

# Announcements

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## Upcoming Deadlines:

- Project 2 basics autograder due 3/2 at 11:59 PM.
- Project 2 due 3/7 at 11:59 PM. Autograder will be minimal since it largely will involve manual testing.
- No lab this week: It will be project 2 office hours instead.

Lecture today/friday somewhat more slowly paced (given project).

- Today: Practice with what we learned Monday.

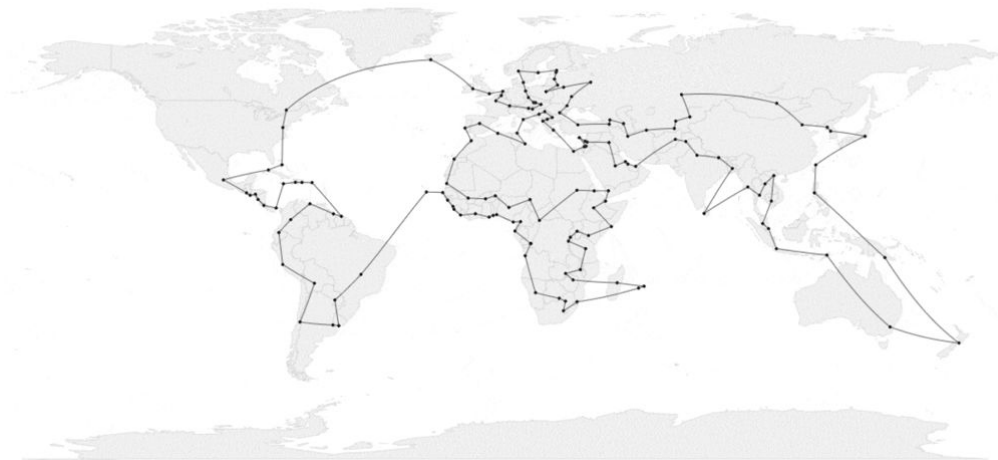
See study guides for each lecture starting Monday:

Asymptotics I

[\[video\]](#) [\[slides\]](#) [\[guide\]](#)

- Webcast viewers, do all B-level problems in guide before watching this lecture.

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Iterations: 1,000,000



# CS61B

## Lecture 18: Asymptotics II: Analysis of Algorithms

- Review of Asymptotic Notation
- Examples 1-2: For Loops
- Example 3: A Basic Recurrence
- Example 4: Binary Search
- Example 5: Mergesort

# Summary of Asymptotic Notations

	Informal meaning:	Family	Family Members
Big Theta $\Theta(f(N))$	Order of growth is $f(N)$ .	$\Theta(N^2)$	$N^2/2$ $2N^2$ $N^2 + 38N + N$
Big O $O(f(N))$	Order of growth is less than or equal to $f(N)$ .	$O(N^2)$	$N^2/2$ $2N^2$ $\lg(N)$
Big Omega $\Omega(f(N))$	Order of growth is greater than or equal to $f(N)$ .	$\Omega(N^2)$	$N^2/2$ $2N^2$ $e^N$

From discussion 

# Example 1/2: For Loops

# Monday's Lecture

We discussed ways to analyze algorithm performance. To understand how code scales, we symbolically count number of executions of a ***representative operation*** as a function of input size  $N$ .

- Focus on behavior for large  $N$ : ***ignore lower order terms***.
- ***Ignore constant multiplicative factors***.

```
int count = 0, N = a.length;
for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    if (a[i] == k) {
        count += 1;
    }
}
a[k] += count;
```

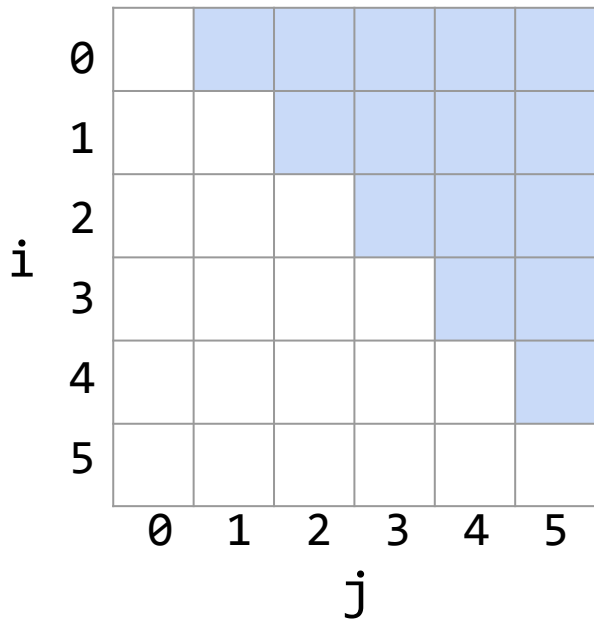
Big Theta formalizes our intuitive simplifications.

