

Recursion!

→ It is a programming paradigm which will solve a bigger problem by solving smaller instances of the exact same problem.

To solve any recursive problem,

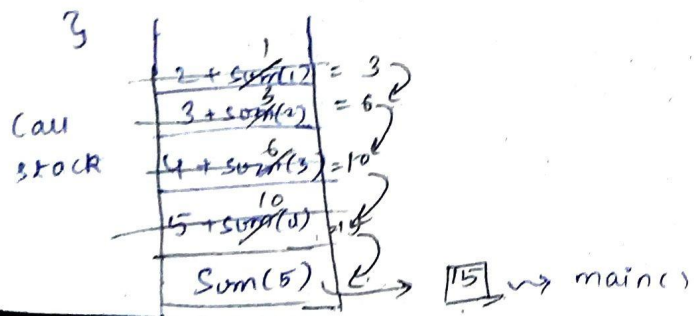
- ① Assumption
 - ② main logic
 - ③ Base condition
- ↓ In this order

Eg: Sum of 5 natural numbers,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum}(5) &= 5 + \text{sum}(4) \\ &= 5 + 4 + \text{sum}(3) \end{aligned}$$

{ Breaking the bigger problem to smaller problem

```
int sum(int N) {  
    if (N == 0) return 0; // ③ Base condition  
    // ① Assumption: Sum of N natural no.s  
    // ② main logic  
    return N + sum(N-1);  
}
```



(N!)

```
int factorial(int N) {  
    // ① Assuming to find factorial  
    if (N == 0) return 1; // ③ Base condition  
    // ② main logic  
    return N * factorial(N-1);  
}
```

⇒ 1 2 3 5 8 13 ... (fibonacci)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...
return Nth fibonacci number;

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int fibonacci(int N) {  
    // ① Assuming to return Nth fibonacci  
    if (N == 1 || N == 2) return 1; // ③ Base condition  
    // ② main logic  
    return fibonacci(N-1) + fibonacci(N-2);  
}
```

⇒ $a + (a + d) + (a + 2d) + \dots + (a + (n-1)d)$
Add all terms.

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int AP-sum(int a, int d, int n) {  
    if (n == 1) return a;  
    return a + (n-1)d + apsum(a, d, n-1);  
}
```

For iterative codes, we look at total no. of "Iterations"

For recursive codes, we do recurrence relations

① $\xrightarrow{\text{assume it takes } T(N)}$

int sum(int N) {

if (N == 0)

return 0;

return N + sum(N-1);

}

$\underbrace{1}_{T(N-1)}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(0) = 1} \quad (\text{constant time for sum(0)})$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{T(N) = 1 + T(N-1)}$$

$$T(N) = \underbrace{T(N-1)} + 1$$

$$T(N-1) = [T(N-2) + 1] + 1$$

$$= T(N-2) + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow [T(N-3) + 1] + 2$$

$$= T(N-3) + 3$$

⋮

Some pattern 😊!

$$= T(N-k) + k$$

Imagine,

$$T(N-k) = T(0)$$

$$N-k = 0$$

$$N = k$$

$$T(N-N) + N$$

$$T(0) + N$$

$$1 + N \approx O(N)$$

② factorial code,

$$T(N) = 1 + T(N-1)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\underline{O(N)}$$

③ fibonacci code.

$$T(N) = 1 + T(N-1) + T(N-2)$$

$$T(N) = T(N-1) + T(N-2) + 1$$

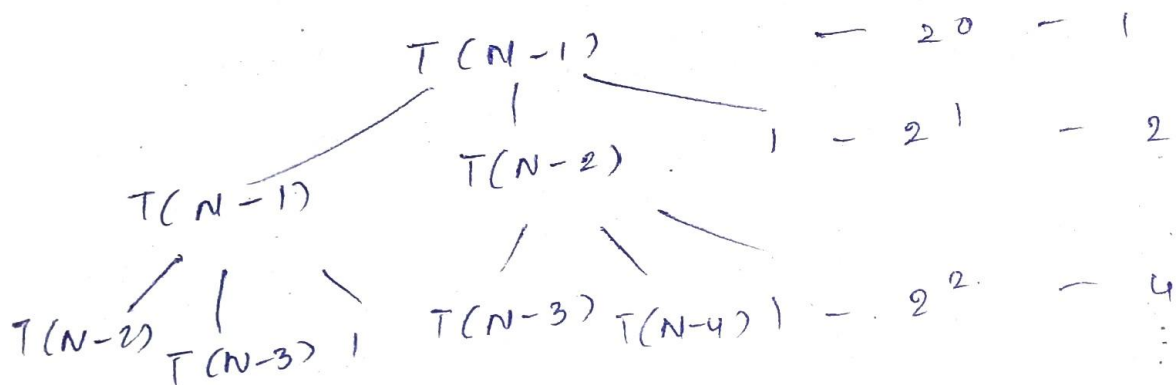
$$= [T(N-2) + T(N-3) + 1] + [T(N-3) + T(N-4) + 1] + 1$$

$$= T(N-2) + 2T(N-3) + T(N-4) + 3$$

\vdots Keeps on increasing continuously.

