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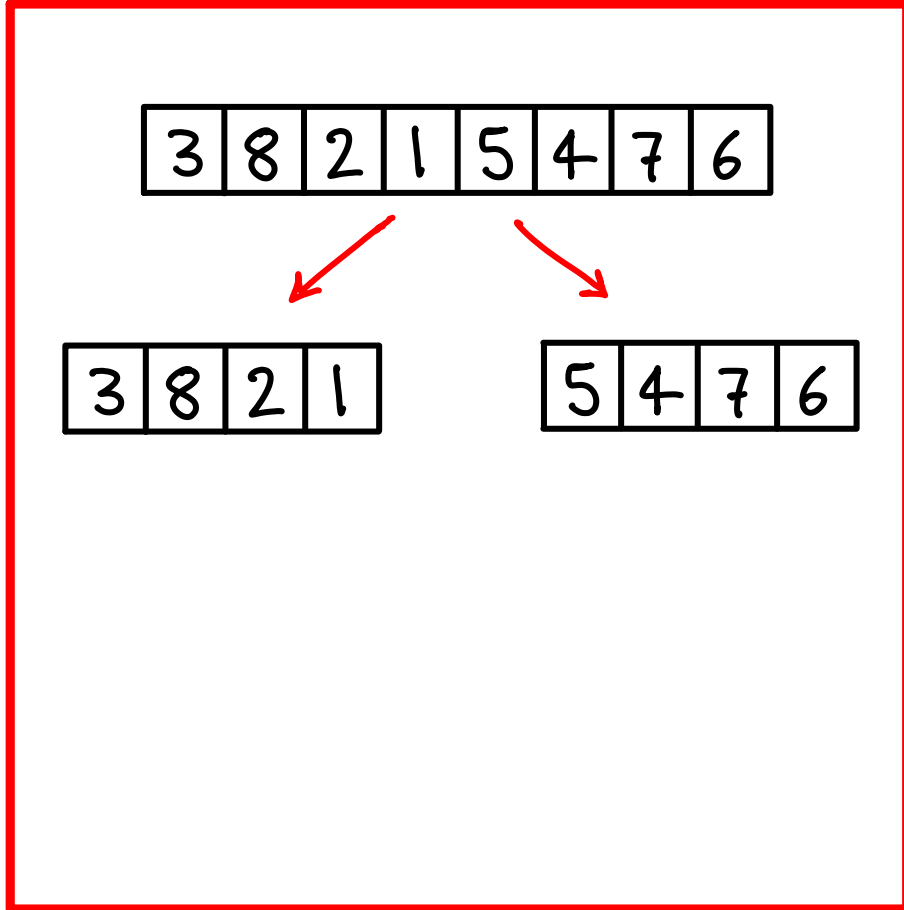
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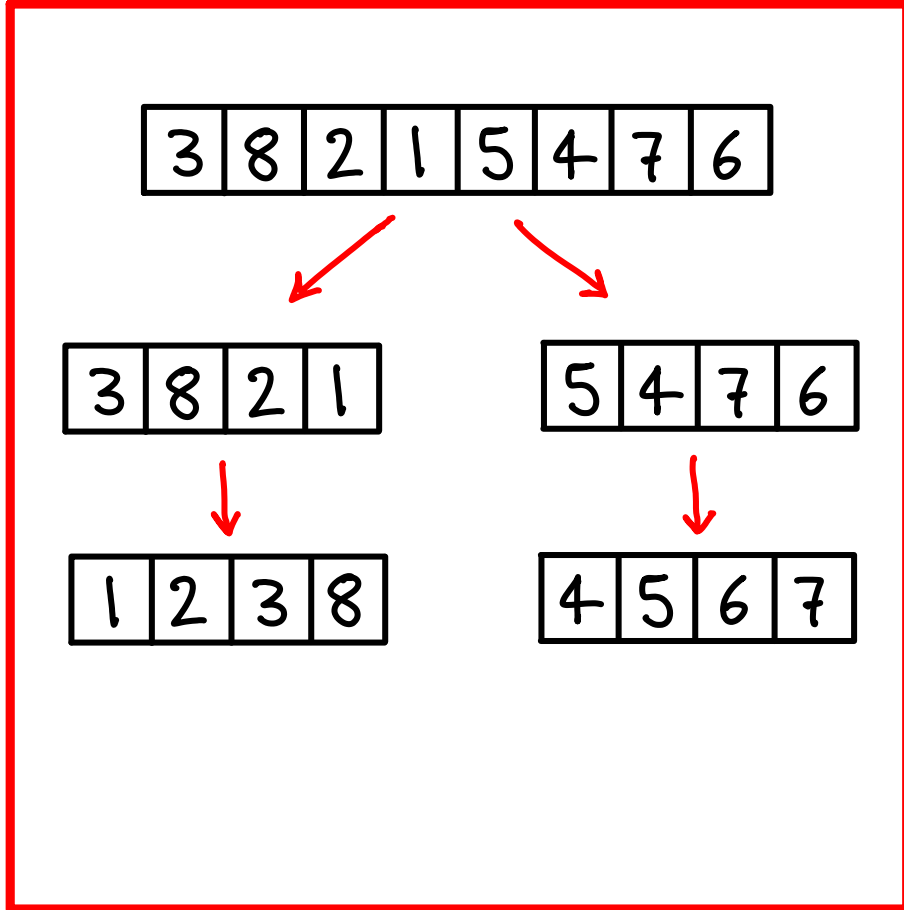
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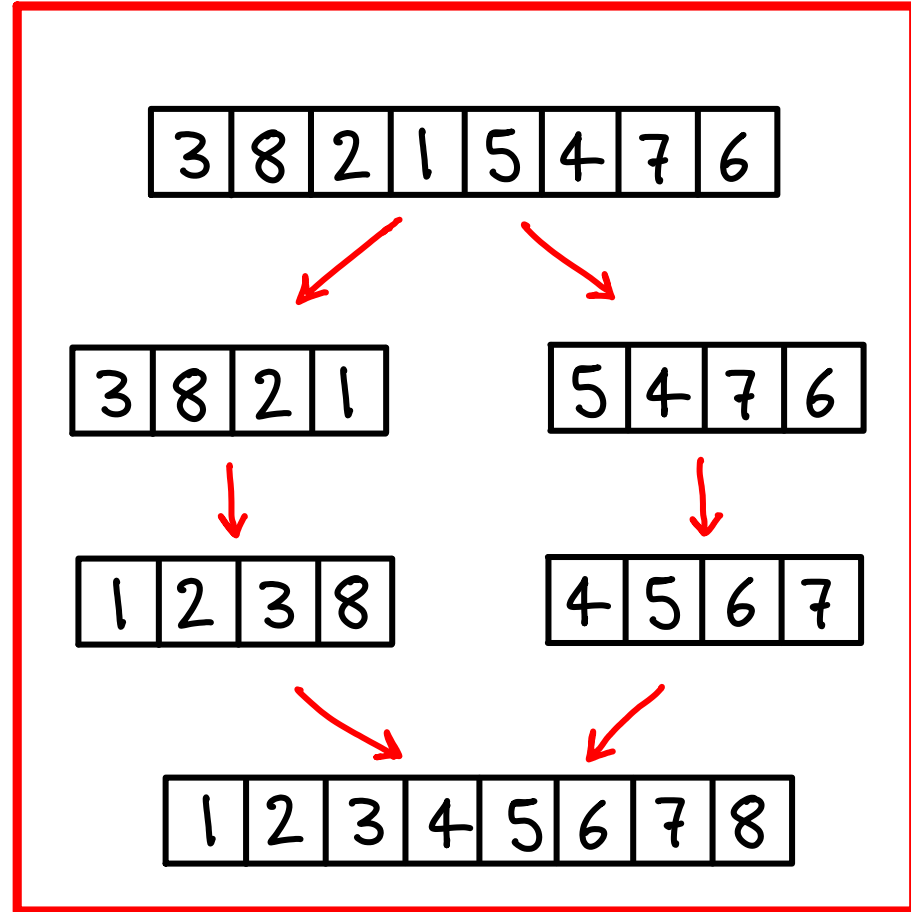


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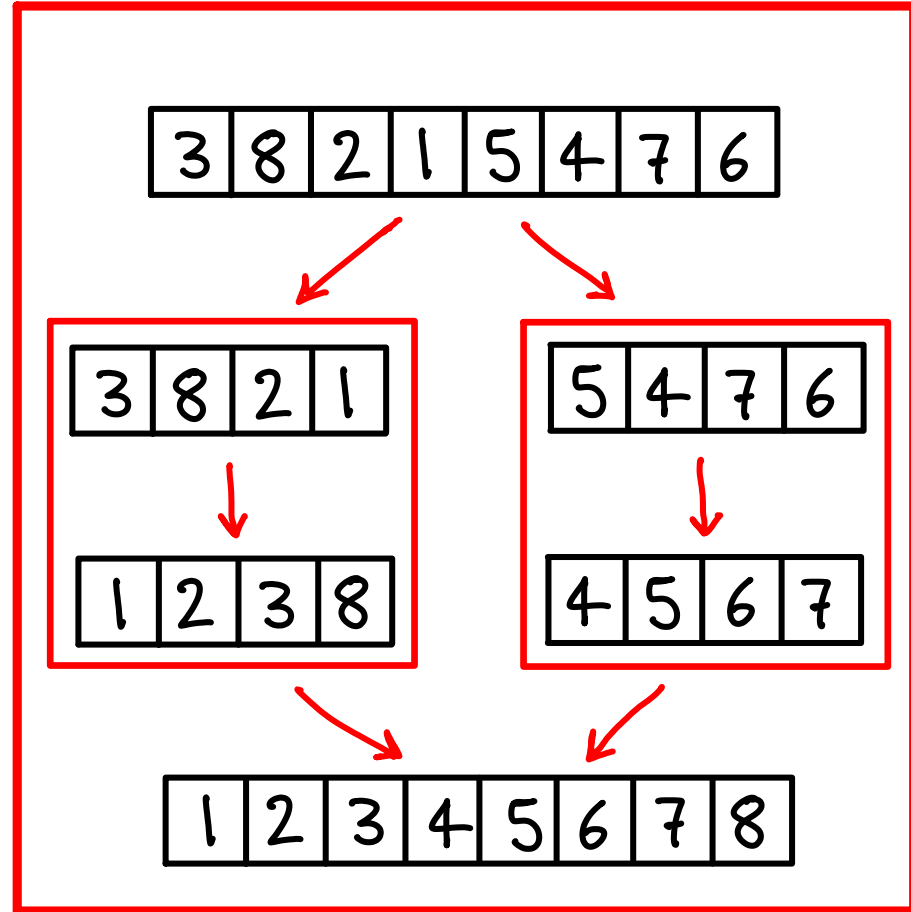


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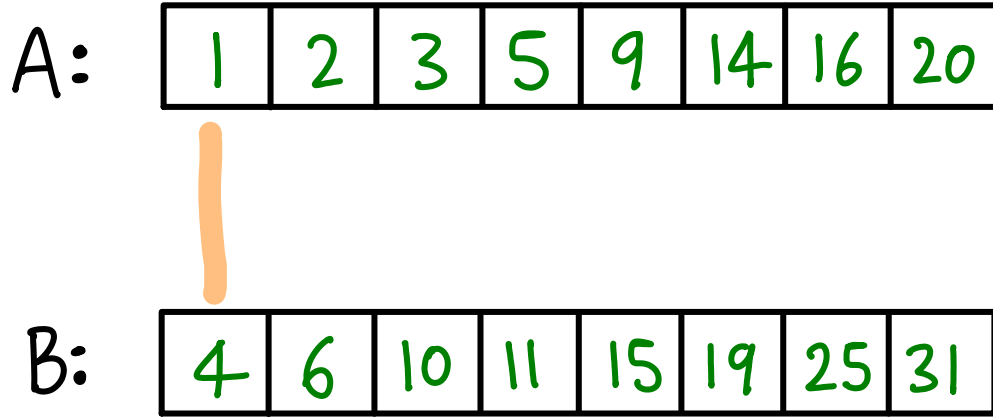
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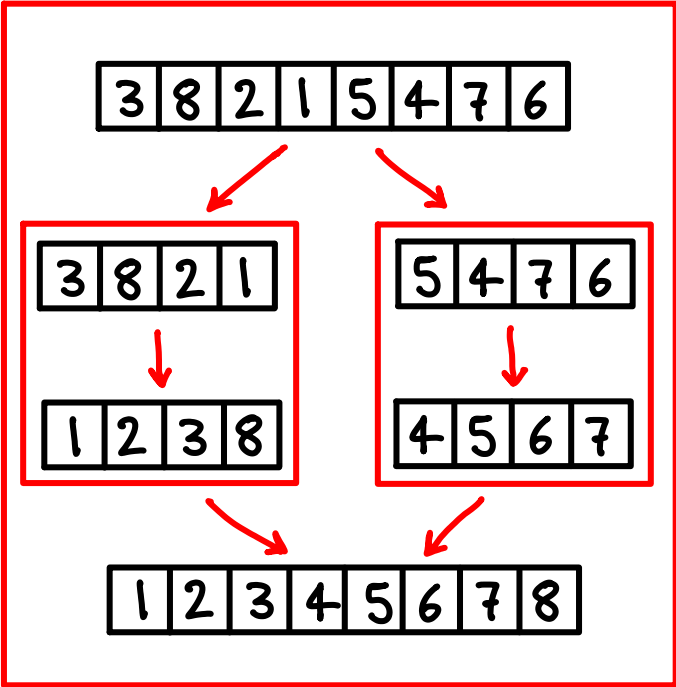
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Merging 2 sorted arrays:

Smallest element is at
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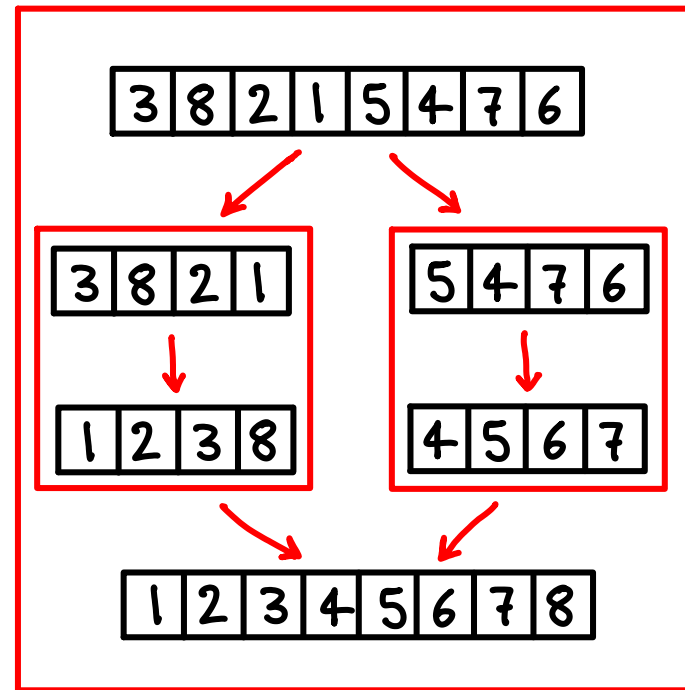


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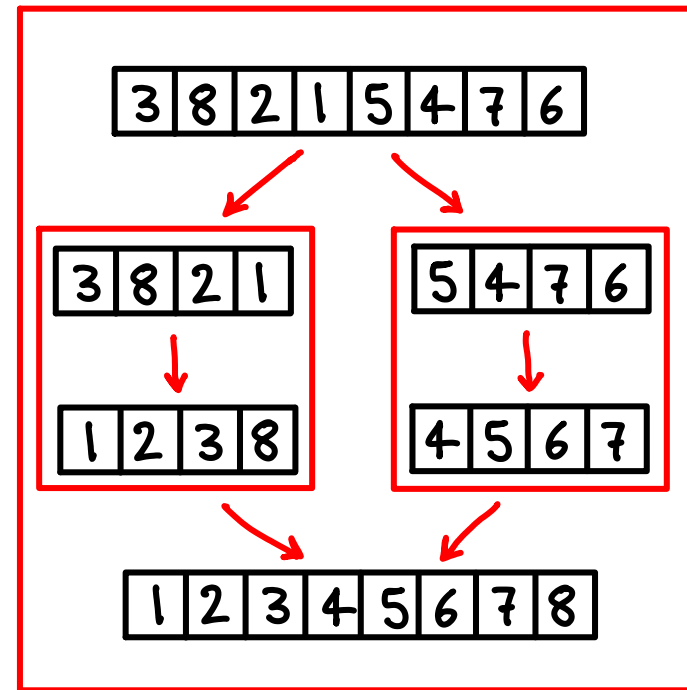
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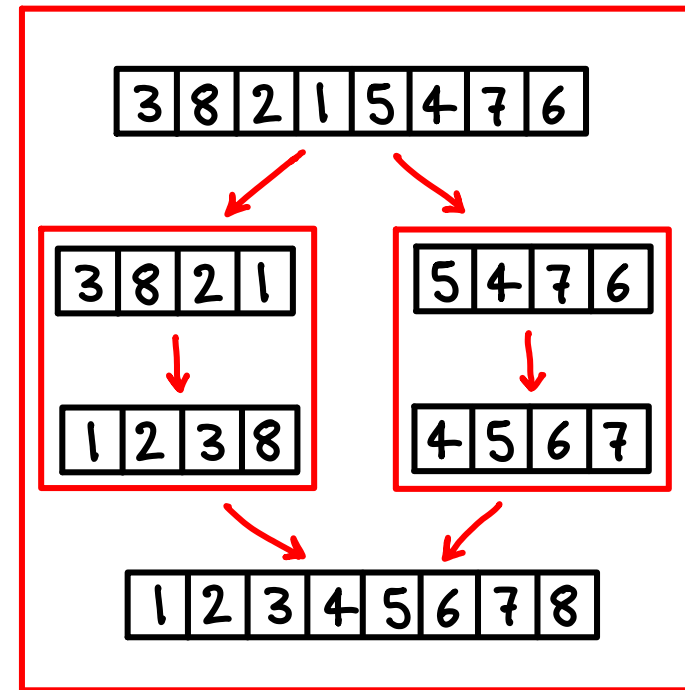


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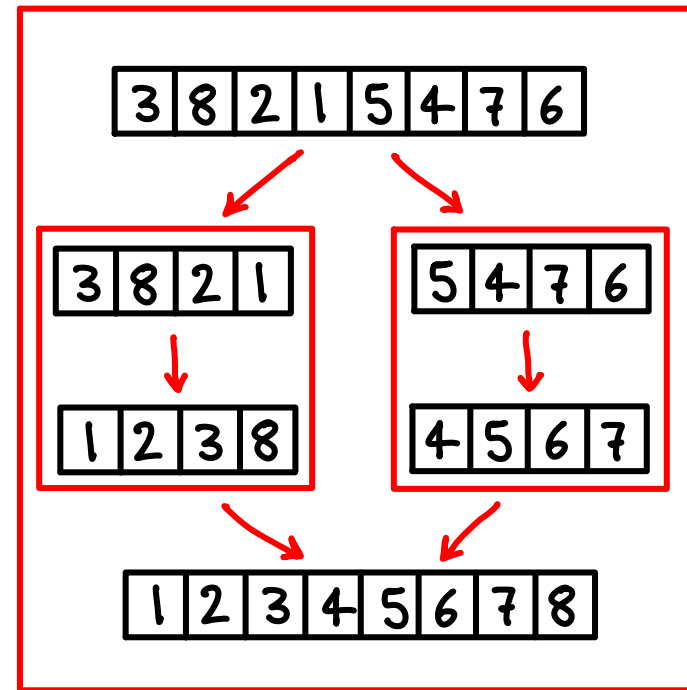
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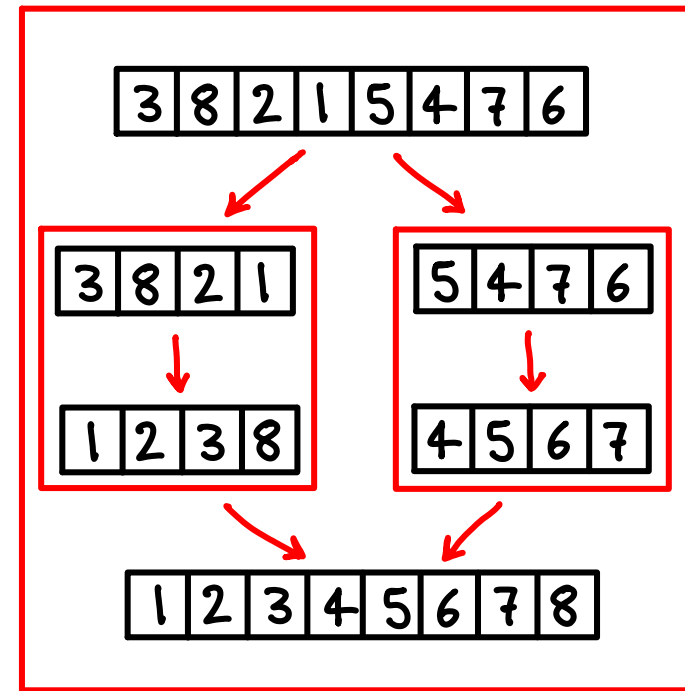
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Actually $T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + \Theta(n) \rightarrow$ easy to deal with

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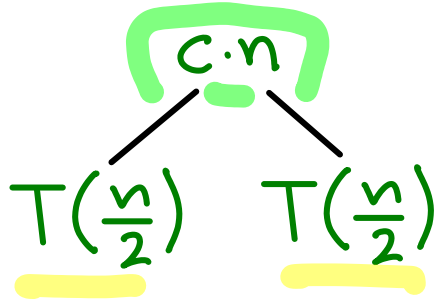
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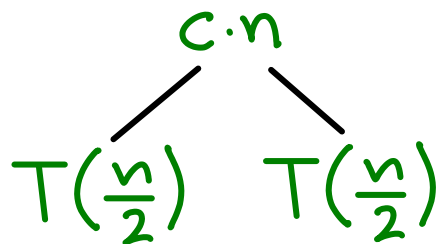
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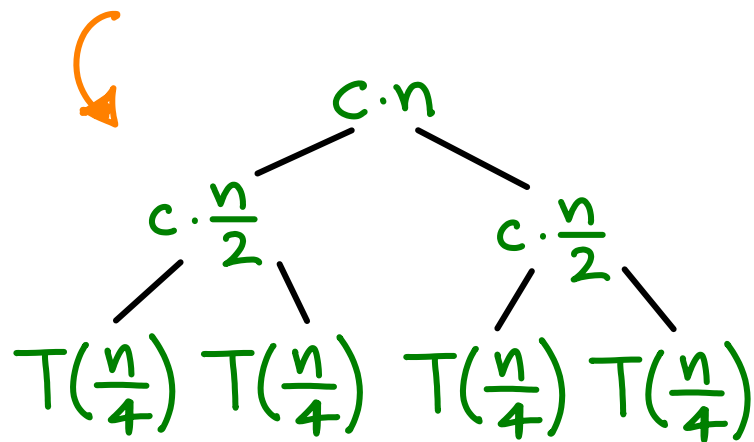
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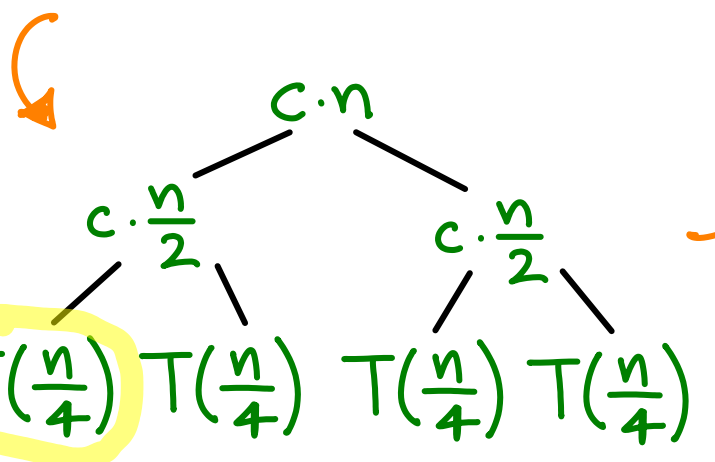
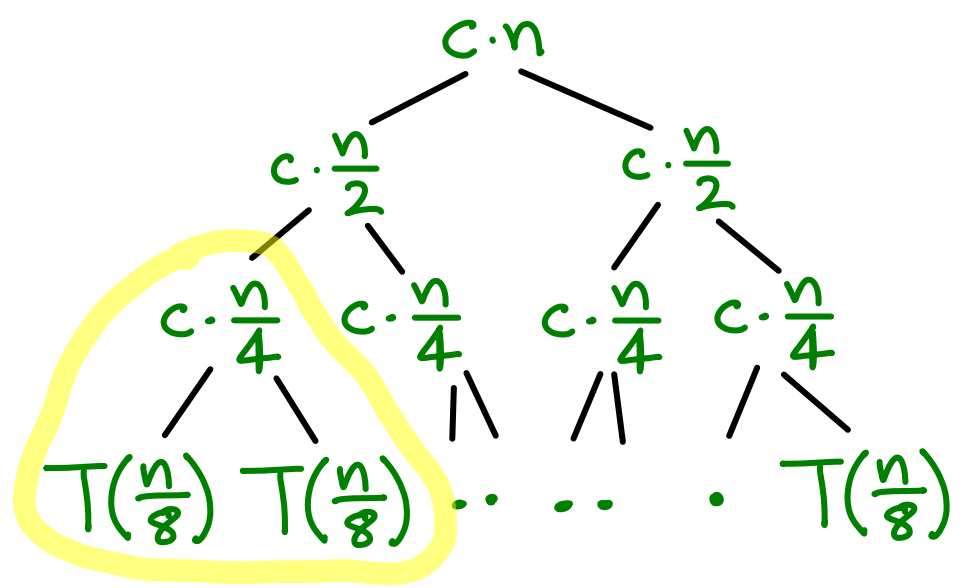
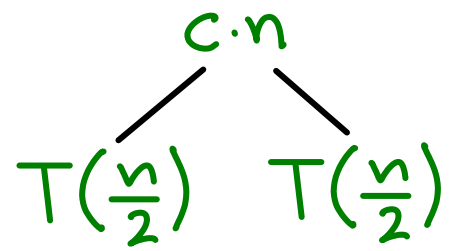


