

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <ctype.h>

#define MAXPAROLA 30
#define MAXRIGA 80

int main(int argc, char *argv[])
{
    int freq[MAXPAROLA]; /* vettore di contatori
delle frequenze delle lunghezze delle parole */
    char riga[MAXRIGA];
    int i, inizio, lunghezza;
    FILE *f;

    for(i=0; i<MAXPAROLA; i++)
        freq[i]=0;

    if(argc != 2)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERRORE: serve un parametro con il nome del file\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    f = fopen(argv[1], "r");
    if(f==NULL)
    {
        fprintf(stderr, "ERRORE: impossibile aprire il file %s\n", argv[1]);
        exit(1);
    }

    while( fgets( riga, MAXRIGA, f ) != NULL )
```

# Recursion

## The divide and conquer paradigm

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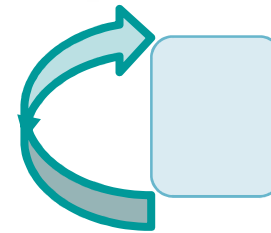
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## Definition

### ❖ Recursive procedure

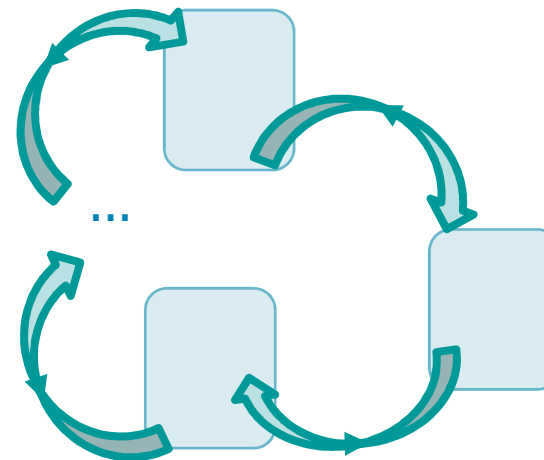
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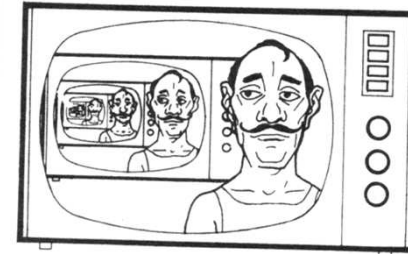
#### ➤ **Indirect** recursion

- Inside its definition there is a call to at least one procedure that, directly or indirectly, calls the procedure itself



## Definition

- ❖ Recursive algorithm
  - Based on recursive procedures



- ❖ The solution to a problem  $S$  applied to data  $D$  is recursive if we can express it as

Generic function ( $f$ )  
of ...

$D_{n-1}$  simpler than  $D_n$

$$S(D_n) = f(S(D_{n-1})) \quad \text{iff } D_{n-1} \neq D_0$$

$$S(D_0) = S_0 \quad \text{otherwise}$$

Termination condition

## Rationale

- ❖ Recursive solutions
  - Are mathematically elegant
  - Generate nice and neat procedures
- ❖ The nature of many problems is by itself recursive
  - Solution of many sub-problems may be similar to the initial one, though simpler and smaller
  - Combination of partial solutions may be used to obtain the solution of the initial problem
- ❖ Recursion is the basis for the problem-solving paradigm known as **divide and conquer**

## The divide and conquer paradigm

❖ The divide and conquer paradigm is based on 3 phases

➤ Divide

- The recursion should generate simpler and solvable sub-problems, until the sub-problems are
  - Trivial
  - Valid choices exhausted
- Process
  - Starting from a problem of size  $n$
  - We partition it into  $a \geq 1$  **independent** problems
  - Each of these problems has a smaller size  $n'$ 
    - $n' < n$

## The divide and conquer paradigm

### ❖ Conquer

- Solve an elementary problem
- This part is the algorithm termination condition
  - All algorithms must eventually terminate
  - The recursion must be finite

### ❖ Combine

- Build a global solution combining partial solutions

## The divide and conquer paradigm

The else part is often avoided inserting one more return

Termination condition

Conquer

```
solve (problem){
  if (problem is elementary) {
    solution = solve_trivial (problem)
  } else {
    subproblem1,2,3,...,a = divide (problem)

    for each s ∈ subproblem1,2,3,...,a
      subsolutions = solve (subproblems)

    solution = combine (subsolution1,2,3,...,a)
  }
  return solution
}
```

Divide

Recursive call

Combine

**a** subproblems of size  $n'$   
Each subproblem is smaller than the original one ( $n' < n$ )

## The divide and conquer paradigm

### ❖ Given

- The original problem size  $n$
- The number of subproblems  $a$  of size  $n'$

we may define

- Linear recursion
  - $a = 1$
- Multi-way recursion
  - $a > 1$



## The divide and conquer paradigm

### ❖ The size of

- The original problem  **$n$**
- The generated ones  **$n'$**

may be related by

- A **constant factor**  $b$ , in general the same for all subproblems
  - $b = n / n'$  and  $n' = n / b$
- A **constant value**  $k$ , not always the same for all subproblems
  - $n' = n - k$
- A **variable quantity**  $\beta$ , often difficult to estimate
  - $n' = n - \beta$

## The divide and conquer paradigm

### ❖ When the reduction is a **constant factor**

➤  $b = n / n'$

the following terminology can be used

➤ Divide and conquer

- $b > 1$

➤ Decrease and conquer

- $b = 1$

- With (in general) a constant reduction value  $k_i$

- $n' = n - k_i$

## Complexity Analysis

- ❖ A **recursion equation** expresses the time asymptotic cost  $T(n)$  in terms of
  - $D(n)$ 
    - Cost of dividing the problem
  - $T(n')$ 
    - Cost of the execution time for smaller inputs (recursion phase)
  - $C(n)$ 
    - Cost of recombining the partial solutions
  - **The cost of the terminal cases**
    - We often assume unit cost for solving the elementary problems  $\Theta(1)$

## Complexity Analysis

- ❖ When we have a constant factor **b**
  - **a** is the number of subproblems originating from the "divide" phase
  - **b** is the reduction factor, thus  $n' = n/b$  is the size of each generated subproblem
  - The recurrence equation has the following form

Divide

Recur  
 $T(n')$

Combine

- $T(n) = D(n) + a \cdot T(n/b) + C(n)$

- $T(n) = \Theta(1)$

Conquer

$n > \text{const}$

$n \leq \text{const}$

## Complexity Analysis

- ❖ When we have a constant value  $k_i$ 
  - $a$  is the number of subproblems originating from the "divide" phase
  - Reduction amounts to  $k_i$ , an amount that may vary at each step
  - The recurrence equation has the following form

Divide

Recur  
 $T(n')$

Combine

- $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} T(n - ki) + C(n)$        $n > \text{const}$
- $T(n) = \Theta(1)$        $n \leq \text{const}$

Conquer

## A first example: Array split

### ❖ Specifications

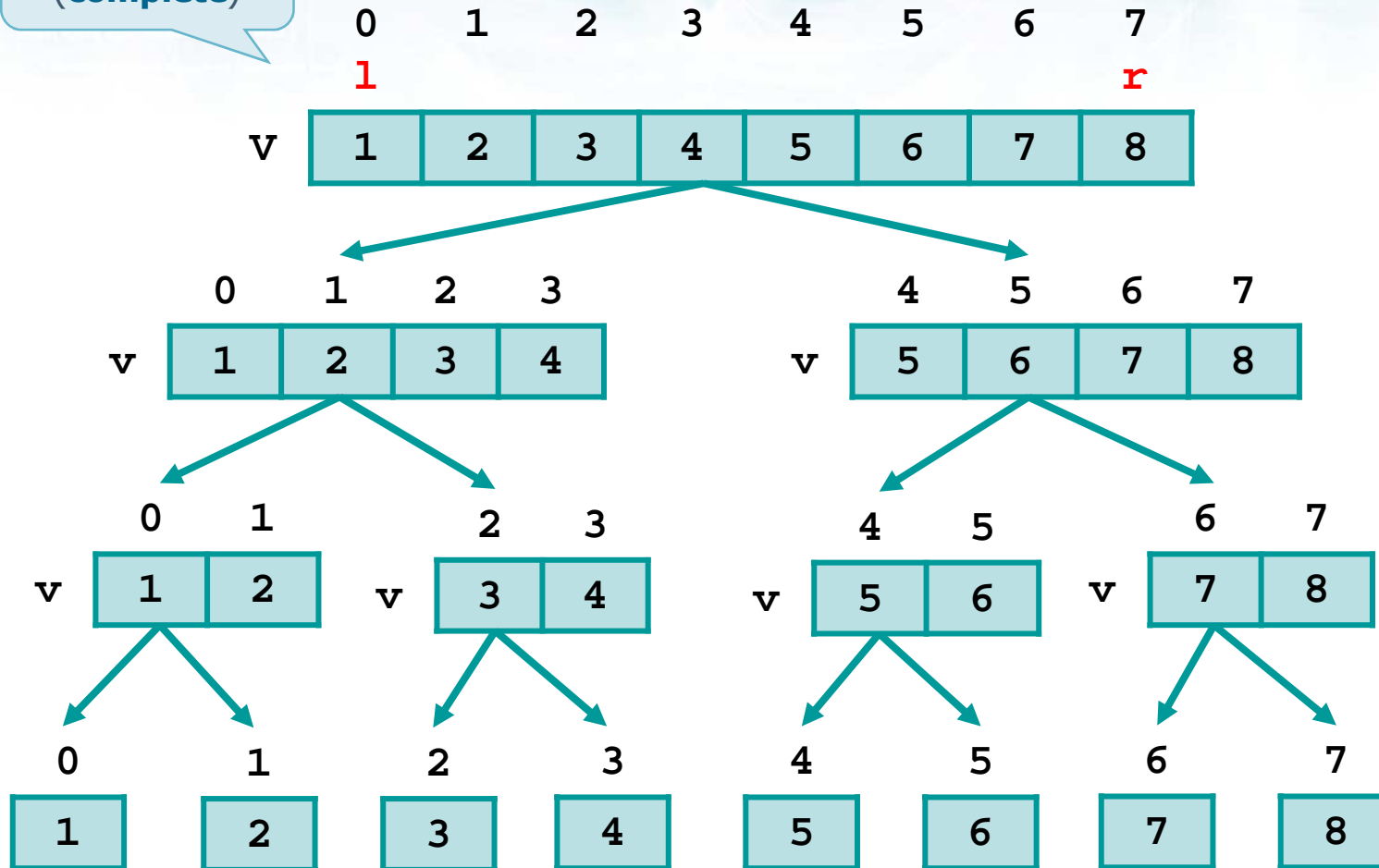
- Given an array of  $n=2^k$  integers
- Recursively partition it in sub-arrays half the size, until the termination condition is reached
  - The termination condition is reached when sub-arrays have only 1 cell
- Print-out all generated partitions on standard output

Simple case  
(complete tree of height  $k$ )

Divide and conquer  
At each step we generate  $a=2$  subproblems  
Each subproblem has a size equal to  $n'=n/2$ , i.e.,  $b=n/n'=2$

# Solution

Recursion tree  
(complete)



## Solution 1