*** So, Recurrence Relation X

Then what to do, go with with "Recurrence Tree".



$$2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{N-1} = (2^N - 1) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(2^N)}}$$

④ AP Sum series,

Recurrence Relations:

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$1) T(N) = 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + N$$

$$\rightarrow N \log N$$

$$2) T(N) = 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$\rightarrow N$$

$$3) T(N) = T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + N$$

$$\rightarrow N$$

$$4) T(N) = T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$\rightarrow N$$

$$5) T(N) = T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + N^2 \rightarrow N^2$$

$$\underline{(1)} \quad T(N) = 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + N \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$= 2 \left[2T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + \frac{N}{2} \right] + N$$

$$= 4T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + 2N \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$= 8T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + 3N \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

\vdots

$$\Rightarrow 2^k T\left(\frac{N}{2^k}\right) + kN$$

$$\Rightarrow N \times 1 + \left(\log \frac{N}{2}\right) N$$

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$T\left(\frac{N}{2^k}\right) = T(1)$$

$$N = 2^k$$

$$k = \log \frac{N}{2}$$

$$= N \log \frac{N}{2} + N$$

$$= N \log \frac{N}{2}$$

$$2) \quad T(N) = 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + 1 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$= 2 \left[2T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + 1 \right] + 1$$

$$= 4T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + 3 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$= 4 \left[2T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + 1 \right] + 3$$

$$= 8T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + 7 \rightarrow (3)$$

⋮

$$2^k T\left(\frac{N}{2^k}\right) + (2^k - 1)$$

$$N \cdot 1 + 2 \log_2 N - 1 \Rightarrow O(N)$$

$$N + N - 1 = (2N - 1) \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{N}{2^k} = 1$$

$$k = \log_2 N$$

$$(3) \quad T(N) = T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + N \rightarrow (1)$$

$$= \left(T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + \frac{N}{2} \right) + N$$

$$T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + \frac{3N}{2} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + \frac{N}{4} + \frac{3N}{2}$$

$$T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + \frac{7N}{4} \rightarrow (3)$$

⋮

$$T\left(\frac{N}{2^k}\right) + \frac{(2^k - 1) \cdot N}{2^{k-1}}$$

$$1 + \frac{N-1}{2} \cdot N = 2N \approx O(N)$$

$$N = 2^k$$

$$k = \log_2 N$$

$$2^{k-1} = \frac{N}{2}$$

$$(4) \quad T(N) = T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) + 1 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

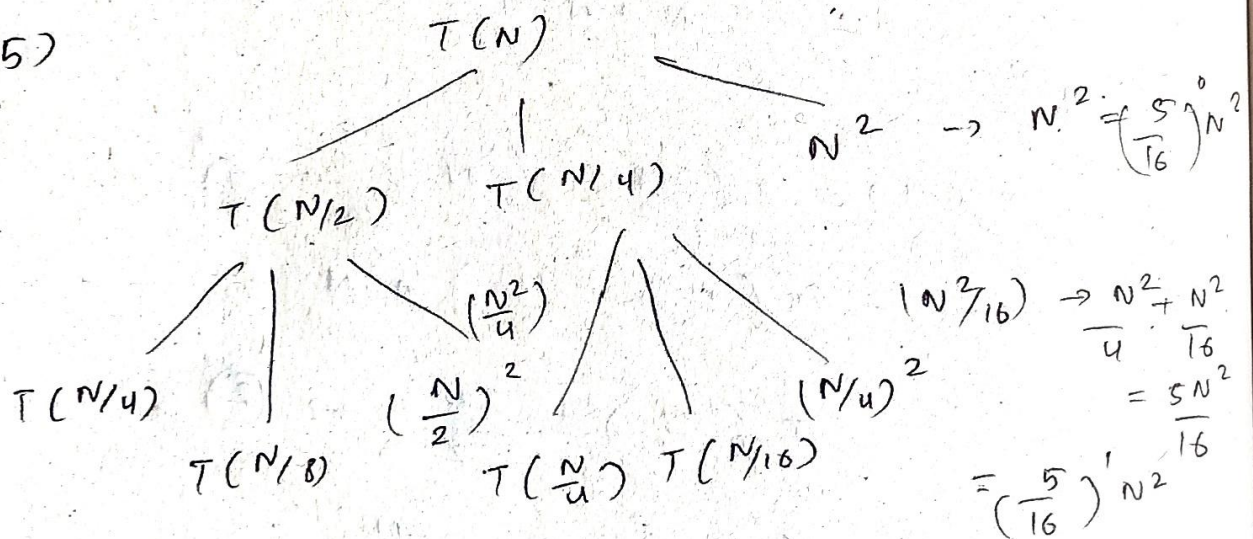
$$= \left(T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + 1\right) + 1 = T\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) + 2 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$= T\left(\frac{N}{8}\right) + 3 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

