

# Recursion



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Evening

## Today's content

- Recursion Introduction
- Fibonacci series
- Output based question
- Tower of Hanoi
- Generate parenthesis

- Recursion**
- Function calling itself
  - Solving curr problem with the help of subproblem/ smaller instance of problem

Q → Sum of first n natural numbers

$$\text{sum}(5) = \underbrace{1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5}_{\text{sum}(4)}$$

$\text{sum}(4)$  is a subproblem

$$\text{sum}(n) = \underbrace{1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + (n-1)}_{\text{sum}(n-1)} + n$$

### Steps for code

01. **Expectation** = Figure out what your code is expect to do.
02. **Logic**
  - Solving the function expectation by using the subproblem
03. **Base case**
  - Smallest subproblem for which you know the answer

\* Sum of  $n$  natural no.

Expectation → Find & return the sum of  $n$  natural no

```
int sum(n)
    if (n==0) return 0;
    return sum(n-1) + n;
```

3

// Assume time taken by  $\text{sum}(n) = f(n)$

$$f(n) = f(n-1) + 1 \rightarrow 1 \quad f(0) = 1$$
$$\begin{aligned} f(n-1) &= f(n-1-1) + 1 \\ &= f(n-2) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(n) = f(n-2) + 1 + 1$$

$$f(n) = f(n-2) + 2 \quad - 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ sub}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(n-2) &= f(n-2-1) + 1 \\ &= f(n-3) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(n) &= f(n-3) + 1 + 2 \\
 &= f(n-3) + 3 - 3^{\infty}
 \end{aligned}$$

After  $k$  steps

$$f(n) = f(n-k) + k \quad f(0) = 1$$

$$n-k = 0$$

$$n = k$$

$$f(n) = 1 + n$$

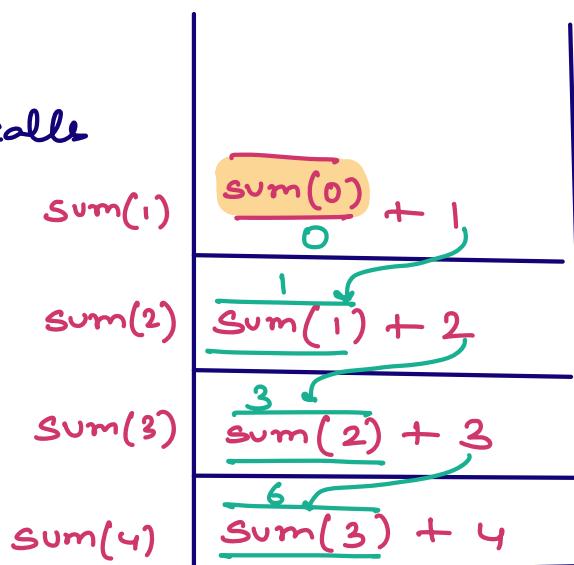
$$TC \asymp O(n)$$

\* Space complexity.

$$\text{sum}(4) = 4 \text{ recursive calls}$$

$$\text{sum}(n) = n \text{ recursive calls}$$

$$SC: O(n)$$



\* Fibonacci series       $n \geq 0$

$\text{fib}(n) = \text{sum of previous two fib no.}$

input      0      1      2      3      4      5

Output      0      1      1      2      3      5

$$\text{fib}(n) = \text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)$$

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

→ main() ⇒ ans = 2

int fib(n)  $n=3$

if ( $n \leq 1$ ) return n

return fib(n-1) +  
fib(n-2)

3

1

int fib(n)  $n=2$

if ( $n \leq 1$ ) return n

return fib(n-1) +  
fib(n-2)

