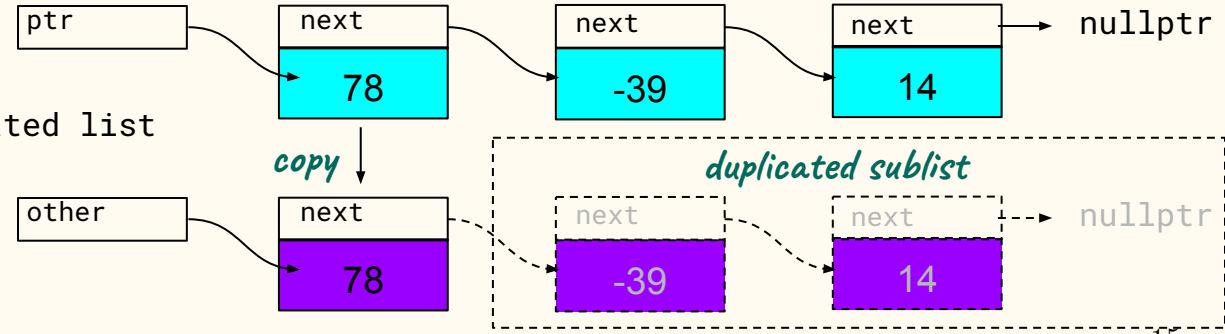
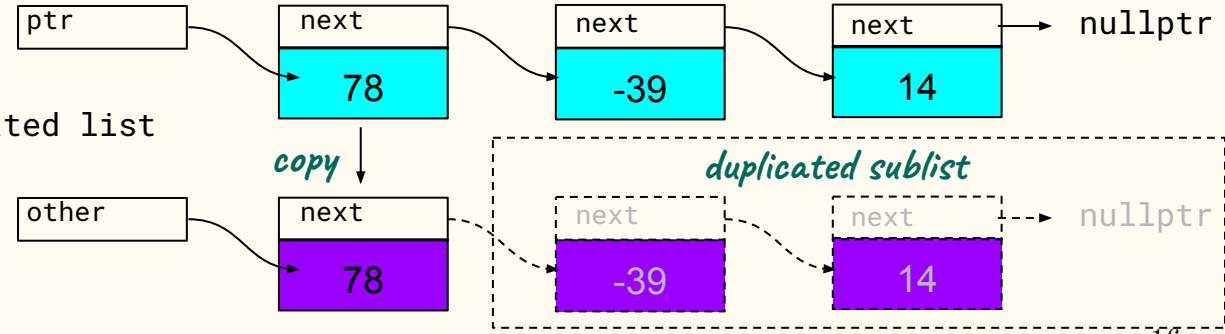

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    // base case
    if (ptr == nullptr) return _5_;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Which value do we return (replacing blank #5) when we want to duplicate an *empty* list?

```
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    // base case
    if (ptr == nullptr) return _5_;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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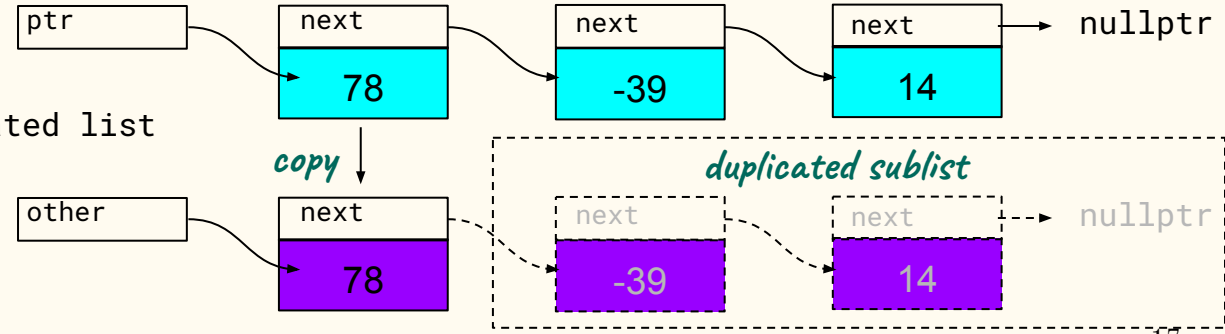
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    // base case
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```
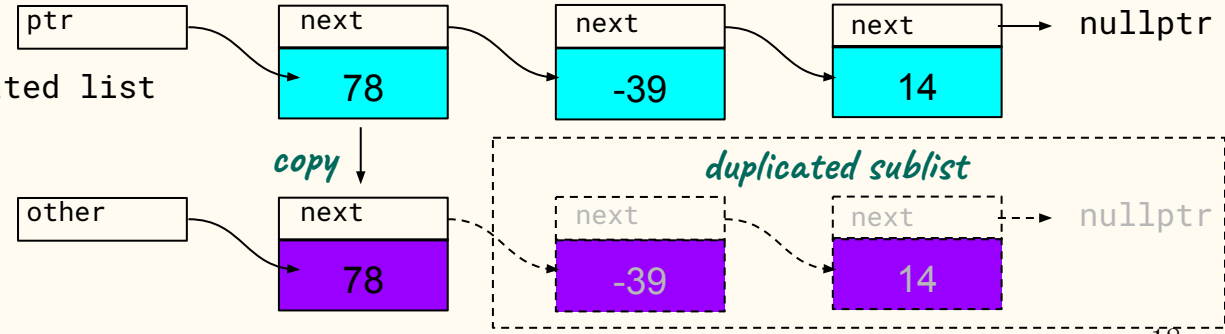

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
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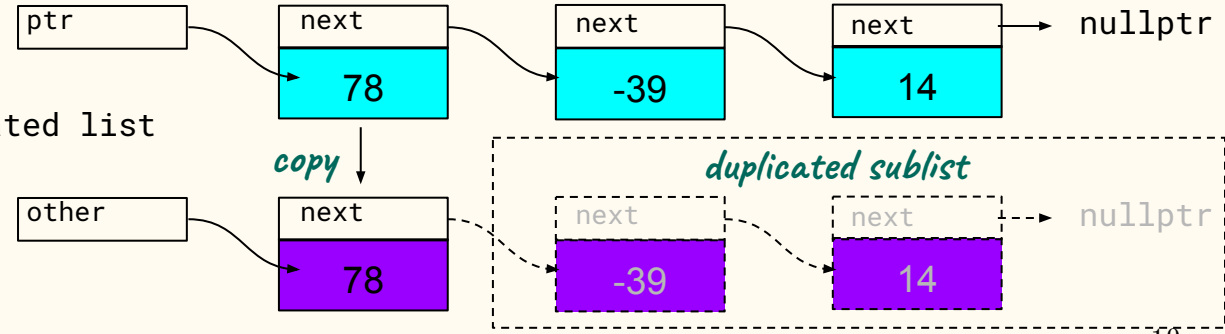
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    ___
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```
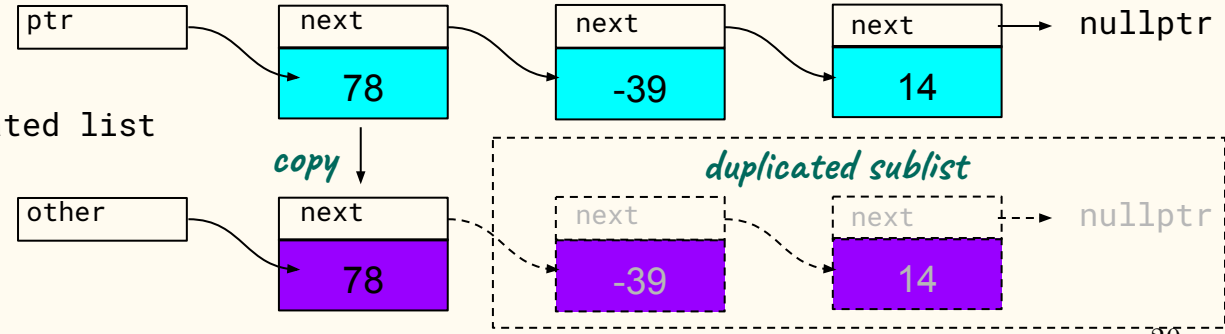

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = ___;
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
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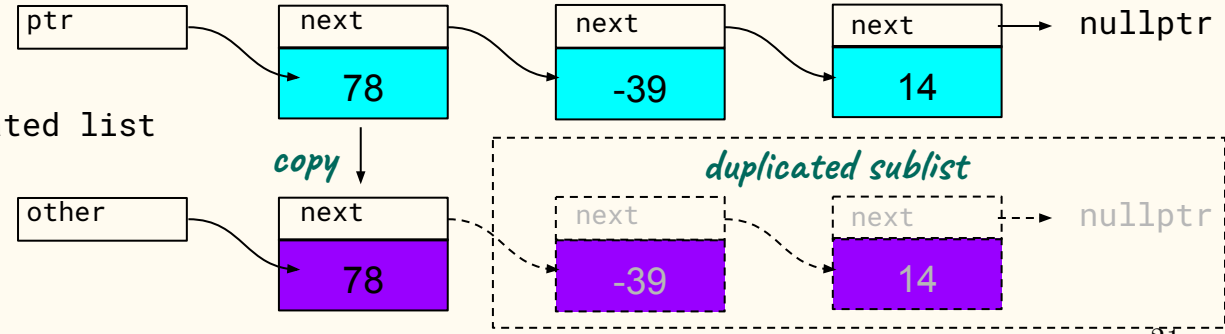
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = _6_;
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```

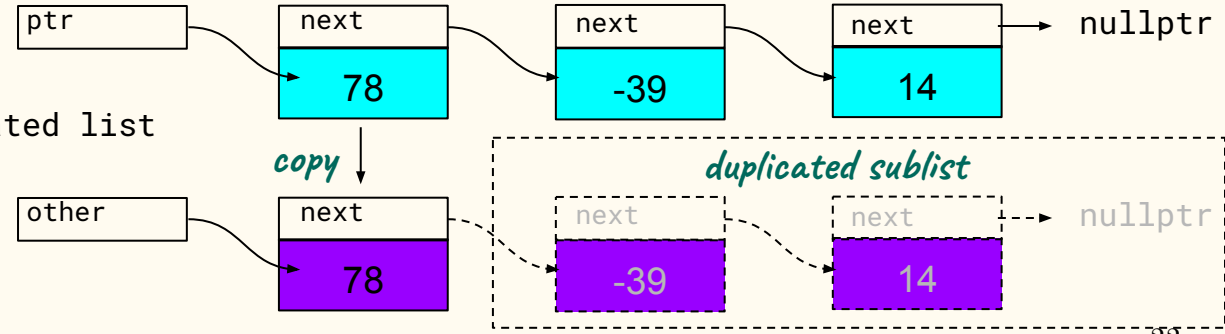


Which expression replaces blank #6 to instantiate a Node on the heap with the same `data` value as the `Node` pointed to by `ptr`?