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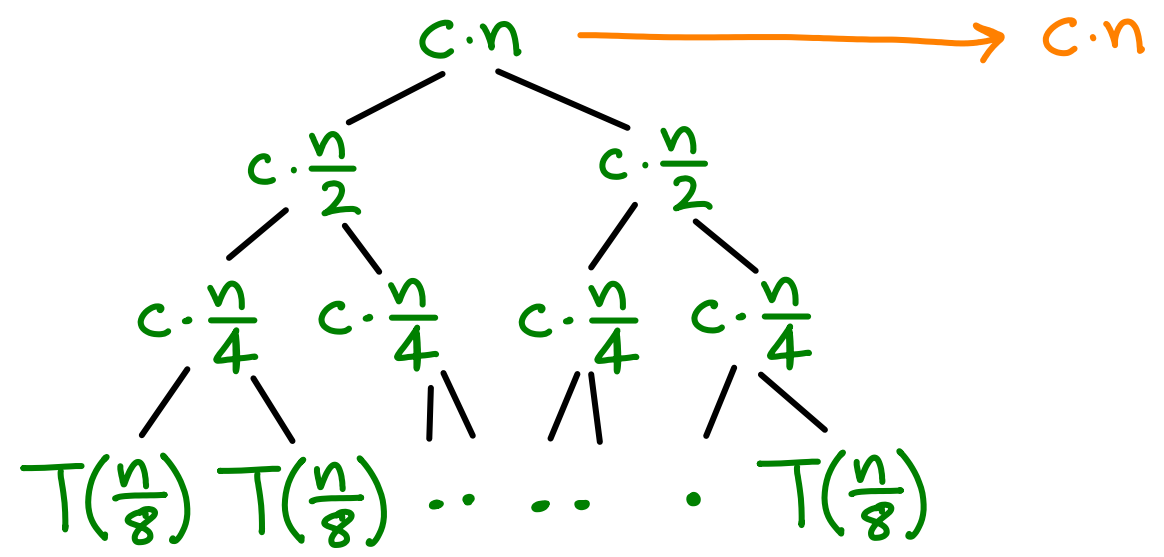
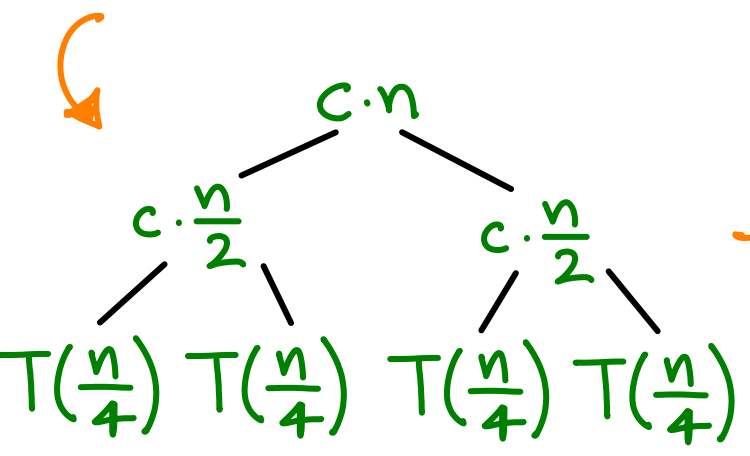
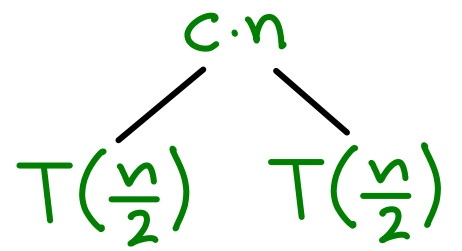


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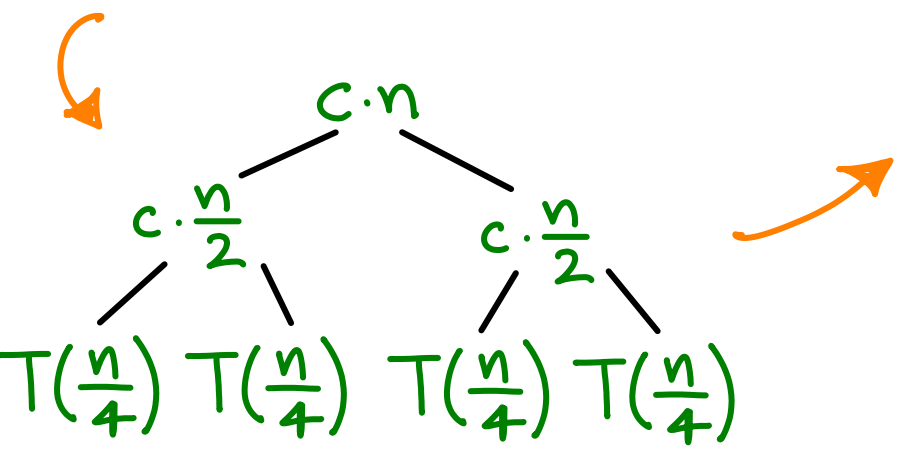
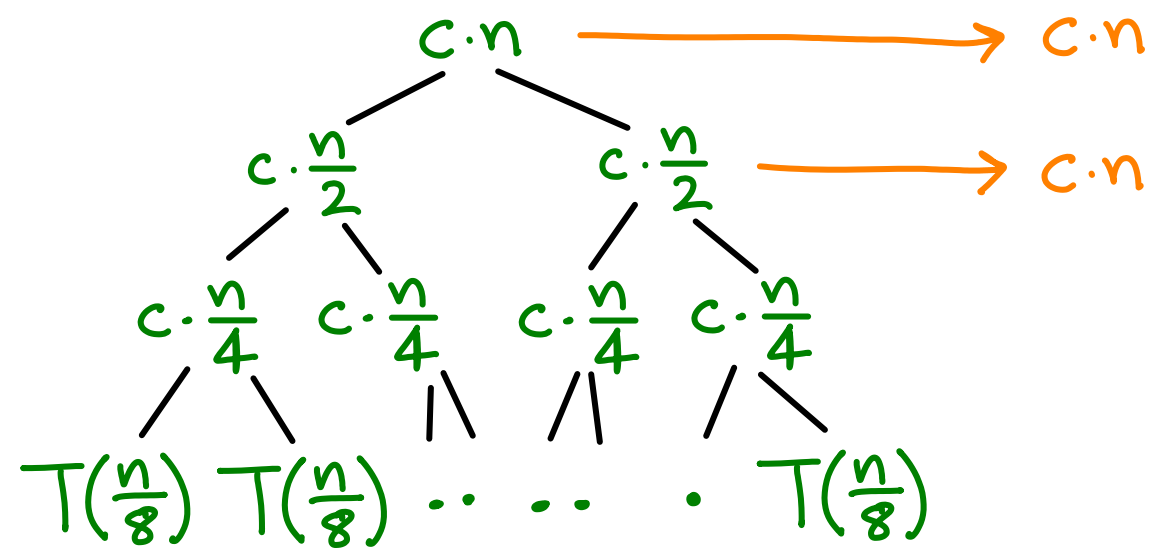
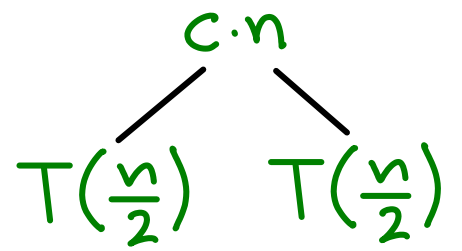


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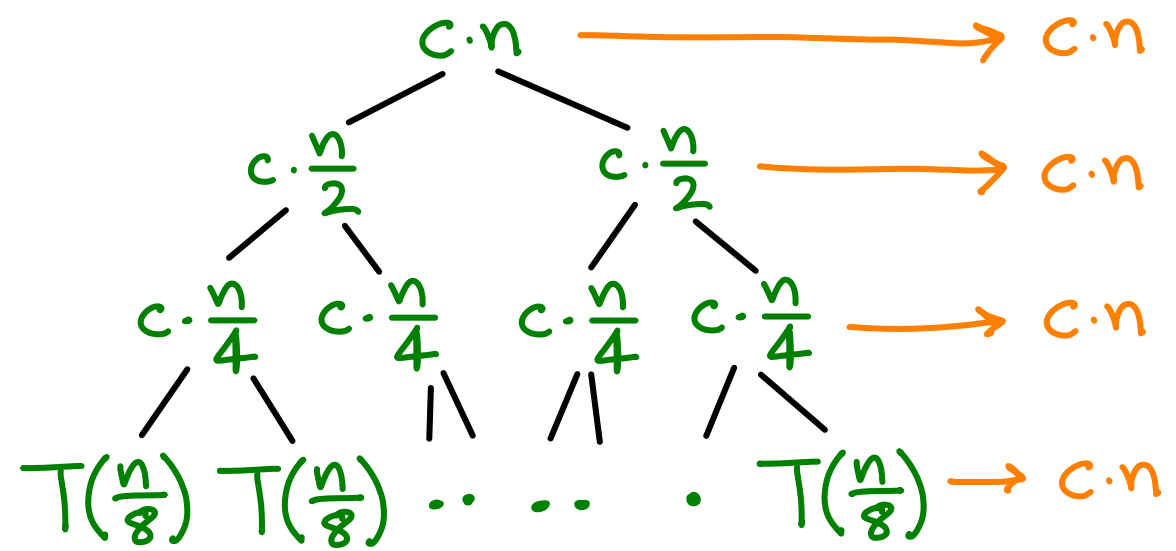
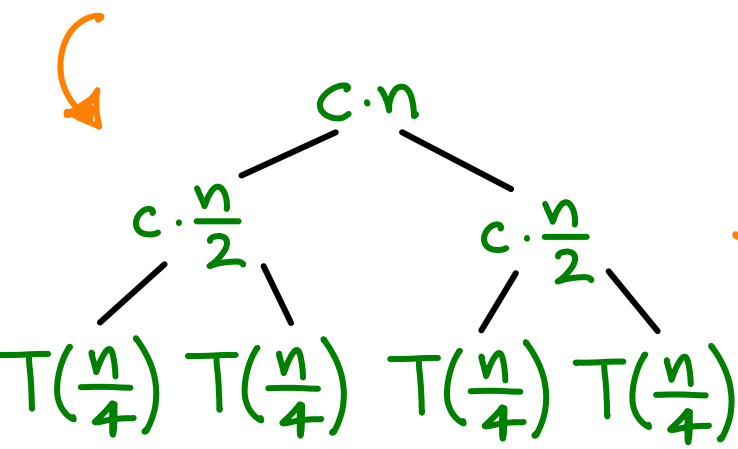
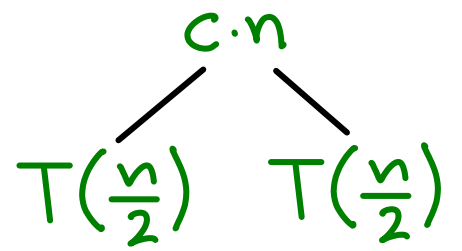


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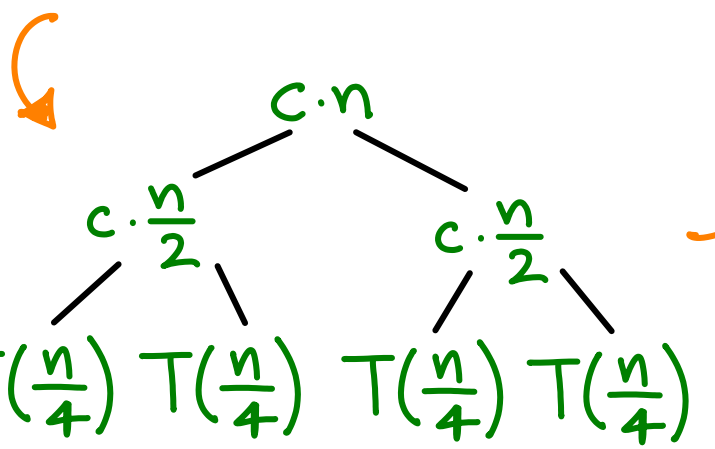
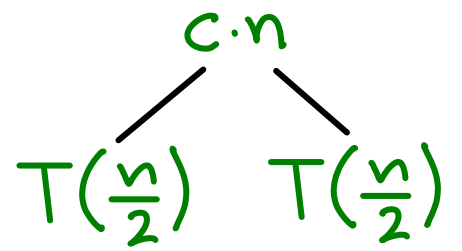