3

1

int fib(n)  $n=0$

if ( $n \leq 1$ ) return n

return fib(n-1) +  
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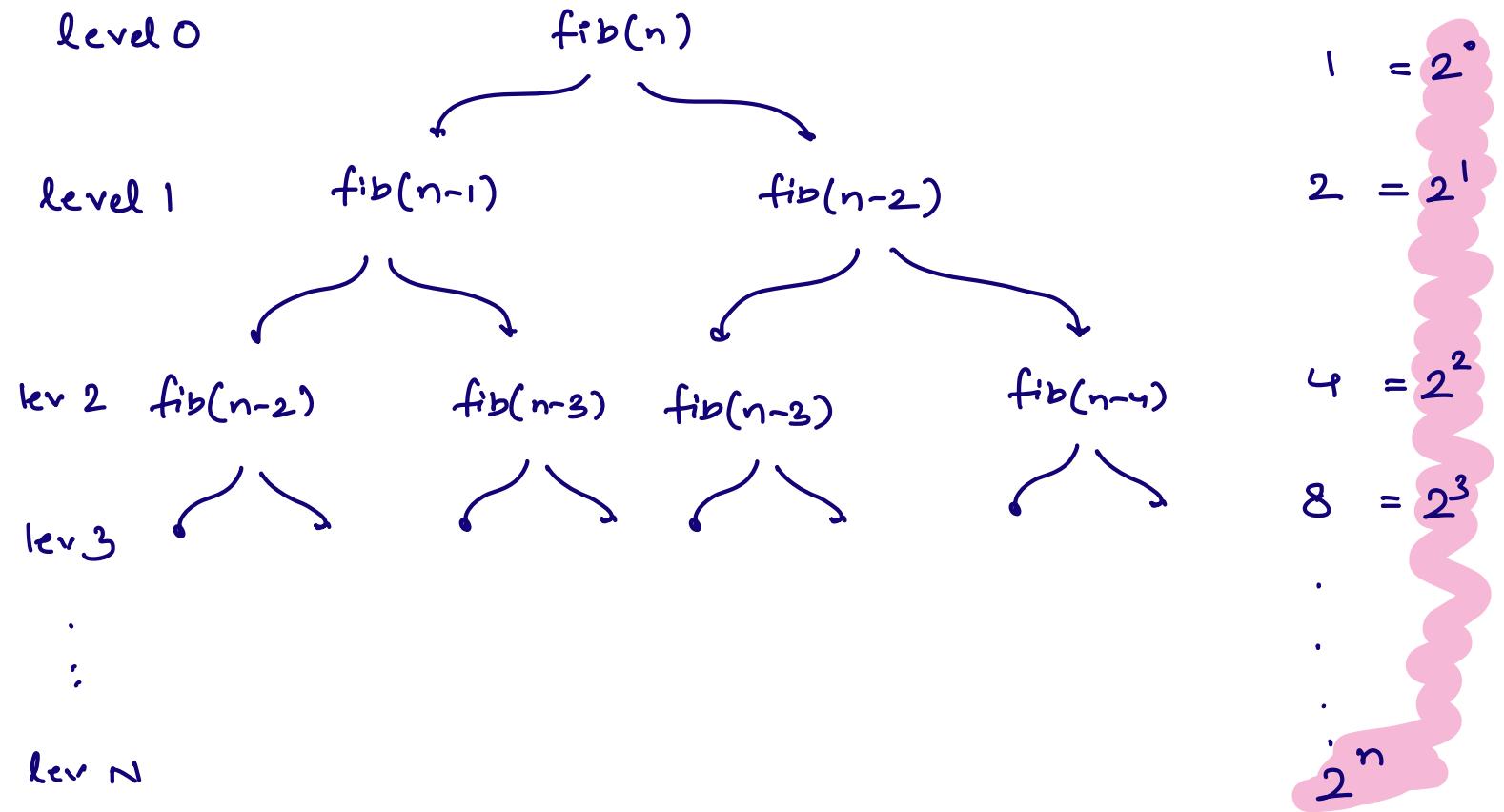
return fib(n-1) +  
fib(n-2)

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1

0

## Time complexity



$$\text{Total fn calls} = 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{\alpha(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{1 * (2^{n+1} - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$\text{Sum} = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

$$TC \approx O(2^n)$$

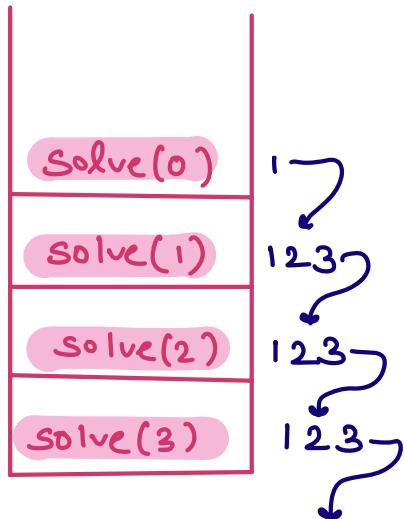
$$SC = O(n)$$

## \* Output based quizzes

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void solve (n) ↗ 3
1 if (n==0) return
2 solve (n-1)
3 print (n)
  
```

Ans = 1 2 3

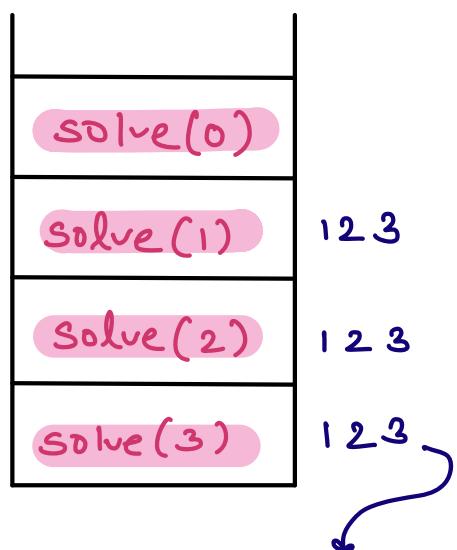


02.

