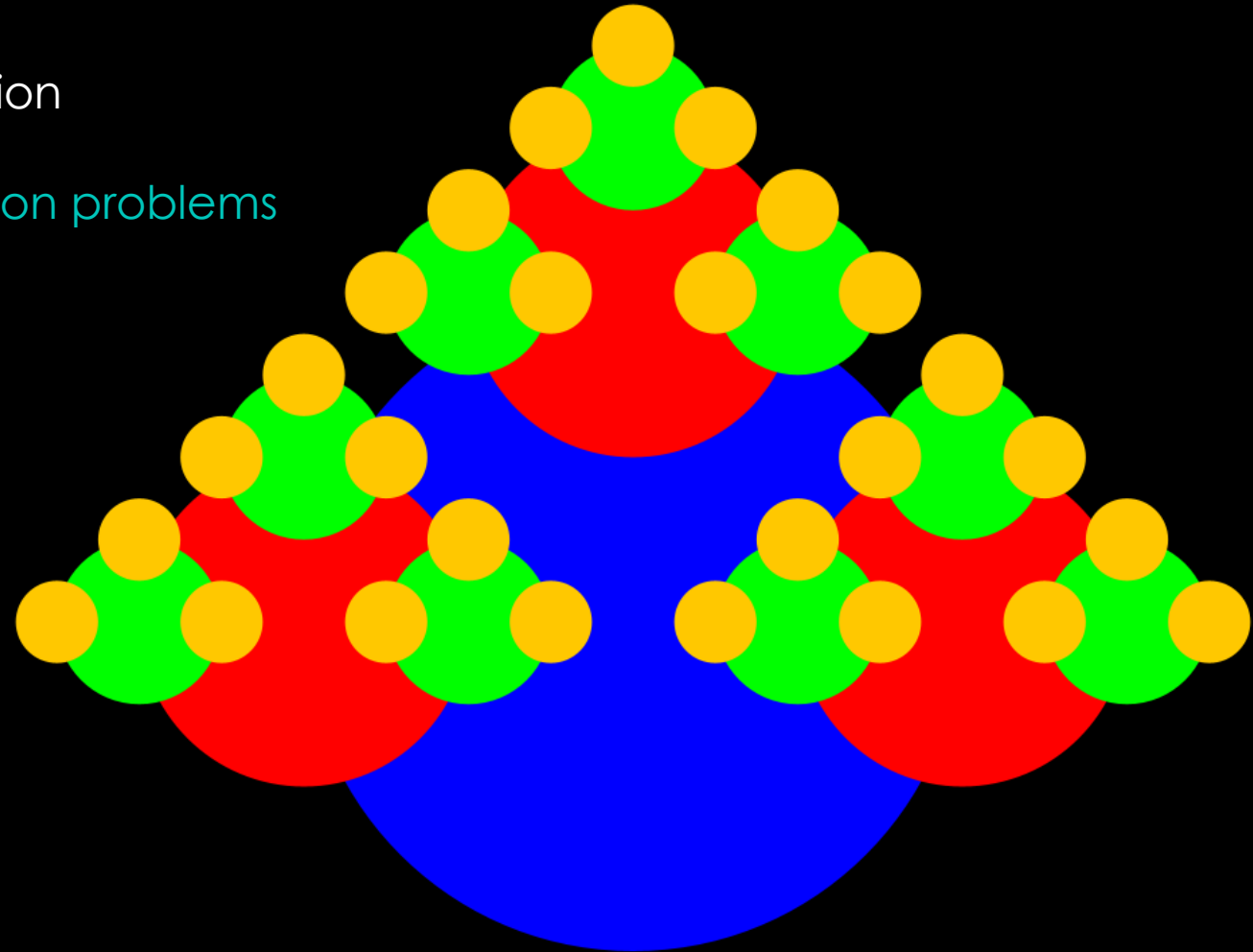# Recursion

Think Recursively

How to code problems using recursion

We will look into two specific recursion problems

1. Reverse a String of length "n"
2. Draw a Pattern as shown

Think Recursively

- Break the problem into sub-problems and have the leap of faith it works.

- Solve the problem by incrementally adding solutions to the sub-problems.

Think Recursively

Reverse a String="Hello" recursively

Break the problem into sub-problems/substrings and have the leap of faith it works

Reverse String: "Hello"

= "o" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hell")

Have the leap of faith that Reverse sub-string("Hell") works

- Break the problem into sub-problems and have the leap of faith it works.

- Solve the problem by incrementally adding solutions to the sub-problems.

Have the leap of faith that reverse sub-string("ello") works

OR

Reverse String: "Hello"

= Reverse sub-string : ("ello") + "H"

Think Recursively

Reverse a String="Hello" recursively

Reverse String: "Hello"

= "o" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hell")
= "o" + "l" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hel")

Have the leap of faith that reverse sub-string("Hel") works

Have the leap of faith that reverse sub-string("llo") works

OR

Reverse String: "Hello"

= Reverse sub-string : ("ello") + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("llo") + "e" + "H"

Think Recursively

Reverse a String="Hello" recursively

Reverse String: "Hello"

= "o" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hell")
= "o" + "l" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hel")
= "o" + "l" + "l" + Reverse sub-string : ("He")

Have the leap of faith that
Reverse sub-string("He")
works

Have the leap of faith that
Reverse sub-string("lo")
works

OR

Reverse String: "Hello"

= Reverse sub-string : ("ello") + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("llo") + "e" + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("lo") + "l" + "e" + "H"

Think Recursively

Reverse a String="Hello" recursively

Reverse String: "Hello"

= "o" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hell")
= "o" + "l" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hel")
= "o" + "l" + "l" + Reverse sub-string : ("He")
= "o" + "l" + "l" + "e" + Reverse sub-string : ("H")

Have the leap of faith that
Reverse sub-string("H")
works

OR

Have the leap of faith that
Reverse sub-string("o") works

Reverse String: "Hello"

= Reverse sub-string : ("ello") + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("llo") + "e" + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("lo") + "l" + "e" + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("o")+ "l" + "l" + "e" + "H"

Think Recursively

Reverse a String="Hello" recursively

Reverse String: "Hello"

= "o" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hell")
= "o" + "l" + Reverse sub-string : ("Hel")
= "o" + "l" + "l" + Reverse sub-string : ("He")
= "o" + "l" + "l" + "e" + Reverse sub-string : ("H")
= "o" + "l" + "l" + "e" + "H"
= "olleH"

OR

Reverse String: "Hello"