```
void show (int v[], int l, int r) {  
    int i, c;  
  
    printf ("v = ");  
    for (i=l; i<=r; i++)  
        printf ("%d ", v[i]);  
    printf ("\n");  
  
    if (l >= r) {  
        return;  
    }  
  
    c = (r+1)/2;  
  
    show (v, l, c);  
    show (v, c+1, r);  
  
    return;  
}
```

Array print  
(from element l to r)

Termination  
condition

Recursion:  
Left recursion  
Right recursion



# Solution 1

```

void show (
    int v[], int l, int r
) {
    int i, c;

    printf ("v = ");
    ...

    if (l >= r) {
        return;
    }

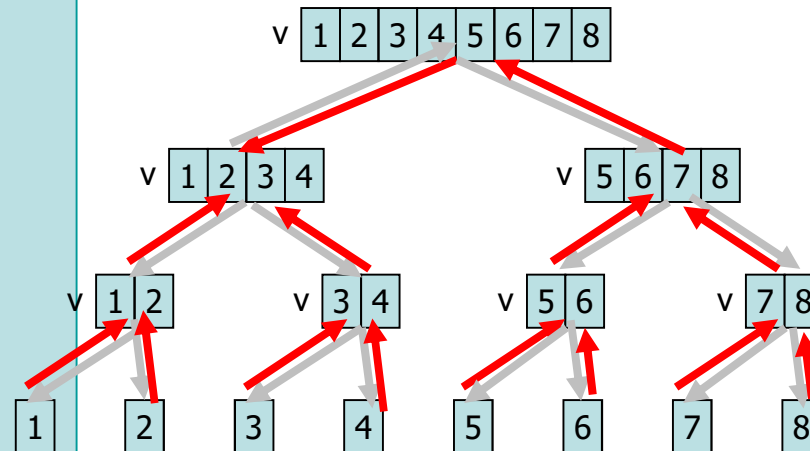
    c = (r+1)/2;

    show (v, l, c);
    show (v, c+1, r);

    return;
}
    
```

Array print  
(from element l to r)

Recursion tree  
(visited depth-first)



# Solution 2

```

void show (
  int v[], int l, int r
) {
  int i, c;

  if (l >= r) {
    return;
  }

  printf ("v = ");
  ...

  c = (r+l)/2;

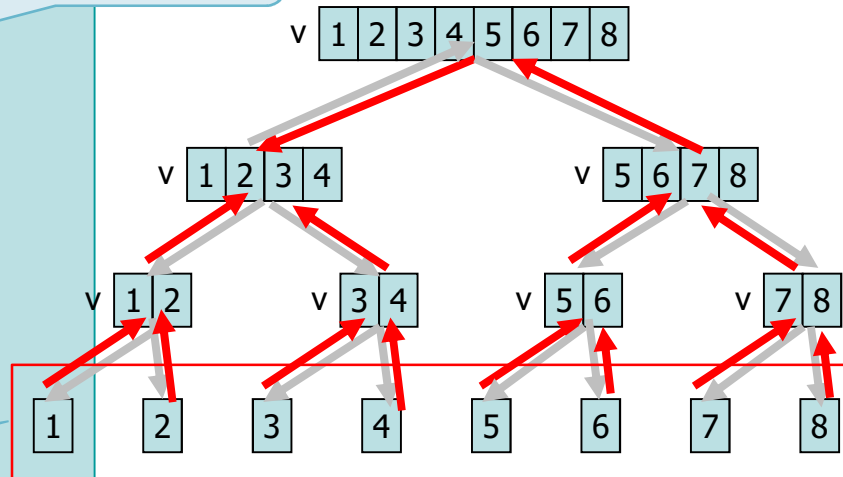
  show (v, l, c);
  show (v, c+1, r);

  return;
}
    
```

Termination condition

Array print (from element l to r)

Recursion tree (visited depth-first)



Not printed

# Solution 2

```

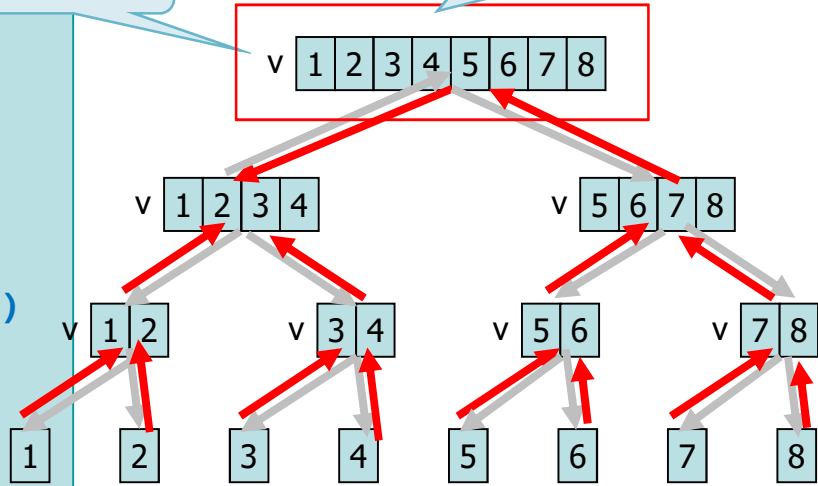
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    int v[], int l, int r
) {
    int i, c;

    if (l >= r) {
        return;
    }
    c = (r+1)/2;
    printf ("v = ");
    for (i=l; i<=c; i++)
        printf ...
    show (v, l, c);
    printf ("v = ");
    for (i=c+1; i<=r; i++)
        printf ...
    show (v, c+1, r);
    return;
}
    
```

Not printed

Termination condition

Recursion tree (visited depth-first)



## Example 1: Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Divide and conquer problem with

#### ➤ Number of subproblems

- $a = 2$

#### ➤ Reduction factor

- $b = n/n' = 2$

#### ➤ Division cost

- $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

#### ➤ Recombination cost

- $C(n) = \Theta(1)$

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}
```

## Example 1: Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Recurrence equation

➤  $T(n) = D(n) + a \cdot T(n/b) + C(n)$

Divide, conquer,  
combine

### ❖ That is

➤  $T(n) = 2 \cdot T(n/2) + 1 \quad n > 1$

➤  $T(1) = 1 \quad n = 1$

No cost for the  
combination  
phase

```
void show (
    int v[], int l, int r
) {
    int i, c;
    if (l >= r) {
        return;
    }
    c = (r+1)/2;
    show (v, l, c);
    show (v, c+1, r);
    return;
}
```

## Example 1: Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Resolution by unfolding

- $T(n) = 1 + 2 \cdot T(n/2)$
- $T(n/2) = 1 + 2 \cdot T(n/4)$
- $T(n/4) = 1 + 2 \cdot T(n/8)$
- ...