```

void solve (n) ↗ 3
1 if (n==0) return
2 print (n)
3 solve (n-1)
  
```

Ans 3 2 1



03. void solve(n) -3  
| if ( $n == 0$ ) return  
| print(n)  
| solve( $n - 1$ )  
3

$\Rightarrow$  Error, stack overflow  
we will never reach zero

04. int solve(n) TODO  
| if ( $n == 0$ ) return 0  
| return (solve( $n / 10$ ) +  $n \% 10$ );  
3

10:03 → 10:13 pm

Q Print all valid parenthesis of length  $2N$   
for a given value  $N$

Equal no. of opening &  
closing brackets

$N = 1 \rightarrow )C \quad ( )$

$N = 2 \rightarrow (( )) \quad (( )) \quad ) ( ) \quad ( ) ( )$

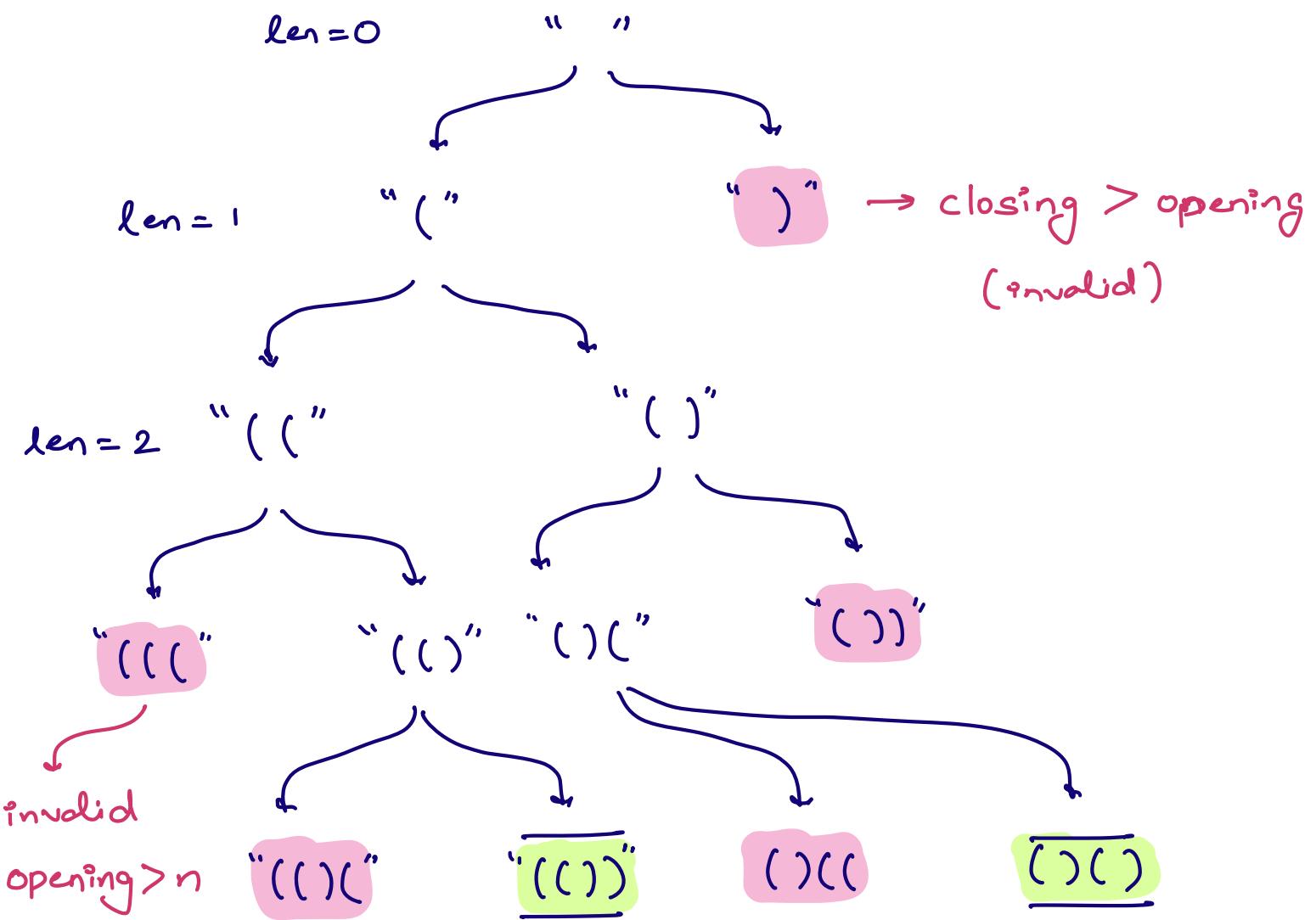
$N = 3 \rightarrow (( ( )) ) \quad (( )) ( ) \quad ( ) ( ( ) ) \quad ( ) ( ) ( )$   
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\* Idea  $\rightarrow$  Start with an empty string & explore  
each & every option

\* Observation

01. The opening bracket must be greater than closing bracket

$$N=2 \rightarrow \underline{\underline{len=4}}$$