```
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = _6_;
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
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};
```
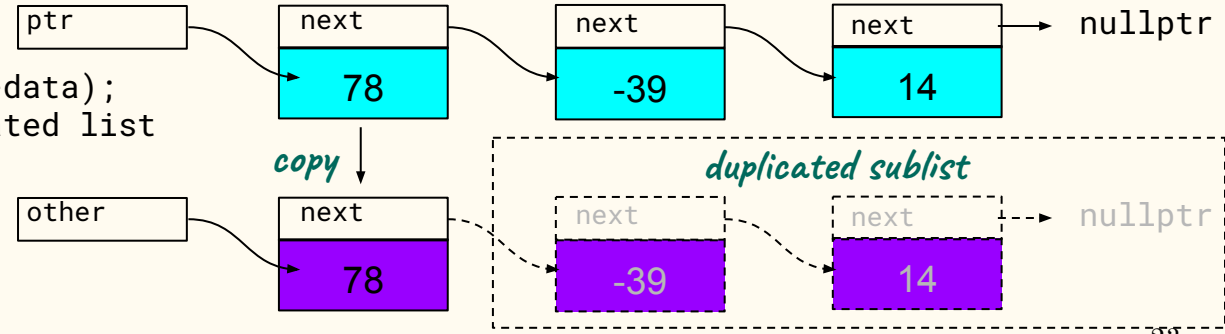

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = new Node(ptr->data);
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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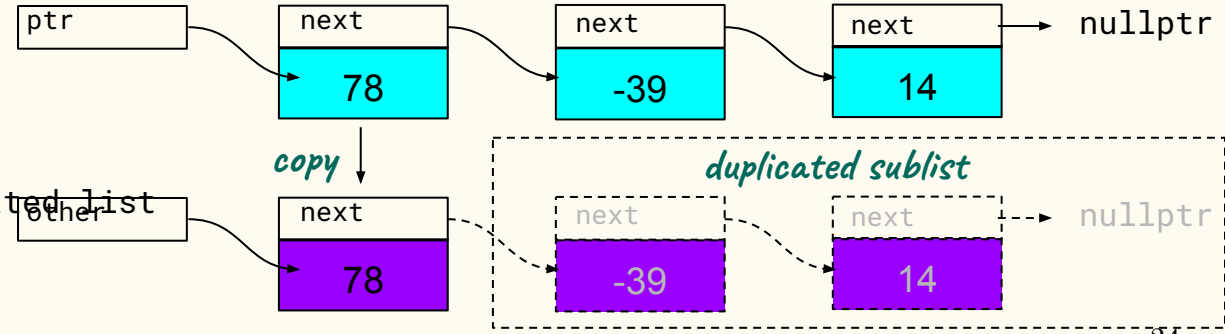
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data
    );
    // make Node head of duplicated list
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
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};
```
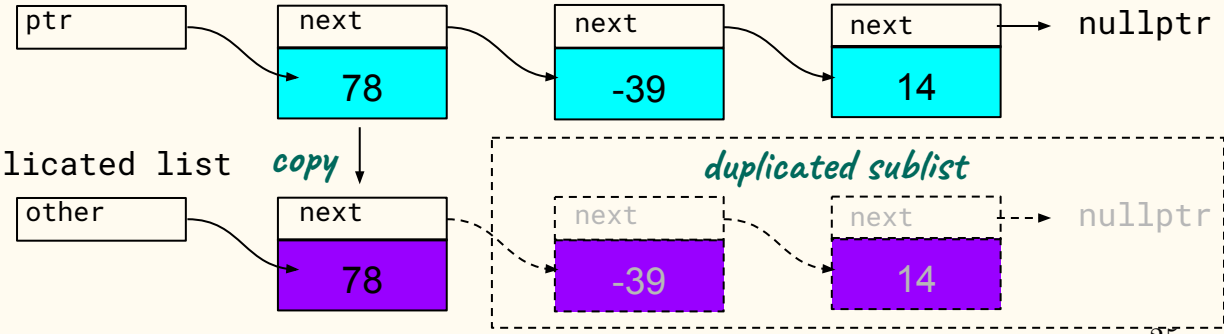

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        // make Node head of duplicated list
    );
}
```



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};
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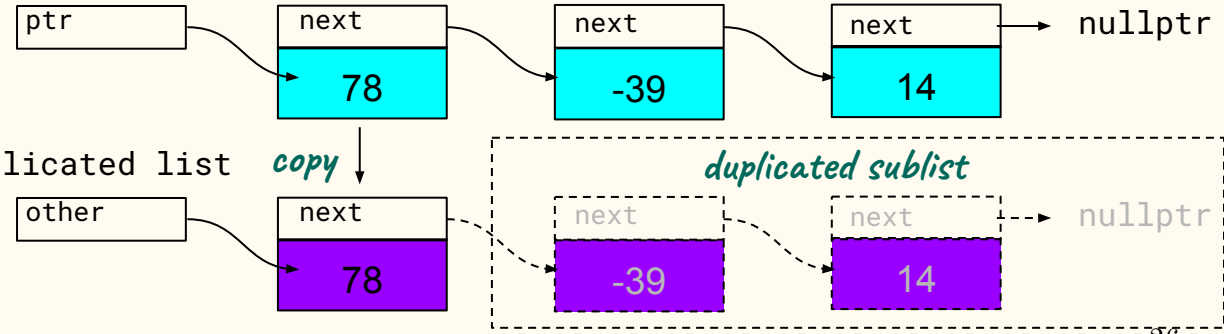
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        // make Node head of duplicated list
        ---
    );
}
```



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        _6_
    );
}
```

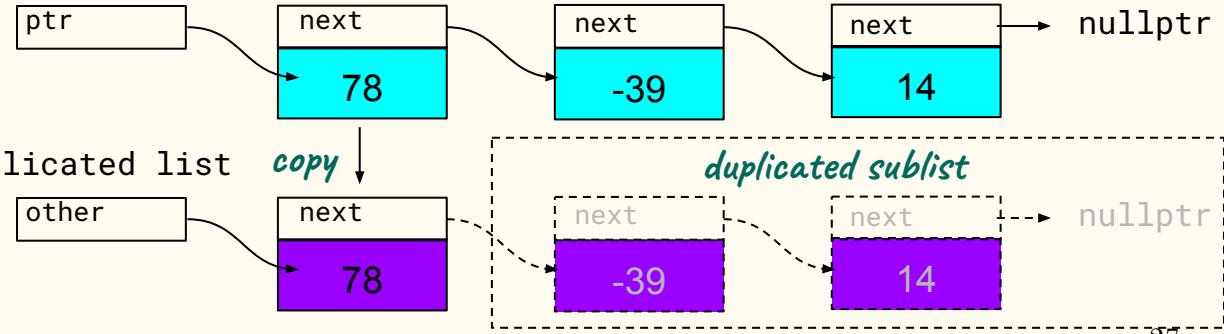

Which expression replaces blank #6 to create a duplicate list from the sublist following the current `Node` "pointed to" by `ptr`?

```
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = new Node(
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        _6_
    );
}
```

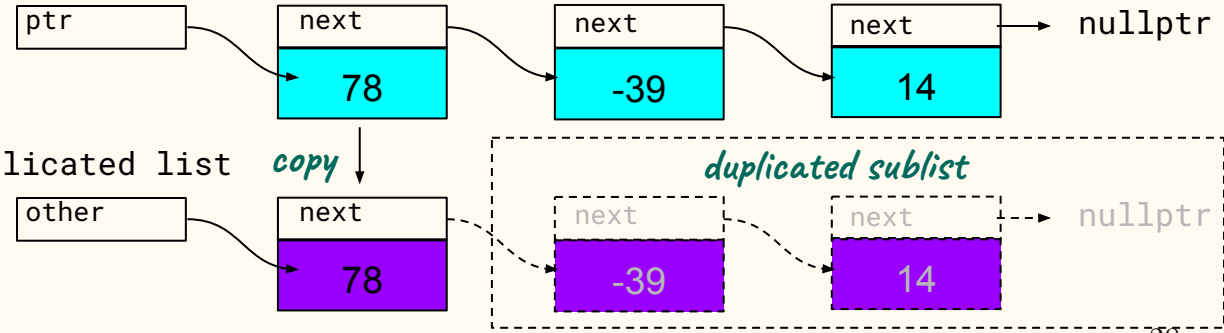

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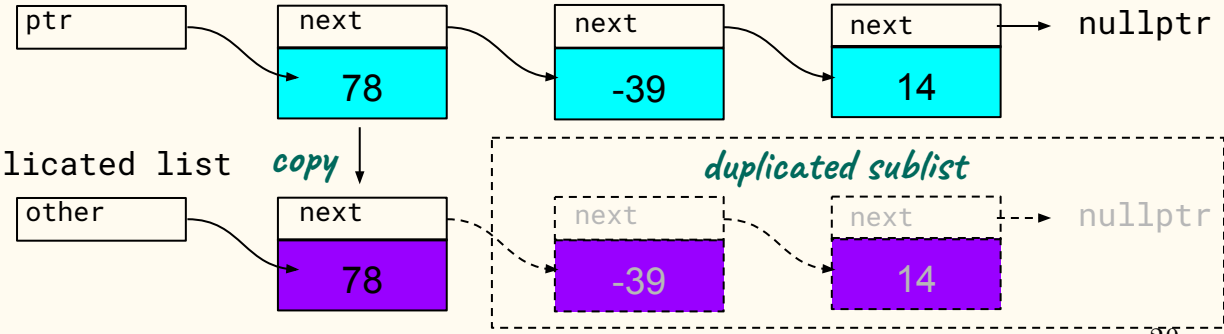
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        // make Node head of duplicated list
        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
}
```



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    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    // create new Node
    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
}
```

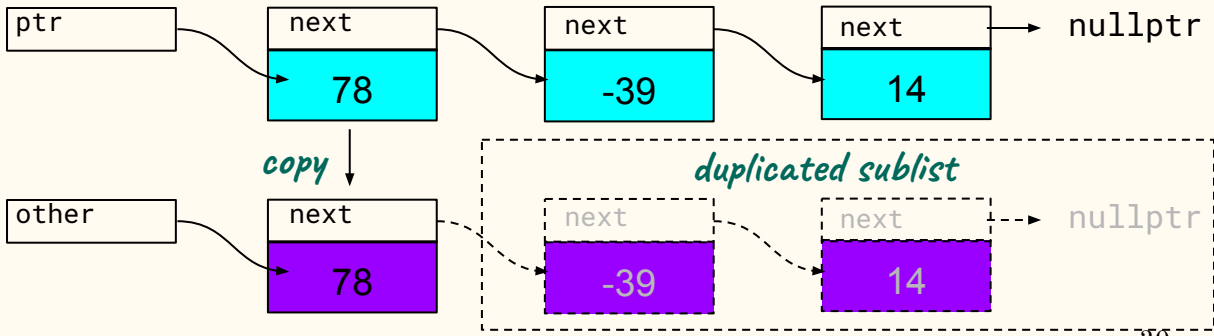

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    // recursive case
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        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
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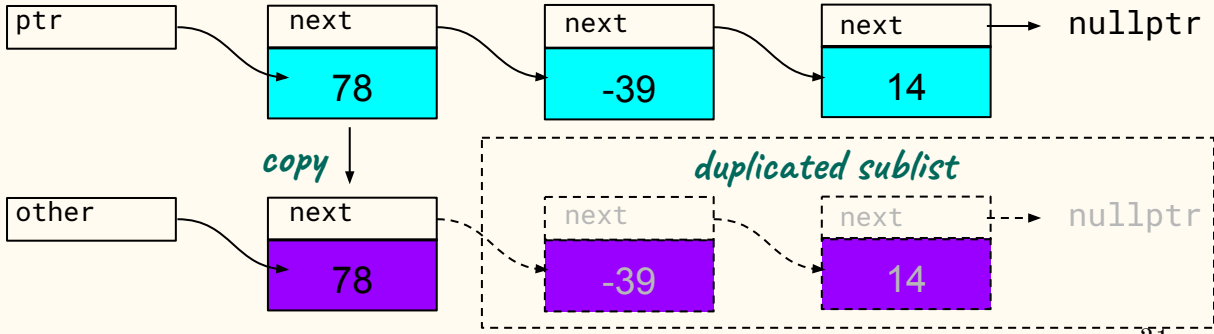

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    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    Node* other = new Node(
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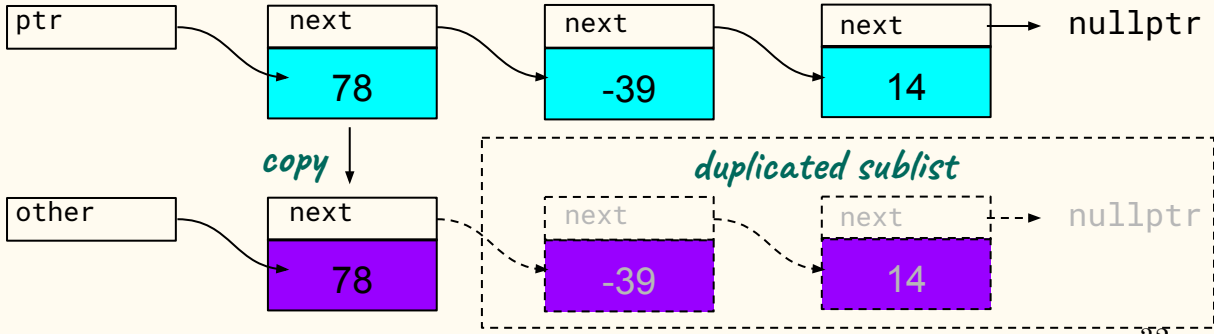
        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
    ---
}
```



