

# PSO 2

## Recurrences and Trees

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# Announcements

TA Office hours has started, see ed

HW 1 due Thursday 11:59PM

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The diagram illustrates the pairing of terms in the factorial product  $n!$ . The top row shows the sequence of terms:  $n, (n-1), \dots, (n/2 + 1), (n/2), \dots, 2, 1$ . The bottom row shows the terms grouped into pairs:  $(n \times 1), ((n-1) \times 2), \dots, ((n/2 + 1) \times (n/2))$ . Lines connect each term in the top row to its corresponding term in the bottom row:  $n$  connects to  $(n \times 1)$ ,  $(n-1)$  to  $((n-1) \times 2)$ ,  $(n/2 + 1)$  to  $((n/2 + 1) \times (n/2))$ , and  $(n/2)$  to  $((n/2 + 1) \times (n/2))$ . The ellipses in both rows indicate that intermediate terms and pairs follow the same pattern.

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$\parallel$   
 $n$

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 $(n-1) \times 2 \geq n$   
 $n \geq 2$

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 $n/2$   
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$$n! \geq n^{n/2} \gg n^{\log n}$$

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$T(n) = \# \text{adds that REC1}(n) \text{ does}$

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Recursive functions have a **base case** and a **recursive case**

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Recursive calls?  $T(n-1)$  ,  $T(n-3)$

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Recursive calls? **Rec( $n - 1$ ), Rec( $n - 3$ )**

$$\longrightarrow T(n) = 2 + T(n - 1) + T(n - 3)$$

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Final answer:

$$T(0) = 2$$

$$T(n) = 2 + T(n - 1) + T(n - 3)$$

(important: include both base case and recursive case!)

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$val += \text{rec}(1, 2, \dots, n-1)$

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Recursive case:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) + (n-1)$$

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Recursive calls?  $\text{rec2}(i)$  for  $i=1, \dots, n-1$



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Recursive case:

How many (non-recursive) '+'s?

$$1 + 1 + (n - 1) = n + 1$$

Recursive calls?

$$\text{rec3}(\lfloor L^{n/2} \rfloor); \text{rec3}(\lfloor L^{n/3} \rfloor)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rightarrow T(n) &= (n + 1) \\
 &\quad + T(\lfloor L^{n/2} \rfloor) \\
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Unroll/use iterations?

$$T(n) = 2T(n/4) + \sqrt{n}$$

$$= 2(2T(n/16) + \sqrt{n/4}) + \sqrt{n}$$

$$= 2(2(2T(n/64) + \sqrt{n/16}) + \sqrt{n/4}) + \sqrt{n}$$



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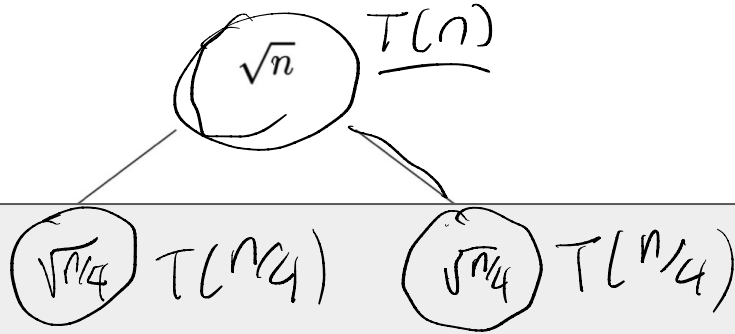
**Warning:** Solving this  $T(n)$  using iterations is a bad idea!

... kind of, we will see that trees help us organize better!

