

Recursion - 2

Problems on Recursion



Class starts at 7:05 IST



Question - Given two integers a and n, find a^n using recursion.

$$a = 2$$

$$2^3 = 8$$

$$N = 3$$

$$2^3 = \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}_{2^2}$$

$$2^3 = 2^2 \cdot 2$$

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdots}_{0} \underbrace{a \cdot a}_{a^{n-1}}$$

$$a^n = a^{n-1} \cdot a$$

Assumption: Pow(a, n) \rightarrow calculate & return a^n .

Main logic: Pow(a, n) = Pow(a, n-1) * a

Base Case: If $n = 0$
return 1

$$a^0 = 1$$

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int Pow(a, n) {
```

// Base Case

if (n == 0) return 1;

return (Pow(a, n-1) * a);

y

$2^4 \rightarrow \text{Pow}(2, 4)$



ans : 16



$$\begin{aligned} T.C &= \text{No of func call} * \text{Time per call} \\ &= (N+1) * C \\ &= NC + C \end{aligned}$$

$$T.C = O(N)$$

$$\begin{aligned} S.C &= \text{Max stack space} \\ &= O(N+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$S.C = O(N)$$



Approach - 2:

$$a^{10} = a^9 \cdot a$$

$$a^{10} = a^5 \cdot a^5$$

$$a^{12} = a^6 \cdot a^6$$

$$a^{12} = a^5 \cdot a^5 \cdot a$$

$$a^9 = a^4 \cdot a^4 \cdot a$$

n (even)

$$a^n = a^{n/2} \cdot a^{n/2}$$

n (odd)

$$a^n = a^{n/2} \cdot a^{n/2} \cdot a$$

Assumption : Pow(a, n) \rightarrow calculate & return a^n .

Main logic :

$$n(\text{even}) \quad \text{Pow}(a, n) = \text{Pow}(a, n/2) * \text{Pow}(a, n/2)$$

$$n(\text{odd}) \quad \text{Pow}(a, n) = \text{Pow}(a, n/2) * \text{Pow}(a, n/2) * a$$

Base Case : If $n = 0$ return 1. $a^0 = 1$