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    Node* next;
};
```
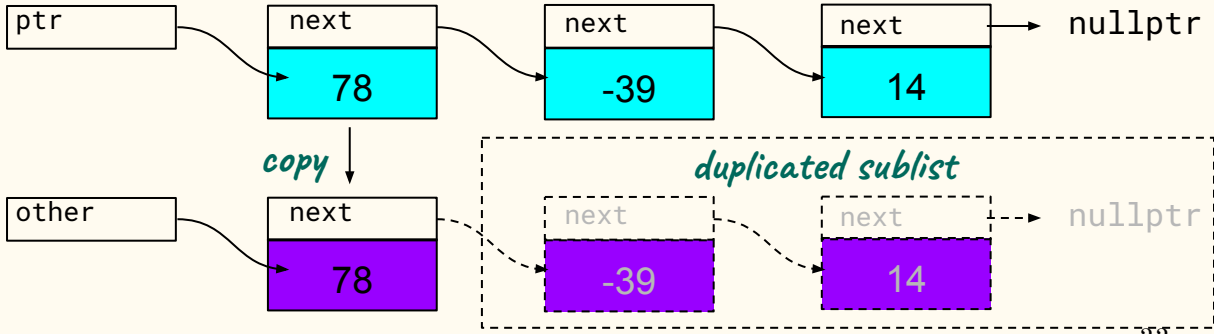

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
    return ___;
}
```



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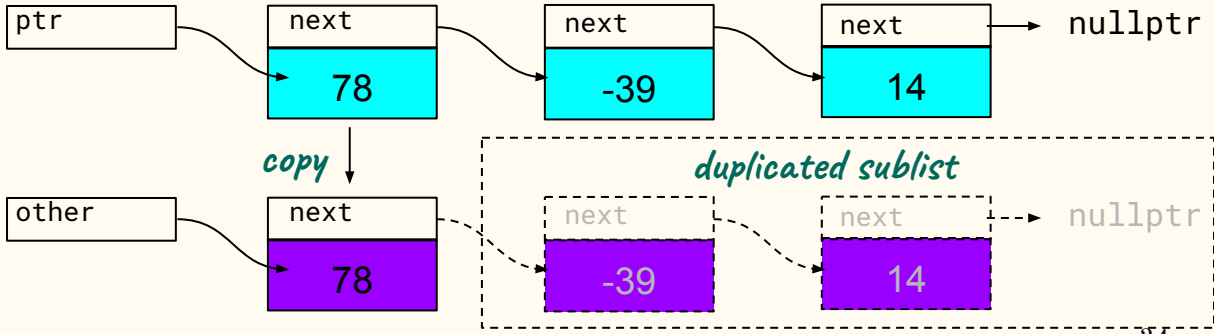
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
    return _7_;
}
```



What replaces blank #7 so that a `dup_list()` function call returns a pointer to the duplicated list?

```
struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};


Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    // recursive case
    Node* other = new Node(
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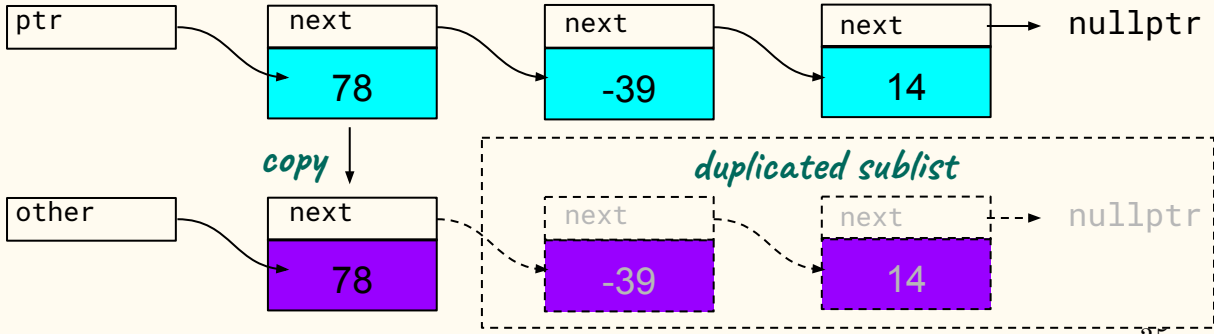
    );
    return _7_;
}
```



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}
```

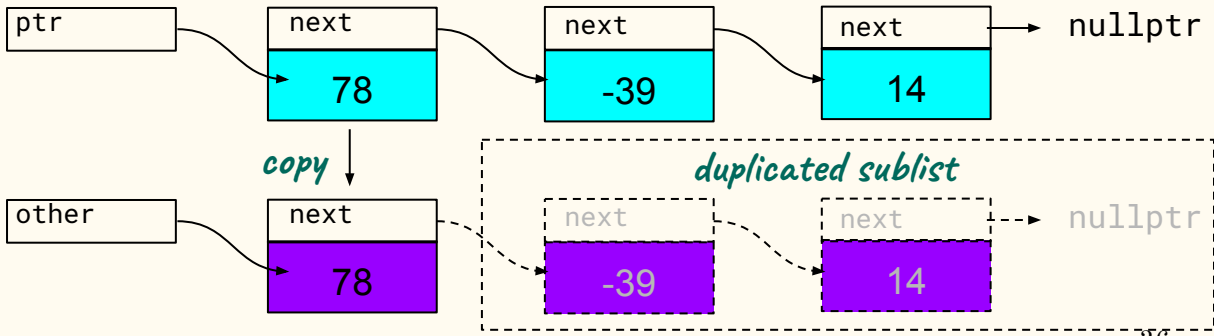

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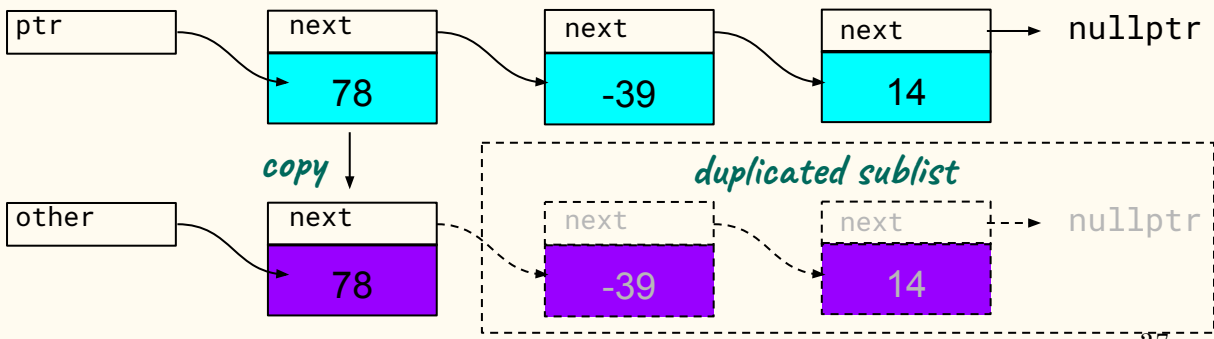
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
    return other;
}
```



Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    Node* other = new Node(
        ptr->data,
        dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
    return other;
}
```

combine into single statement

Linked lists as recursive data structures

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struct Node {
    Node(int data = 0, Node* next = nullptr) : data(data), next(next) {}
    int data;
    Node* next;
};
```

```
Node* dup_list(const Node* ptr) {
    if (ptr == nullptr) return nullptr;

