

• Summary:

Arithmetic: $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N$ operations = $\Theta(N^2)$

$\underbrace{1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + N}$ operations = $\Theta(N^2)$
 (+c) (+c) (next number is +c larger)

Geometric: $1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + N$ operations = $\Theta(N)$

$\underbrace{1 + 8 + 64 + \dots + N}$ operations = $\Theta(N)$
 ($\times c$) ($\times c$) (next number is $\times c$ larger)

• Analyzing recursive function runtimes:

5 STEPS:

① How many **operations** in this function?

② Draw a **tree**! Draw the first function call as a node like so:

③ How many **recursive calls** in this function? Draw as child node as so:



④ Repeat 1-3 on recursive calls until notice pattern

⑤ Label recursive calls by **level** (distance away from first function call) - see example

⑥ Add up number of **operations per level**. Then add up operations at each level for each level.

EXAMPLE:

```
public static void weirdCount(N) {
    if (N <= 1) { return 1; }
    int sum = 0;
    for (int x=0; x < N; x++) {
        for (int y=0; y < N; y++) {
            sum++;
        }
    }
    return sum + weirdCount(N/2)
           + weirdCount(N/2);
}
```

① In our first function `weirdCount(N)`, there are $\Theta(N^2)$ operations

② Look at tree

③ There are two recursive calls in this function: `weirdCount(N/2)` and `weirdCount(N/2)`.

④ Notice that in `weirdCount(N/2)`, we perform $(\frac{N}{2})^2 = \frac{N^2}{4}$ operations. Then, in `weirdCount(N/4)` we perform $(\frac{N}{4})^2 = \frac{N^2}{16}$ operations. Repeat this logic.

⑤ We realize there are $\log N$ levels because the input N decreases by half each time; N halves $\log N$ times until it reaches 1 (base case! No more recursive calls).

$$N^2 + \frac{N^2}{2} + \frac{N^2}{4} + \dots + N = N \cdot N + \frac{N^2}{2} + \frac{N^2}{4} + \dots + 1 = N \cdot \Theta(N) = \Theta(N^2)$$