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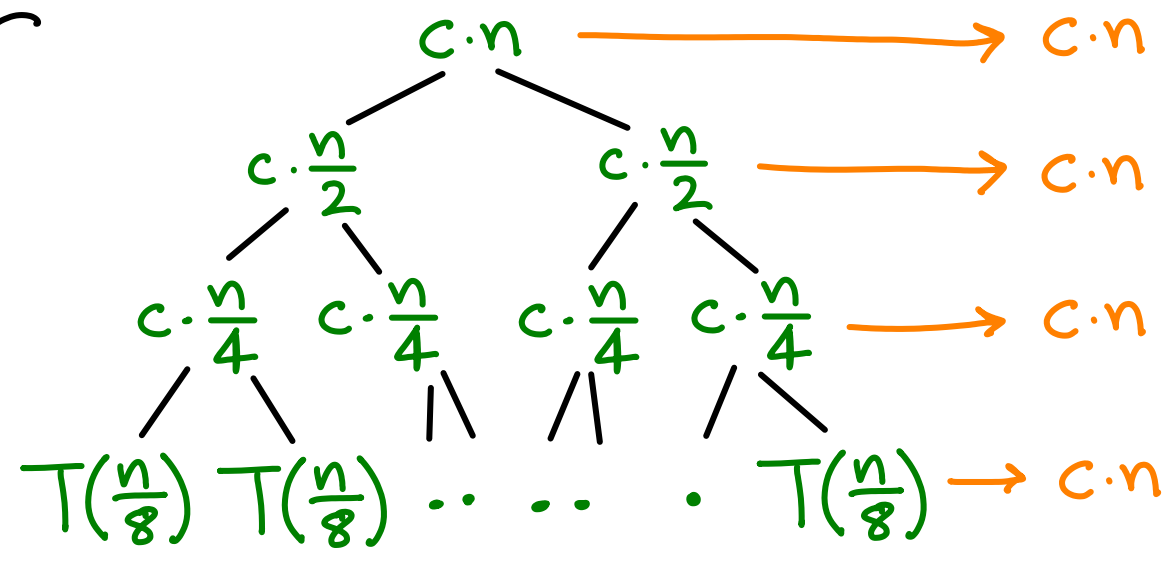
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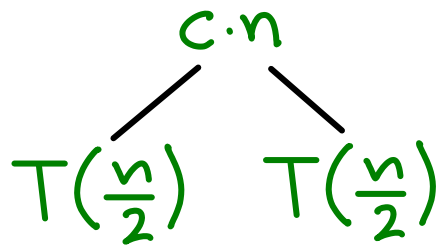


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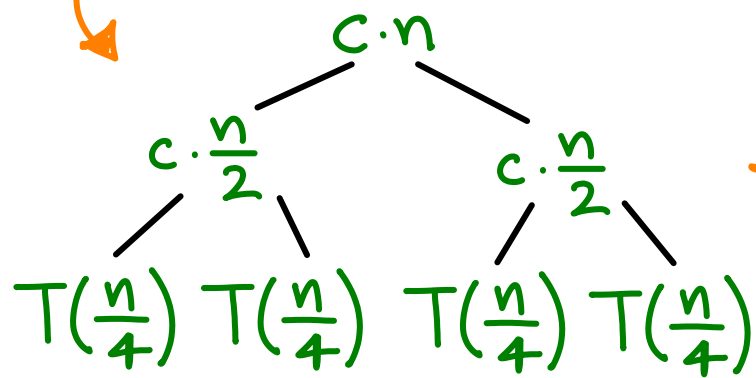
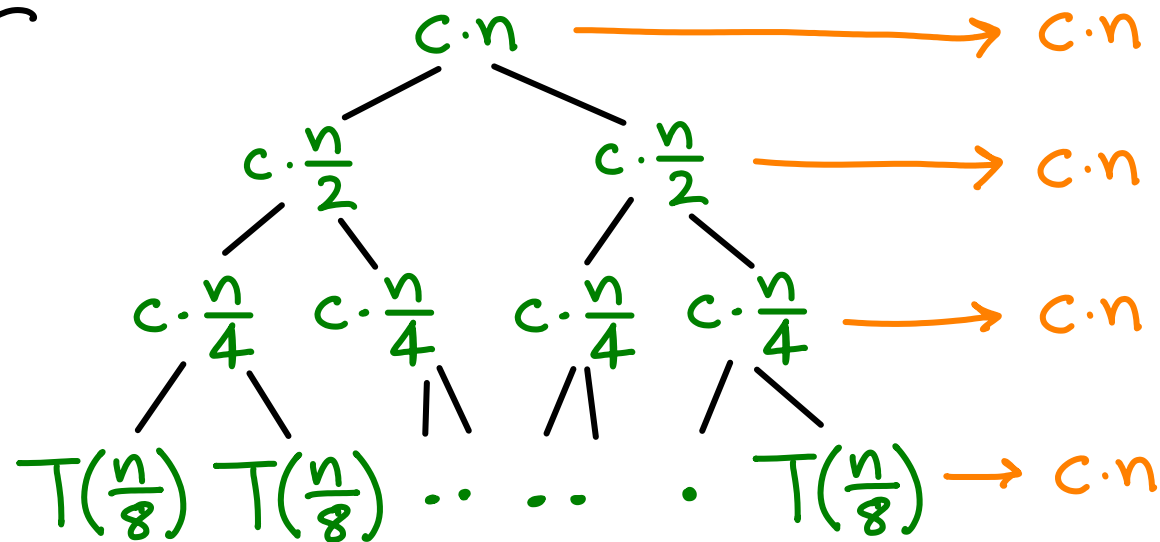
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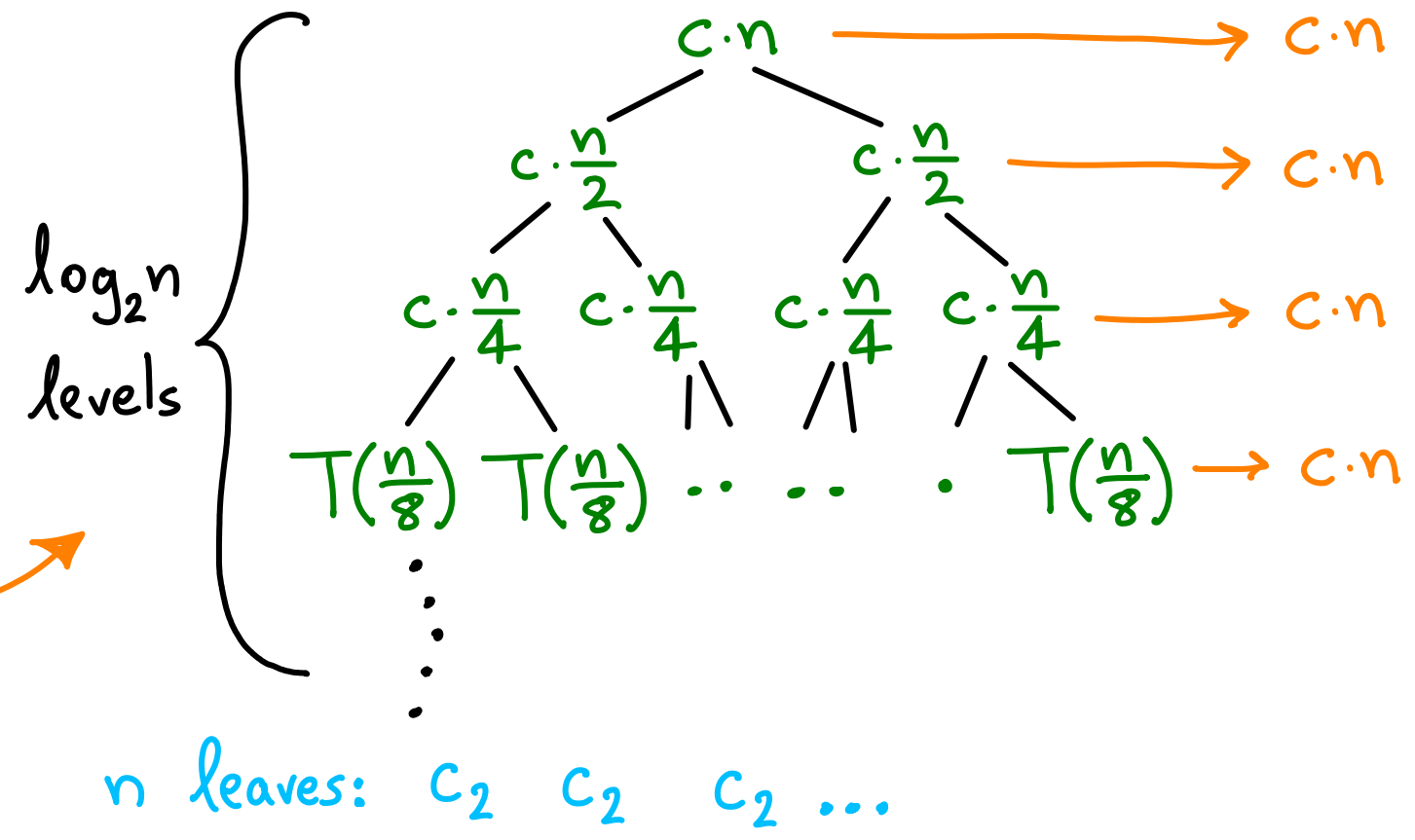
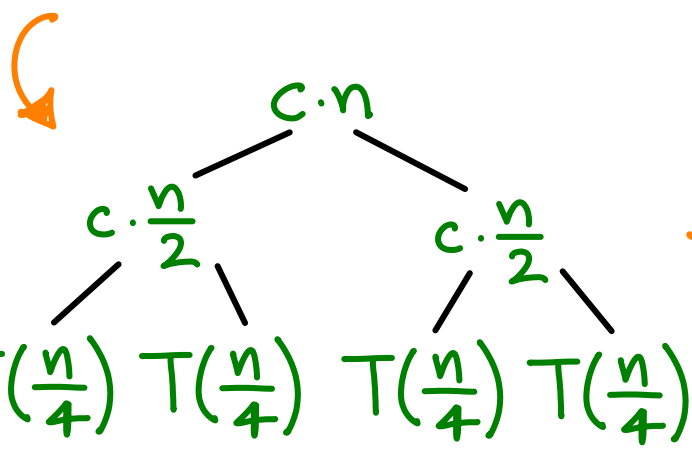
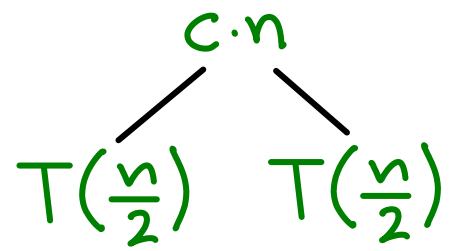


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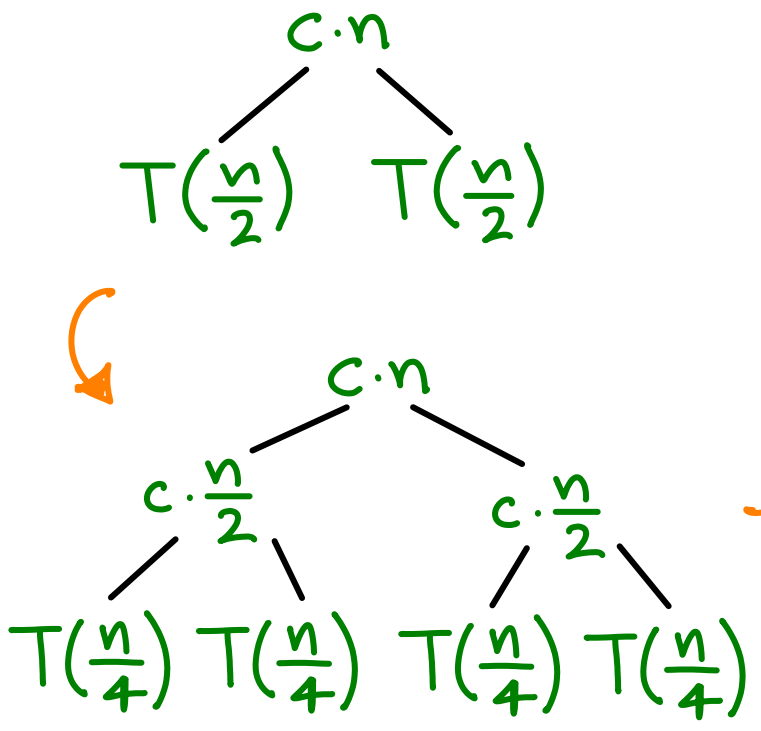


