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The recursion tree method

Level:

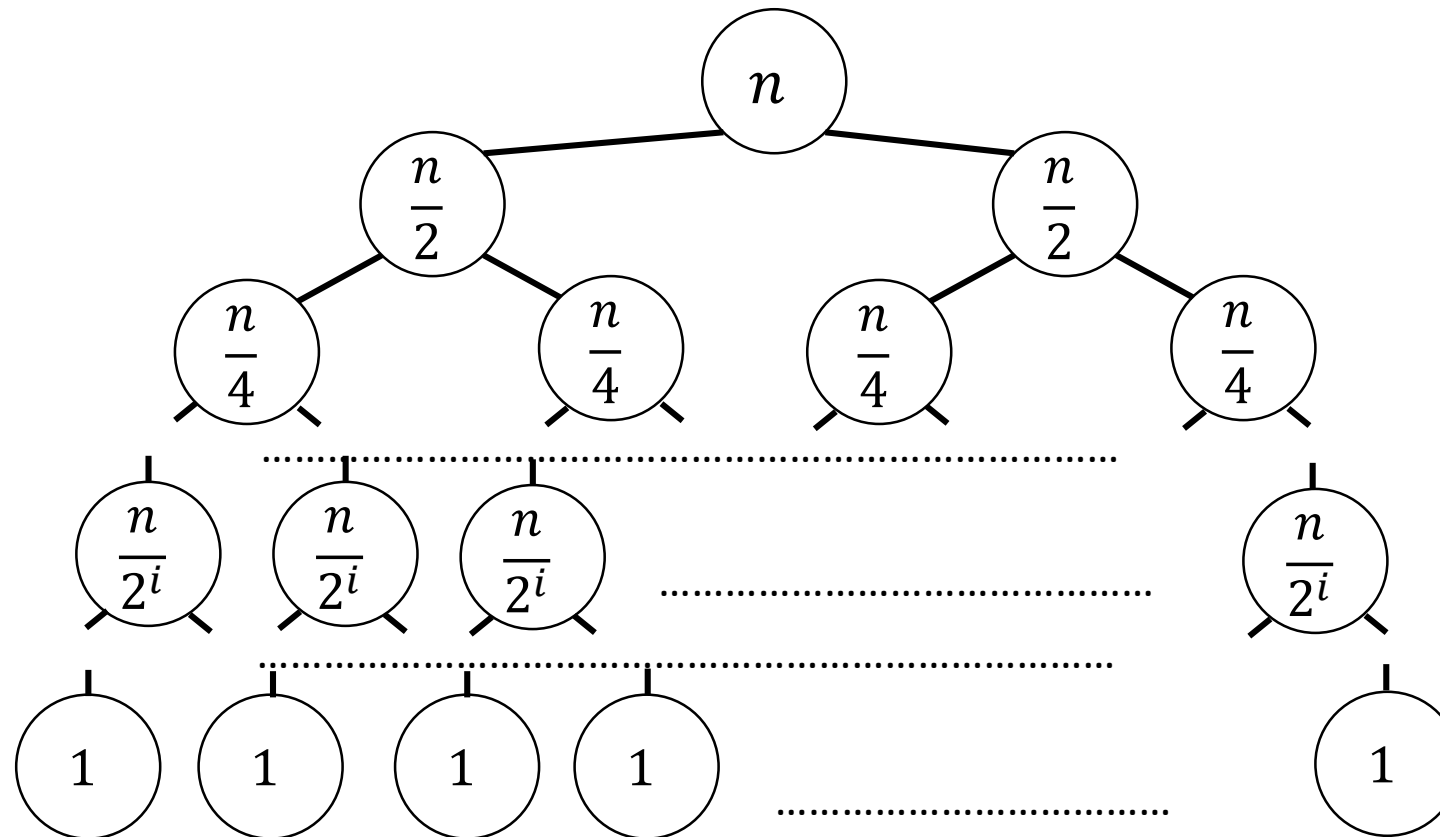
0:

1:

2:

i:

$\log(n)$:



Number of
nodes:

1

2

4

2^i

$2^{\log(n)} = n$

The substitution method

1. Make a guess
2. Prove it by induction

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

Guess: $T(n) \in O(n \log(n))$

Real-world recurrence relations

Maximum element of a list: $T(n) = T(n - 1) + \Theta(1)$

Binary search: $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(1)$

Karatsuba's algorithm: $T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n)$

Strassen's algorithm: $T(n) = 7T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n^2)$

Cooley-Tukey FFT: $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n)$

Naïve SAT solving: $T(n) = 2T(n - 1) + \Theta(1)$