operation	count	simplified count
increment	$N+1$ to $2N+1$	$\Theta(N)$

## Example 1: Nested For Loops

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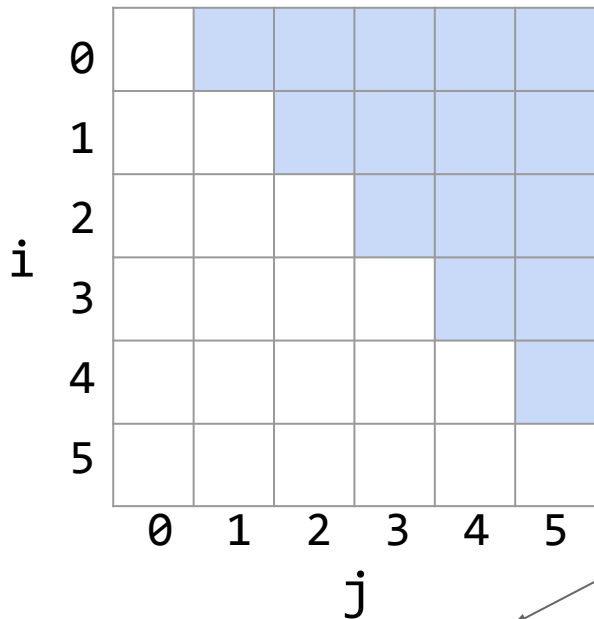
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$$1 + (N-1) = N$$

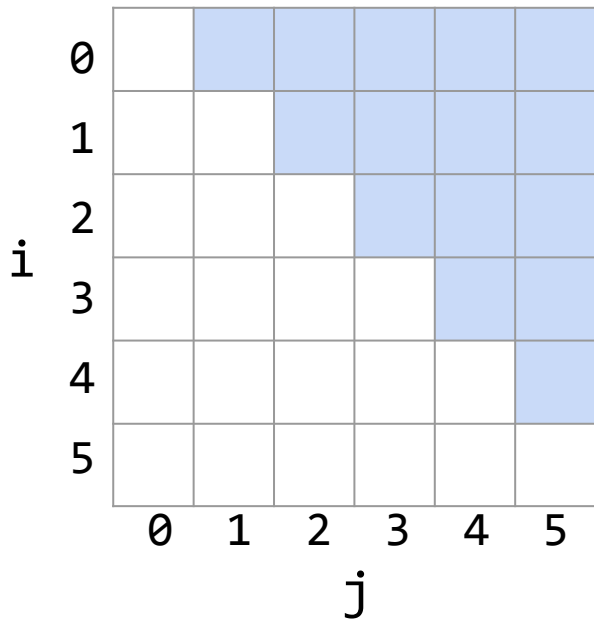
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$(N-1)/2$  of these combinations

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Overall worst case runtime:  $\Theta(N^2)$



## Nested For Loops II: [PollEv.com/jhug](https://poll-ev.com/jhug) or JHUG to 37607

Find a simple  $f(N)$  such that the runtime  $R(N) \in \Theta(f(N))$ . By simple, we mean there should be no unnecessary multiplicative constants or additive terms.

