

1. Find the n-th Catalan Number using recursion

Problem: The Catalan number sequence is used in various combinatorial problems like counting BSTs, balanced parentheses, etc.

Formula:

$$C_n = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} C_i \cdot C_{n-i-1}$$
$$C_{n-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} C_i \cdot C_{n-i-2}$$

Input-Output Format

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Input: 4

Output: 14

Solution

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int catalan(int n) {
    if (n <= 1) return 1;
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        sum += catalan(i) * catalan(n - i - 1);
    }
    return sum;
}
```

```
int main() {
    int n;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("%d\n", catalan(n));
    return 0;
}
```

2. Count ways to climb n stairs using recursion

Problem: You can take **1-step or 2-steps** at a time. Count the ways to reach the top.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 4

Output: 5

Solution

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int countWays(int n) {  
    if (n == 0) return 1;  
    if (n < 0) return 0;  
    return countWays(n - 1) + countWays(n - 2);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int n;  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    printf("%d\n", countWays(n));  
    return 0;  
}
```

3. Sum of product of all subsets

Problem: Find the sum of the product of all subsets of an array.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 3

1 2 3

Output: 23

Solution

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int subsetProductSum(int arr[], int n, int index, int product) {  
    if (index == n) return product;  
    return subsetProductSum(arr, n, index + 1, product) +  
        subsetProductSum(arr, n, index + 1, product *  
arr[index]);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int n, arr[20];  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) scanf("%d", &arr[i]);  
    printf("%d\n", subsetProductSum(arr, n, 0, 1) - 1); //  
Excluding empty subset  
    return 0;  
}
```

4. Find the longest common subsequence (LCS)

Problem: Given two strings, find the length of the **longest common subsequence**.

Input-Output Format

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Input: ABCD AEBD

Output: 3

Solution

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
```

```
int lcs(char *X, char *Y, int m, int n) {
    if (m == 0 || n == 0) return 0;
    if (X[m - 1] == Y[n - 1])
        return 1 + lcs(X, Y, m - 1, n - 1);
    else
        return (lcs(X, Y, m - 1, n) > lcs(X, Y, m, n - 1)) ?
lcs(X, Y, m - 1, n) : lcs(X, Y, m, n - 1);
}

int main() {
    char X[100], Y[100];
    scanf("%s %s", X, Y);
    printf("%d\n", lcs(X, Y, strlen(X), strlen(Y)));
    return 0;
}
```

5. Find the nth Super Fibonacci Number

Problem: A **Super Fibonacci** sequence where each term is the sum of the previous **three terms**.

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Input: 6

Output: 24

Solution

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int superFibonacci(int n) {  
    if (n == 1 || n == 2) return 1;  
    if (n == 3) return 2;  
    return superFibonacci(n - 1) + superFibonacci(n - 2) +  
    superFibonacci(n - 3);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int n;  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    printf("%d\n", superFibonacci(n));  
    return 0;  
}
```

Advanced Problems (11-20)

6. Solve Tower of Hanoi problem

Problem: Move **n disks** from **source** to **destination** using an auxiliary peg.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 3

Output:

Move disk 1 from A to C

Move disk 2 from A to B

Move disk 1 from C to B

Move disk 3 from A to C

Move disk 1 from B to A

Move disk 2 from B to C

Move disk 1 from A to C

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void hanoi(int n, char src, char aux, char dest) {  
    if (n == 1) {  
        printf("Move disk 1 from %c to %c\n", src, dest);  
        return;  
    }  
    hanoi(n - 1, src, dest, aux);  
    printf("Move disk %d from %c to %c\n", n, src, dest);  
    hanoi(n - 1, aux, src, dest);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int n;  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    hanoi(n, 'A', 'B', 'C');  
    return 0;  
}
```

7. Generate all possible permutations of a string

Problem: Print all possible **permutations** of a given string.

Input-Output Format

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Input: ABC

Output:

ABC

ACB

BAC
BCA
CAB
CBA

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
```

```
void swap(char *x, char *y) {
    char temp = *x;
    *x = *y;
    *y = temp;
}
```

```
void permute(char *str, int l, int r) {
    if (l == r) {
        printf("%s\n", str);
        return;
    }
    for (int i = l; i <= r; i++) {
        swap(&str[l], &str[i]);
        permute(str, l + 1, r);
        swap(&str[l], &str[i]);
    }
}
```

```
int main() {
    char str[10];
    scanf("%s", str);
    permute(str, 0, strlen(str) - 1);
    return 0;
}
```

8. Find all subsets of a given set

Problem: Given a set of distinct integers, print all its subsets.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 3

1 2 3

Output:

{}

{1}

{2}

{3}

{1, 2}

{1, 3}

{2, 3}

{1, 2, 3}

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void printSubset(int arr[], int subset[], int n, int index, int  
subsetSize) {
```

```
    printf("{");
```

```
    for (int i = 0; i < subsetSize; i++) {
```

```
        printf("%d", subset[i]);
```

```
        if (i < subsetSize - 1) printf(", ");
```

```
    }
```

```
    printf("}\n");
```

```
    for (int i = index; i < n; i++) {
```

