

# Divide-and-Conquer: Polynomial Multiplication

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return product
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Refer next page for the same algo  
in a more readable form



## MultPoly( $A, B, n$ )

$product \leftarrow \text{Array}[2n - 1]$  **why  $2n-1$ ?**

for  $i$  from 0 to  $2n - 2$ :

$product[i] \leftarrow 0$

for  $i$  from 0 to  $n - 1$ :

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$product[i + j] \leftarrow product[i + j] + A[i] * B[j]$

return  $product$

**THINK HOW!**

Runtime:  $O(n^2)$



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**Basically, A(x) and B(x) are divided into a upper half and lower half.  
Will become clear in the example given on page 35**

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Recurrence:  $T(n) = 4T(\frac{n}{2}) + kn.$

4  $D \cdot E$  terms of size  $n/2$   
yielding  $4T(n/2)$  and  
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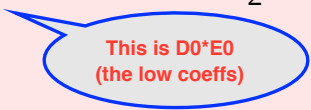
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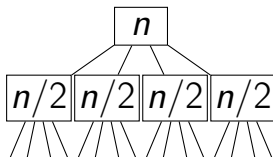
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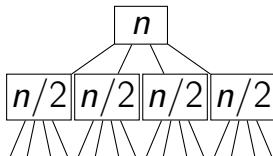
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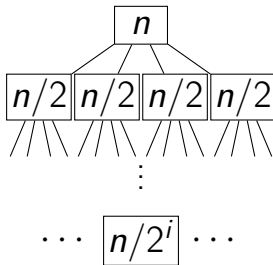
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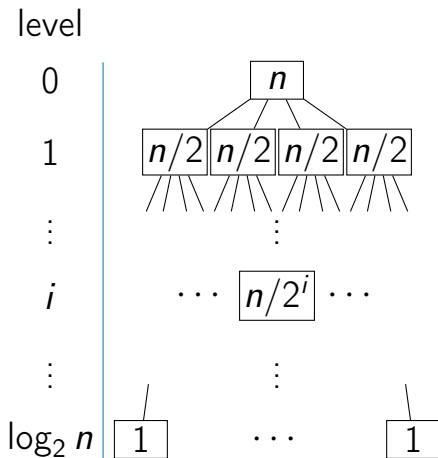
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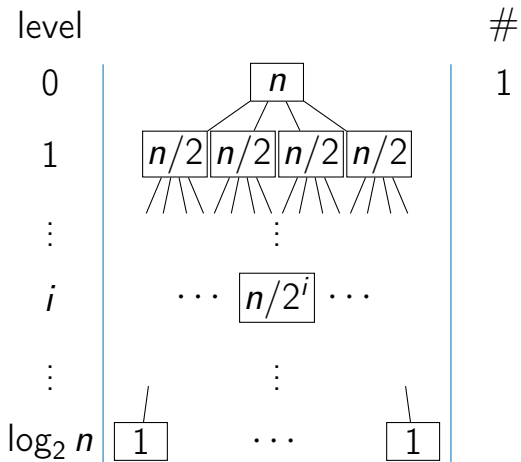
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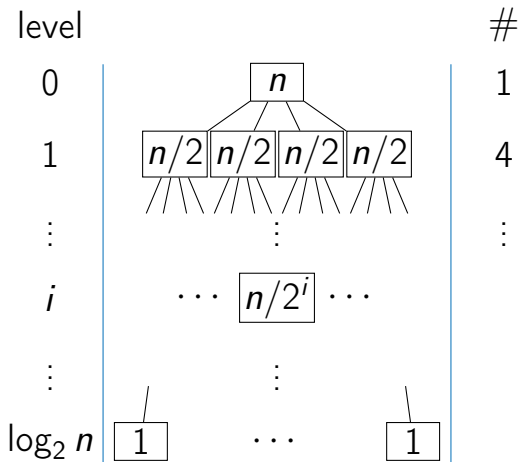
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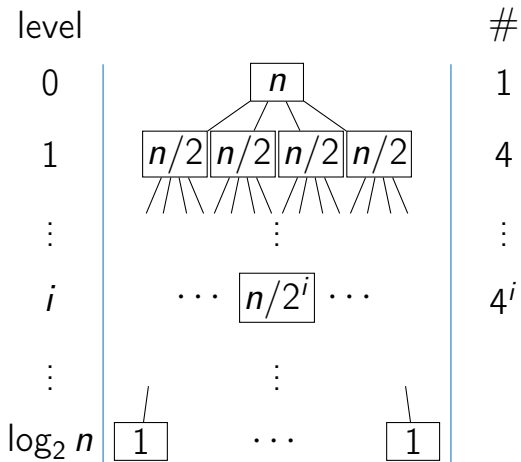


