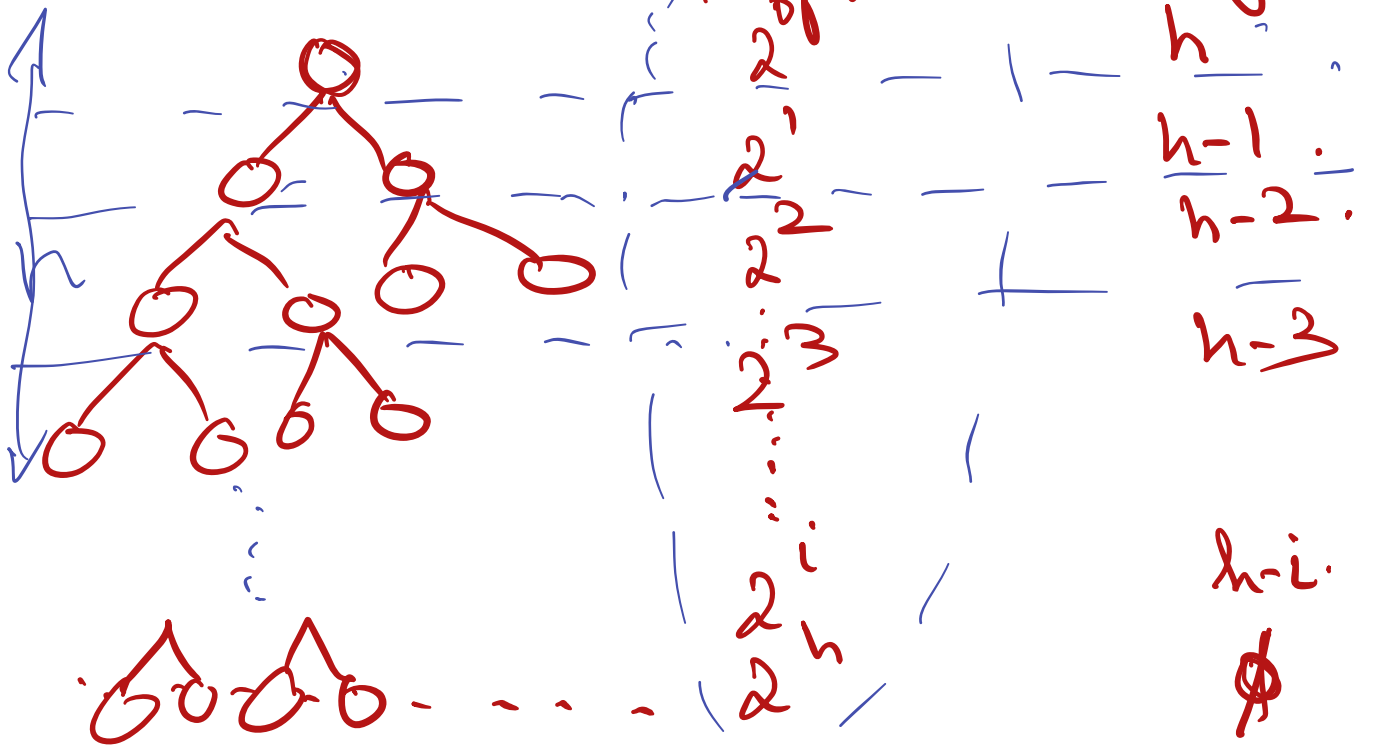


Theorem : For a perfect binary tree of ht h containing $2^{h+1} - 1$ nodes, sum of the heights of the nodes is

$$\frac{2^{h+1} - 1 + (h+1)}{2}$$

Full binary tree of height h .



1 node at height h .

2 nodes at height $h-1$

2^i nodes

$$S = 2^0 \cdot h + \underbrace{2^1 \cdot (h-1)}_{i=1} + \underbrace{2^2 \cdot (h-2)}_{h-i} + \dots + 2^i \cdot (h-i) + \dots$$

$$S = \sum_{i=0}^h 2^i (h-i).$$

$$S = \cancel{h} + 2(h-1) + 4(h-2) + \dots + 2^{h-1}(h-(h-1)) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$2S = \cancel{2h} + 4(h-1) + 8(h-2) + \dots + 2^h \cdot 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{(2)} - \text{(1)}$$

$$S = -h + 2h - (2(h-1)) + 4(h-1) - (4(h-2))$$

$$+ 8(h-2) - (8(h-3))$$

⋮

$$= \begin{array}{ccccccc} -h & +2h & -2h & +2 & & & \\ & +4h & -4 & -4h & +8 & + & \\ & \sim & & \sim & & \sim & \sim \end{array}$$

$$= -h + (2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{h-1} + 2^h)$$

$$S = -h + \underbrace{2^{h+1} - 1}_{\nearrow} - 1$$

$$S = \underbrace{(2^{h+1} - 1)} - \underbrace{(h+1)}$$