```

void solve( N , str, opening, closing )
{
    if (str.length() == 2N)
        print(str); return;
    if (opening < N)
        solve( N, str+'(', opening+1, closing );
    if (closing < opening)
        solve( N, str+')', opening, closing+1 );
}

```

solve(2, "", 0, 0)

TC:  $O(2^n)$   
SC:  $O(2n) \approx O(n)$

solve(2, (, 1, 0)

make the rest  
of tree by  
yourself

solve(2, ((, 2, 0)

solve(2, (, 1, 1)

solve(2, ((), 2, 1)

solve(2, (()), 2, 2)

## Tower of Hanoi

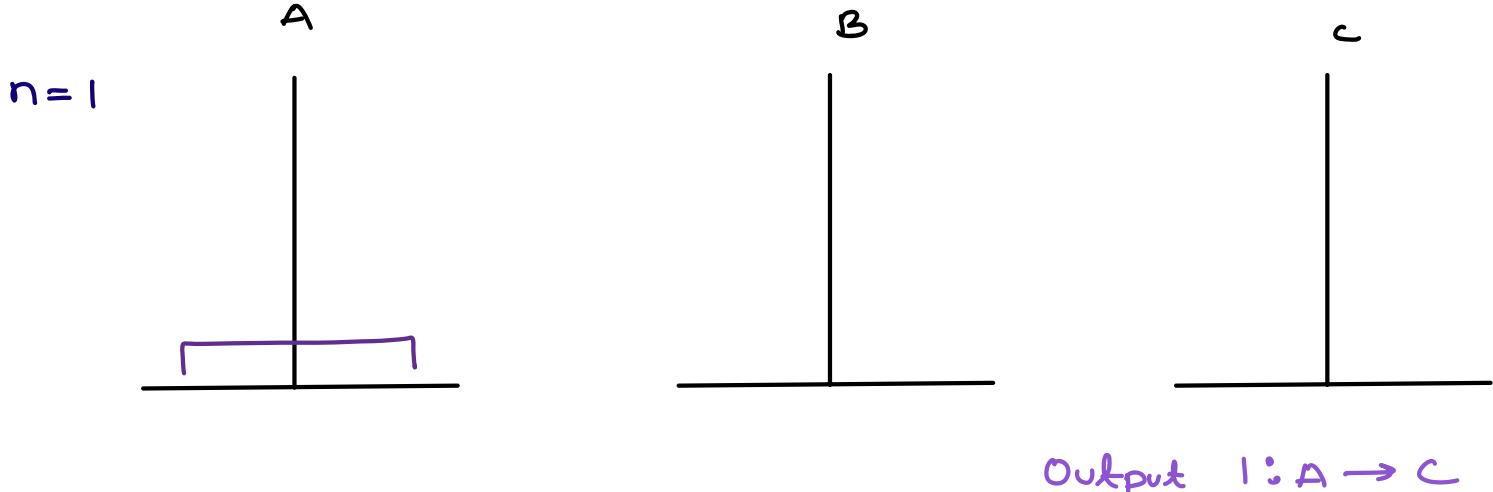
