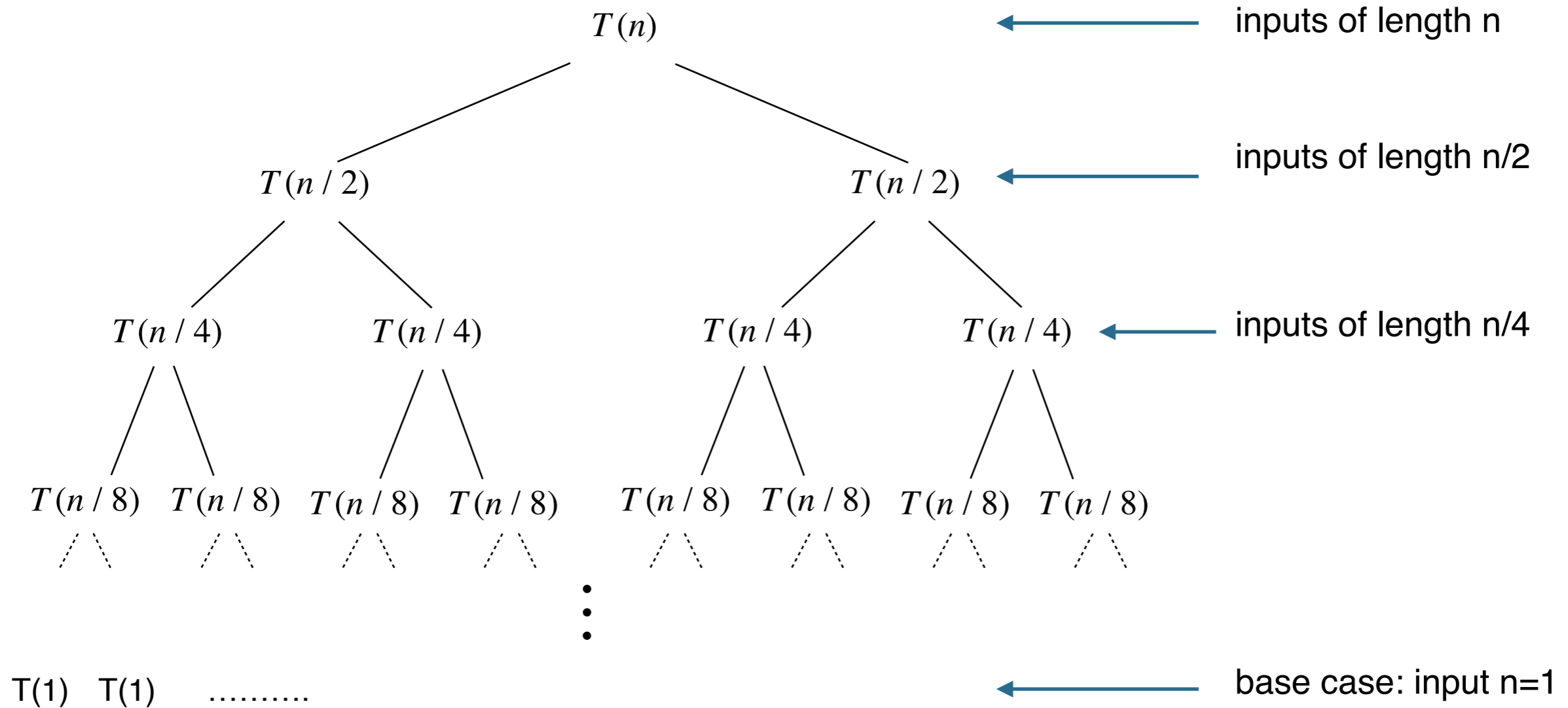


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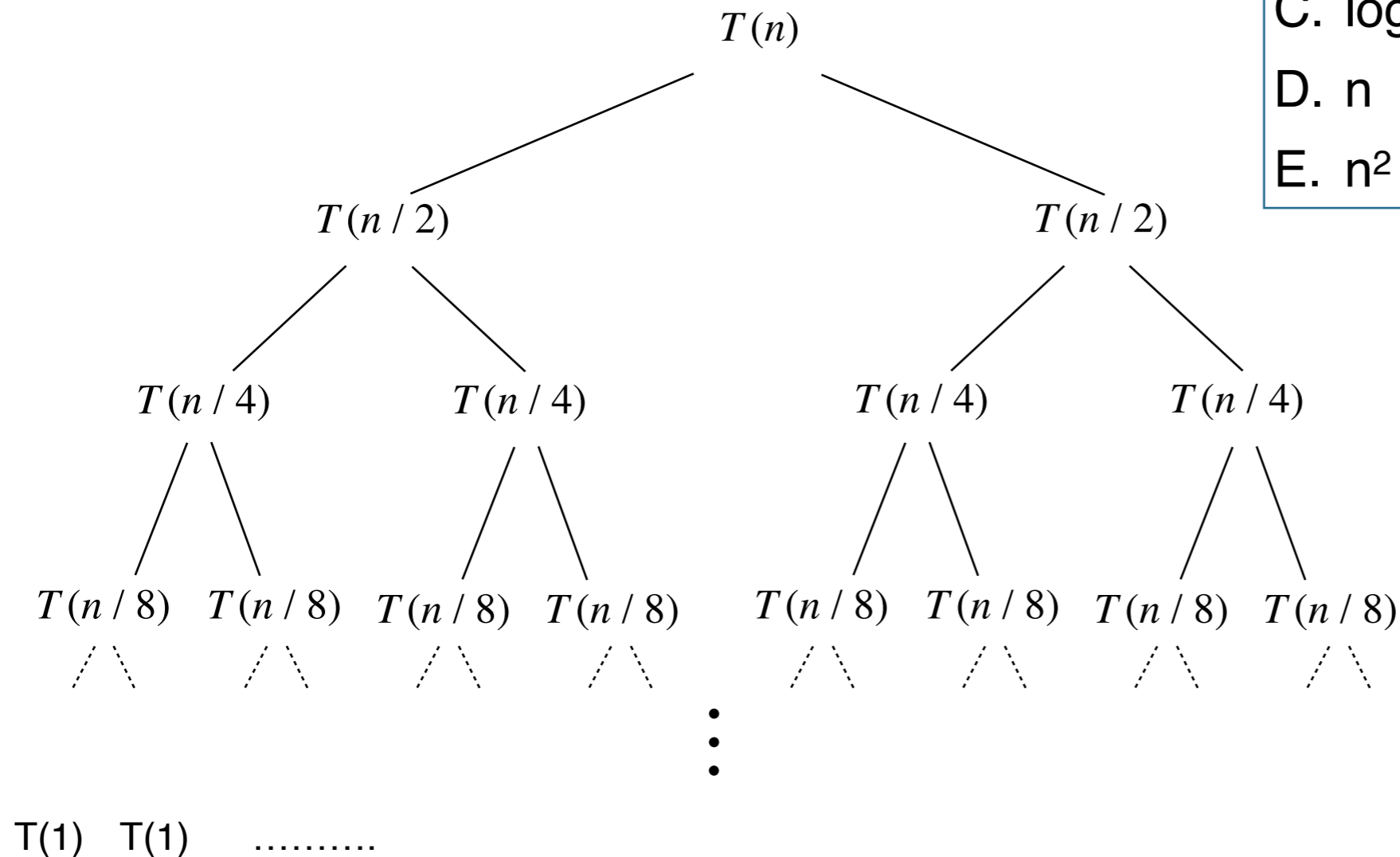
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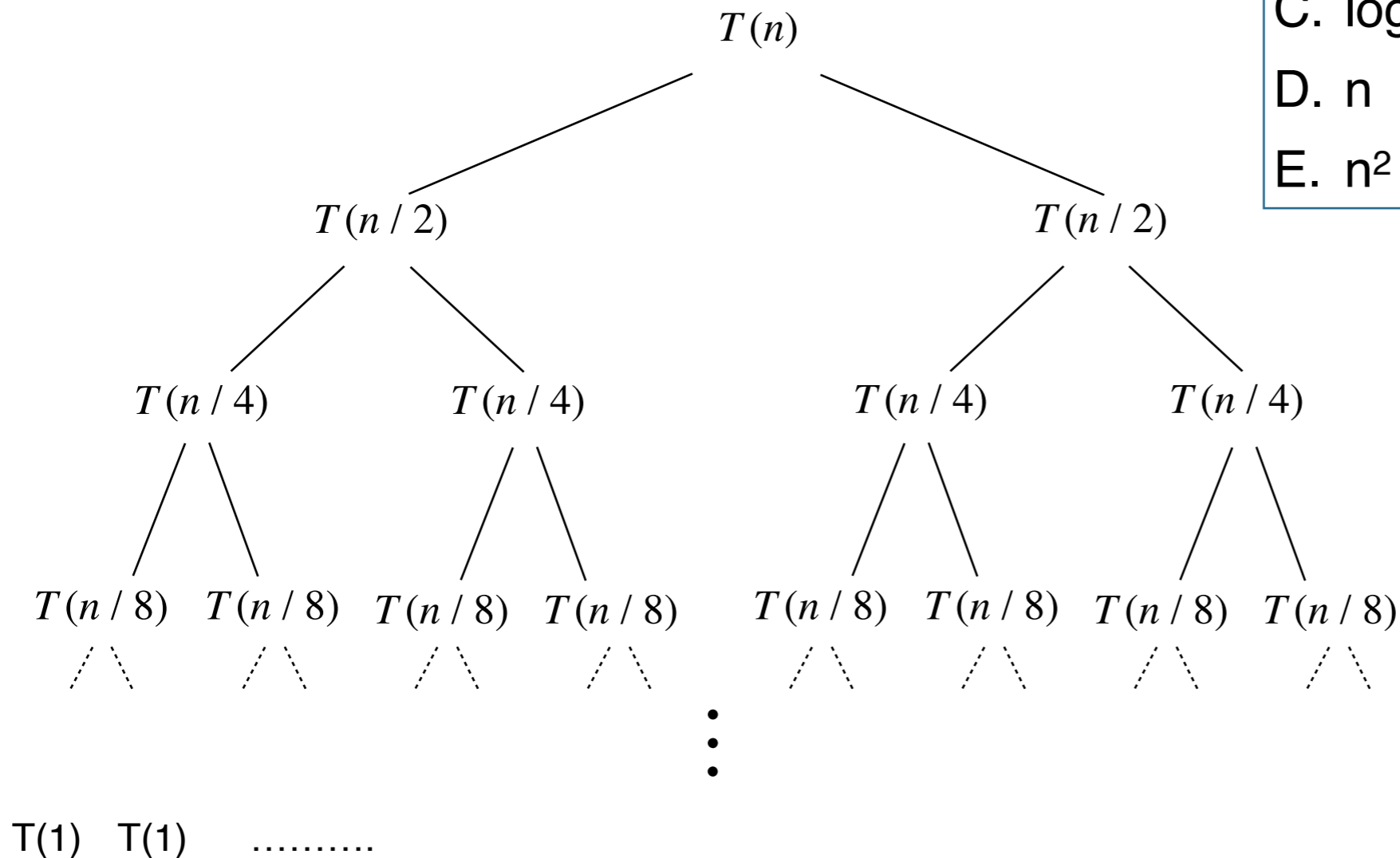
