

RECURSION

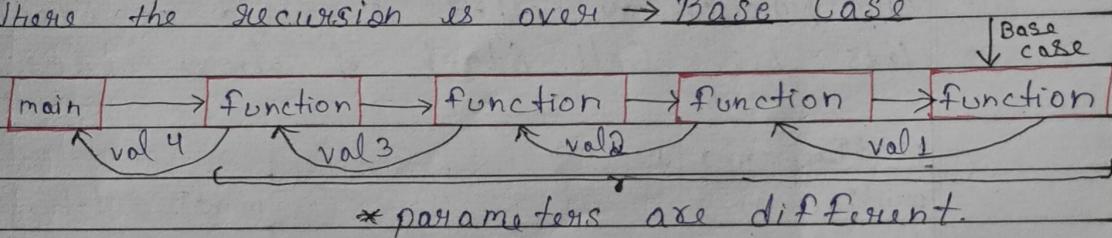
* WHAT IS RECURSION?

* using Math,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^2 \\ f(f(x)) &= (x^2)^2 \\ \Rightarrow x &= 2 \\ f(x) &= 4 = 2^2 \\ f(f(x)) &= f(4) = 4^2 = 16. \end{aligned}$$

} function calling
itself again
& again.

- * The function which call itself again & again is known as Recursive function.
- * Recursion is a method of solving a computational problem where the solution depends on solutions to smaller instances of the same problem.
- * Where the recursion is over \rightarrow Base Case



Ques- Print numbers from n to 1 (decreasing Order).

$$* f(n) = f_1 + f(n-1)$$

\downarrow

$$10 + f(9)$$

\downarrow

$$9 + f(8)$$

\downarrow

$$8 + f(7)$$

1 → Base Case



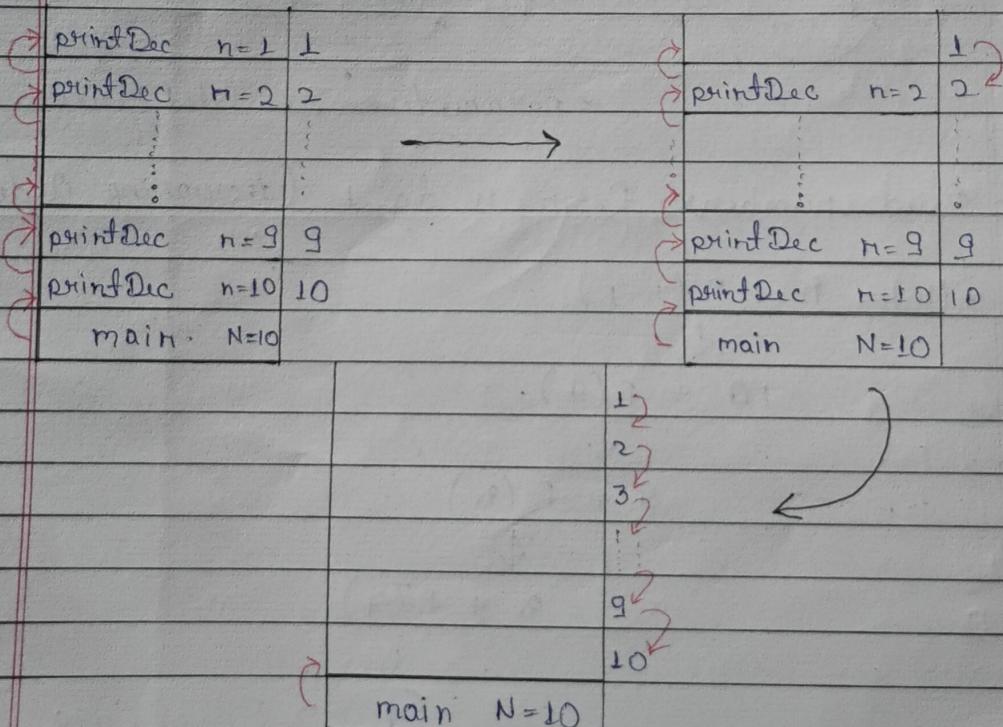
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→ public class Recursion {
    public static void printDec (int n) {
        if (n == 1) {
            System.out.println (n);
            return;
        }
        System.out.print (n + " ");
        printDec (n-1);
    }
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        int n = 10;
        printDec (n);
    }
}

```

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

- * Any function or method is stored on Stack.
- * Let's see Call Stack of above code:



There should be always a BASE CASE else STACK OVERFLOW



RECUSION

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ITERATION

1. It is the process of calling a function itself within its own code.	It is a repeated execution of the set of instructions.
2. The termination condition is defined within the recursive function.	The termination condition is defined in the definition of the loop.
3. Smaller code size.	Large code size.
4. It is always applied to functions.	It is faster than recursion.
5. No issue of time complexity.	It is used when we have to balance time complexity.
6. High time complexity.	Low time complexity.
7. It has to update and maintain the stack.	No utilization of stack.
8. It uses more memory as compared to iteration.	It uses less memory as compared to recursion.
9. If the recursive function does not meet to a termination condition, it leads to an infinite recursion.	Iteration will be infinite, if the control condition of the iteration statement never becomes false.



QUES. Print numbers from n to 1 (increasing order).

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⇒ public class Recursion {
    public static void printInc (int n) {
        if (n == 1) {
            System.out.println (n + " ");
            return;
        }
        printInc (n - 1);
        System.out.print (n + " ");
    }
    public static void main (String args []) {
        int n = 10;
        printInc (n);
    }
}