Termination condition

$$\frac{n}{2^i} = 1$$
$$i = \log_2 n$$

## Example 1: Complexity Analysis

❖ We replace  $T(n/2)$  in  $T(n)$

➤  $T(n) = 1 + 2 + 4 \cdot T(n/4)$

then we replace  $T(n/4)$  in  $T(n/2)$

➤  $T(n) = 1 + 2 + 4 + 23 \cdot T(n/8)$

etc.

➤ 
$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\log n} 2^i = \frac{(2^{\log n + 1} - 1)}{2 - 1} = 2 \cdot 2^{\log n} - 1 \\ &= 2n - 1 \\ &= O(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k x^i = \frac{(x^{k+1} - 1)}{(x - 1)}$$

## A second example: Maximum of an array

### ❖ Specifications

- Given an array of  $n=2^k$  integers
- Find its maximum and print it on standard output



## Solution

- ❖ If the array size  $n$  is equal to 1 ( $n=1$ )
  - Find maximum explicitly
- ❖ If the array size  $n$  is larger than 1 ( $n>1$ )
  - Divide array in 2 subarrays, each being half the original array
  - Recursively search for maximum in the **left** subarray and **return** the maximum value in it
  - Recursively search for maximum in the **right** subarray and **return** the maximum value in it
  - **Compare** maximum values returned and return bigger one

Termination  
condition

# Solution

result = max (a, 0, 3);

## Implementation

```
int max(int a[],int l,int r){
    int u, v, c;
    if (l >= r)
        return a[l];
    c = (l + r)/2;
    u = max (a, l, c);
    v = max (a, c+1, r);
    if (u > v)
        return u;
    else
        return v;
}
```

	0	1	2	3
a	10	3	40	6

Initial call  
l=0, r=3, n = 2<sup>k</sup>

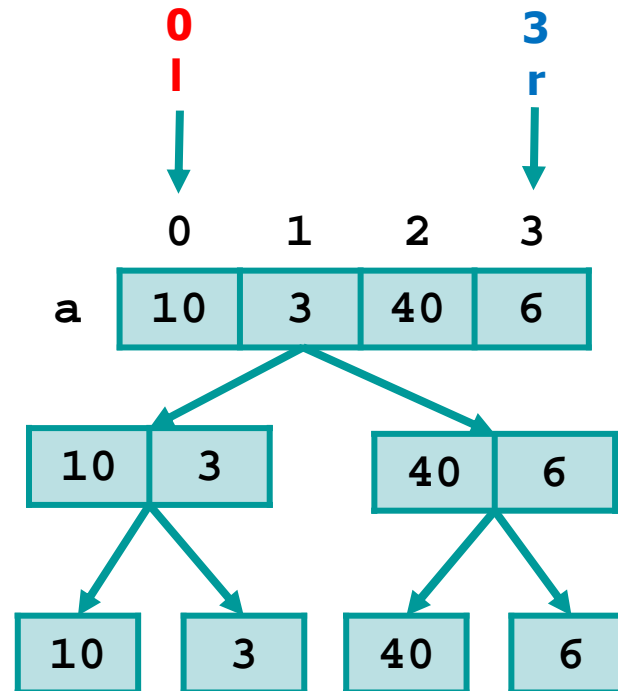
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    if (u > v)
        return u;
    else
        return v;
}
```

Recursion tree  
(visited depth-first)



## Example 2: Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Divide and conquer problem with

#### ➤ Number of subproblems

- $a = 2$

#### ➤ Reduction factor

- $b = n/n' = 2$

#### ➤ Division cost

- $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

#### ➤ Recombination cost

- $C(n) = \Theta(1)$

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    v = max (a, c+1, r);
    if (u > v)
        return u;
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        return v;
}
```

## Example 2: Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Recurrence equation

➤  $T(n) = D(n) + a \cdot T(n/b) + C(n)$

Divide, conquer,  
combine

### ❖ That is

➤  $T(n) = 2 \cdot T(n/2) + 1 \quad n > 1$

➤  $T(1) = 1 \quad n = 1$

As for  
example 1 ...

### ❖ Time complexity

➤  $T(n) = O(n)$

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        return a[l];
    c = (l + r)/2;
    u = max (a, l, c);
    v = max (a, c+1, r);
    if (u > v)
        return u;
    else
        return v;
}
```

# Factorial

## ❖ Factorial

### ➤ Iterative definition

- $n! = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (n - i) = n \cdot (n - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \cdot 1$

### ➤ Recursive definition

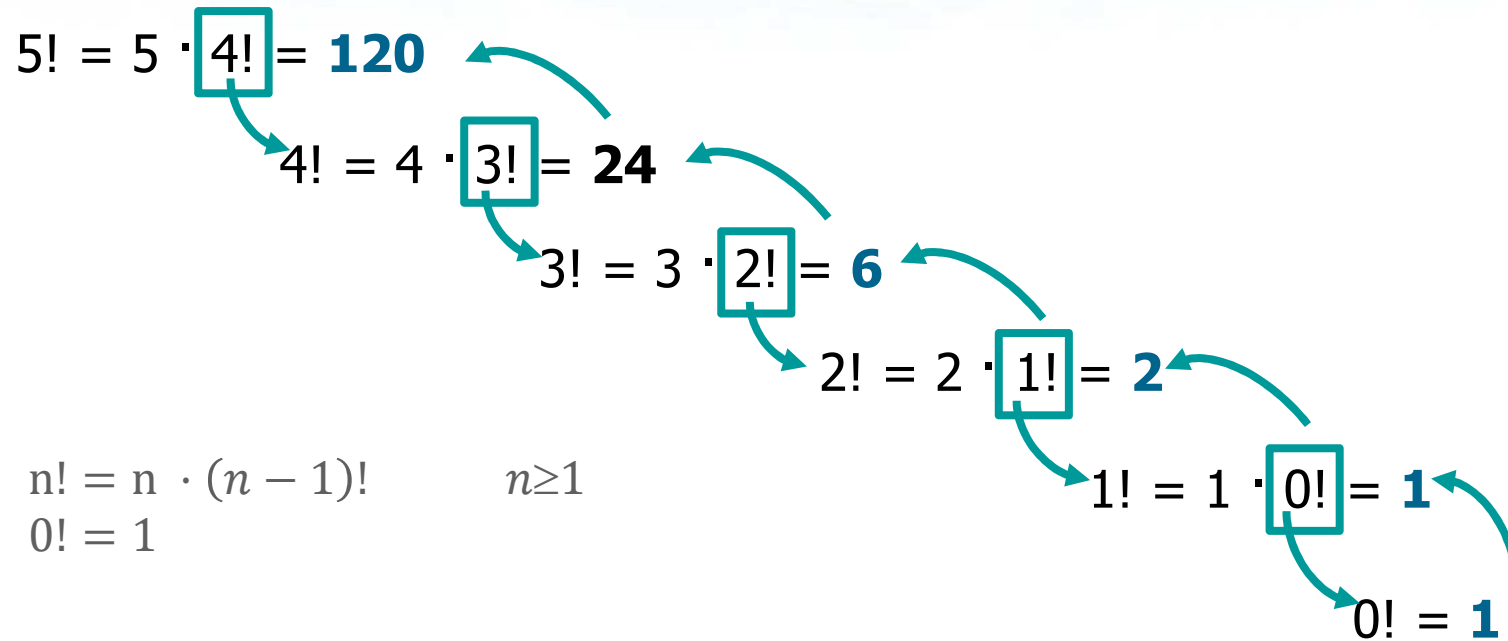
- $n! = n \cdot (n - 1)! \quad n \geq 1$
- $0! = 1$

### ➤ Examples

- $3! = 6$
- $5! = 120$

# An example

Recursion tree  
(complete)



$$n! = n \cdot (n - 1)! \quad n \geq 1$$

$$0! = 1$$

## Solution

Complete program  
(main and function)

