## Applications of Stack

- Parentheses Matching
- Towers Of Hanoi/Brahma
- System Stack
- Rat In A Maze

#### Parentheses Matching by Stack

#### position: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- (((a+b)\*c+d-e)/(f+g)-(h+j)\*(k-l))/(m-n)
  - Output pairs (u,v) such that the left parenthesis at position u is matched with the right parenthesis at v.
    - (2,6) (1,13) (15,19) (21,25) (27,31) (0,32) (34,38)
- (a+b))\*((c+d)
  - (0,4)
  - right parenthesis at 5 has no matching left parenthesis
  - (8,12)

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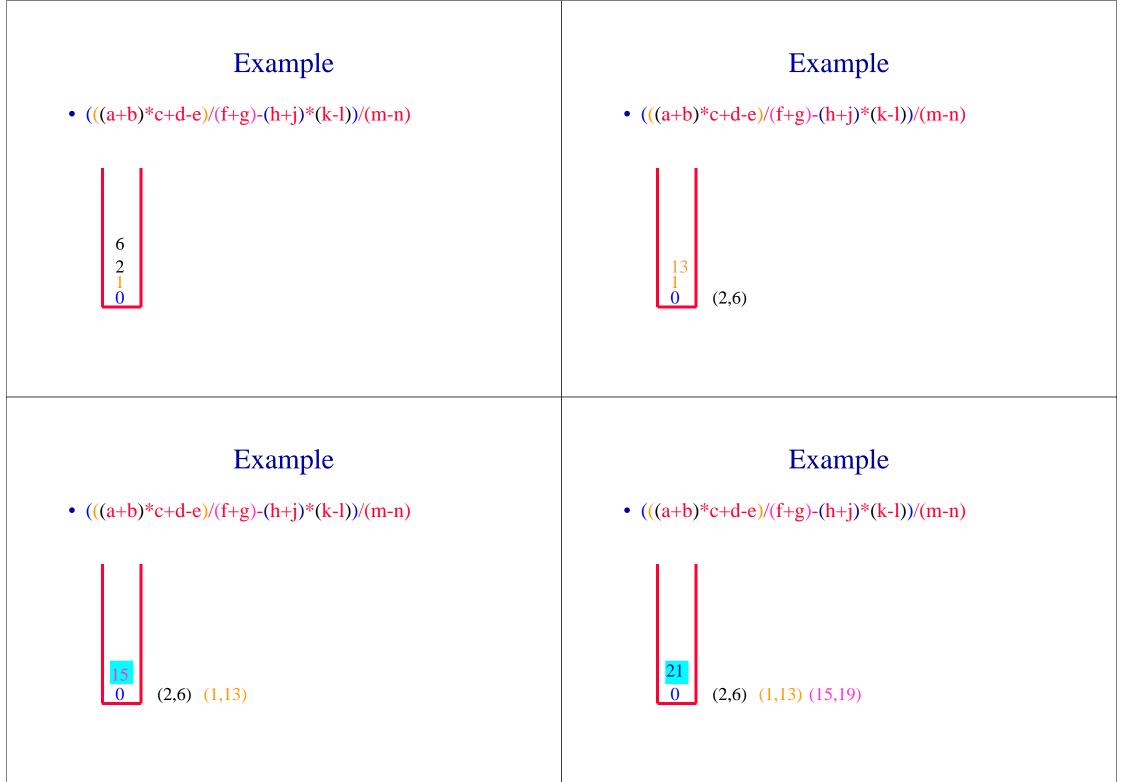
- left parenthesis at 7 has no matching right parenthesis

