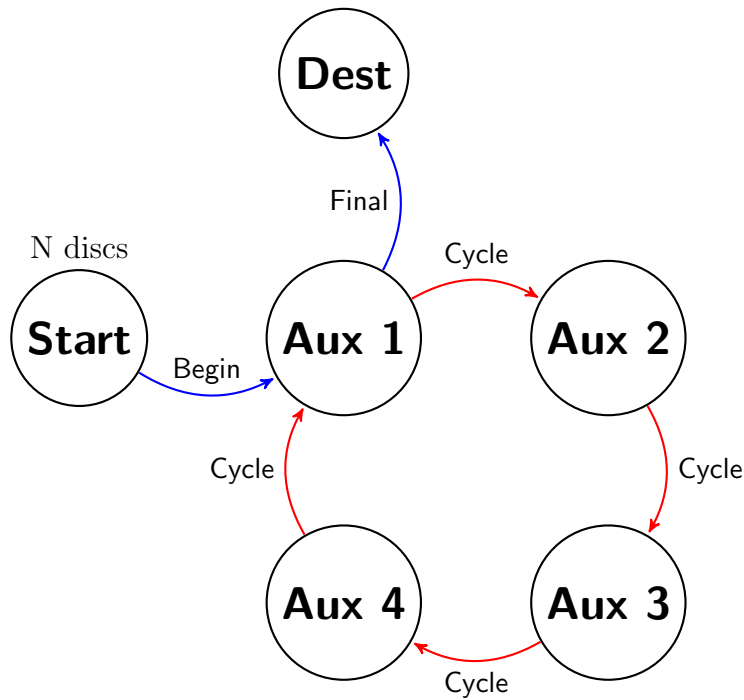


# Hanoi Algorithm Design, Complexity, & Implementation Analysis

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Implement an algorithm and program it to solve a Tower of Hanoi puzzle for the following graph  $\mathcal{G}=(\mathcal{V},\mathcal{E})$  with the Vertices,  $\mathcal{V} = \{\text{Start, Aux 1, Aux 2, Aux 3, Aux 4, and Dest}\}$ , and Directed Edges  $\mathcal{E} = \{(\text{Start, Aux 1}), (\text{Aux 1, Aux 2}), (\text{Aux 2, Aux 3}), (\text{Aux 3, Aux 4}), (\text{Aux 4, Aux 1}), \text{ and } (\text{Aux 1, Dest})\}$ .



*Figure 1.a Tower of Hanoi puzzle for  $\mathcal{G}=(\mathcal{V},\mathcal{E})$ .*

## Design Rationale

Our goal is to move a stack of N number of discs from Start to Dest. In order to move N number of discs from Start to Dest we must move (N-1) discs to access the last disc. This can be achieved by the following recursive pattern:

Move N-1 discs from Start to Aux 3 (this frees up the largest disc on Start). Move the largest disc from Start to Dest Move N-1 discs from Aux 3 to Dest (this remakes the original pile on Dest).