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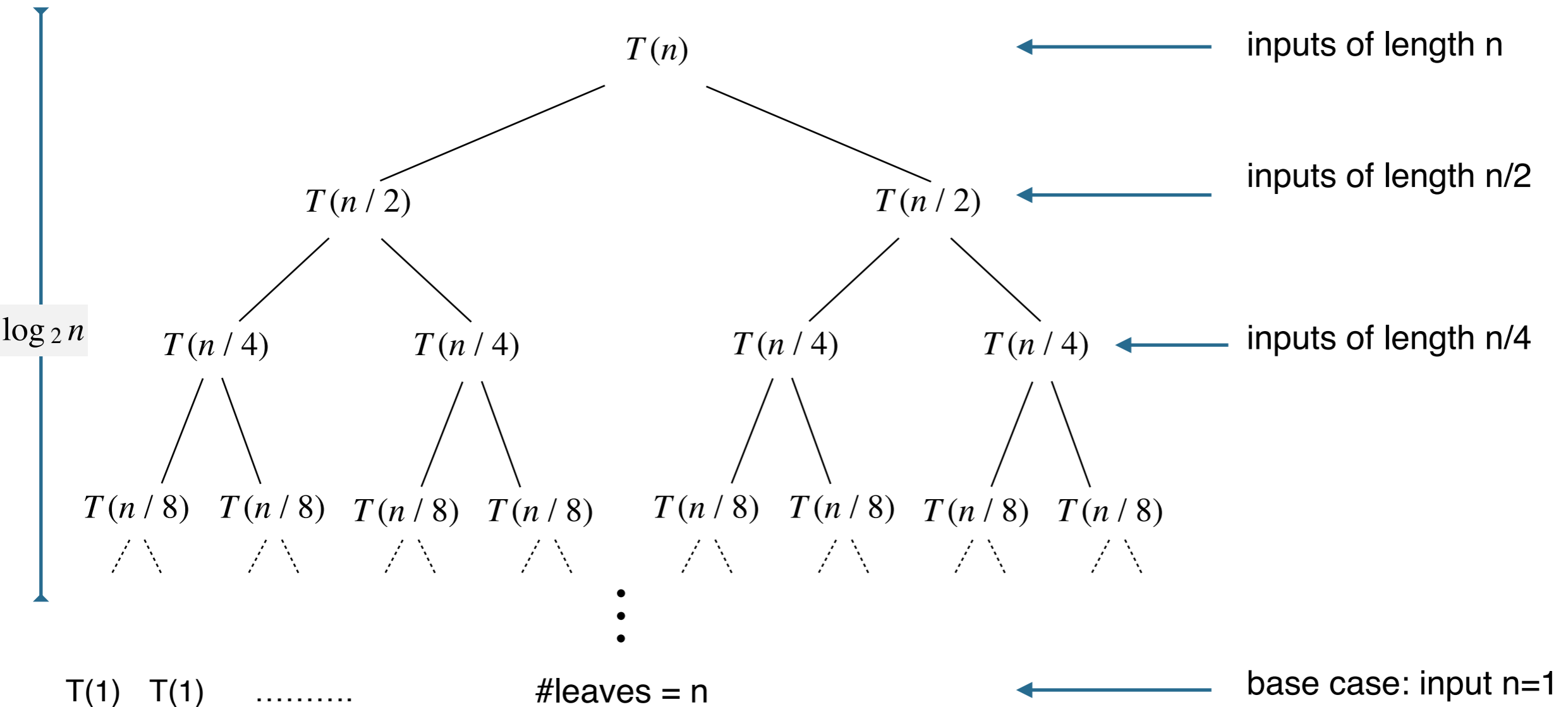
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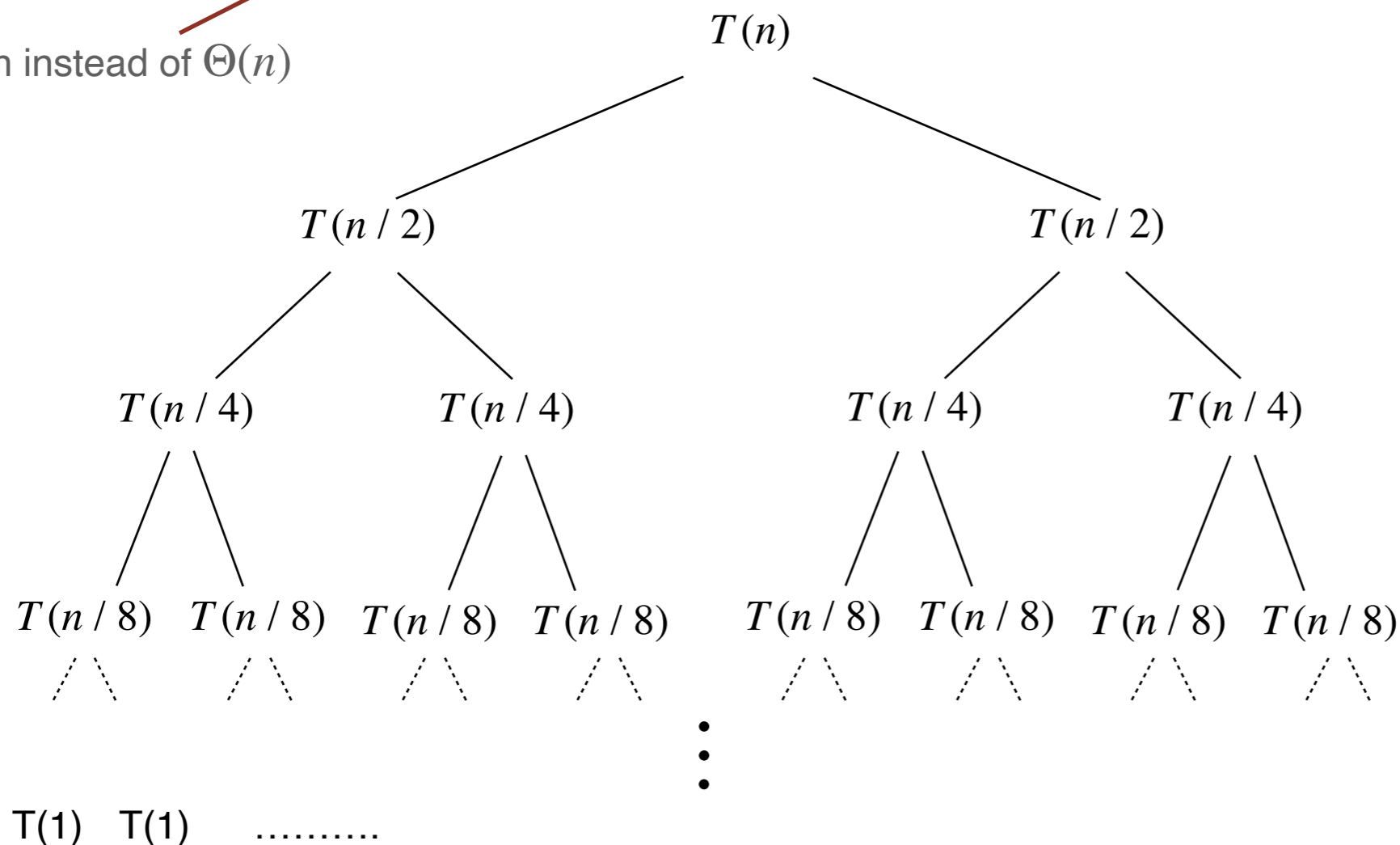