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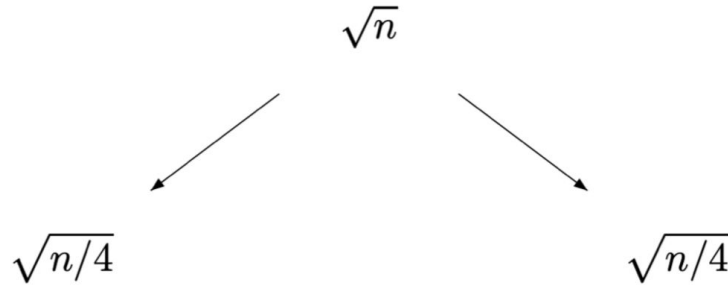
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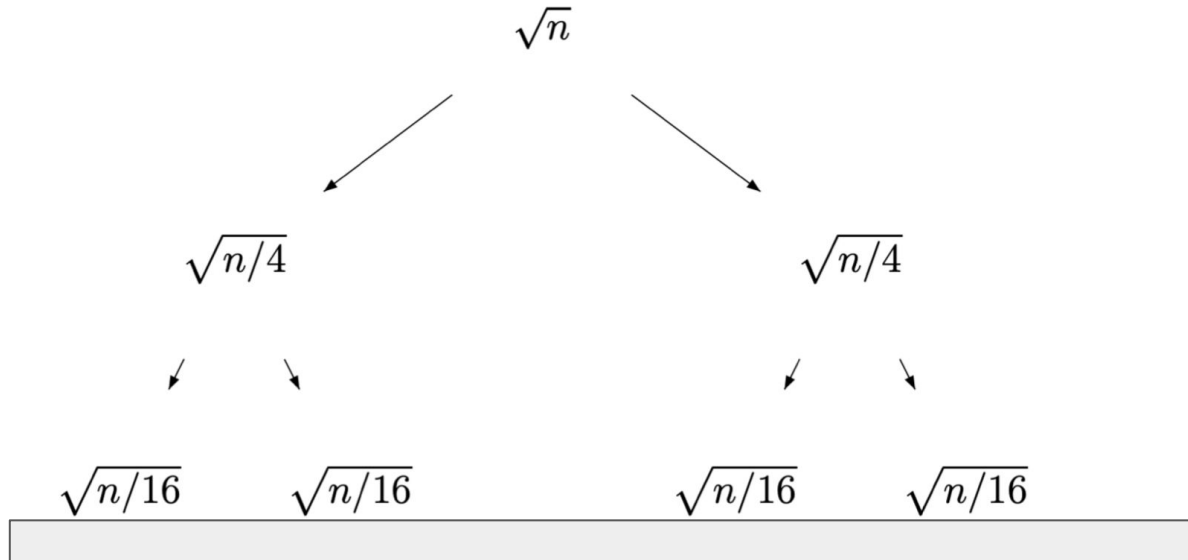


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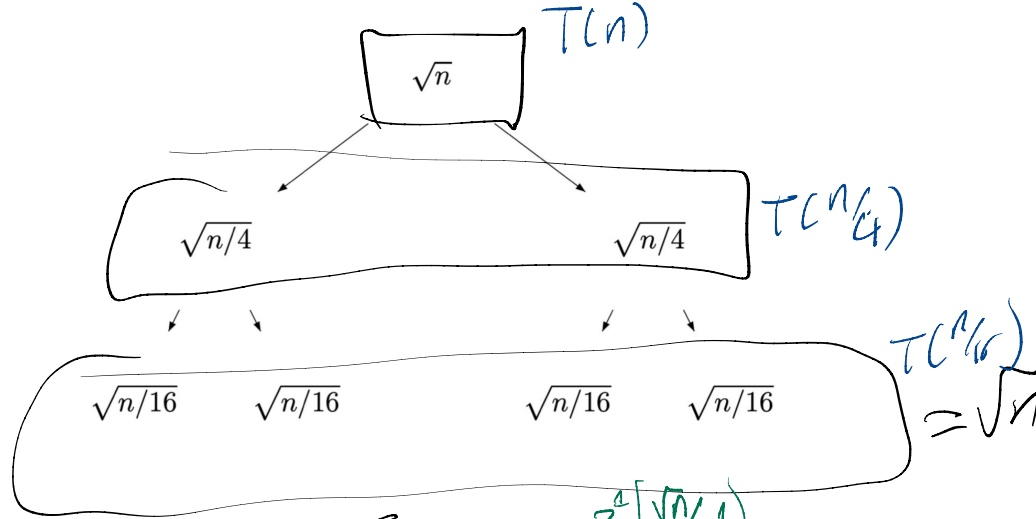
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Cost at first level:  $\sqrt{n}$

