

Chapter 4: Methods

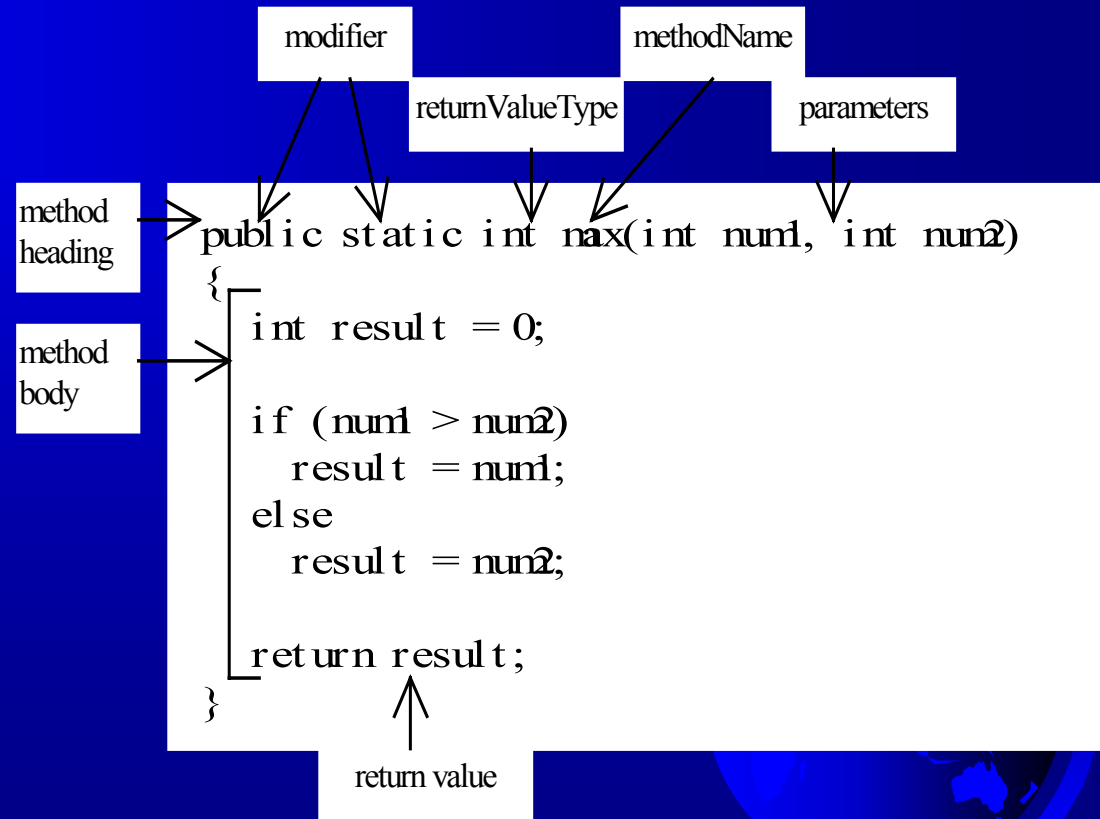
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Introducing Methods

A method is a collection of statements that are grouped together to perform an operation.

Method Structure



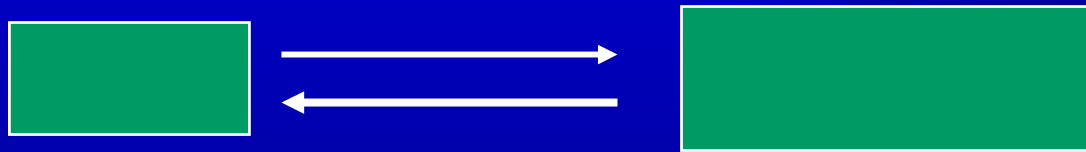
Declaring Methods

```
public static int max(int num1,  
    int num2)  
{  
    if (num1 > num2)  
        return num1;  
    else  
        return num2;  
}
```



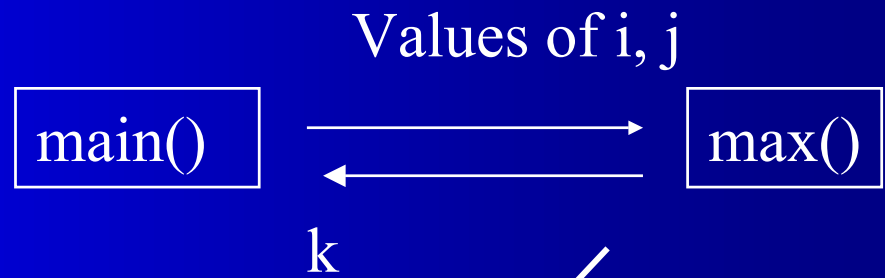
Calling Methods

- A method can be called from another method. It is named as called method. The method call other method is named as calling method.



- Example 4.1 Testing the `max` method
- This program demonstrates calling a method `max` to return the largest of the `int` values

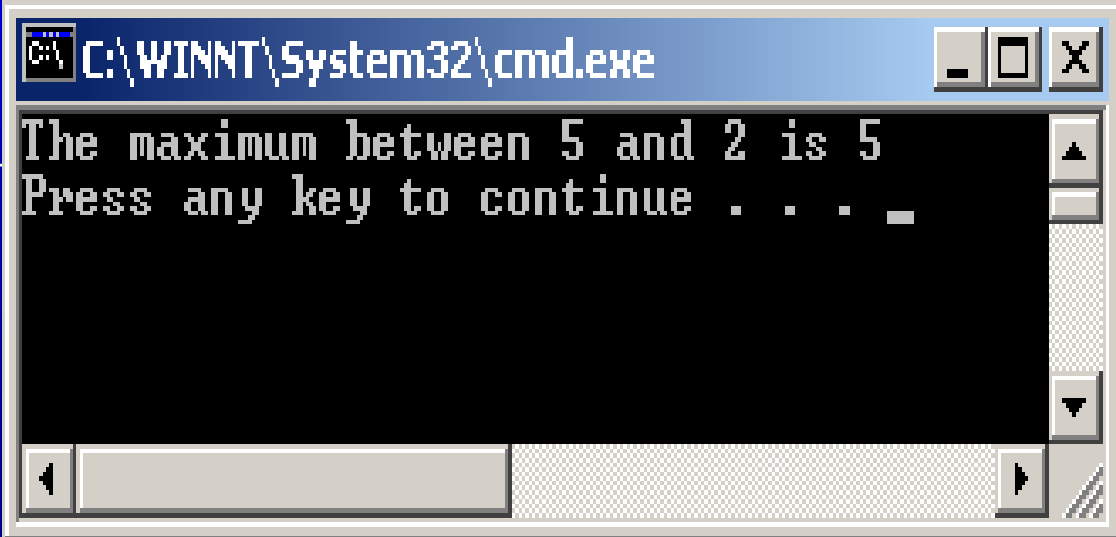




```
public class TestMax
{
    // Main method
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int i = 5;
        int j = 2;
        int k = max(i, j);
        System.out.println("The maximum between " + i +
            " and " + j + " is " + k);
    }
}
```



```
// A method for finding a max between two numbers
static int max(int num1, int num2)
{
    if (num1 > num2)
        return num1;
    else
        return num2;
}
}
```