⋮

$$N = 2^k \quad T\left(\frac{N}{2^k}\right) + k = 1 + N \approx \underline{O(N)}$$

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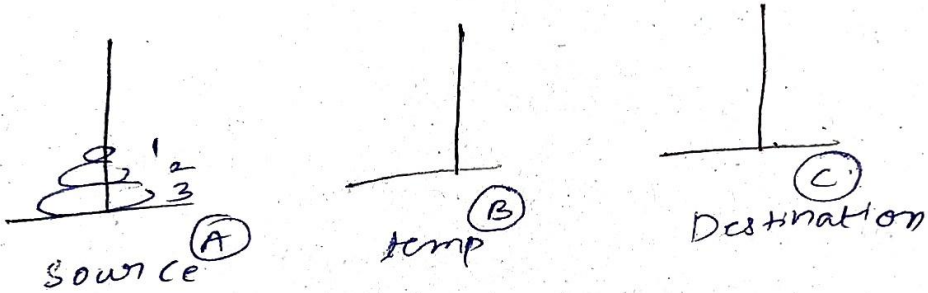


$$= N^2 \left[\frac{1 - \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^k}{1 - \frac{5}{16}} \right] = N^2 \left[\frac{16}{11} \cdot \left[1 - \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^k\right] \right]$$