Cost at second level:  $\sqrt{n/4} + \sqrt{n/4} = \sqrt{n}/2 + \sqrt{n}/2 = \sqrt{n}$

Cost at  $i$ th level:  $2^i \sqrt{n/2^{2i}} = 2^i \times \sqrt{n}/2^i = \sqrt{n}$

Want: # iteration & cost

$$n \rightarrow n/4 \rightarrow n/16 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1$$

$$1 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{\text{\#levels}} n \Rightarrow 4^{\text{\#levels}} = n$$

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$T(n)$

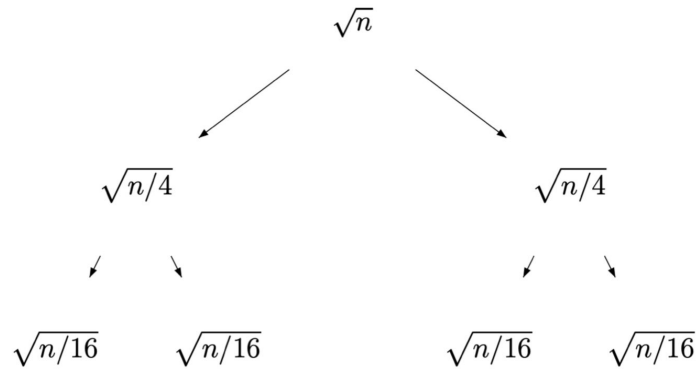
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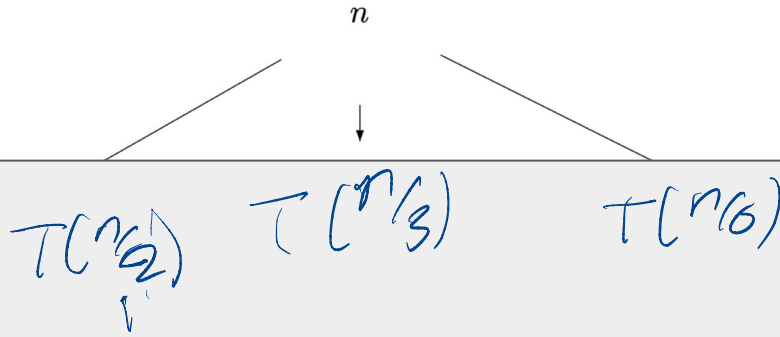
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$$= O(\sqrt{n} \log n)$$

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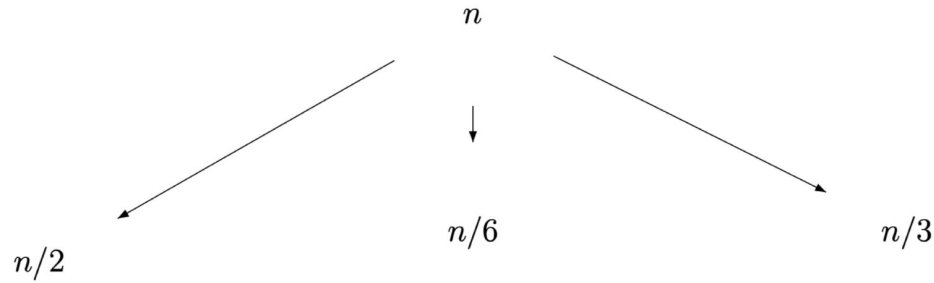