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        subset[subsetSize] = arr[i];
```

```
        printSubset(arr, subset, n, i + 1, subsetSize + 1);
```



```

    }
}

int main() {
    int n, arr[10], subset[10];
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) scanf("%d", &arr[i]);
    printSubset(arr, subset, n, 0, 0);
    return 0;
}

```

9. Print all combinations of balanced parentheses

Problem: Given n , print all valid n pairs of balanced parentheses.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 3

Output:

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Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```

void generateParenthesis(int n, int open, int close, char str[],
int index) {
    if (close == n) {
        str[index] = '\0';
    }
}

```

```

        printf("%s\n", str);
        return;
    }
    if (open < n) {
        str[index] = '(';
        generateParenthesis(n, open + 1, close, str, index + 1);
    }
    if (close < open) {
        str[index] = ')';
        generateParenthesis(n, open, close + 1, str, index + 1);
    }
}

int main() {
    int n;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    char str[2 * n + 1];
    generateParenthesis(n, 0, 0, str, 0);
    return 0;
}

```

10. Find the Josephus problem solution

Problem: n people stand in a circle. Every k-th person is eliminated until one remains.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 7 3

Output: 3

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```

int josephus(int n, int k) {
    if (n == 1) return 0;
    return (josephus(n - 1, k) + k) % n;
}

int main() {
    int n, k;
    scanf("%d %d", &n, &k);
    printf("%d\n", josephus(n, k));
    return 0;
}

```

11. Find the nth Ugly Number

Problem: An **ugly number** is only divisible by 2, 3, 5. Find the n-th ugly number.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 10

Output: 12

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```

int min(int a, int b, int c) {
    return (a < b) ? (a < c ? a : c) : (b < c ? b : c);
}

```

```

int uglyNumber(int n) {
    int ugly[n], i2 = 0, i3 = 0, i5 = 0;
    int next2 = 2, next3 = 3, next5 = 5, nextUgly = 1;

```

```

    ugly[0] = 1;
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        nextUgly = min(next2, next3, next5);
        ugly[i] = nextUgly;
        if (nextUgly == next2) next2 = ugly[++i2] * 2;
        if (nextUgly == next3) next3 = ugly[++i3] * 3;
        if (nextUgly == next5) next5 = ugly[++i5] * 5;
    }
    return ugly[n - 1];
}

int main() {
    int n;
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("%d\n", uglyNumber(n));
    return 0;
}

```

12. Reverse a linked list using recursion

Problem: Given a **linked list**, reverse it using recursion.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 1 -> 2 -> 3 -> 4 -> NULL

Output: 4 -> 3 -> 2 -> 1 -> NULL

Solution

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <stdlib.h>
```

```

struct Node {
    int data;
    struct Node* next;
};

void printList(struct Node* head) {
    while (head) {
        printf("%d -> ", head->data);
        head = head->next;
    }
    printf("NULL\n");
}

struct Node* reverseList(struct Node* head) {
    if (!head || !head->next) return head;
    struct Node* newHead = reverseList(head->next);
    head->next->next = head;
    head->next = NULL;
    return newHead;
}

void push(struct Node** head, int data) {
    struct Node* newNode = (struct Node*)malloc(sizeof(struct
Node));
    newNode->data = data;
    newNode->next = *head;
    *head = newNode;
}

int main() {
    struct Node* head = NULL;
    push(&head, 4);
    push(&head, 3);
    push(&head, 2);
    push(&head, 1);
}

```

```
    printList(head);
    head = reverseList(head);
    printList(head);

    return 0;
}
```

13. Find the median of two sorted arrays

Problem: Given **two sorted arrays**, find their **median**.

Input-Output Format

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Input: [1, 3, 5] [2, 4, 6]

Output: 3.5

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
float median(int arr1[], int arr2[], int n) {
    int i = 0, j = 0, count, m1 = -1, m2 = -1;
    for (count = 0; count <= n; count++) {
        if (i != n && (j == n || arr1[i] <= arr2[j])) {
            m1 = m2;
            m2 = arr1[i++];
        } else {
            m1 = m2;
            m2 = arr2[j++];
        }
    }
    return (m1 + m2) / 2.0;
}
```

```
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int arr1[3] = {1, 3, 5};  
    int arr2[3] = {2, 4, 6};  
    printf("%.1f\n", median(arr1, arr2, 3));  
    return 0;  
}
```

13. Find the median of two sorted arrays

Problem: Given **two sorted arrays**, find their **median**.

