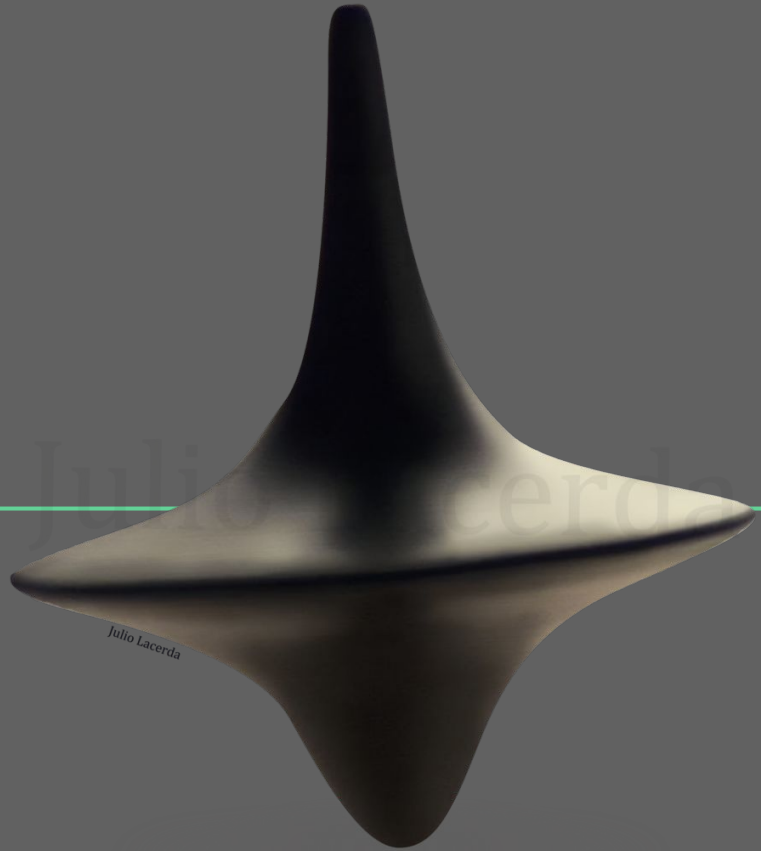


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# Key concepts

- Recursive call(s): solve a smaller version of this problem and use that result
- Base case: Stop recursing when you get to a case that's simple enough to solve without recursion

Exercise: what does this print?

```
public static void mystery(int x) {  
    if (x == 0) {  
        System.out.println(x);  
        return;  
    }  
  
    System.out.println(x);  
    mystery(x - 1);  
    System.out.println(x);  
    return;  
}  
  
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    mystery(3);  
}
```

# Exercises:

For each of these, think about the base case and how you can break this problem into smaller parts.

- **public static int sumFirstN(int n)**
  - Return the sum  $1 + 2 + \dots + n$
- **public static String reverseString(String input)**
  - Return the reversed version of `input`
  - Use `s.substring(i, j)`, which gives the characters in `s` starting with `i` and ending with `j - 1`
    - `"hello".substring(0, "hello.length()") → "hello"`
    - `"hello".substring(1, "hello.length() - 1") → "ell"`

- **public static void cantor( /\* whatever parameters you like \*/ )**
  - Recursively draw this figure, called the Cantor set:

