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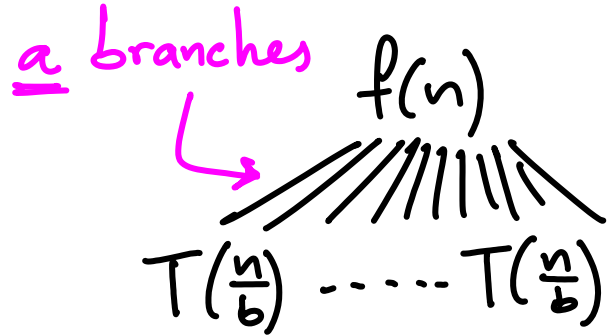
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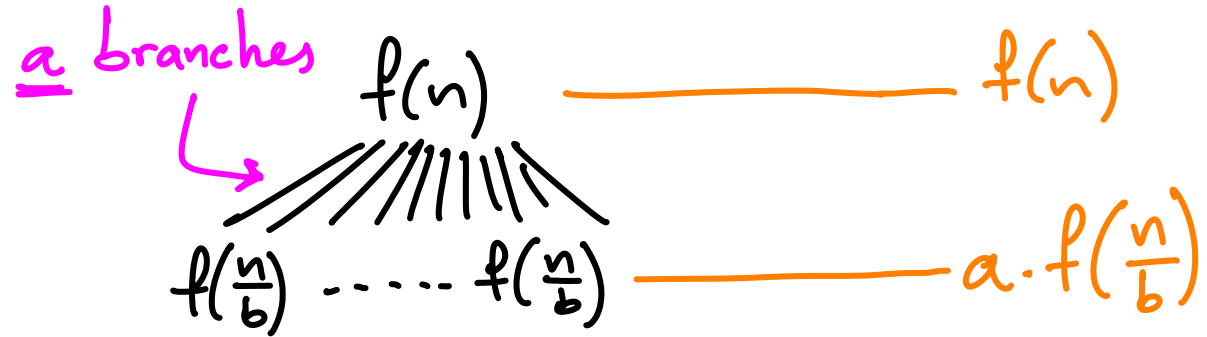