A screenshot of a Windows command prompt window. The title bar reads "C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe". The window contains the following text:

```
The maximum between 5 and 2 is 5
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

The window has a scroll bar on the right and a scrollbar at the bottom.

Passing Parameters

In calling method:

```
nPrintln("List my name is seven times.", 7);
```

In called method definition

```
void nPrintln(String message, int n)
{
    for (int i=0; i<n; i++)
        System.out.println(message);
}
```



Pass by Value

Example 4.2 Testing Pass by value

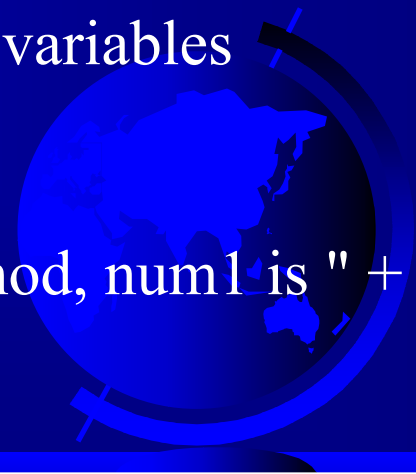
This program demonstrates passing values to the methods.




```
// TestPassByValue.java: Demonstrate passing values to methods
public class TestPassByValue
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Declare and initialize variables
        int num1 = 1;
        int num2 = 2;
        System.out.println("Before invoking the swap method, num1 is " +
            num1 + " and num2 is " + num2);

        // Invoke the swap method to attempt to swap two variables
        swap(num1, num2);

        System.out.println("After invoking the swap method, num1 is " +
            num1 + " and num2 is " + num2);
    }
}
```



```
// TestPassByValue.java: Demonstrate passing values to methods
```

```
// The method for swapping two variables
```

```
static void swap(int n1, int n2)
```

```
{
```

```
    System.out.println("    Inside the swap method");
```

```
    System.out.println("    Before swapping n1 is " + n1  
        + " n2 is " + n2);
```

```
    // Swapping n1 with n2
```

```
    int temp = n1;
```

```
    n1 = n2;
```

```
    n2 = temp;
```

```
    System.out.println("    After  swapping n1 is " + n1  
        + " n2 is " + n2);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe
Before invoking the swap method, num1 is 1 and num2 is 2
  Inside the swap method
    Before swapping n1 is 1 n2 is 2
    After  swapping n1 is 2 n2 is 1
After  invoking the swap method, num1 is 1 and num2 is 2
Press any key to continue . . .
```



Overloading Methods

Multiple method can share with same name

Example 4.3 Overloading three max Methods



```
// TestMethodOverloading.java: Demonstrate method overloading
public class TestMethodOverloading
{
    // Main method
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Invoke the max method with int parameters
        System.out.println("The maximum between 3 and 4 is "
            + max(3, 4));
        // Invoke the max method with the double parameters
        System.out.println("The maximum between 3.0 and 5.4 is "
            + max(3.0, 5.4));

        // Invoke the max method with three double parameters
        System.out.println("The maximum between 3.0, 5.4, and 10.14 is "
            + max(3.0, 5.4, 10.14));
    }
}
```



```
// Find the max between two int values
```

```
static int max(int num1, int num2)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (num1 > num2)
```

```
        return num1;
```

```
    else
```

```
        return num2;
```

```
}
```

```
// Find the max between two double values
```

```
static double max(double num1, double num2)
```

```
{
```

```
    if (num1 > num2)
```

```
        return num1;
```

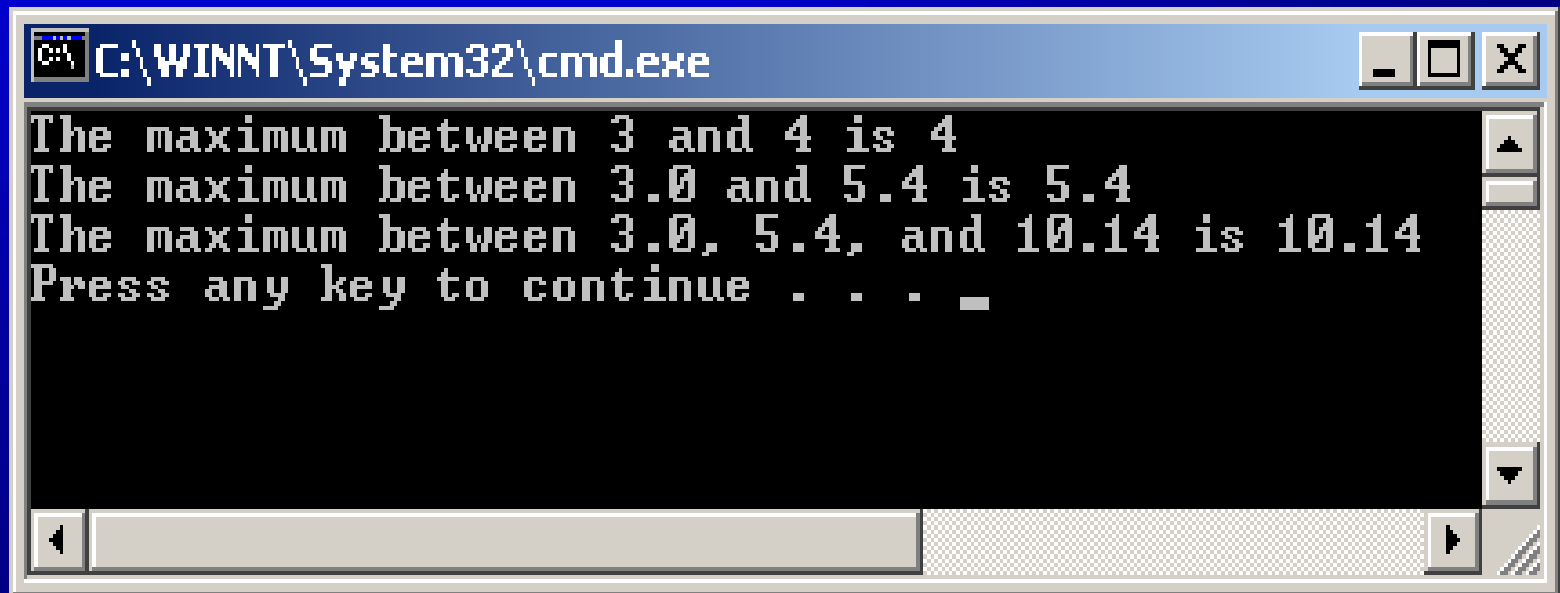
```
    else
```