= Reverse sub-string : ("ello") + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("llo") + "e" + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("lo") + "l" + "e" + "H"
= Reverse sub-string : ("o")+ "l" + "l" + "e" + "H"
= "o" + "l" + "l" + "e" + "H"
= "olleH"

Think Recursively
Reverse a String="Hello" recursively

```java
public static  String reverse(String name){
    if (name == null) return name;
    if (name.length() == 1) return name;


    return name.substring(name.length()-1) + reverse(name.substring(0,name.length() -1));
}
```

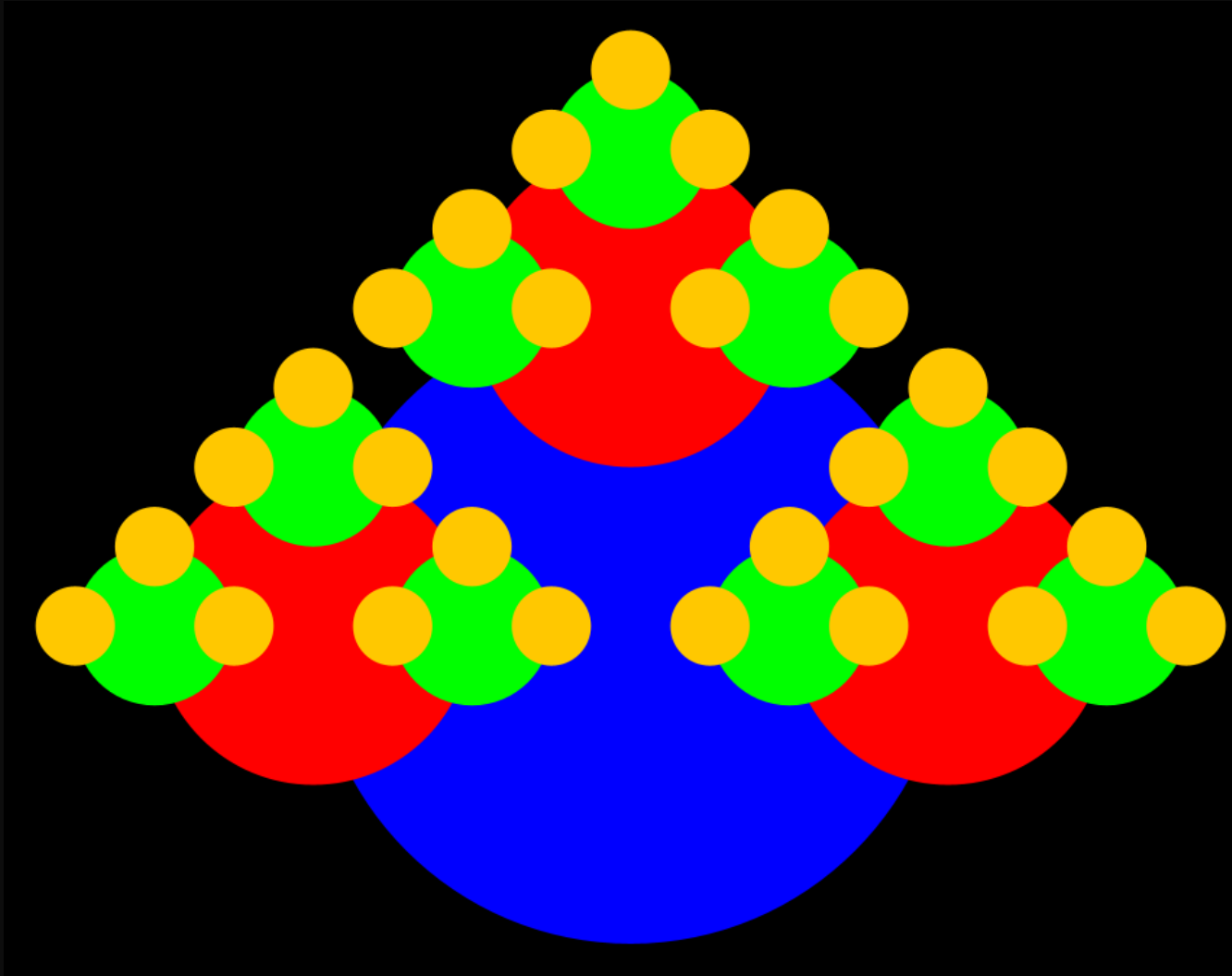Have the leap of faith that reverse(substring(0, n-1)) works

OR

Have the leap of faith that reverse(substring(1, n)) works

```java
public static String reverse(String name){
    if (name == null) return name;
    if (name.length() == 1) return name;


    return reverse(name.substring(1)) + name.substring(0,1);
}
```