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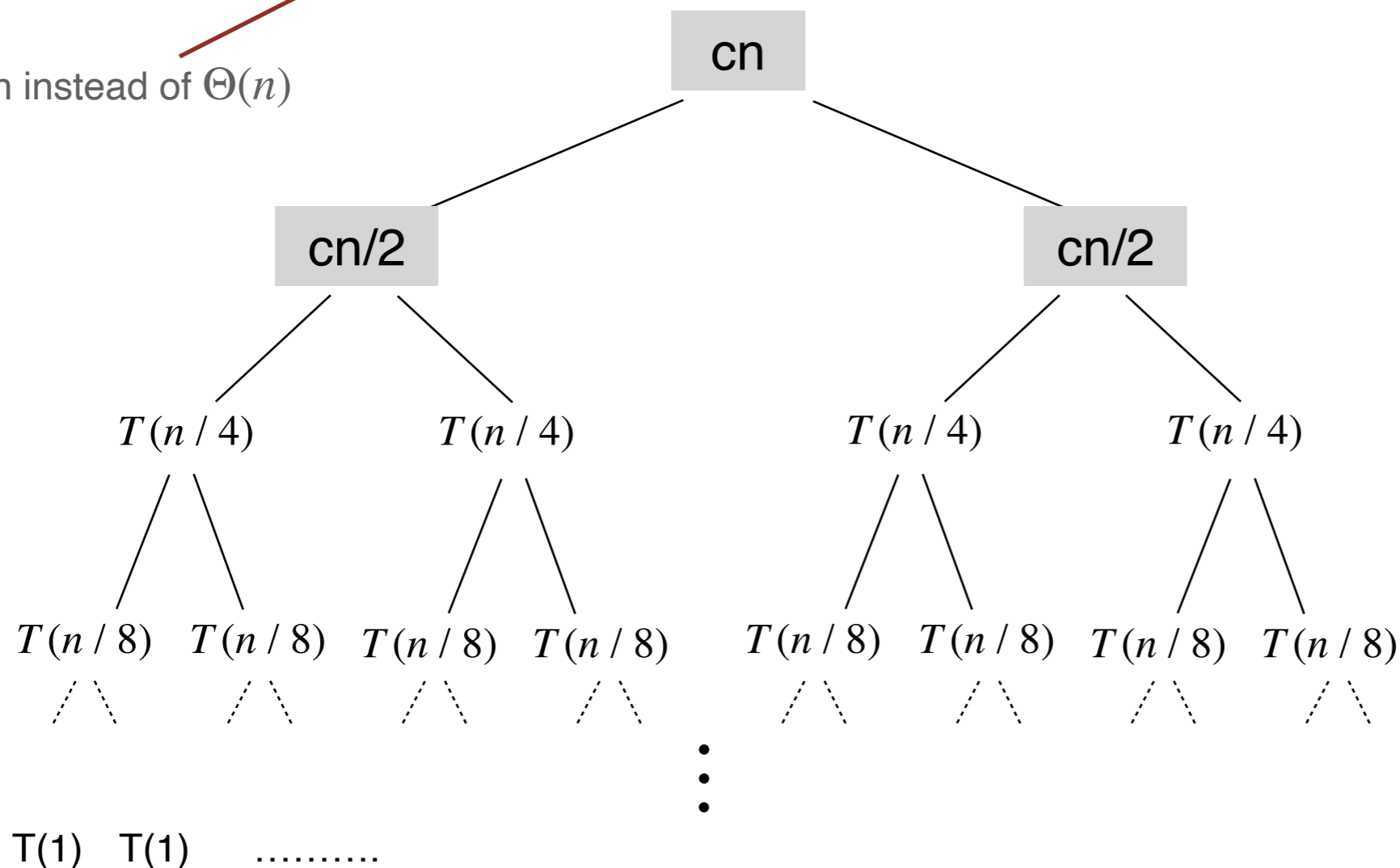


