

# Computer Project

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*“Writing code a computer can understand is science. Writing code  
other programmers can understand is an art.”*

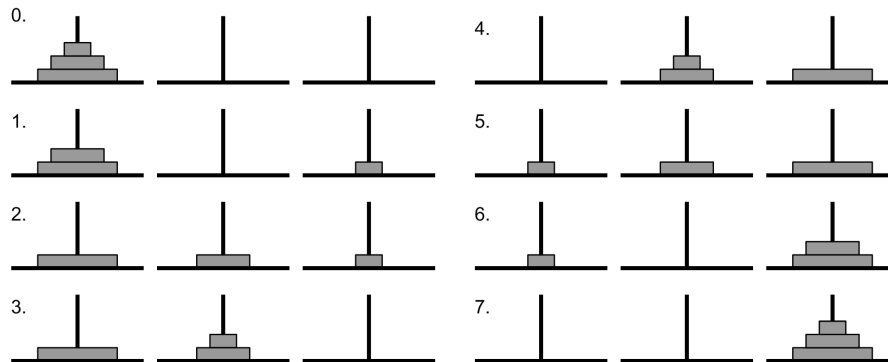
— **Jason Gorman**

*“In order to understand recursion, one must first understand recursion.”*

— Anonymous

**Problem 17** The *Tower of Hanoi* is a mathematical puzzle, consisting of three rods and a number of disks of different sizes which can slide onto any rod. The puzzle starts with all disks, in ascending order of size, on one rod. The objective of the puzzle is to move the entire stack to another rod, obeying the following rules.

1. Only one disk can be moved at a time.
2. Each move consists of taking the upper disk from one stack and placing it on the top of another stack or empty rod.
3. No disk can be placed on a smaller disk.



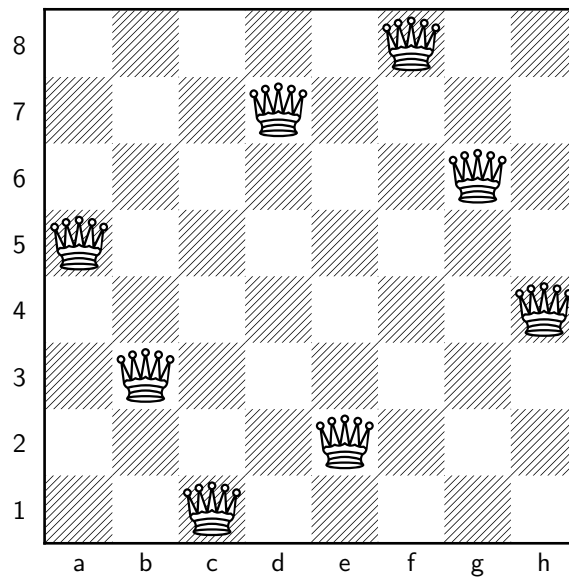
Solution to the Towers of Hanoi with 3 disks.

Solve the *Tower of Hanoi* puzzle for an arbitrary number of disks, enumerating the required moves.

*“Chess is the gymnasium of the mind.”*

— **Blaise Pascal**

**Problem 18** The *8 queens puzzle* involves placing 8 queens on an  $8 \times 8$  chessboard such that no two queens threaten each other, i.e. no two queens share the same rank, file or diagonal. It was first published by the chess composer *Max Bezzel* in 1848. This puzzle has 92 solutions, including reflections and rotations. Below is one of them.



The *n queens puzzle* is an extension of this puzzle, involving  $n$  queens on an  $n \times n$  chessboard. Count the total number of solutions for the *n queens puzzle*, including reflections and rotations.

This project was compiled with Xe<sub>La</sub>TeX.

All files involved in the making of this project can be found at  
<https://github.com/sahasatvik/Computer-Project/tree/master/ISC>

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