There are  $n$  disks placed on tower A of different sizes

Goal → Move all disks from tower A to C using tower B  
if needed

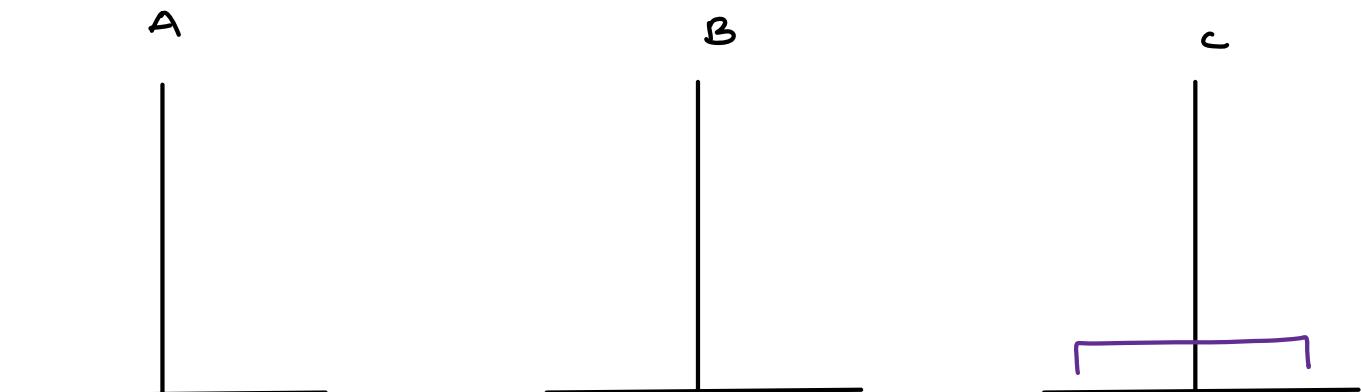
Constraint →

01. Only 1 disk can be moved at a time
02. Larger disk can't be placed on small disk at any step.

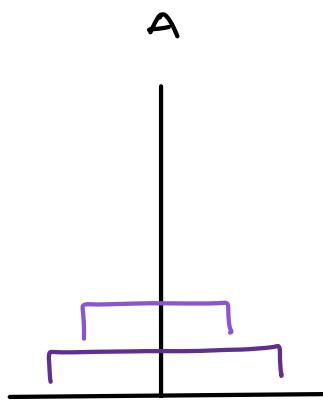
Print the movement of discs from A to C in minimum steps



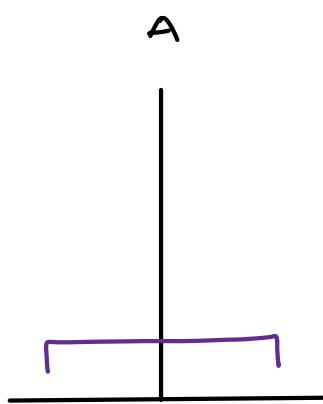
Output 1: A → C



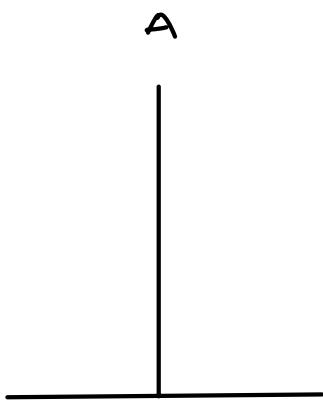
$n=2$



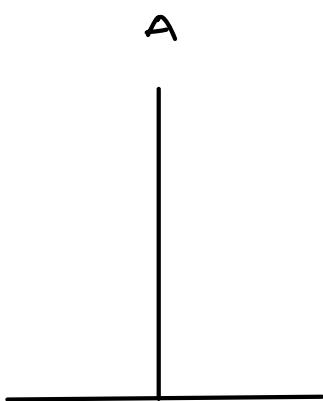
$1: A \rightarrow B$