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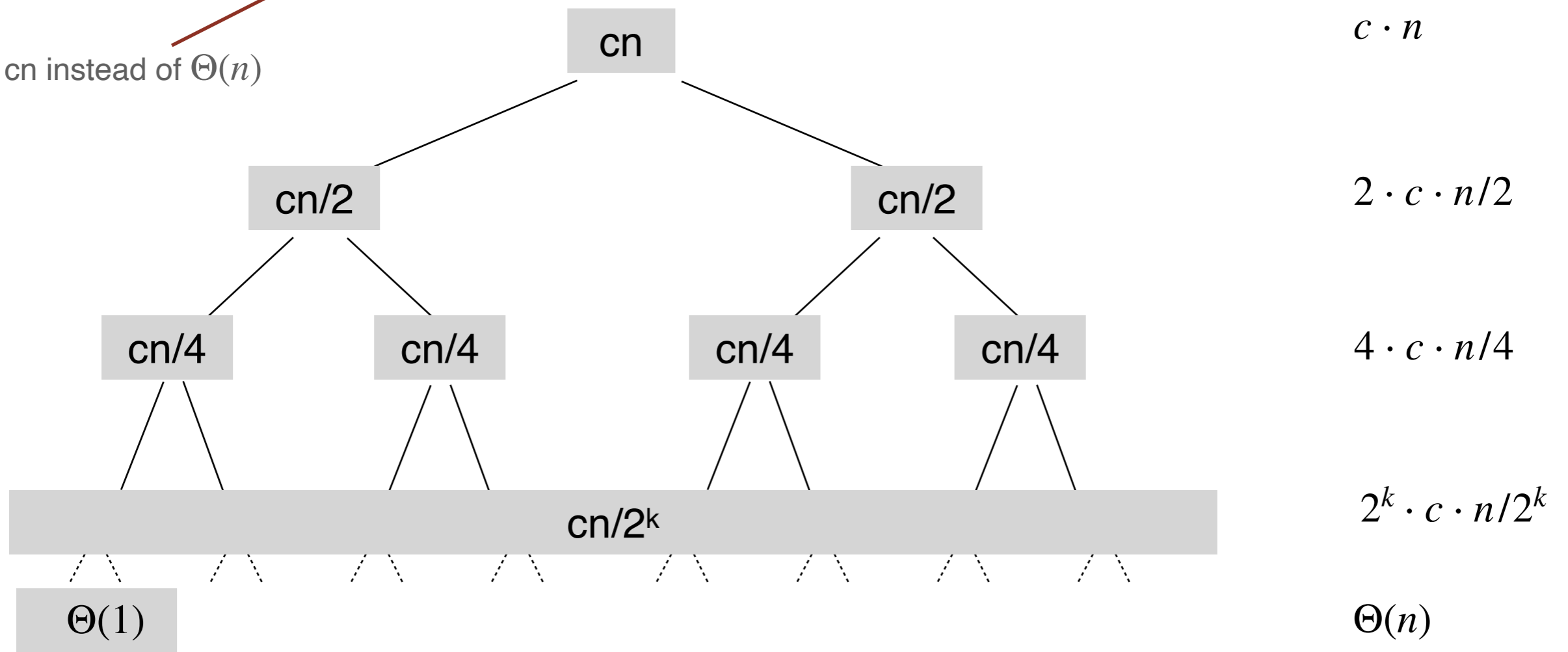


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Total:  $\Theta(n \log n)$

# binary search

**Input:** sorted array A, integer x

**Output:** the index in A where the int x is located or “x is not in A”

1. Divide: compare x to middle element
2. Conquer: recursively search one subarray
3. Combine: trivial

example: find 16

2	3	7	10	11	14	16	18	20	23
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## binary search - running time

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$O(c)$

recursive call on array half the size

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$$T(n) = 1 \cdot T(n/2) + \Theta(1)$$

#of subproblems      subproblem size      work dividing and combining

# find closed form by “telescoping”

Reminder: our goal is to find a closed form formula for the recurrence

method:

- substitute the recursive formula until we get a good guess
- use induction to prove the formula

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n/2) + c = T(n/4) + 2c = \dots \\ &= T(n/2^3) + 3c = \dots = T(n/2^{\log n}) + (\log n)c = \Theta(\log n)\end{aligned}$$

# proof by “telescoping”

claim.  $T(n) = \Theta(\log n)$

proof. by induction on  $n$ .

- base case: for  $n = 2$  (or any constant) it takes const comparisons and  $\log n = \text{const}$
- suppose that the formula is true for every  $k < n$
- proof for  $n$ : substitute  $k = n/2$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(1) = \Theta(\log(n/2)) + \Theta(1) = \Theta(\log n)$$

# Proof by “telescoping” for mergesort

**Proposition.** If  $T(n)$  satisfies the following recurrence, then  $T(n) = n \log_2 n$ .

assuming  $n$   
is a power of 2

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n == 1 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Pf.**

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn \leq 4 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2cn \leq \\ &\leq 8 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 3cn \leq 2^4 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2^4}\right) + 4cn \leq \\ &\dots \\ &\leq 2^k T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + kcn \end{aligned}$$

Substitute the formula in to  $T(n/2)$

The last line corresponds to the base case. We know that the base case is  $T(1) = 0$

$$T(1) = T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) \implies k = \log(n)$$

by substituting  $\log(n)$  for  $k$  we get

base case

$$T(n) \leq 2^{\log(n)} \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log(n)}}\right) + \log(n) \cdot n = n + O(n \log n)$$

# Master Theorem

For recurrences defined as

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) \quad \text{in which } a > 0, b \geq 1 \text{ are constants}$$

Then the overall computational cost is given by

$$T(n) = \underbrace{\Theta(n^{\log_b a})}_{\text{leaves}} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\log_b n} a^{k-1} f(n/b^{k-1})}_{\text{internal nodes}}$$

Such that

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n) & \text{if } f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \\ \Theta(f(n)) & \text{if } f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}) \text{ and } af(n/b) \leq cf(n) \end{cases}$$

in which  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b > 1$ ,  $c < 1$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  are constants.

