

PSO 2

Recurrences and Trees

Question 1

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Recursive functions have a **base case** and a **recursive case**

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Final answer:

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(important: include both base case and recursive case!)

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Warning: Solving this $T(n)$ using iterations is a bad idea!

... kind of, we will see that trees help us organize better!

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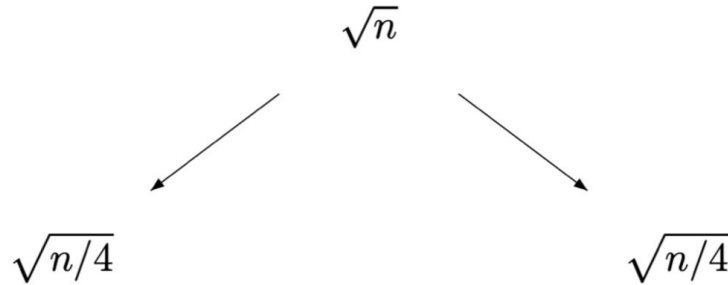
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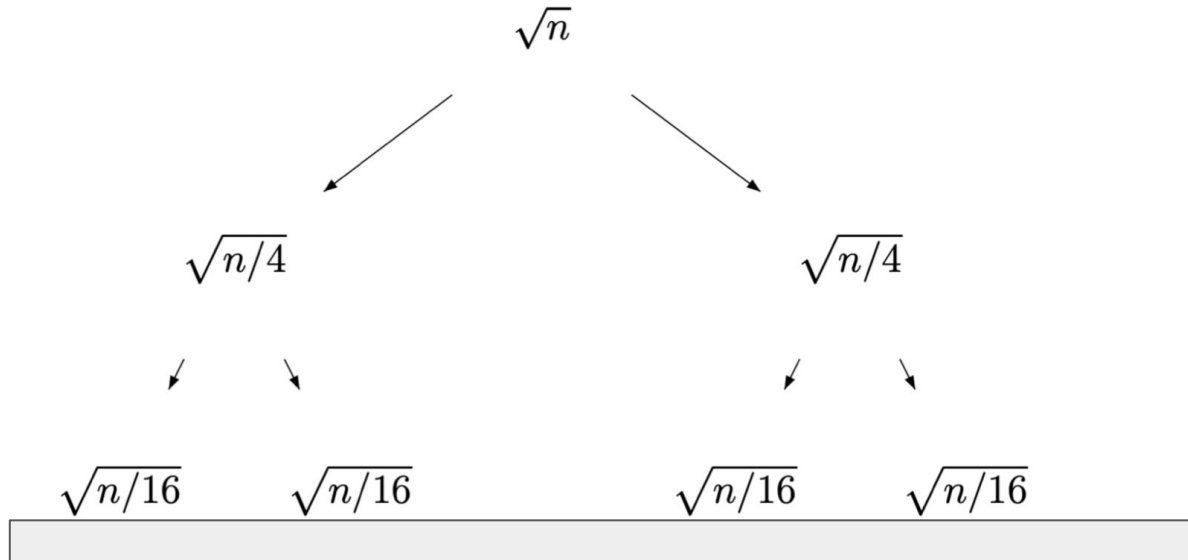
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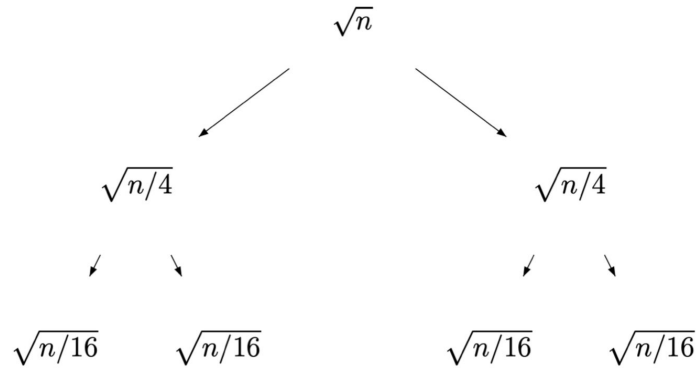
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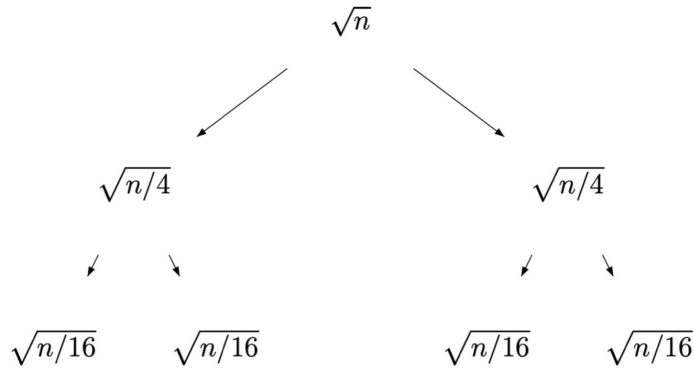
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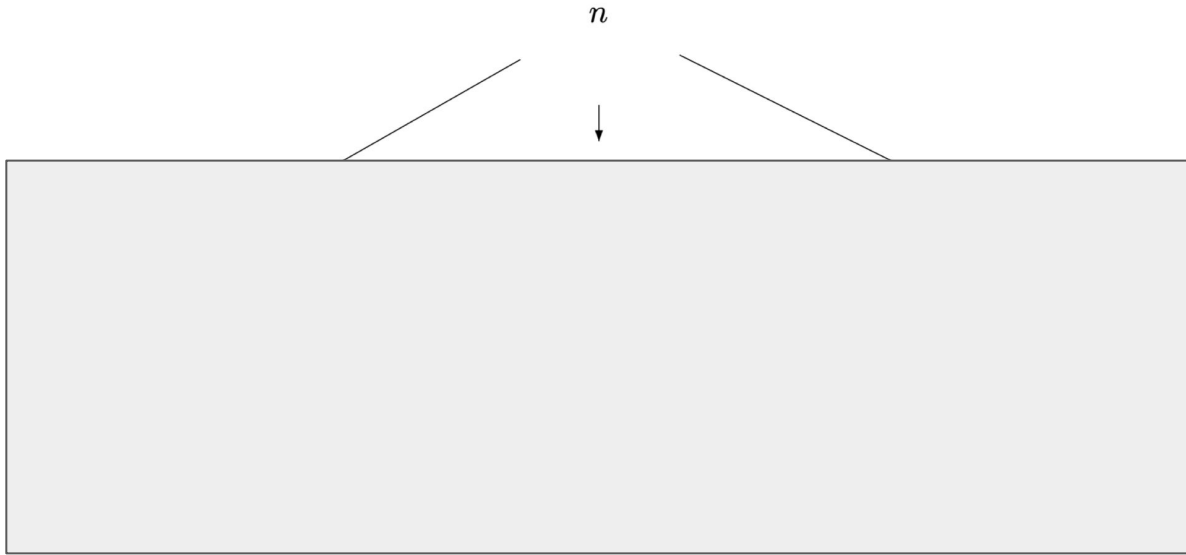