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int Pow(a, n) {
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// Base Case

if ($n == 0$) return 1;

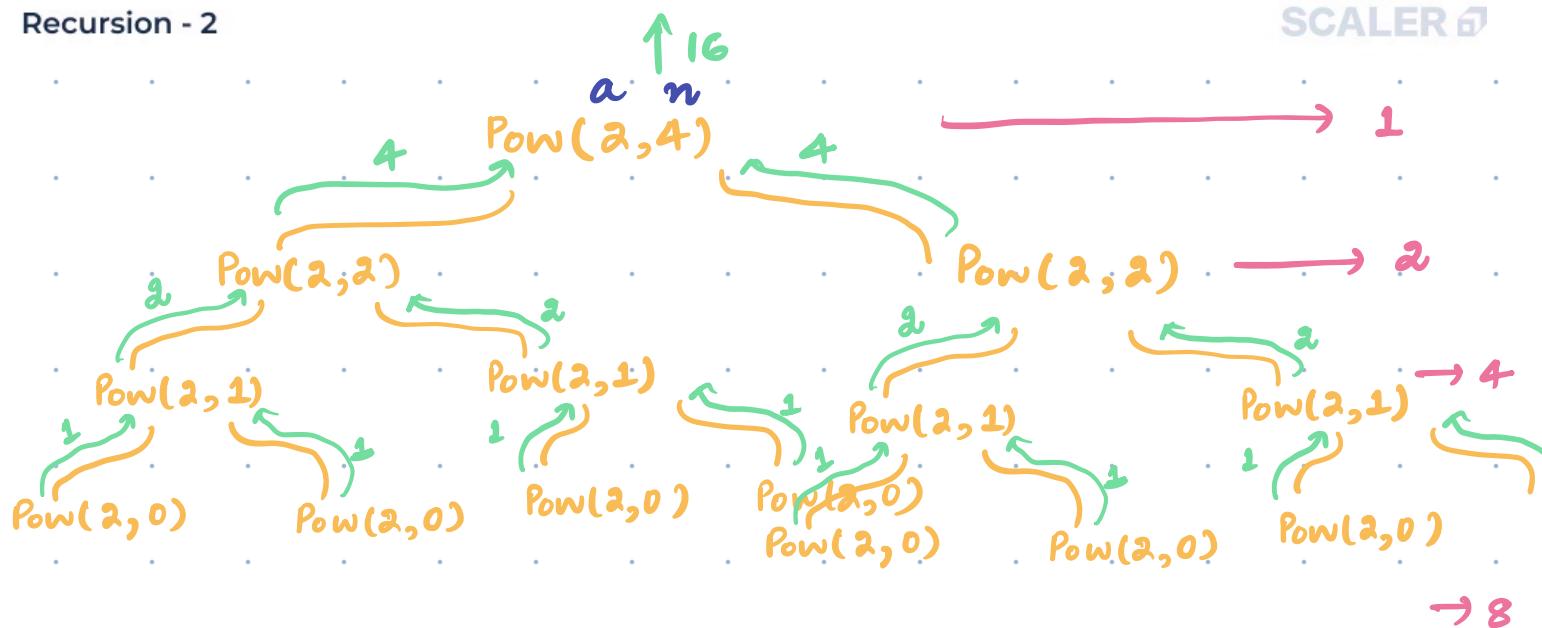
if ($n \% 2 == 0$) // n is Even

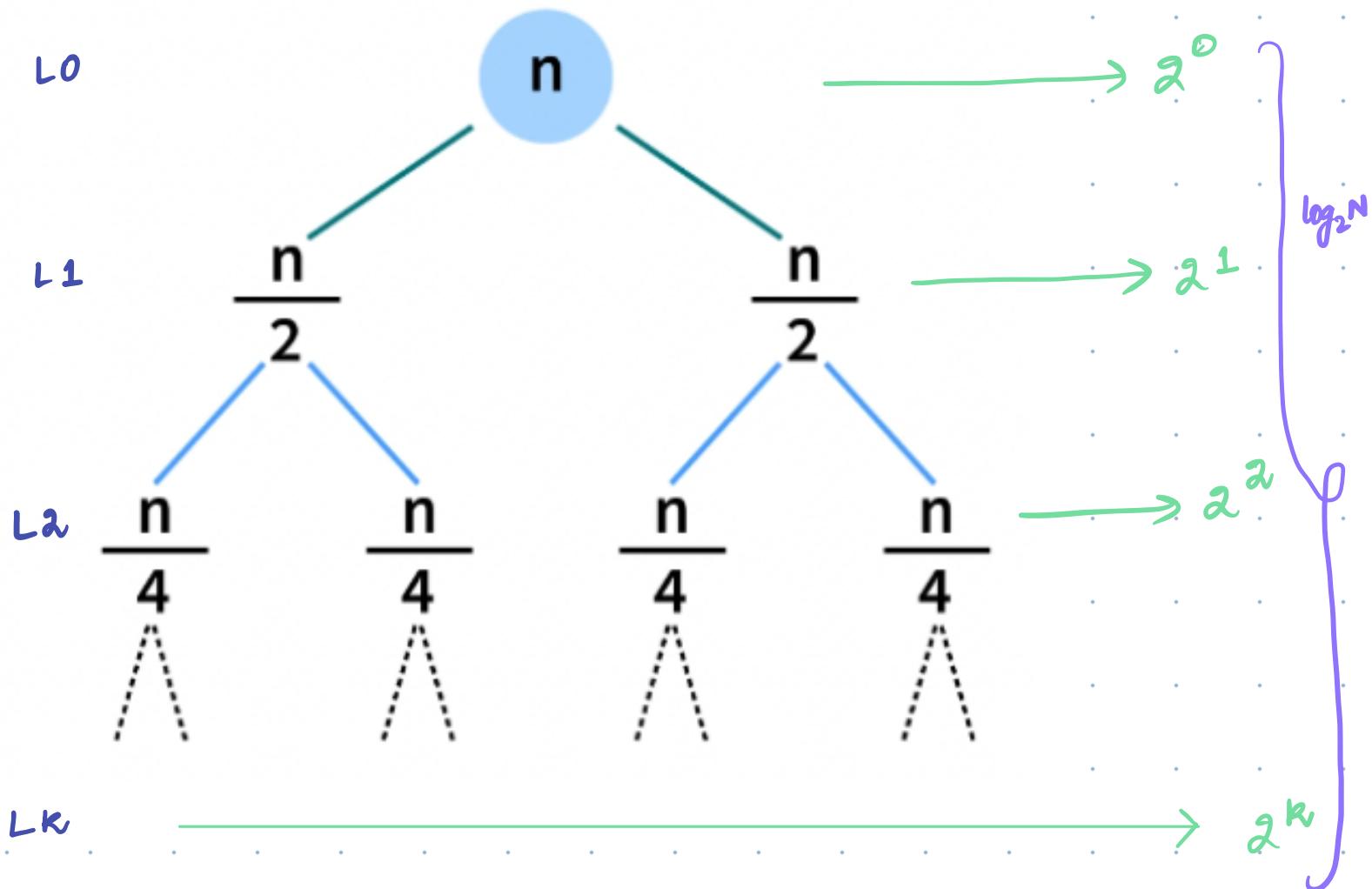
return (Pow(a, n/2) * Pow(a, n/2));

else

return (Pow(a, n/2) * Pow(a, n/2) * a));

}





$$N \rightarrow N/2 \rightarrow N/4 \dots \underset{\text{---}}{=} 1$$

$$N/2^0 \rightarrow N/2^1 \rightarrow N/2^2 \dots \underset{\text{---}}{=} N/2^k$$

$$\frac{N}{2^k} = 1$$

$$N = 2^k$$

$$\log_2 N = k$$



S.C = Max Stack Space
= Max func calls
× Space per func.

$$R = \log_2 N \text{ calls}$$

S.C : $O(\log_2 N)$

$$\text{Total func calls} = 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k \rightarrow GP$$

$$= a \left[\frac{r^n - 1}{r - 1} \right] = 1 \left[\frac{2^{k+1} - 1}{2 - 1} \right]$$

$$= 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$K = \log_2 N = 2^{\log_2 N + 1} - 1$$

$$= 2^{\log_2 N} \cdot 2^1 - 1$$

$$= N \cdot 2 - 1$$

$$= 2N - 1$$

T.C = $O(N)$



Optimised Approach :

Observation :

$\text{Pow}(a, n/2)$ is called twice in above approach.
We can call $\text{Pow}(a, n/2)$ once & store its result & use that.

Assumption : $\text{Pow}(a, n) \rightarrow$ calculate & return a^n .

Main logic : Calculate $\text{Pow}(a, n/2)$ and store result in p.

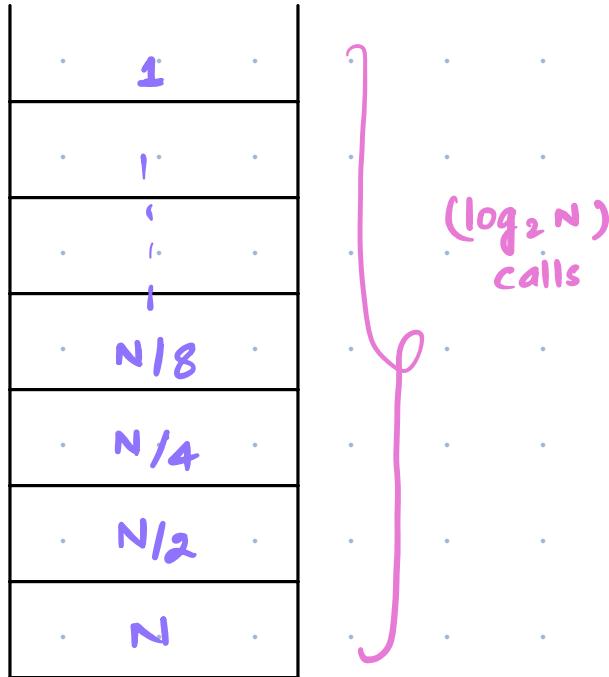
n : even \rightarrow return $p * p$

n : odd \rightarrow return $p * p * a$

Base Case : If $n == 0$ $a^0 = 1$
return 1