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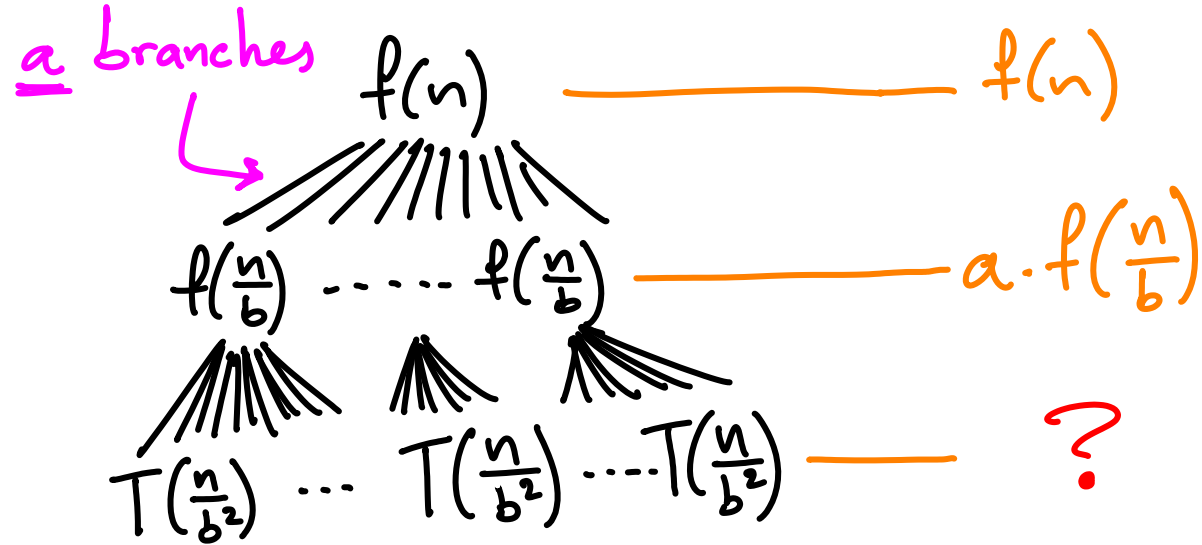
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