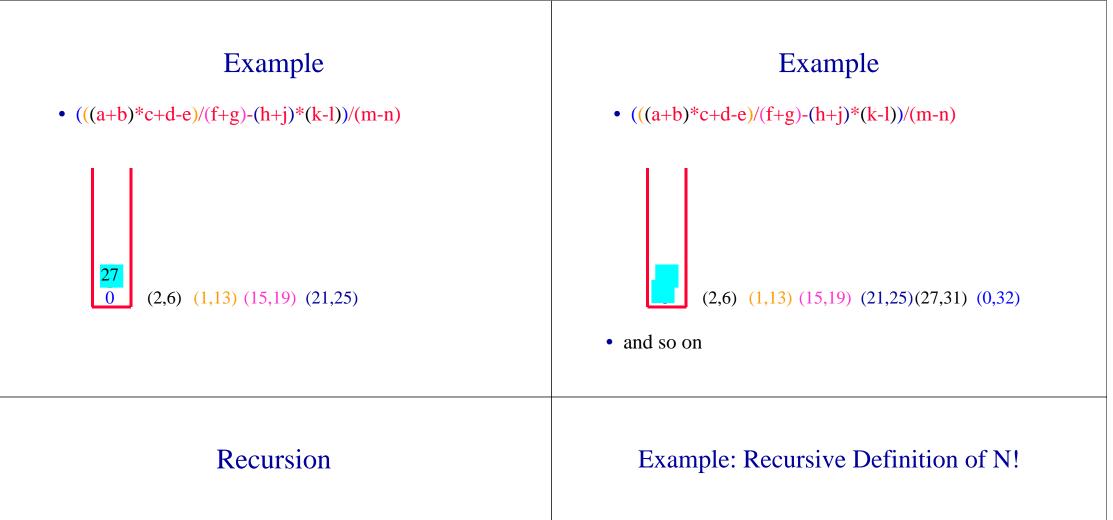
#### Parentheses Matching

- scan expression from left to right
- when a left parenthesis is encountered, add its position to the stack
- when a right parenthesis is encountered, remove matching position from stack

#### Example

• (((a+b)\*c+d-e)/(f+g)-(h+j)\*(k-l))/(m-n)





- *Recursion* is a fundamental programming technique that can provide an elegant solution for certain kinds of problems.
- A *recursive definition* is one which uses the word or concept being defined in the definition itself.

- N!, for any positive integer N, is defined to be the product of all integers between 1 and N inclusive.
- This definition can be expressed recursively as:
  - 0! = 1 1! = 1 \* 0!N! = N \* (N-1)!
- The concept of the factorial is defined in terms of another factorial.
- Eventually, the base case of 0! is reached.

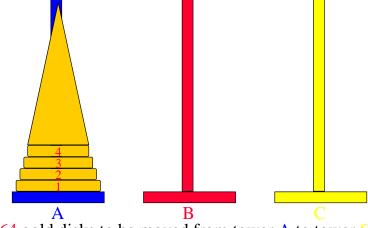
#### In class Exercise: Fibonacci Numbers

- 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...
- Using a recursive formula to define Fibonacci Numbers

#### Homework

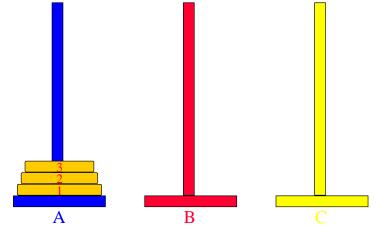
- 撰寫一個可執行的 iterative program
- input: : n
  - 需判斷 n必須爲一個大於等於零的整數
- Output :  $fib(0) \sim fib(n)$

