

## Worksheet 4

### Due: Tuesday, March 10

Put full names of the group at the top. Pick one person to record who hasn't before. Star their name.



In the *Towers of Hanoi* puzzle, a stack of differently sized disks are on one peg. The goal is to move the stack onto a different peg via a sequence of moves. A move must

- move exactly one disk to a different peg, and
  - cannot move a larger disk on top of a smaller disk.
1. Given 3 disks, what is the minimum number of moves to solve the puzzle?
  2. What about 4 disks?
  3. Now try  $n$  disks.
  4. Come up with a recursive formula for the number of moves it takes to solve the  $n$  disk puzzle.
  5. Prove that the recursive formula is true.