

LEC 07

CSE 373

# Recurrences II, Tree Method

## BEFORE WE START

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# Announcements



- P1 (Deque) due **TONIGHT 11:59pm PDT!**
  - Make sure to add your partner on your Gradescope submission!
  - Late Policy:
    - 7 penalty-free late days (24hr chunks) for the quarter
    - 5% deduction/day afterward
    - late assignment cutoff is 3 days after due date
  - Don't forget your writeup for the P1 experiments
- EX1 (Algo Analysis I) due Friday 10/16 11:59pm PDT
- P2 (Maps) and EX2 (Algo Analysis II) released Friday 10/16
  - Partner 2 Pool form already out, due Thursday 10/15 at 11:59 pm
- We'll see some summation identities in today's lecture
  - Summations Reference will be posted as a resource on the calendar

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# Learning Objectives

After this lecture, you should be able to...

1. *Continued* Describe the 3 most common recursive patterns and identify whether code belongs to one of them
2. Model a recurrence with the Tree Method and use it to characterize the recurrence with a bound
3. Use Summation Identities to find closed forms for summations (*Non-Objective*: come up with or explain Summation Identities)

# Review Writing Recurrences

```
public int recurse(int n) {  
    if (n < 3) {  
        return 80;  
    }  
}
```

**+2** Base Case

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    System.out.println(i);  
}
```

**+n**

Recursive Case

```
int val1 = recurse(n / 3);  
int val2 = recurse(n / 3);  
int val3 = recurse(n / 3);
```

Non-recursive Work: **+ n + 3**

Recursive Work: **+ 3\*T(n/3)**

```
return val1 + val2 + val3;  
}
```

**+3**

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Review Why Include Non-Recursive Work?

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    if (n < 3) {  
        return 80;  
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Base Case

Recursive Case

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```

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    int val2 = recurse(n / 3);  
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```

```
    return val1 + val2 + val3;
```

+3

Think of it this way:

“work that happens if we enter base case”

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

“work that happens if we enter recursive case”

Non-recursive parts of recursive cases are sometimes where the bulk of the work takes place!



# Review Master Theorem: Recurrence to Big- $\Theta$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- It's still really hard to tell what the big-O is just by looking at it.
- But fancy mathematicians have a formula for us to use!

## MASTER THEOREM

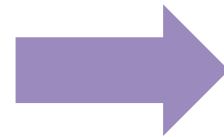
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Where  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^c)$

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If  $\log_b a > c$  then  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$



$a=2$   $b=3$  and  $c=1$

$y = \log_b x$  is equal to  $b^y = x$

$(\log_b(a) = \log_3 2 \cong 0.63) < (c = 1)$

**We're in case 1**

$T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

# Lecture Outline

- Analyzing Recursive Code: Recursive Patterns

1

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Binary Search  
 $\Theta(\log n)$

2

**Constant size Input**

Merge Sort

3

**Doubling the Input**

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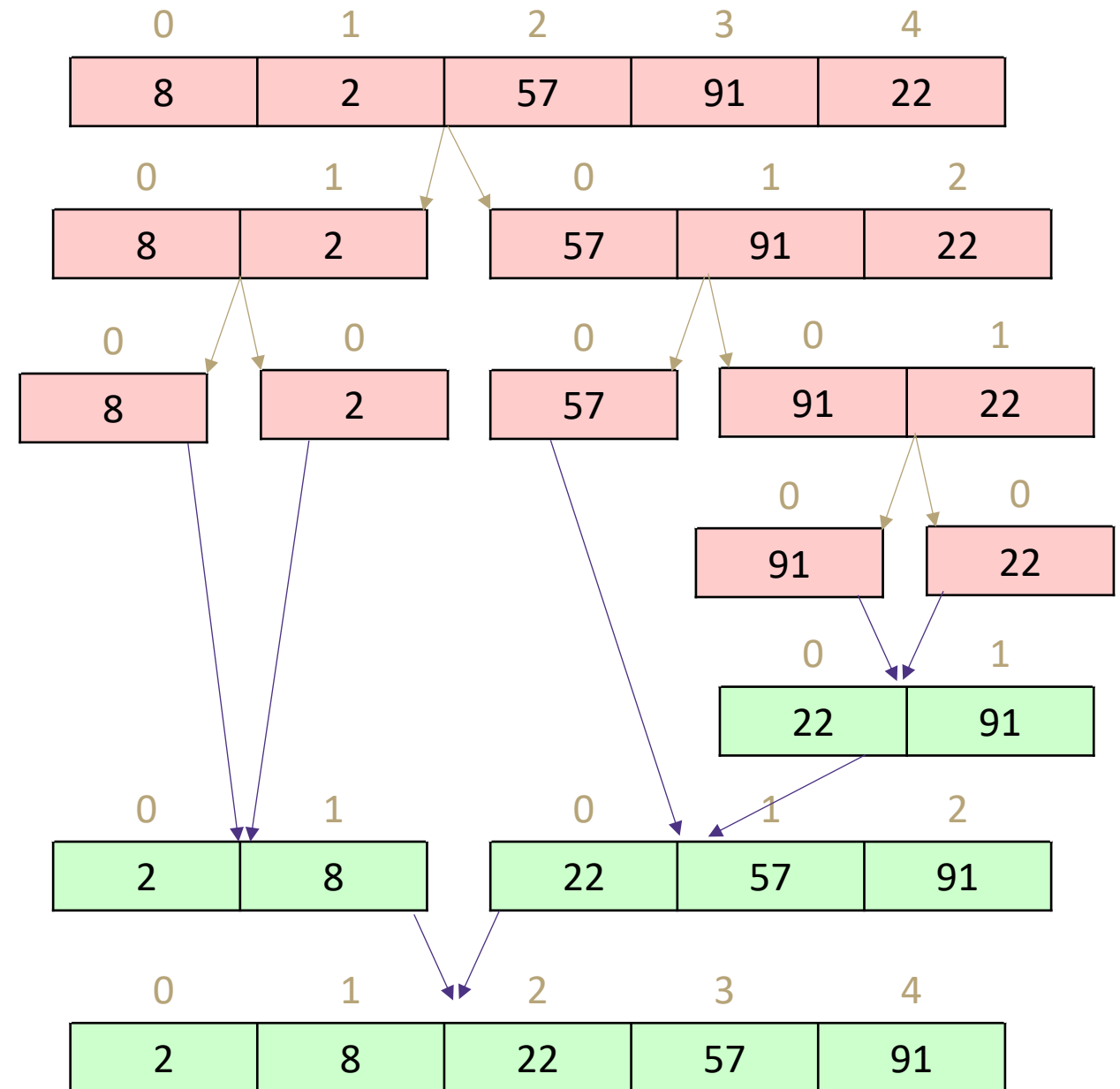
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```
mergeSort(input) {
  if (input.length == 1)
    return
  else
    smallerHalf = mergeSort(new [0, ..., mid])
    largerHalf = mergeSort(new [mid + 1, ...])
    return merge(smallerHalf, largerHalf)
}
```