```
int Pow(a, n) {  
    // Base case  
    if (n == 0) return 1;  
    int p = Pow(a, n/2);  
    if (n%2 == 0) // n is Even  
        return p*p;  
    else  
        return p*p*a;  
}
```

Fast Power
or.
Fast Exponentiation

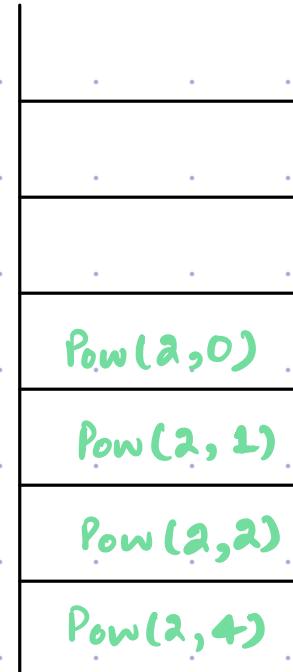


$$\begin{aligned} T.C &= \log_2 N \cdot C \\ &= O(\log_2 N) \end{aligned}$$

$$S.C = O(\log_2 N)$$

$$2^4 \rightarrow \text{Pow}(2, 4)$$

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int Pow(a, n) {  
    // Base Case  
    if (n == 0) return 1;  
    int p = Pow(a, n/2);  
    if (n%2 == 0) // n is Even  
        return p*p;  
    else  
        return p*p*a;  
}
```



