

PSO 2

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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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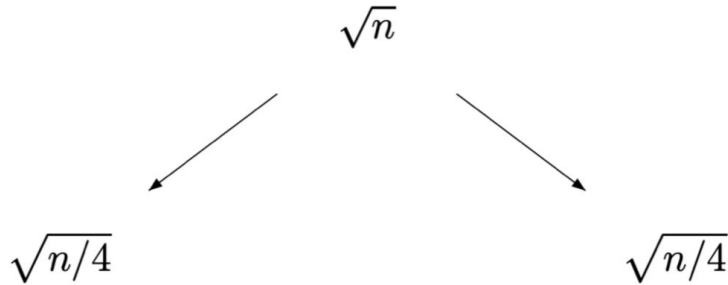
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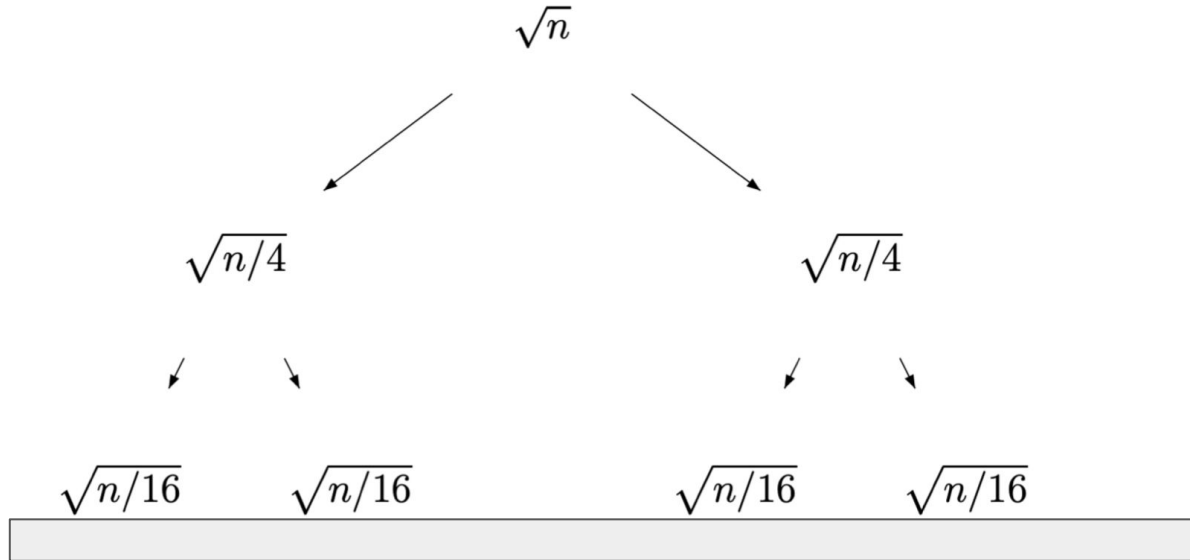
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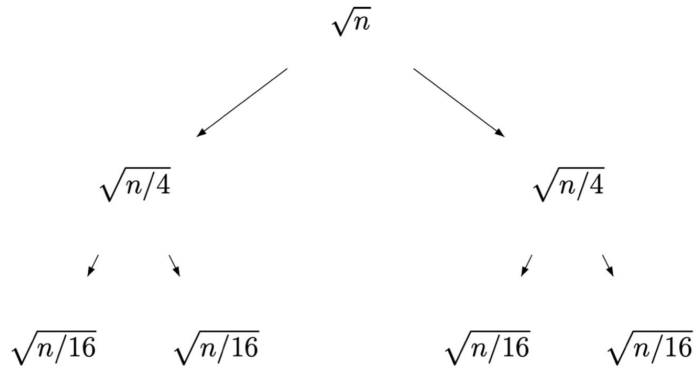
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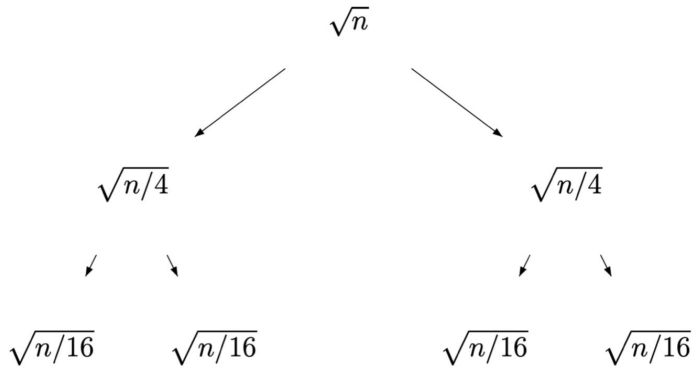
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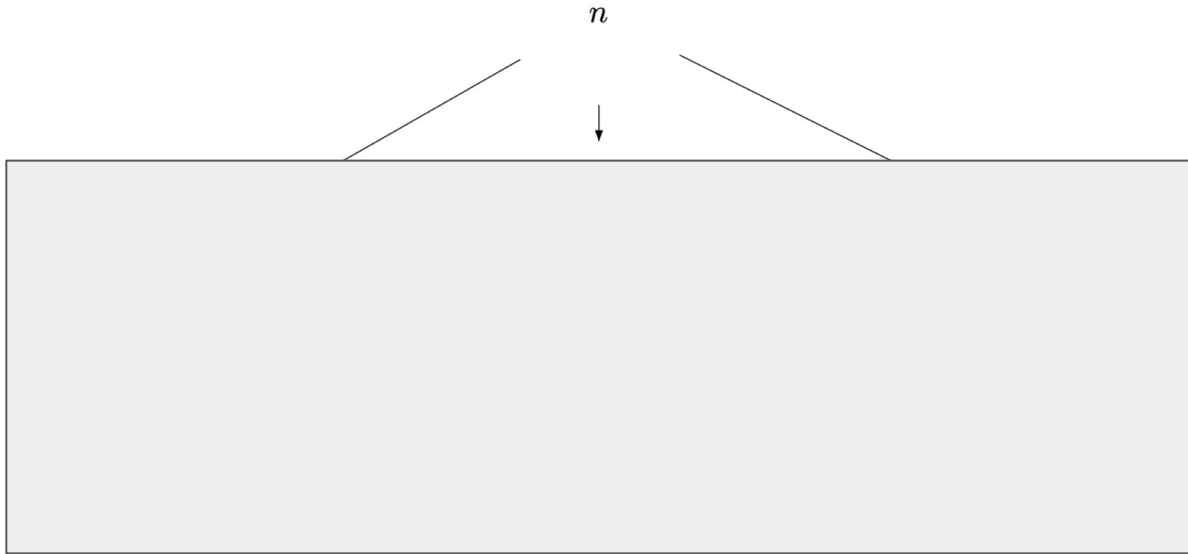