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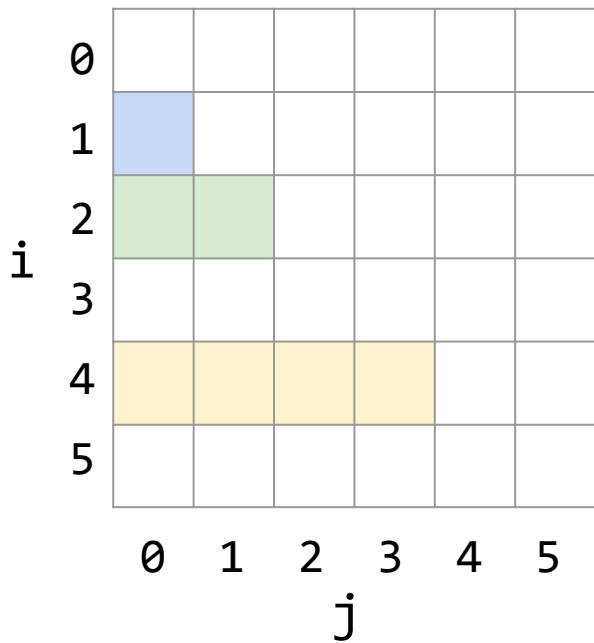
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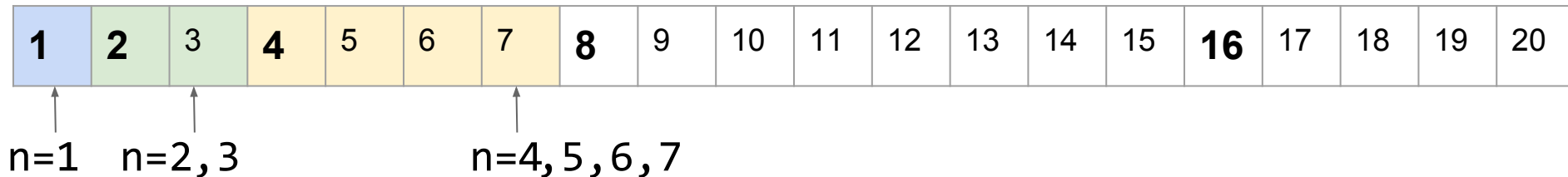
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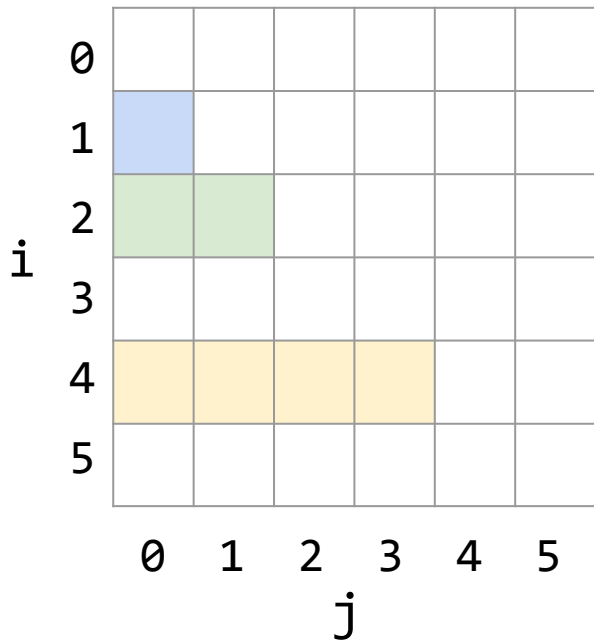
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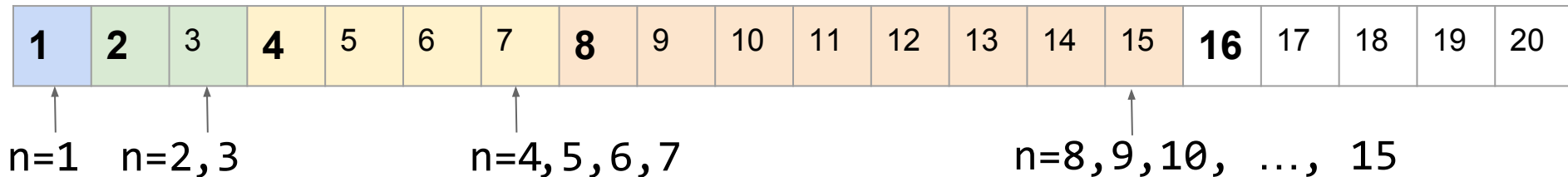
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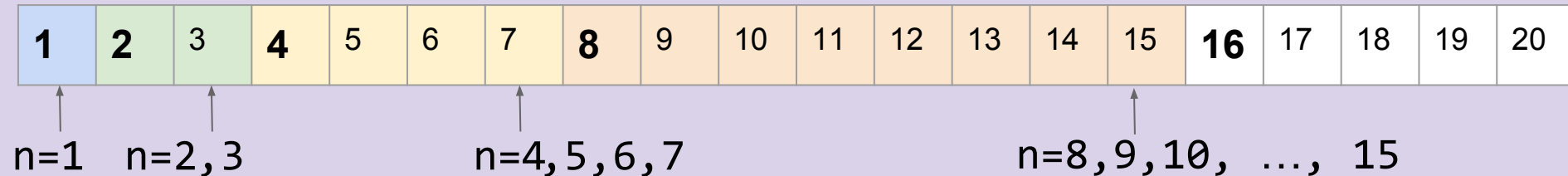
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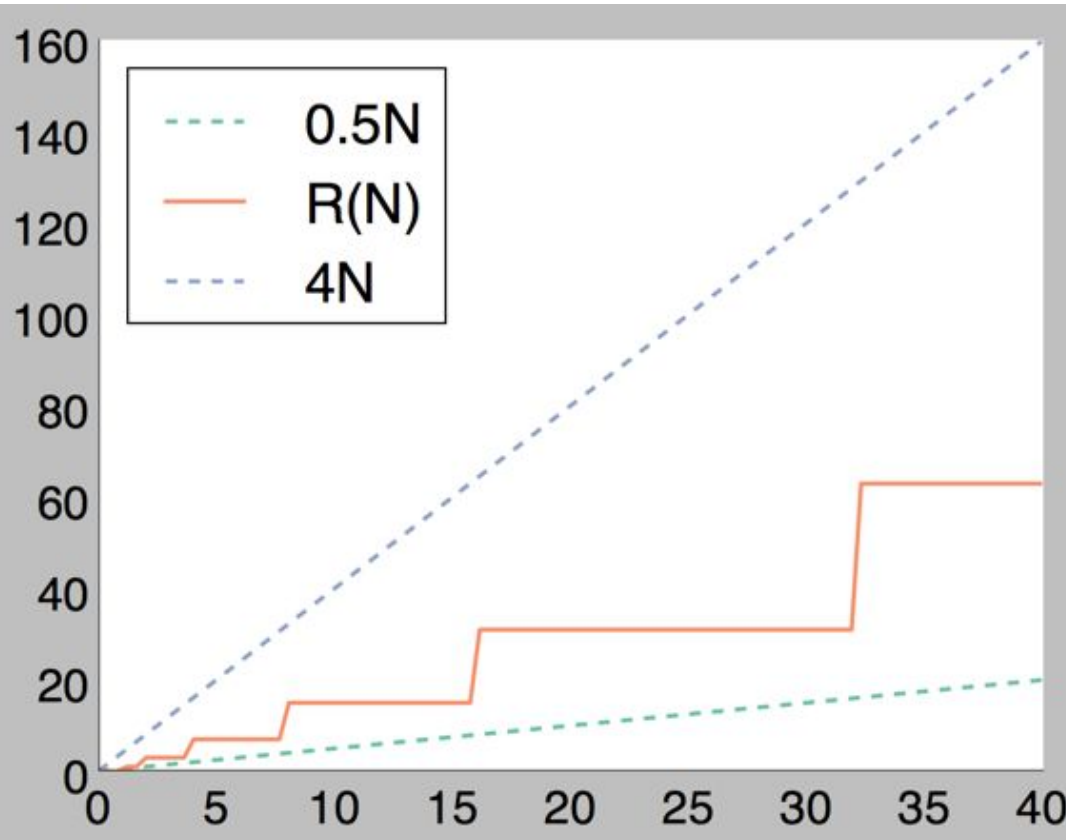