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

2

Constant size Input





# Review Merge Sort Recurrence to Big- $\Theta$

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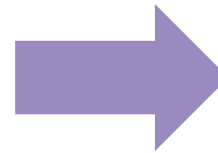
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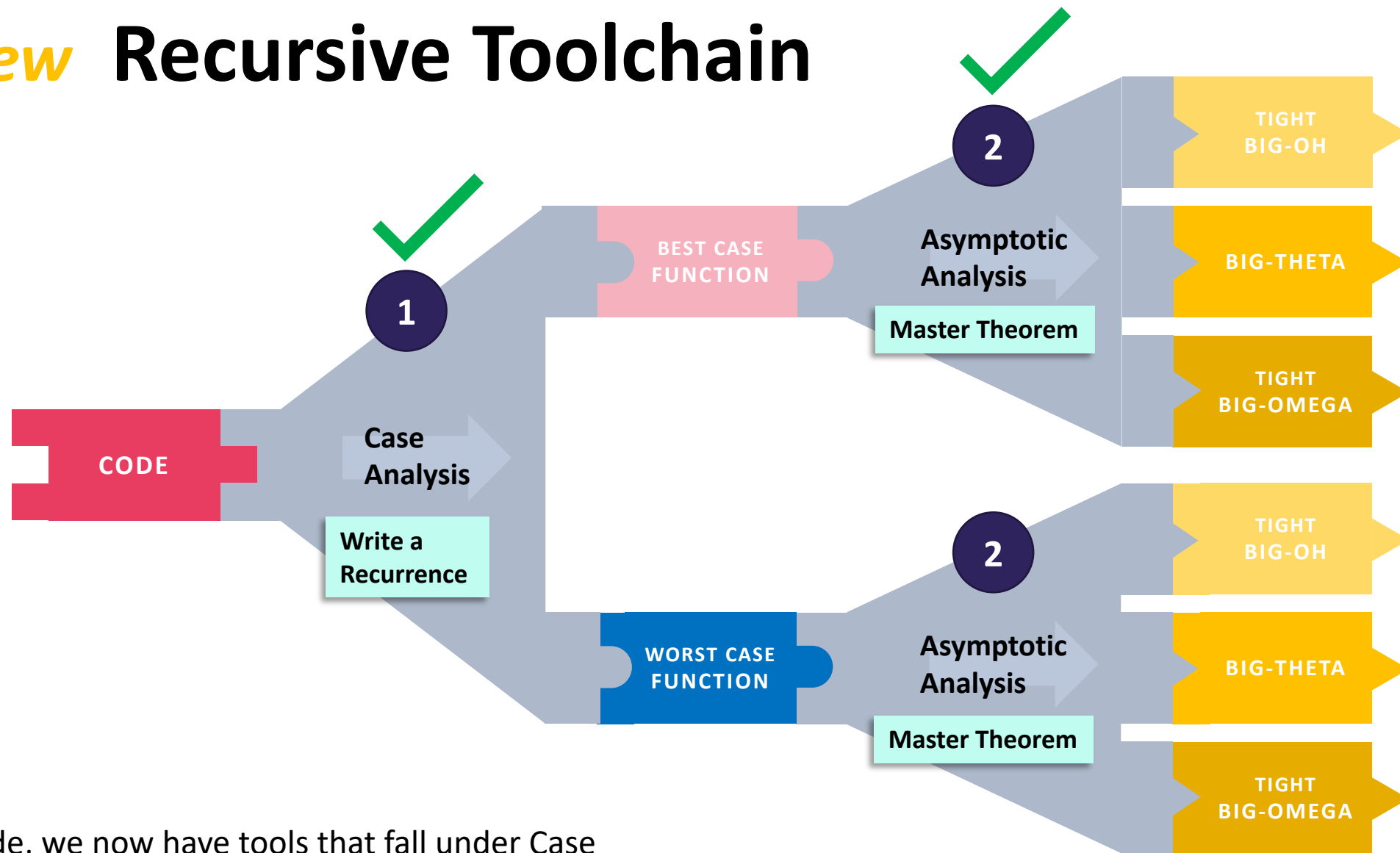
$y = \log_b x$  is equal to  $b^y = x$

