

# Rope Cutting Problem

Given a rope of length **N** meters, and the rope can be cut in only 3 sizes **A**, **B** and **C**. The task is to maximize the number of cuts in rope. If it is impossible to make cut then print the number else print -1. **Examples:**

**Input:**

N = 17, A = 10, B = 11, C = 3

**Output:** 3

**Explanation:** The maximum cut can be obtained after making 2 cuts of length 3 and one cut of length 11.

**Input:** N = 10, A = 9, B = 7, C = 11

**Output:** -1

**Explanation:** It is impossible to make any cut so output will be -1.

## Naive Approach: Using Recursion

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int maxCuts(int n, int a, int b, int c)
{
    if(n == 0)
        return 0;
    if(n <= -1)
        return -1;

    int res = max(maxCuts(n-a, a, b, c),
                  max(maxCuts(n-b, a, b, c),
                      maxCuts(n-c, a, b, c)));

    if(res == -1)
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        return -1;

    return res + 1;
}
int main() {

    int n = 5, a = 2, b = 1, c = 5;

    cout<<maxCuts(n, a, b, c);

    return 0;
}
```

**Output:**

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**Time Complexity :**  $O(3^n)$

**Space Complexity :**  $O(n)$ , due to recursive call stack.