

Tower of Hanoi Design

Pseudocode

```
define options for 3 arguments

int main(get command argument) {

    while arguments supplied {
        switch {
            case n:
                set n_discs to user input,
                otherwise default 5 disks
            case stack:
                set stack to true
            case recursion
                set recursion to true
        }
    }

    if stack {
        create stack of each rod with n_discs as capacity
        print number of moves stack function takes
        using stack_iterator

        delete each stack created before to free memory
    }
    if recursion {
        print number of moves recursion function takes
        using recursion
    }
}
```

Helper Functions

Checks to see what legal move should be made between two input rods by looking at top disc of each one

```
void stack_move_disc(start rod, end rod, rod 1 name, rod 2 name) {
```

```
    if start rod is empty {
        pop disc from end rod
        push disc from end rod to start
        print movement of disc
    } else if end rod is empty {
        pop disc from start rod
        push disc from start rod to end
        print movement of disc
    } else if start rod top disc > end rod top disc {
        pop disc from end rod
        push disc from end rod to start
        print movement of disc
    } else start rod top disc < end rod top disc {
        pop disc from start rod
        push disc from start rod to end
        print movement of disc
    }
}
```

**Recursive function that solves ToH by making smaller ToH games
Ends when reaching smallest ToH game with 1 disc**

```
int hanoi(n_disc, start rod, end rod) {
    n_moves = 0
    increment n_moves each recur
    if n_discs is 1 {
        print disc # and movement
    } else {
        find aux rod
        recur hanoi with 1 less disc from start rod to aux rod
        print disc # and movement
        recur hanoi with 2 less discs from aux rod to end rod
    }
    return n_moves hanoi function took
}
```

Helper Functions

Finds minimum moves needed to solve game with `n_discs` and iterates through each turn. Depending on move #, will move the a disc from two certain rods. If `n_discs` is even, switches aux and end rod as even `n_discs` requires different moving pattern

```
int stack_iterator(n_disc, Start stack, Aux stack, End stack) {
    declare n_moves and moves_taken, set moves_taken to 0
    set rod/stack names to A, C, B, respectively according to inputs
    if even n_discs {
        set C (aux) rod to B (end) rod and vice versa.
    }
    calculate minimum n_moves using  $2^{(n\_discs)} - 1$ 
    and set = to n_moves

    for i = n_discs to 1, decrementing i {
        push i into Start stack, setting up game
    }
    for i (move) = 1 to n_moves, incrementing i {
        if move % 3 = 1 {
            stack_move_disc(start rod, end rod, A, B)
        } else if move % 3 = 2 {
            stack_move_disc(start rod, aux rod, A, C)
        } else if move % 3 = 0 {
            stack_move_disc(aux rod, end rod, C, B)
        }

        increment moves_taken
    }
    return moves_taken
}
```

Functions from `stack.c` that are used in `tower.c` to create stacks, push and pop items, delete, etc.

```
Stack *stack_create( capacity, name) {
    allocate memory for stack
    if no name, return 0
    if capacity < 1, set capacity to 1
    set top of stack to be leading 0
    allocate memory in stack = to capacity
    return stack
}
```

```
stack_delete(stack name) {
    free stack items from memory
    free stack from memory
}
```

```
stack_pop(stack name) {
    if no name, return -1
    if top of stack has item,
        decrement top of stack pointer
        and return first item
    if stack is empty,
        return -1
}
```

```
stack_push(stack name, item) {
    if no name, return

    if top of stack = capacity,
        double capacity and allocate memory for it
        in stack

    if space in stack,
        add item to top of stack items array
        and increment stack top pointer
}
```

```
stack_empty(stack name) {
    check if stack has any item and if not,
    return True
}
```

```
stack_peek(stack name) {
    if stack top not 0,
        return top item in stack using pointer = [top - 1]
    else, return 0;
}
```

Notes

Recursive function derived from video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rf6uf3jNjbo&ab_channel=Reducible
Video discussed how ToH could be solved by treating each movement of a disc as a smaller ToH
Video also created and discussed recursive code for ToH game in Python

Stack Iterator function derived from: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWNK34T0YKM&ab_channel=PooyaTaheri
Video discussed that depending on the move, certain rods will have a movement of disc
Video also mentioned a recursion method

I later realized that although I know which rods to move a disc from if I know which move it is,
I still need to check what move I should make. `stack_move_disc` checks the top discs of each of its
2 input rods and see which move is legal

`stack.h` header was given to us by lab, but actual stack functions were derived and edited from
Lecture 14 discussing Stacks and Recursion