Input-Output Format

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Input:

3

1 3 5

3

2 4 6

Output: 3.5

Solution

c

CopyEdit

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
float median(int arr1[], int arr2[], int n) {  
    int i = 0, j = 0, count, m1 = -1, m2 = -1;  
    for (count = 0; count <= n; count++) {  
        if (i != n && (j == n || arr1[i] <= arr2[j])) {  
            m1 = m2;  
            m2 = arr1[i++];  
        } else {
```

```

        m1 = m2;
        m2 = arr2[j++];
    }
}
return (m1 + m2) / 2.0;
}

int main() {
    int n, arr1[100], arr2[100];
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) scanf("%d", &arr1[i]);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) scanf("%d", &arr2[i]);

    printf("%.1f\n", median(arr1, arr2, n));
    return 0;
}

```

14. Compute binomial coefficient (nCr) using recursion

Problem: Compute nCr , which represents the number of ways to choose r elements from n .

Input-Output Format

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Input: 5 2

Output: 10

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int binomialCoeff(int n, int r) {
```



```

        if (r == 0 || r == n) return 1;
        return binomialCoeff(n - 1, r - 1) + binomialCoeff(n - 1,
r);
    }

int main() {
    int n, r;
    scanf("%d %d", &n, &r);
    printf("%d\n", binomialCoeff(n, r));
    return 0;
}

```

15. Find the sum of digits of a number using recursion

Problem: Given a number, find the sum of its digits recursively.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 12345

Output: 15

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```

int sumOfDigits(int n) {
    if (n == 0) return 0;
    return (n % 10) + sumOfDigits(n / 10);
}

```

```

int main() {
    int n;

```

```
scanf("%d", &n);
printf("%d\n", sumOfDigits(n));
return 0;
}
```

16. Generate all permutations of a string using recursion

Problem: Given a string, print all its permutations.

Input-Output Format

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Input: ABC

Output:

ABC

ACB

BAC

BCA

CAB

CBA

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
#include <string.h>
```

```
void swap(char *x, char *y) {
    char temp = *x;
    *x = *y;
    *y = temp;
}
```

```
void permute(char *str, int l, int r) {
```

```

    if (l == r) {
        printf("%s\n", str);
        return;
    }
    for (int i = l; i <= r; i++) {
        swap((str + l), (str + i));
        permute(str, l + 1, r);
        swap((str + l), (str + i)); // Backtrack
    }
}

int main() {
    char str[10];
    scanf("%s", str);
    permute(str, 0, strlen(str) - 1);
    return 0;
}

```

17. Find the power of a number using recursion

Problem: Compute a^b using recursion.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 2 5

Output: 32

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int power(int a, int b) {
```

```
        if (b == 0) return 1;
        return a * power(a, b - 1);
    }

int main() {
    int a, b;
    scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);
    printf("%d\n", power(a, b));
    return 0;
}
```

18. Reverse an array using recursion

Problem: Reverse an array recursively.

Input-Output Format

makefile

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Input:

5

1 2 3 4 5

Output:

5 4 3 2 1

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void reverseArray(int arr[], int start, int end) {
    if (start >= end) return;
    int temp = arr[start];
    arr[start] = arr[end];
```

```

    arr[end] = temp;
    reverseArray(arr, start + 1, end - 1);
}

int main() {
    int n, arr[100];
    scanf("%d", &n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) scanf("%d", &arr[i]);

    reverseArray(arr, 0, n - 1);

    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) printf("%d ", arr[i]);
    printf("\n");
    return 0;
}

```

19. Solve Tower of Hanoi problem

Problem: Move n disks from A to C using B as an auxiliary rod.

Input-Output Format

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Input: 3

Output:

```

Move disk 1 from A to C
Move disk 2 from A to B
Move disk 1 from C to B
Move disk 3 from A to C
Move disk 1 from B to A
Move disk 2 from B to C
Move disk 1 from A to C

```

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void towerOfHanoi(int n, char from, char to, char aux) {  
    if (n == 1) {  
        printf("Move disk 1 from %c to %c\n", from, to);  
        return;  
    }  
    towerOfHanoi(n - 1, from, aux, to);  
    printf("Move disk %d from %c to %c\n", n, from, to);  
    towerOfHanoi(n - 1, aux, to, from);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int n;  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    towerOfHanoi(n, 'A', 'C', 'B');  
    return 0;  
}
```

20. Count ways to reach the nth stair

Problem: Given n stairs, find the number of ways to climb them, taking 1 or 2 steps at a time.

Input-Output Format

makefile

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Input: 4

Output: 5

Solution

c

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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int countWays(int n) {  
    if (n == 1) return 1;  
    if (n == 2) return 2;  
    return countWays(n - 1) + countWays(n - 2);  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int n;  
    scanf("%d", &n);  
    printf("%d\n", countWays(n));  
    return 0;  
}
```