

# Recursion

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We say that a problem  $Q$  can be "recursively solved" if  $Q$  exhibits the following property.

- Each problem instance  $x$  of  $Q$  can be measured for its size, where the size value is a nonnegative integer.
- All problem instances  $x$  of  $Q$  having small size (for example, size 0) can be quickly solved ... **trivial cases**
- Each nontrivial case  $x$  of  $Q$  can be solved by obtaining an answer to another instance  $y$ , each having smaller size than  $x$ , and then applying some computing to the obtained answer

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A curious feature of a recursive method is that a call to the method itself appears in it

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- This suggests the following solution:
  - If  $n \leq 1$ , return 1;
  - If  $n \geq 2$ , compute  $(n - 1)!$ , multiply it by  $n$ , and then return the product

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2 public class FactorialRecursive {
3     //-- recursive method for computing the factorial
4     public static long compute( int n ) {
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6         long returnValue;
7         // the trivial case
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10        }
11        // the recursive case
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This `compute` is the method for computing the factorial

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The recursive case  $n > 1$ ; the value of `compute(n-1)` is multiplied by `n` and then stored in `returnValue`

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The value calculated is printed and then returned

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```
20 //-- main method
21 public static void main( String[] args ) {
22     int number;
23     String response;
24     do {
25         number = Tools.getInt( "Enter value between 0 and 30: " );
26         if ( number >= 0 && number <= 30 ) {
27             compute( number );
28         }
29         response = Tools.getString( "Try again? (y/n): " );
30     } while ( response.startsWith( "y" ) );
31 }
32 }
```

Receive input from the user and compute the factorial

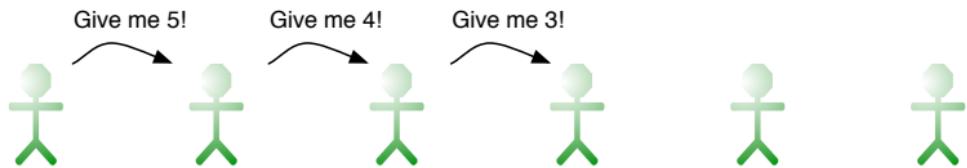
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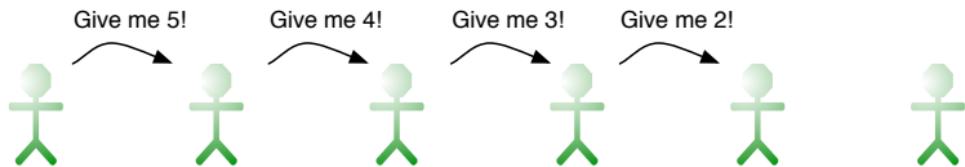
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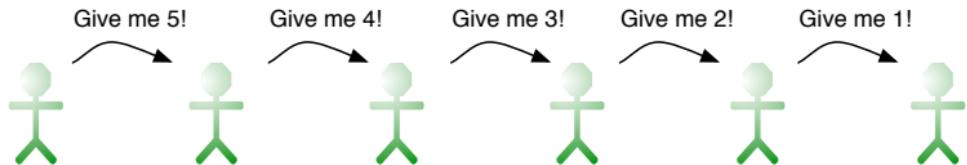
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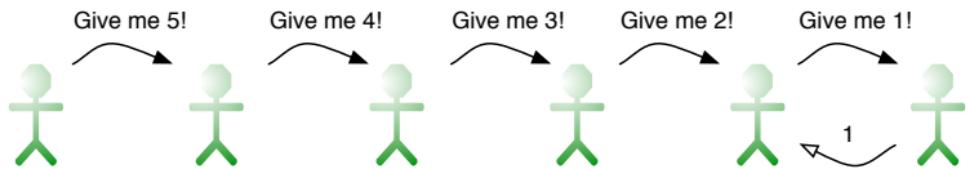


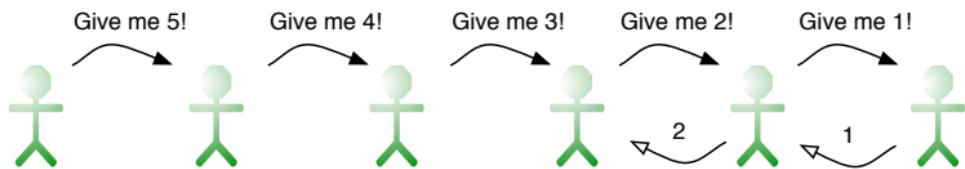


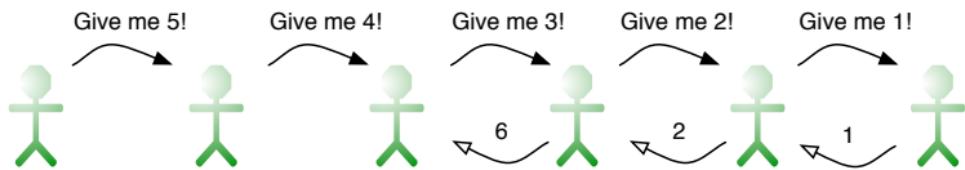


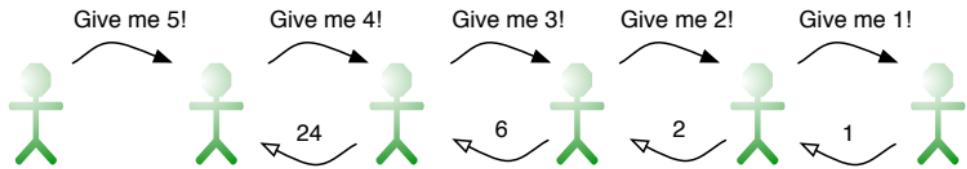


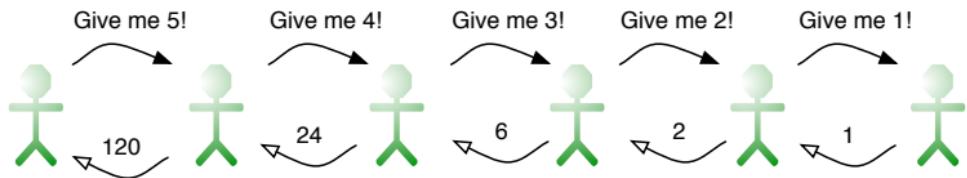


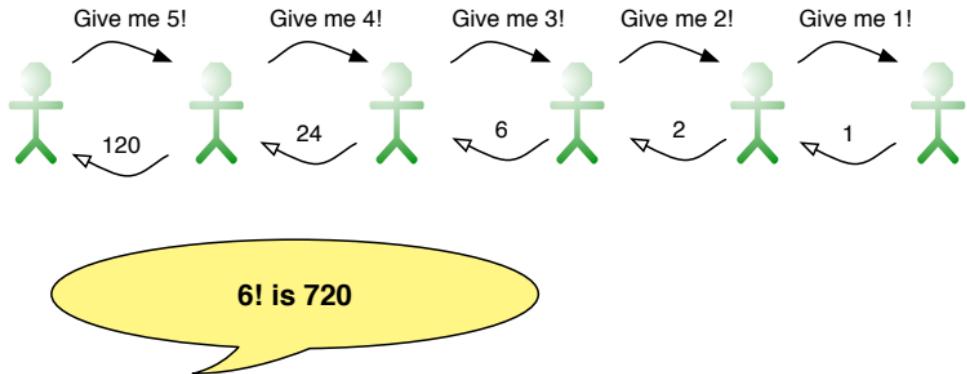












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- The **greatest common divisor (GCD)** of two integers is the largest positive integer that divides both numbers, for example:
  - $\text{GCD}(20, 35) = 5$
  - $\text{GCD}(14, 5) = 1$
  - $\text{GCD}(-121, -143) = 11$
  - $\text{GCD}(0, 191) = 191$