```

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

QUES. Print factorial of a number n.

$$n! = n \times (n-1)! \rightarrow f(n) = n \times f(n-1)$$

$$(n-1) \times f(n-1)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\text{if } (n == 0)$$

$$\text{return } 1; // 0! = 1.$$

* $f_{n-1} = f_{n-1}$. // in code.

* We know,

$$5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 1 \rightarrow 0!$$

$$= 120.$$



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→ public class Recursion {
    public static int fact (int n) {
        if (n == 0) {
            return 1; // Time Complexity → O(n)
        }
        int fnm1 = fact (n-1); // Space Complexity → O(n)
        int fn = n * fact (n-1);
        return fn;
    }

    public static void main (String args []) {
        int n = 5;
        System.out.println (fact (n));
    }
}

```

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Ques. Print sum of first n natural numbers.

$$* f(n) = n + f(n-1) \rightarrow \therefore f(5) = 5 + \cancel{f(4)}^{\downarrow 10} = 15.$$

$$\downarrow \\ 4 + \cancel{f(3)}^{\downarrow 6}$$

* Base case, if ($n = 1$)

return 1;

$$\downarrow \\ 3 + \cancel{f(2)}^{\downarrow 3}$$

↓

→ public class Recursion {

$$2 + \cancel{f(1)}^{\downarrow 1}$$

public static int sum (int n) {

if ($n = 1$) {

return 1;

}

$$\text{int } S_{nm1} = \cancel{\text{sum}}(n-1); // S_{n-1} = \text{sum}(n-1)$$

$$\text{int } S_n = n + S_{nm1}; // S_n = n + S_{n-1}$$

$$\text{return } S_n; // \text{return } S_n$$

public static void main (String args []);

System.out.print (sum (5));

Internally जब दी Recursion call होती है तो Tree बनता है.

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Ques. Print Nth fibonacci number.

$$0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 5 \ 8 \ 13 \ 21 \dots$$

↓
0th 1st 2nd 6th

* $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$



$$f_5 = f_4 + f_3$$

$f_2 + f_1$
 $f_1 + f_0$

* Base case, $f(0) = 0$

$$f_3 + f_2$$

$f_1 + f_0$
 $f_1 + f_0$

* Base case, $f(1) = 1$.

$$f_1 + f_0$$

$$1 \quad 0$$

* Algo :- fib (int n) {

 if ($n = 0$) $\rightarrow 0$

 if ($n = 1$) $\rightarrow 1$

 fib_{N-1} = fib (n-1)

 fib_{N-2} = fib (n-2)

 fib_N = fib_{N-1} + fib_{N-2}

 return fib_N.

⇒ public class Recursion {

 public static int fib (int n) {

 if ($n == 0 \text{ || } n == 1$) {

 return n; // Space Complexity, O(n)

 }

 // Time Complexity, O(2ⁿ)

 int fnm1 = fib (n-1);

 int fnm2 = fib (n-2);

 int fn = fnm1 + fnm2;

 return fn;

Exponential
time
complexity

 public static void main (String args[]) {

 System.out.println (fib (10));

QUES. Check if a given array is sorted or not.

$$a = 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \implies \text{Sorted}_N = a[0] < a[1] + \text{Sorted}_{N-1}$$

* Base case, $i = \text{arr.length} - 1$.

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→ public class Recursion {
    public static boolean isSorted (int arr[], int i) {
        if (i == arr.length - 1) {
            return true;
        }
        if (arr[i] > arr[i+1]) {
            return false;
        }
        return isSorted (arr, i+1);
    }
    public static void main (String args[]) {
        int arr [] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};
        System.out.println (isSorted (arr, 0));
    }
}

```

QUES. Write a recursive function to find the first occurrence of an element in an array.

8	3	6	9	5	10	2	5	3
↑	↑	↑	↑	↓	$i=4$			

* Key = 5 return (4)

* 5 is first occurring at index 4.

* (-1) if -1 index is returned so it means NOT FOUND.

⇒ public class Recursion {

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public static int firstOccurrence (int arr[], int key,  
int i) {
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if (i == arr.length) {  
    return -1;  
}
```

```
if (arr[i] == key) {  
    return i;  
}
```

? return firstOccurrence (arr, key, i+1);

```
public static void main (String args []) {
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int arr[] = {8, 3, 6, 9, 5, 10, 2, 5, 3};

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System.out.println(firstOccurrence(ar1, key, i));
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Ques. Write a function to find the last occurrence of an element in an array.

8	3	6	9	5	10	2	5	3
		i=4					i=7	

* Key = 5 returns 7;

* At $i=7$, .5 is the last occurrence.

* Look forward → Compare

* Base case \rightarrow if ($i == \text{arr.length}$)

~~return -1;~~

NOT FOUND



→ public class Recursion {

public static int lastOccurrence (int arr[], int key, int i) {

if ($i == arr.length$) {

} return -1;

int isFound = lastOccurrence (arr, key, i+1);

if ($isFound == -1 \& arr[i] == key$) {

} return i;

} return isFound;

public static void main (String args []) {

int arr [] = {8, 3, 6, 9, 5, 10, 2, 5, 3};

System.out.println (lastOccurrence (arr, 5, 0));

}

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QUES. Print x to the power n . (x^n).

* $x^n \rightarrow x \times x^{n-1}$

* $x = 2 \rightarrow 2^{10}$
 $n = 10$
 $\underbrace{2 \times 2 \times 2 \dots \times 2}_{n \text{ times}}$

$x \times x^{n-2}$

$x \times x^{n-3}$

* Base case, if ($n == 0$)

return 1;

$x \times x^{n-4}$

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∴ $\Rightarrow pow(x, n) = x \times pow(x, n-1)$



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public class Recursion {
    public static int power (int x, int n) {
        if (n == 0) {
            return 1;
        }
        int xnm1 = power (x, n-1);
        int xn = x * xnm1;
        return xn; // Time Complexity, O(n)
    }
}

public static void main (String args [ ]) {
    System.out.println (power (2, 10));
}

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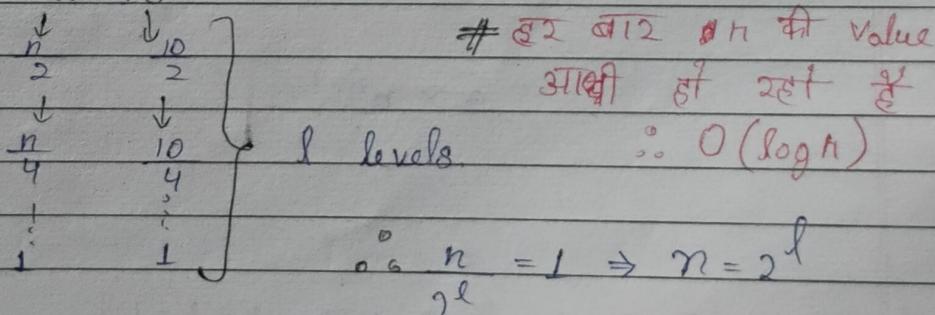
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Ques. Print x^n in $O(\log n)$.