D/p: 16.

Tower of Hanoi

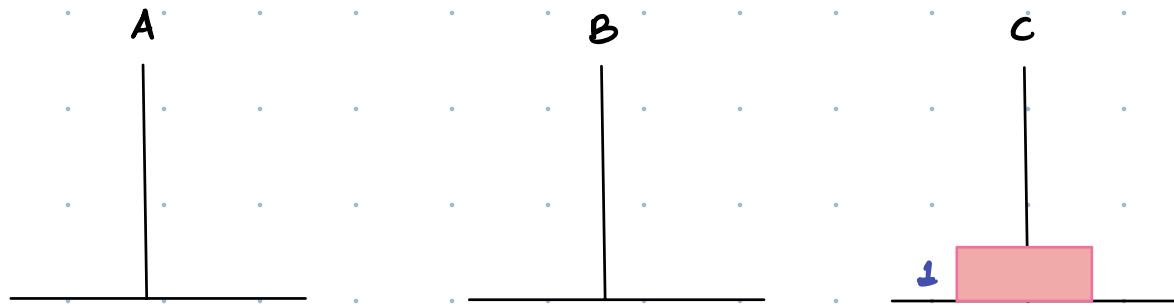
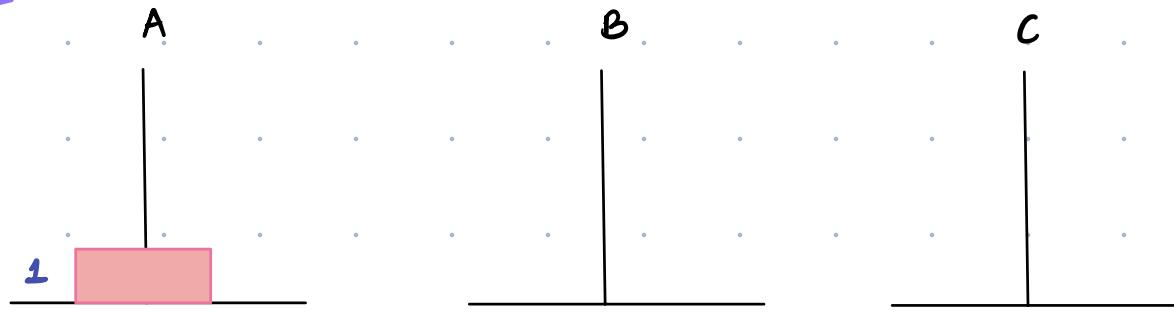
- Given 3 towers A, B and C,
- There are n-disks placed on tower A of different sizes,
- Move all the disks from A to C {using tower B if needed}

Note :