$\log_2 2 = 1$

**We're in case 2**

$T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$

# Review Recursive Toolchain



For recursive code, we now have tools that fall under Case Analysis (Writing Recurrences) and Asymptotic Analysis (The Master Theorem).

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Fibonacci

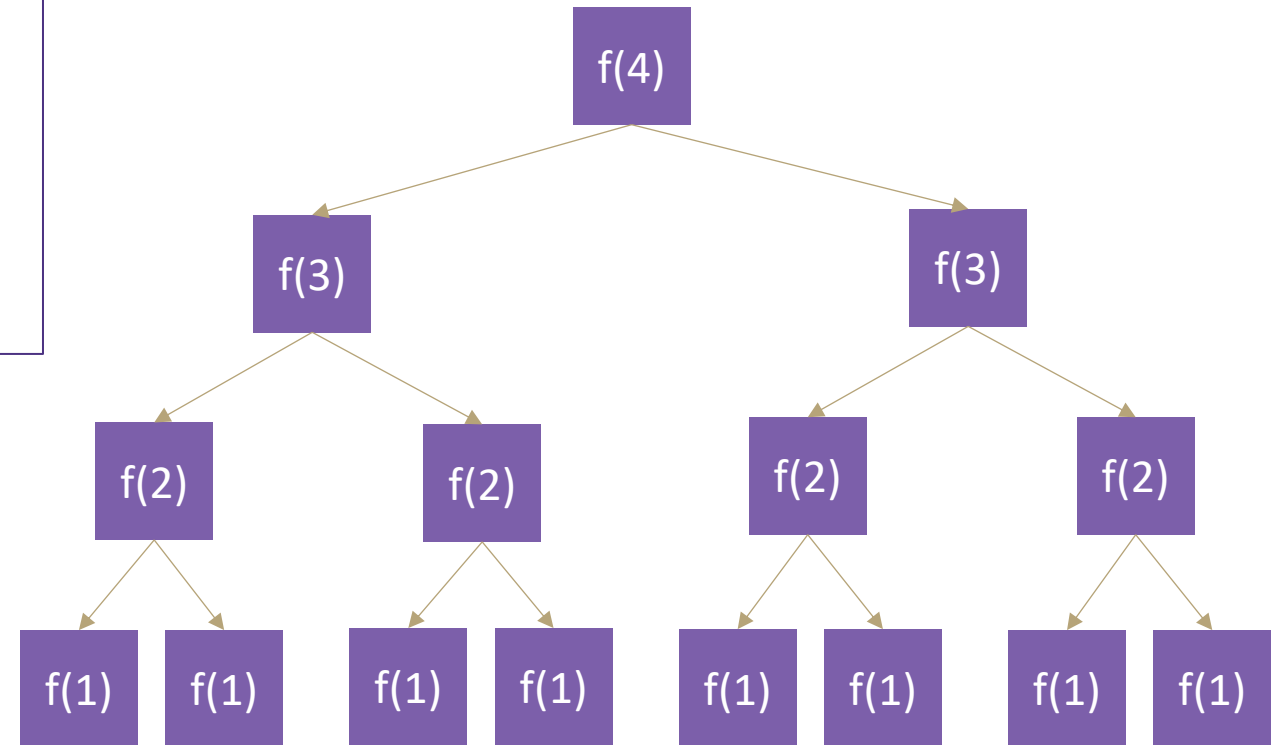
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# Calculating Fibonacci (ish)

```
public int fib(int n) {  
    if (n <= 1) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-1);  
}
```

- Each call creates 2 more calls
- Each new call has a copy of the input, almost
- Almost doubling the input at each call

