

## Fundamentals of the Analysis of Algorithm Efficiency

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- Asymptotic Notations and its properties
- Mathematical analysis of Non Recursive algorithms
- Mathematical analysis of Recursive algorithms



## Mathematical analysis of Recursive algorithms

#### General plan for Analyzing the time efficiency of Recursive algorithm

- 1. Decide on a parameter (or parameters) indicating an **input's size.**
- 2. Identify the algorithm's **basic operation**.
- 3. Check whether the **number of times the basic operation** is executed can vary on different inputs of the same size; if it can, the worst-case, average-case, and best-case efficiencies must be investigated separately.
- 4. Set up a **recurrence relation**, with an appropriate initial condition, for the number of times the basic operation is executed.
- 5. Solve the recurrence or, at least, ascertain the **order of growth** of its solution.

## Mathematical analysis of Recursive algorithms

- Recursive Function function that calls itself
- Example 1: Factorial of a given number

$$n!=1....(n-1). n = (n-1)! * n \text{ for } n \ge 1$$

$$F(n) = F(n-1)$$
. *n* for  $n > 0$ ,

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ALGORITHM F(n)

//Computes n! recursively

//Input: A nonnegative integer n

//Output: The value of n!

if n = 0 return 1

else return F(n - 1) * n
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#### Example 1: Factorial of a given number

- F(n) = F(n-1). n for n > 0
- No.of multiplications (*Recurrence relation*)

$$M(n) = M(n-1) + 1$$
to compute
 $F(n-1)$ 
to multiply
 $F(n-1)$  by  $n$ 
for  $n > 0$ .

Initial condition – sequence

if n=0 return 1

 $n=0 \rightarrow$  no multiplications are done

M(0) = 0. the calls stop when n = 0 \_\_\_\_\_\_ no multiplications when n = 0

#### Example 1: Factorial of a given number

- $F(n)=F(n-1) \cdot N$
- F(0) = 1

• 
$$M(n) = M(n-1) + 1$$
  
=  $[M(n-2) + 1] + 1 = M(n-2) + 2$   
=  $[M(n-3) + 2] + 1 = M(n-3) + 3$ 

$$M(n) = M(n-i) + i$$

If 
$$i=n$$
,

$$M(n) = M(n-n)+n$$

$$= M(0) + n$$

$$= n$$

#### Example 2: Towers of Hanoi

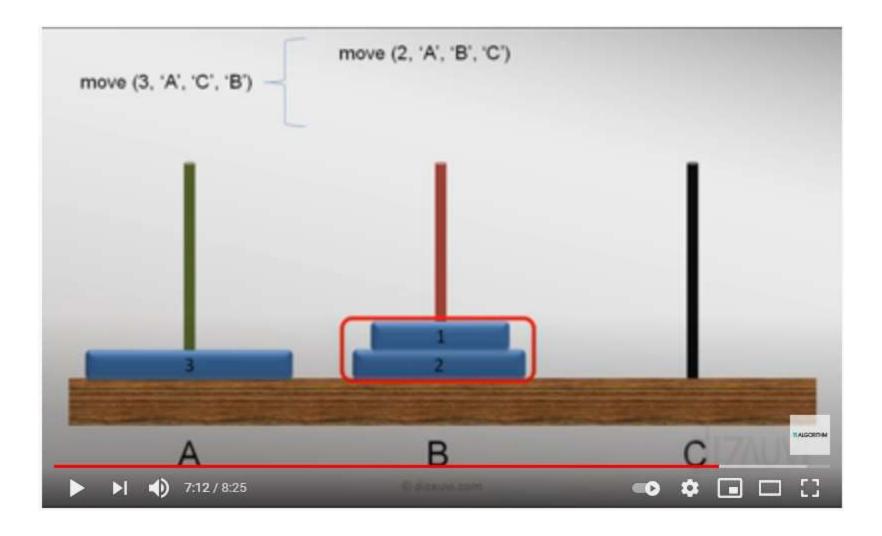
Problem statement: Given n disks of different sizes and 3 rods. Initially all the disks are in the 1<sup>st</sup> rod, largest on the bottom and smallest on the top.

