

Multiple Recursion

- process in which a function makes > 2 recursive calls
- common example is enumerating various configurations in order to solve a combinatorial puzzle
- if the # of possible configurations is not too large, we can use an algorithm to consider all possibilities systematically. In general, the algorithm enumerates and tests all k -length sequences w/o repetitions of elements in given universe U .

Build sequences by:

- 1.) Recursively generating sequences of $k-1$ elements
- 2.) Appending each such sequence an element not already in it

$\text{PuzzleSolve}(k, S, U)$:

for each e in U

Add e to end of S

Remove e from U

if $k=1$:

Test whether S is a config. which solves puzzle

if S solves puzzle then

return "Solution" + S

else

$\text{PuzzleSolve}(k-1, S, U)$

Remove e from end of S

Add e back to U

