

C. 1. Recurrence Tree Method – Example 3

Solve the following recurrence equation:

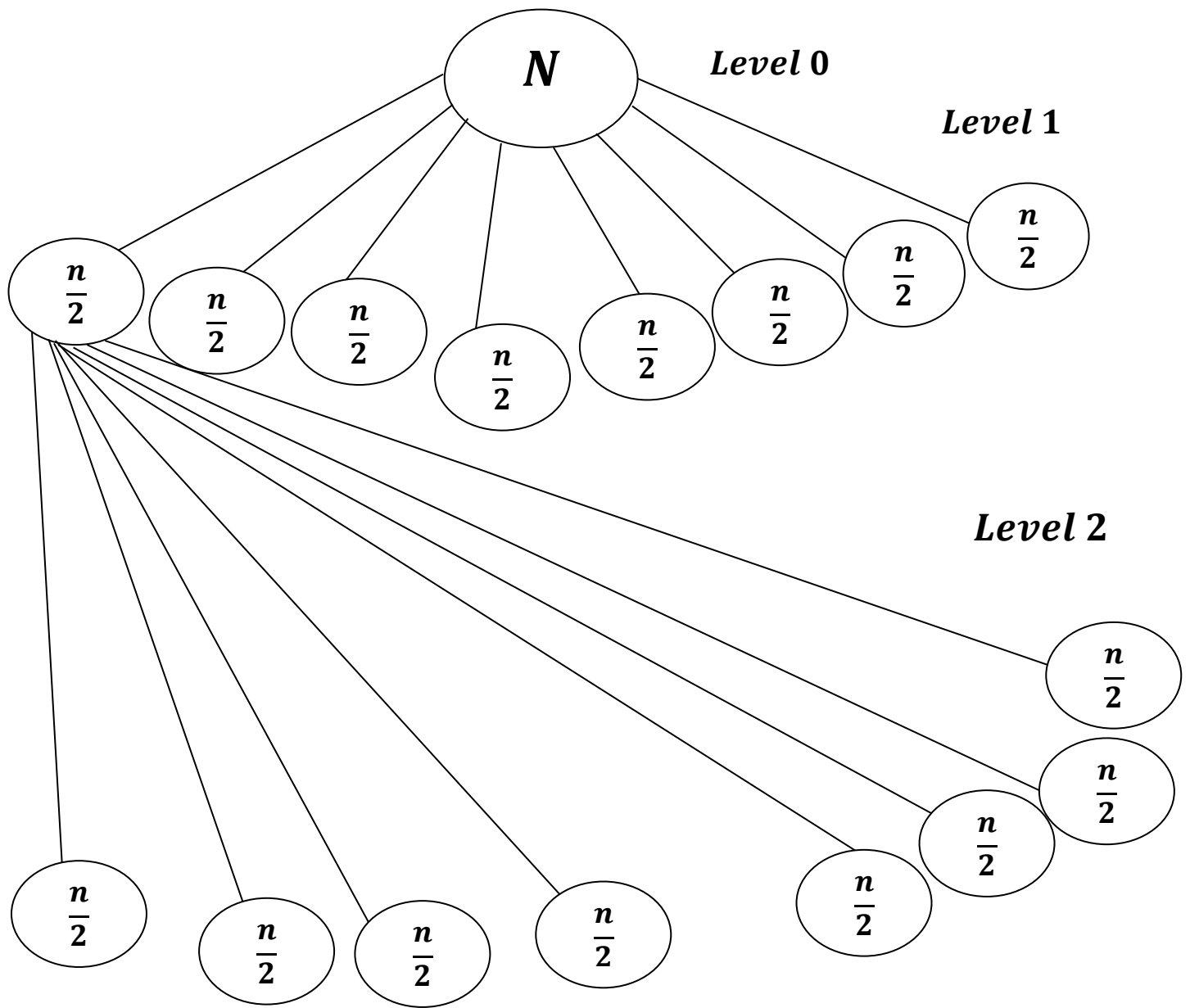
$$t_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } n = 1 \\ 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) & \text{for } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

Initially the input is n. It is sub – divided into eight sub – problems. In the next level, each of these eight sub – problems is again divided into eight sub problems(so a total of $8 \times 8 = 64$ sub problems).

Here 8T represents 8 subdivision and $\frac{n}{2}$ represents $\frac{n}{2}$ increase of problem size.

This process is continued till a pattern is obtained.



Recurrence tree at levels 1 and 2 (and only one problem division is shown)

<i>Level</i>	<i>No. of problems</i>	<i>Problem Size</i>	<i>Work done = No. of problems × problem size</i>
0	1	n	$1 \times n = n$
1	8	$\frac{n}{8}$	$8 \times \frac{n}{8} = n$
2	8^2	$\frac{n}{8^2}$	$8^2 \times \frac{n}{8^2} = n$
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
k	8^k	$\frac{n}{8^k}$	$8^k \times \frac{n}{8^k} = n$
$\log_2 n$	$8^{\log_2 n}$	1	$8^{\log_2 n} \times 1 = n^3$

The problem size reduces to 1 as $T(n) = 1$

for $n = 1$ i.e. $T(1) = 1$ or $t_1 = 1$.