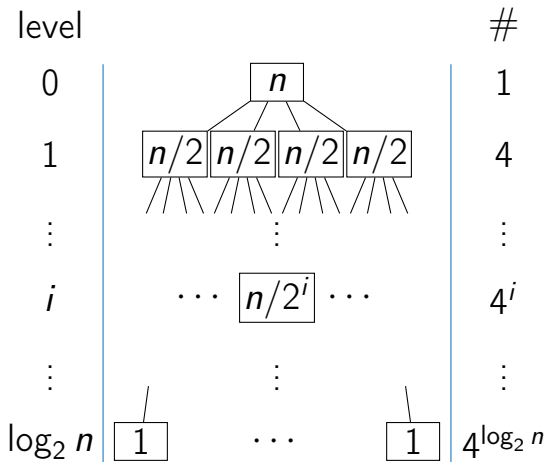


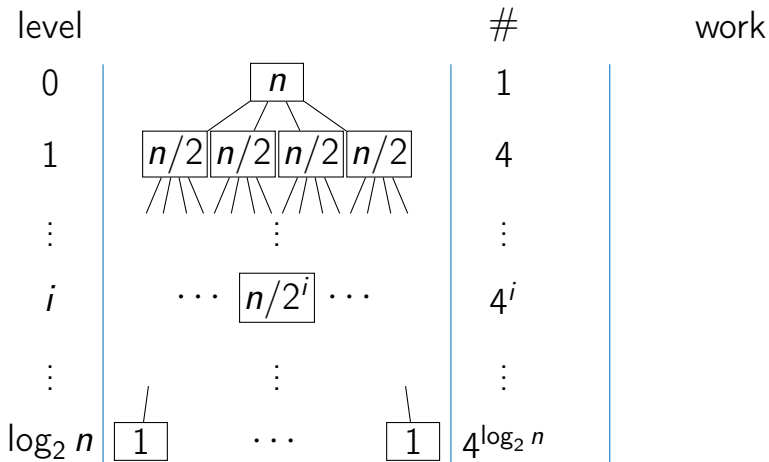


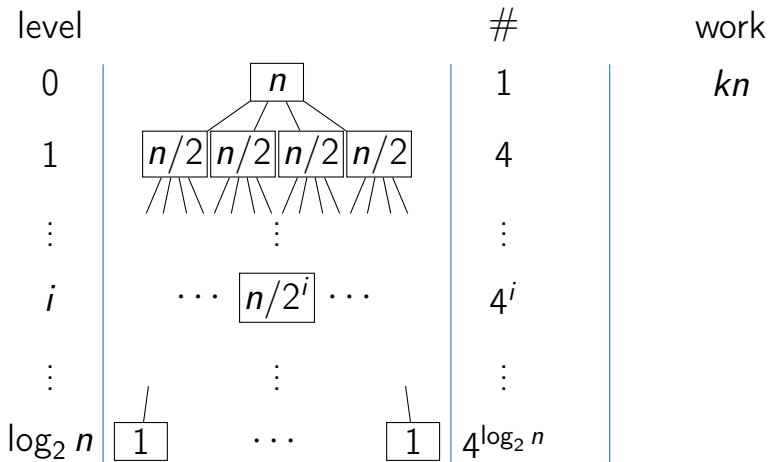


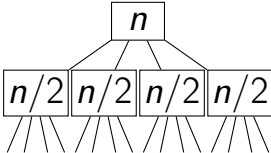



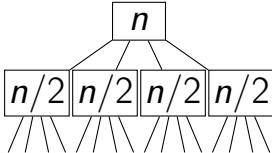



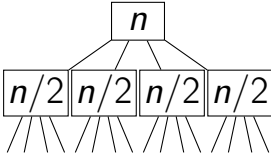





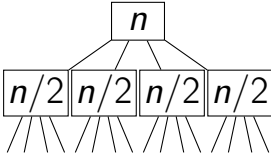


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Total:  $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 4^i k \frac{n}{2^i} = \Theta(n^2)$

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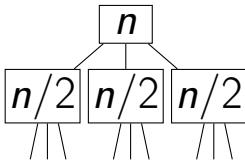
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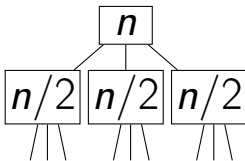