**3****Doubling the Input***Almost*

# Fibonacci Recurrence to Big- $\Theta$

```
public int fib(int n) {  
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    }  
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```

**d** **$2T(n-1) + c$** 

Can we use the Master Theorem?

## MASTER THEOREM

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ 2T(n-1) + c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Uh oh, our model doesn't match that format...

Can we intuit a pattern?

$$T(1) = d$$

$$T(2) = 2T(2-1) + c = 2(d) + c$$

$$T(3) = 2T(3-1) + c = 2(2(d) + c) + c = 4d + 3c$$

$$T(4) = 2T(4-1) + c = 2(4d + 3c) + c = 8d + 7c$$

$$T(5) = 2T(5-1) + c = 2(8d + 7c) + c = 16d + 15c$$

Looks like something's happening, but it's hard to identify. Maybe geometry can help!

# Fibonacci Recurrence to Big- $\Theta$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ 2T(n-1) + c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

How many function calls per layer?

LAYER	FUNCTION CALLS
0	1 ( $= 2^0$ )
1	2 ( $= 2^1$ )
2	4 ( $= 2^2$ )
3	8 ( $= 2^3$ )

How many function calls on layer  $i$ ?

$$2^i$$

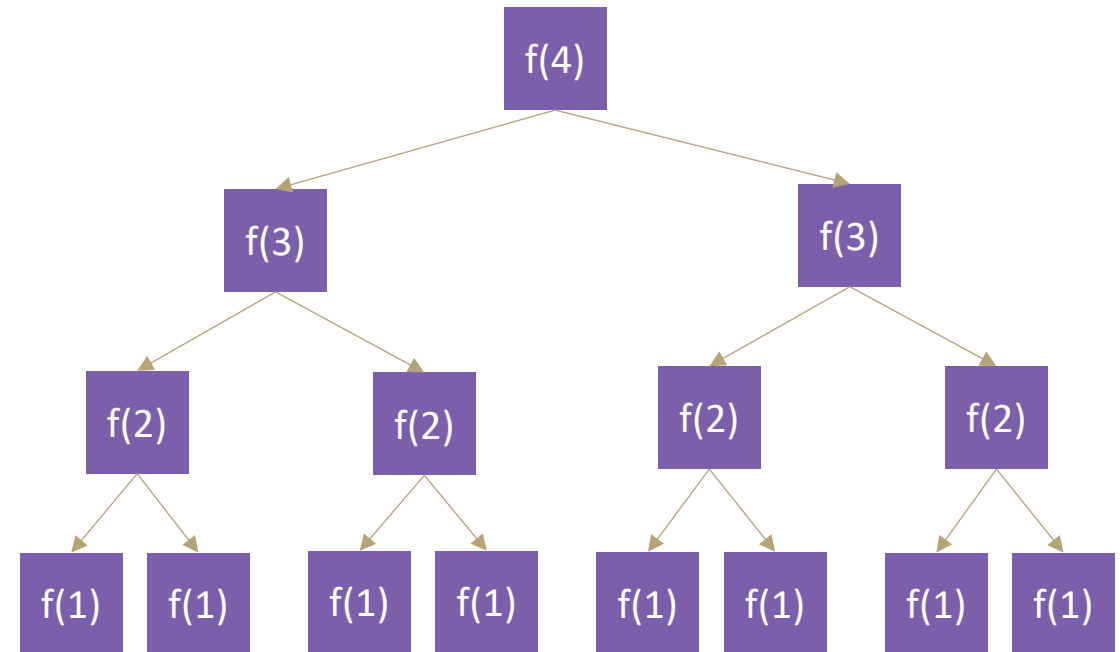
How many function calls TOTAL for a tree of  $k$  layers?

$$1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{k-1}$$

How many layers in the function call tree?

How many steps to go from start value of  $n$  (4) to base case (1), subtracting 1 each time?

Height of function call tree:  $n$





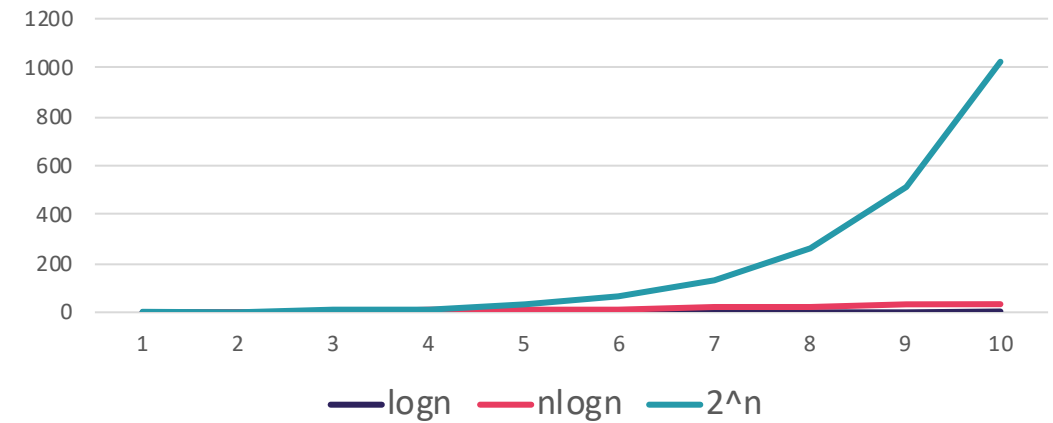
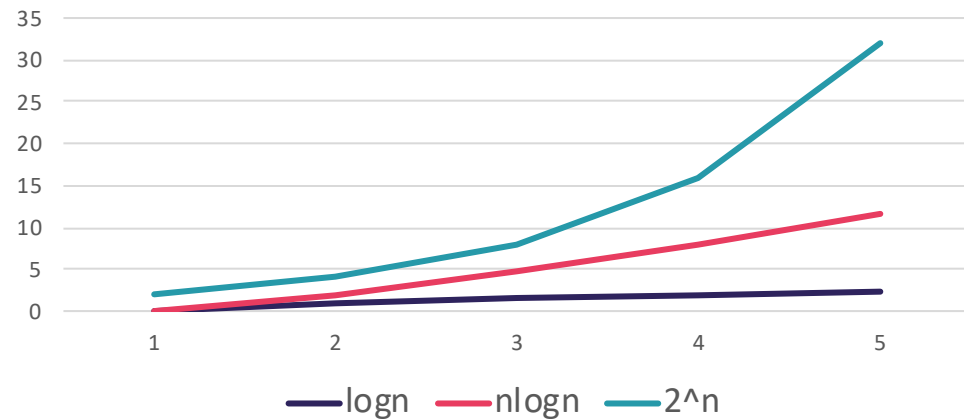
# Fibonacci Recurrence to Big- $\Theta$

How many layers in the function call tree?	$n$
How many function calls on layer $i$ ?	$2^i$
How many function calls TOTAL for a tree of $n$ layers?	$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{n-1}$
Total runtime = (total function calls) * (runtime of each function call)	$(1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{n-1}) \times (\text{constant work})$ $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{n-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i = \frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} = 2^n - 1$ $T(n) = 2^n - 1 \in \Theta(2^n)$

Summation Identity  
Finite Geometric Series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x^i = \frac{x^k - 1}{x - 1}$$

# 3 Patterns for Recursive Code

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## Halving the Input

Binary Search  
 $\Theta(\log n)$

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## Constant size Input

Merge Sort  
 $\Theta(n \log n)$

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Fibonacci  
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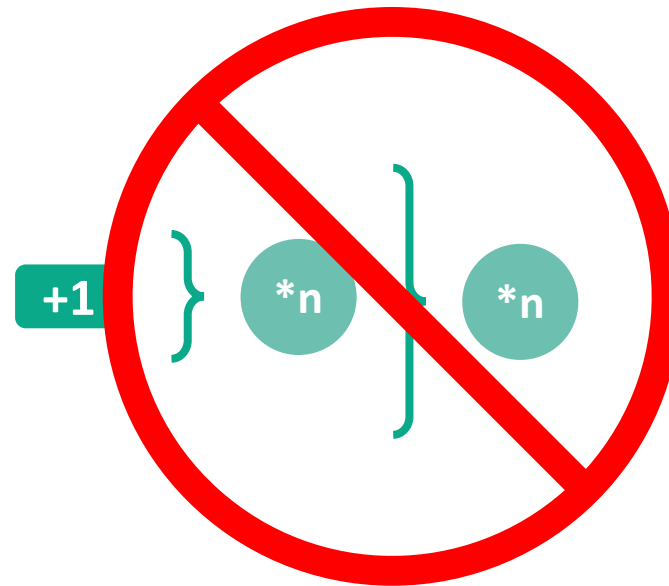
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- **Summations** 

- The Tree Method

# Which of these functions is a mathematical model for the runtime of this code?

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
        System.out.println("Hello!");
    }
}
```