## Solve the following recurrences

1.  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$

2.  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$

3.  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3$

# Asymptotic time to execute integer operations

## Basic operations:

adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing

## Complexity of mathematical operations:

- Usually in this class we count them as constant time
- Today: we look at algorithms for efficiently implementing these basic operations.
- Today: in our analysis one *computational step* is counted as **one bit operation**.

Unit of measurement will be **bit operations**.

**Input:** two *n-bit* long integers  $a$  ,  $b$

**Output:** arithmetic operation on the two integers



# Integer addition

**Addition.** Given two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a + b$ .

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**Grade-school algorithm.**  $\Theta(n)$  bit operations.

	2	1	3
+	1	2	5
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$$\begin{array}{r} a_{n-1} a_{n-2} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0 \\ + b_{n-1} b_{n-2} \dots b_2 b_1 b_0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

bits of  $a + b$

**Remark.** Grade-school addition and subtraction algorithms are asymptotically optimal.

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Multiply  $213_{10} \times 125_{10} = 11010101_2 \times 01111101_2$

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		1	0	6	5
		4	2	6	
+	2	1	3		
	2	6	6	2	5

# TopHat

Multiplication. Given two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute  $a \times b$ .

Grade-school algorithm.

Question: What is the running time?

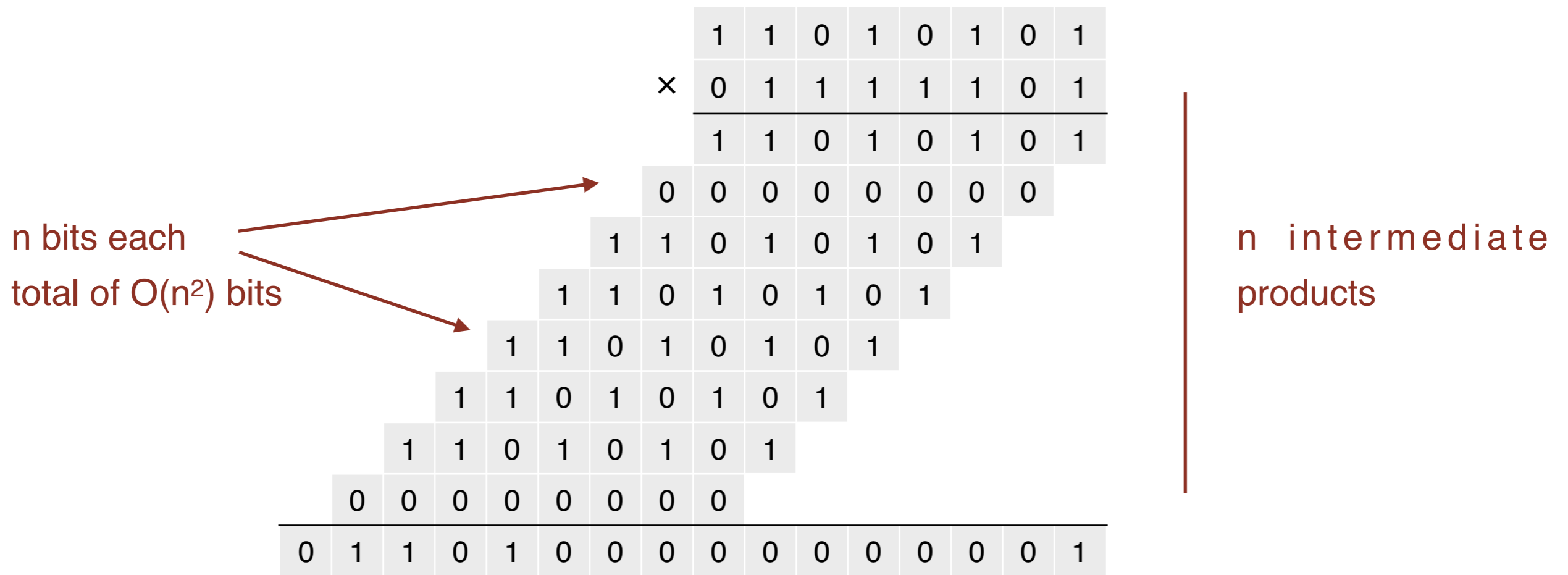
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- B.  $O(\log n)$
- C.  $O(n)$
- D.  $O(n^2)$

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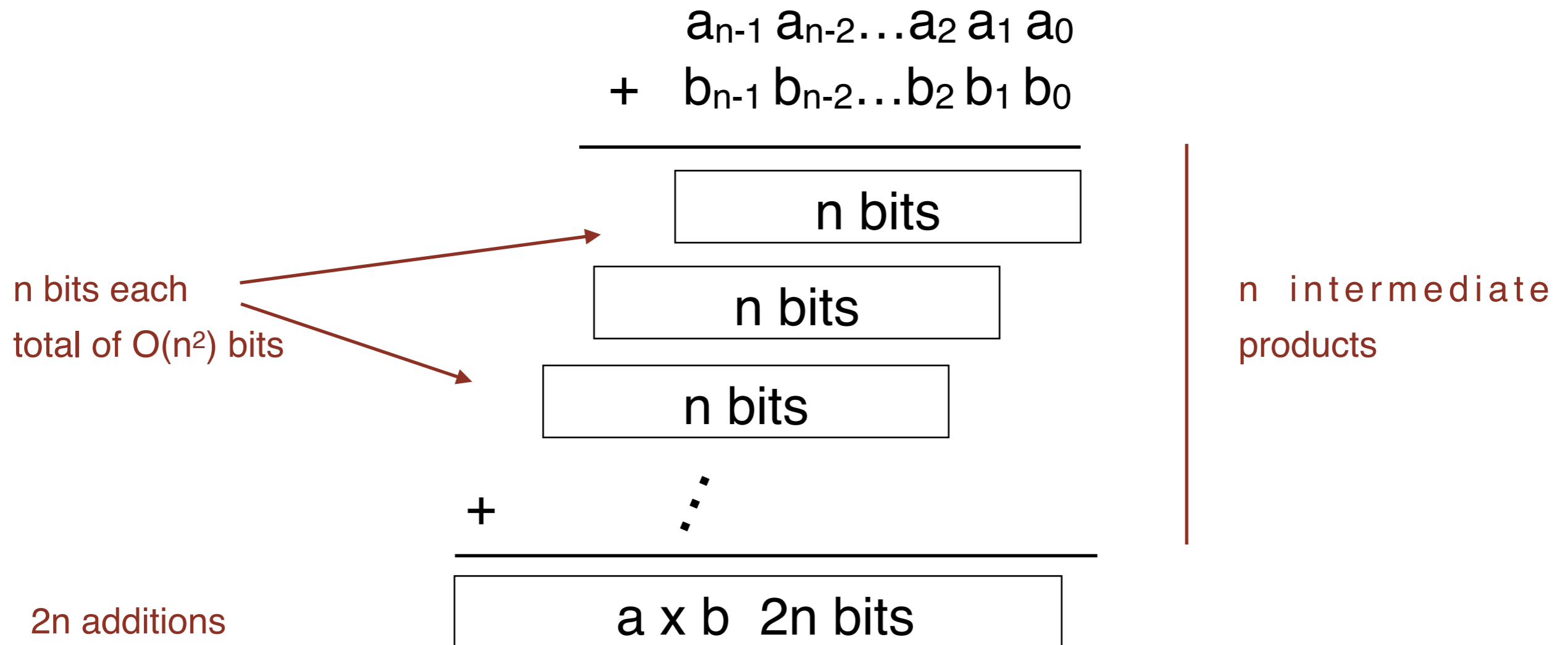


2n additions

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**Conjecture.** [Kolmogorov 1952] Grade-school algorithm is optimal.