#### Towers Of Hanoi/Brahma

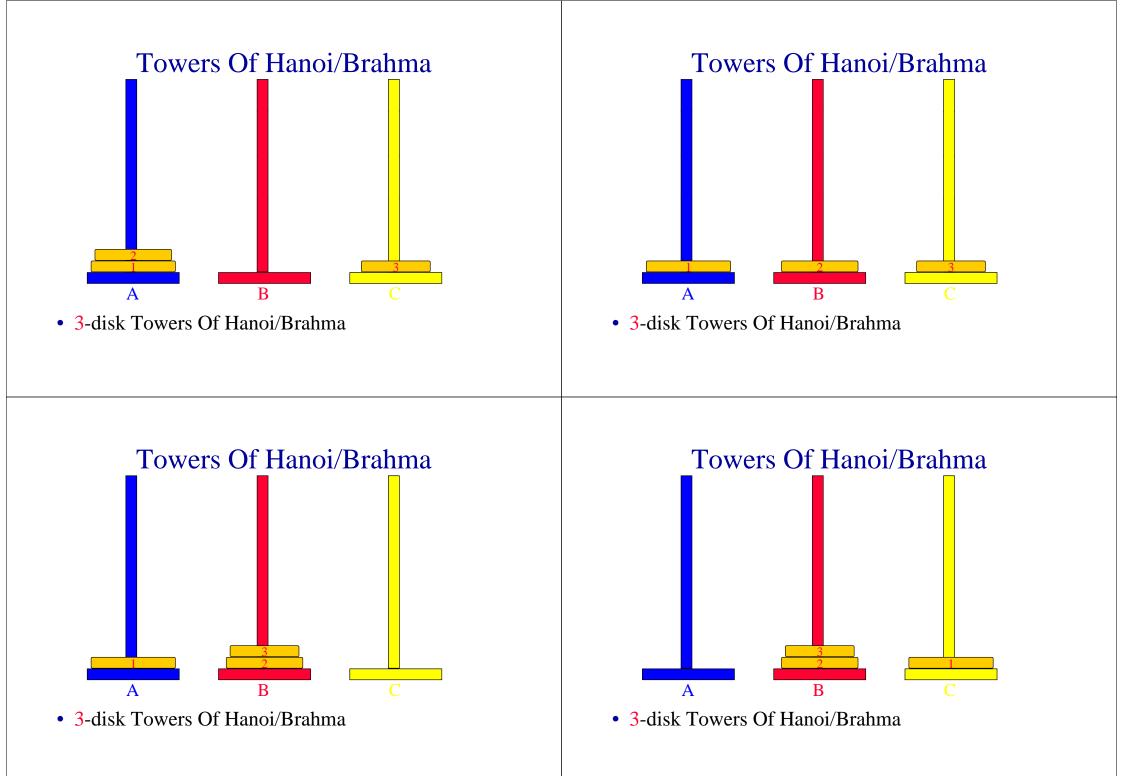


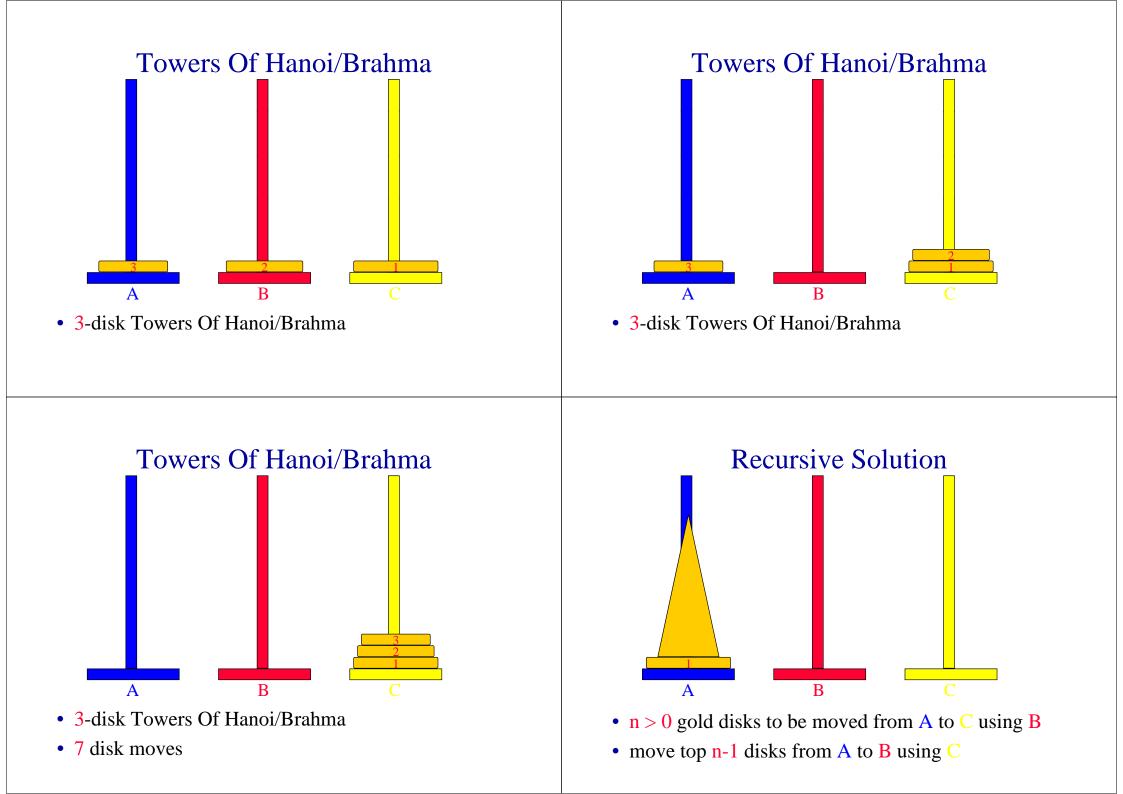
- 64 gold disks to be moved from tower A to tower C
- each tower operates as a stack
- cannot place big disk on top of a smaller one