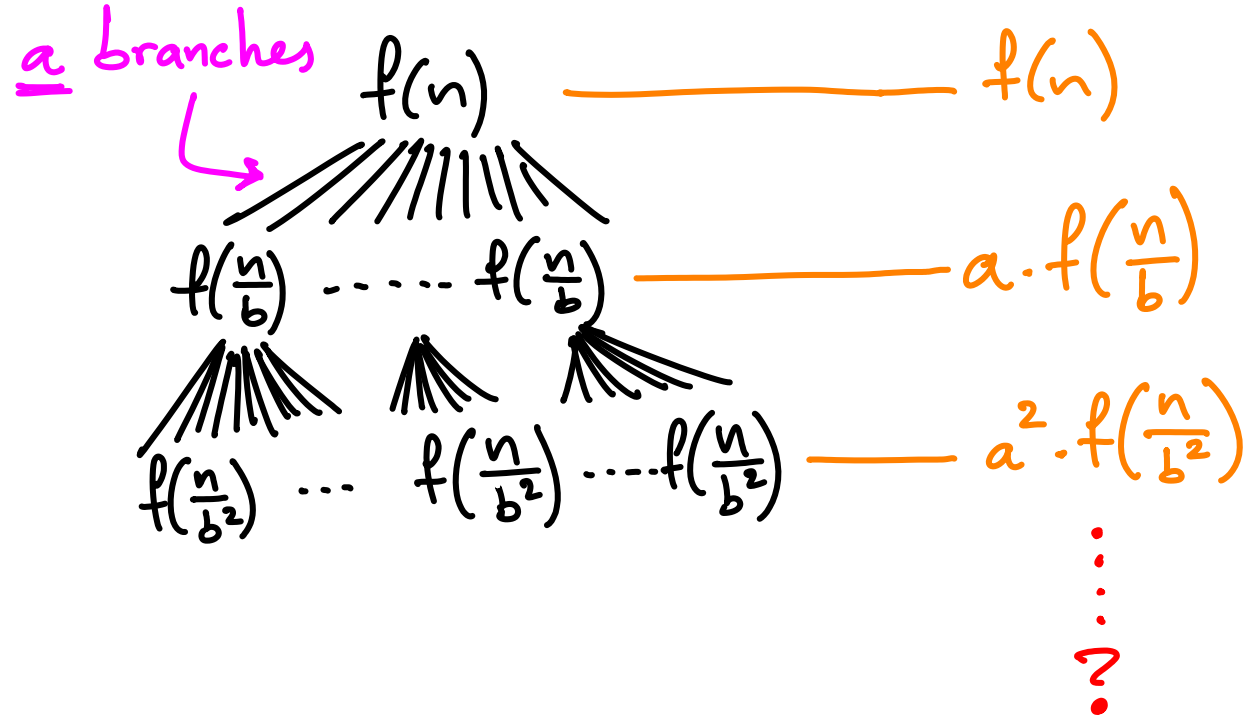
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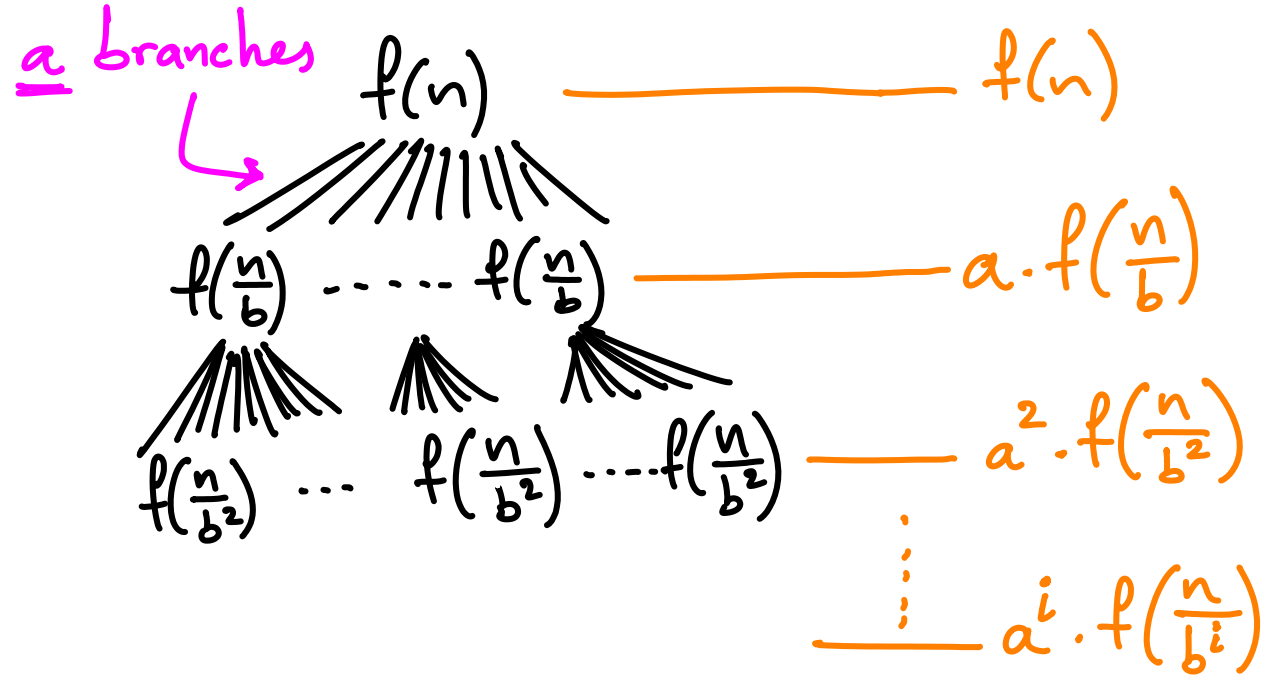
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