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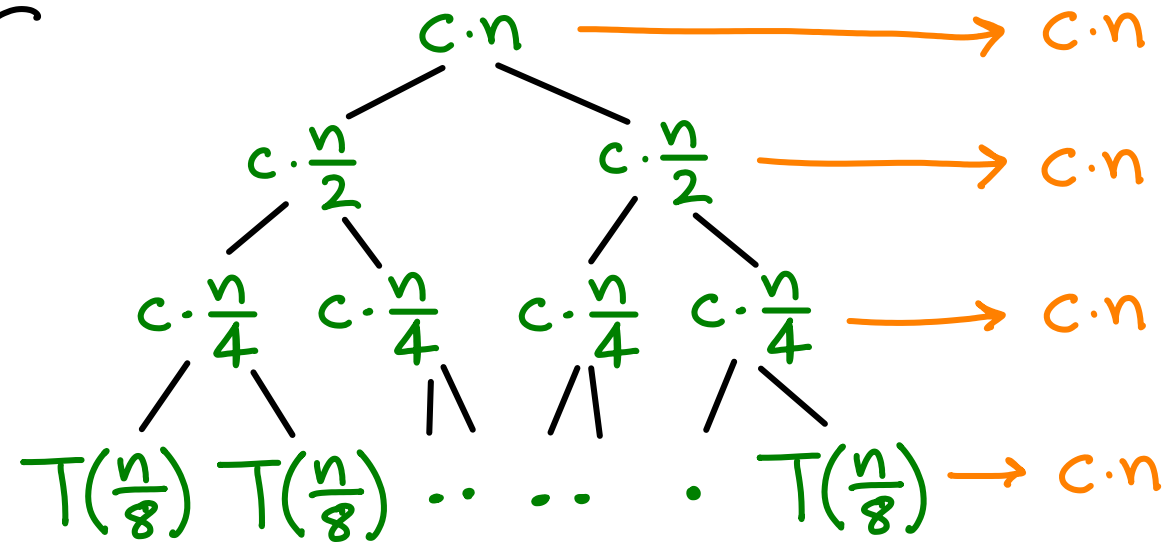
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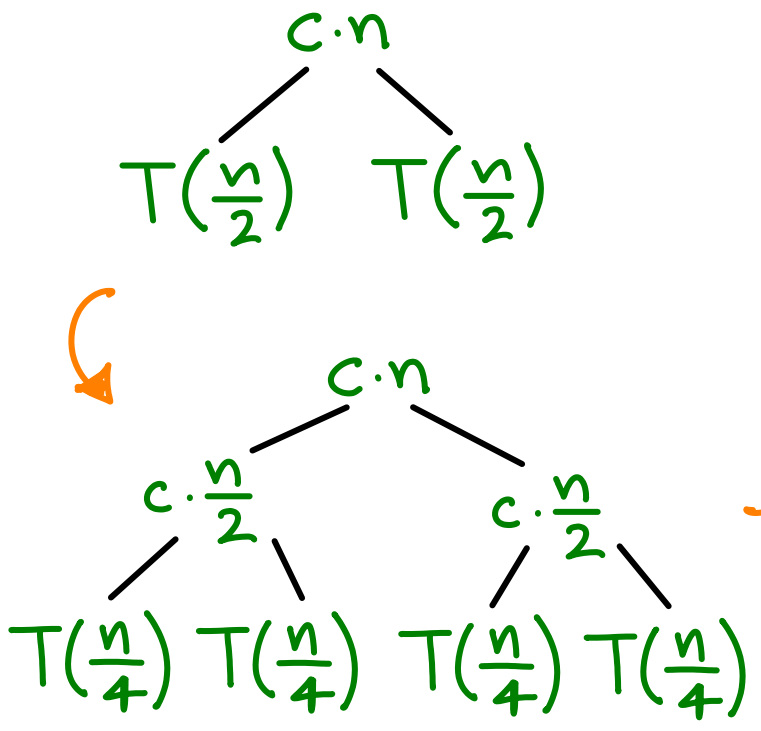
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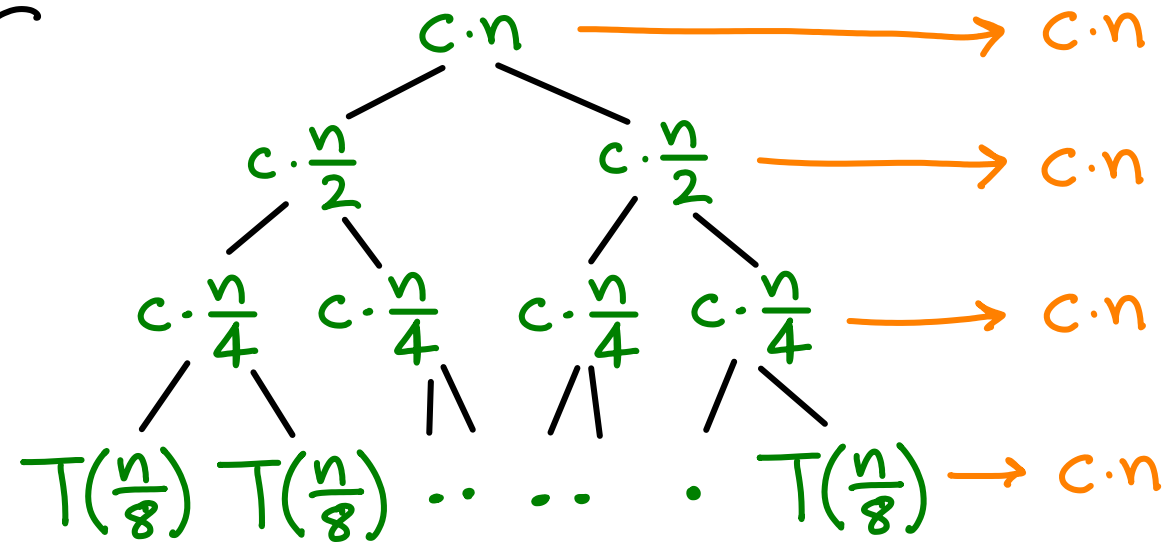
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The recursion tree method relies on noticing a pattern and for it to be formal one must prove that the pattern holds not just for a few levels.

If that's not easy to do, use substitution and induction...

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but now you must handle
a larger base case

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DON'T USE BIG-O
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Algebra: $= cn^2 - 2dn + n$

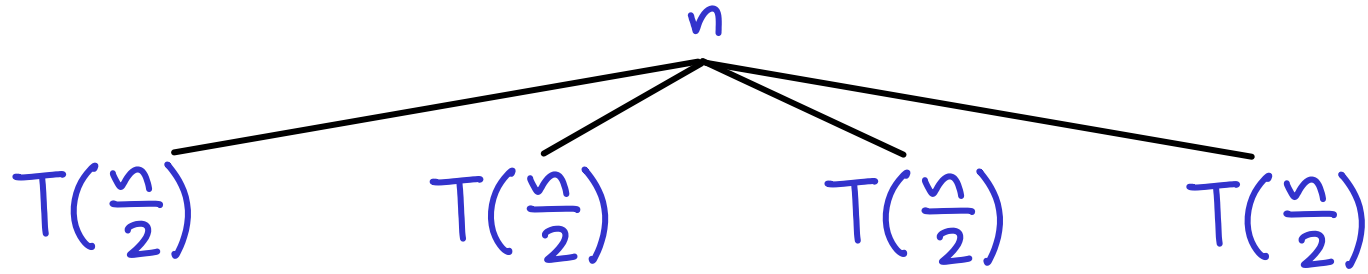
$$= \underbrace{cn^2 - dn}_{\text{desired form}} - dn + n = cn^2 - dn - \underbrace{(dn - n)}_{\geq 0 \text{ if } d \geq 1}$$

Making the hypothesis stronger often works.
See my notes on induction.

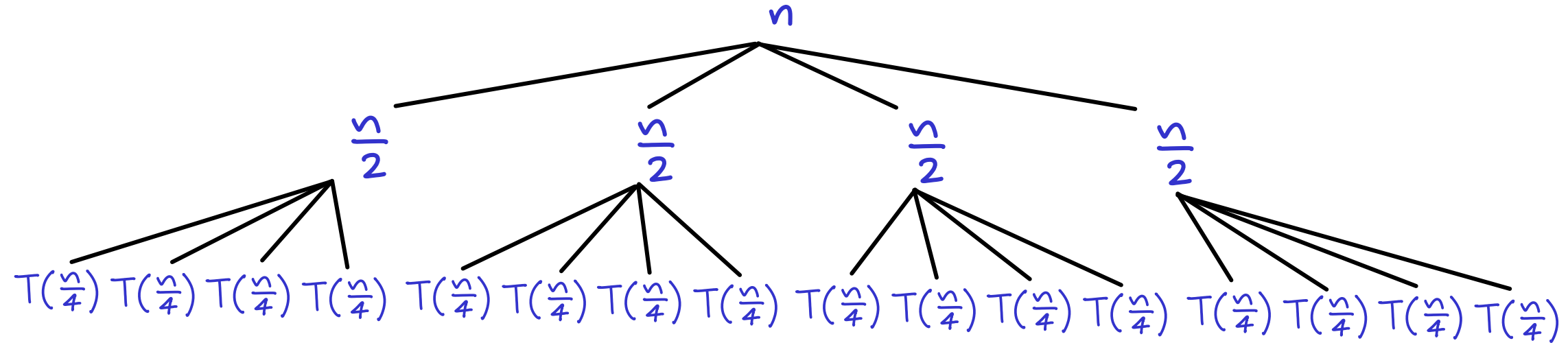
So can c be anything? No.

Base case: $T(1) = 1 \leq c \cdot 1^2 - d \cdot 1$ if $c > d$

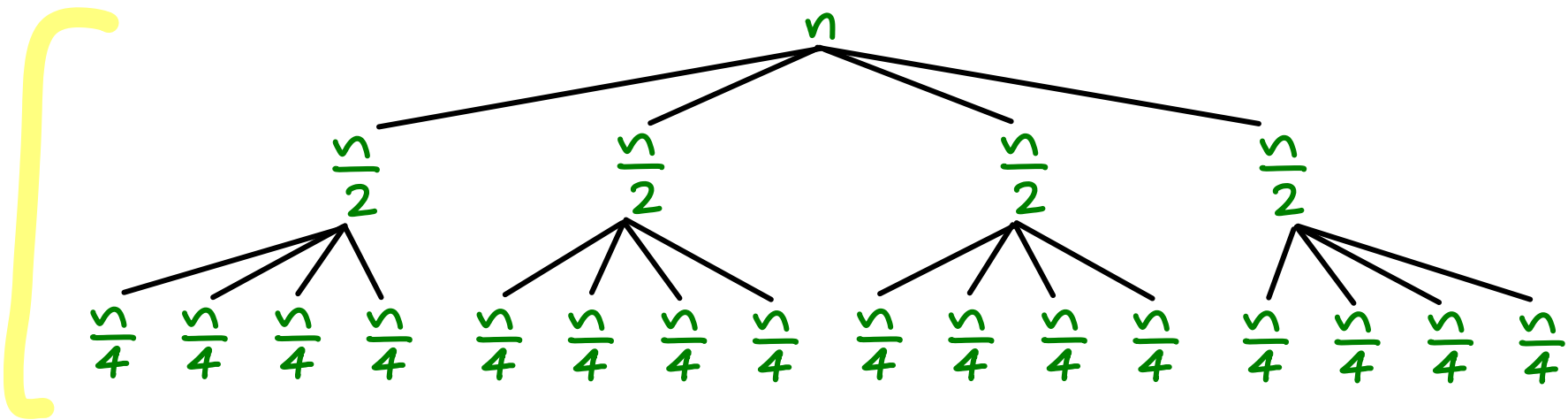
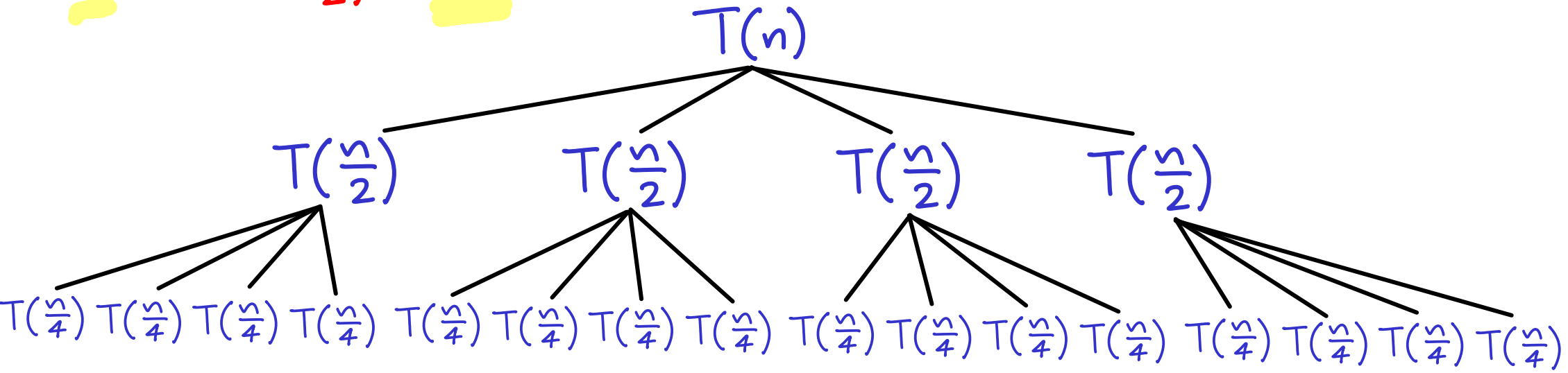
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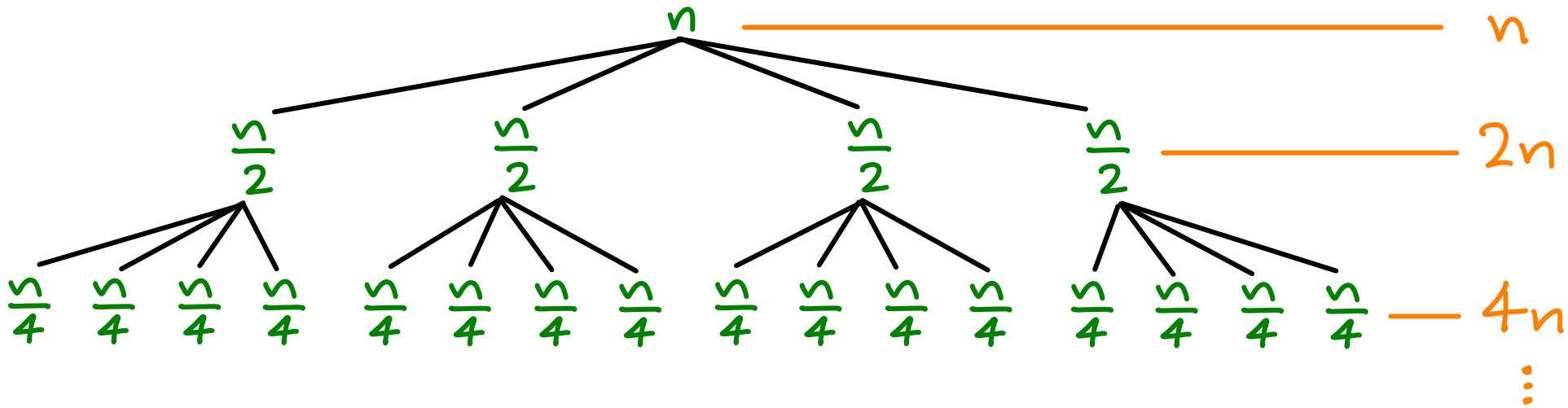
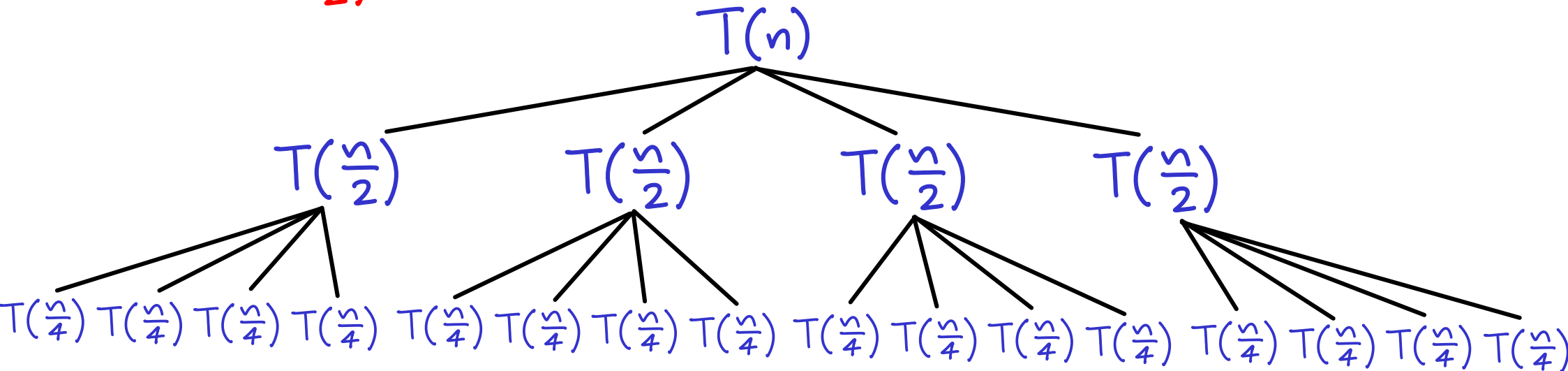
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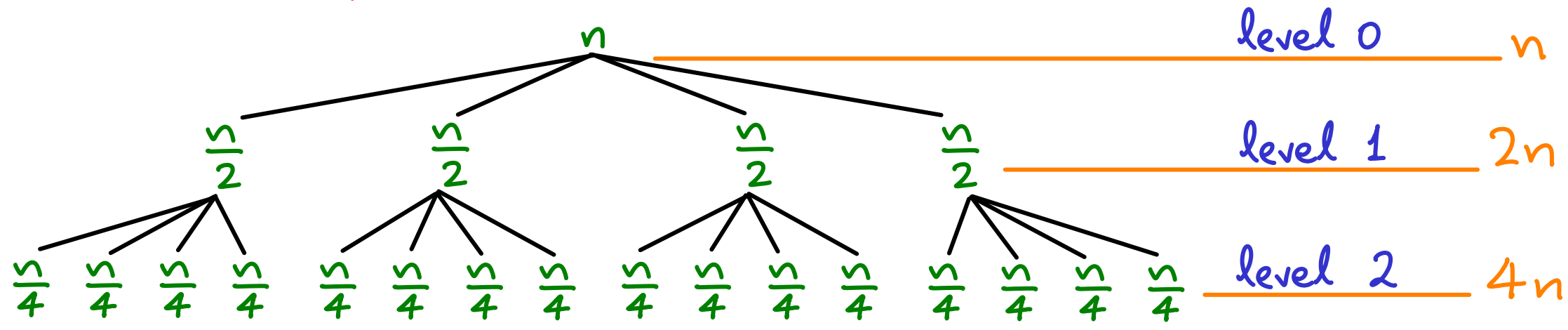
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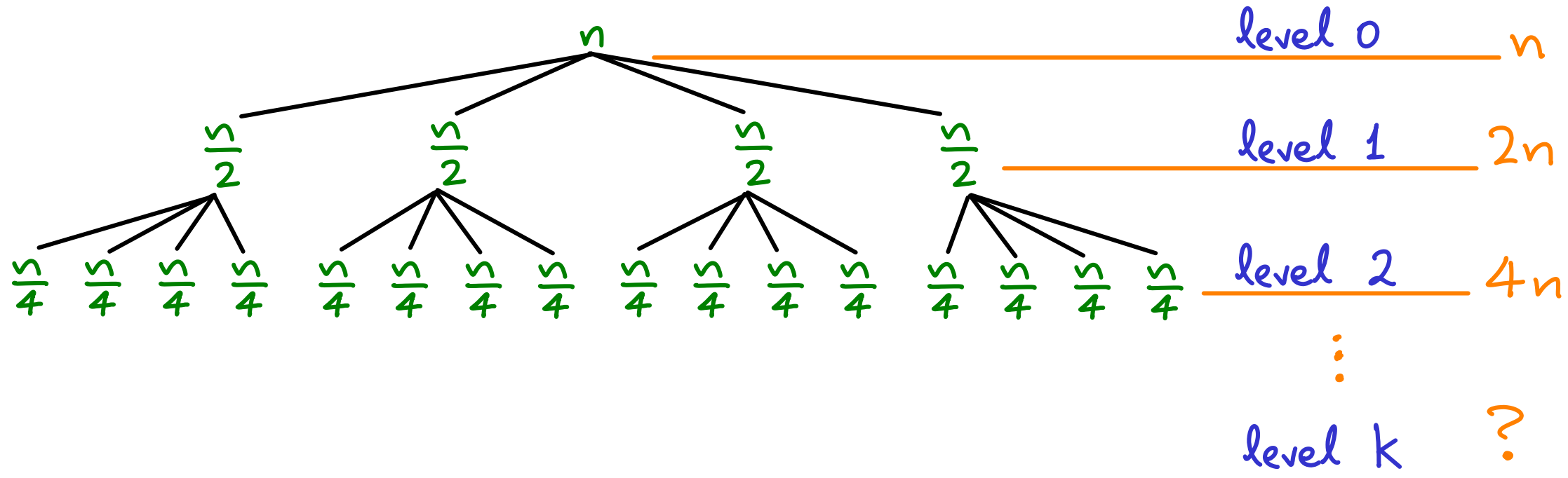