$$\text{Case 1: } x^n \rightarrow n = \text{even} \rightarrow 2^{10} = x^{\frac{n}{2}} \times x^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ = 2^5 \times 2^5 = 2^{5+5} = 2^{10}$$

$$\text{Case 2: } x^n \rightarrow n = \text{odd} \rightarrow 2^5 = x \times x^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \times x^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \\ = 2 \times 2^2 \times 2^2 = 2^{1+2+2} = 2^5$$

Ex $\rightarrow n = 10$



$$\text{as } n = 1 \Rightarrow n = 2^l$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 n = l$$

```

⇒ public class Recursion {
    public static int optimizedPower (int a, int n) {
        if (n == 0) {
            return 1;
        }
        int halfPowerSq = optimizedPower (a, n/2) *
            optimizedPower (a, n/2);
        // O(n)
        // n is odd.
        if (n % 2 != 0) {
            halfPowerSq = a * halfPowerSq;
        }
        return halfPowerSq;
    }
}
    
```

OR

```

public static void main (String [] args) {
    int a = 2;
    int n = 10;
    System.out.println (optimizedPower (a, n));
}
    
```

$\text{O}(\log n)$

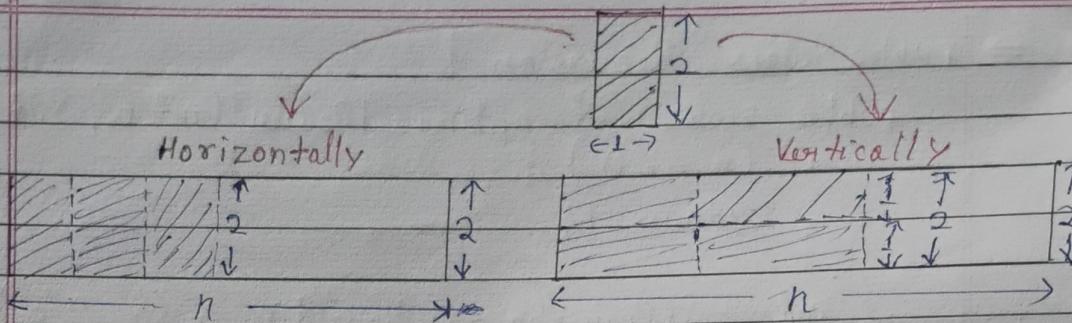
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int halfPower = optimized power (a, n/2);
int halfPowerSq = halfPower * halfPower;
    
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Ques. Given a " $2 \times n$ " board & tiles of size " 2×1 ", count the no. of ways to tile the given board using the 2×1 tiles.

(A tile can either be placed horizontally or vertically.)

The above problem is known as
Tiling Problem.

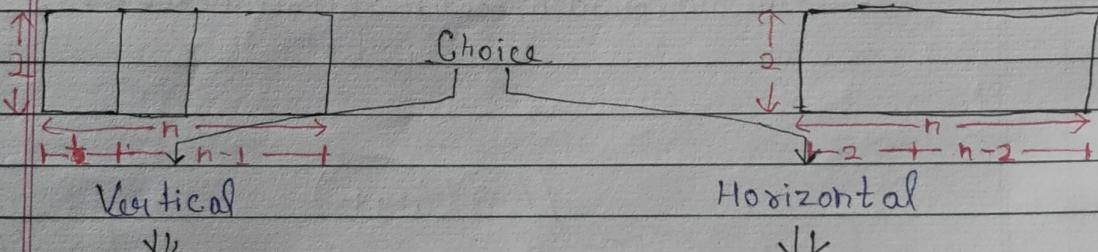


Approach: $n=0 \rightarrow 2 \times 0 \rightarrow$ No tiles \rightarrow Ways = 1.