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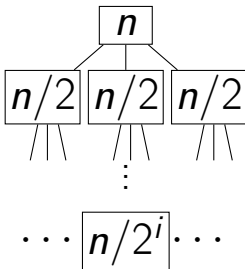
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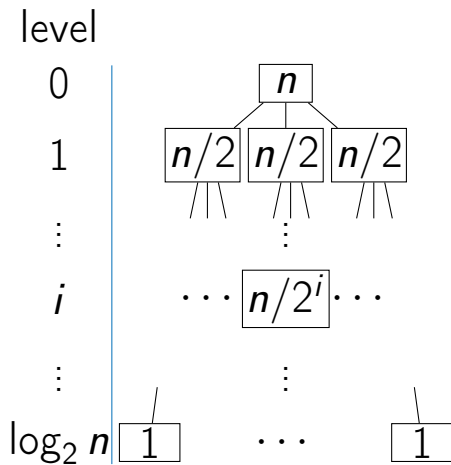
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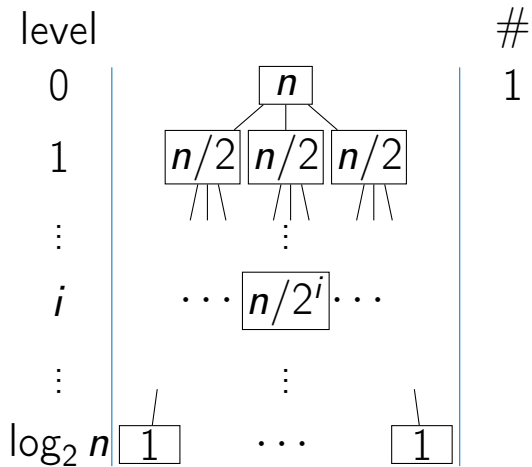
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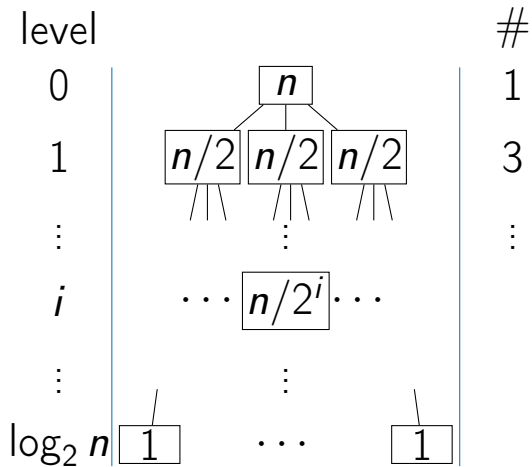
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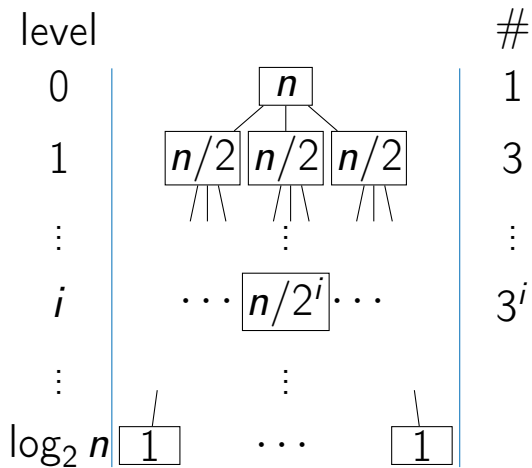
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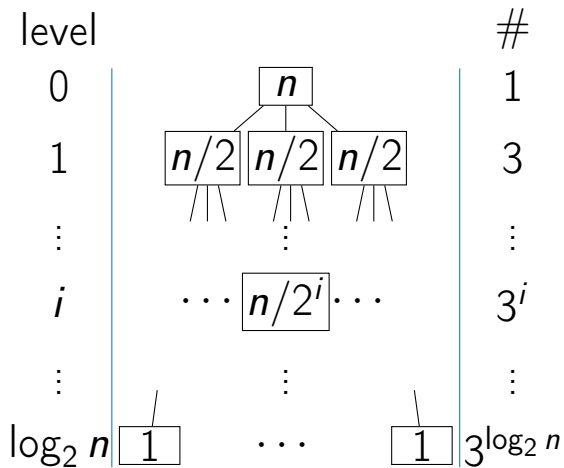