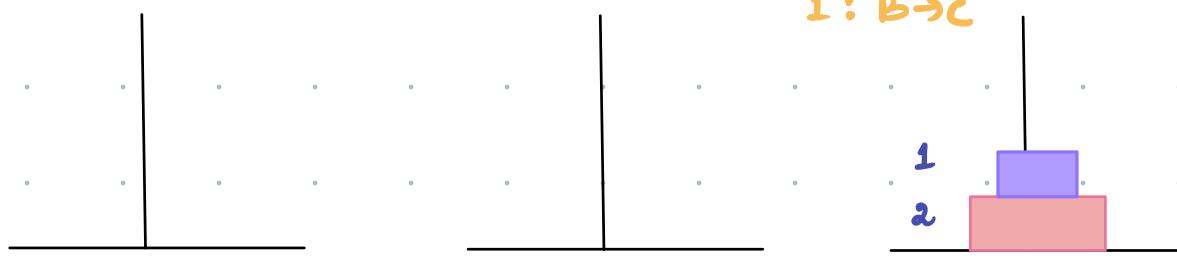
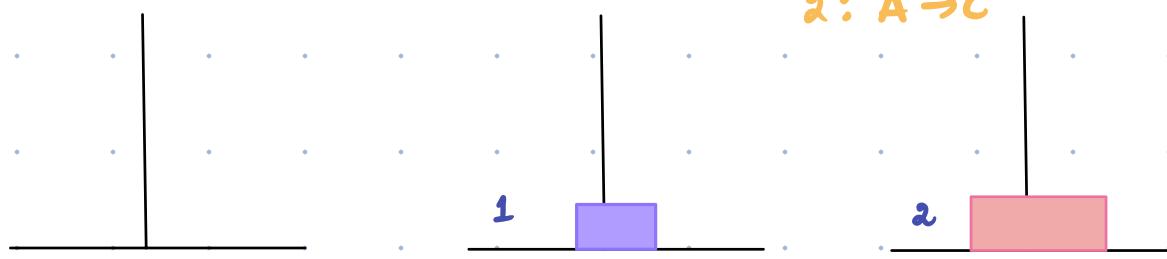
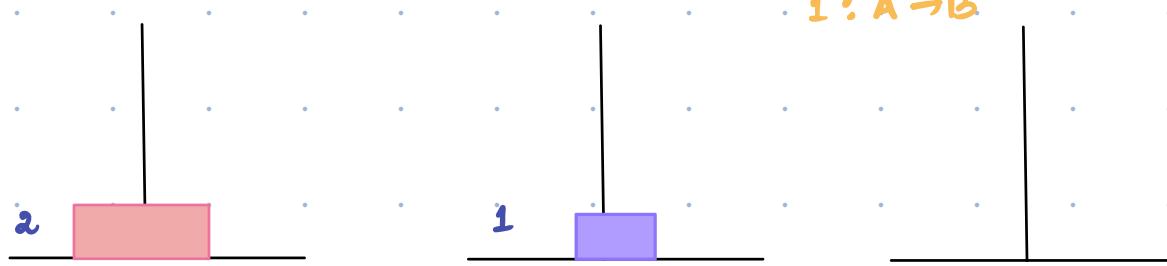
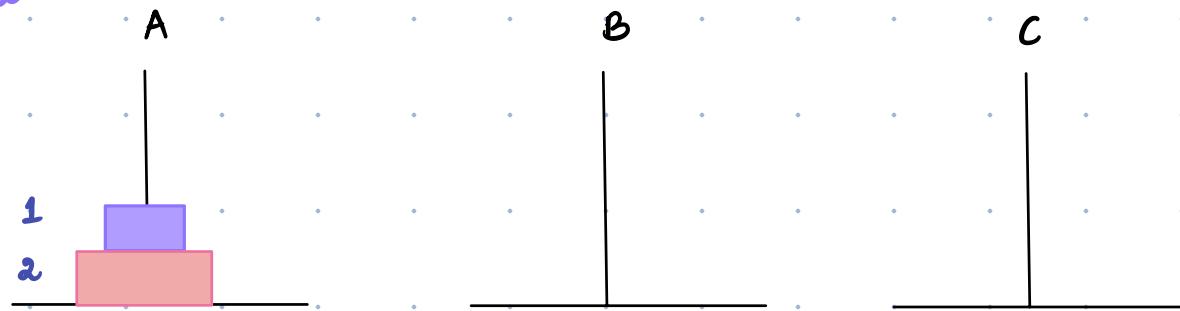
- Only one disk can be moved at a time (Topmost)
- Larger disk can't be placed on a smaller disk.

< Question > : Print movement of the disks from A to C in minimum steps.