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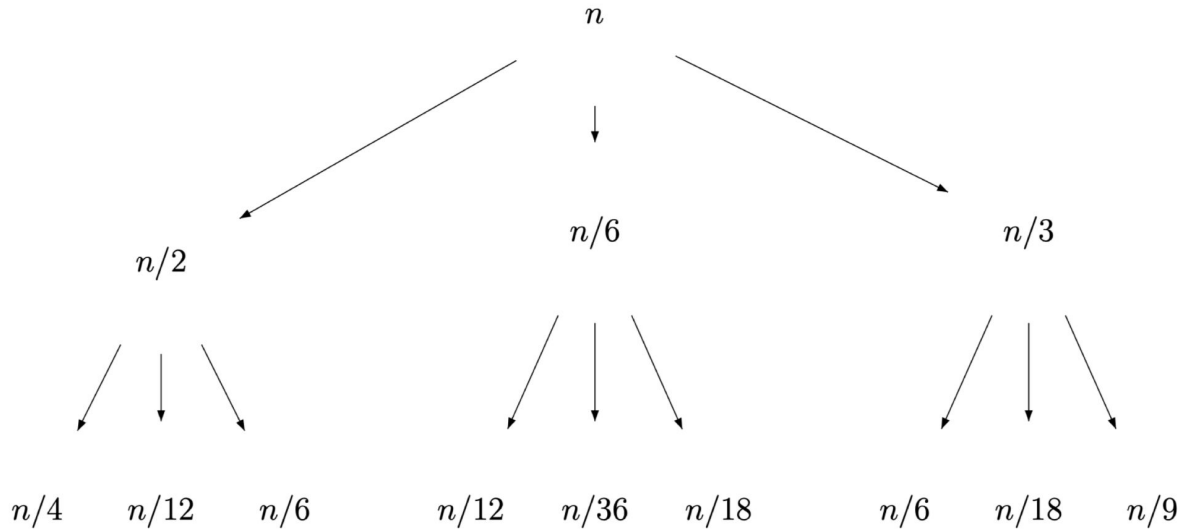
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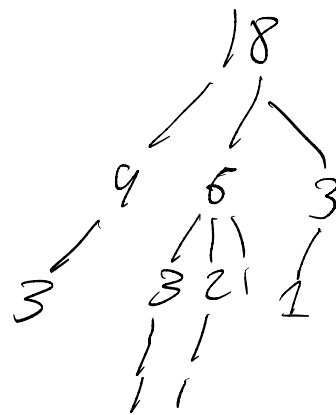
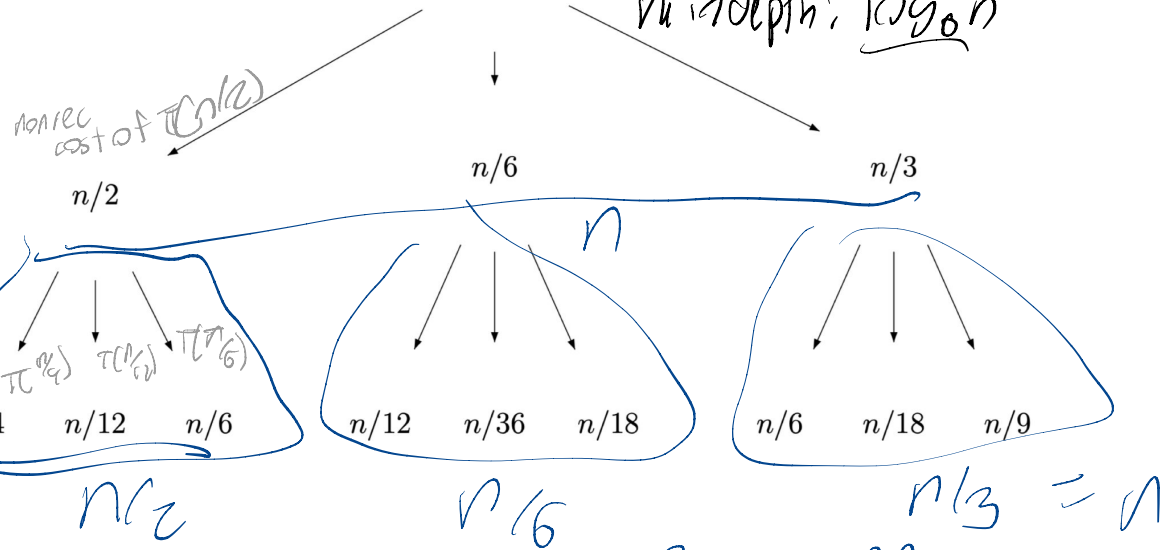
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$$n=18$$