    return new Node(
         ptr->data,
         dup_list(ptr->next)
    );
}
```

base case

recursive case

Towers of Hanoi

A Towers of Hanoi visualization

Towers of Hanoi

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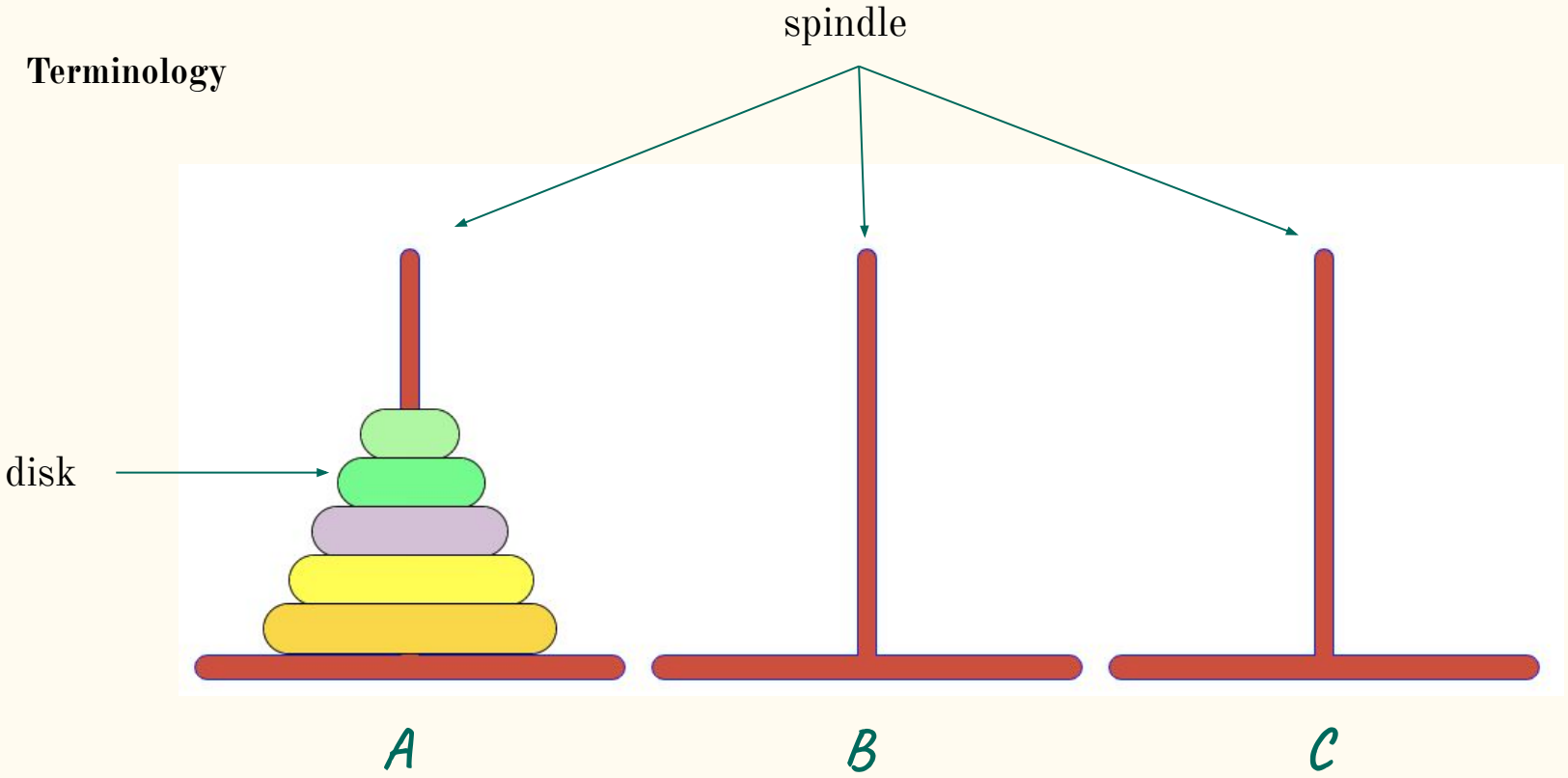

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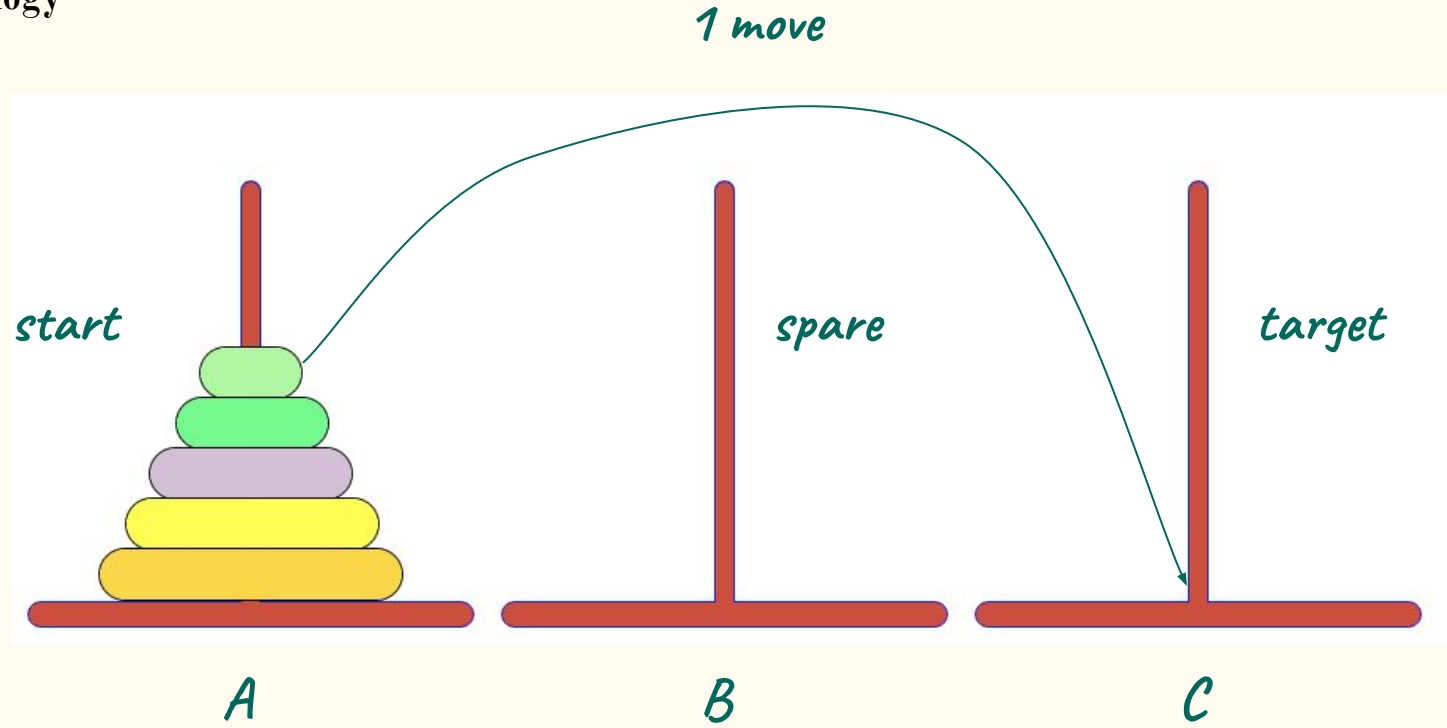

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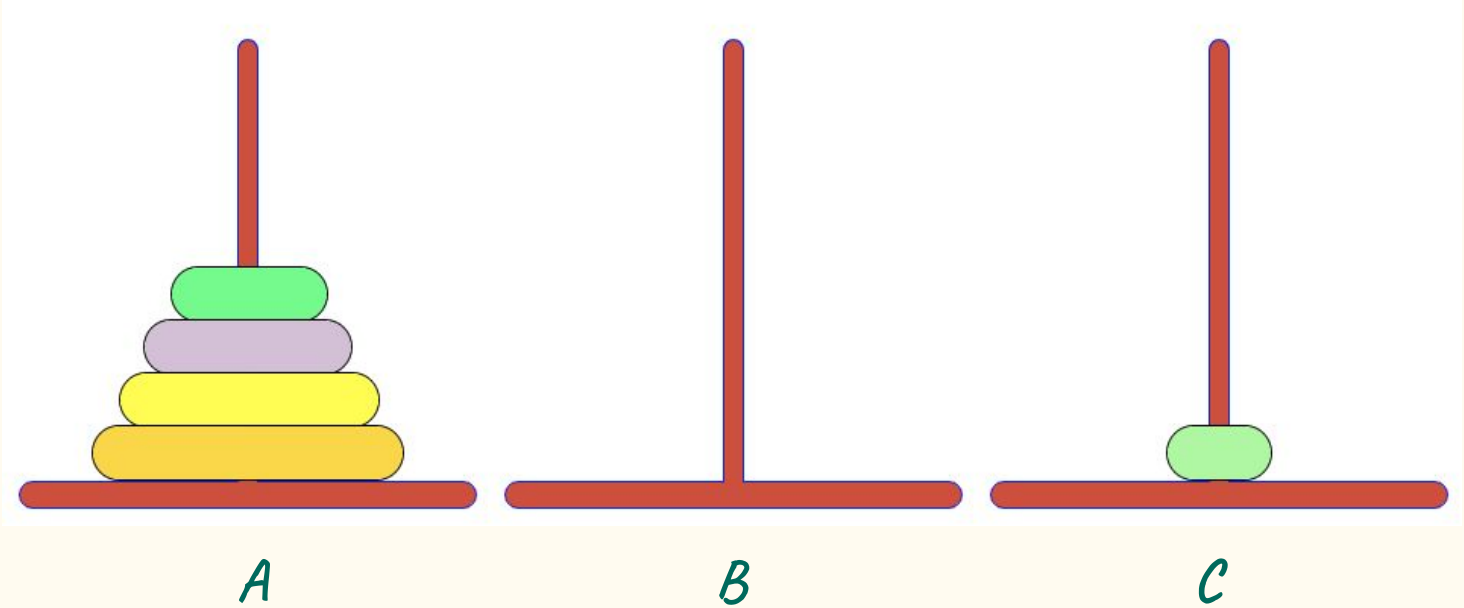

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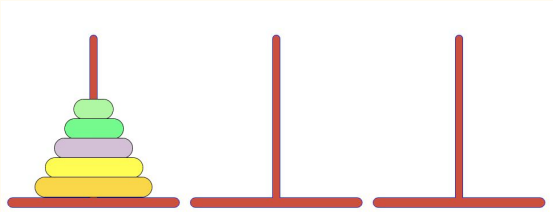
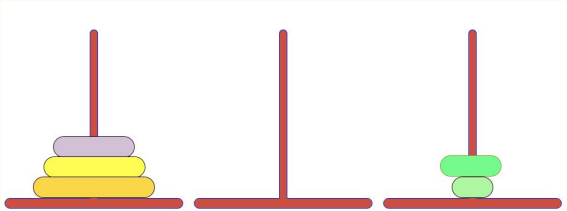


begin state

end state

Rules

- only one disk can be moved at a time
- no disk can rest on top of a smaller disk



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Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers() {}
```

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```
// n_disks: number of disks


void towers(int n_disks) {}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
// n_disks: number of disks
// start: start spindle


void towers(int n_disks, char start) {}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
// n_disks: number of disks
// start: start spindle
// target: target spindle (where disks are moving)

void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target) {}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
// n_disks: number of disks
// start: start spindle
// target: target spindle (where disks are moving)
// spare: "unused" spindle (not start/target)
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    // base case

    // recursive case

}
```

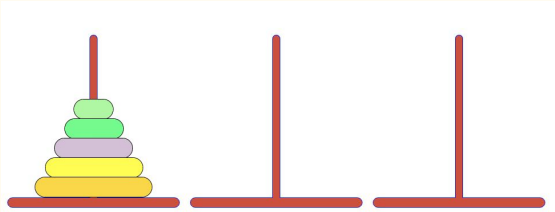
```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

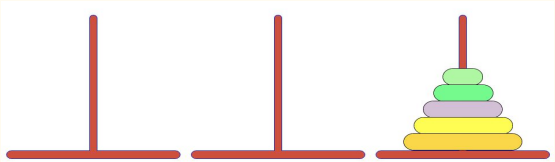
Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    // base case

    // recursive case
}
```



begin state



end state

```
int main() {

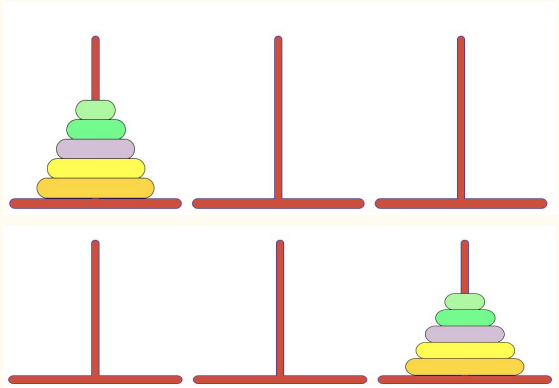
    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

What about the state of the start spindle differs between the begin state and the end state?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    // base case

    // recursive case
}
```

start spindle



begin state

end state

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    // base case
    if (n_disks == 0) ___;

    // recursive case
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    // base case
    if (n_disks == 0) _8_;

    // recursive case
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Which statement replaces blank #8 when the base case is reached?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    // base case
    if (n_disks == 0) _8_;

    // recursive case
}









int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    // base case
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // recursive case
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // recursive case
}
```

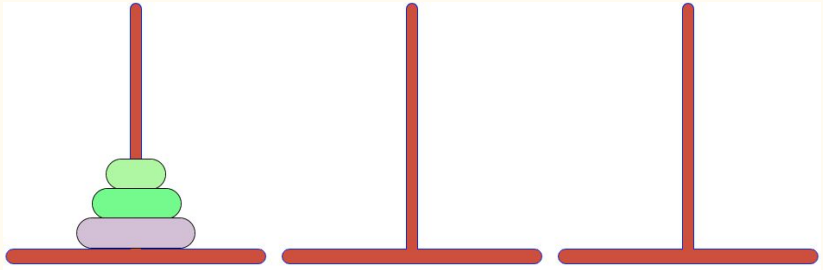
```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // recursive case
    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
}
```



begin state

end state

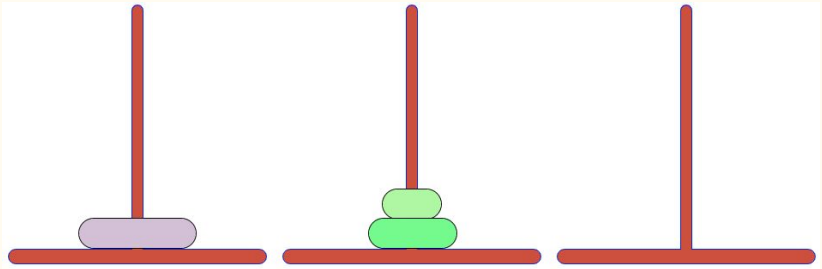
```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // recursive case
    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
}
```