**Theorem.** [Karatsuba 1960] Conjecture is wrong. (his result  $O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.59\dots})$ )



# Multiplying large integers

Input:  $n$  bit integers  $a$  and  $b$

Compute:  $ab$

computing  $ab =$  multiplying two  $n$  bit integers  $\sim O(n^2)$  time

Divide-and-conquer:

- subproblem: same problem on smaller input
  - input size here is the number of bits in the integers
  - goal: compute  $ab$  by multiplying  $n/2$  bit integers and then combine them

## Divide: n bits to n/2

Input: n-bit integers a , b

Compute: ab

How to divide n-bit integers into n/2-bit ints?

$$3557_{10} = 3500 + 57 = 35 \times 10^2 + 57$$

$$3557_{10} = 110111100101_2 = 110111000000_2 + 100101_2 = 110111_2 \times 2^6 + 100101_2$$

Note: in decimal multiplying by  $10^k$  shifts the number k bits to the left. Same in binary, multiplying by  $2^k$  shifts k bits to the left (glues k 0s at the end.)

# TopHat

**Question.** Write the representation of the base-3 number  $120120_3$  as two parts of  $n/2$  digit base-3 integers.

A.  $2 \cdot 120_3$

B.  $3 \cdot 120_3 + 120_3$

C.  $120_3 \cdot 3^3 + 120_3$

D.  $120_3 \cdot 3^6 + 120_3 \cdot 3^3$

## Divide: $n$ bits to $n/2$

Input: integers  $a, b$  of length  $n$  bits

How to “divide”? What are the subproblems?

- split  $a$  in to two substrings  $A_1, A_0$  of length  $n/2$

$$a = a_{n-1}a_{n-2} \dots a_{\frac{n}{2}}a_{\frac{n}{2}-1} \dots a_2a_1a_0$$

$$A_1 = a_{n-1}a_{n-2} \dots a_{\frac{n}{2}} \quad A_0 = a_{\frac{n}{2}-1} \dots a_1a_0$$

- then  $a = A_12^{n/2} + A_0$
- same for  $b$ :  $b = B_12^{n/2} + B_0$

# Multiplying large integers using D&C

**Input:**  $n$  bit integers  $a$  and  $b$

**Compute:**  $ab$

- $A_1, A_0, B_1, B_0$  are  $n/2$  bit integers

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**Compute:**

$$ab = (A_1 2^{n/2} + A_0)(B_1 2^{n/2} + B_0) =$$

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- this formula consists of 4 multiplications of  $n/2$  bit numbers and 3 additions

**Divide and conquer approach:** multiply  $n/2$  bit integers recursively

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$$= (2^2)^3 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2^3}) + 5cn = \dots = (2^2)^k \cdot T(\frac{n}{2^k}) + (k+1)cn = \dots$$

we want to substitute the base case  $T(1)$ , which happens when  $k = \log n$

$$= (2^2)^{\log n} T(1) + (\log n)cn = n^2 + \Theta(1)n \log n = \Theta(n^2)$$

Now we can prove by induction that  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

## General formula for recurrences of specific form

Recurrence:

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn = cn^{\log_2 4} = \Theta(n^2)$$

General form:

$$T(n) = qT\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn = cn^{\log_2 q} \text{ for } q > 2$$

Discussed in detail: Kleinberg-Tardos pages 214 - 218

# Multiplying large integers using D&C

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Thus we get  $x = A_1 B_1$ ,  $y = A_0 B_0$ ,  $z = \underbrace{(A_1 + A_0)(B_1 + B_0)}_{n/2 \text{ bits!}}$  ← multiply  $n/2$  bit integers

$$ab = A_1 B_1 2^n + (A_1 B_0 + A_0 B_1) 2^{n/2} + A_0 B_0 = x 2^n + (z - x - y) 2^{n/2} + y$$

The new formula contains only 3 multiplications of  $n/2$  bits.

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# Karatsuba's algorithm - TopHat

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Question: What is the recurrence for this algorithm?

- A.  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$                       C.  $T(n) = 3 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(n)$
- B.  $T(n) = 2 \cdot T(\frac{n}{3}) + \Theta(n)$                       D.  $T(n) = 3 \cdot T(\frac{n}{3}) + \Theta(1)$



# Karatsuba's algorithm

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**Algorithm 1:** Karatsuba(ints  $a, b, n$ )