$N=1$



O/p : 1 : A → C

 $N = 2$ 

o/p :

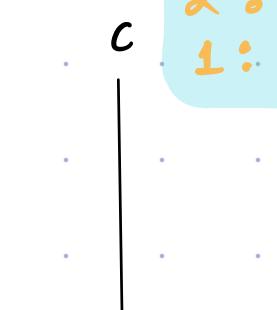
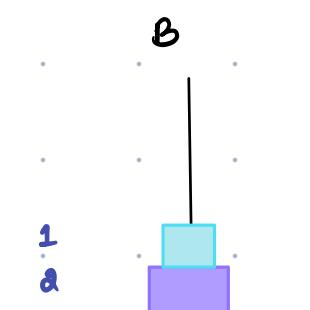
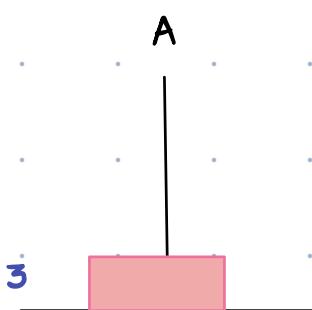
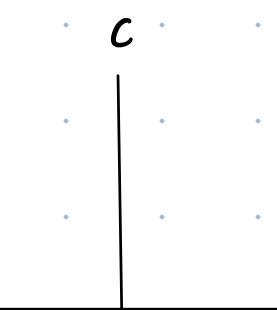
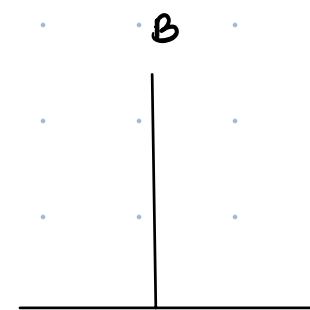
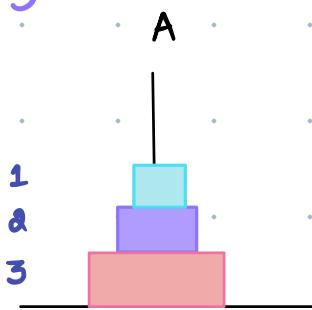
$1 : A \rightarrow B$

$2 : A \rightarrow C$

$1 : B \rightarrow C$

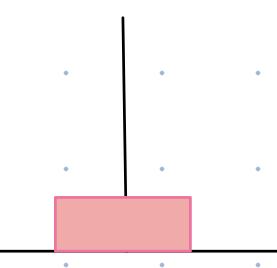
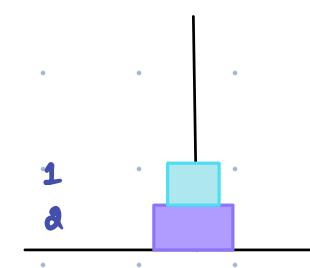


$N = 3$

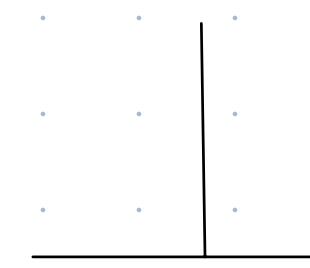


1 : $A \rightarrow C$
2 : $A \rightarrow B$
1 : $C \rightarrow B$

3 : $A \rightarrow C$



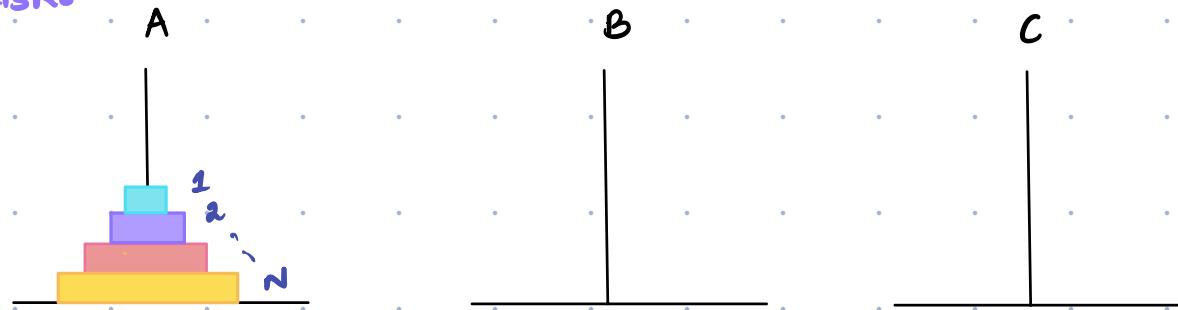
1 : $B \rightarrow A$
2 : $B \rightarrow C$
1 : $A \rightarrow C$