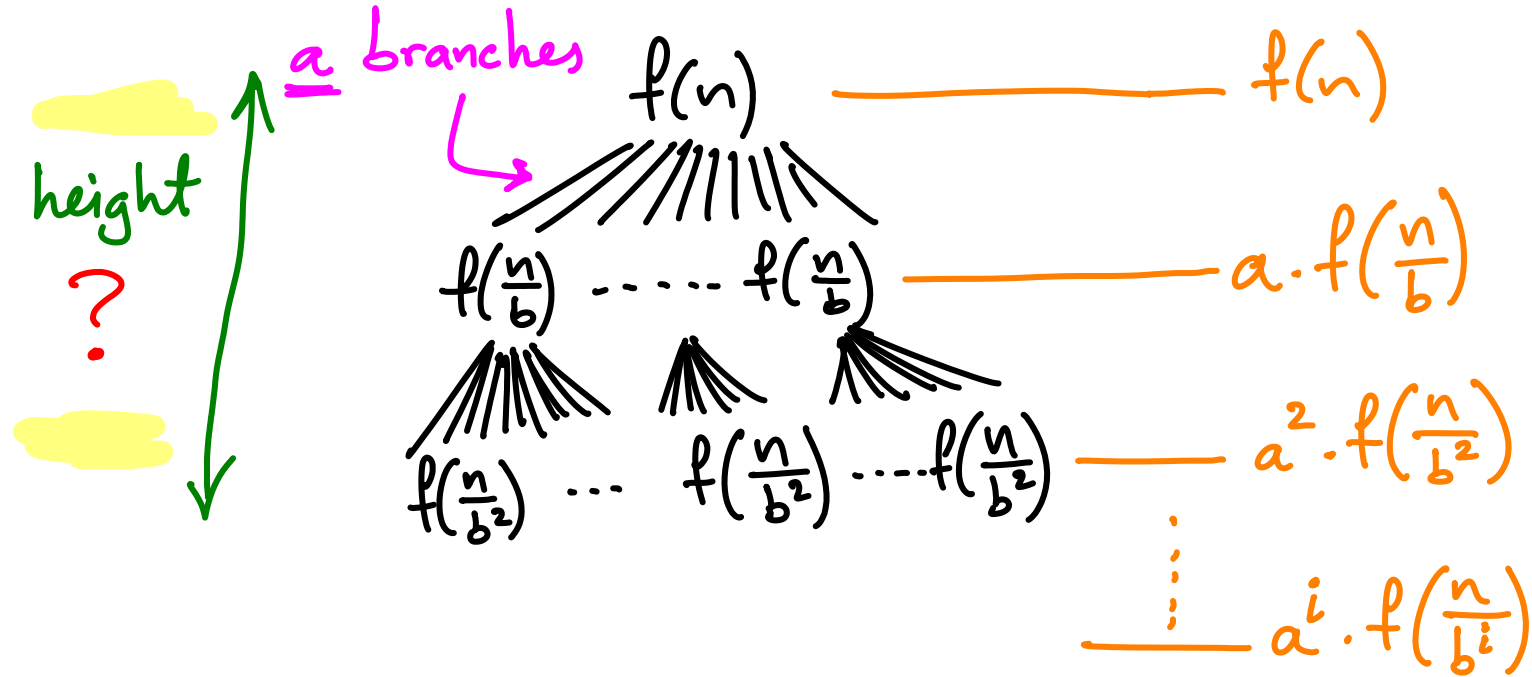
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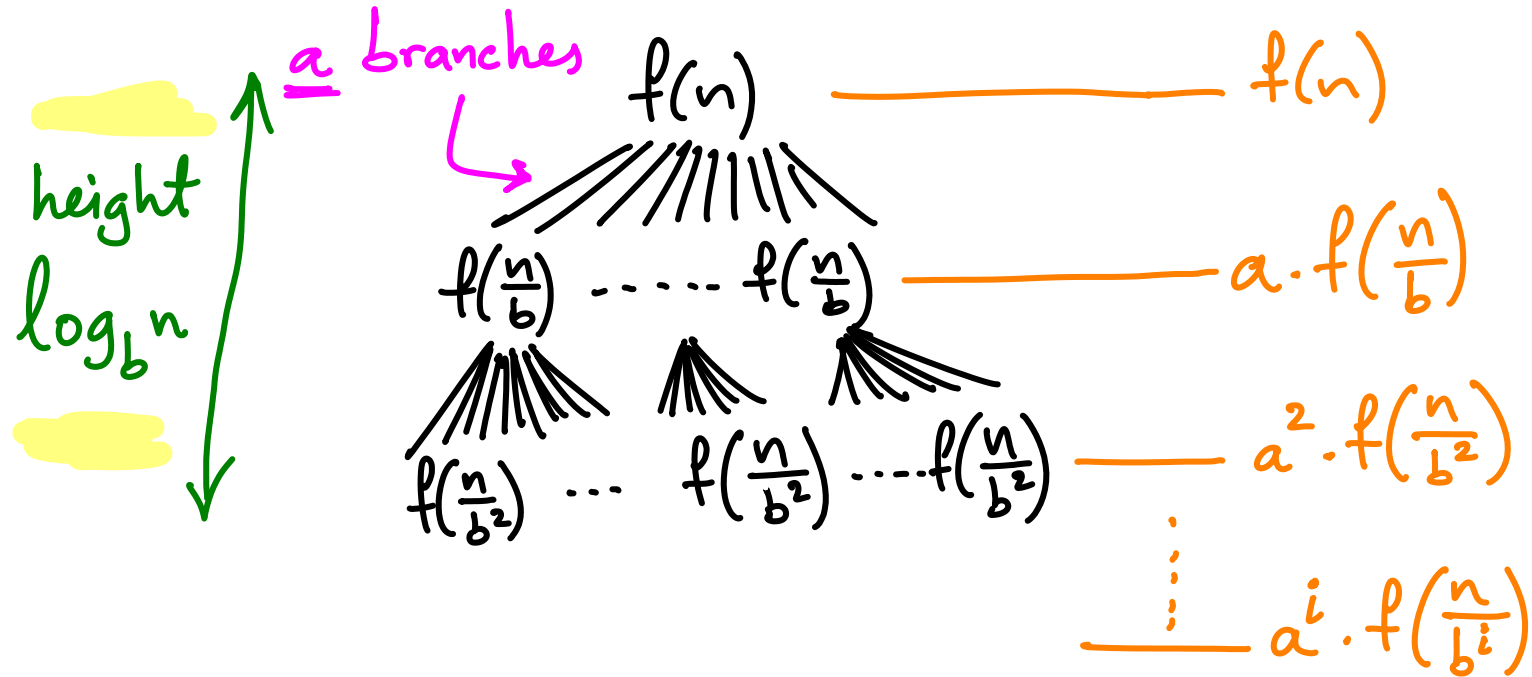