```
        return num2;
```

```
}
```



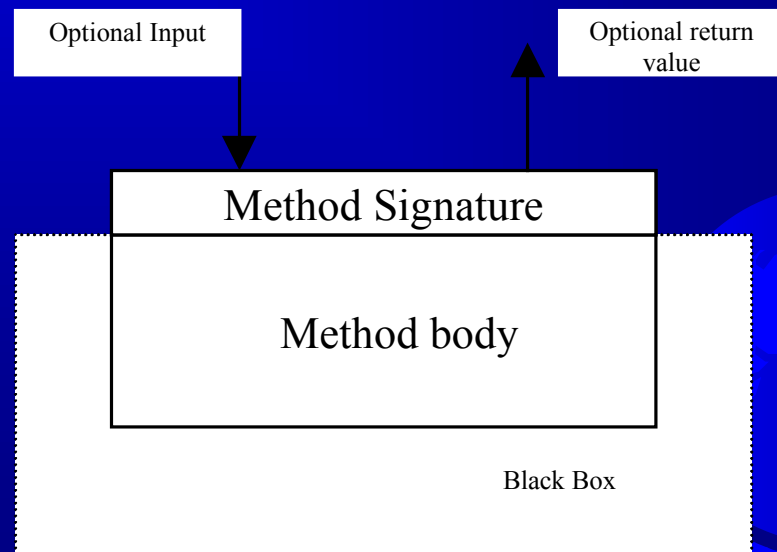
```
// Find the max among three double values
static double max(double num1, double num2, double num3)
{
    return max(max(num1, num2), num3);
}
}
```



```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe
The maximum between 3 and 4 is 4
The maximum between 3.0 and 5.4 is 5.4
The maximum between 3.0, 5.4, and 10.14 is 10.14
Press any key to continue . . . _
```

Method Abstraction

You can think of the method body as a black box that contains the detailed implementation for the method. `System.out.println()`, or `MyInput.readDouble()`



The Math Class

☞ Class constants:

- PI
- E

☞ Class methods:

- Trigonometric Methods
- Exponent Methods
- Miscellaneous



Trigonometric Methods

☞ `sin(double a)`

☞ `cos(double a)`

☞ `tan(double a)`

☞ `acos(double a)`

☞ `asin(double a)`

☞ `atan(double a)`



Exponent Methods

➤ `exp(double a)`

Returns e raised to the power of a .

➤ `log(double a)`

Returns the natural logarithm of a .

➤ `pow(double a, double b)`

Returns a raised to the power of b .

➤ `sqrt(double a)`

Returns the square root of a .



Miscellaneous Methods

➤ `max(a, b)` and `min(a, b)`

Returns the maximum or minimum of two parameters.

➤ `abs(a)`

Returns the absolute value of the parameter.

➤ `random()`

Returns a random `double` value in the range `[0.0, 1.0)`.



Using Math Methods

Example 4.4 Computing Mean and Standard Deviation

Generate 10 random numbers and compute the mean and standard deviation

$$\text{mean} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

$$\text{deviation} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \text{mean}}{n - 1}}$$



```
// ComputeMeanDeviation.java: Demonstrate using the math methods
public class ComputeMeanDeviation
{
    // Main method
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int number = 0; // Store a random number
        double sum = 0; // Store the sum of the numbers
        double squareSum = 0; // Store the sum of the squares

        // Create 10 numbers, find its sum, and its square sum
        for (int i=1; i<=10; i++)
        {
            // Generate a new random number
            number = (int)Math.round(Math.random()*1000);
            System.out.println(number);
        }
    }
}
```



```
// Add the number to sum
    sum += number;
    // Add the square of the number to squareSum
    squareSum += Math.pow(number, 2); // Same as number*number;
}
// Find mean
double mean = sum/10;

// Find standard deviation
double deviation = Math.sqrt((squareSum - mean)/(10 - 1));