It can be observed that at every level a problem is divided into eight subproblems or nodes is increasing in the following pattern: 1, 8, 64, ... ($8^0, 8^1, 8^2, \dots, 8^i$).

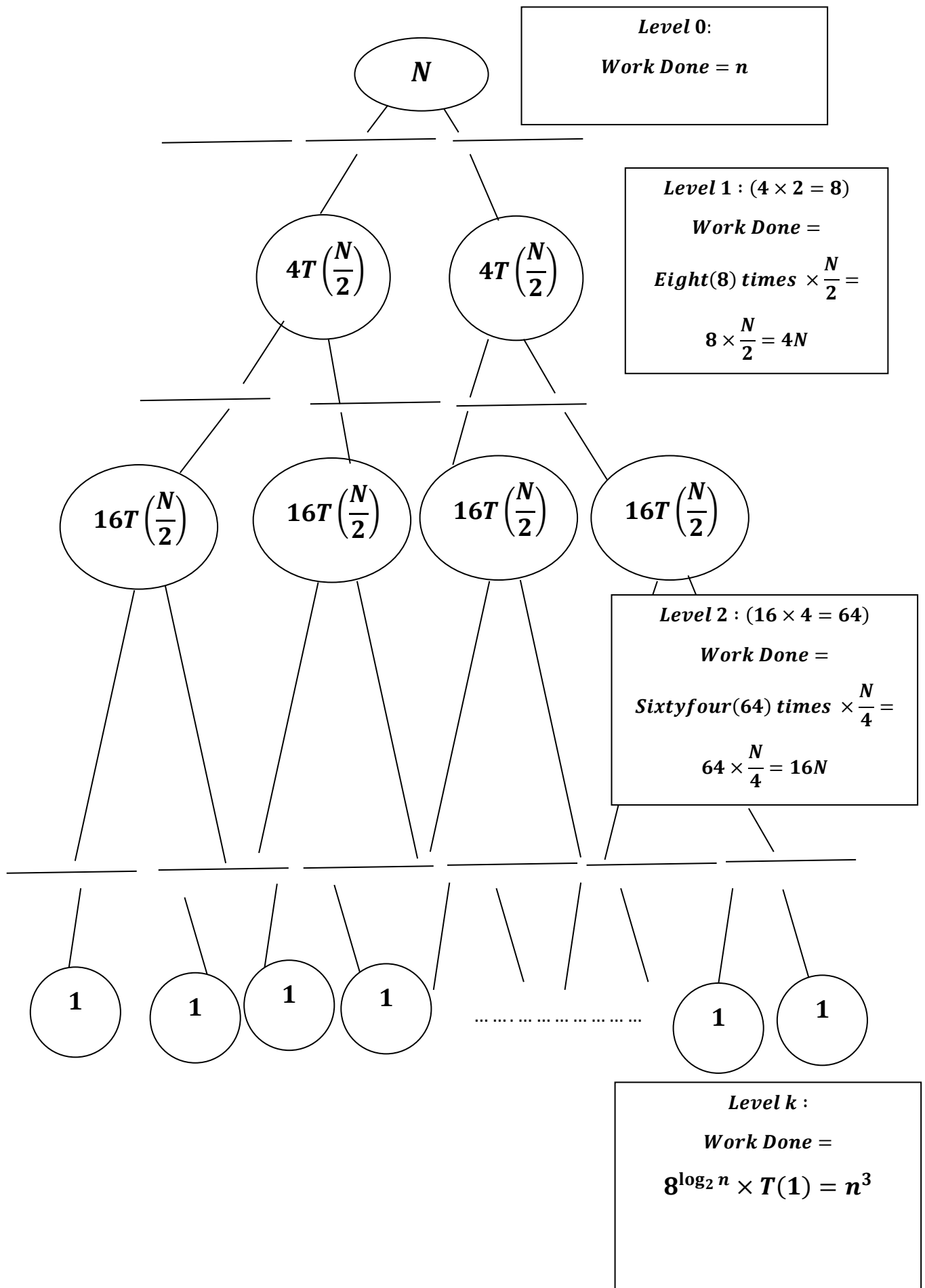
The problem size is decreasing in a geometric series as follows: $\left(n, \frac{n}{8}, \frac{n}{8^2}, \dots, \frac{n}{8^k}, \dots, 1\right)$. Based on the table, the amount of work done at the $\log_2 n$ can be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 8^{\log_2 n} \times T(1) \\
 &= (2^3)^{\log_2 n} \times 1 \\
 &= (2^{\log_2 n})^3 \\
 &= (n)^3 [a^{\log_a b} = b] \\
 &= n^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 8^{\log_2 n} \times T(1) \\
 &= (2^3)^{\log_2 n} \times 1 \\
 &= (2^{\log_2 n})^3 \\
 &= (n^{\log_2 2})^3 [a^{\log_a b} = b^{\log_a a} = b] \\
 &= n^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Now to calculate amount of work done at other level lets divide the above again:



Re – writing the above table as:

<i>Level</i>	<i>No. of problems</i>	<i>Problem Size</i>	<i>Work done = No. of problems × problem size</i>
0	1	n	$1 \times n = n$
1	8	$\frac{n}{2}$	$8 \times \frac{n}{2} = 4n$
2	8^2	$\frac{n}{4}$	$8^2 \times \frac{n}{4} = 16n$
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
k	8^k	$\frac{n}{2^k}$	$8^k \times \frac{n}{2^k} = n \times 2^{2k}$
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Hence at level 0 , work done is N . At the next level , the cost is 8 times $\left(\frac{N}{2}\right) = 4N$; at level 2 , the cost is 64 times $\left(\frac{N}{4}\right) = 16N$ and so on.

*The work done is increasing in the following pattern:
1, 4, 16, Therefore the total cost is the work done
at the last level and work done at all other level (0, 1, 2, 3, ...,
($\log_2 n - 1$).*

*Thus, the total cost of the tree can be estimated as
follows:*

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 4^i n + 8^{\log_2 n} \times T(1)$$

Where, $8^{\log_2 n} \times T(1)$ is the last level for $\log_2 n$.

and for $\log_2 n - 1$ i.e. till $\log_2 n - 1$ we have : $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 4^i n$

Hence we got : $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 4^i n + 8^{\log_2 n} \times T(1)$

And we know : $8^{\log_2 n} \times T(1) = n^3$, hence:

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 4^i n + n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow n \times \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 4^i + n^3$$

And we know the geometric series :

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^n = \frac{x^{n+1} - 1}{x - 1}$$

And hence for $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} 4^i$, we get

$$\Rightarrow n \times \left(\frac{4^{(\log_2 n - 1) + 1} - 1}{4 - 1} \right) + n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow n \times \left(\frac{4^{\log_2 n} - 1}{4 - 1} \right) + n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow n \times \left(\frac{(n)^2 - 1}{4 - 1} \right) + n^3 \left[\because 4^{\log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 n})^2 = n^2 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow n \times \left(\frac{n^2 - 1}{3} \right) + n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n^3 - n}{3} + n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n^3 - n + 3n^3}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4n^3 - n}{3}$$

Hence total cost of the tree as : $\Theta\left(\frac{4n^3 - n}{3}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta\left(\frac{4n^3}{3} - \frac{n}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta\left(\frac{4n^3}{3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{3} \times \Theta(n^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(n^3)$$

Alternative way.

Something is divisible by 8 also are divisible by 4 or are multiples of 4.

The multiple 4 is the approach earlier, but if we keep the original table .

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Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} &= (n + n + n + \dots + \log_2 n - 1 \text{ times}) + n^3 \\ &= n \times (\log_2 n - 1) + n^3 \\ &= n \log_2 n - n + n^3 \\ &= \Theta(n \log_2 n - n + n^3) \end{aligned}$$

Now let us view the exponential rates of growth:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{2n} &< n! < 4^{2n} < 2^n < n^3 < n^2 < n \log n < \log(n!) < n \\ &< 2^{\log n} < \log^2 n < \sqrt{\log n} < \log \log n < 1 \end{aligned}$$

And complexities from fastest to slowest:

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(1) &< \Theta(\log n) < \Theta(\sqrt{n}) < \Theta(n) < \Theta(n \log n) < \Theta(n^2) < \\ &\Theta(n^3) < \Theta(2^n) < \Theta(n!) < \Theta(2^{2n}) < \Theta(2^{\log n}) < \Theta(\log \log n) \\ &< \Theta(3^n) < \Theta(n^n) \end{aligned}$$

We can write it oppositely:

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(n^n) &> \Theta(3^n) > \Theta(\log \log n) > \Theta(2^{\log n}) > \Theta(2^{2n}) > \Theta(n!) \\ &> \Theta(2^n) > \Theta(n^3) > \Theta(n^2) > \Theta(n \log n) > \Theta(n) > \Theta(\sqrt{n}) > \\ &\Theta(\log n) > \Theta(1) \end{aligned}$$

We can examine :

$$\Theta(n \log_2 n - n + n^3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(n^3) > \Theta(n \log_2 n) > \Theta(n)$$

$\Rightarrow \Theta(n^3)$ *is the answer.*