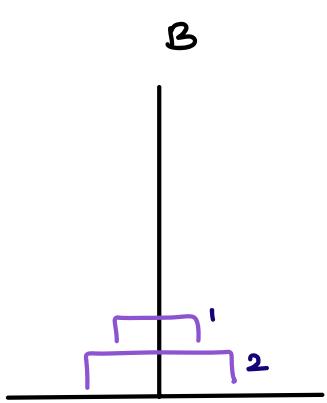
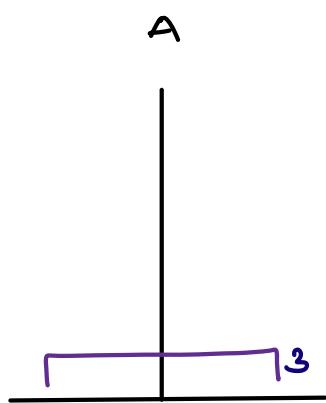
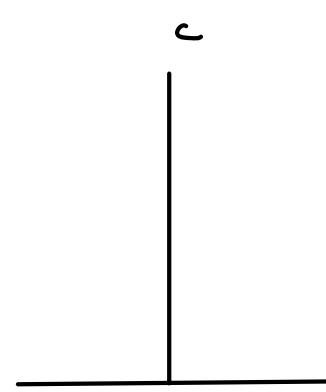
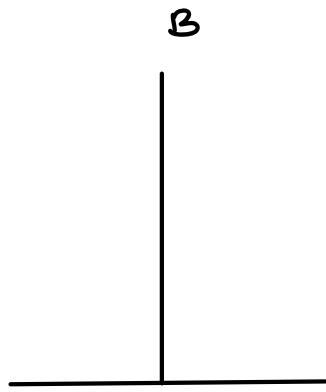
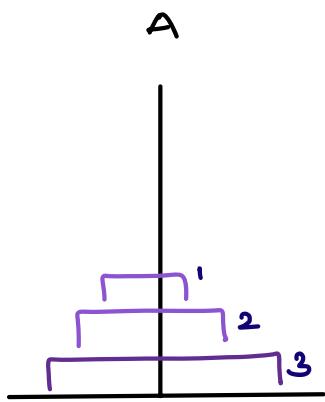
$2: A \rightarrow C$



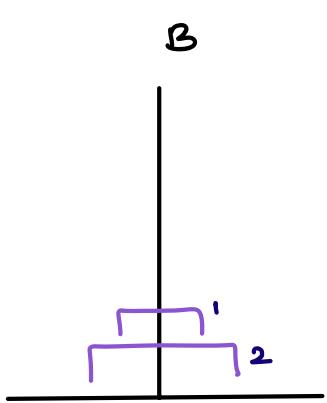
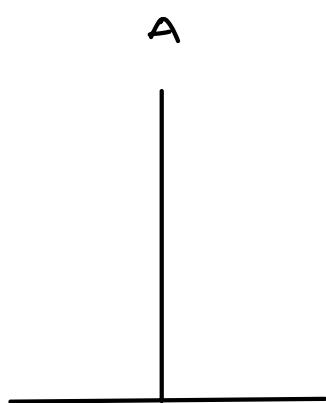
$1: B \rightarrow C$



$n=3$

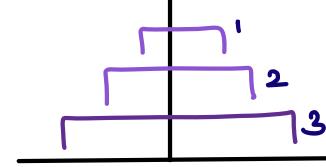
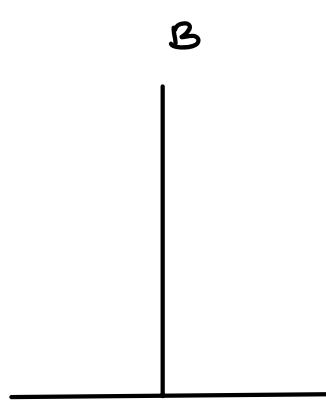
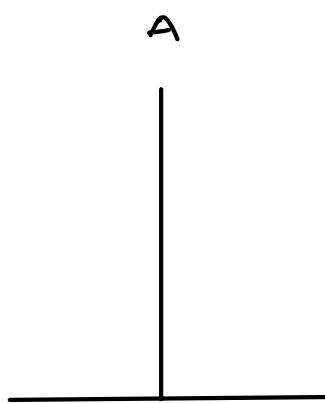


1:  $A \rightarrow C$   
2:  $A \rightarrow B$   
3:  $C \rightarrow B$