Keep an eye on the loop bounds!

- a)  $f(n) = 2n$
- b)  $f(n) = n + n$
- c)  $f(n) = n^2$
- d)  $f(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1$

# Modeling Complex Loops

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {
        System.out.println("Hello!");
    }
}
```

Diagram illustrating the complexity of the nested loops:

- The inner loop body (System.out.println("Hello!")) is represented by a teal box containing **+1**.
- The inner loop is represented by a teal bracket containing **\*(0 + 1 + 2 + ... + i-1)**.
- The outer loop is represented by a teal bracket containing **\*n**.

## Modeling the inner loop:

$$f(n) = \underbrace{(0 + 1 + 2 + \dots + i-1)}$$

How do we model  
this part?

Summations!

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + n = \sum_{i=1}^n i$$

## Definition: Summation

$$\sum_{i=a}^b f(i) = f(a) + f(a+1) + f(a+2) + \dots + f(b-2) + f(b-1) + f(b)$$

## Modeling the entire code snippet:

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1$$

What is the Big-Theta?

# Simplifying Summations

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < i; j++) {  
        System.out.println("Hello!");  
    }  
}
```



$$f(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1$$



closed form



simplified  
big-Theta

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1 \cdot i = 1 \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n = \theta(n^2)$$

**Summation of a constant**

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} c = ck$$

**Factoring out a constant**

$$\sum_{i=a}^b cf(i) = c \sum_{i=a}^b f(i)$$

**Gauss's Identity**

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

You don't have to come up with these or explain why! We'll publish a list of identities.

The code *is*  $\Theta(n^2)$ , but it *is not* correct to say  $f(n) = n^2$  models its runtime!