Think Recursively

Draw the pattern below of order/depth = 4

Think Recursively

Draw the pattern below of order/depth = 4
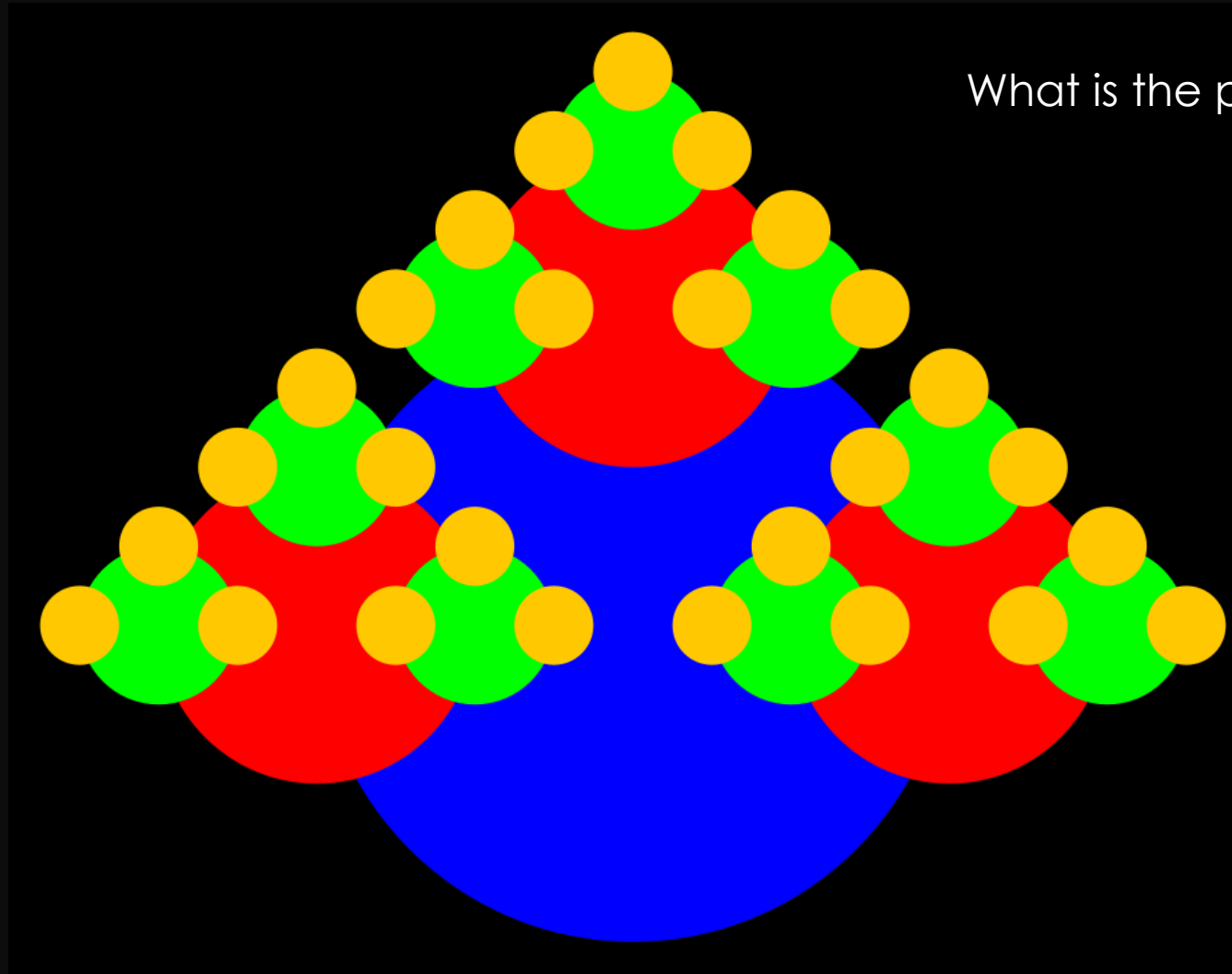
What is the pattern of order/depth = 3?

Think Recursively

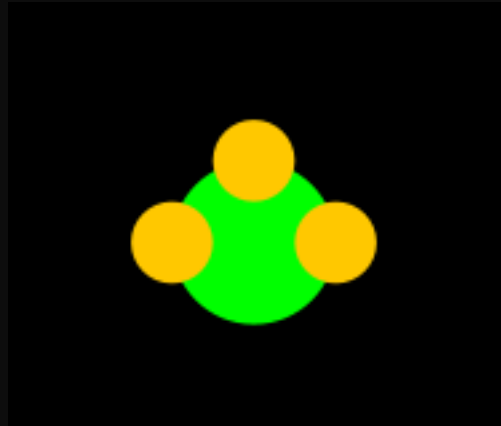## Draw the pattern below of order/depth = 3

What is the pattern of order/depth = 2?
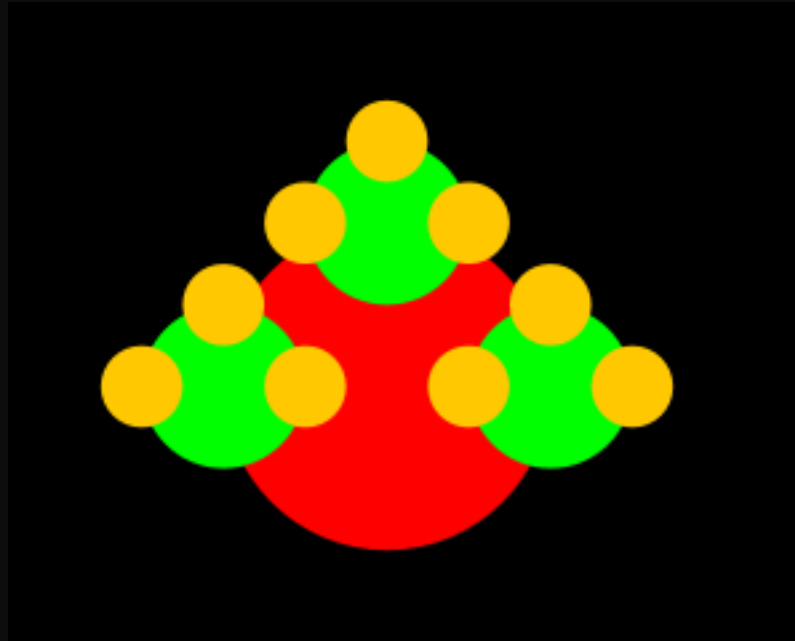
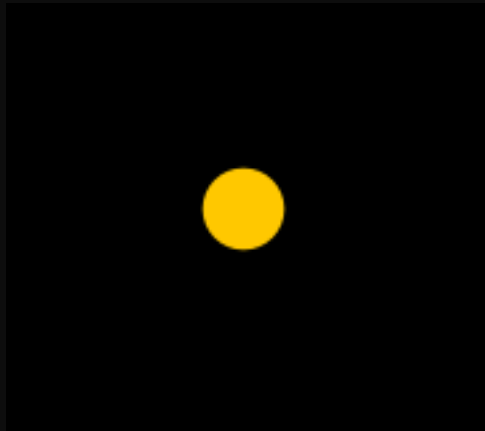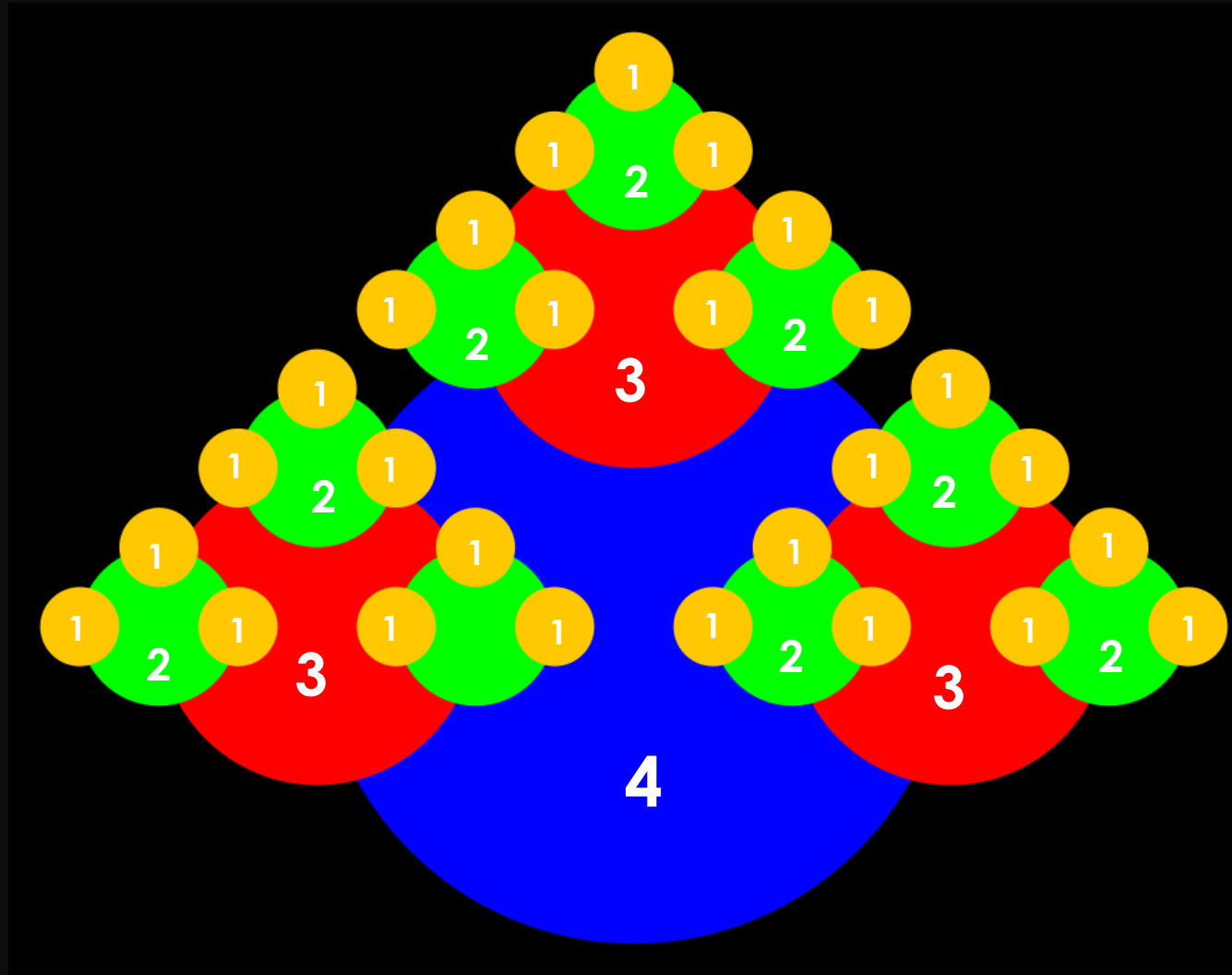# Think Recursively