```
#include <stdio.h>

long int fact(int n);

main() {
    long int n;
    printf("Input n: ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("%d != %d\n",
        n, fact(n));
}

long int fact (long int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
        return (1);
    return (n * fact(n-1));
}
```

Recursion

Alternative  
implementation

```
long int fact (long int n)
{
    long int f;
    if (n == 0)
        return (1);
    f = fact (n-1);
    return (n * f);
}
```

Recursion



## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Divide and conquer problem with

#### ➤ Number of subproblems

- $a = 1$

#### ➤ Reduction value

- $k_i = 1$

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➤  $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} T(N - ki) + C(n)$

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## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Resolution by unfolding

- $T(n) = 1 + T(n-1)$
- $T(n-1) = 1 + T(n-2)$
- $T(n-2) = 1 + T(n-3)$
- ...

### ❖ Replacing in $T(n)$

- $T(n) = 1 + 1 + 1 + T(n-3)$   
 $= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1$   
 $= 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots$   
 $= n$   
 $= O(n)$

Termination  
 $n-i = 1$   
 $i = n-1$

```
long int fact (long int n) {  
    if (n == 0)  
        return (1);  
    return (n * fact(n-1));  
}
```

# Fibonacci Numbers

## ❖ Fibonacci numbers

### ➤ Iterative and recursive definition

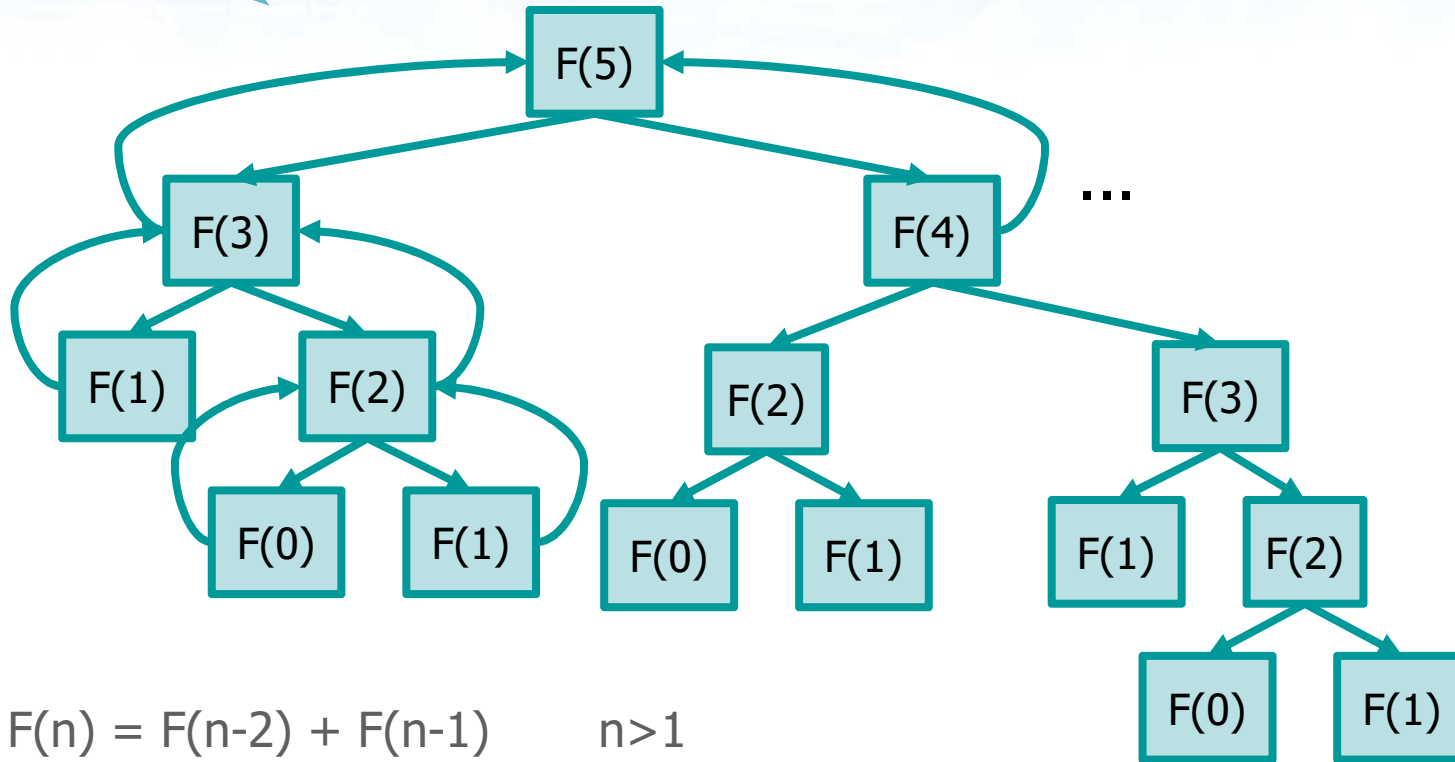
- $F(n) = F(n-2) + F(n-1) \quad n > 1$
- $F(0) = 0$
- $F(1) = 1$

### ➤ Example

- $F(0) = 0$
- $F(1) = 1$
- $F(2) = 0 + 1 = 1$
- $F(3) = 1 + 1 = 2$
- etc.
- That is
  - 0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 ...

Recursion tree  
(complete)

# An Example: Computing F(5)



$$F(n) = F(n-2) + F(n-1) \quad n > 1$$

$$F(0) = 0$$

$$F(1) = 1$$

## Solution

```
#include <stdio.h>

long int fib(long int n);

main() {
    long int n;

    printf("Input n:  ");
    scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("Fibonacci of %d is: %d \n", n, fib(n));
}

long int fib (long int n) {
    if (n == 0 || n == 1)
        return (n);
    return (fib(n-2) + fib(n-1));
}
```

## Solution

```
long int fib (long int n) {  
    if (n == 0 || n == 1)  
        return (n);  
    return (fib(n-2) + fib(n-1));  
}
```

Alternative  
implementation

```
long int fib (long int n) {  
    long int f1, f2;  
  
    if (n == 0 || n == 1)  
        return (n);  
    f1 = fib (n-2);  
    f2 = fib (n-1)  
    return (f1 + f2);  
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Decrease and conquer problem with

#### ➤ Number of subproblems

- $a = 2$

#### ➤ Reduction value

- $k_i = 1$

- $k_{i-1} = 2$

#### ➤ Division cost

- $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

#### ➤ Recombination cost

- $C(n) = \Theta(1)$

```
long int fib (long int n) {  
    if (n == 0 || n == 1)  
        return (n);  
    return (fib(n-2) + fib(n-1));  
}
```



## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Recurrence equation

➤  $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} T(N - ki) + C(n)$

### ❖ That is

➤  $T(n) = 1 + T(n-1) + T(n-2) \quad n > 1$

➤  $T(0) = 1$

➤  $T(1) = 1$

```
long int fib (long int n) {  
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        return (n);  
    return (fib(n-2) + fib(n-1));  
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

- ❖ We can make the following conservative approximation
  - $T(n-2) \leq T(n-1)$
- ❖ Thus, we can replace  $T(n-2)$  with  $T(n-1)$ , and we obtain
  - $T(n) = 1 + 2 \cdot T(n-1) \quad n > 1$
  - $T(n) = 1 \quad n = 1$

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        return (n);  
    return (fib(n-2) + fib(n-1));  
}
```

# Complexity Analysis

## ❖ Resolution by unfolding

- $T(n) = 1 + 2 \cdot T(n-1)$
- $T(n-1) = 1 + 2 \cdot T(n-2)$
- $T(n-2) = 1 + 2 \cdot T(n-3)$
- ...