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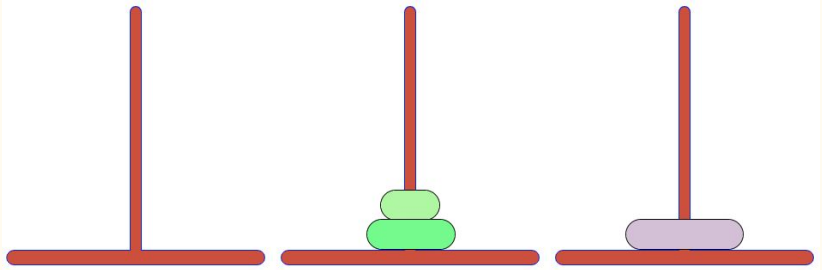


end state

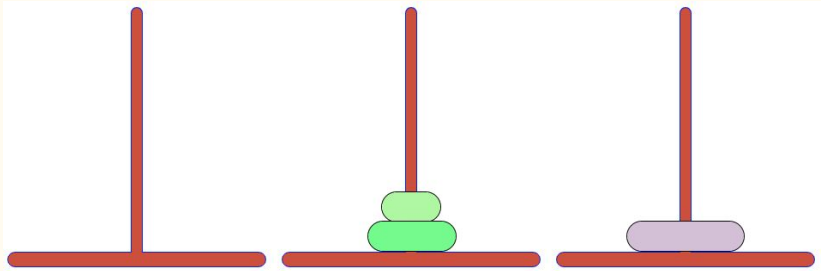
```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

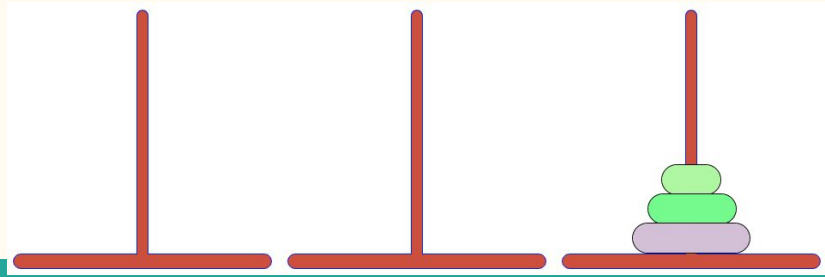
Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // recursive case
    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```



begin state



end state

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    ---

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

What is the *name* of the function that will move the disks to the spare spindle?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    ---

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}




int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers();

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(___, ___, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(_9_, ___, ___, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

How many disks (in terms of `n_disks`) replaces blank #9 for the recursive call to the `towers()` function?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(_9_, ___, ___, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}




int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, ___, ___, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, _10_, ___, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

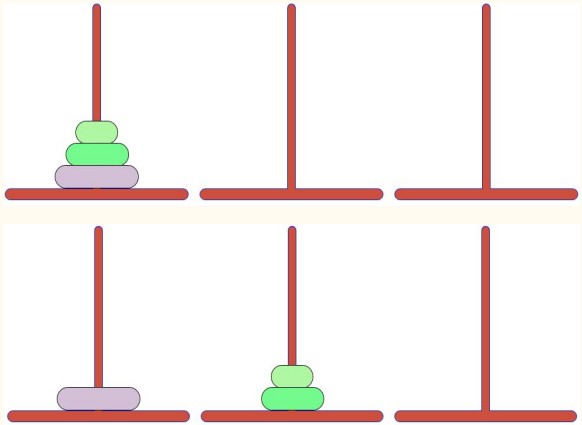
    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Which spindle replaces blank #10 as the `start` spindle for the recursive function call?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, _10_, ___, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```



begin state

end state

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, ___, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, _11_, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

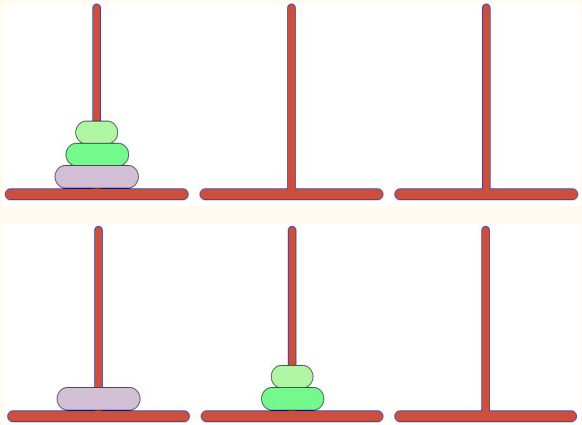
    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Which spindle replaces blank #11 as the `target` spindle for the recursive function call?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, _11_, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```



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```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, ___);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, _12_);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Which spindle replaces blank #12 as the `spare` spindle for the recursive function call?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, _12_);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}




int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle
    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}
```

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
}


int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    ---
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

What is the *name* of the function that will move all of the disks on top of the bottom disk?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    ---
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(___, ___, ___, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(_13_, ___, ___, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

How many disks (in terms of `n_disks`) must be moved on top of the bottom disk (replacing blank #13)?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(_13_, ___, ___, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, ___, ___, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, _14_, ___, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Which spindle replaces blank #14 as the `start` spindle for the recursive function call?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

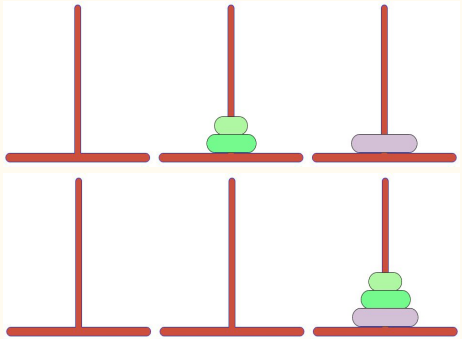
    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, _14_, ___, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```



begin state

end state

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, ___, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, _15_, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Which spindle replaces blank #15 as the `target` spindle for the recursive function call?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

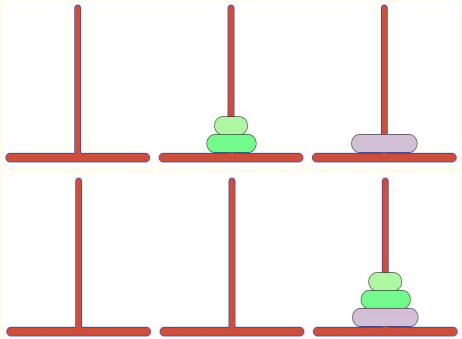
    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, _15_, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```



begin state

end state

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, target, ___);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, target, _16_);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Which spindle replaces blank #16 as the `spare` spindle for the recursive function call?

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, target, _16_);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    // 1. move all but bottom disk to spare spindle
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    // 2. move bottom disk to target spindle

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n_disks << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    // 3. move all other disks on top of bottom disk
    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, target, start);
}

int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, target, start);
}
```

base case

recursive case

```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```

```
% g++ --std=c++11 towers.cpp -o towers.o
% ./towers.o
Moving disk: 1 from spindle: A to spindle: C
Moving disk: 2 from spindle: A to spindle: B
Moving disk: 1 from spindle: C to spindle: B
Moving disk: 3 from spindle: A to spindle: C
Moving disk: 1 from spindle: B to spindle: A
Moving disk: 2 from spindle: B to spindle: C
Moving disk: 1 from spindle: A to spindle: C
```

Solving Towers of Hanoi

```
void towers(int n_disks, char start, char target, char spare) {
    if (n_disks == 0) return;

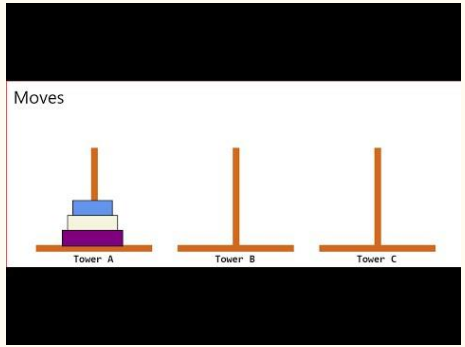
    towers(n_disks - 1, start, spare, target);

    cout << "Moving disk: " << n << " from spindle: " << start
         << " to spindle: " << target << endl;

    towers(n_disks - 1, spare, target, start);
}
```

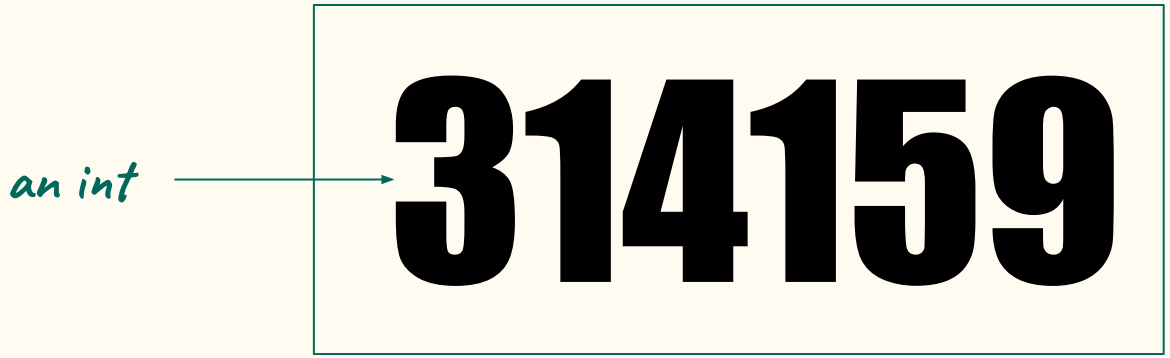
```
int main() {

    towers(3, 'A', 'C', 'B');
}
```



Recursive strategy

Printing digits in an integer



How can each digit be output without string conversion??

Printing digits in an integer

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Printing digits in an integer

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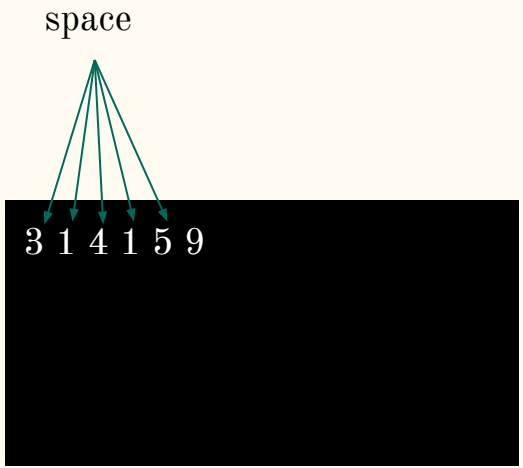
Challenge: int is atomic (not composite) type

Solution: separate into digits programmatically



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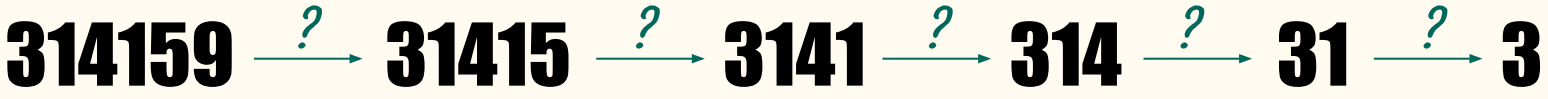
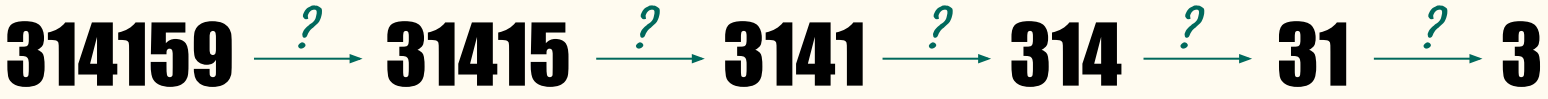


Which operation can be used to "remove" one digit from the end of the integer?