Draw the pattern below of order/depth = 2

What is the pattern of order/depth = 1?

Think Recursively

Draw the pattern below of order/depth = 1

order/depth = 0?

What is the pattern of order/depth = 0?

Think Recursively

Draw the pattern below of order/depth = 0
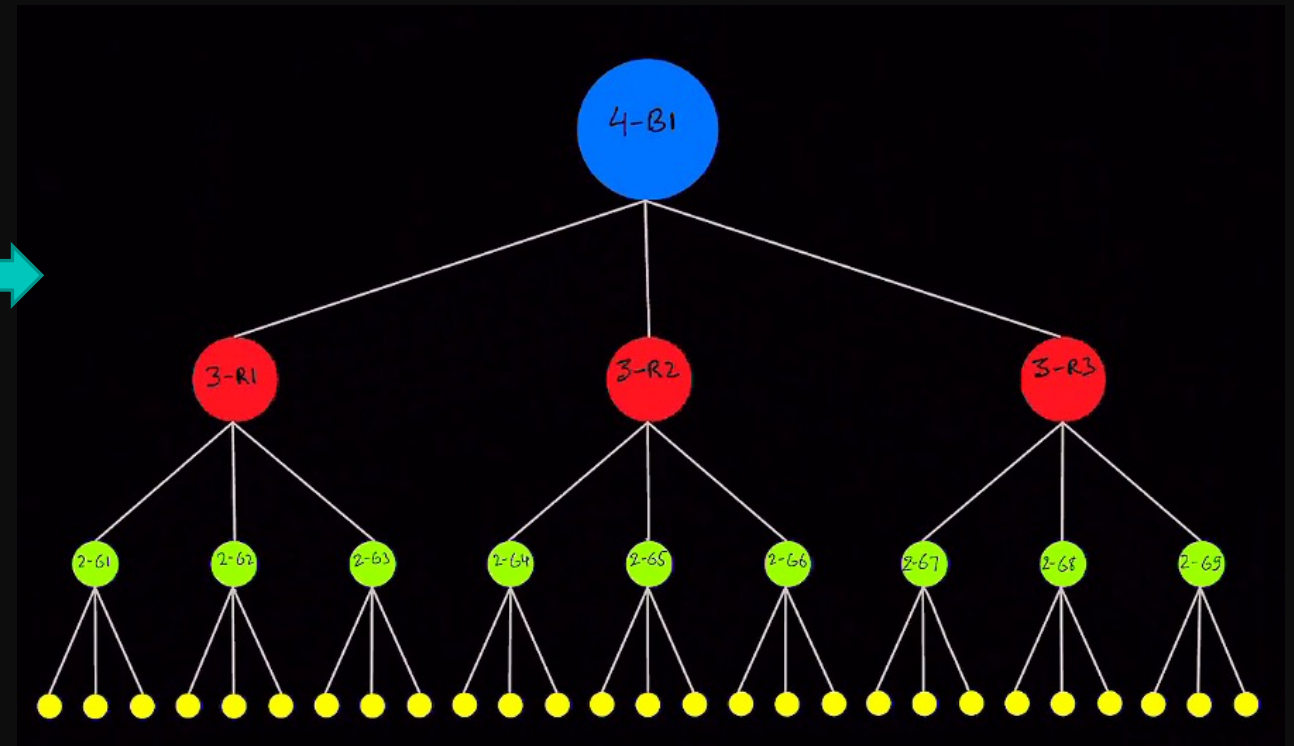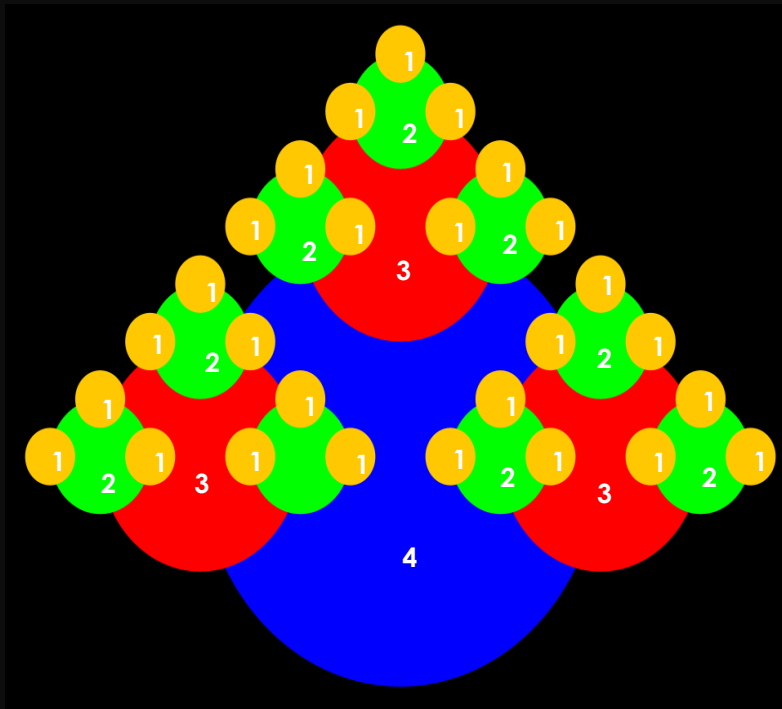
Yes, there is nothing