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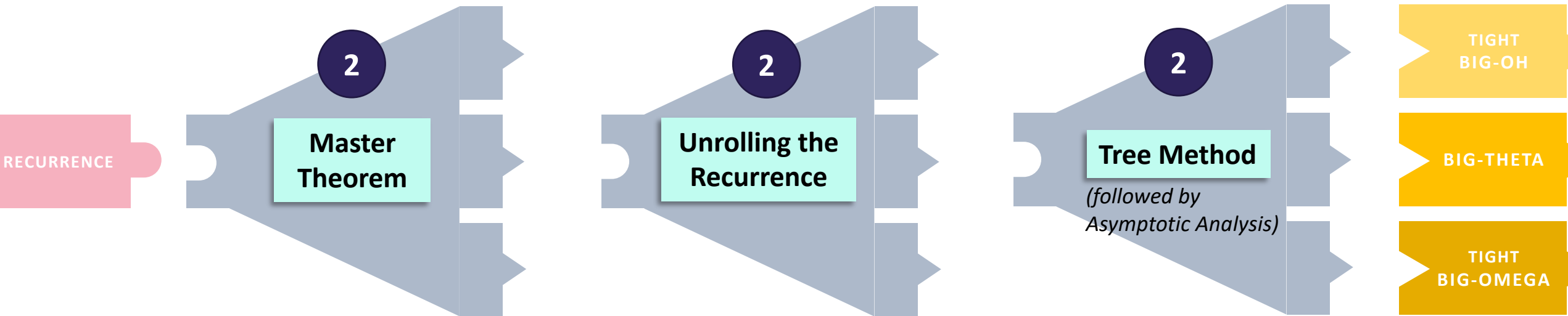
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# Recurrence to Big-Theta: Our Toolbox



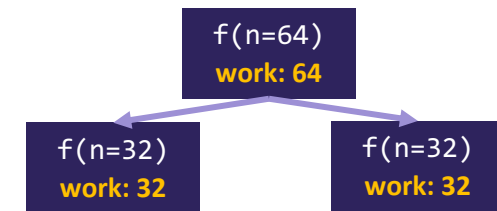
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**PROS:** Convenient to plug 'n' chug  
**CONS:** Only works for certain format of recurrences

$$\begin{aligned} T(1) &= d \\ T(2) &= 2T(2-1) + c = 2(d) + c \\ T(3) &= 2T(3-1) + c = 2(2(d) + c) + c = 4d + 3c \end{aligned}$$

**PROS:** Least complicated setup  
**CONS:** Requires intuitive pattern matching, no formal technique



**PROS:** Convenient to plug 'n' chug  
**CONS:** Complicated to set up for a given recurrence

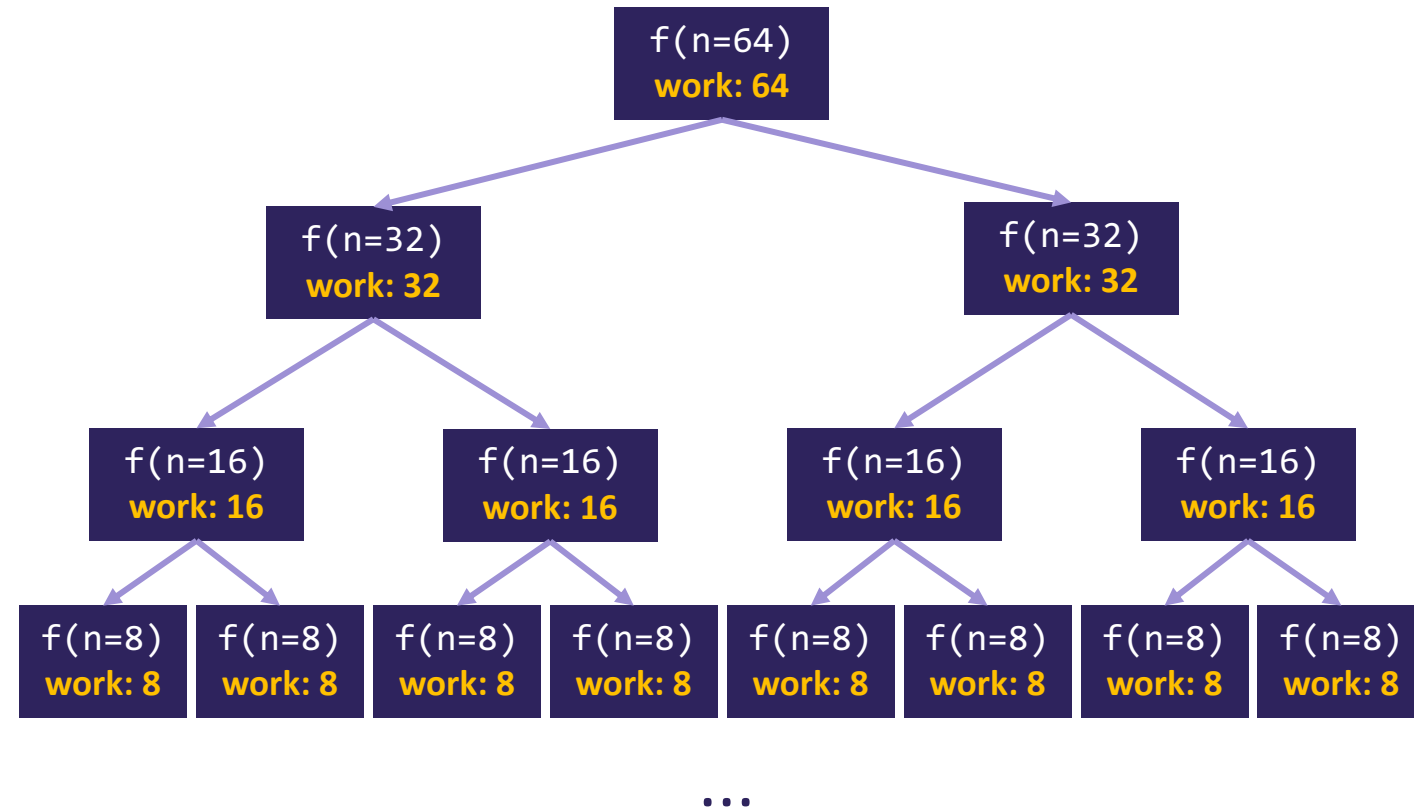
# Tree Method (Generalizing from Fibonacci Example)