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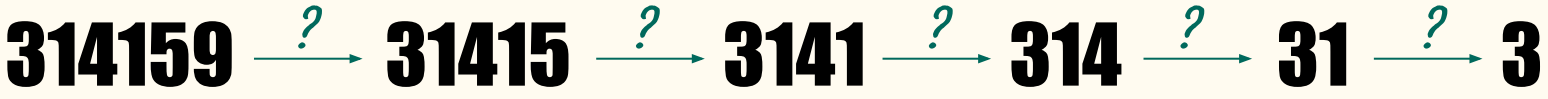

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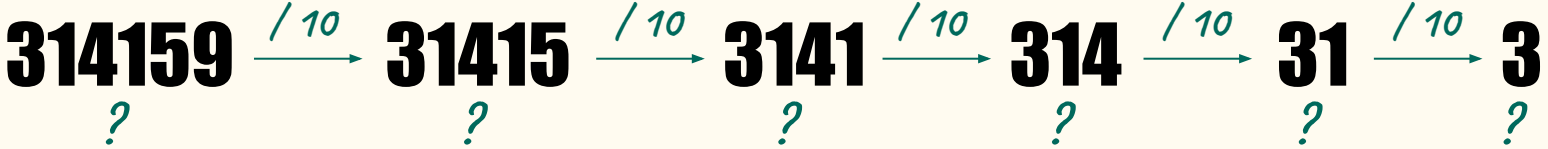
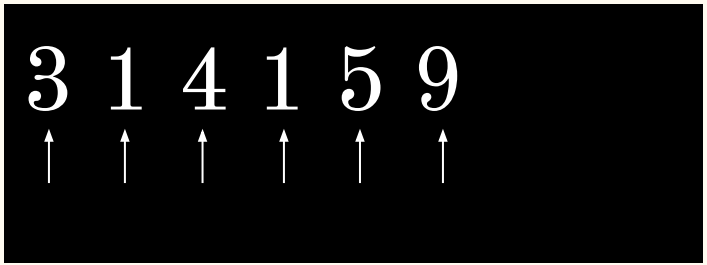
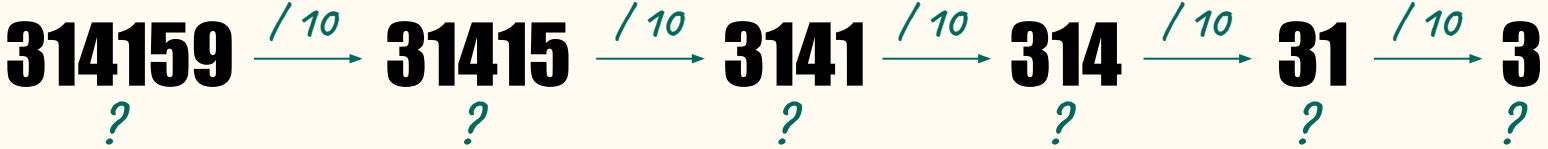
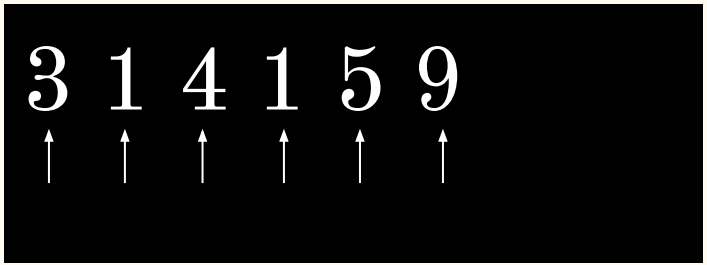




Which operation evaluates to the digit in the units position of each integer?





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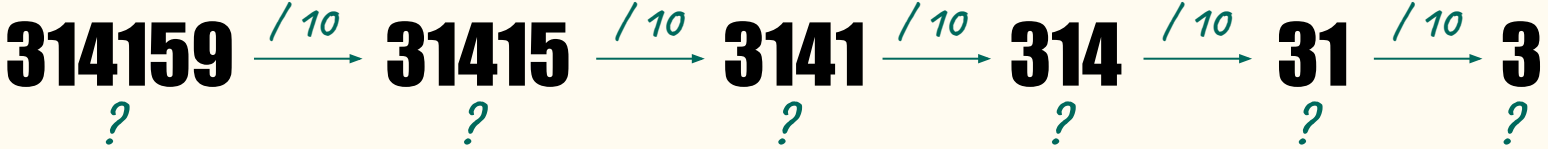

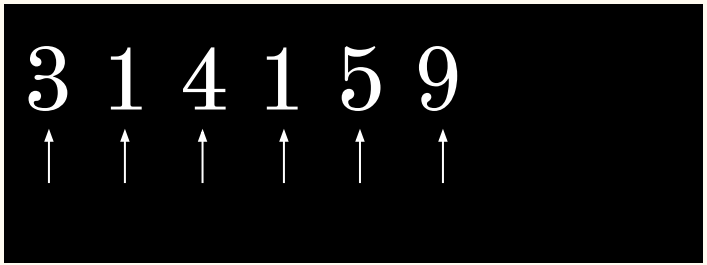

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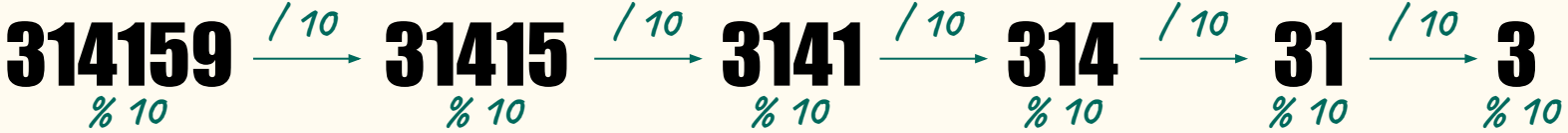
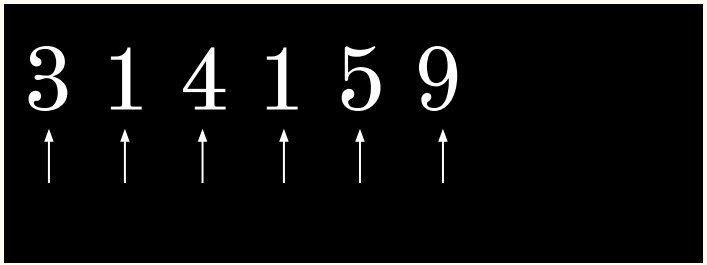
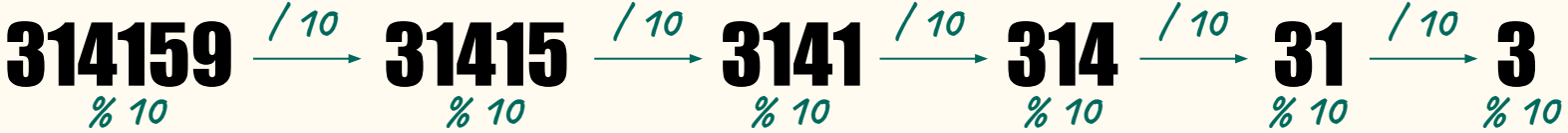


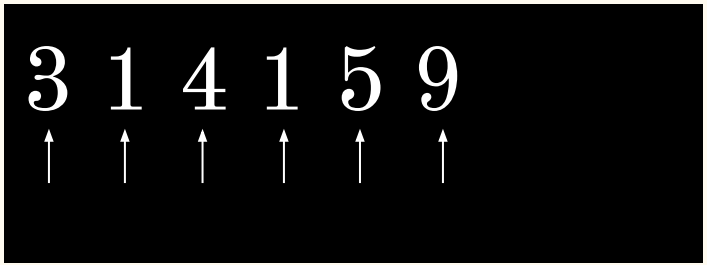



```
void print_digits(int num) {
    // base case

    // recursive case
}
```

What is the base case for the `print_digits()` function?



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}
```

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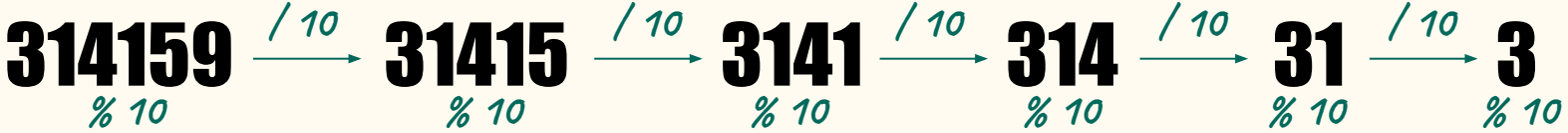

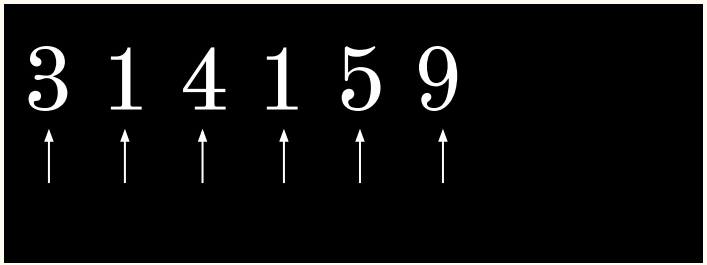


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void print_digits(int num) {
    // base case
    ---

    // recursive case
}
```

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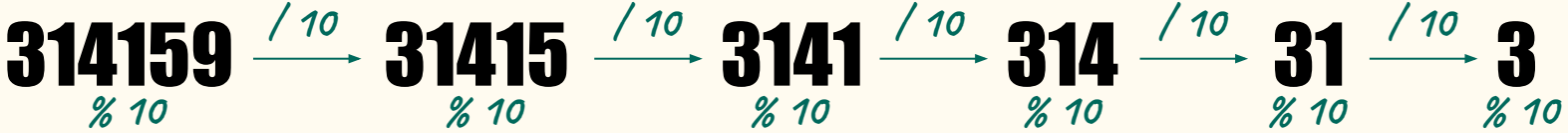
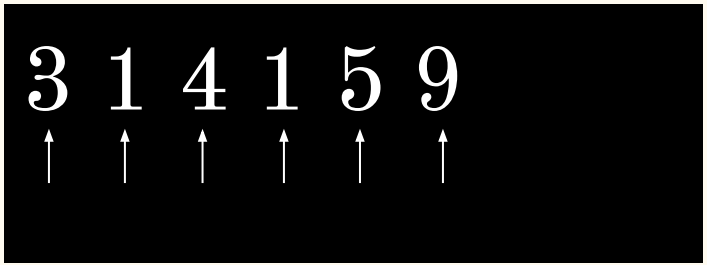
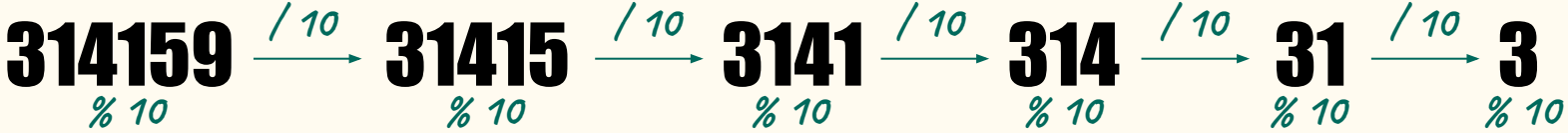


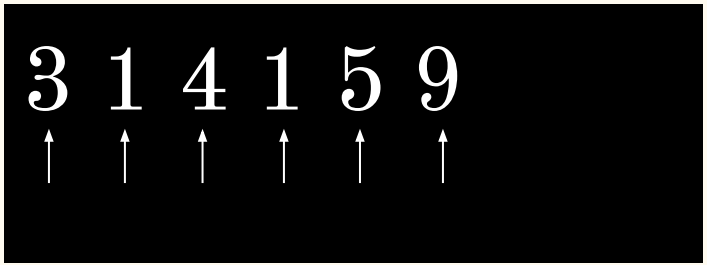



```
void print_digits(int num) {
    // base case
    if (___ < ___) cout << num % 10 << ' ';

    // recursive case
}
```

Printing digits in an integer



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```
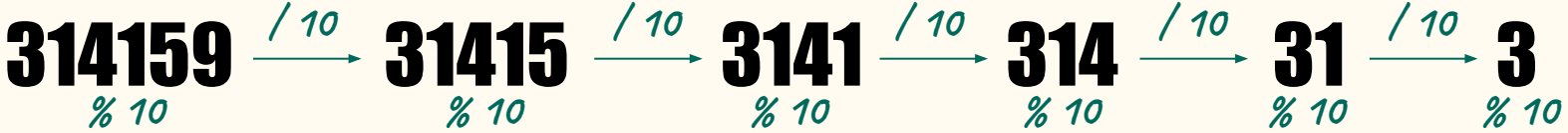
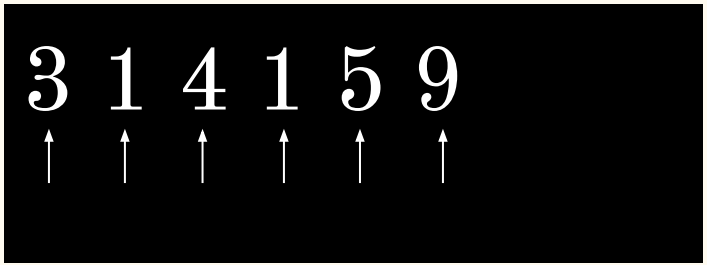
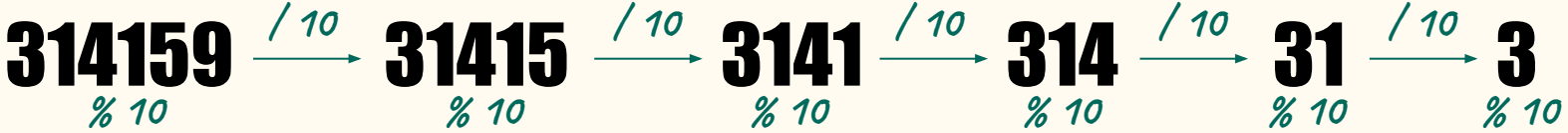

Printing digits in an integer

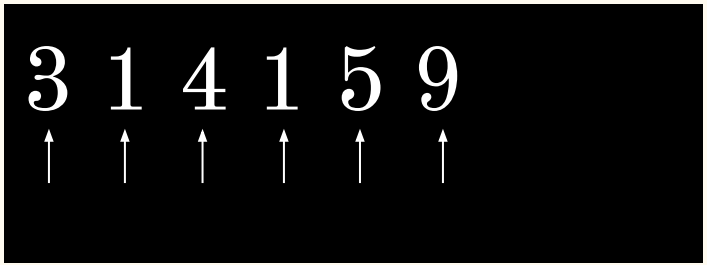





```
void print_digits(int num) {
    // base case
    if (num < _2_) cout << num % 10 << ' ';

    // recursive case
}
```

Which value replaces blank #2 for identifying the base case (when num is a single digit)?