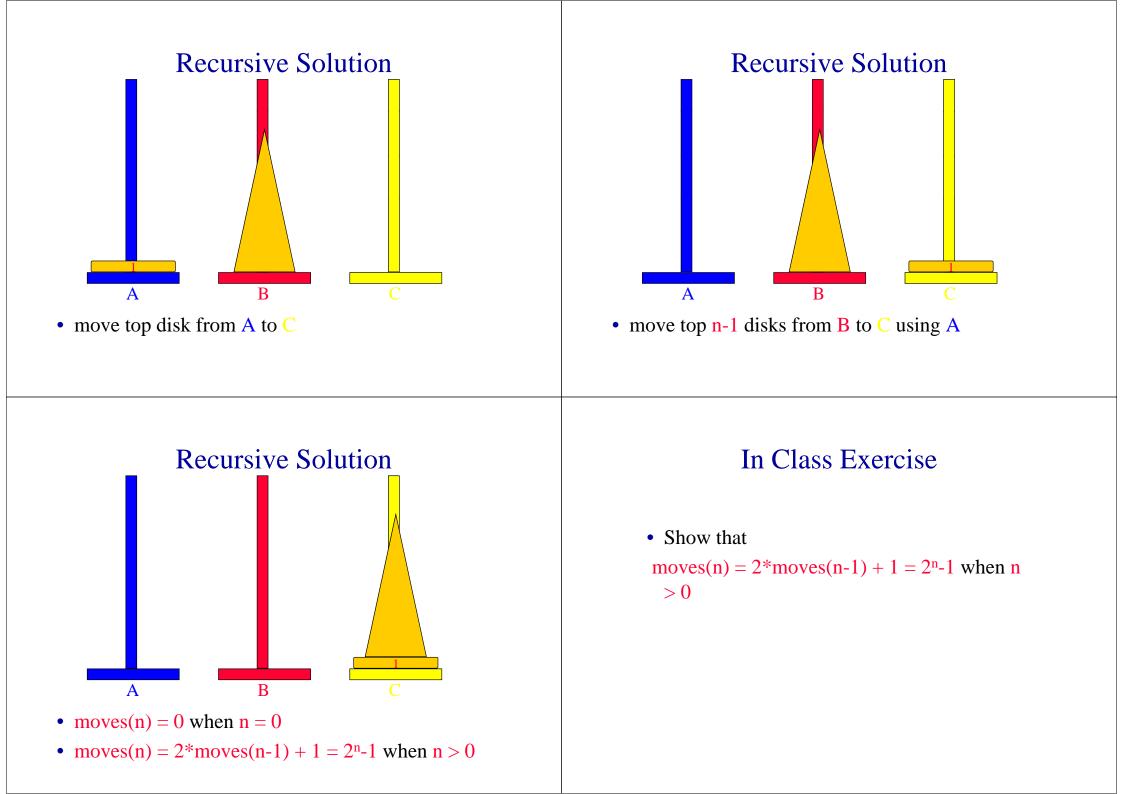
#### Towers Of Hanoi/Brahma



• 3-disk Towers Of Hanoi/Brahma





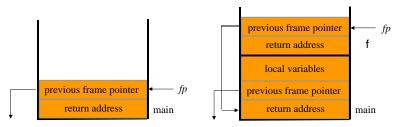


#### Towers Of Hanoi/Brahma

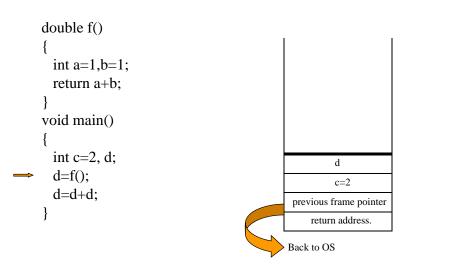
- $moves(64) = 1.8 * 10^{19} (approximately)$
- Performing 10<sup>9</sup> moves/second, a computer would take about 570 years to complete.
- At 1 disk move/min, the monks will take about  $3.4 * 10^{13}$  years.

#### System Stack

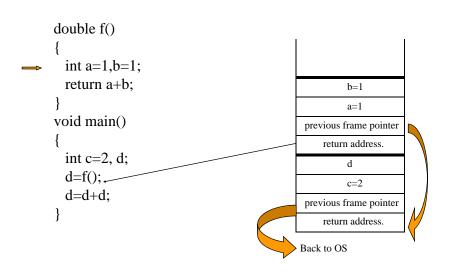
• Whenever a function is invoked, the program creates a structure, referred to as an activation record or a stack frame, and places it on top of the system stack.