$\log_2 n$   
non rec. cost of  $T(n)$

$\log_3 n$   
Max depth:  $\log_2 n$   
Min depth:  $\log_6 n$



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$$\sum_{i=1}^{\log_2 n} n = O(n \log n)$$

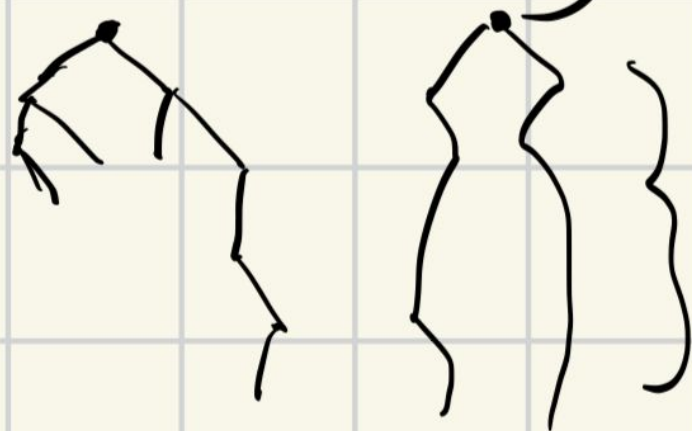
# levels:  $O(\log n)$



$$\log_2 n - \log_6 n$$

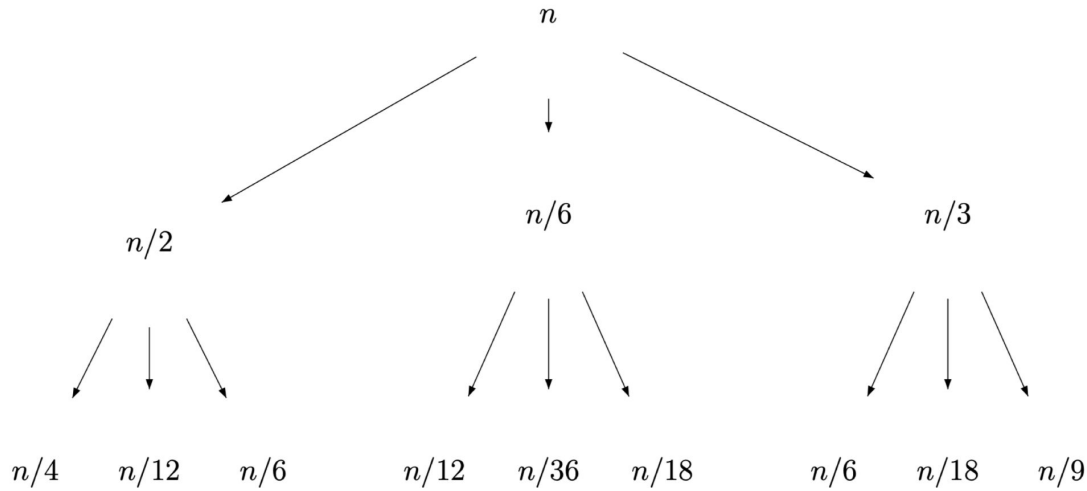
$$\geq \log_2 n - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 n$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \log_2 n$$