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1 if  $n == 1$  then
2   |   return  $ab$ ;
3  $m \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ ;
4  $A_0 \leftarrow \lfloor a/2^m \rfloor$  /* integer division      */
5  $B_0 \leftarrow \lfloor b/2^m \rfloor$  /* integer division      */
6  $A_1 \leftarrow a \bmod 2^m$ ;
7  $B_1 \leftarrow b \bmod 2^m$ ;
8  $x \leftarrow \text{Karatsuba}(A_1, B_1, m)$ ;
9  $y \leftarrow \text{Karatsuba}(A_0, B_0, m)$ ;
10  $z \leftarrow \text{Karatsuba}(A_1 + A_0, B_1 + B_0, m)$ ;
11 return  $x2^{2m} + (z - x - y)2^m + y$ ;
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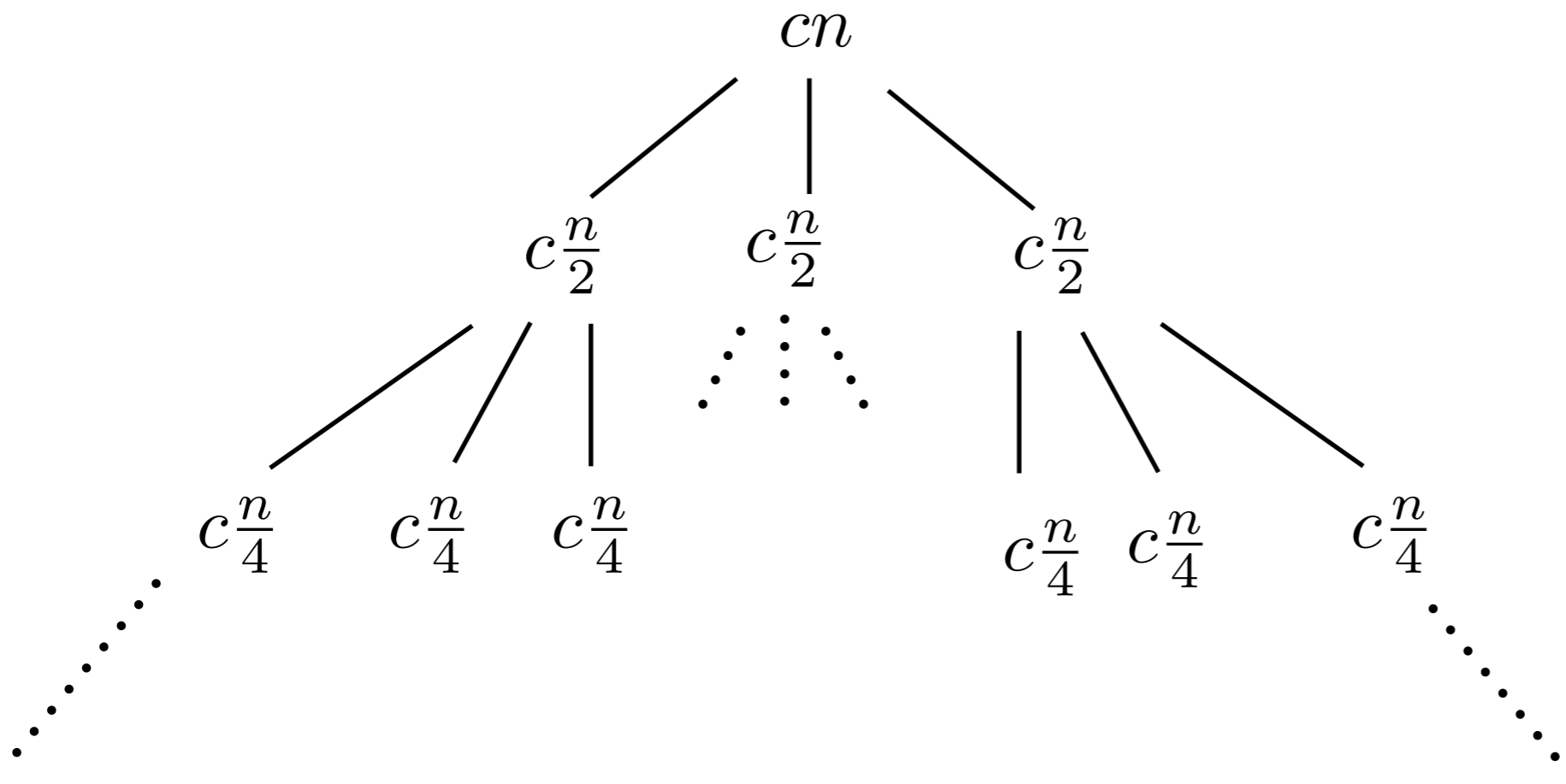
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$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn$$

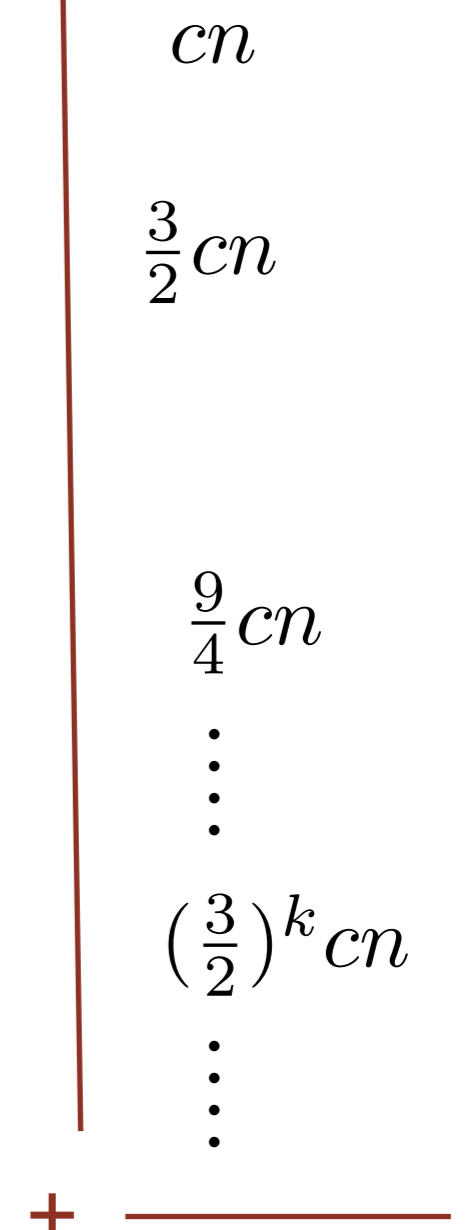
$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = \Theta(n^{1.59\dots})$$

# Recursion tree method

Solve  $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + cn$  where  $c \geq 2$  const