$$= O(N^2)$$

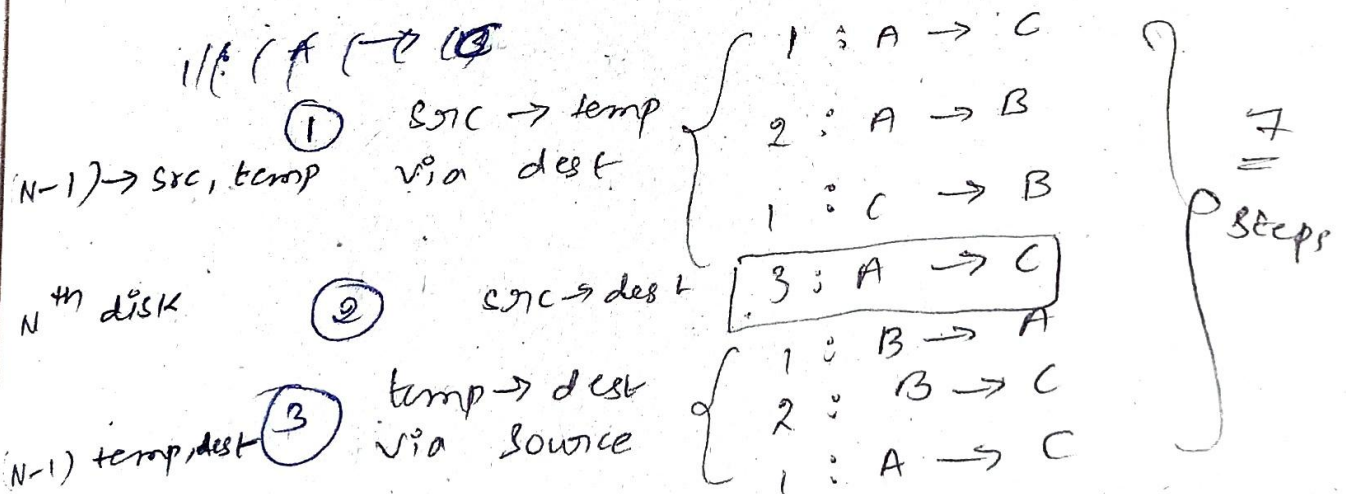
Towers of Hanoi

$N=3$
disks

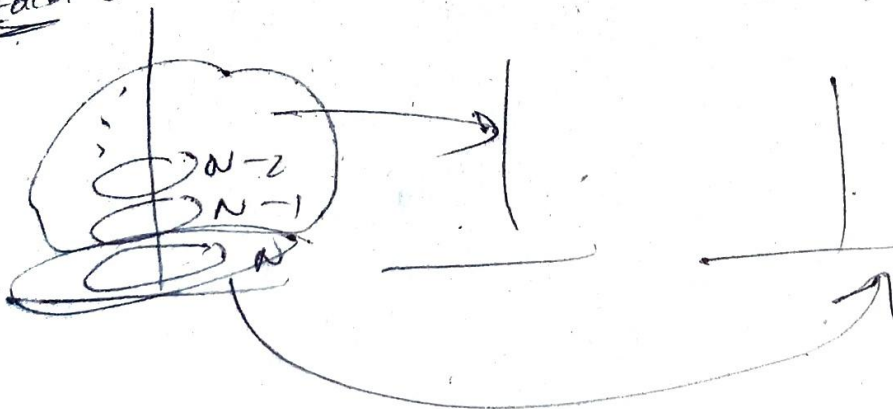


Constraints :-

- (1) Move one disk at a time
- (2) Never place Bigger disk on a smaller disk.



Idea :



src
acts
as temp

temp
acts as source

void TOH (int N, char src, char dest, char temp)

{ (1) if (N == 0) return;

(2) TOH (N-1, src, temp, dest);

(3) print (N : src → dest);

(4) TOH (N-1, temp, dest, src);

}

$$T(N) = 2T(N-1) + 1 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$= 2(2T(N-2) + 1) + 1$$