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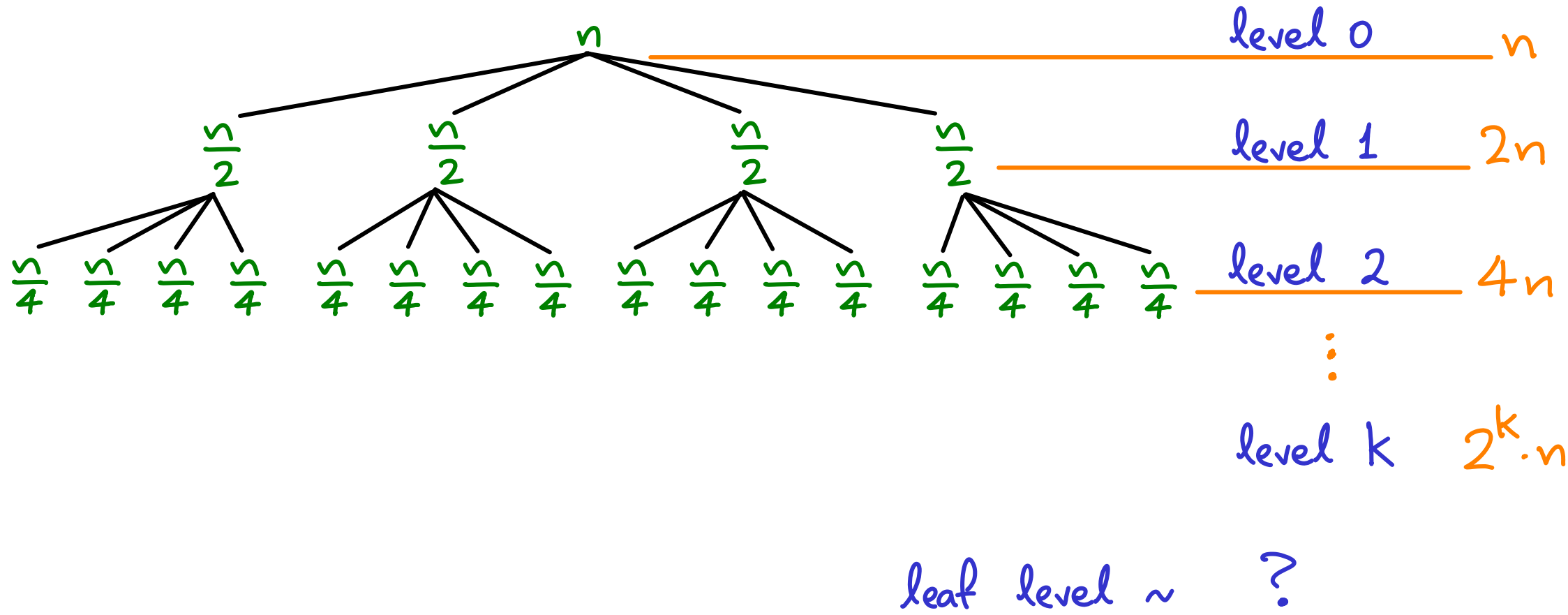
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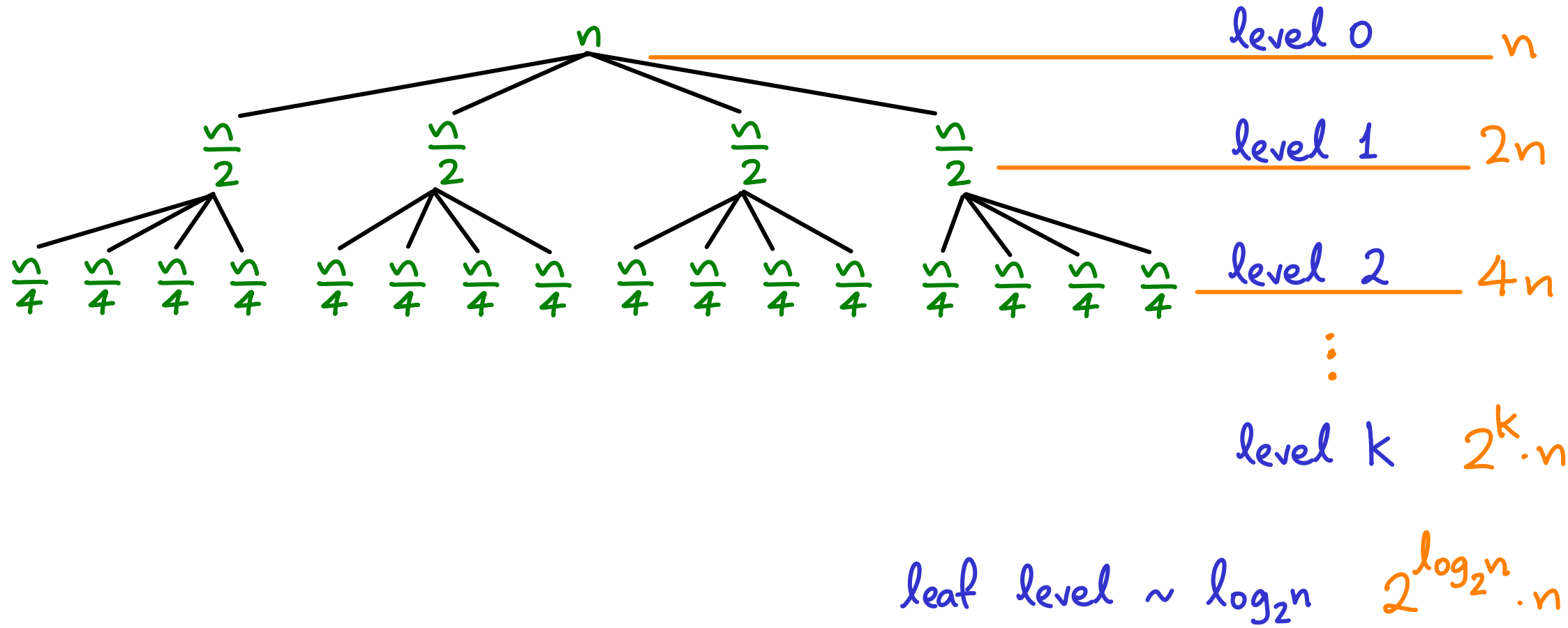
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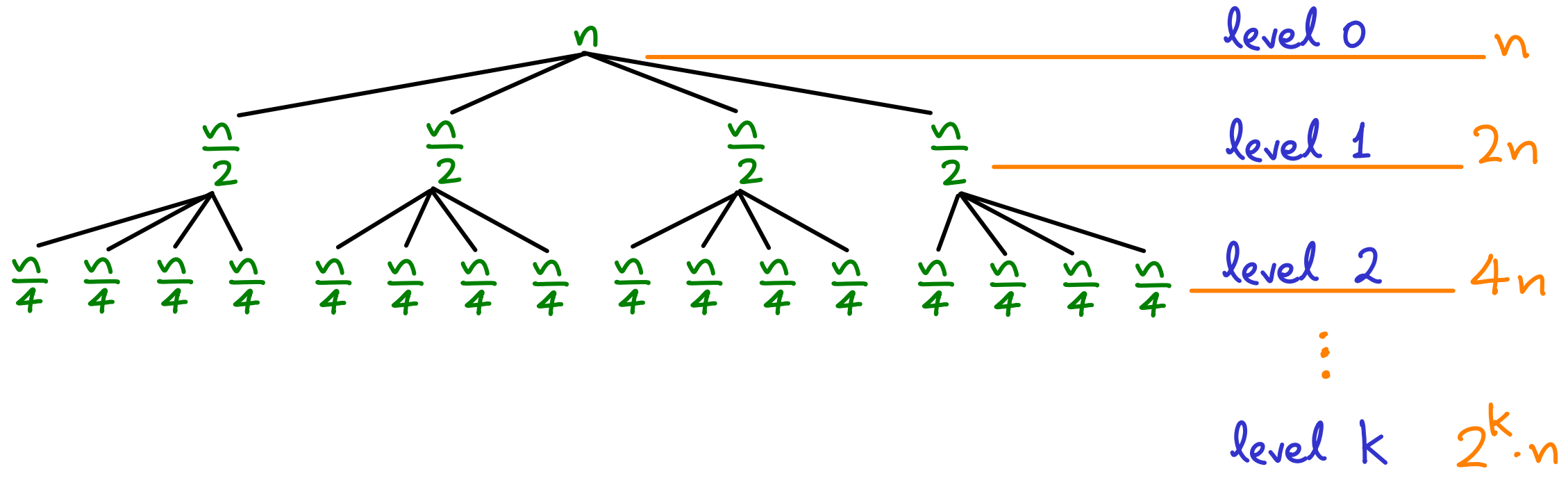
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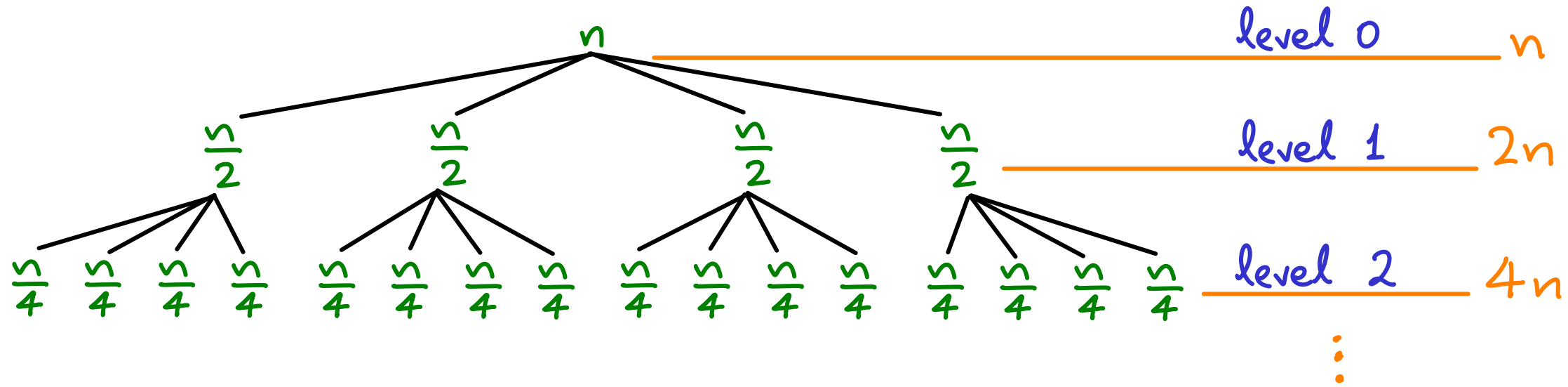