// Display result
System.out.println("The mean is " + mean);
System.out.println("The standard deviation is " + deviation);
}
}
```



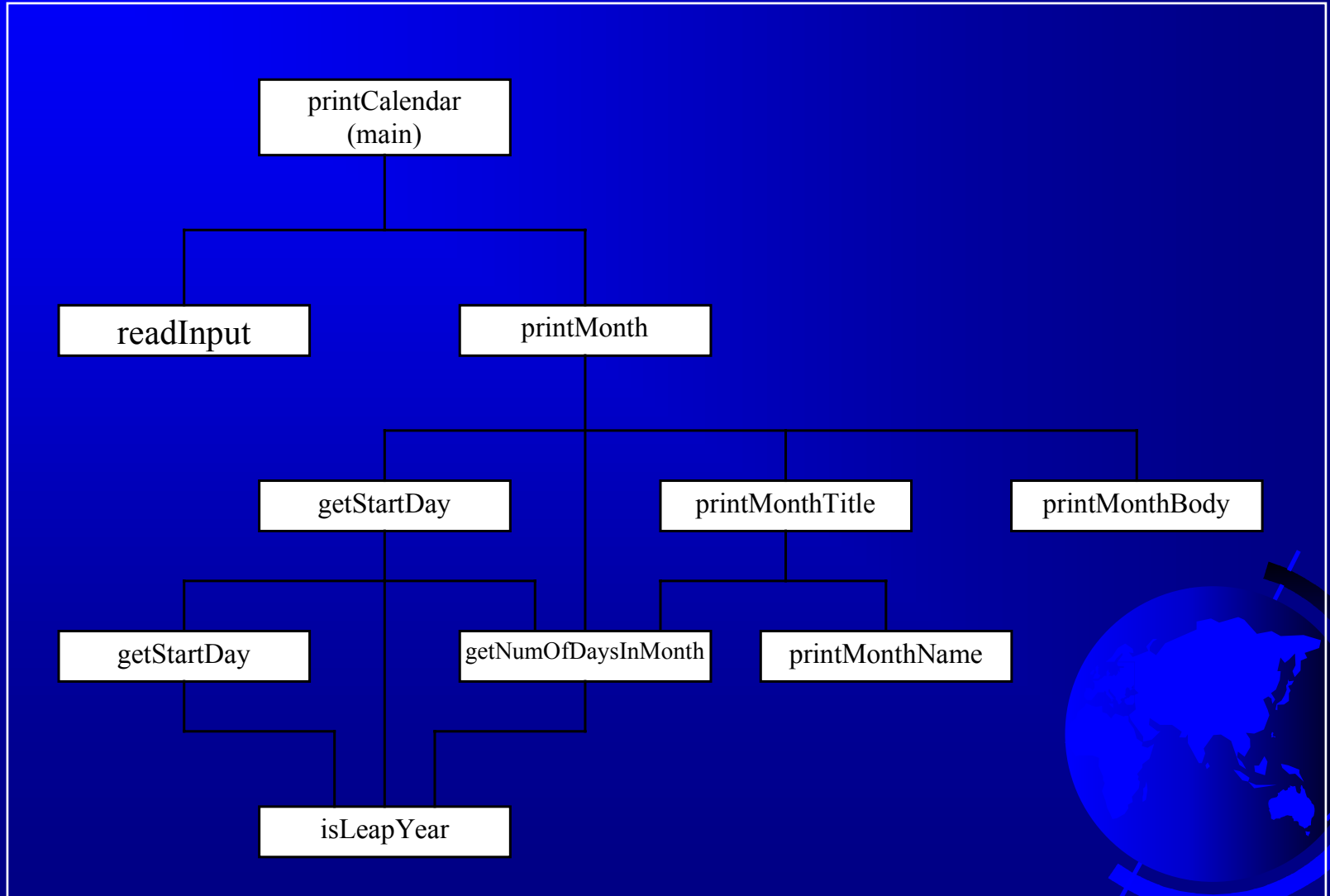
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Example 4.5 Displaying Calendars

The program reads in the month and year and displays the calendar for a given month of the year.



Design Diagram



```
// PrintCalendar.java: Print a calendar for a given month in a year
public class PrintCalendar
{
    // Main method
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // The user enters year and month
        System.out.print("Enter full year: ");
        int year = MyInput.readInt();
        System.out.print("Enter month in number between 1 and 12: ");
        int month = MyInput.readInt();

        // Print calendar for the month of the year
        printMonth(year, month);
    }
}
```



```
// Print the calendar for a month in a year
static void printMonth(int year, int month)
{
    // Get start day of the week for the first date in the month
    int startDay = getStartDay(year, month);

    // Get number of days in the month
    int numOfDayInMonth = getNumOfDayInMonth(year, month);

    // Print headings
    printMonthTitle(year, month);

    // Print body
    printMonthBody(startDay, numOfDayInMonth);
}
```



```
// Get the start day of the first day in a month
static int getStartDay(int year, int month)
{
    // Get total number of days since 1/1/1800
    int startDay1800 = 3;
    long totalNumOfDays = getTotalNumOfDays(year, month);

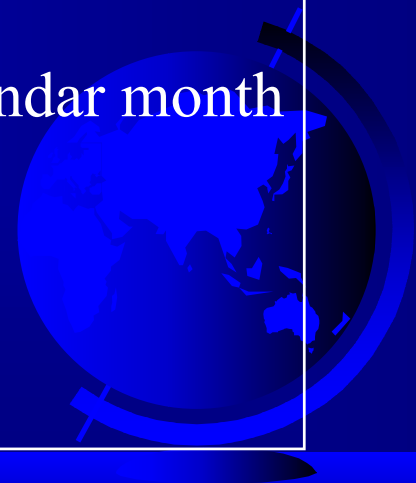
    // Return the start day
    return (int)((totalNumOfDays + startDay1800) % 7);
}
```



```
// Get the total number of days since Jan 1, 1800
static long getTotalNumOfDays(int year, int month)
{
    long total = 0;

    // Get the total days from 1800 to year -1
    for (int i = 1800; i < year; i++)
        if (isLeapYear(i))
            total = total + 366;
        else
            total = total + 365;

    // Add days from Jan to the month prior to the calendar month
    for (int i = 1; i < month; i++)
        total = total + getNumOfDaysInMonth(year, i);
    return total;
}
```



```
// Get the number of days in a month
static int getNumOfDaysInMonth(int year, int month)
{
    if (month == 1 || month==3 || month == 5 || month == 7 ||
        month == 8 || month == 10 || month == 12)
        return 31;

    if (month == 4 || month == 6 || month == 9 || month == 11)
        return 30;

    if (month == 2)
        if (isLeapYear(year))
            return 29;
        else
            return 28;
    return 0; // If month is incorrect.
}
```



```
// Determine if it is a leap year
static boolean isLeapYear(int year)
{
    if ((year % 400 == 0) || ((year % 4 == 0) && (year % 100 != 0)))
        return true;

    return false;
}

// Print month body
static void printMonthBody(int startDay, int numOfDayInMonth)
{
    // Pad space before the first day of the month
    int i = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < startDay; i++)
        System.out.print("  ");
}
```



