

Tutorial 6

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Exercise 1

(Recursive Exponentiation) Write a recursive function `power(base, exponent)` that, when invoked, returns

base *exponent*

For example, `power(3, 4) = 3 * 3 * 3 * 3`. Assume that `exponent` is an integer greater than or equal to 1. *Hint:* The recursion step would use the relationship

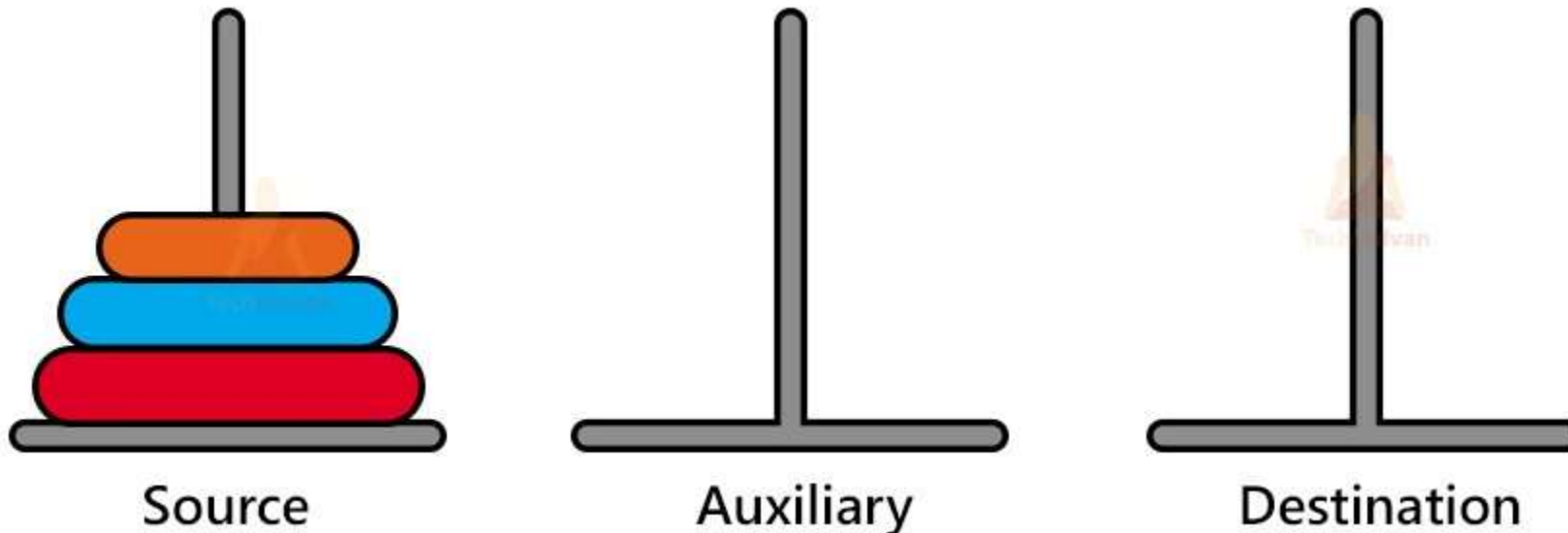
$$\text{base}^{\text{exponent}} = \text{base} \cdot \text{base}^{\text{exponent} - 1}$$

and the terminating condition occurs when `exponent` is equal to 1, because

$$\text{base}^1 = \text{base}$$

Exercise 2

(***Towers of Hanoi***) In this chapter, you studied functions that can be easily implemented both recursively and iteratively. In this exercise, we present a problem whose recursive solution demonstrates the elegance of recursion, and whose iterative solution may not be as apparent.



Exercise 3

(Visualizing Recursion) It's interesting to watch recursion "in action." Modify the factorial function to print its local variable and recursive call parameter. For each recursive call, display the outputs on a separate line and add a level of indentation. Do your utmost to make the outputs clear, interesting and meaningful. Your goal here is to design and implement an output format that helps a person understand recursion better. You may want to add such display capabilities to the many other recursion examples and exercises throughout the text.

Exercise 4

Write a C++ program that prompts the user for the radius of a circle, then calls inline function `circleArea` to calculate the area of that circle.