Draw out the function call tree. What's the input to each call? How much **work** is done in each call?

e.g. Merge Sort:

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

```
mergeSort(input) {  
  if (input.length == 1)  
    return  
  else  
    smallerHalf = mergeSort(new [0, ..., mid])  
    largerHalf = mergeSort(new [mid + 1, ...])  
    return merge(smallerHalf, largerHalf)  
}
```



Where's that **work** coming from?

A  $\Theta(n)$  operation inside of Merge Sort that processes the entire input!

# Tree Method

e.g. Merge Sort:

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

## How many layers in the function call tree?

How many steps to go from start value of  $n$  to base case (1), dividing by 2 each time?

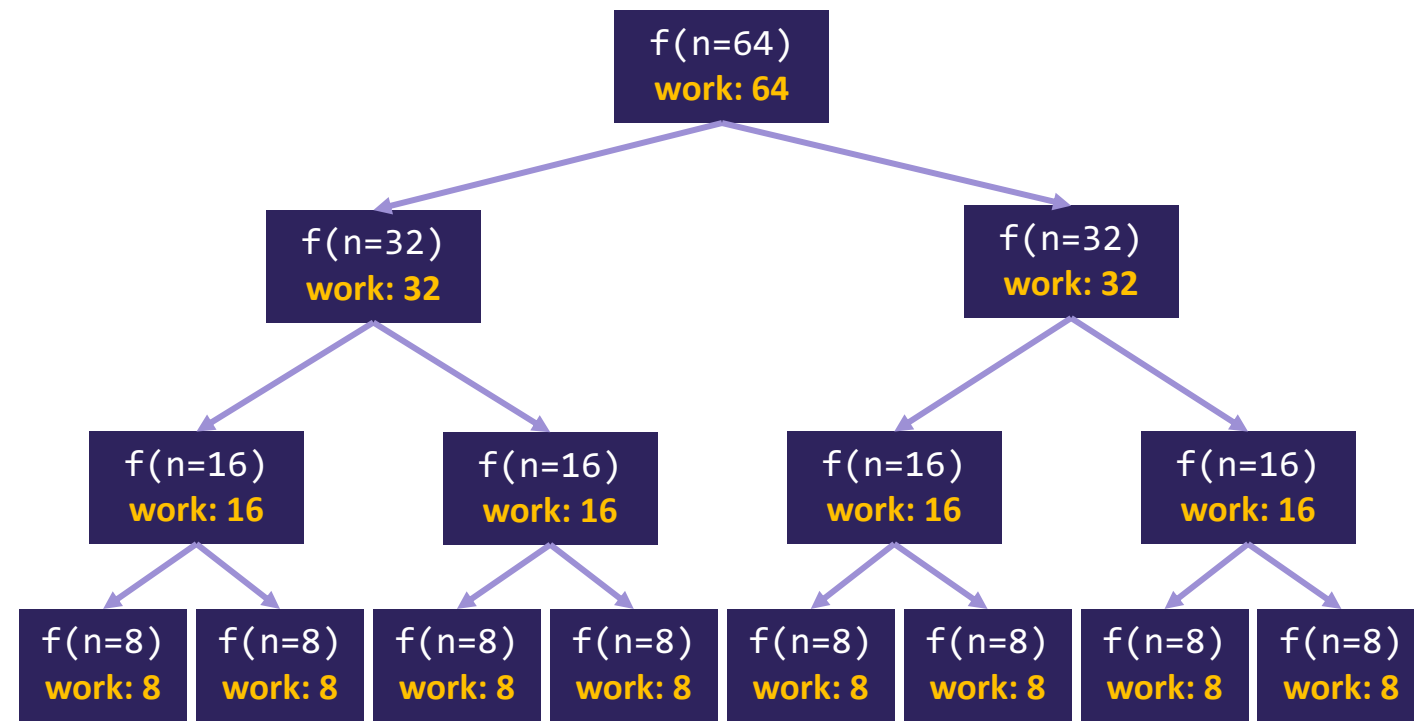
Think binary search – it takes  $\log_2 n$  “halvings” to take  $n$  down to 1