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    // base case
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    // recursive case
}
```

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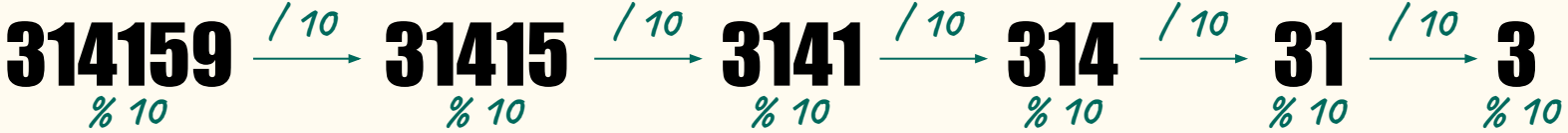

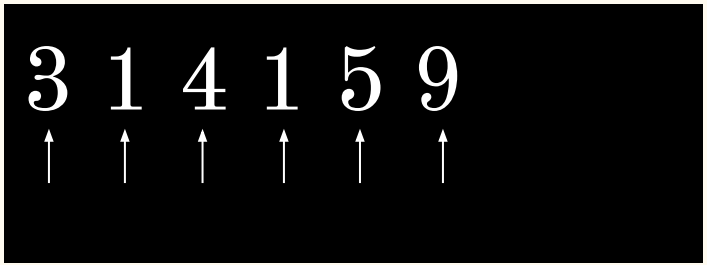


```
void print_digits(int num) {
    // base case
    if (num < 10) cout << num % 10 << ' ';

    // recursive case
}
```

unnecessary

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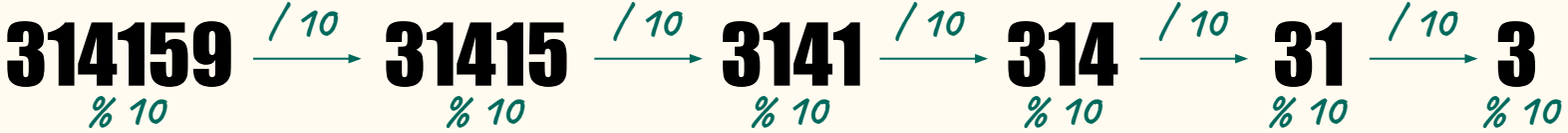

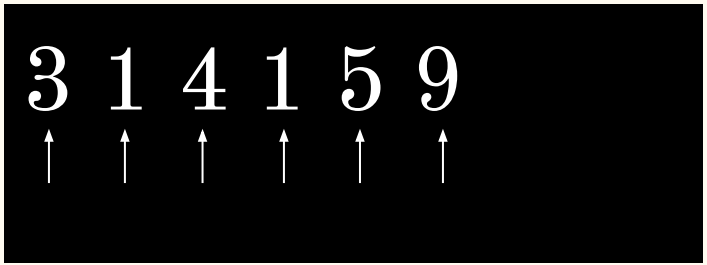


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void print_digits(int num) {
    // base case
    if (num < 10) cout << num << ' ';

    // recursive case
}
```

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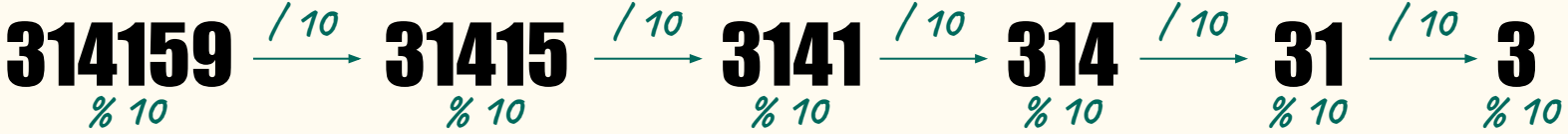
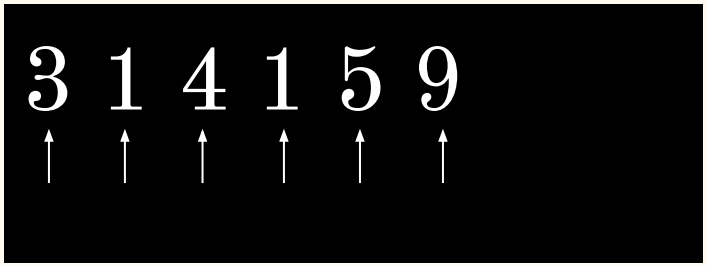
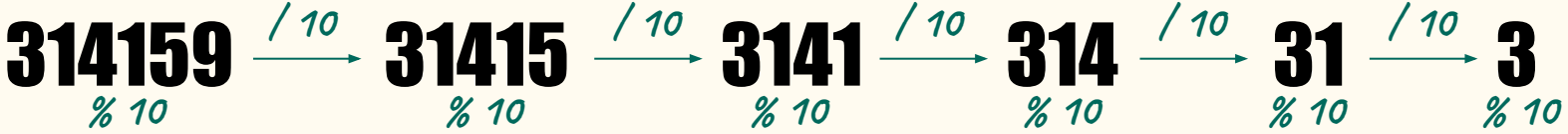


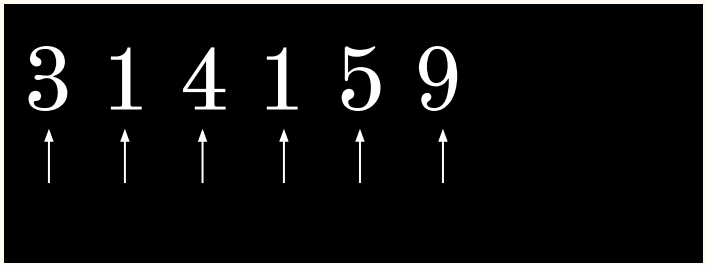



```
void print_digits(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
    }
}
```

num is integer with 2 or more digits

Printing digits in an integer

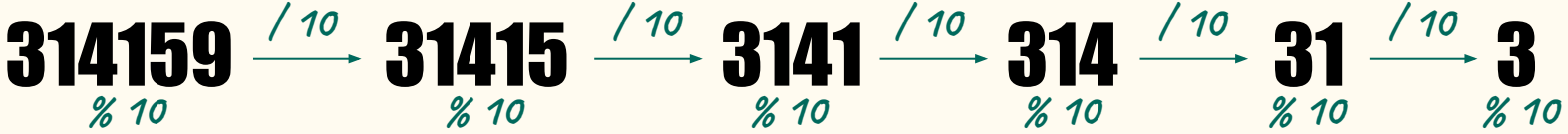


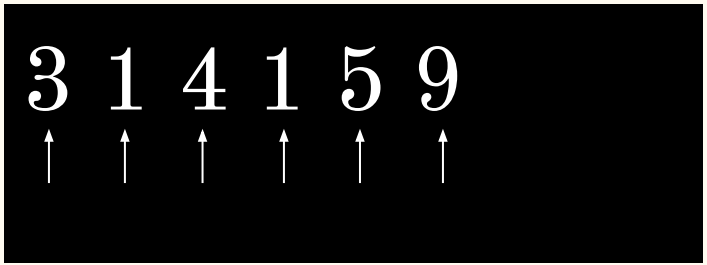



```
void print_digits(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
        ---
    }
}
```

num is integer with 2 or more digits

Printing digits in an integer



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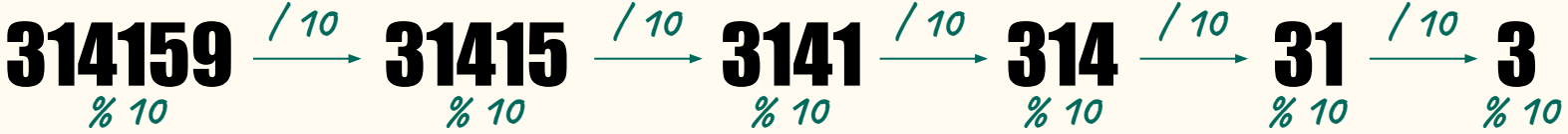
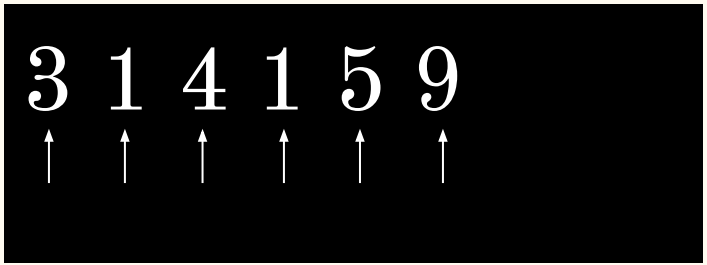
void print_digits(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
        cout << ___ << ' ';
    }
}
```

num is integer with 2 or more digits

Printing digits in an integer

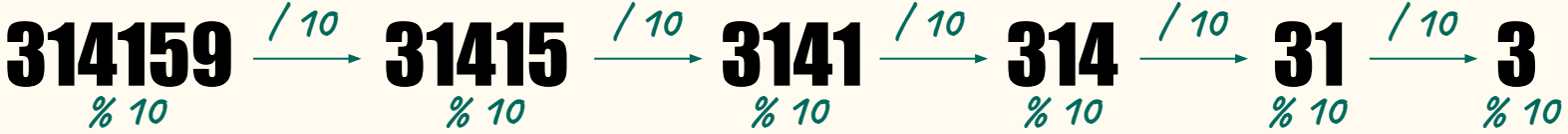


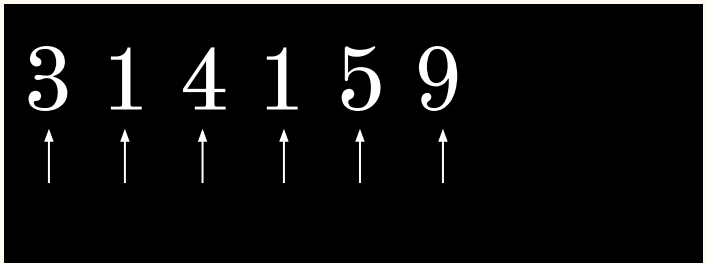