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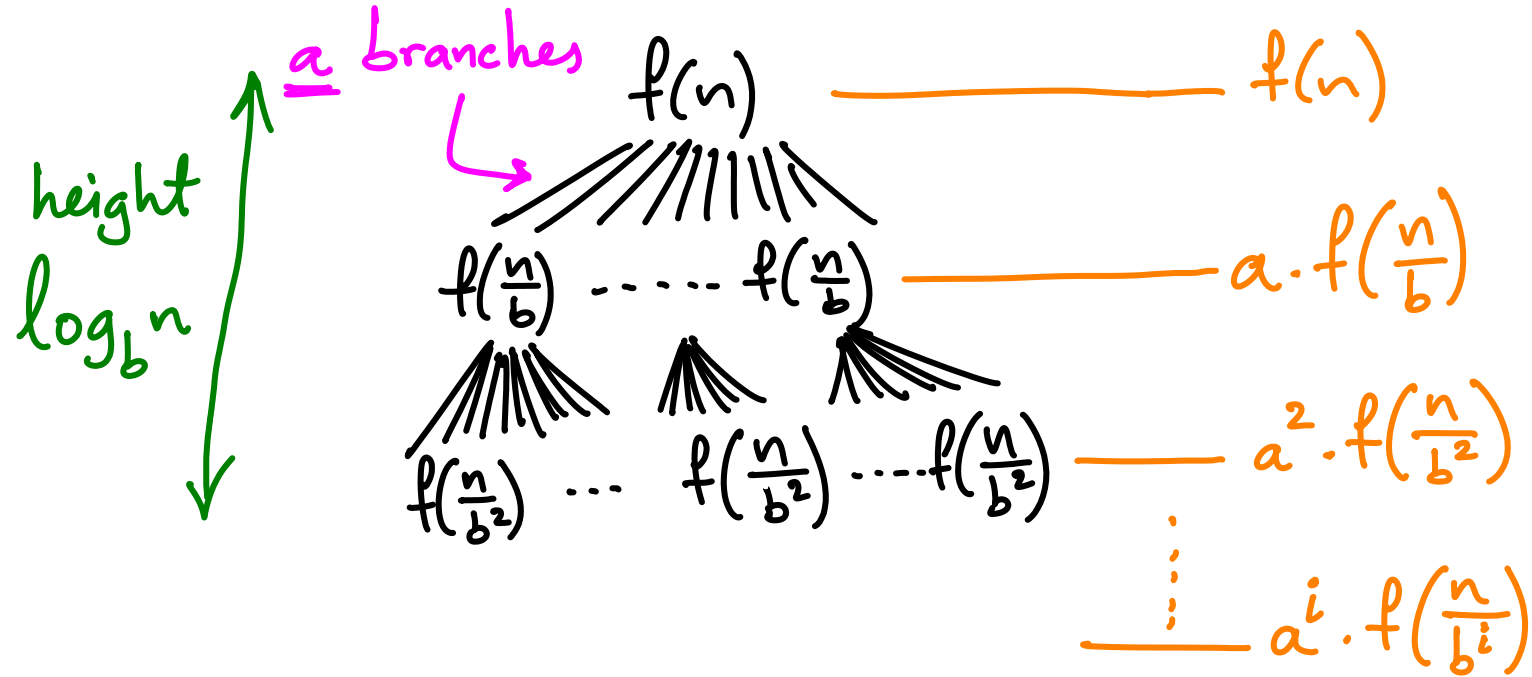
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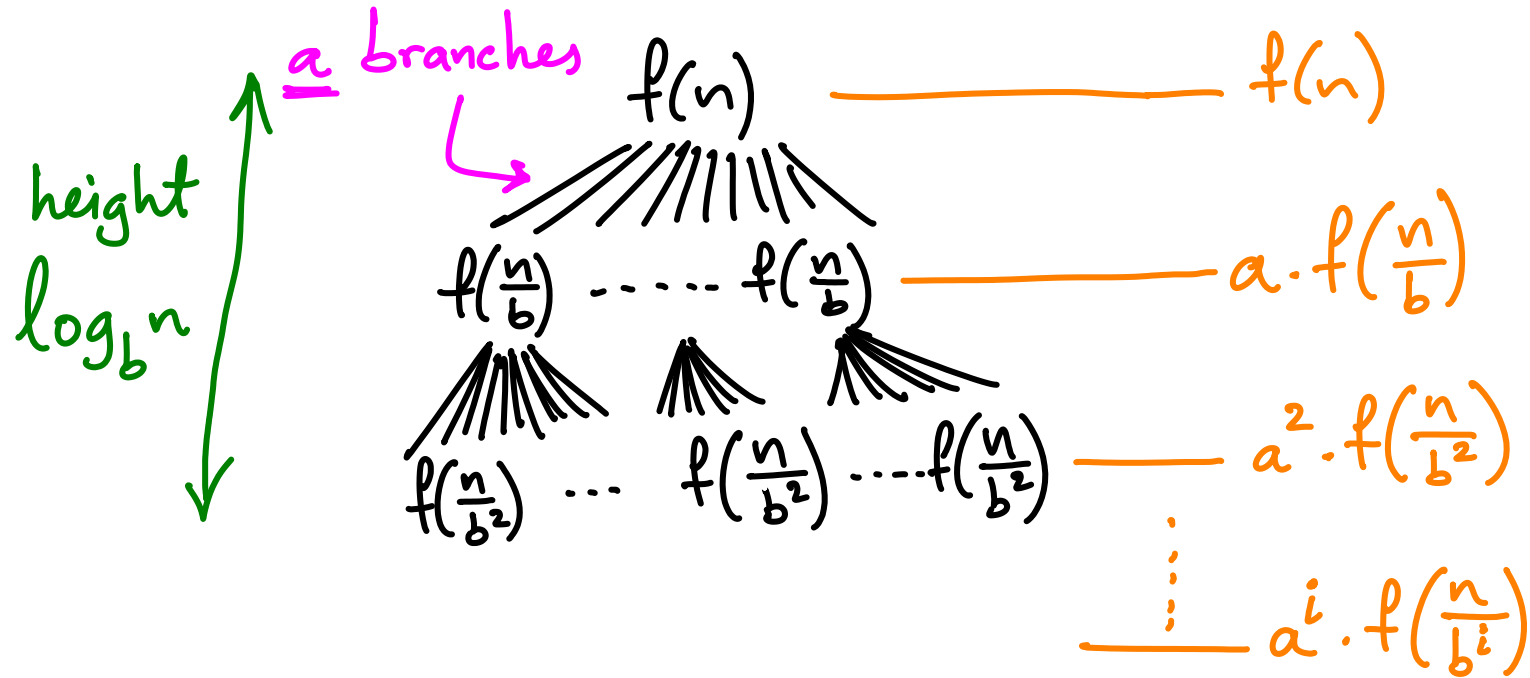