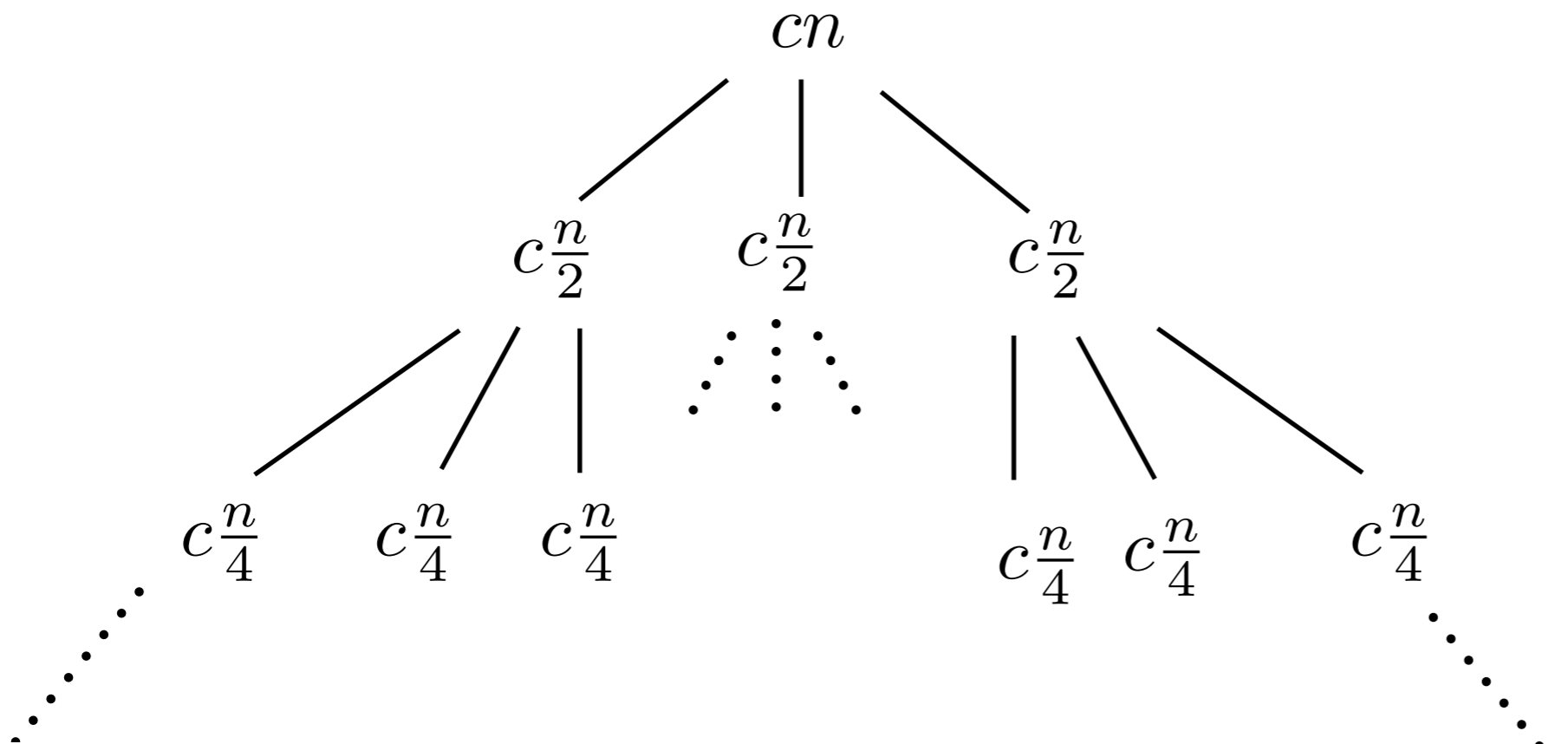


work per procedure



# Recursion tree method - TopHat

Solve  $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + cn$  where  $c \geq 2$  const



work per procedure

$$cn$$

$$\frac{3}{2}cn$$

$$\frac{9}{4}cn$$

⋮

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^k cn$$

⋮

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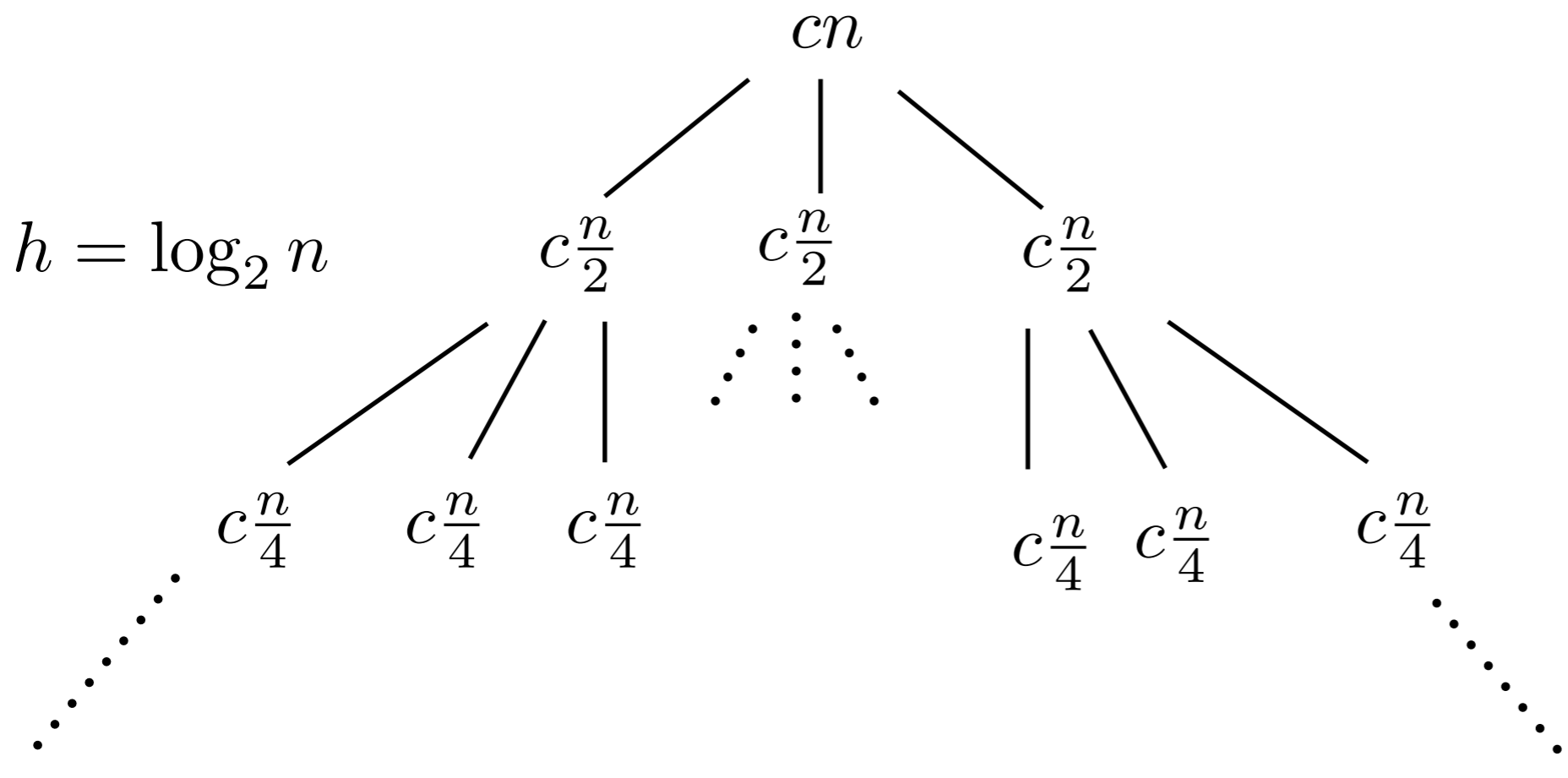
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Question: what is the height of the tree and number of nodes at layer k? (you may assume the root is at layer 0)

- A.  $\log_3 n$  &  $n^k$
- B.  $\log_2 n$  &  $3^k$
- C.  $\log_2 n$  &  $n^3$
- D.  $\log_3 n$  &  $k^3$

# Recursion tree method

Solve  $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + cn$  where  $c \geq 2$  const



work per procedure

$$cn$$

$$\frac{3}{2}cn$$

$$\frac{9}{4}cn$$

⋮

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^k cn$$

⋮

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\log_3 n} &= \frac{1}{n} 3^{\log_2 n} = \\ &= 3^{\log_3 n} * 3^{\frac{1}{\log_3 2}} = n 3^{\log_2 3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\log_3 n} cn = cn^{\log_2 3} = cn^{1.59\dots}$$

## General formula for recurrences of specific form

Recurrence for Karatsuba's:

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn = cn^{\log_2 3}$$

General form:

$$T(n) = qT\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn = cn^{\log_2 q} \text{ for } q > 2$$

Discussed in detail: Kleinberg-Tardos pages 214 - 218

# History of asymptotic complexity of integer multiplication

year	algorithm	order of growth
?	<b>grade-school</b>	$\Theta(n^2)$
1962	<b>Karatsuba-Ofman</b>	$\Theta(n^{1.585})$
1963	<b>Toom-3, Toom-4</b>	$\Theta(n^{1.465}), \Theta(n^{1.404})$
1966	<b>Toom-Cook</b>	$\Theta(n^{1+\epsilon})$
1971	<b>Schönhage-Strassen</b>	$\Theta(n \log n \log \log n)$
2007	<b>Fürer</b>	$n \log n 2^{O(\log^* n)}$
2019	<b>Harvey, van der Hoeven</b>	$\Theta(n \log n)$

number of bit operations to multiply two  $n$ -bit integers

**Remark.** GNU Multiple Precision Library uses one of five different algorithms depending on size of operands.