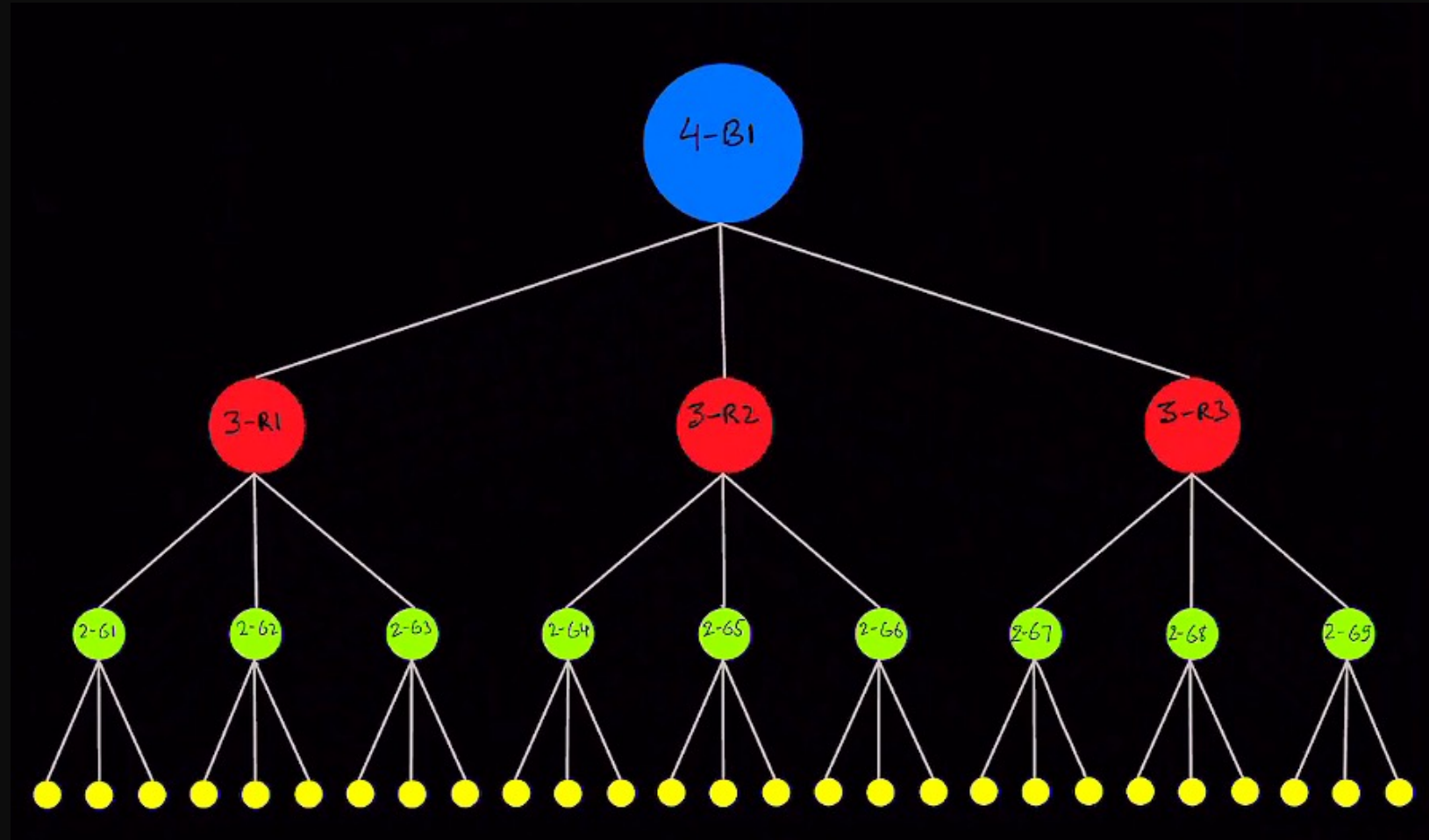(this is our exit condition)