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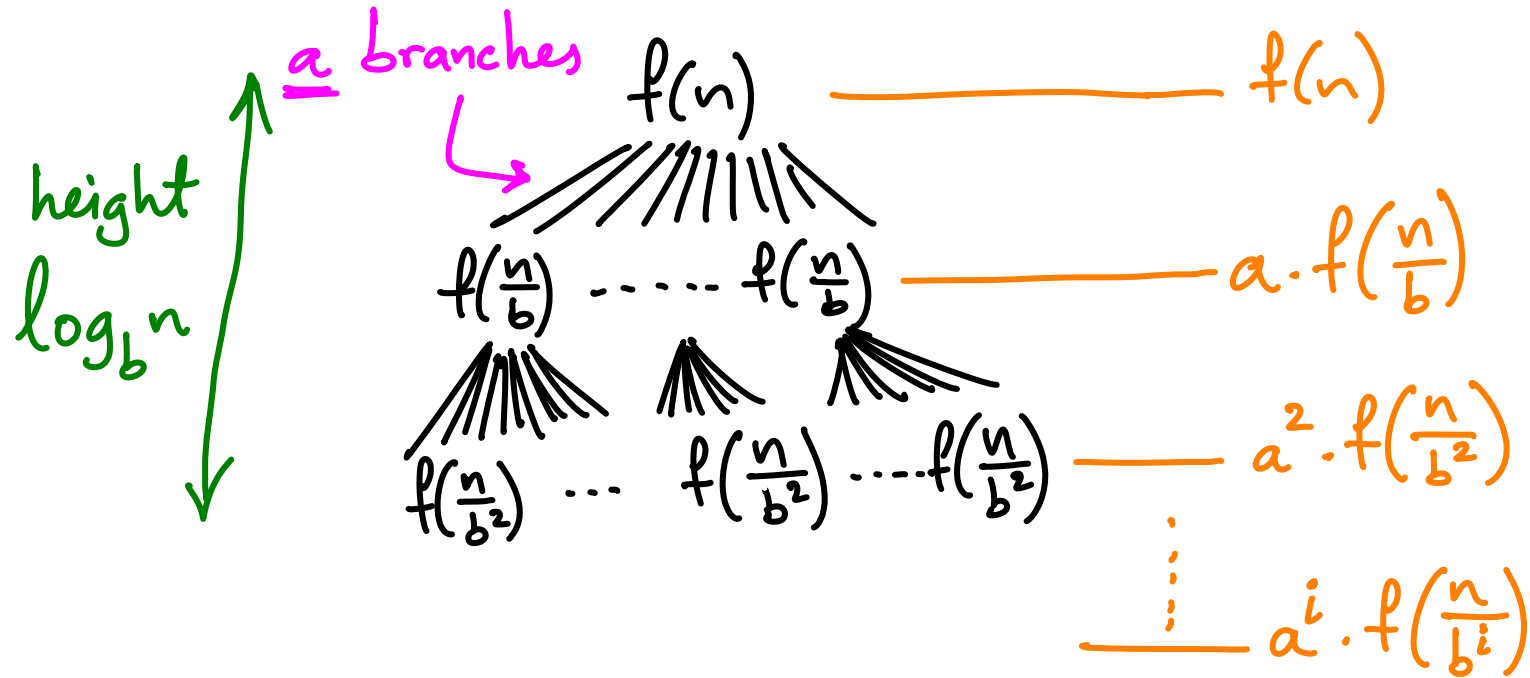