Termination

$$\begin{aligned} n-i &= 1 \\ i &= n-1 \end{aligned}$$

## ❖ Replacing in $T(n)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{➤ } T(n) &= 1 + 2 + 4 \cdot T(n-2) \\ &= 1 + 2 + 4 + 2^3 \cdot T(n-3) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i \\ &= 2^n - 1 \\ &= O(2^n) \end{aligned}$$

Not linear.  
Why?

$$\sum_{i=0}^k x^i = \frac{(x^{k+1} - 1)}{(x - 1)}$$

# Binary Search

Assumption  
 $n = 2^p$

- ❖ Binary search
  - Does key  $k$  belong to the sorted array  $v[n]$ ?
  - Yes/No
- ❖ Approach
  - Start with (sub-)array of extremes  $l$  and  $r$
  - At each step
    - Find middle element  $c = (\text{int})((l+r)/2)$
    - Compare  $k$  with middle element in the array
      - $=$ : termination with success
      - $<$ : search continues on left subarray
      - $>$ : search continues on right subarray

# Example

k = key to search  
 l = leftmost index  
 r = rightmost index  
 c = index of the middle element

k 8

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	l									r
v	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20

	0	1	2	3						
	l			r						
v	2	4	6	8						

			2	3						
			l	r						
v			6	8						

			3							
			l	r						
v			8							

y = middle element

## Solution

```
int bin_search (int v[], int l, int r, int k){
    int c;

    if (l > r)
        return(-1);

    c = (l+r) / 2;

    if (k < v[c])
        return(bin_search (v, l, c-1, k));
    if (k > v[c])
        return(bin_search (v, c+1, r, k));

    return c;
}
```

Termination  
condition

Skip the element  
already checked

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Decrease and conquer problem with

#### ➤ Number of subproblems

- $a = 1$

#### ➤ Reduction factor

- $b = n/n' = 2$

#### ➤ Division cost

- $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

#### ➤ Recombination cost

- $C(n) = \Theta(1)$

```
int bin_search (...){
    int c;
    if (l > r)
        return(-1);
    c = (l+r) / 2;
    if (k < v[c])
        return(bin_search (...));
    if (k > v[c])
        return(bin_search (...));
    return c;
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Recurrence equation

➤  $T(n) = D(n) + a \cdot T(n/b) + C(n)$

### ❖ That is

➤  $T(n) = T(n/2) + 1 \quad n > 1$

➤  $T(1) = 1 \quad n = 1$

```
int bin_search (...){
    int c;
    if (l > r)
        return(-1);
    c = (l+r) / 2;
    if (k < v[c])
        return(bin_search (...));
    if (k > v[c])
        return(bin_search (...));
    return c;
}
```



## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Resolution by unfolding

- $T(n/2) = T(n/4) + 1$
- $T(n/4) = T(n/8) + 1$
- $T(n/8) = \dots$

Termination condition  
 $n/2^i = 1$   
 $i = \log_2 n$

### ❖ Replacing in $T(n)$

- $T(n) = 1 + 1 + 1 + T(n/8)$   
 $= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 1$   
 $= 1 + \log_2 n$
- $T(n) = O(\log n)$

```
int bin_search (...){
    int c;
    if (l > r)
        return(-1);
    c = (l+r) / 2;
    if (k < v[c])
        return(bin_search (...));
    if (k > v[c])
        return(bin_search (...));
    return c;
}
```

## Reverse printing

- ❖ Read a string from standard input
- ❖ Print it in reverse order
  - Start printing from last character and move back to first one

## Solution

```
int main() {
    char str[max+1];
    printf ("Input string: ");
    scanf ("%s", str);
    printf ("Reverse string is: ");
    reverse_print (str);
}

void reverse_print (char *s) {
    if (*s == '\0') {
        return;
    }
    reverse_print (s+1);
    printf ("%c", *s);
    return;
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Decrease and conquer problem with

#### ➤ Number of subproblems

- $a = 1$

#### ➤ Reduction value

- $k_i = 1$

#### ➤ Division cost

- $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

#### ➤ Recombination cost

- $C(n) = \Theta(1)$

```
void reverse_print (char *s) {  
    if (*s == '\0') {  
        return;  
    }  
    reverse_print (s+1);  
    printf ("%c", *s);  
    return;  
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Recurrence equation

➤  $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} T(N - ki) + C(n)$

### ❖ That is

➤  $T(n) = 1 + T(n-1) \quad n > 1$

➤  $T(1) = 1 \quad n = 1$

As for the  
factorial ...

### ❖ Time complexity

➤  $T(n) = O(n)$

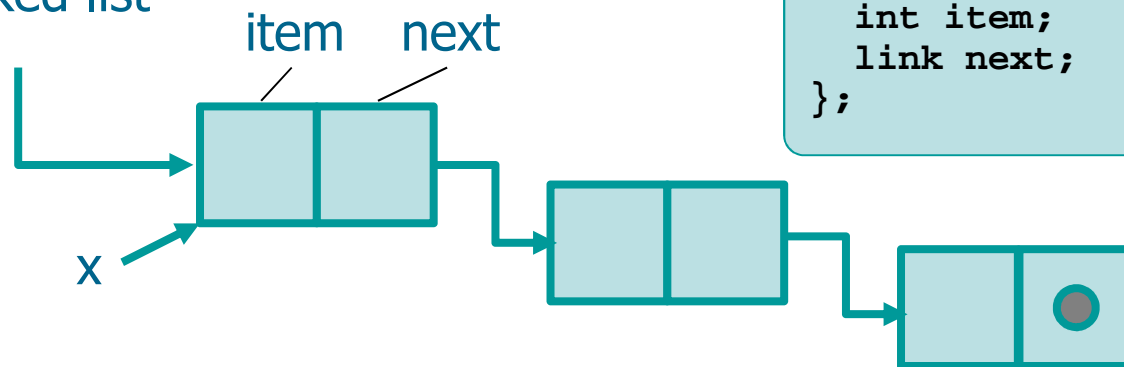
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void reverse_print (char *s) {
    if (*s == '\0') {
        return;
    }
    reverse_print (s+1);
    printf ("%c", *s);
    return;
}
```

## List processing

### ❖ Recursive list processing

- Count the number of elements in a list
- Traverse a list in order
- Traverse a list in reverse order
- Delete an element (of a given item) from the list

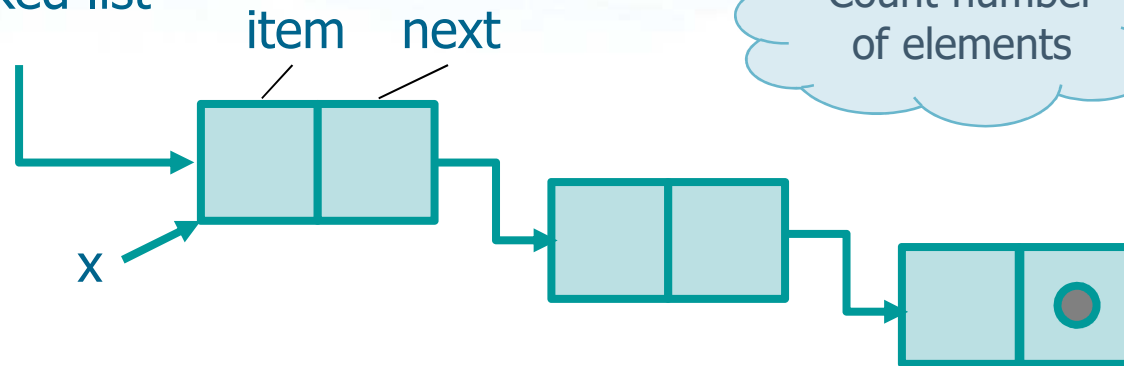
Linked list



```
typedef struct node *link;  
struct node {  
    int item;  
    link next;  
};
```

# Solution

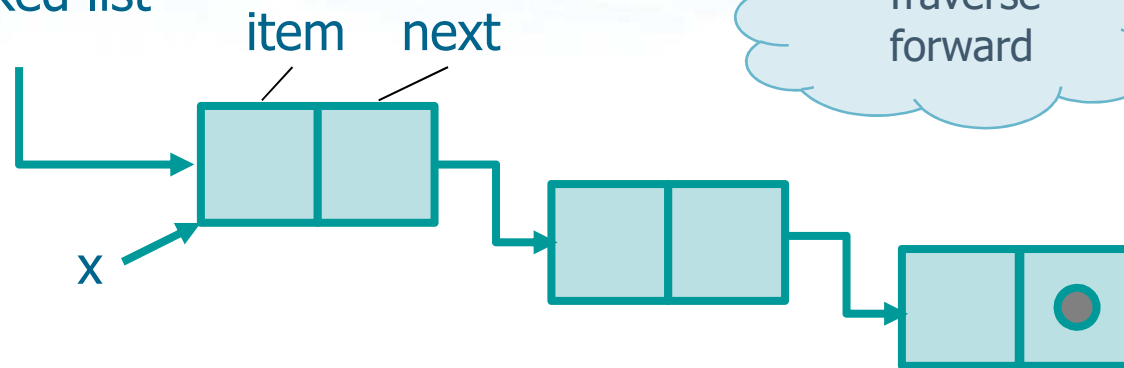
Linked list



```
int count (link x) {  
    if (x == NULL)  
        return 0;  
    return (1 + count(x->next));  
}
```

