

# Hacktoberfest 2021 Challenges:

Participants are required to provide solutions and dry run/time/space analysis for their suggested solution to the following mentioned problems:

## 1. Quick Sort

Sort an array A using Quick Sort.

Change in the input array itself. So no need to return or print anything.

### Input format :

Line 1 : Integer n i.e. Array size

Line 2 : Array elements (separated by space)

### Output format :

Array elements in increasing order (separated by space)

### Constraints :

$1 \leq n \leq 10^3$

## 2. Tower of Hanoi

Tower of Hanoi is a mathematical puzzle where we have three rods and  $n$  disks. The objective of the puzzle is to move all disks from source rod to destination rod using third rod (say auxiliary). The rules are :

- 1) Only one disk can be moved at a time.
- 2) A disk can be moved only if it is on the top of a rod.
- 3) No disk can be placed on the top of a smaller disk.

Print the steps required to move  $n$  disks from source rod to destination rod.

Source Rod is named as 'a', auxiliary rod as 'b' and destination rod as 'c'.

### Input Format :

Integer  $n$

### Output Format :

Steps in different lines (in one line print source and destination rod name separated by space)

### Constraints :

$0 \leq n \leq 20$

### 3. Geometric Sum

Given k, find the geometric sum i.e.

$$1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 + \dots + 1/(2^k)$$

using recursion.

**Input format :**

Integer k

**Output format :**

Geometric sum (upto 5 decimal places)

**Constraints :**

$$0 \leq k \leq 1000$$

### 4. Check Palindrome (Recursive)

Check whether a given String S is a palindrome using recursion. Return true or false.

**Input Format :**

String S

**Output Format :**

'true' or 'false'

**Constraints :**

$0 \leq |S| \leq 1000$   
where |S| represents length of string S.

5. Sum of Digits

Write a recursive function that returns the sum of the digits of a given integer.

**Input format :**

Integer N

**Output format :**

Sum of digits of N

**Constraints :**

$0 \leq N \leq 10^9$

6. Multiplication (Recursive)

Given two integers M & N, calculate and return their multiplication using recursion. You can only use subtraction and addition for your calculation. No other operators are allowed.

**Input format :**

Line 1 : Integer M  
Line 2 : Integer N

**Output format :**

M x N

**Constraints :**

$0 \leq M \leq 1000$   
 $0 \leq N \leq 1000$

## 7. Count Zeros

Given an integer N, count and return the number of zeros that are present in the given integer using recursion.

**Input Format :**

Integer N

**Output Format :**

Number of zeros in N

**Constraints :**

$0 \leq N \leq 10^9$

8. String to Integer

Write a recursive function to convert a given string into the number it represents. That is input will be a numeric string that contains only numbers, you need to convert the string into corresponding integer and return the answer.

**Input format :**

Numeric string S (string, Eg. "1234")

**Output format :**

Corresponding integer N (int, Eg. 1234)

**Constraints :**

$0 \leq |S| \leq 9$   
where |S| represents length of string S.

9. Pair Star

Given a string S, compute recursively a new string where identical chars that are adjacent in the original string are separated from each other by a "\*".

**Input format :**

String S

**Output format :**

Modified string

**Constraints :**

$0 \leq |S| \leq 1000$   
where |S| represents length of string S.

## 10. Check AB

Suppose you have a string, S, made up of only 'a's and 'b's. Write a recursive function that checks if the string was generated using the following rules:

- a. The string begins with an 'a'
- b. Each 'a' is followed by nothing or an 'a' or "bb"
- c. Each "bb" is followed by nothing or an 'a'

If all the rules are followed by the given string, return true otherwise return false.

### Input format :

String S

### Output format :

'true' or 'false'

### Constraints :

$1 \leq |S| \leq 1000$   
where |S| represents length of string S.



## 11. Staircase

A child is running up a staircase with N steps, and can hop either 1 step, 2 steps or 3 steps at a time. Implement a method to count how many possible ways the child can run up to the stairs. You need to return number of possible ways W.

### Input format :

Integer N

### Output Format :

Integer W

### Constraints :

$1 \leq N \leq 30$