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- $(10458, 2505) \rightarrow (2505, 438) \rightarrow (438, 315) \rightarrow (315, 123) \rightarrow (123, 69) \rightarrow (69, 54) \rightarrow (54, 15) \rightarrow (15, 9) \rightarrow (9, 6) \rightarrow (6, 3) \rightarrow (3, 0)$  and so the GCD is 3

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Base case:  $b==0$

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Recurive case. Make a recursive call

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Execute GCD and report the result

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- The world ends when the monks complete the task of moving the disks

# The Four-disk Version

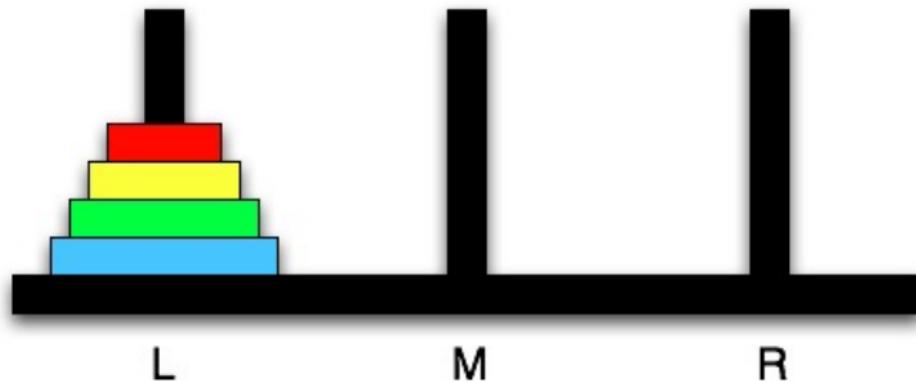
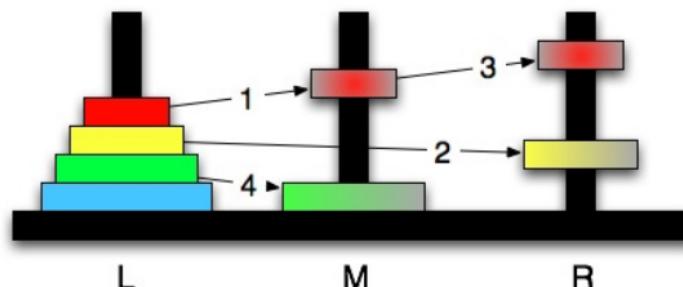


Figure out how the task can be accomplished and how many steps will be needed

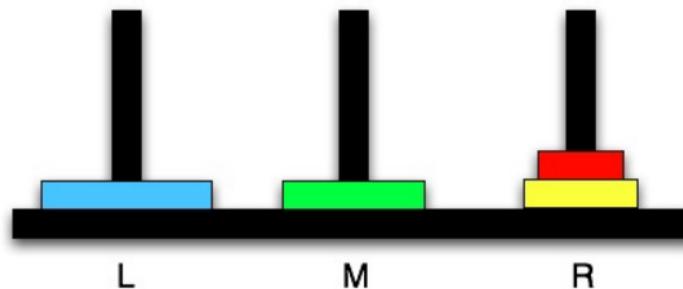
# Solution Idea

- Suppose  $N$  disks are to move from a pole X to a pole Y
- Call the remaining pole Z
- If  $N$  is one, simply move the unique disk from X to Y
- If  $N$  is greater than one,
  - move the top  $N-1$  disks from X to Z,
  - move the  $N$ th disk from X to Y, and then
  - move the top  $N-1$  disks from Z to Y

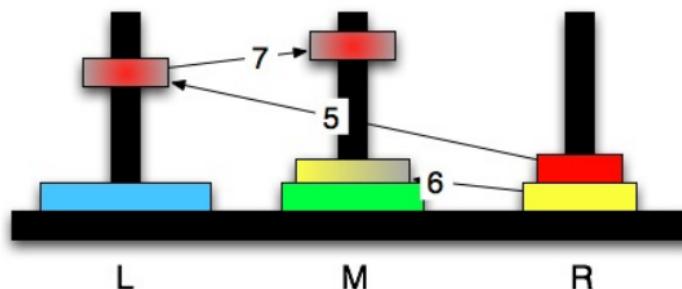
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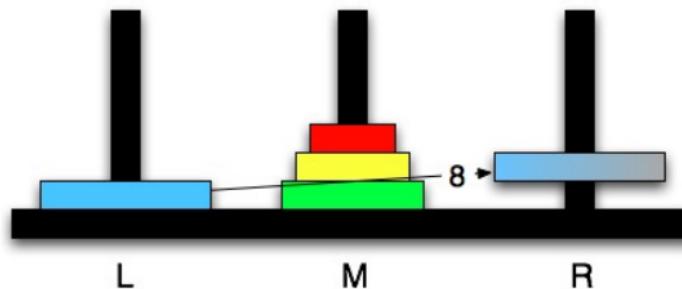
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The Hanoi solver: the parameters are the number of disks to move, the starting pole, the target pole

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The base case

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Move the last to the target

# Hanoi.java