The goal is to move all the disks to 3<sup>rd</sup> rod with the help of 2<sup>nd</sup> rod if essential.

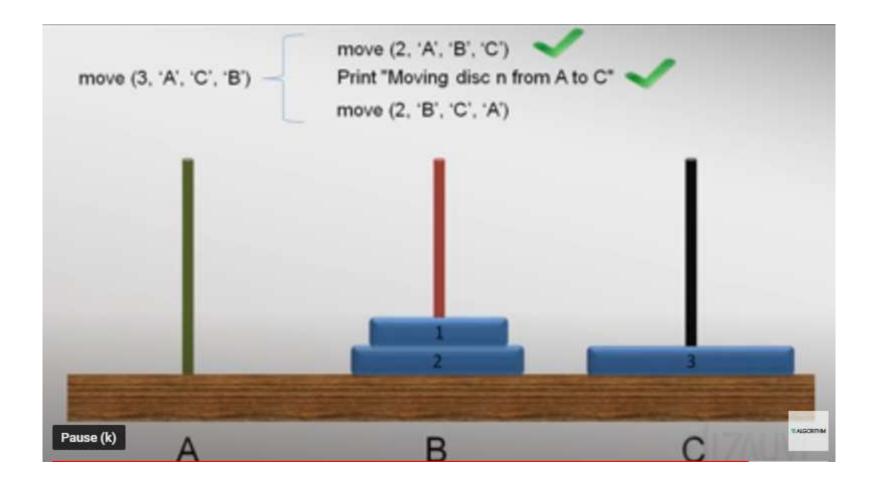
Condition 1: Move one disk at a time

Condition 2: place smaller disk on larger disk

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#### Example 2: Towers of Hanoi

- Initial condition M(1) = 1(if there are only one disk we can move to  $3^{rd}$  rod with one move)
- M(n) = M(n-1) + 1 + M(n-1) for n>1. *Backward Substitution*

• 
$$M(n) = 2M(n-1) + 1$$
 sub.  $M(n-1) = 2M(n-2) + 1$   
=  $2[2M(n-2) + 1] + 1 = 2^2M(n-2) + 2 + 1$  sub.  $M(n-2) = 2M(n-3) + 1$   
=  $2^2[2M(n-3) + 1] + 2 + 1 = 2^3M(n-3) + 2^2 + 2 + 1$ .

- $2^4M(n-4) + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2 + 1$
- $M(n) = 2^{i}M(n-i) + 2^{i-1} + 2^{i-2} + \ldots + 2 + 1 = 2^{i}M(n-i) + 2^{i} 1$ .
- $[2^4 = 16][2^3+2^2+2^1+1=8+4+2+1=15]$
- Initial condition is n=1, so i= upper bound lower bound  $\rightarrow$  i=n-1
- $M(n) = 2^{n-1}M(n (n-1)) + 2^{n-1} 1$ =  $2^{n-1}M(1) + 2^{n-1} - 1 = 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} - 1 = 2^n - 1$ .

# Analysis of problems discussed

Problem	Size of the problem	Basic operation	Count of basic operation	Efficiency class
Greatest element in list	n	Comparison inside loop A[i]>maxval	O(n)	Worst /Best
Matrix Muliplication	Order of matrix	Multiplication	O(n <sup>3</sup> )	Worst
Element Uniqueness Problem	n	Comparison inside for loop	O(n <sup>2</sup> )	Worst
No. of bits in a decimal number	n	Comparison	O(log <sub>2</sub> n)	Worst/Best/Avg
Factorial of a given number	n	Multiplication	O(n)	Worst
Towers of hanoi	n	Movements	O(2 <sup>n</sup> -1)	Worst