$$= 4T(N-2) + 3 \rightarrow (2)$$

$$= 8T(N-3) + 7 \rightarrow (3)$$

$$2^k T(N-k) + (2^k - 1)$$

~~2^k~~
=

$$T(0) = 1$$

$$T(N-k) = T(0)$$

$$N-k = 0$$

$$N = k$$

$$2^N(1) + 2^N - 1$$

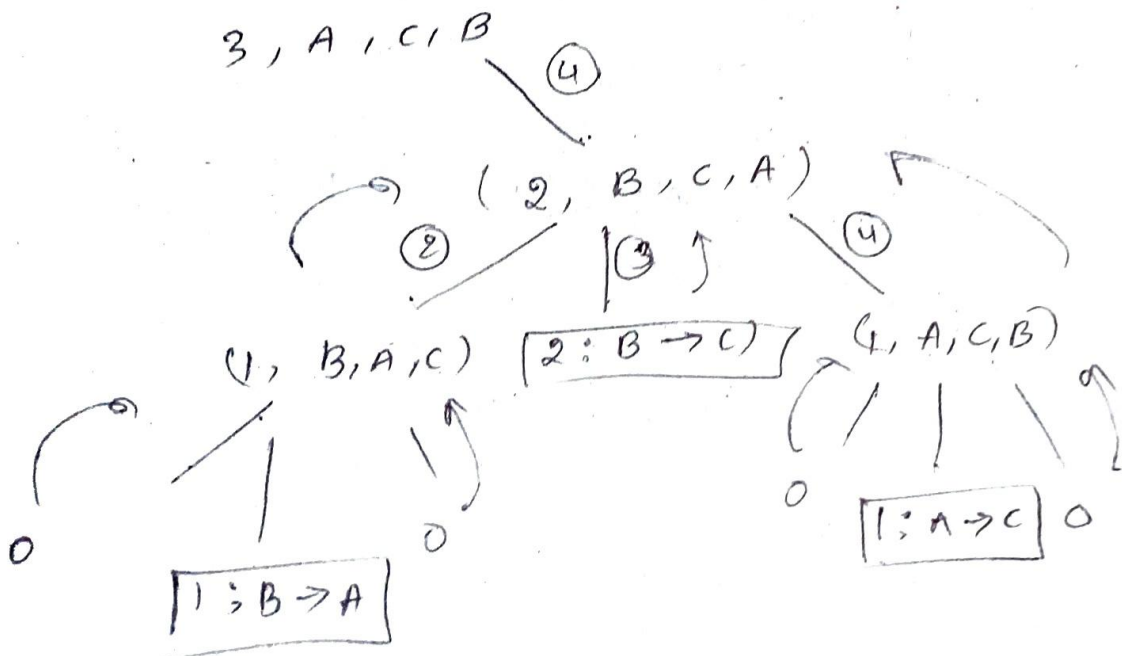
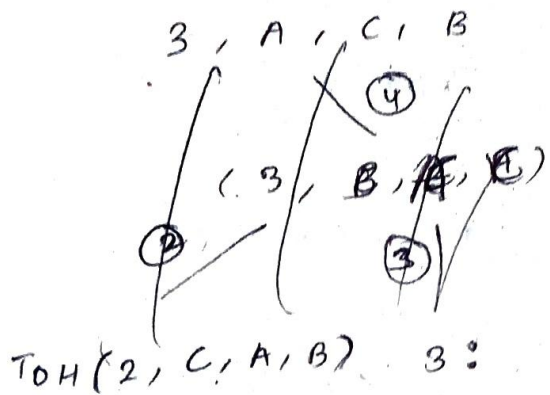
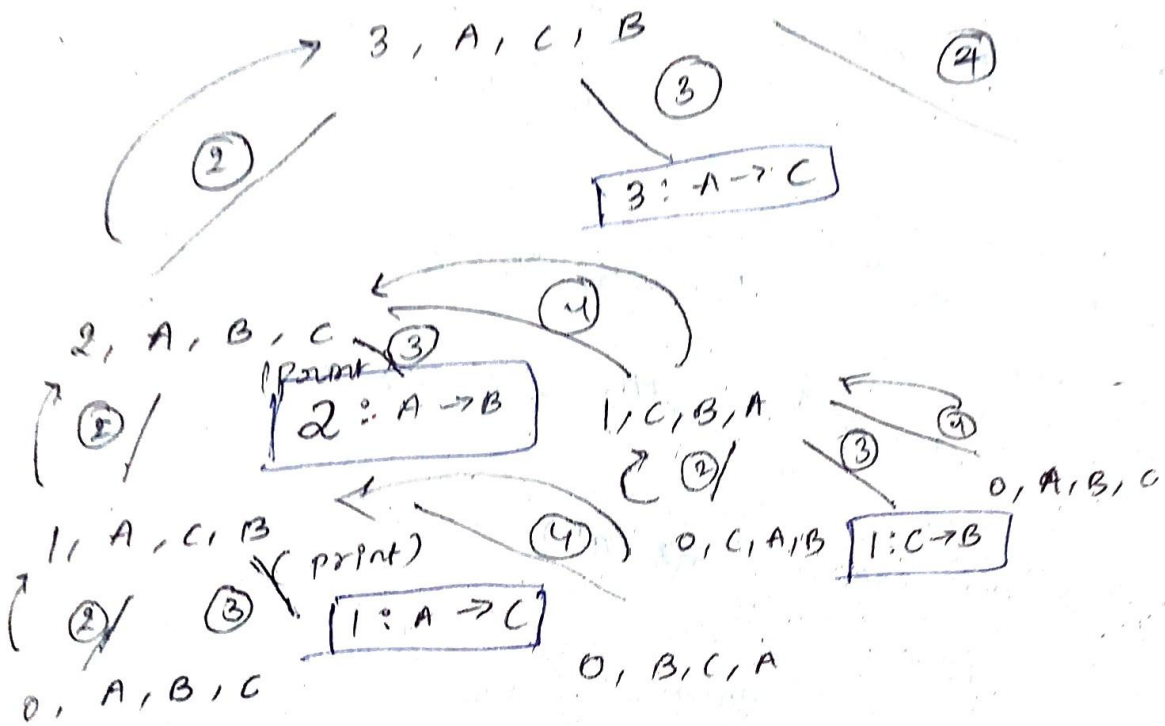
$$= 2^{N+1} - 1 \approx O(2^N)$$

Tells
no. of function
calls

Trace

3, A, C, B

1, 2, 3



$a^N \rightarrow$ recursion

Bit manipulation $\rightarrow \log_2 N$

$$a^N = a \cdot a^{N-1} \quad T(N) = 1 + T(N-1)$$

$O(N)$

$$\rightarrow a^N = a^{N/2} \cdot a^{N/2} \rightarrow \text{if (Even)}$$

$$= a \cdot a^{N/2} \cdot a^{N/2} \rightarrow \text{if (odd)}$$

```
int pow ( int a , int N )
{
    if ( N == 0 )
        return 1;
    if ( N % 2 == 0 )
        return pow(a, N/2) * pow(a, N/2);
    else
        return a * pow(a, N/2) * pow(a, N/2);
}
```

$x = \text{pow}(a, N/2)$
multiple times
calls are repeated

$x \quad x \quad x$

$x \quad x$

$$T(N) = 1 + 2T\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) \approx O(N)$$

\Downarrow

$$T(N) = T(N/2) + 1 = \log_2 N$$