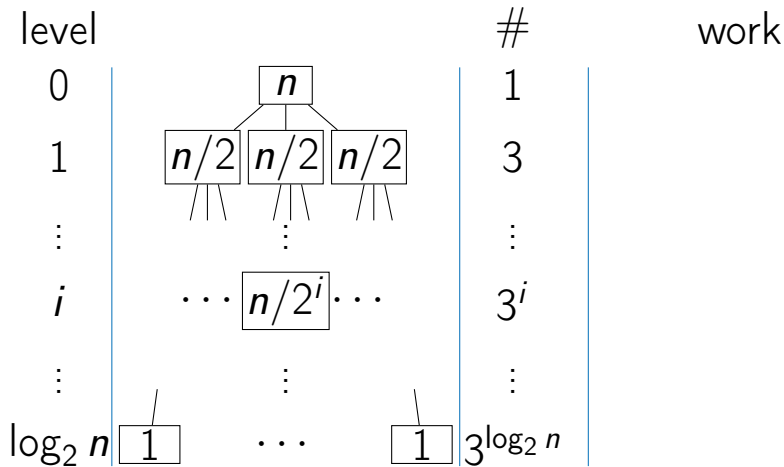




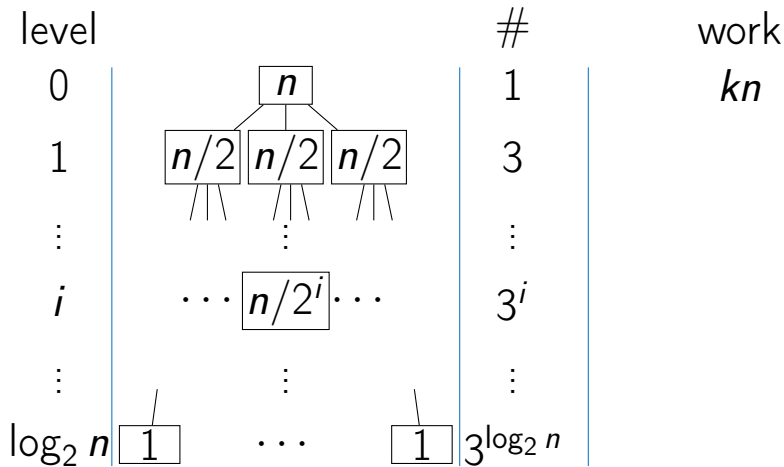


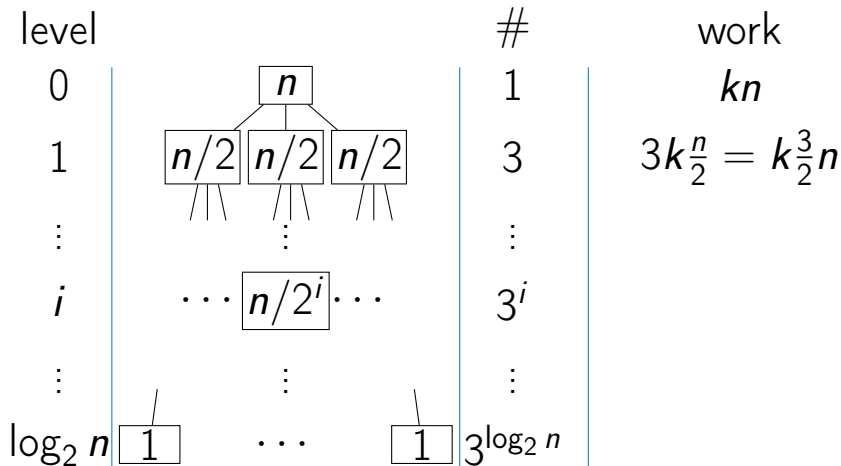



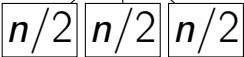





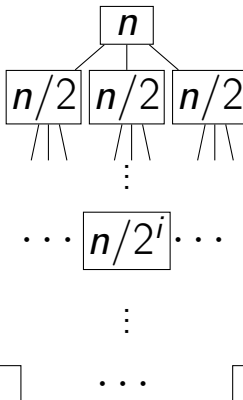



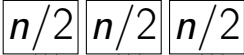









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1		3	$3k\frac{n}{2} = k\frac{3}{2}n$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$i$	$\dots$  $\dots$	$3^i$	$3^i k\frac{n}{2^i} = k(\frac{3}{2})^i n$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	
$\log_2 n$	 $\dots$ 	$3^{\log_2 n}$	

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$\log_2 n$	 $\dots$ 	$3^{\log_2 n}$	$k3^{\log_2 n} = kn^{\log_2 3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total: } \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 3^i k \frac{n}{2^i} &= \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) \\
 &= \Theta(n^{1.58})
 \end{aligned}$$