

Analysis of Algorithms General Plan Review

- ① Select suitable input size parameter n
- ② Identify a suitable basic operation
- ③ Check basic operation count dependancy
- ④ Setup a sum or a recurrence for $C(n)$
- ⑤ Determine order of growth of $C(n)$
(may need to solve sum or recurrence)

Analysis of Recursive Algorithms

Simple Examples

Quiz

What could be another suitable input size parameter beside the magnitude of n ? **Hint:** see textbook.

Exercise

Discuss possible basic operation choices for both cases, why would the multiplication be preferred for *Factorial*?

Exercise

Write a suitable efficiency recurrence in each case and solve using **backward substitutions**.

Algorithm *Factorial*

Input Integer $n \geq 0$

Output $n!$

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1: if  $n = 0$  then
2:   return 1
3: else return  $Factorial(n - 1) \times n$ 
           ?
```

Algorithm *BinRec*

Input Integer $n > 0$

Output Number of bits in n 's binary representation

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1: if  $n = 1$  then
2:   return 1
3: else return  $BinRec(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + 1$ 
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Solving Recurrences Standard Solutions

⇒ Decrease-by-one

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + f(n)$$

⇒ Decrease-by-constant-factor

$$T(n) = T(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$b > 1, n = b^k, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

⇒ Apply to simple examples

Tower of Hanoi

Quiz

What's a suitable input size parameter? What is the basic operation?



Quiz

How many moves solve pictured instance? $M(?)$
= ? **Hint:** see Slide 8.

Easy to show (trivially)

$$n = 0 \Rightarrow M(0) = 0$$

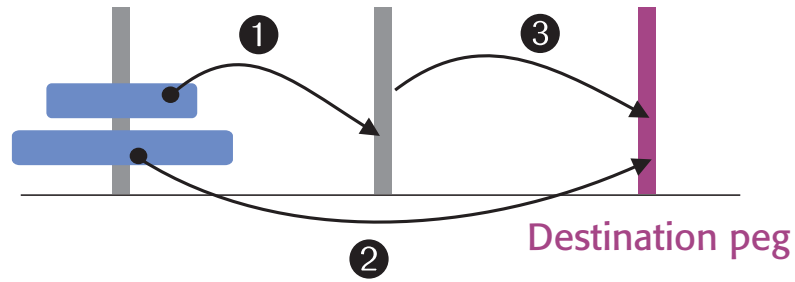
$$n = 1 \Rightarrow M(1) = 1$$

$$n = 2 \Rightarrow M(2) = 3 \quad \textbf{why? next...}$$

Tower of Hanoi Case $n=2$



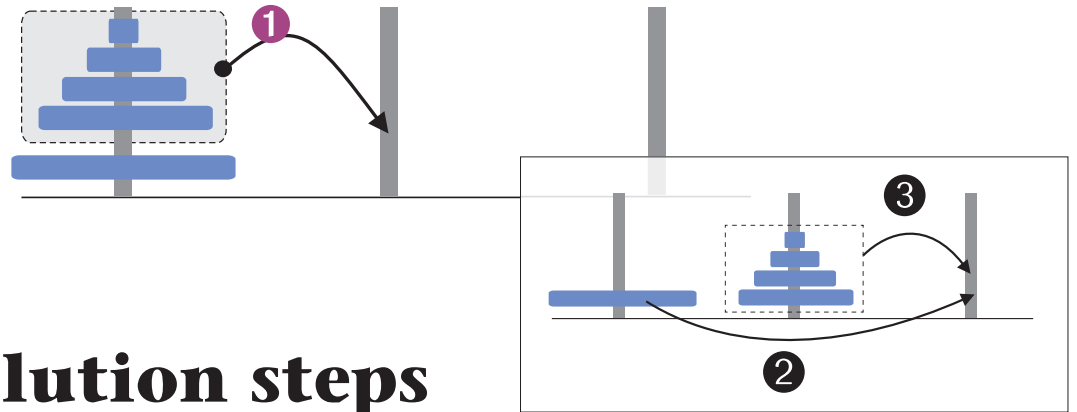
Exercise
Solve $n=3$ case by hand. How many steps were needed?
Hint: use $n=2$ solution to move the top 2 disks to middle peg. Try a smartphone app.



Solution steps

- ① Top disk to middle peg
- ② Bottom disk to destination peg
- ③ Top disk to destination peg

Tower of Hanoi Generalized to $n > 2$



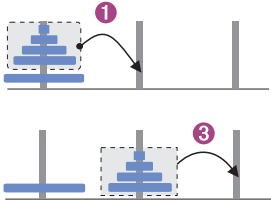
Solution steps

- 1 Move top disks
- 2 Move bottom disk to dest. peg
- 3 Move top disks to dest. peg



Quiz
How can we arrange top
disks on middle peg
(step 1)?

Use same procedure for
instance $n-1$. If answer seems
strange think of instance $n=3$.
We already know how to
solve $n=2$ case in 3 steps.

Tower of Hanoi Observations



Steps 1 and 3

-  Use same procedure to solve $n-1$
-  Take same number of moves

Therefore, for steps 1 and 3

The number of moves is the same as was used to solve the $n-1$ case, $M(n-1)$

Tower of Hanoi Solution Efficiency

Exercise

Solve the recurrence by backward substitutions.

⇒ **In general, for $n > 1$**

Quiz

What's the sequence that satisfies the recurrence?

Hint: use forward substitution, or ask *WolframAlpha*.

$$\begin{aligned} M(n) &= \overset{\text{step 1}}{M(n-1)} + \overset{\text{step 2}}{1} + \overset{\text{step 3}}{M(n-1)} \\ &= 2M(n-1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

⇒ **Check formula for $n=1$**

Exercise

A fast robot can do 1000 moves/second (1 microsecond each). How long would it take to solve $n=64$? Ans. in session summary.

⇒ **How good? Solve recurrence!**