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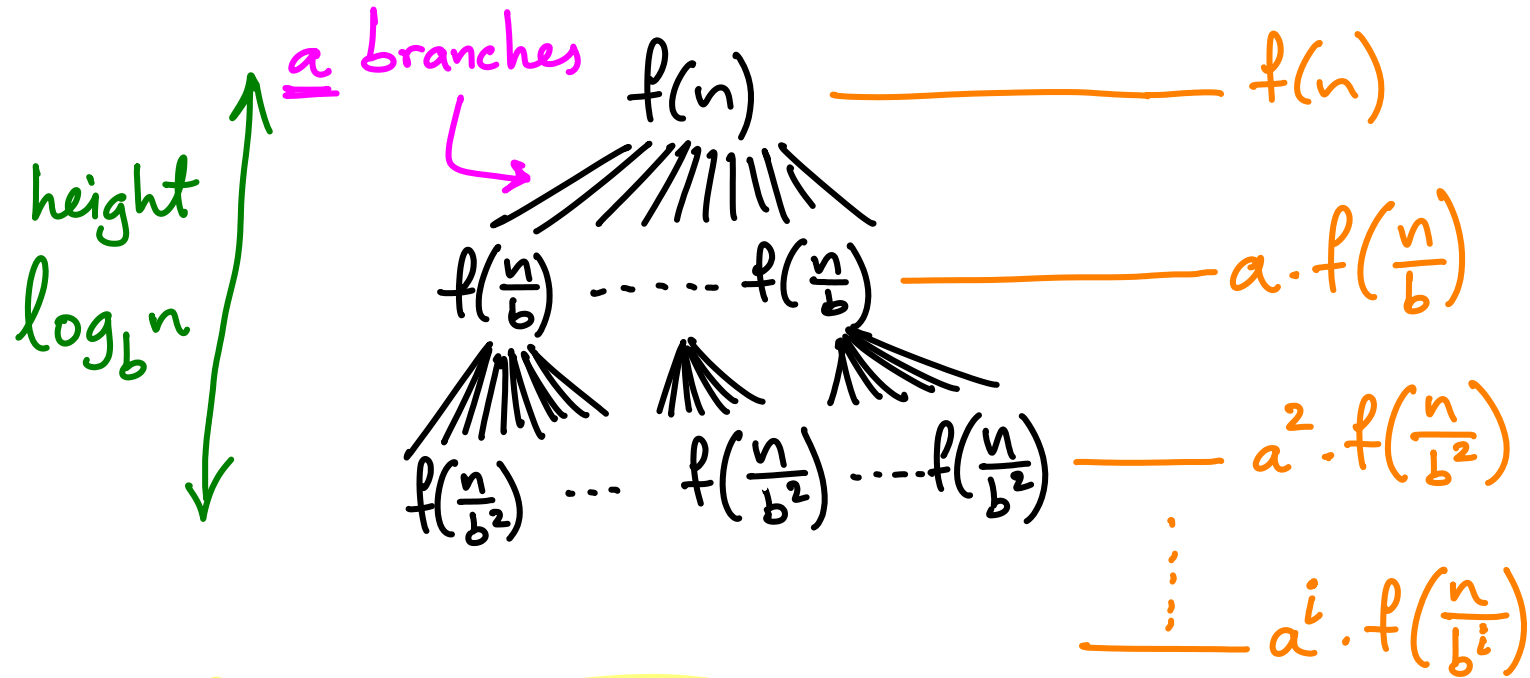