# Solution

Linked list

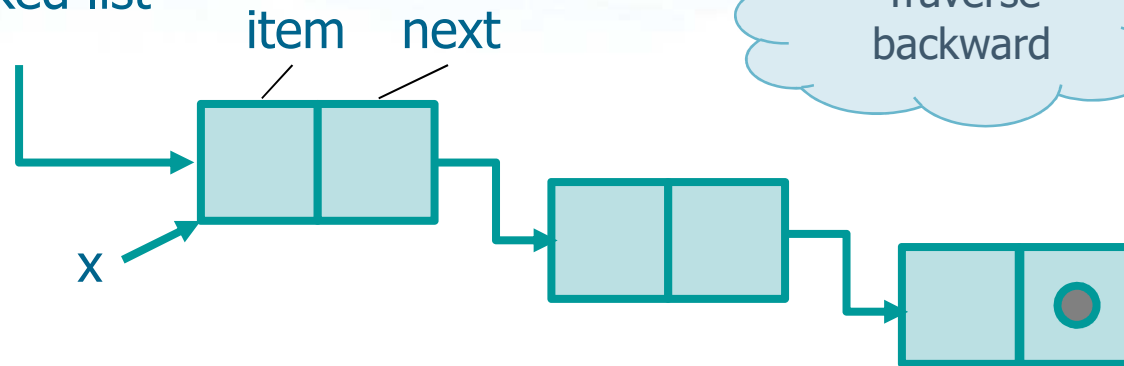


```
void traverse (link h) {  
    if (h == NULL)  
        return;  
    printf ("%d", h->item);  
    traverse (h->next);  
}
```



# Solution

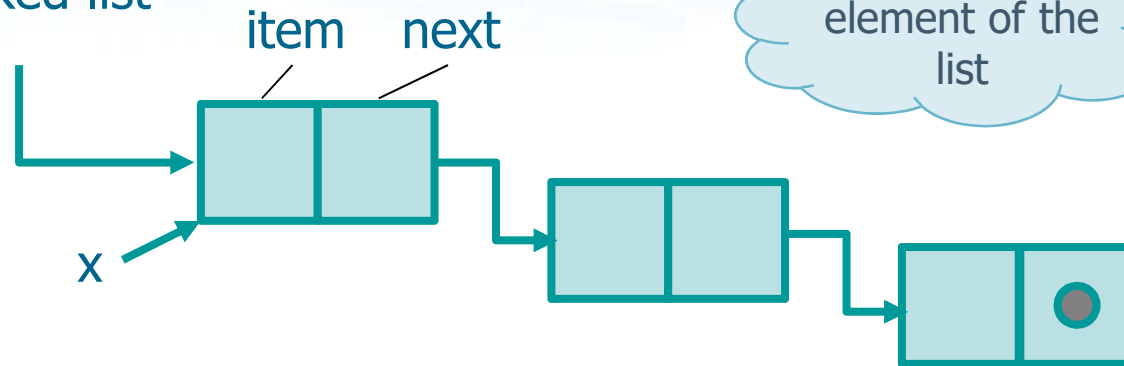
Linked list



```
void traverse_reverse (link h) {  
    if (h == NULL)  
        return;  
    traverse_reverse (h->next);  
    printf ("%d", h->item);  
}
```

# Solution

Linked list



```
link delete(link x, Item v) {  
    if (x == NULL)  
        return NULL;  
    if (x->item == v) {  
        link t = x->next;  
        free(x);  
        return t;  
    }  
    x->next = delete (x->next, v);  
    return x;  
}
```

Create (re-create) link  
on the way back

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Decrease and conquer problem with

#### ➤ Number of subproblems

- $a = 1$

#### ➤ Reduction value

- $k_i = 1$

#### ➤ Division cost

- $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

#### ➤ Recombination cost

- $C(n) = \Theta(1)$

```
int count (link x) {  
    if (x == NULL)  
        return 0;  
    return (1 + count(x->next));  
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Recurrence equation

➤  $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} T(N - ki) + C(n)$

### ❖ That is

➤  $T(n) = 1 + T(n-1) \quad n > 1$

➤  $T(1) = 1 \quad n = 1$

As for the  
factorial ...

### ❖ Time complexity

➤  $T(n) = O(n)$

```
int count (link x) {  
    if (x == NULL)  
        return 0;  
    return (1 + count(x->next));  
}
```

## Greatest Common Divisor

- ❖ The greatest common divisor **gcd** of 2 non 0 integers  $x$  and  $y$  is the greatest among the common divisors of  $x$  and  $y$
- ❖ Inefficient algorithm are based on decomposition in prime factors of  $x$  and  $y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{x} &= p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_r^{e_r} \\
 \mathbf{y} &= p_1^{f_1} \cdot p_2^{f_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_r^{f_r} \\
 \mathbf{gcd}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) &= p_1^{\min(e_1, f_1)} \cdot p_2^{\min(e_2, f_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_r^{\min(e_r, f_r)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Common factors with the minimum exponent

- ❖ More efficient methods are base on Euclid's algorithm

## Euclid's Algorithm: Version 1

- ❖ Version number 1 is based on subtraction

```
if x > y
    gcd(x, y) = gcd(x-y, y)
else
    gcd(x, y) = gcd(x, y-x)
```

- ❖ Termination

```
if x == y
    return x
```

## Euclid's Algorithm: Version 1

### ❖ Examples

➤  $\text{gcd}(20, 8) =$

$$= \text{gcd}(20-8, 8) = \text{gcd}(12, 8)$$

$$= \text{gcd}(12-8, 8) = \text{gcd}(4, 8)$$

$$= \text{gcd}(4, 8-4) = \text{gcd}(4, 4)$$

$$= 4 \rightarrow \text{return } 4$$

➤  $\text{gcd}(600, 54) =$

$$= \text{gcd}(600-54, 54) = \text{gcd}(546, 54)$$

$$= \text{gcd}(546-54, 54) = \text{gcd}(492, 54) \dots$$

$$= \text{gcd}(6, 54) = \text{gcd}(6, 54-6) \dots$$

$$= \text{gcd}(6, 12) = \text{gcd}(6, 6)$$

$$= 6 \rightarrow \text{return } 6$$

```
if x > y
    gcd(x, y) = gcd(x-y, y)
else
    gcd(x, y) = gcd(x, y-x)
```

## Solution 1

```
#include <stdio.h>

int gcd (int x, int y);

main() {
    int x, y;
    printf("Input x and y:  ");
    scanf("%d%d", &x, &y);
    printf("gcd of %d and %d: %d \n", x, y, gcd(x, y));
}

int gcd (int x, int y) {
    if (x == y)
        return (x);
    if (x > y)
        return gcd (x-y, y);
    else
        return gcd (x, y-x);
}
```



## Euclid's Algorithm: Version 2

- ❖ Version number 2 is based on the remainder of integer divisions

```
if y > x
  swap (x, y)
  // that is; tmp=x; x=y; y=tmp;

gcd (x, y) = gcd(y, x%y)
```

- ❖ Termination

```
if y == 0
  return x
```

## Euclid's Algorithm: Version 2

### ❖ Examples

➤  $\text{gcd}(20, 8) =$

$$= \text{gcd}(8, 20\%8) = \text{gcd}(8, 4)$$

$$= \text{gcd}(4, 8\%4) = \text{gcd}(4, 0)$$

$$= 4 \rightarrow \text{return } 4$$

➤  $\text{gcd}(600, 54) =$

$$= \text{gcd}(54, 600\%54) = \text{gcd}(54, 6)$$

$$= \text{gcd}(6, 54\%6) = \text{gcd}(6, 0)$$

$$= 6 \rightarrow \text{return } 6$$