```
for (i = 1; i <= numOfDayInMonth; i++)
{
    if (i < 10)
        System.out.print("  " + i);
    else
        System.out.print(" " + i);

    if ((i + startDay) % 7 == 0)
        System.out.println();
}

System.out.println();
}
```




```
// Print the month title, i.e. May, 1999
static void printMonthTitle(int year, int month)
{
    System.out.println("    "+getMonthName(month)+"", "+year);
    System.out.println("-----");
    System.out.println(" Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat");
}
```

```
// Get the English name for the month
static String getMonthName(int month)
{
    String monthName = null;
    switch (month)
    {
        case 1: monthName = "January"; break;
        case 2: monthName = "February"; break;
        case 3: monthName = "March"; break;
```



```
case 4: monthName = "April"; break;
case 5: monthName = "May"; break;
case 6: monthName = "June"; break;
case 7: monthName = "July"; break;
case 8: monthName = "August"; break;
case 9: monthName = "September"; break;
case 10: monthName = "October"; break;
case 11: monthName = "November"; break;
case 12: monthName = "December";
}

return monthName;
}
}
```



C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe

Enter full year: 2002

Enter month in number between 1 and 12: 1
January, 2002

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Press any key to continue . . .

Recursion (Optional)

Example 4.6 Computing Factorial

$$0! = 1$$

$$1! = 1$$

$$2! = 2 \times 1! = 2$$

$$3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$$

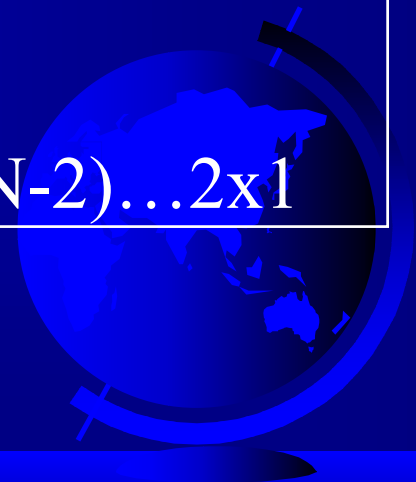
$$4! = 4 \times 3! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$$

...

$$N! = N \times (N-1)! = N \times (N-1) \times (N-2)! = N \times (N-1) \times (N-2) \dots 2 \times 1$$

$$\text{factorial}(0) = 1;$$

$$\text{factorial}(n) = n * \text{factorial}(n-1);$$

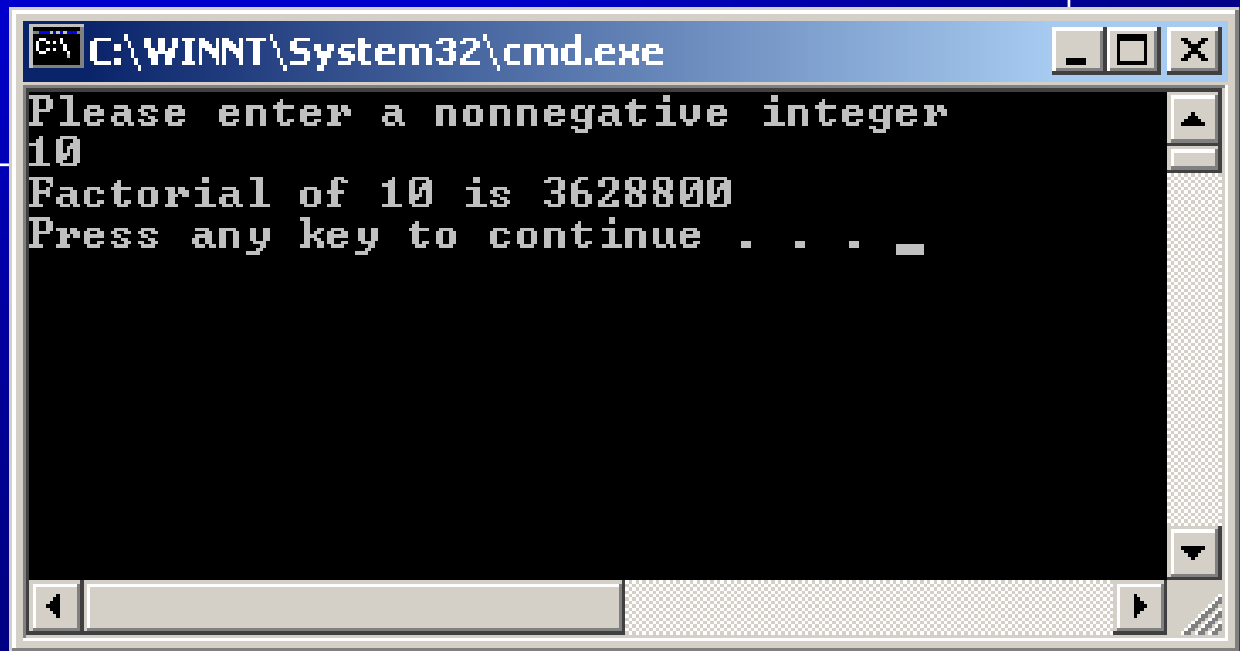


```
// ComputeFactorial.java: Compute factorial of an integer
public class ComputeFactorial
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Prompt the user to enter an integer
        System.out.println("Please enter a nonnegative integer");
        int n = MyInput.readInt();

        System.out.println("Factorial of " + n + " is " + factorial(n));
    }
}
```



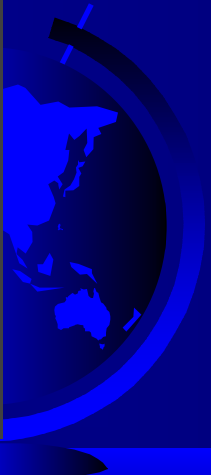
```
// Recursive method for computing factorial of n
static long factorial(int n)
{
    if (n == 0) // Stopping condition
        return 1;
    else
        return n*factorial(n-1); // Call factorial recursively
}
}
```



The screenshot shows a Windows command prompt window titled "C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe". The text displayed in the window is as follows:

```
Please enter a nonnegative integer
10
Factorial of 10 is 3628800
Press any key to continue . . . .
```

The window has a standard Windows interface with a title bar, minimize, maximize, and close buttons, and a scroll bar on the right side. The text is displayed in a monospaced font.



Fibonacci Numbers

Example 4.7 Computing Fibonacci Numbers

Find Fibonacci numbers using recursion.

$$\text{fib}(0) = 1;$$

$$\text{fib}(1) = 1;$$

$$\text{fib}(2) = \text{fib}(1) + \text{fib}(0);$$

$$\text{fib}(3) = \text{fib}(2) + \text{fib}(1);$$

$$\text{fib}(n) = \text{fib}(n-2) + \text{fib}(n-1); \quad n \geq 2$$



```
// ComputeFibonacci.java: Find a Fibonacci number for a given index
public class ComputeFibonacci
{
    // Main method
    public static void main(String args[])
    {
        // Read the index
        System.out.println("Enter an index for the Fibonacci number");
        int n = MyInput.readInt();

        // Find and display the Fibonacci number
        System.out.println("Fibonacci number at index " + n +
            " is "+fib(n));
    }
}
```



// The method for finding the Fibonacci number

```
public static long fib(long n)
```

```
{
```

```
    if ((n==0)||n==1) // Stopping condition
```

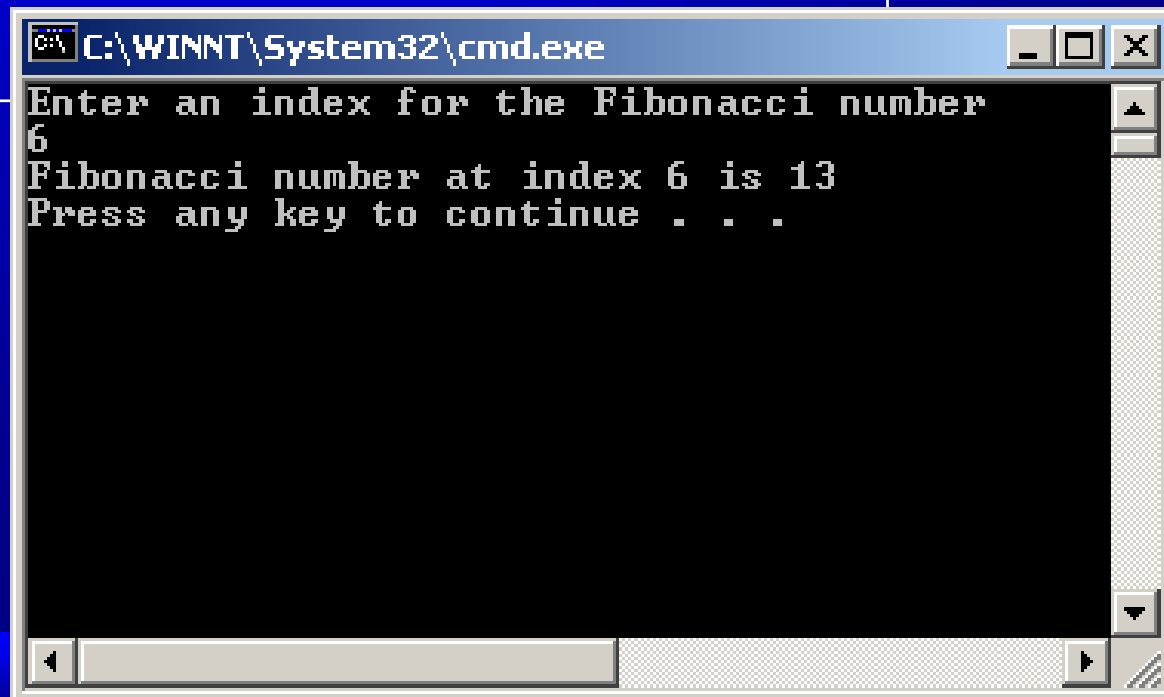
```
        return 1;
```

```
    else // Reduction and recursive calls
```

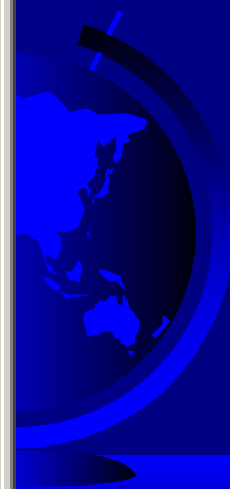
```
        return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```



The screenshot shows a Windows command prompt window titled "C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe". The text inside the window reads: "Enter an index for the Fibonacci number", followed by the user input "6". The program then outputs "Fibonacci number at index 6 is 13" and "Press any key to continue . . .". The window has standard Windows controls (minimize, maximize, close) and a scrollbar on the right side.