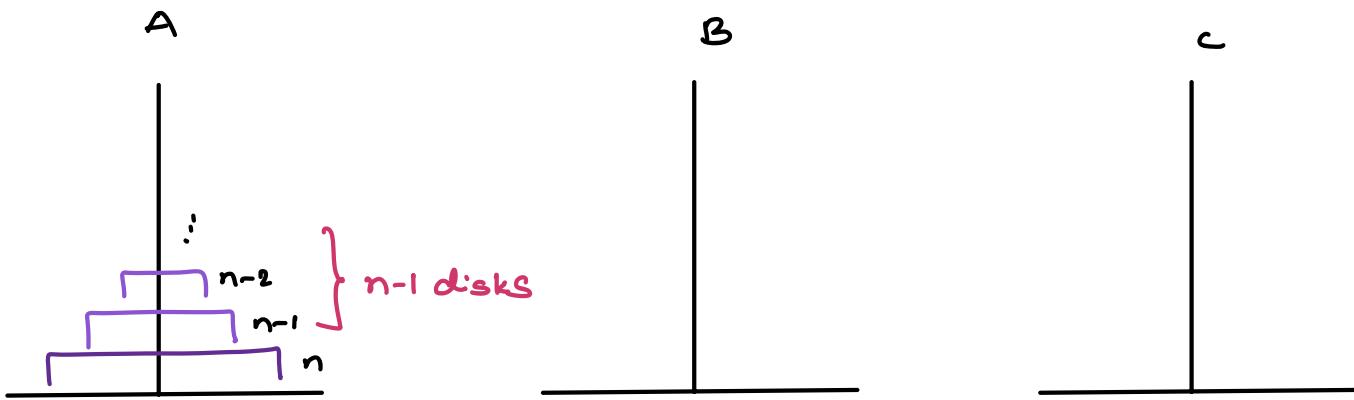


3:  $A \rightarrow C$

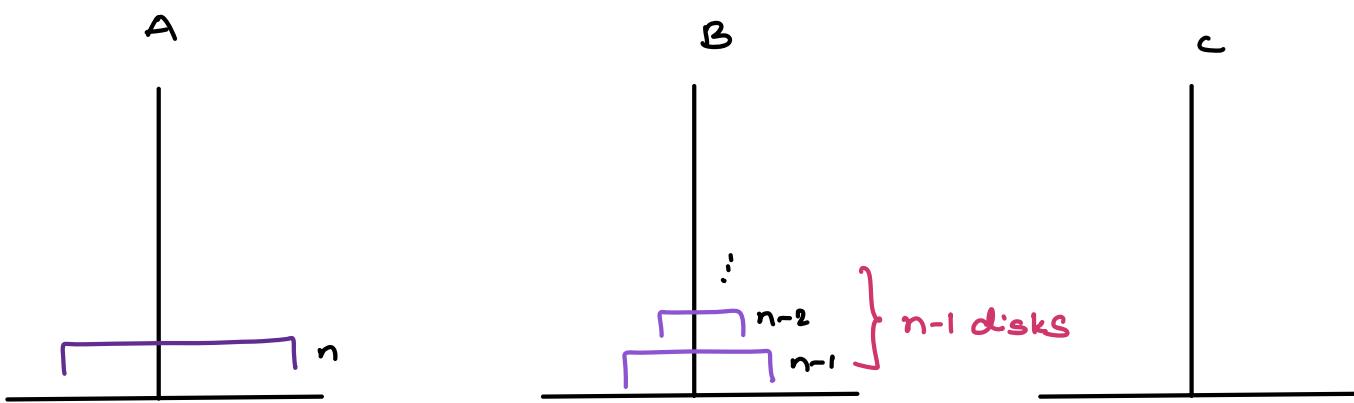
1:  $B \rightarrow A$   
2:  $B \rightarrow C$   
3:  $A \rightarrow C$



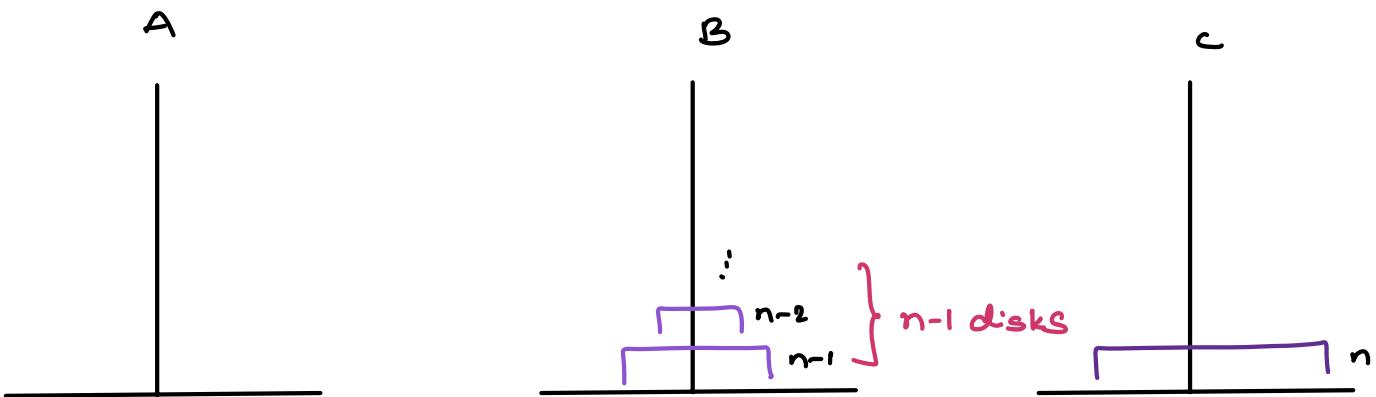
$n$  discs



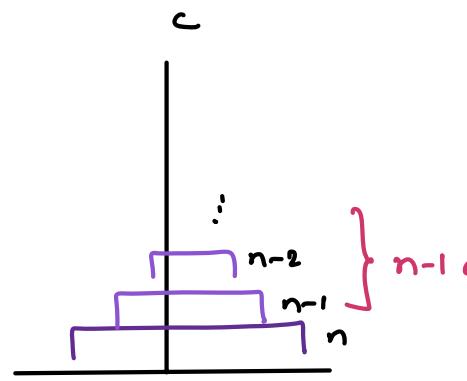
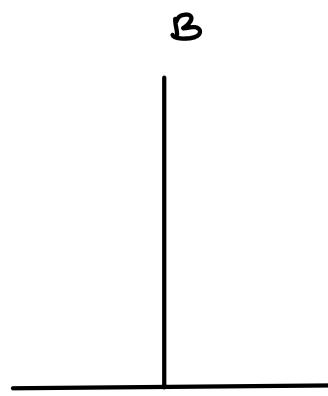
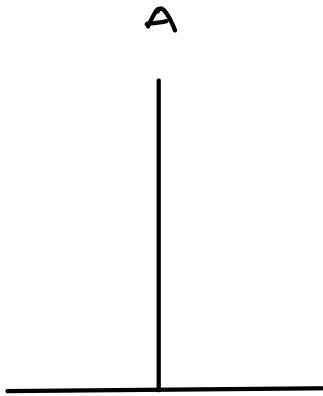
move  $(n-1)$  disks from A to B



move  $n^+$  disk to C

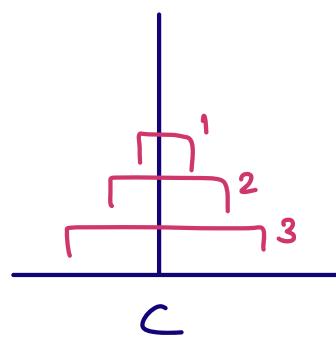
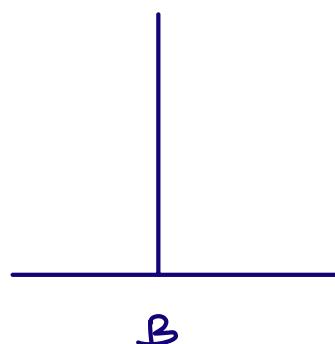
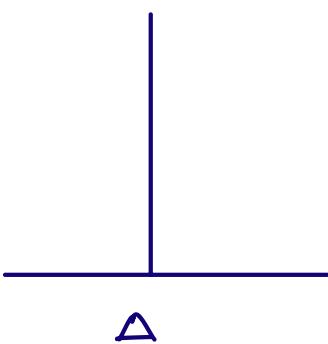