$$n=1 \rightarrow 2 \times 1 \rightarrow \boxed{01} \rightarrow \text{Ways} = 1.$$

$$n=2 \rightarrow 2 \times 2 \rightarrow \boxed{\quad} \rightarrow \text{Ways} = 2$$

$$n=3 \rightarrow 2 \times 3 \rightarrow \text{Ways} = 3.$$



$$\text{fill } 2 \times (n-1)$$

$$\downarrow \\ f(n-1)$$

$$\downarrow \\ \text{vertical} + f(n-1)$$

$$\downarrow \\ \text{horizontal} + \\ f(n-2) = 2(n-2)$$

* Base Case, $n=0, 1 \rightarrow$ ways = 1

* Total ways = $f(n-1) + f(n-2)$,
we will return this.

```

    ⇒ public class Recursion {
        public static int filingProblem (int n) { // 2x n
            // base case
            if (n == 0 || n == 1) {
                return 1;
            }
            // KAAM
            // vertical choice
            int fnm1 = filingProblem (n-1);
            // horizontal choice
            int fnm2 = filingProblem (n-2);
            int totWays = fnm1 + fnm2;
            return totWays;
        }
        public static void main (String args[]) {
            System.out.println (filingProblem (3));
        }
    }

```

Ques. Remove Duplicates in a String.

`à 'b' 'c' 'd' 'e'` `'x' 'y' 'z'`
`0 1 2 3 4` `-- -- - - -` `23 24 25`

→ `map [] (boolean)`

$$* 'a' - 'a' = 0$$

* 'b' - 'a' = 1 \rightarrow index_(map) = currchar - 'a'

* 'c' + 'a' = 2



// base case , idx = 0 to $n \rightarrow$ string-length
print "new string".

// Kaam , char \rightarrow present in map $\checkmark \rightarrow$ newStr \times
char \rightarrow absent in map $\checkmark \rightarrow$ newStr \checkmark

\Rightarrow public class Recursion {

public static void removeDuplicates (String str,
int idx, String Builder newStr, boolean map[]);

if (idx == str.length ()) {

System.out.println (newStr);

return;

}

char currChar = str.charAt (idx);

if (map [currChar - 'a'] == true) {

removeDuplicates (str, idx+1, newStr, map);

} else {

map [currChar - 'a'] = true;

removeDuplicates (str, idx+1, newStr.append
(currChar), map);

}

}

public static void main (String args []) {

String str = "Appnacollege";

removeDuplicates (str, 0, new String Builder ("")
new boolean [26]);

}

}

Output : apnacoleg

QUESTIONS

Friends Pairing Problem

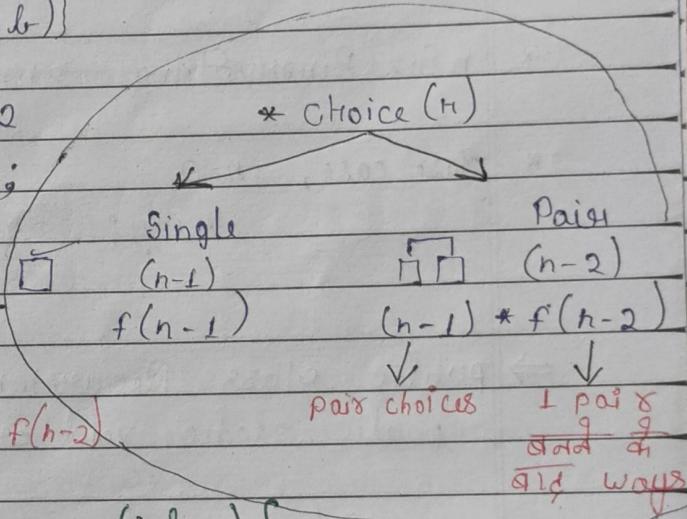
Friends Pairing Problem

Given n friends, each one can remain single or can be paired up with some other friend. Each friend can be paired only once. Find out the total number of ways in which friends can remain single or can be paired up.