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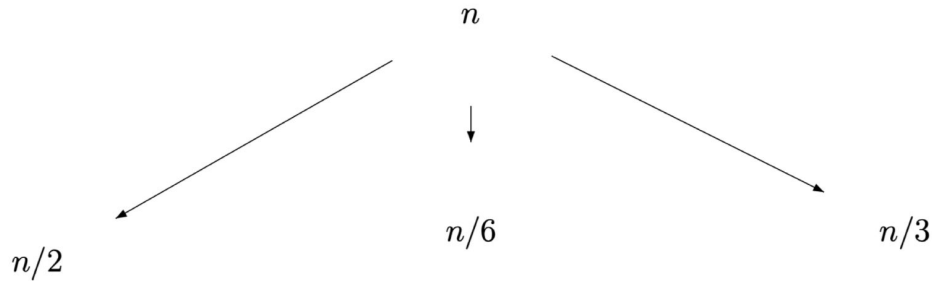
Number of levels: $\log_4 n$

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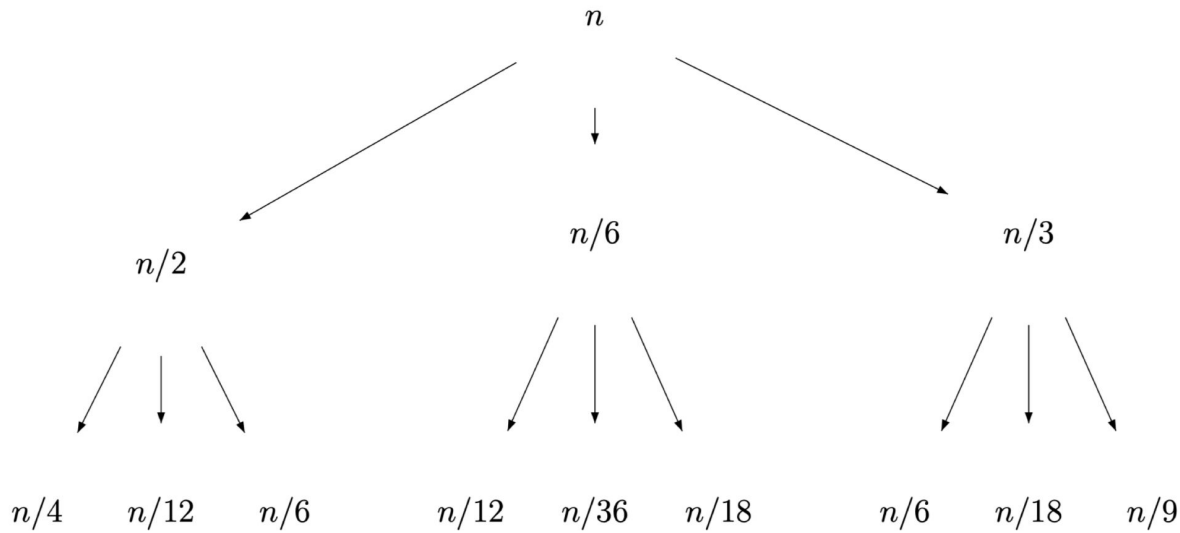
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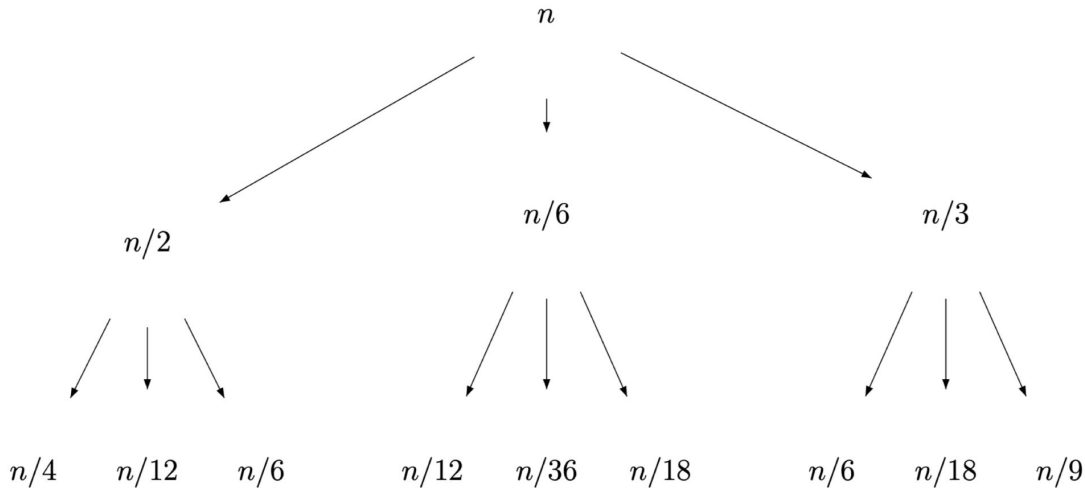
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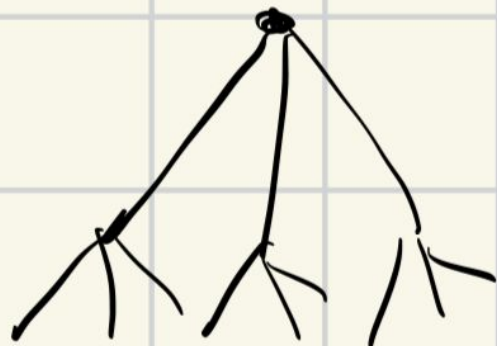
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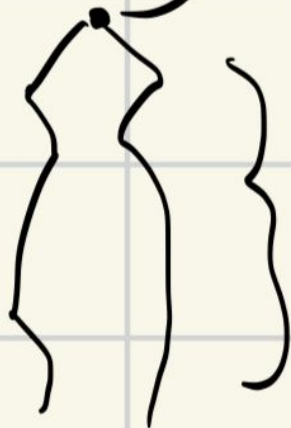
Cost at second level:

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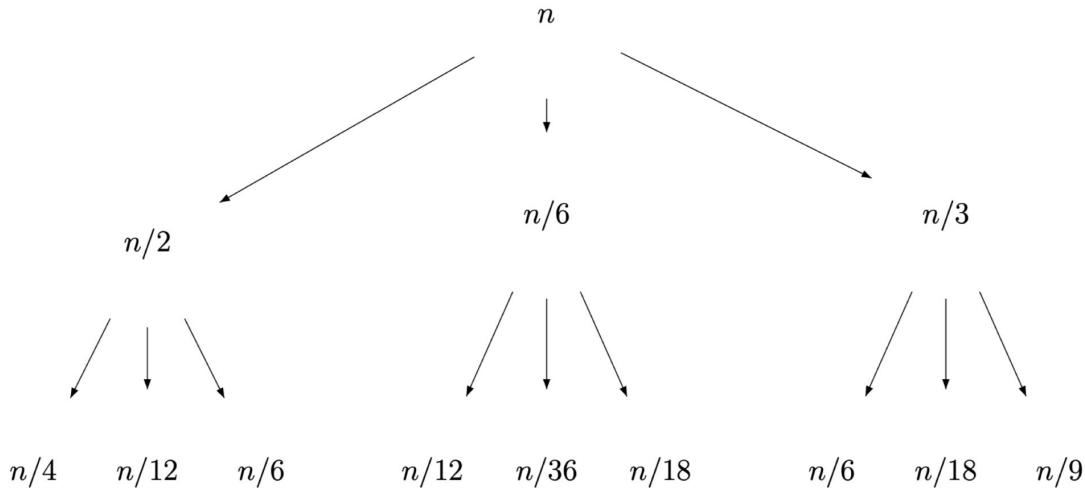


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$$\lg n - \lg_2 n \leq \lg n$$

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E.g question 1 recurrences

Solution: Variable change! But to what value?

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

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What can we do in $n \log n$ time?

			S					x	
[1,	5,	2,	3,	4]			5	

Question 4

(Linked List) Consider a sorted circular doubly linked list of N numbers where the head element points to the smallest element in the list. Provide the asymptotic complexity in big- Θ with a brief explanation (including assumptions and analysis for each case, if there is more than one) for the following operations.

1. Inserting an element in its sorted position.
2. Finding the smallest element in the list.
3. Finding the 3^{rd} - largest element in the list.
4. Finding the median in the list.