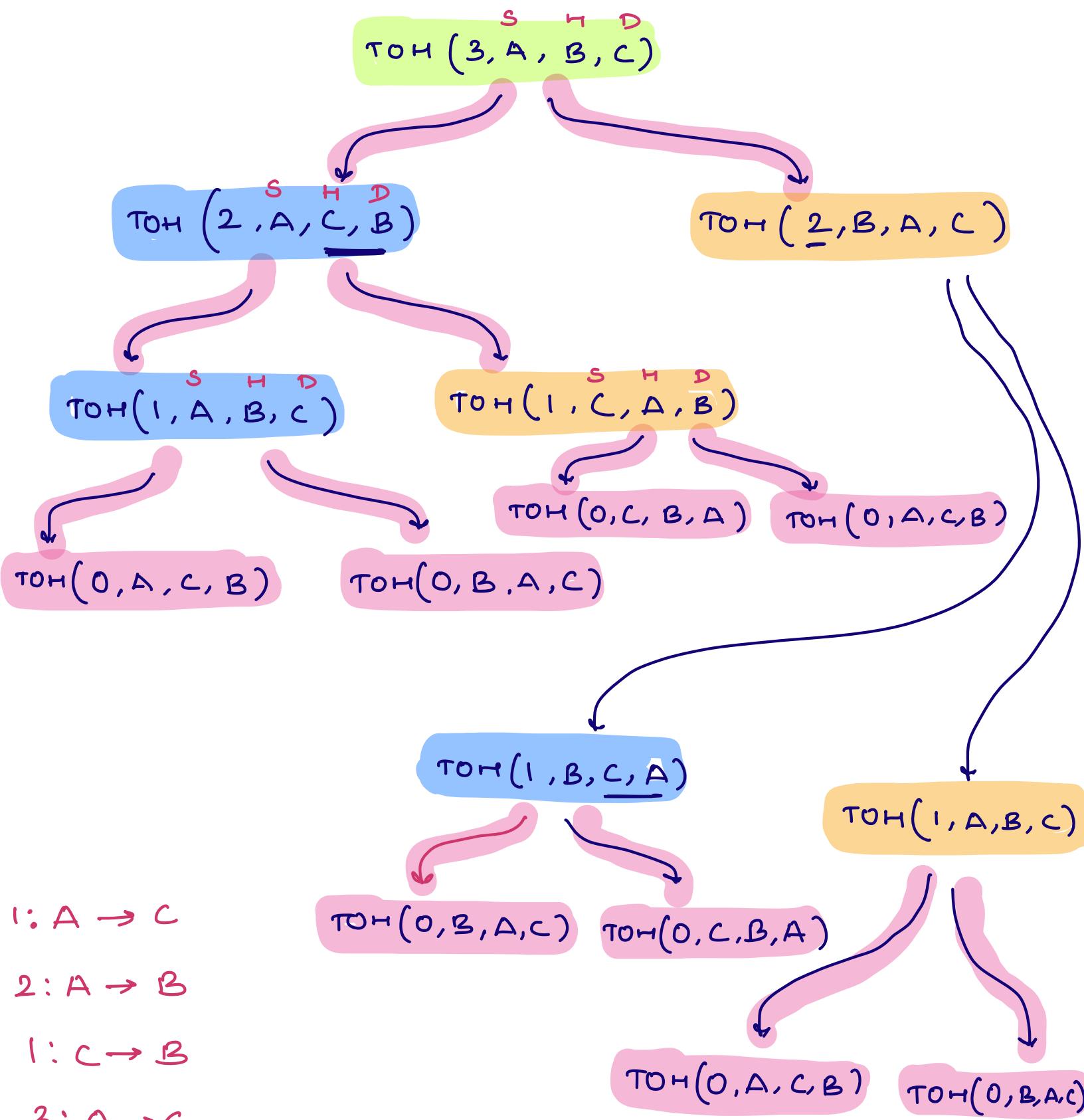
move  $n$  disks from B to C



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void TOH( int n, A, B, C )
    src   help  dest
    if (n==0) return;
    TOH( n-1, A, C, B ) // move n-1 disks A→B
    print( n : A → C ) // moving nth disk A→C
    TOH( n-1, B, A, C ) // move n-1 disks B→C
    3
  
```





1: A → C

2: A → B

1: C → B

3: A → C

1: B → A

2: B → C

1: A → C

Time complexity =  $2^n$

$$f(n) = f(n-1) + 1 + f(n-1)$$

$$f(n) = 2f(n-1) + 1$$

$$f(0) = 1$$