$$\lg n - \lg_6 n \leq \lg n$$

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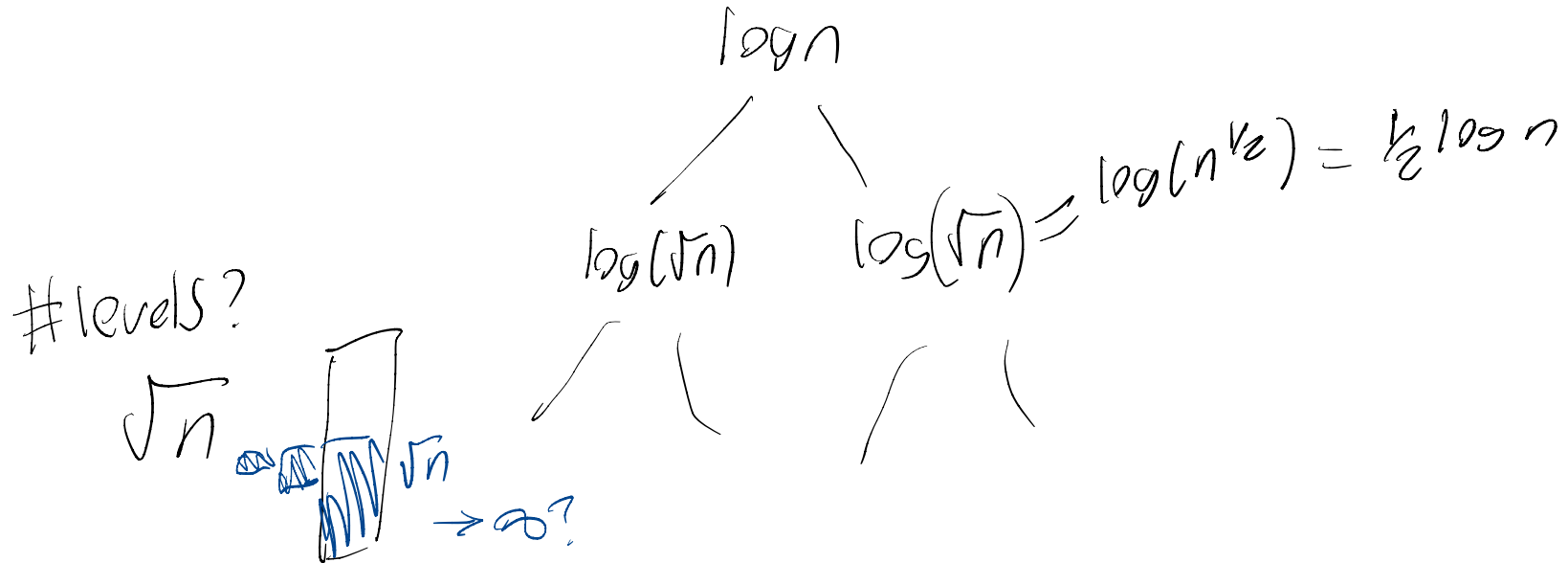
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What is the problem with a tree?





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E.g question 1 recurrences

Solution: Variable change! But to what value?

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$$\begin{aligned} T(2^m) &= 2 T(\sqrt{2^m}) + \log(2^m) \\ &= 2 T(2^{m/2}) + m \end{aligned}$$

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$$2^m \rightarrow 2^{m/2} \rightarrow 2^{m/4} \rightarrow \dots 2^1$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &= O(m \log m) \\ &= O(\log n \times \log \log n) \end{aligned}$$

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This is just merge sort!  $O(m \log m) = O(\log n * (\log \log n))$

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$$n = 16$$

10000

Read  $n$  in binary:  $\underbrace{n_{\log n} \dots n_2}_{\dots} n_1$

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Now, how does  $\sqrt{n}$  look?  $n = 100$

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Read  $n$  in binary:  $n_m \dots n_2 n_1$

$\sqrt{n} = 10$   
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Intuition for  $O(\log n * (\log \log n))$  bound

$$\log \sqrt{n} = \frac{\log n}{2}$$

First, how can we interpret  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$ ?

**Right shift:**  $n/2 = n_{\log n} \dots n_2 n_1$

I can only right shift  $\log n$  times ==  $\log n$  tree height

Now, how does  $\text{sqrt}(n)$  look?

Read  $n$  in binary:  $n_m \dots n_2 n_1$

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**Right shift  $\sim(m/2)$  times :**  $\text{sqrt}(n) = n_m \dots n_{m/2+1} n_{m/2} n_2 n_1$

## Question 2

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I can only right  
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On each level,  $\log n$  work, so  $T(n) = \log(n) \times \log \log(n)$