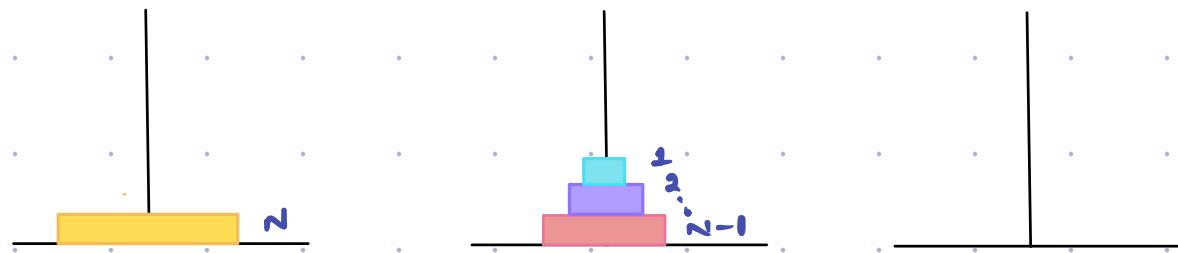
O/p :



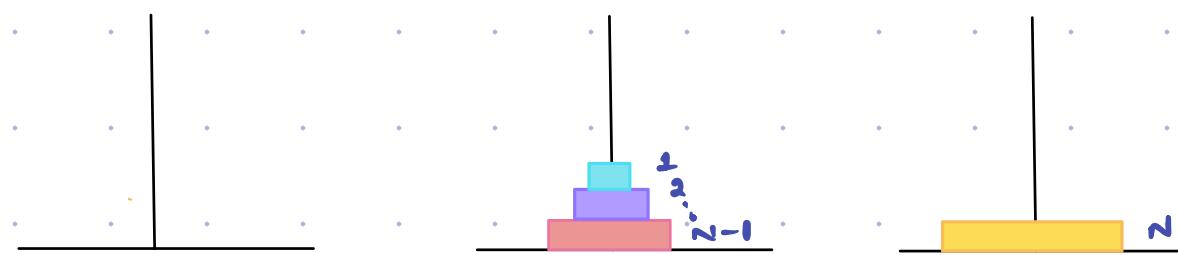
N disks



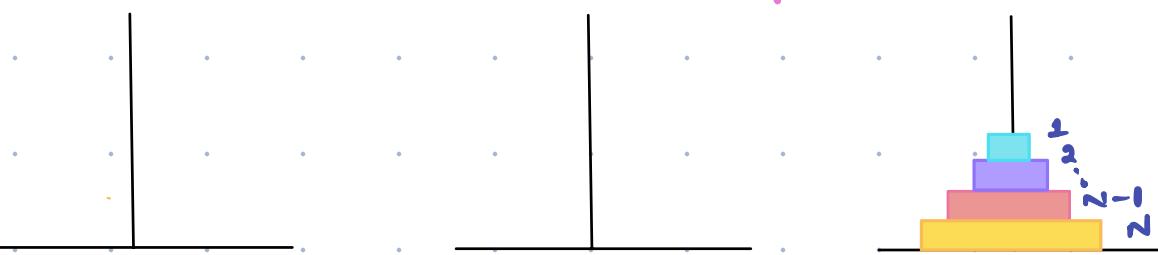
1. Move (N-1) disks from A \rightarrow B
(src) \rightarrow (helper)



2. Move Nth disk from A \rightarrow C
(src) \rightarrow (destⁿ)



3. Move (N-1) disk from B \rightarrow C
(helper) \rightarrow (destⁿ)





Assumption: $\text{TOH}(n, A, B, C)$ ^{src helper destⁿ} → minimum steps for movement of disks from $A \rightarrow C$.

Main logic :