```
1 import java.util.* ;
2 public class Hanoi {
3     static String[] names = { "L", "M", "R" } ;
4     static void solve( int number, int fromPole, int toPole ) {
5         if ( number == 1 ) {
6             System.out.printf( "Move %d from %s to %s%n", number,
7                 names[ fromPole ], names[ toPole ] );
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If a disk can be moved in a second, **this will be 585 billion years!**

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- Eventually, either you find the key or `start` becomes equal to `end`, that is when you know that the key does not appear in the array

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7          if ( index % WIDTH == 0 ) {
8              System.out.printf( "%3d: ", index );
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The width parameter ... the number of elements per line

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The method takes as parameters a sorted array and a range

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Substitute the numbers outside the range with "...."

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Print the numbers inside the range in four letters

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```

Punctuation. Either space or newline

# Binary Search Code (hit return)

```
26 public static void next( String message ) {  
27     System.out.print( w + "....." + HIT RETURN );  
28     ( new Scanner( System.in ) ).nextLine();  
29 }
```

Method for receiving any string from the user.

Print the string given as the parameter and then a prompt.

Then receive a new line using the direct creation of a new Scanner object and attaching to the object the nextline method

# Binary Search Code (find method)

```
31 public static int find( int[] numbers, int key ) {  
32     return find( numbers, key, 0, numbers.length );  
33 }
```

The search method. Takes an array and the key to search. Return a position at the key is located.

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Call the method (via overloading) by specifying the search range.

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35 public static int find( int[] numbers, int key, int start, int end ) {  
36     System.out.println();  
37     printArray( numbers, start, end );  
38     if ( start >= end ) {  
39         next( "SEARCH RANGE EMPTY" );  
40         return -1;  
41     }  
42     int mid = ( start + end ) / 2;  
43     System.out.printf( "MID=%d,value=%d, ", mid, numbers[ mid ] );  
44     if ( numbers[ mid ] == key ) {  
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Print one line and print the array

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BASE CASE: If the range has size 0, key was not found. Return –1

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Choose the middle position. Print the position and the value.

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If the key matches, return the position.

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If the key is smaller, choose left.

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If the key is larger, choose right.

# Binary Search Code (main part1)

```
58 public static final int MAXIMUM = 1000;
59
60 public static void main( String[] args ) {
61     Scanner console = new Scanner( System.in );
62
63     System.out.print( "Enter size: " );
64     int size = console.nextInt();
65
66     int[] numbers = new int[ size ];
67     for ( int index = 0; index < size; index ++ ) {
68         numbers[ index ] = (int)( Math.random() * MAXIMUM );
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70     Arrays.sort( numbers );
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72     printArray( numbers, 0, numbers.length );
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The maximum value for the entries.

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Have the user select the array size.

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Randomly choose elements in the array. Then sort.

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Print the array.

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80             System.out.println( key + " was not found" );
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Receive key to search from the user.

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- . Execute search and receive the result.

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- . Report the result by examining the value returned.

Recursion

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# The End

More examples

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