```
void print_digits(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
        cout << _3_ << ' ';
    }
}
```

num is integer with 2 or more digits

Which expression replaces blank #3 to output the digit in the unit (rightmost) position of the integer?



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num is integer with 2 or more digits

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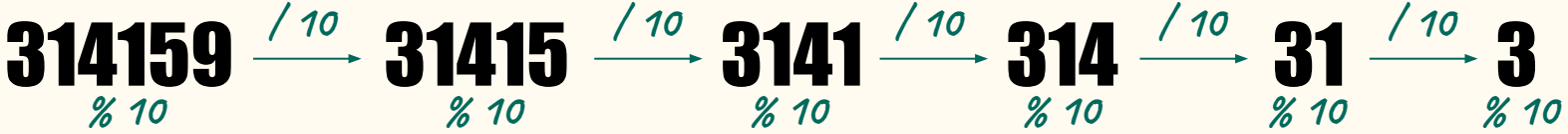
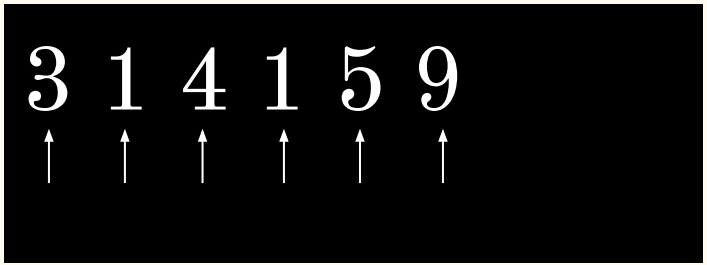
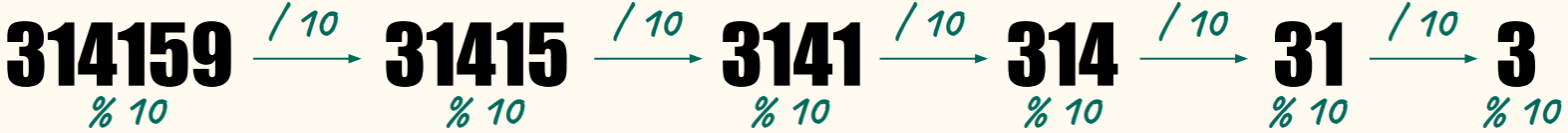


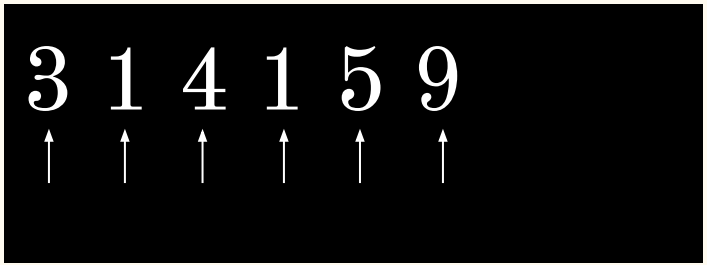



```
void print_digits(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
        cout << num % 10 << ' ';
    }
}
```

need a recursive call on a smaller version of the problem

Which recursive function call will solve the print digits problem on a smaller version of the problem?



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    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
        cout << num % 10 << ' ';
    }
}
```

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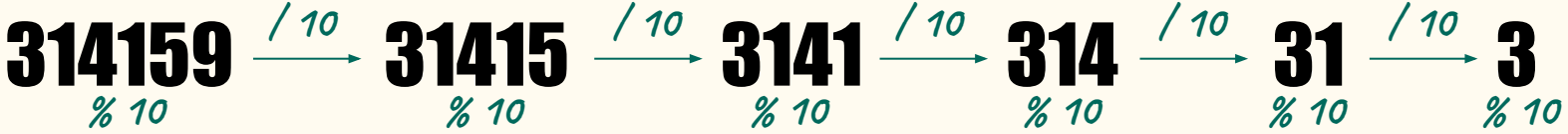
Printing digits in an integer




```
print_digits(num / 10);
```

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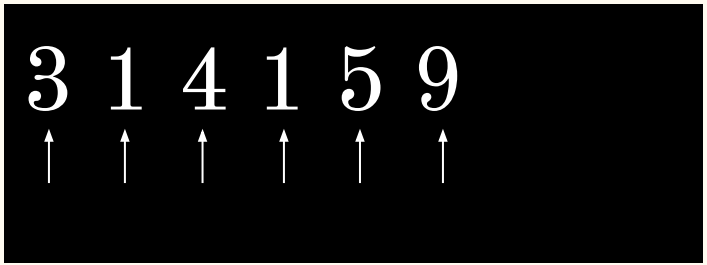
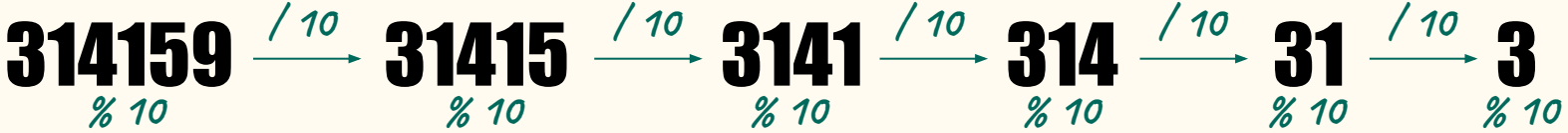
void print_digits(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recurse, then print
        cout << num % 10 << ' ';
        // print, then recurse
    }
}
```



In which location do we place the recursive `print_digits()` function call?

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}
```
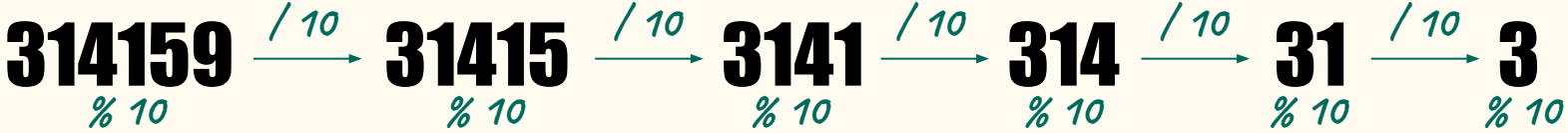
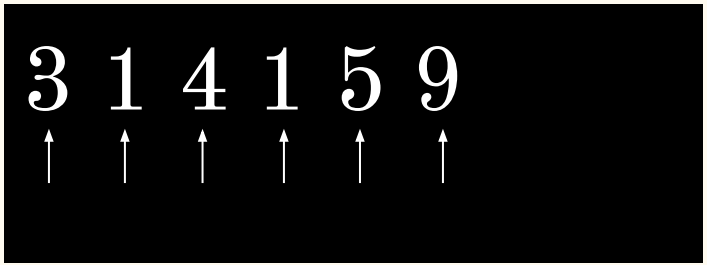

A. before outputting the units digit
B. after outputting the units digit

Printing digits in an integer



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void print_digits(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        print_digits(num / 10);
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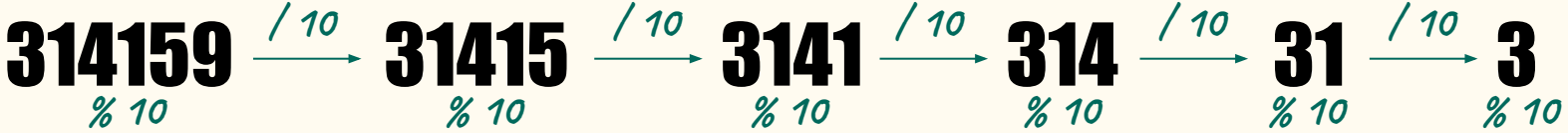
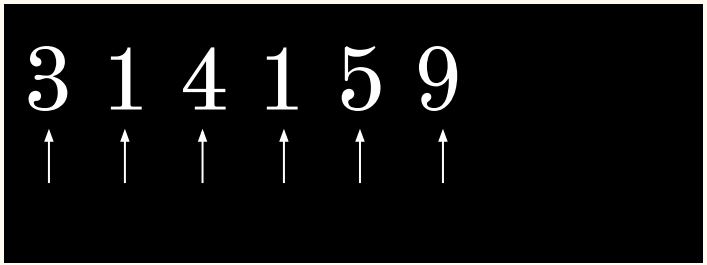
    }
}
```

What would be output by this function in the case that the `print_digits()` recursive function call occurred after outputting the unit digit?



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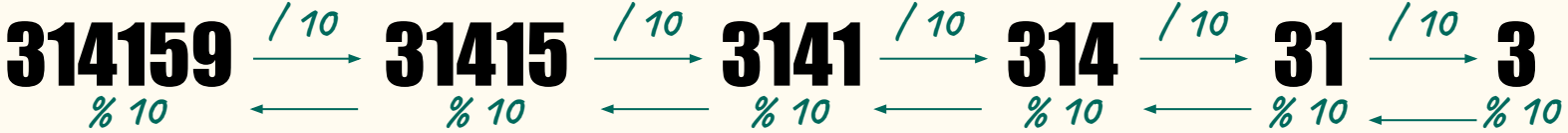


```
3 1 4 1 5 9
```

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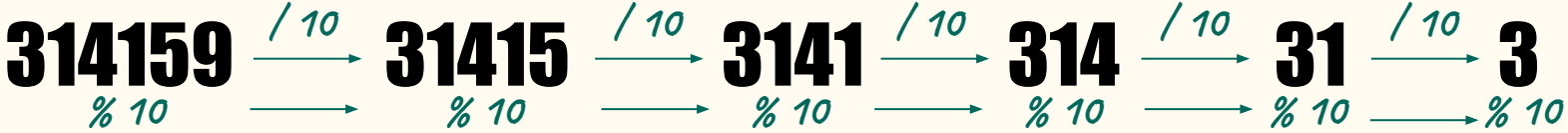


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        print_digits(num / 10);
    }
}
```

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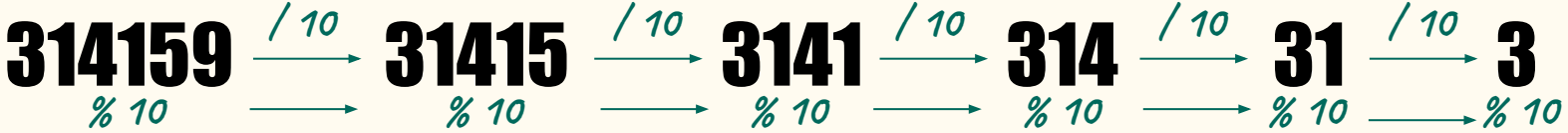
Printing digits in an integer



Instruction order often matters

```
9 5 1 4 1 3
```

```
void print_digits_rev(int num) {
    if (num < 10) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        cout << num % 10 << ' ';
        print_digits_rev(num / 10);
    }
}
```

tail recursion

Printing bits

6

`print_bits(6)` →

```
1 1 0
```

Convert base 10 to **any other base**

1. Divide number by **target** base
2. Set aside remainder
3. Divide remaining whole number by **target** base
4. When whole number > 0, go back to #2
5. When whole number = 0, set aside remainder
6. Write remainders in reverse

What is the target base for this problem?

6

`print_bits(6)` →

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Printing bits

Convert base 10 to **any other base**

target base = 2

6

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2. Set aside remainder
3. Divide remaining whole number by **target** base
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think of remainder
as 0.5 "2s" left over

0.5 * 2 = 1

6 / 2 = 3.0 remainders: 0

3 / 2 = 1.5 remainders: 0, 1

1 / 2 = 0.5 remainders: 0, 1, 1

1 1 0

Printing bits

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```
void print_bits(int num) {
    // base case

    // recursive case
}
```

For this algorithm, what is the base case?

Convert base 10 to **base 2**

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}
```

Under what conditions will `num` ÷ 2 result in a quotient with a whole number part that is 0?

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    ---

    // recursive case

}
```

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    } else {
        // recursive case
    }
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    } else {
        // recursive case
        cout << ___ << ' ';
    }
}
```

Printing bits

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```
void print_bits(int num) {
    if (num < 2) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
        cout << _4_ << ' ';
    }
}
```

Which value replaces blank #4 so that we output the remainder (0 or 1) that results from dividing the current value of `num` by 2?

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void print_bits(int num) {
    if (num < 2) {
        cout << num << ' ';
    } else {
        // recursive case
        cout << num % 2 << ' ';
    }
}
```

Which operation on num reduces the size of the integer so that there are fewer bits to print?

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    } else {
        // recursive case

        cout << num % 2 << ' ';
        print_bits(num / 2);
    }
}
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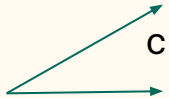

Where do we place the recursive function call to `print_bits()` to output each remainder in the reverse order of its calculation?

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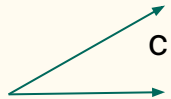

A. Above

B. Below

Printing bits

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