```
if y > x
    swap (x, y)
gcd (x, y) = gcd(y, x%y)
```

## Euclid's Algorithm: Version 2

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{➤ gcd}(314159, 271828) = \\ &= \text{gcd}(271828, 314159 \% 271828) = \\ &= \text{gcd}(271828, 42331) \\ &= \text{gcd}(42331, 271828 \% 42331) = \text{gcd}(42331, 17842) \\ &= \text{gcd}(17842, 42331 \% 17842) = \text{gcd}(17842, 6647) \\ &= \text{gcd}(6647, 17842 \% 6647) = \text{gcd}(6647, 4548) \\ &= \text{gcd}(4548, 6647 \% 4548) = \text{gcd}(4548, 2099) \\ &= \text{gcd}(2099, 4548 \% 2099) = \text{gcd}(2099, 350) \\ &= \text{gcd}(350, 2099 \% 350) = \text{gcd}(350, 349) \\ &= \text{gcd}(349, 350 \% 349), \text{gcd}(349, 1) \\ &= \text{gcd}(1, 349 \% 1) = \text{gcd}(1, 0) \\ &= 1 \rightarrow \text{return } 1 \end{aligned}$$

In fact 314159 and 271828 are mutually prime

```
if y > x
    swap (x, y)
gcd (x, y) = gcd(y, x%y)
```

## Solution 2

```
#include <stdio.h>

int gcd (int m, int n);

main() {
    int m, n, r;
    printf("Input m and n: ");
    scanf("%d%d", &m, &n);
    if (m>n)
        r = gcd(m, n);
    else
        r = gcd(n, m);
    printf("gcd of (%d, %d) = %d\n", m, n, r);
}

int gcd (int m, int n) {
    if(n == 0)
        return(m);
    return gcd(n, m % n);
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

- ❖ Decrease and conquer problem with
  - Number of subproblems
    - $a = 1$
  - Reduction value
    - $k_i$  variable
  - Division cost
    - $D(x,y) = \Theta(1)$
  - Recombination cost
    - $C(x,y) = \Theta(1)$
- ❖ Demonstration beyond the scope of this course
  - $T(n) = O(\log y)$

## Determinant

- ❖ Laplace Algorithm with unfolding on row  $I$ 
  - Square matrix  $M$  ( $n \cdot n$ ) with indices from 1 to  $n$
- ❖ Computation

$$\det(M) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{(i+j)} \cdot M[i][j] \cdot \det(M_{\text{minor } i, j})$$

- Where  $M_{\text{minor } i, j}$  is obtained from  $M$  ruling-out row  $i$  and column  $j$

## Example

❖ Given the matrix

$$M = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

❖ Compute its determinant as

$$\begin{aligned} \det(M) &= (-1)^{(1+1)} \cdot (-2) \cdot \det(M_{\text{minor } 1, 1}) \\ &+ (-1)^{(1+2)} \cdot (2) \cdot \det(M_{\text{minor } 1, 2}) \\ &+ (-1)^{(1+3)} \cdot (-3) \cdot \det(M_{\text{minor } 1, 3}) \end{aligned}$$

## Example

### ❖ Minor computation

$$M_{\text{minor } 1,1} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$M_{\text{minor } 1,2} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$M_{\text{minor } 1,3} = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$



## Example

### ❖ Termination condition (terminal case)

#### ➤ Square matrix M 2x2

- $\det(M) = M[0][0] \cdot M[1][1] - M[0][1] \cdot M[1][0]$

#### ➤ That is

- $\det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = -1 - 0 = -1$

- $\det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = 1 - 6 = -5$

- $\det \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = 0 - 2 = -2$

## Example

❖ Then

$$M = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(M) &= (-1)^{(1+1)} \cdot (-2) \cdot \det(M_{\text{minor } 1, 1}) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{(1+2)} \cdot (2) \cdot \det(M_{\text{minor } 1, 2}) \\ &\quad + (-1)^{(1+3)} \cdot (-3) \cdot \det(M_{\text{minor } 1, 3}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\det(M) = (1) \cdot (-2) \cdot (-1) + (-1) \cdot (2) \cdot (-5) + (1) \cdot (-3) \cdot (-2) = 18$$

## Solution

- ❖ Recursive algorithm
  - If  $M$  has size  $n$ , indice ranges between 0 and  $n-1$
- ❖ If  $n = 2$ 
  - Compute the trivial solution
    - $\det(M) = M[0][0] \cdot M[1][1] - M[0][1] \cdot M[1][0]$
- ❖ If  $n > 2$ 
  - With  $row=0$  and column ranging from 0 and  $n-1$
  - Store in  $tmp$  the minor  $M_{\text{minor } 0, j}$
  - Recursively compute  $\det(M_{\text{minor } i, j})$
  - Store result results in
    - $sum = sum + M[0][k] \cdot \text{pow}(-1, k) \cdot \det(tmp, n-1)$

## Solution

```
int det (int m[][MAX], int n) {
    int sum, c;
    int tmp[MAX][MAX];
    sum = 0;

    if (n == 2)
        return (det2x2(m));

    for (c=0; c<n; c++) {
        minor (m, 0, c, n, tmp);
        sum = sum + m[0][c] * pow(-1,c) * det (tmp,n-1);
    }

    return (sum);
}
```