Draw the pattern below of order/depth = 4

Think Recursively

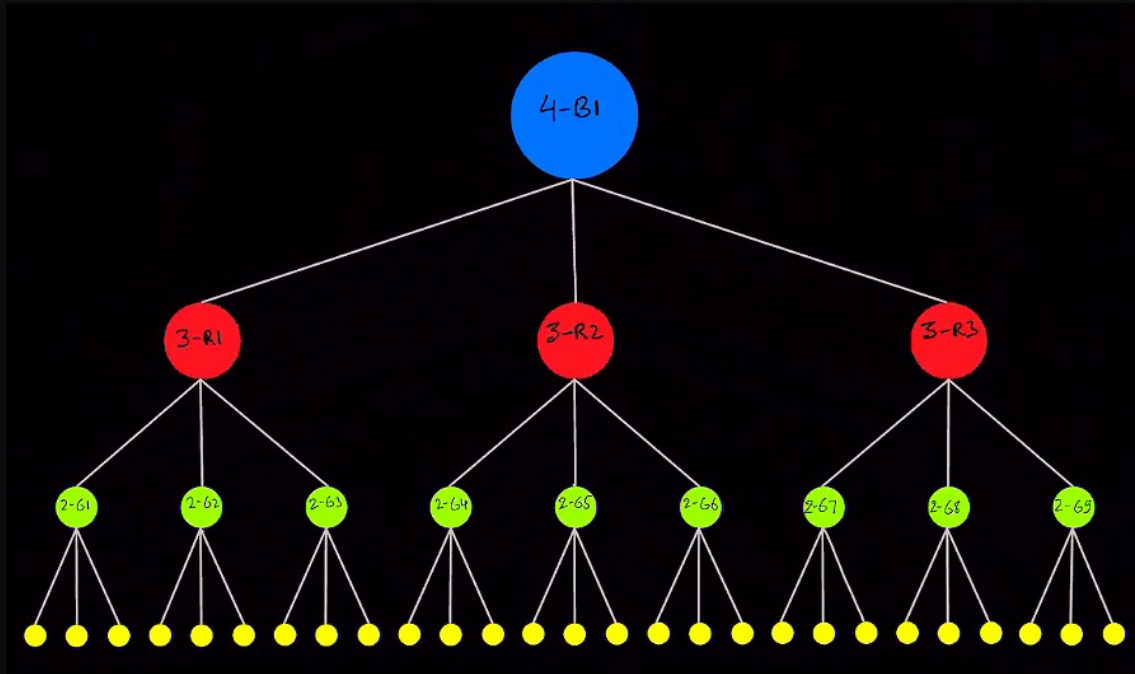Draw the Pattern/Tree below of height = 4

Think Recursively

Draw the Tree below of height = 4

Think Recursively
Draw the Tree below of height = 4
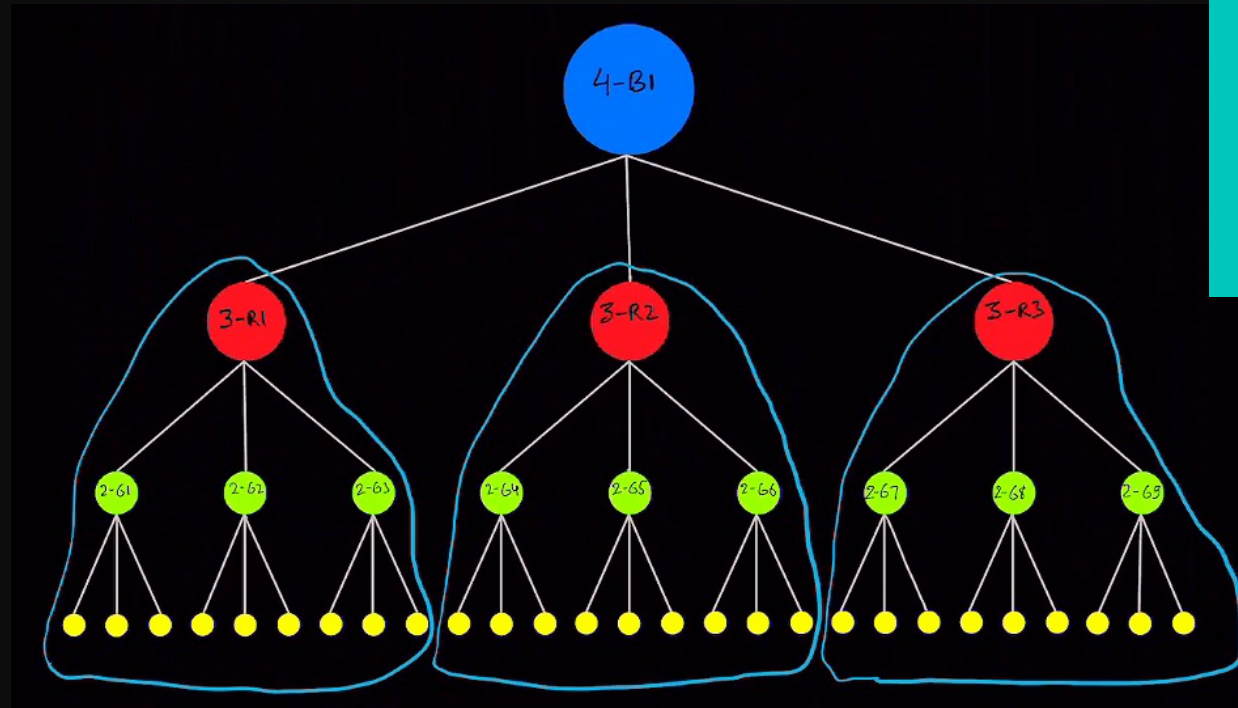

Draw the tree of height = 4

Break this into sub-problems of height = 3

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Have leap of faith that the subproblem works

Think Recursively
Draw the Tree below of height = 4
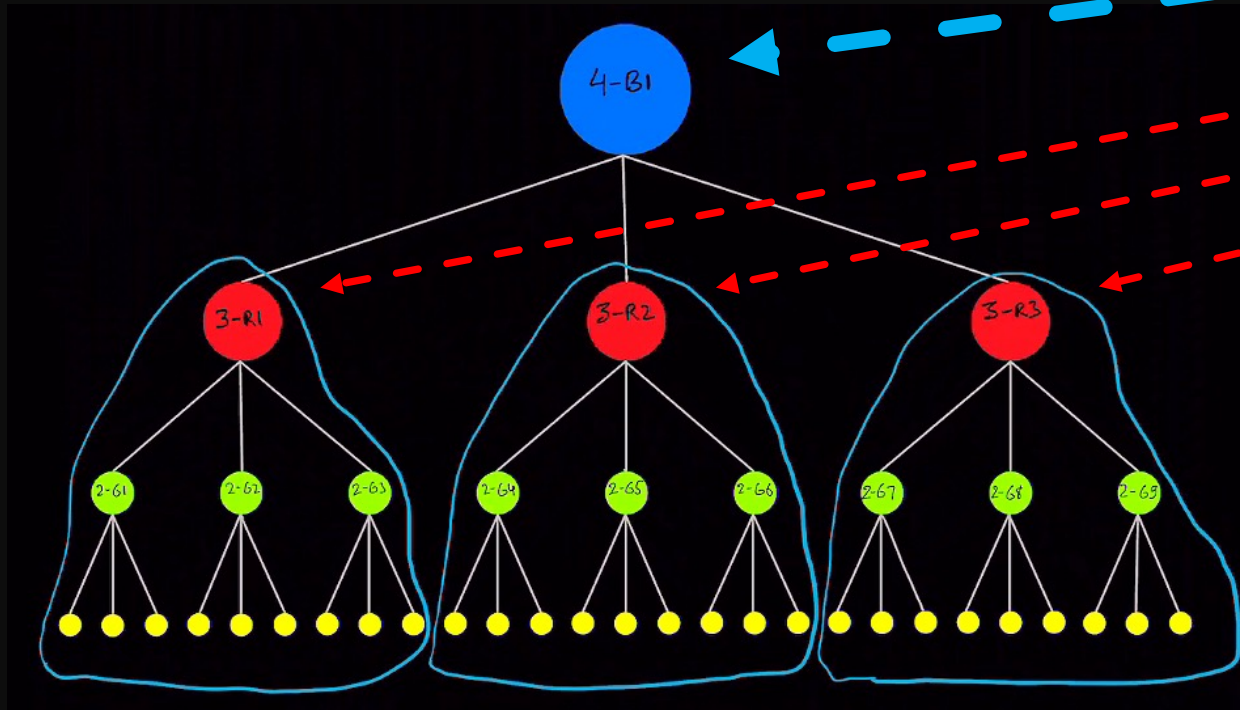