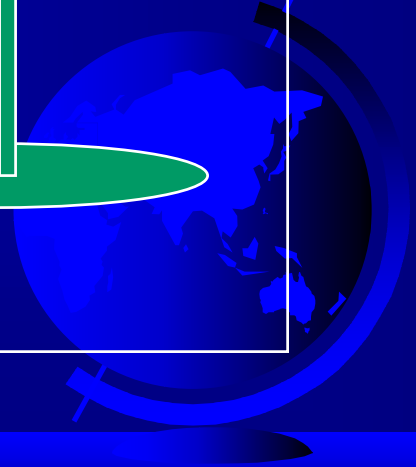
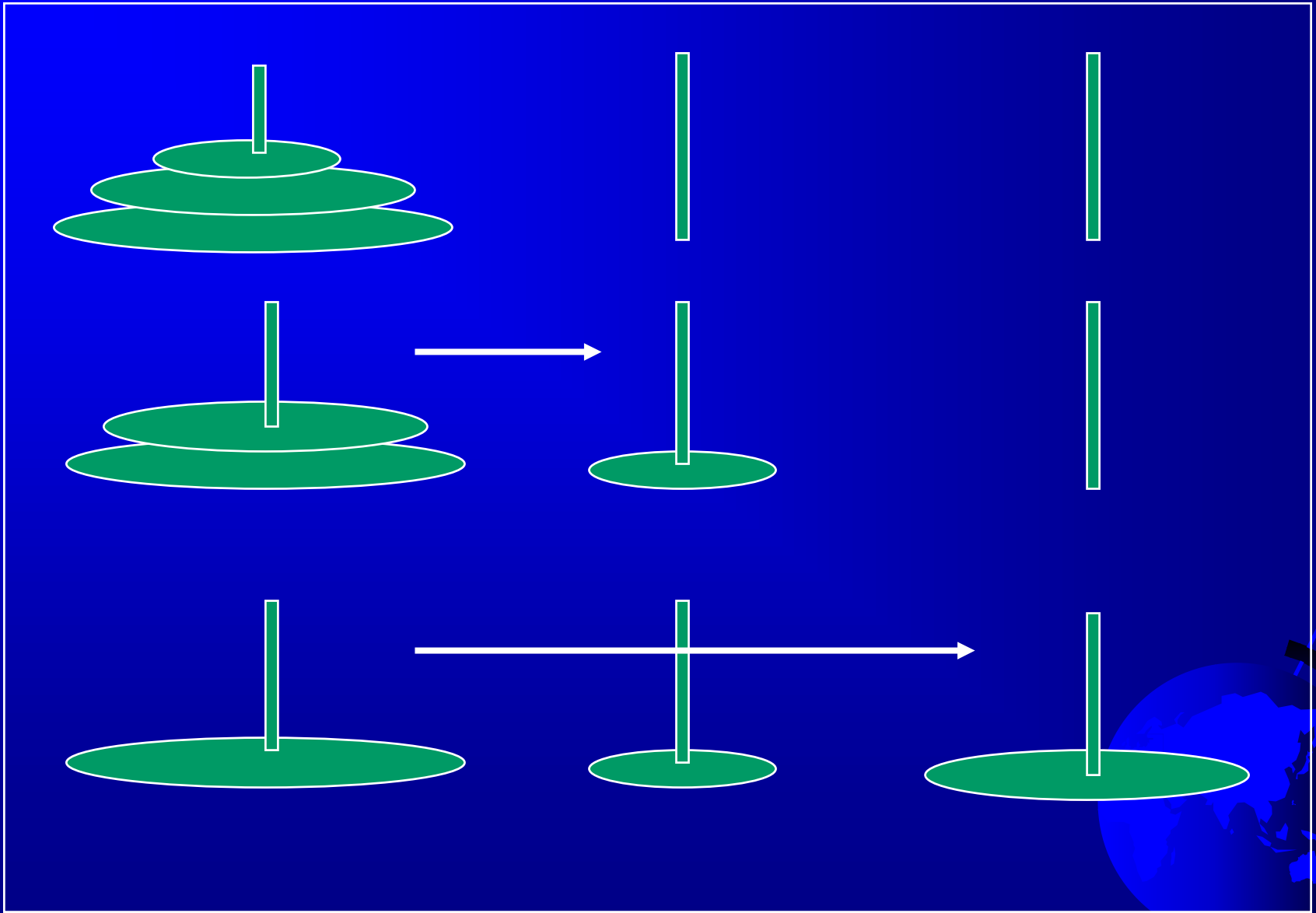


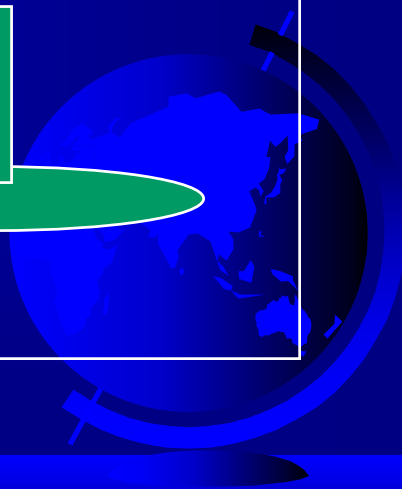
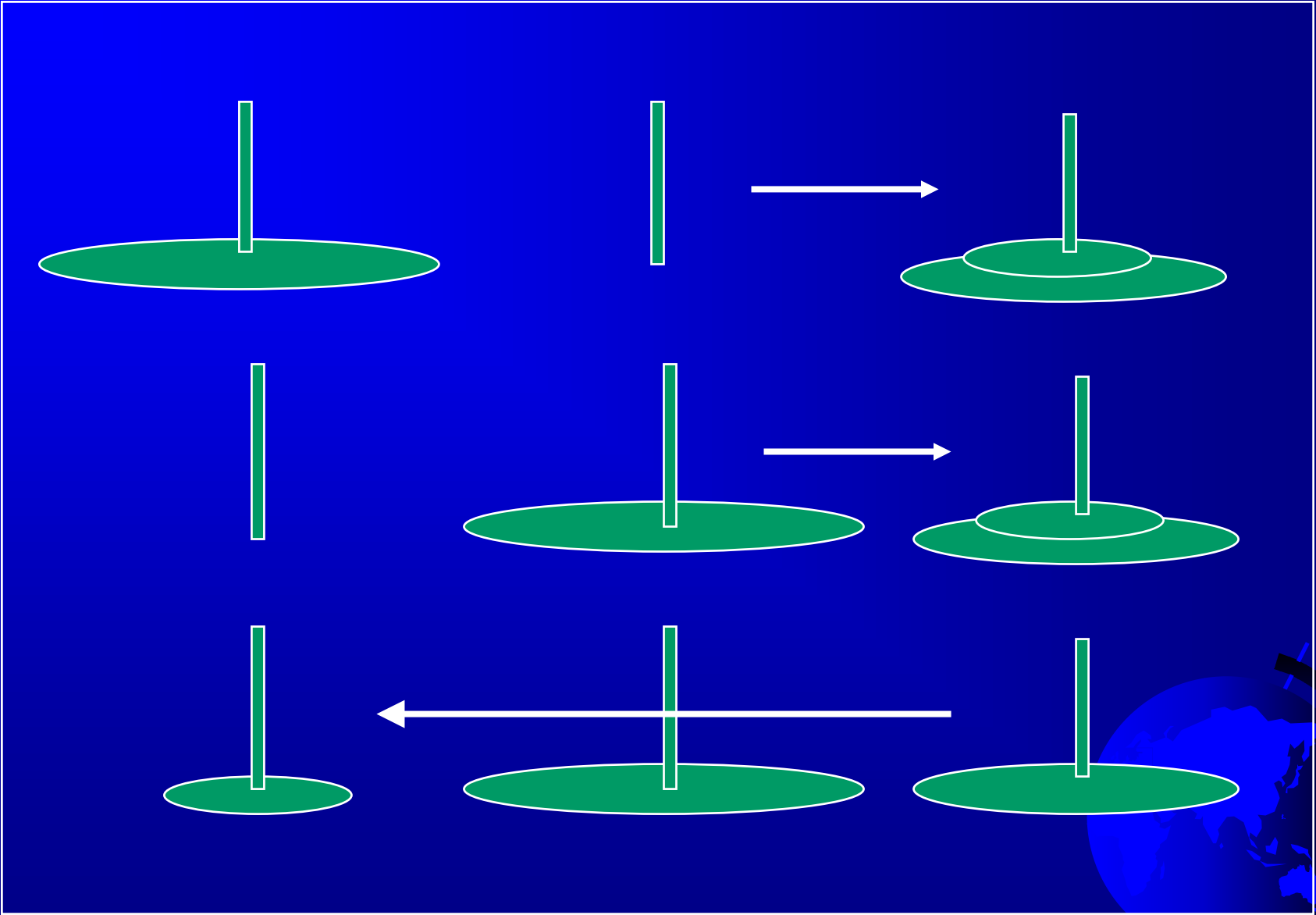
Towers of Hanoi