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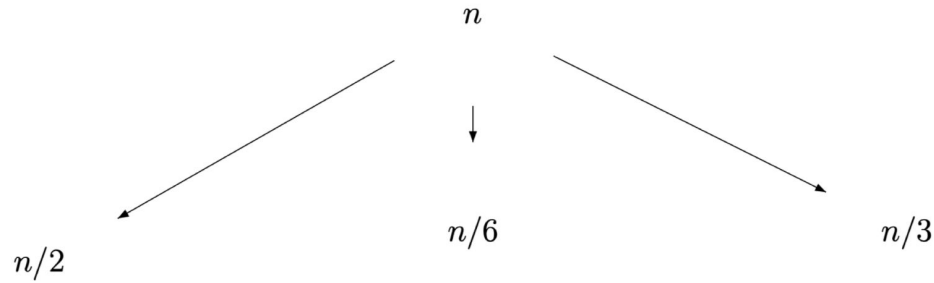
Number of levels: $\log_4 n$

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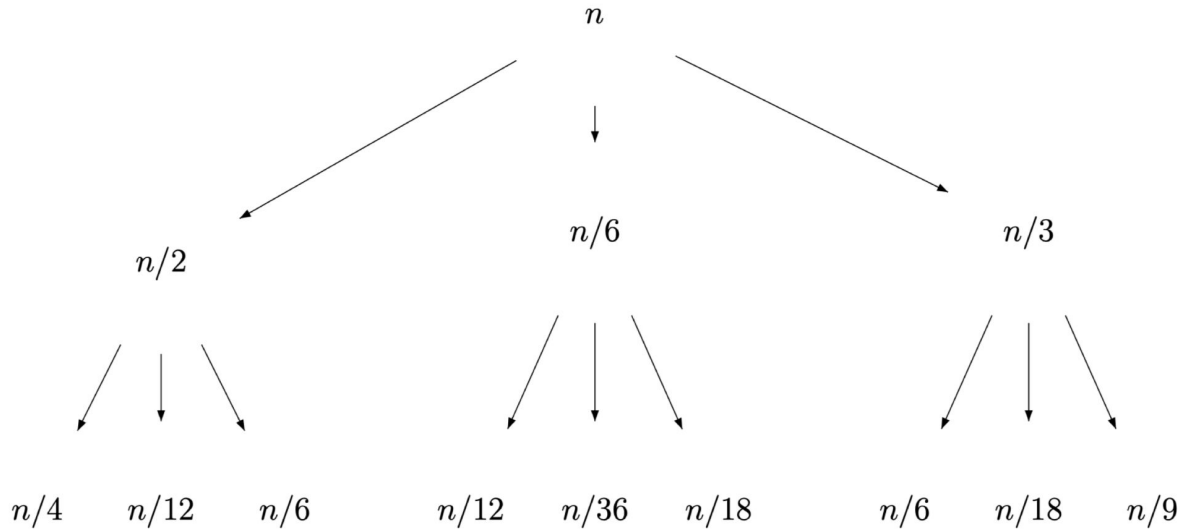
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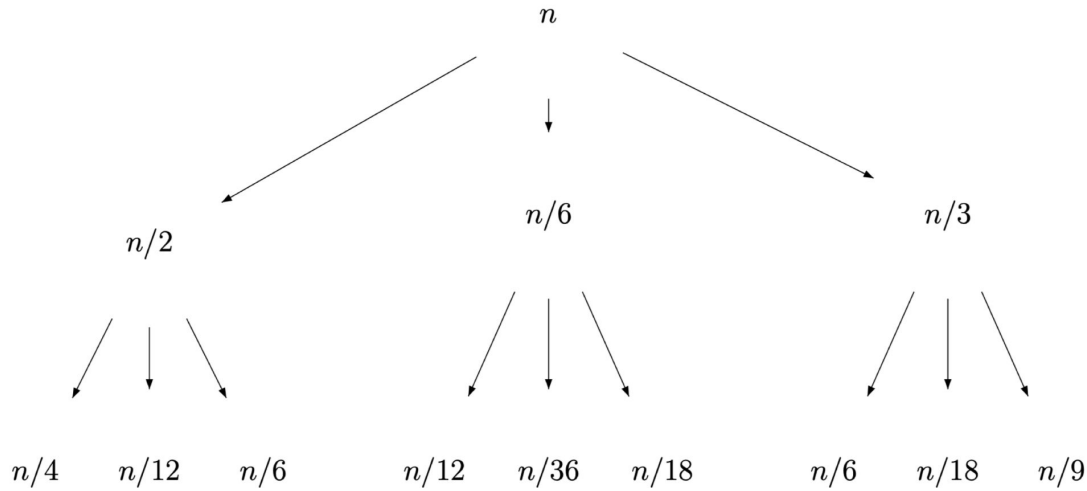
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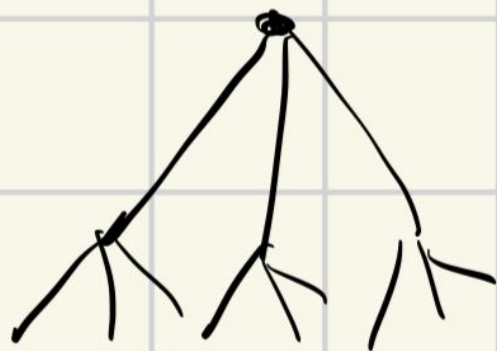
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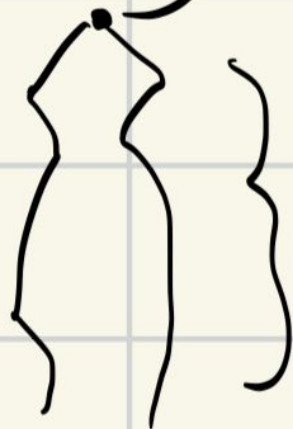