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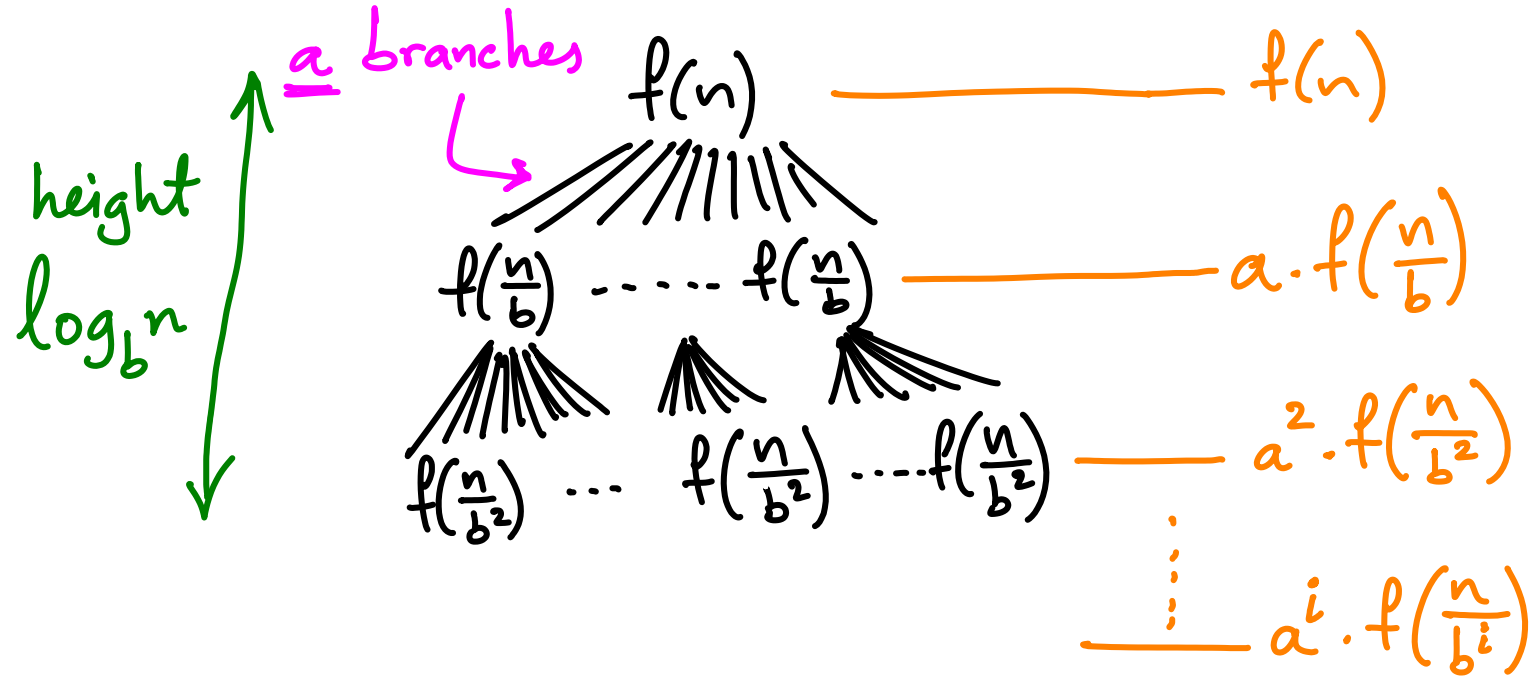
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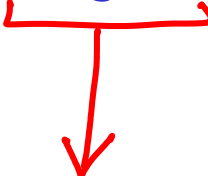
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[still considered  $\approx$  same]

not mentioned in CLRS

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} N/A

But in fact there is now yet another extension of case 2

(see last page)



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## FY1 - EXTRA-EXTENDED CASE 2

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log^k n)$$

(Doesn't come up in any algorithms that we will see)

Standard extended case 2

$$k \geq 0 \quad T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log^{k+1} n) \quad T(n) = \Theta(f(n) \cdot \log n)$$

$$\rightarrow k = -1 \quad T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log \log n) \quad T(n) = \Theta(f(n) \cdot \log n \cdot \log \log n)$$

e.g.,  $T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \frac{n^3}{\log n} = n^3 \log \log n$

$$\rightarrow k \leq -2 \quad T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \quad \text{almost like an extended case 1:}$$

Leaf level dominates by a "large" poly-log factor.