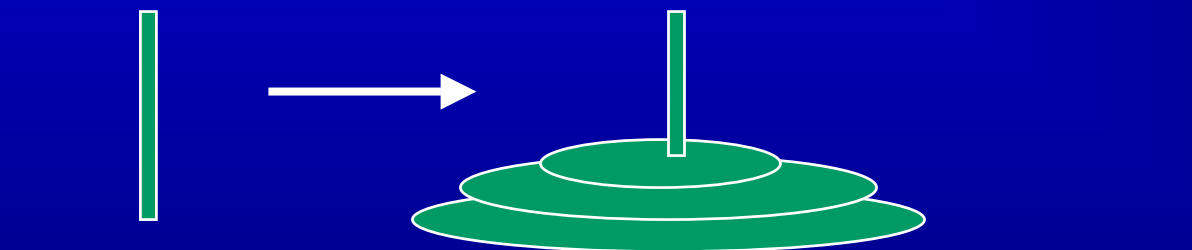
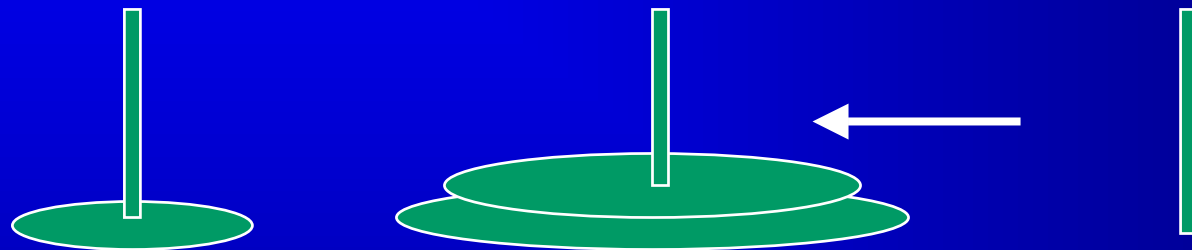
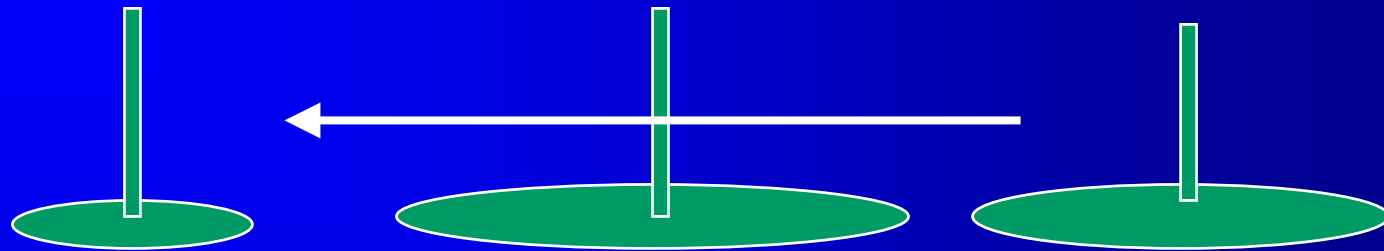
Example 4.8 Solving the Towers of Hanoi Problem

Solve the towers of Hanoi problem.









```
// TowersOfHanoi.java: Find solutions for
// the Towers of Hanoi problem
public class TowersOfHanoi
{
    // Main method
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        // Read number of disks, n
        System.out.println("Enter number of disks");
        int n = MyInput.readInt();

        // Find the solution recursively
        System.out.println("The moves are:");
        moveDisks(n, 'A', 'B', 'C');
    }
}
```



```
// The method for finding the solution to move n disks
// from fromTower to toTower with auxTower
public static void moveDisks(int n, char fromTower,
    char toTower, char auxTower)
{
    if (n==1) // Stopping condition
        System.out.println("Move disk " + n + " from " +
            fromTower+" to " + toTower);
    else
    {
        moveDisks(n-1, fromTower, auxTower, toTower);
        System.out.println("Move disk " + n + " from " +
            fromTower + " to " + toTower);
        moveDisks(n-1, auxTower, toTower, fromTower);
    }
}
}
```



```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe
Enter number of disks
3
The moves are:
Move disk 1 from A to B
Move disk 2 from A to C
Move disk 1 from B to C
Move disk 3 from A to B
Move disk 1 from C to A
Move disk 2 from C to B
Move disk 1 from A to B
Press any key to continue . . .
```

```
C:\WINNT\System32\cmd.exe
Enter number of disks
4
The moves are:
Move disk 1 from A to C
Move disk 2 from A to B
Move disk 1 from C to B
Move disk 3 from A to C
Move disk 1 from B to A
Move disk 2 from B to C
Move disk 1 from A to C
Move disk 4 from A to B
Move disk 1 from C to B
Move disk 2 from C to A
Move disk 1 from B to A
Move disk 3 from C to B
Move disk 1 from A to C
Move disk 2 from A to B
Move disk 1 from C to B
Press any key to continue . . .
```