1. Move $(N-1)$ disks from $A \rightarrow B$ ^{src helper}

2. Move N^{th} disk from $A \rightarrow C$ ^{src destⁿ}

3. Move $(N-1)$ disks from $B \rightarrow C$ ^{helper destⁿ}

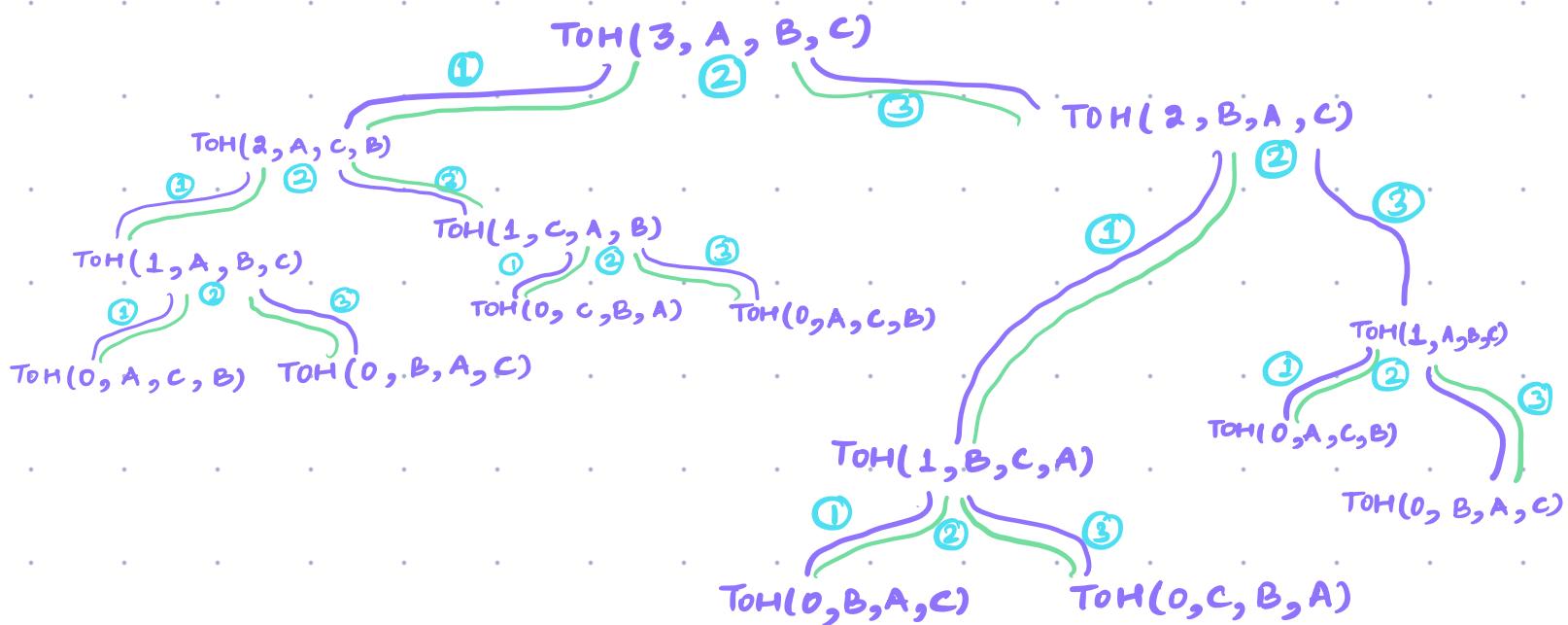
Base Case : $N = 0$ return

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void TOH(int n, int A, int B, int C) {  
    if (n == 0) return;  
  
    TOH(n-1, A, C, B);  
    print(n : A → C);  
    TOH(n-1, B, A, C);  
}
```

***Dry-Run**

$\text{TOH}(n-1, A, C, B);$ left call : $\text{TOH}(n-1, \text{src}, \text{helper} \leftrightarrow \text{dest}')$
 $\text{print}(n : A \rightarrow C);$
 $\text{TOH}(n-1, B, A, C);$ right call : $\text{TOH}(n-1, \text{src} \leftrightarrow \text{helper}, \text{dest}')$

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s      n      d
void TOH(int n, int A, int B, int C) {
    if (n == 0) return;
    TOH(n-1, A, C, B); 1
    print(n : A → C); 2
    TOH(n-1, B, A, C); 3
}
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1 : $A \rightarrow C$ 2 : $A \rightarrow B$ 1 : $C \rightarrow B$ 3 : $A \rightarrow C$ 1 : $B \rightarrow A$ 2 : $B \rightarrow C$ 1 : $A \rightarrow C$



$$L0 \rightarrow 2^0$$

$$L1 \rightarrow 2^1$$

$$L2 \rightarrow 2^2$$

$$LN \rightarrow 2^N$$

$$\text{Total calls: } 2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^N = 2^{N+1} - 1$$

$$T.C = O(2^{N+1} - 1)$$

$$T.C = O(2^N)$$

TOH(n, \dots)

TOH($n-1, \dots$)

TOH($n-2, \dots$)

TOH(0)

($n+1$) calls.

$$S.C: O(N+1)$$

$$S.C. = O(N)$$



- Question - Given an array of integers, write a recursive function to find the maximum element in the array.

5	8	2	10	3
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will cover in Thursday's class.