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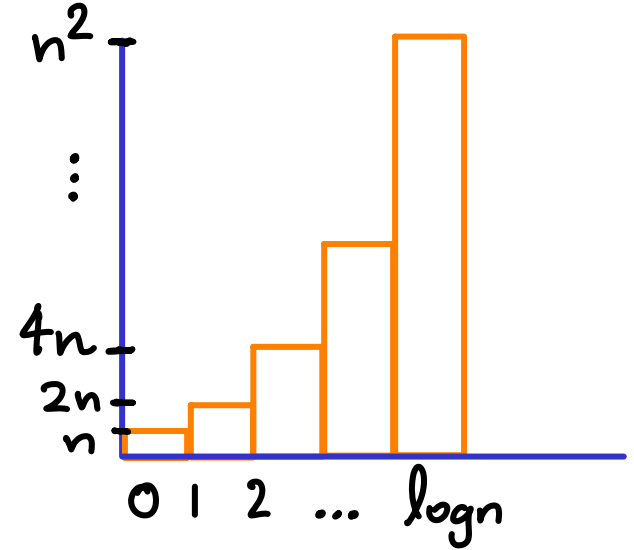
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Geometric series

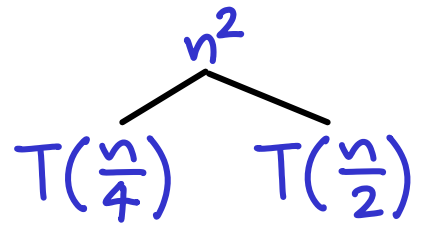
$$\text{Sum} = 2n^2$$



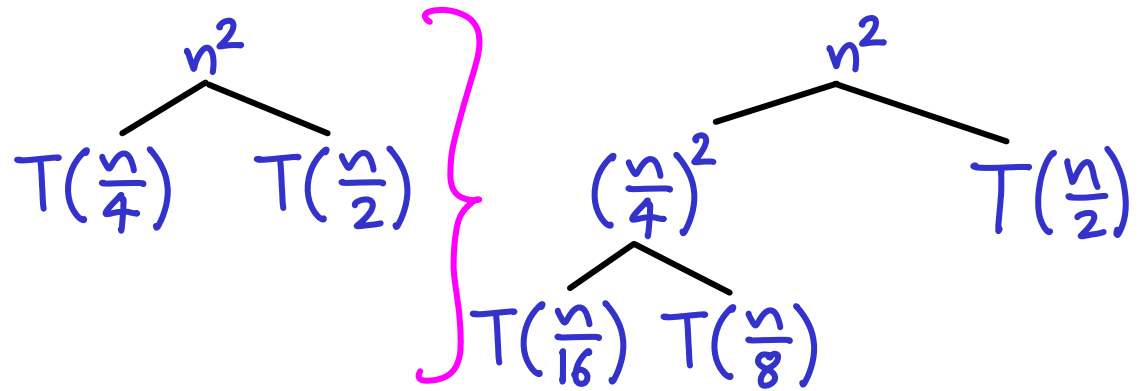
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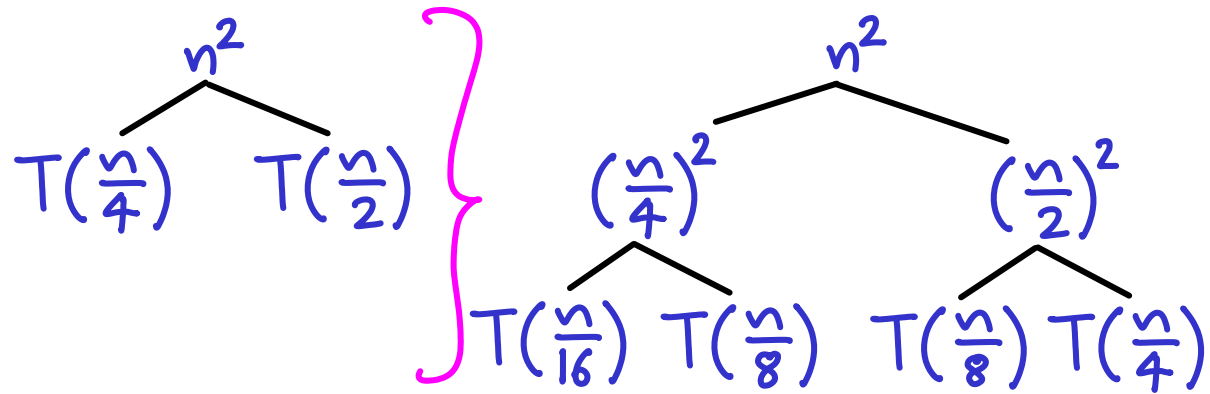
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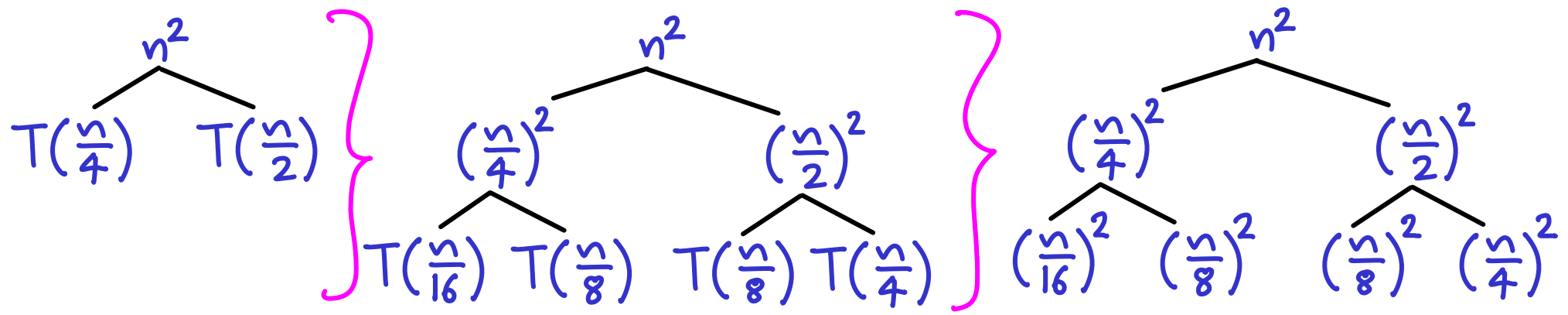
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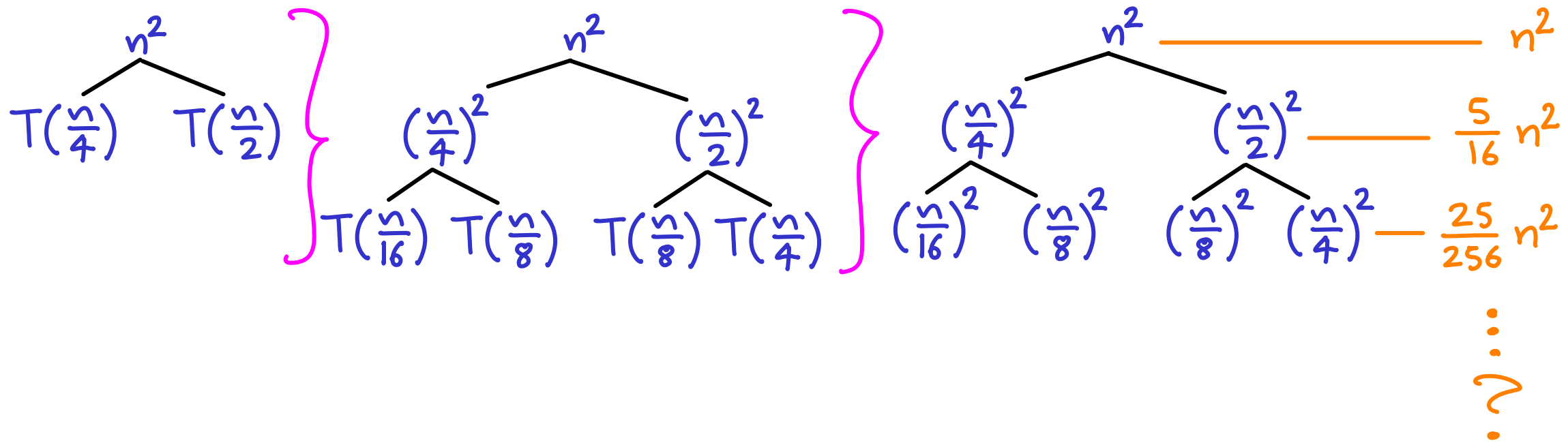
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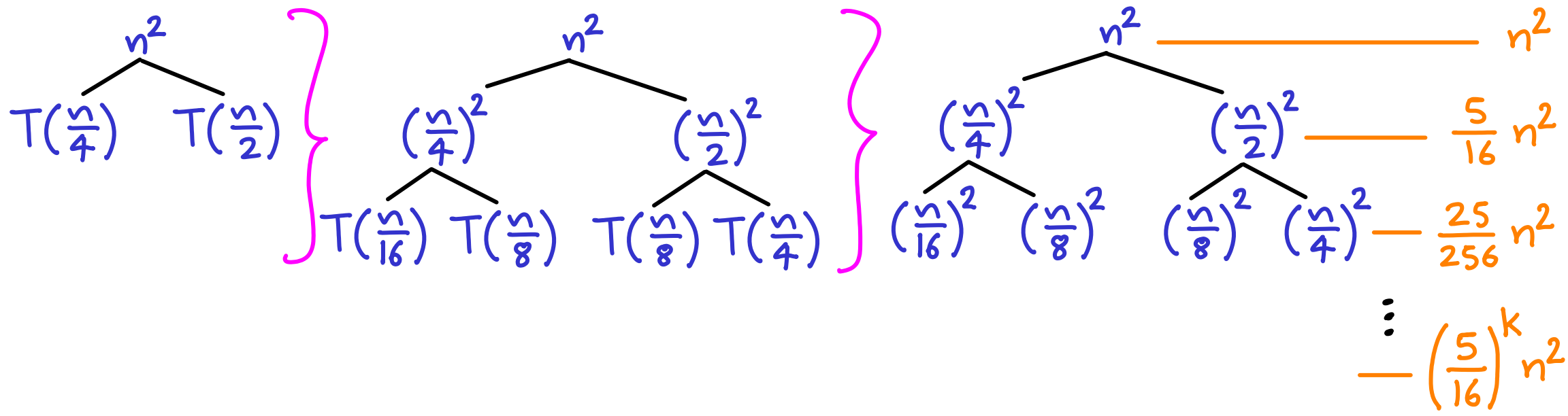
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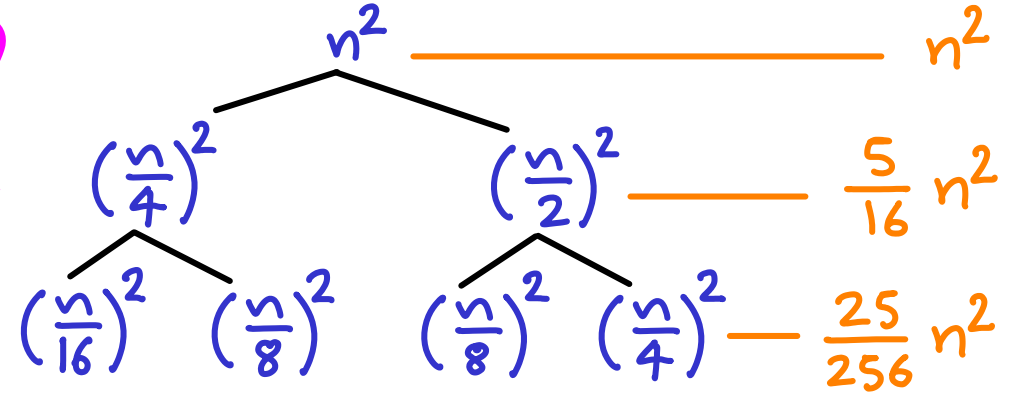
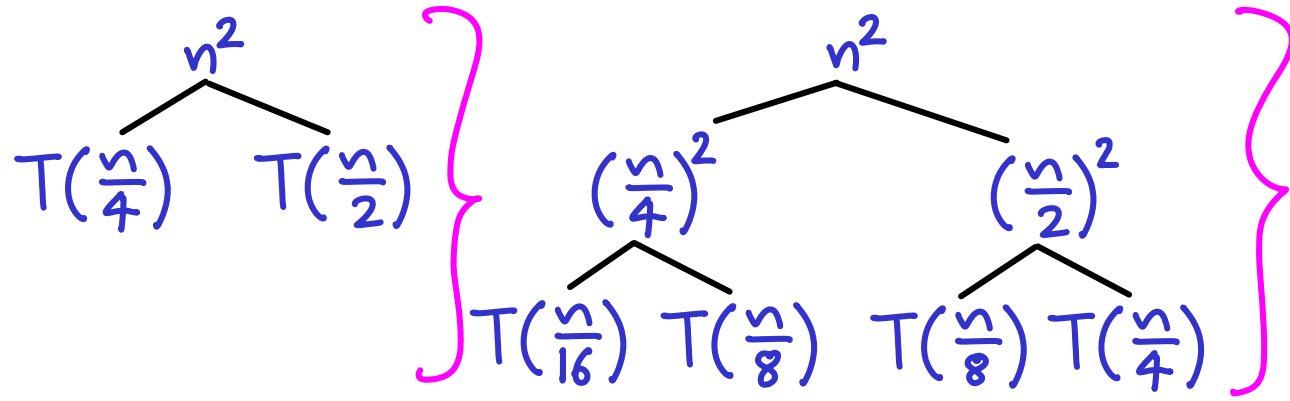
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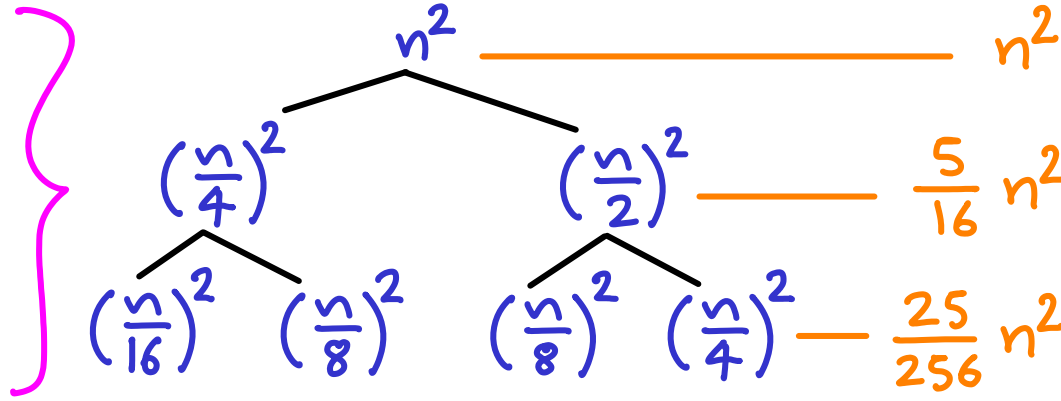
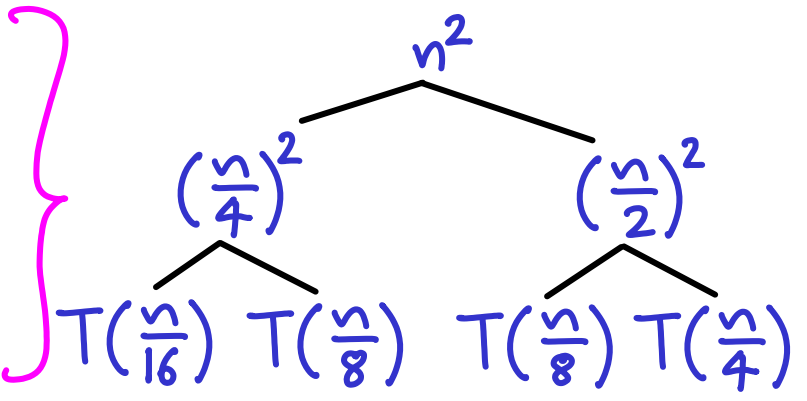
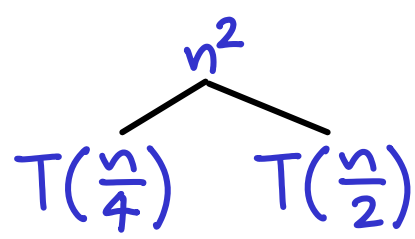
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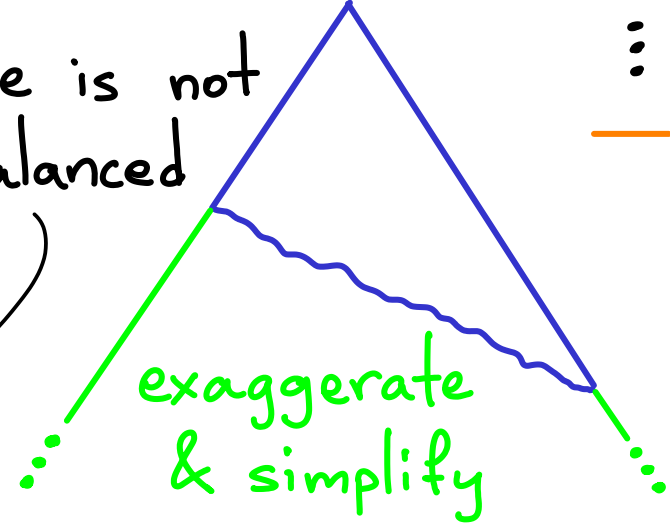
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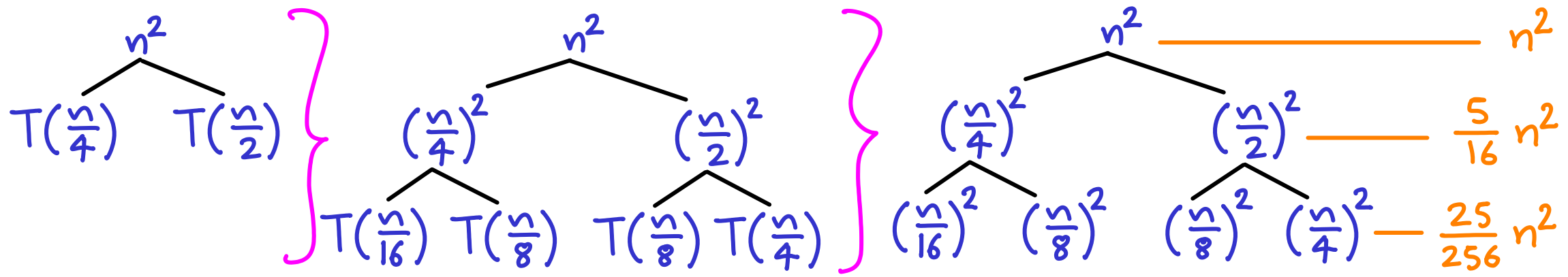


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pretend the pattern holds forever

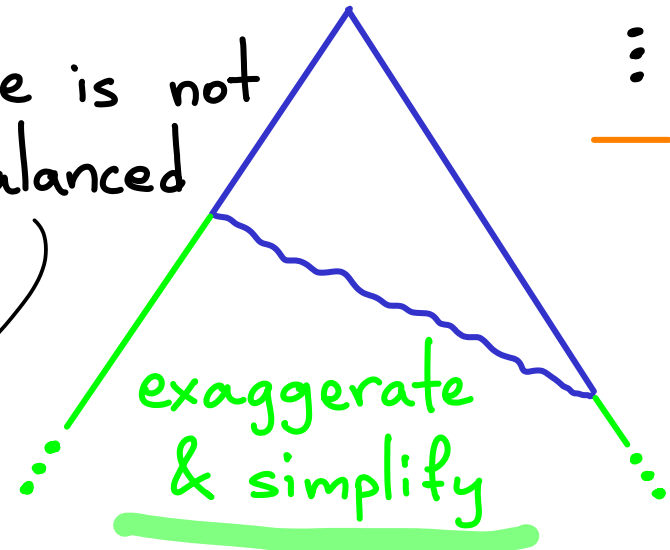
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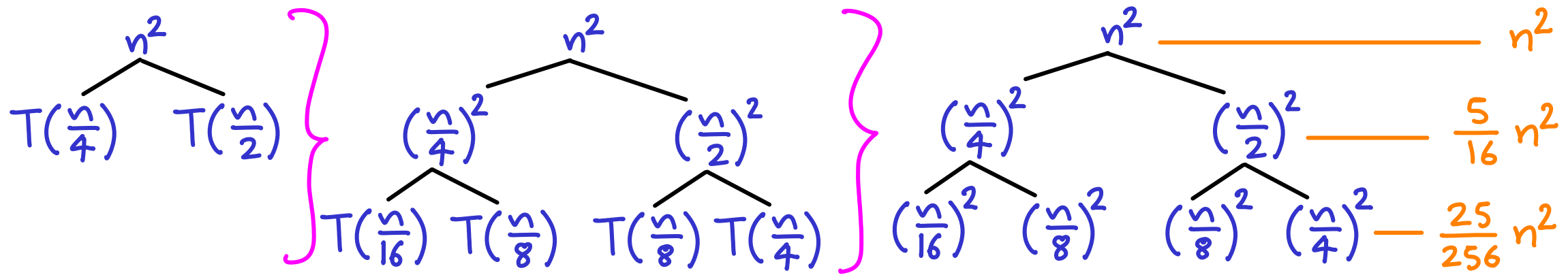
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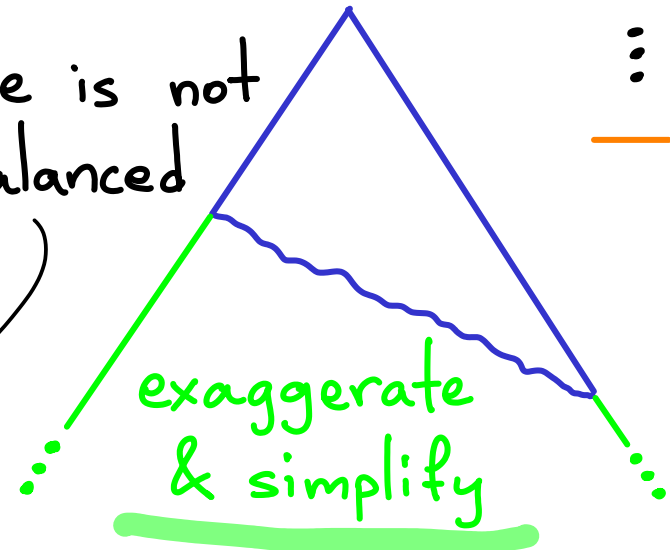


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