Height of function call tree:  $\log_2 n$

## How much work done per layer?

Amount of work varies by function call, but remains constant across entire layer

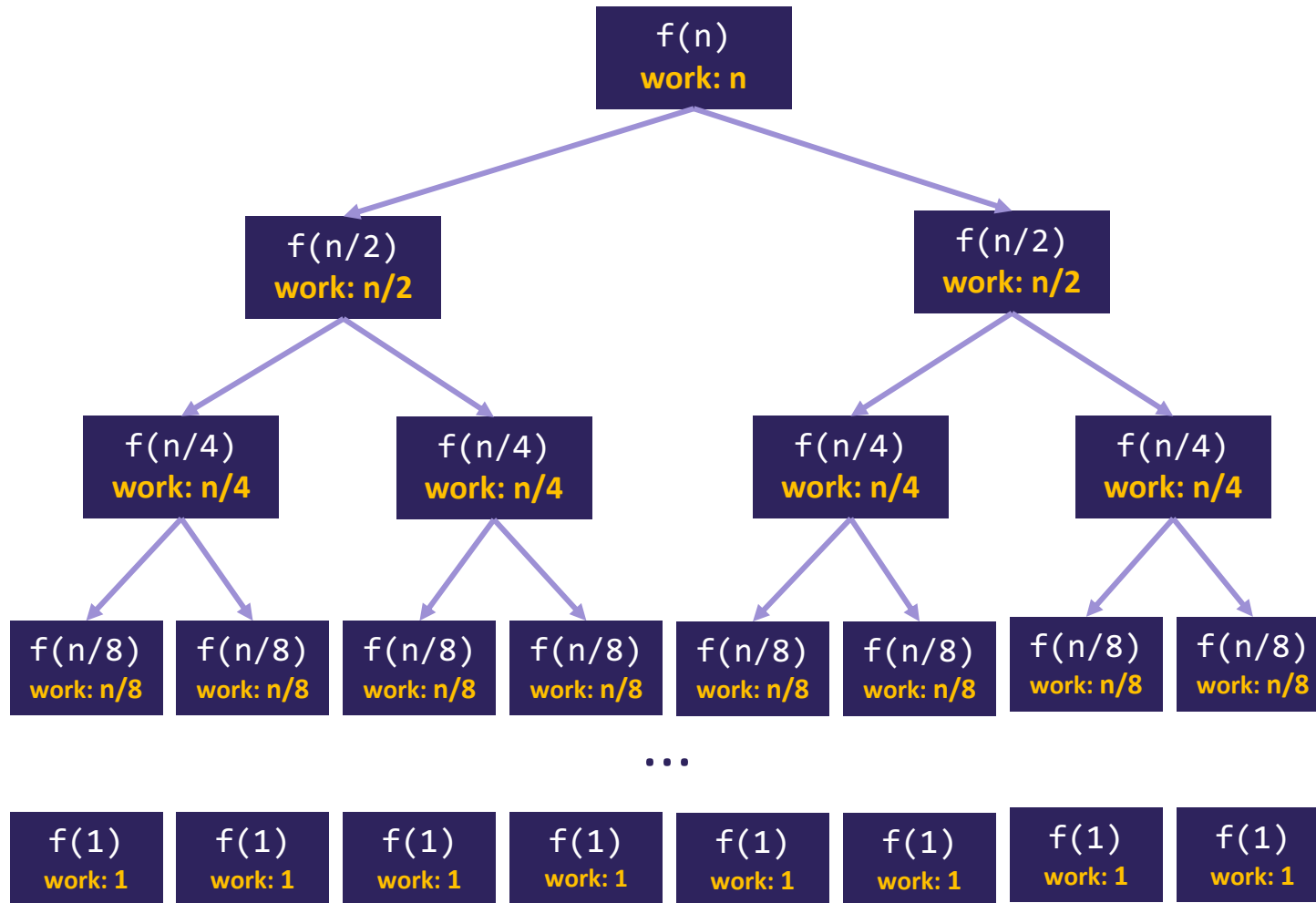
$n$  work at each layer



...

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Recursive level	How many nodes at each level?	How much work done by each node?	How much work across each level?
0	1	$n$	$n$
1	2	$\frac{n}{2}$	$n$
2	4	$\frac{n}{4}$	$n$
3	8	$\frac{n}{8}$	$n$
...	...	...	...
$\log n$	$n$	1	$n$

# Tree Method Checklist

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

1	What's the size of the input per call on level i?	$\frac{n}{2^i}$
2	How much work done by each node on level i (recursive case)?	$\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)$ 1
3	How many nodes at level i?	$2^i$
4	What's the total work done on level i (recursive case)?	$\overset{3}{\text{numNodes}} * \overset{2}{\text{workPerNode}}$ $= 2^i \left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) = n$
5	On what value of i does the last level occur (base case)?	$\frac{n}{2^i} = 1$ $(n = 2^i \Rightarrow i = \log_2 n)$
6	How much work done by each node on last level (base case)?	1
7	What's the total work on the last level (base case)?	$\overset{5}{\text{numNodes}} * \overset{6}{\text{workPerNode}}$ $= 2^{\log_2 n} (1) = n$

Level (i)	Number of Nodes	Work per Node	Work per Level
0	1	$n$	$n$
1	2	$\frac{n}{2}$	$n$
2	4	$\frac{n}{4}$	$n$
3	8	$\frac{n}{8}$	$n$
$\log_2 n$	$n$	1	$n$



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Putting it Together:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} \overset{5}{n} \overset{7}{+ n} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} n \\
 &= n \log_2 n + n \\
 &= \Theta(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Summation of a Constant

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} c = ck$$

# Next Stop: The Data Structures Part™

- We're now armed with a toolbox stuffed full of analysis tools
  - It's time to apply this theory to more practical topics!
- On Friday, we'll take our first deep dive using those tools on a data structure: Hash Maps!