Draw the tree of height = 4

Break this into sub-problems of height = 3

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Have leap of faith that the subproblem works

Think Recursively
Draw the Tree below of height = 4

Write drawTree recursively
Note: Have the leap of faith that drawTree(height=3) works

```
drawTree(height = 4) {

    drawNode();

    drawTree(height = 3);
    drawTree(height = 3);
    drawTree(height = 3);
}
```
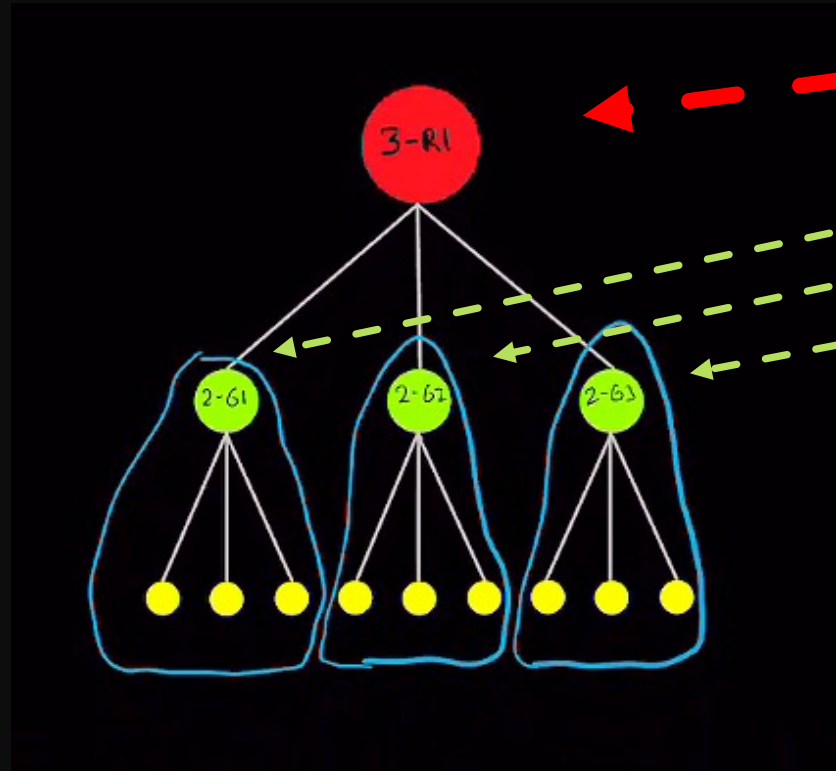
Have faith, that
drawTree(height=3)
works.
(do not trace the code)

Think Recursively

Draw the Tree below of height = 3

Write drawTree recursively
Note: Have the leap of faith that drawTree(height=2) works

```
drawTree(height = 3) {

    drawNode();

    drawTree(height = 2);
    drawTree(height = 2);
    drawTree(height = 2);
}
```
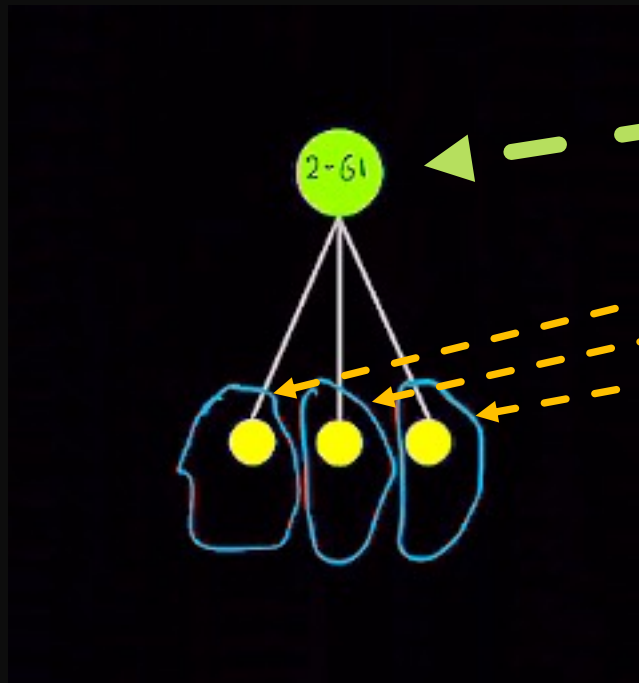
Have faith, that drawTree(height=2) works.
(do not trace the code)

Think Recursively

Draw the Tree below of height = 2

Write drawTree recursively
Note: Have the leap of faith that drawTree(height=1) works

drawTree(height = 2) {

drawNode();

drawTree(height = 1);
drawTree(height = 1);
drawTree(height = 1);
}

Have faith, that
drawTree(height=1)
works.
(do not trace the code)

Think Recursively
Draw the Tree below of height = 1

Write drawTree recursively
Note: Have the leap of faith that drawTree(height=0) works

```
drawTree(height = 1) {

    drawNode();

    drawTree(height = 0);
    drawTree(height = 0);
    drawTree(height = 0);
}
```

Draw nothing when height = 0

This is our exit condition

Have faith, that drawTree(height=0) works.
(do not trace the code)