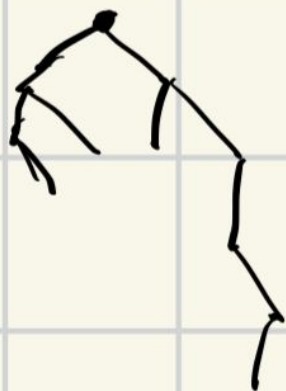
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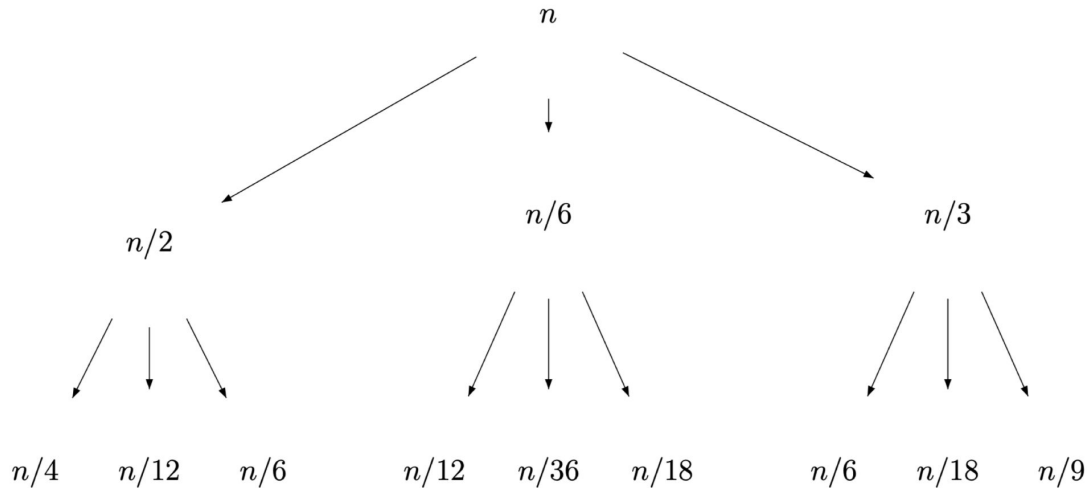


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$$\lg n - \lg_2 n \leq \lg n$$

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E.g question 1 recurrences

Solution: Variable change! But to what value?

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This is just merge sort! $O(m \log m) = O(\log n * (\log \log n))$