### Trace System Stack

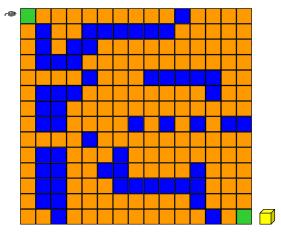


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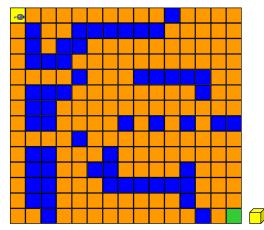


# $\begin{array}{c} \text{double f()} \\ \{ \\ \text{int a=1,b=1;} \\ \text{return a+b;} \\ \} \\ \text{void main()} \\ \{ \\ \text{int c=2, d;} \\ d=f(); \\ d=d+d; \\ \} \end{array}$

#### Rat In A Maze

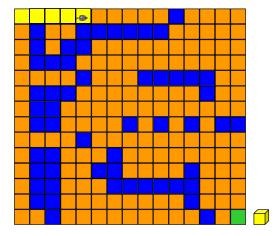


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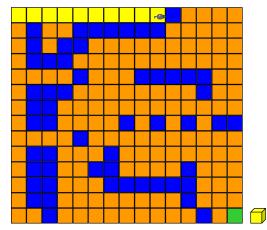
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- Block positions to avoid revisit.

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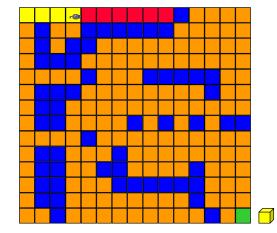
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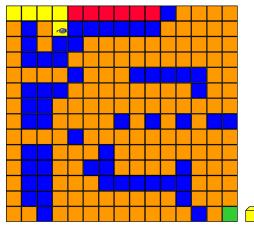
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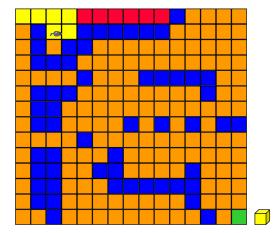
• Move down.

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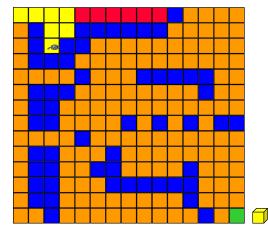
• Move left.

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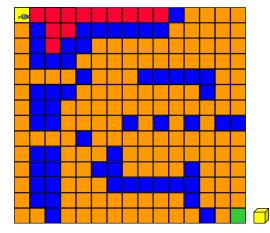
• Move down.

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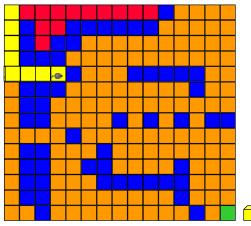
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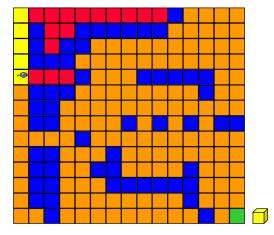
- Move backward until we reach a square from which a forward move is possible.
- Move downward.

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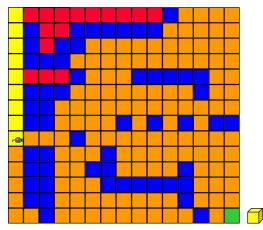
- Move right.
- Backtrack.

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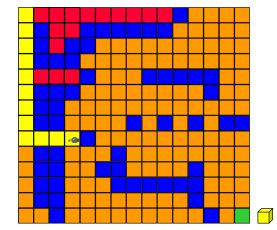
• Move downward.

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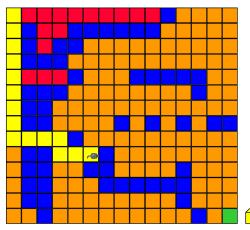
• Move right.

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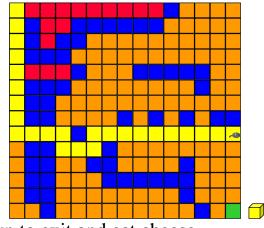
• Move one down and then right.

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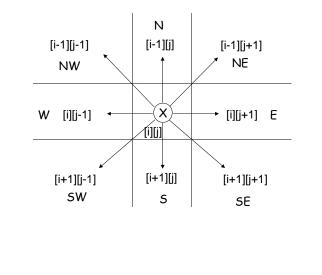
• Move one up and then right.

#### Rat In A Maze



- Move down to exit and eat cheese.
- Path from maze entry to current position operates as a stack.

#### Remark: Allowable Moves for the Rat in the Textbook



#### Homework

- Sec. 3.5 Exercise 1 (b) P157
  - Trace the program (find the path on the maze with stack).