- * $n=1 \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{1} \\ \times \end{array}$ (single) $\rightarrow \text{ways} = 1.$
 - * $n=2 \rightarrow \begin{array}{cc} \textcircled{1} & \textcircled{2} \\ a & b \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{c} a, b \\ (a, b) \end{array} \rightarrow \text{ways} = 2$

- $$n=3 \rightarrow \begin{matrix} & \otimes & \otimes & \otimes \\ & a & b & c \end{matrix} \rightarrow \begin{matrix} a, b, c \\ a(b, c) \\ b(a, c) \\ c(a, b) \end{matrix} \rightarrow \text{ways} = 4.$$

- * Base Case, $n=1 // n=2$
ways = n



```
→ public static int friendsPairing (int n) {  
    if (n == 1 || n == 2) {  
        return n;  
    }  
}
```

//single.

int fnm1 = friendsPairing(n-1);

//paɪə

```
int fnm2 = friendsPairing (n-2);
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$$\text{int pairways} = (n-1) * f_{nm2};$$

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int totWays = fnm1 + pairWays;
```

return to ways;

return friendsPairing
 $(n-1) + (n-1) *$
 friendsPairing $(n-2)$;



QUES.

Binary Strings Problem

Print all binary strings of size N without consecutive ones.

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- * $n=0 \rightarrow " "$

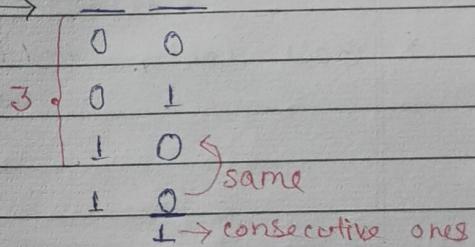
- * $n=1 \rightarrow "1" , "0"$

- * $n=2 \rightarrow "00" , "01" , "10" , "11"$
consecutive ones.

- * n Size Binary String $\rightarrow n=2 \rightarrow \underline{\quad} \quad \underline{\quad}$

- * Base case, $n=0$

empty;



\Rightarrow public class Recursion {

public static void printBinStrings (int n, int lastPlace, String str) {

if ($n==0$) {

System.out.println (str);

return;

}

printBinStrings ($n-1$, 0, str + "0");

if ($lastPlace == 0$) {

printBinStrings ($n-1$, 1, str + "1");

}

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printBinStrings (3, 0, "");

}



- Problem 1 : For a given integer array of size N. You have to find all the occurrences (indices) of a given element (key) & print them. Use a recursive function to solve this problem.

Sample input : arr [] = {3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 2, 7, 2, 2}, key=2

Sample output : 1 5 7 8

```

→ public class Recursion {
    public static void allOccurrences (int arr [], int key, int i) {
        if (i == arr.length) {
            return;
        }
        if (arr [i] == key) {
            System.out.print (i + " ");
        }
        allOccurrences (arr, key, i+1);
    }

    public static void main (String args []) {
        int arr [] = {3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 2, 7, 2, 2};
        int key = 2;
        allOccurrences (arr, key, 0);
        System.out.println ();
    }
}

```

- Problem 2 : You are given a number (eg- 2019), convert it into string of english like "two zero one nine". Use a recursive function to solve this problem.

NOTE : The digits of the number will only in range 0-9 & the last digit of a number can't be 0.

Sample input : 1947

Sample output : "one nine four seven".

• Problem 3:

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⇒ public class Recursion {
    static String digits [] = {"zero", "one", "two", "three",
        "four", "five", "six", "seven", "eight", "nine"};
    public static void printDigits (int number) {
        if (number == 0) {
            return;
        }
        int lastDigit = number % 10;
        printDigits (number / 10);
        System.out.print (digits [lastDigit] + " ");
    }
    public static void main (String [] args) {
        printDigits (1234);
        System.out.println ();
    }
}

```

• Problem 3: Write a program to find Length of a String using Recursion.