Create minor

Recur on minor  
computation

## Solution

```
int det2x2(int m[][MAX]) {
    return(m[0][0]*m[1][1] - m[0][1]*m[1][0]);
}

void minor(
    int m[][MAX],int i,int j,int n,int m2[][MAX]
){
    int r, c, rr, cc;

    for (rr = 0, r = 0; r < n; r++)
        if (r != i) {
            for (cc = 0, c = 0; c < n; c++) {
                if (c != j) {
                    m2[rr][cc] = m[r][c];
                    cc++;
                }
                rr++;
            }
        }
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

- ❖ Decrease and conquer problem with
  - Number of subproblems
    - $a = n$
  - Reduction value
    - $k_i = 2 \cdot n - 1$
  - Division cost
    - $D(n) = \Theta(1)$
  - Recombination cost
    - $C(n) = \Theta(1)$
- ❖ Demonstration beyond the scope of this course
  - $T(n) = O(n!)$

## Tower of Hanoi

❖ By the French mathematician Édouard Lucas (1883)

❖ Initial configuration

➤ 3 pegs

▪ Pegs are identified with 0, 1, 2

➤ 3 disks

➤ Disks of decreasing size on first peg



❖ Final configuration

➤ 3 disks on third peg



# Tower of Hanoi

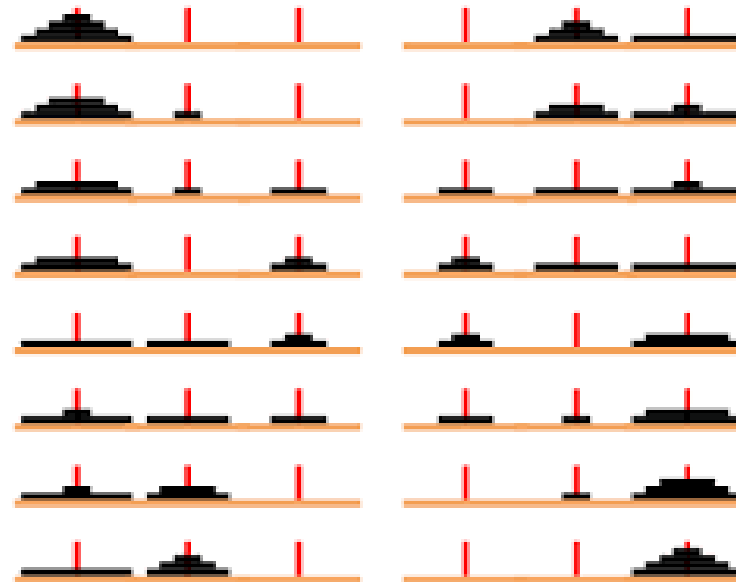
## ❖ Rules

- Access only to the top disk
- On each disk overlap only smaller disks

## ❖ Generalization

- Work with  $n$  disks and  $k$  pegs

4 disks, 3 pegs





## Solution

### ❖ Divide and Conquer strategy

#### ➤ Initial problem

- Move  $n$  disks from 0 to 2

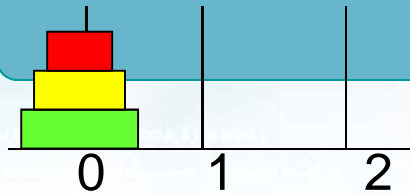
#### ➤ Reduction to subproblems

- Move  $n-1$  disks from 0 to 1, 2 temporary storage
- Move last disk from 0 to 2
- Move  $n-1$  disks from 1 to 2, 0 temporary storage

#### ➤ Termination condition

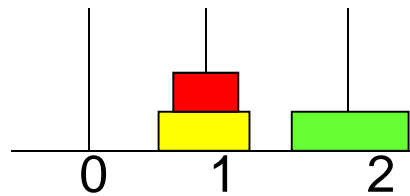
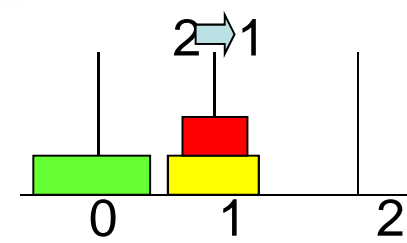
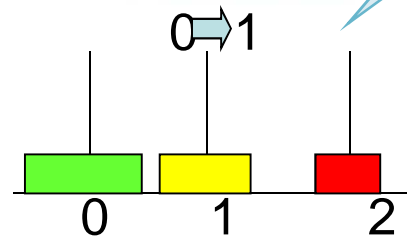
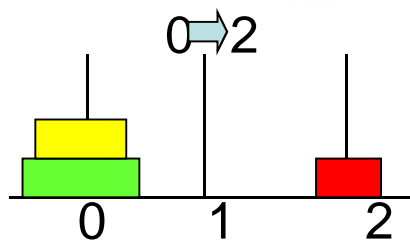
- Move just 1 disk

# Example



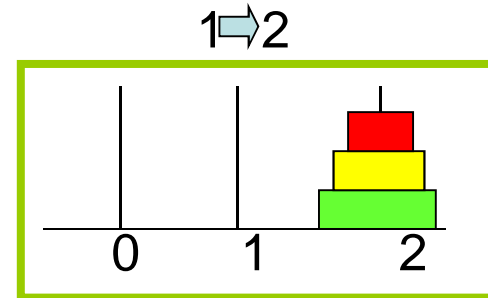
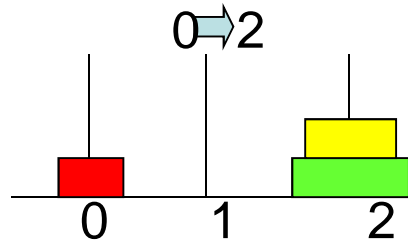
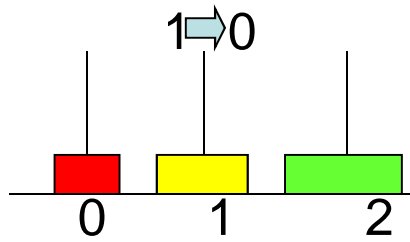
All disks from 0 to 2

Medium and small disks from 0 to 1



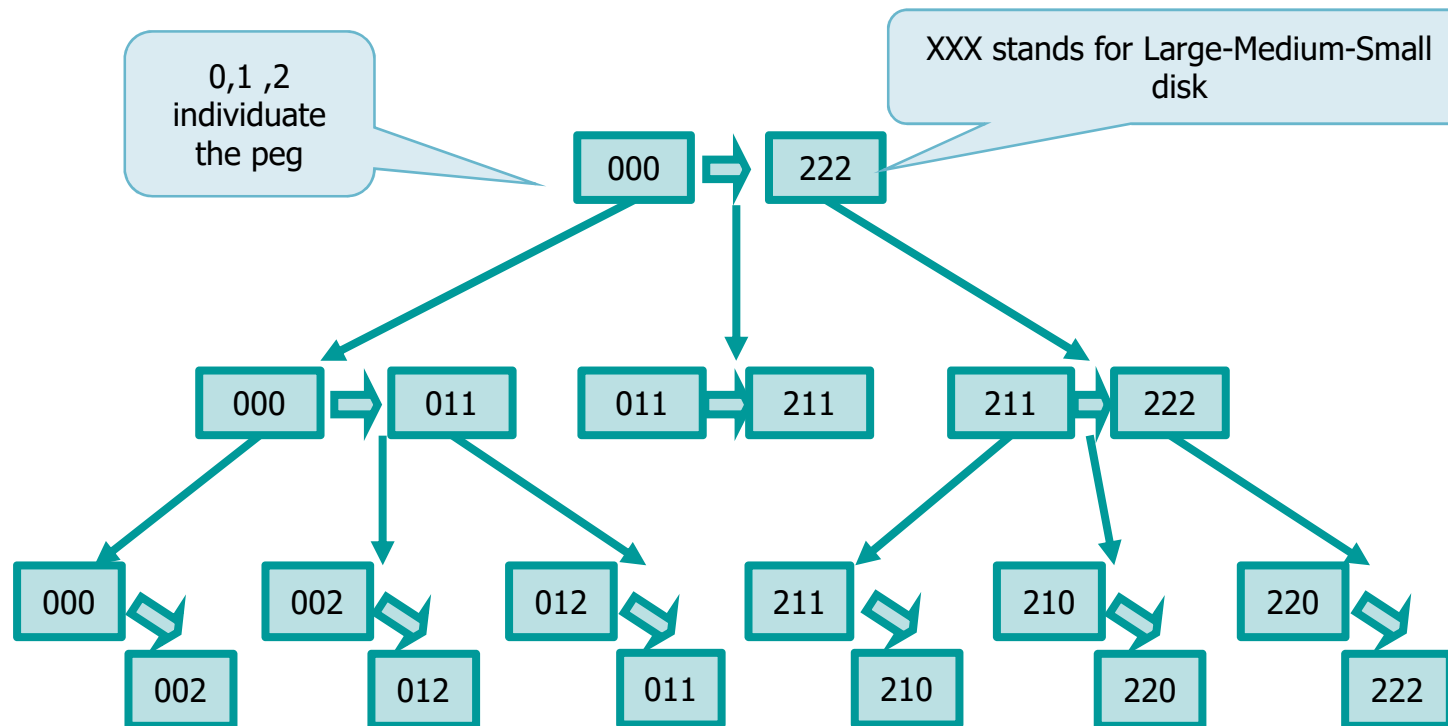
Large disk from 0 to 2

Medium and small disks from 1 to 2



## Recursion tree

- ❖ The previous divide and conquer strategy generates the following recursion tree



## Solution

```
void hanoi (int n, int src, int dest) {  
    int aux;  
  
    aux = 3 - (src + dest);  
  
    if (n == 1) {  
        printf("src %d -> dest %d \n", src, dest);  
        return;  
    }  
  
    hanoi (n-1, src, aux);  
    printf("src %d -> dest %d \n", src, dest);  
    hanoi (n-1, aux, dest);  
  
    return;  
}
```

Termination  
condition

Divide

Recursion

Elementary  
solution

Divide

Recursion

## Complexity Analysis

- ❖ Decrease and conquer problem with
  - Number of subproblems
    - $a = 2$
  - Reduction value
    - $k_i = 1$
- ❖ Divide
  - Consider  $n-1$  disks
  - $D(n) = \Theta(1)$

```
void hanoi(...) {
    int aux;
    aux = 3 - (src + dest);
    if (n == 1) {
        printf(...);
        return;
    }
    hanoi(n-1, src, aux);
    printf(...);
    hanoi(n-1, aux, dest);
    return;
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Solve

- Solve 2 subproblems whose size is  $n-1$  each
- $T(n) = 2 \cdot T(n-1)$

### ❖ Termination

- Move 1 disk
- $T(1) = \Theta(1)$

### ❖ Combine

- No action
- $C(n) = \Theta(1)$

```
void hanoi(...) {
    int aux;
    aux = 3 - (src + dest);
    if (n == 1) {
        printf(...);
        return;
    }
    hanoi(n-1, src, aux);
    printf(...);
    hanoi(n-1, aux, dest);
    return;
}
```

## Complexity Analysis

### ❖ Recurrence equation

➤  $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} T(N - ki) + C(n)$

### ❖ That is

➤  $T(n) = 2 \cdot T(n-1) + 1$

$$n > 1$$

➤  $T(1) = 1$

$$n = 1$$

As for the  
fibonacci  
sequence ...

### ❖ Time complexity

➤  $T(n) = O(2^n)$

```
void hanoi(...) {
    int aux;
    aux = 3 - (src + dest);
    if (n == 1) {
        printf(...);
        return;
    }
    hanoi(n-1, src, aux);
    printf(...);
    hanoi(n-1, aux, dest);
    return;
}
```