Think Recursively
Draw the Tree below of height = n

Write drawTree recursively
Note: Have the leap of faith that drawTree(height = n-1) works

```
drawTree(height = n) {

    drawNode();

    drawTree(height = n -1);
    drawTree(height = n - 1);
    drawTree(height = n - 1);
}
```

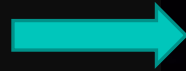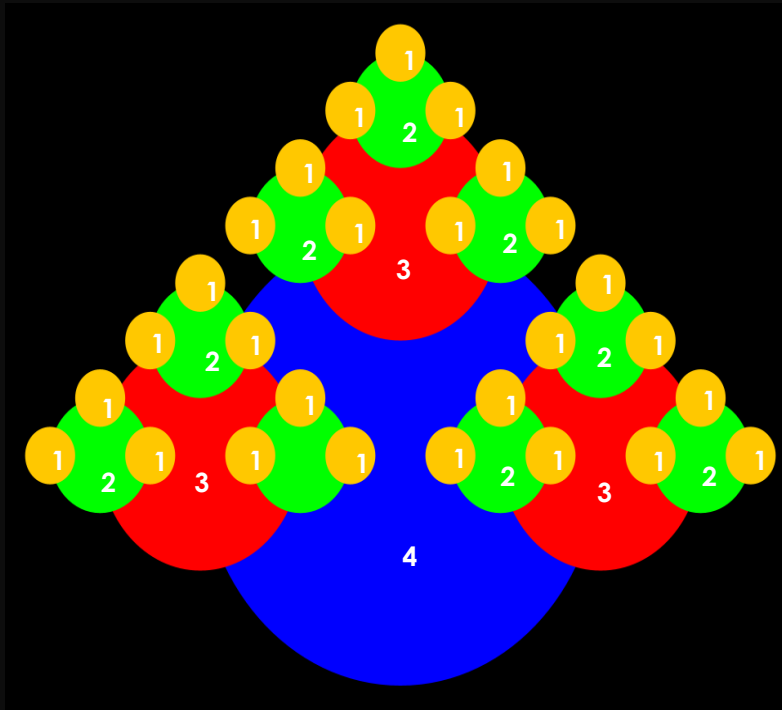# Think Recursively

Draw the Tree below of height = n

Write drawTree recursively
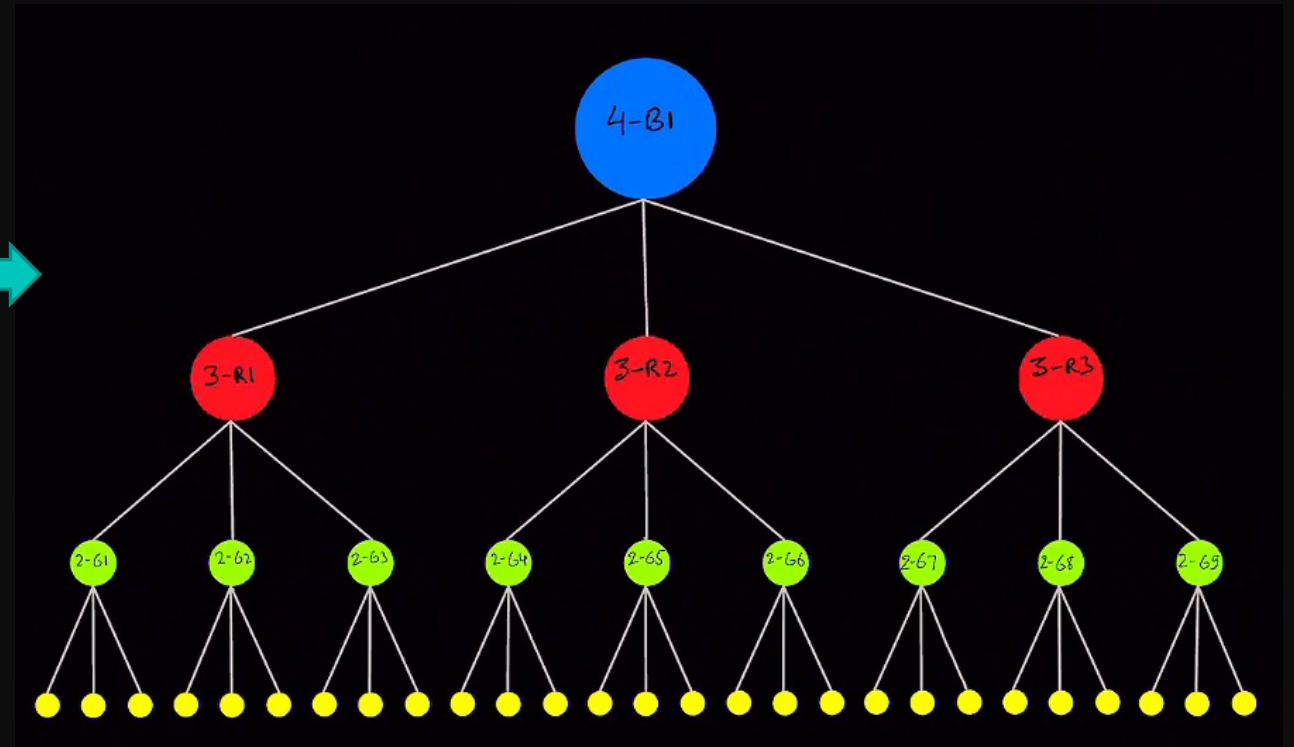Note: Have the leap of faith that drawTree(height = n-1) works

```
drawTree(height = n) {

    If (n == 0) return; // draw nothing

    drawNode();

    drawTree(height = n -1);
    drawTree(height = n - 1);
    drawTree(height = n - 1);
}
```

Think Recursively

Draw the Pattern/Tree below of height = 4

Think Recursively

Draw the Pattern/Tree below of height/depth/order = n

Write drawTree recursively
Note: Have the leap of faith that drawTree(height = n-1) works

```
drawTree(height = n) {

    If (n == 0) return; // draw nothing

    drawNode();

    drawTree(height = n -1);
    drawTree(height = n - 1);
    drawTree(height = n - 1);
}
```

Write drawPattern recursively
Note: Have the leap of faith that drawPattern(order = n-1) works

```
drawPattern(order = n, position, size) {

    If (n == 0) return; // draw nothing

    drawCircle(position, size);

    drawPattern(order = n -1, left, size/2);
    drawPattern(order = n – 1, center, size/2);
    drawPattern(order = n – 1, right, size/2);
}
```