```

⇒ public class Recursion {
    public static int length (String str) {
        if (str.length () == 0) {
            return 0;
        }
        return length (str.substring (1)) + 1;
    }
}

```

```

public static void main (String [] args) {
    String str = "abcde";
    System.out.println (length (str));
}

```

- Problem 4: We are given a string S , we need to find the count of all contiguous substrings starting & ending with the same character.

Sample input: $S = "abcab"$

Sample output: 7

There are 15 substrings of "abcab": ab, a, abc, abca, abcab, b, bc, bca, bcab, c, ca, cab, a, ab, b.
Out of the above substrings, there are 7 substrings: a, abca, b, bcab, c, a & b.

\Rightarrow public class Recursion {

 public static int countSubstrs (String str, int i, int j, int n) {

 if ($n == 1$) {

 return 1;

}

 if ($n < 0$) {

 return 0;

}

 int res = countSubstrs (str, i+1, j, n-1) +

 countSubstrs (str, i, j-1, n-1) -

 countSubstrs (str, i+1, j-1, n-2);

 if (str.charAt (i) == str.charAt (j)) {

 res += 1;

}

 return res;

}

- public static void main (String [] args) {

 String str = "abcab";

 int n = str.length();

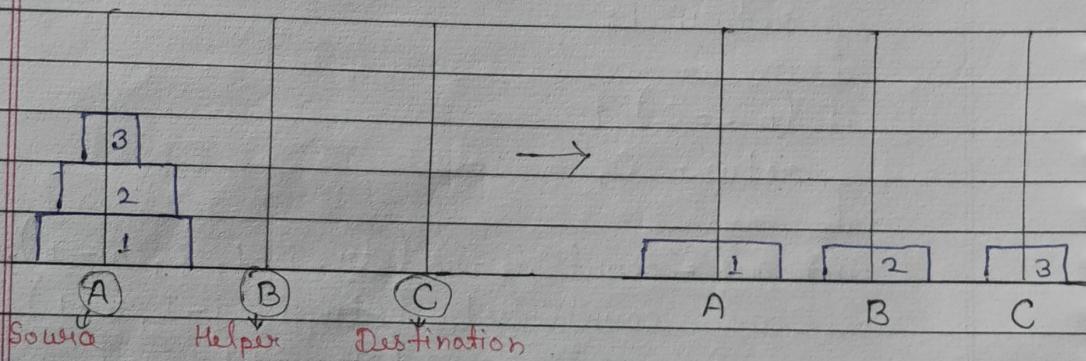
 System.out.print (countSubstrs (str, 0, n-1, n));

}

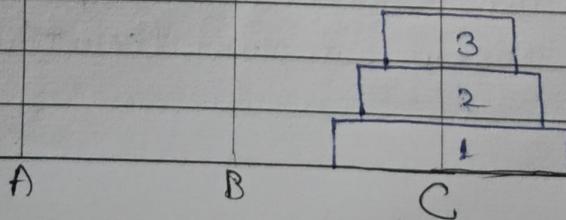


• Problem 5: Tower of Hanoi Problem

- * We have 3 towers & N disks of different sizes which can slide onto any tower. The puzzle starts with disks sorted in ascending order of size from top to bottom (i.e., each disk sits on top of an even larger one).
- * We have to shift disks to another tower so we have following constraints :
 - 1) Only one disk can be moved at a time.
 - 2) A disk is slid off the top of one tower onto another tower.
 - 3) A disk cannot be placed on top of a smaller disk.



Write a program to move the disks from first tower to another.





⇒ public class Recursion {
 public static void towerOfHanoi (int n, String src, String helper, String dest) {
 if (n == 1) {
 System.out.println ("Transfer disk " + n + " from " + src
 " to " + dest);
 return;
 }
 // transfer top n-1 from src to helper using dest as 'helper'.
 towerOfHanoi (n-1, src, dest, helper);
 // transfer nth from src to dest
 System.out.println ("Transfer disk " + n + " from " + src +
 " to " + dest);
 // transfer n-1 from helper to dest, using src as 'helper'.
 towerOfHanoi (n-1, helper, src, dest);
 }
 public static void main (String args []) {
 int n = 4;
 towerOfHanoi (n, "A", "B", "C");
 }
}