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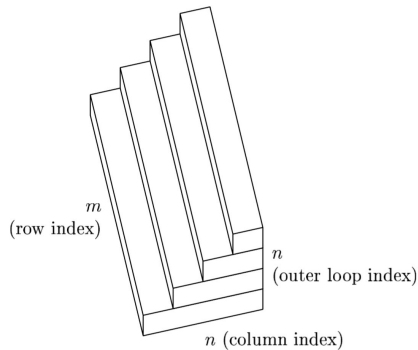
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- Strategies:
  - Write out examples
  - Draw pictures

QR decomposition runtime,  
from a numerical linear  
algebra textbook



The  $m \times n$  rectangle at the bottom corresponds to the first pass through the outer loop, the  $m \times (n - 1)$  rectangle above it to the second pass, and so on.

# Example 3: Recursion

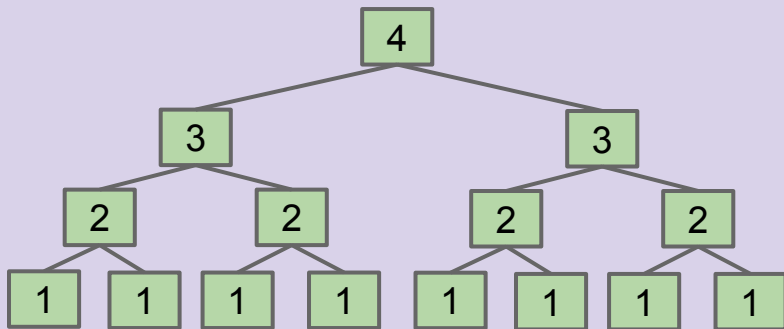
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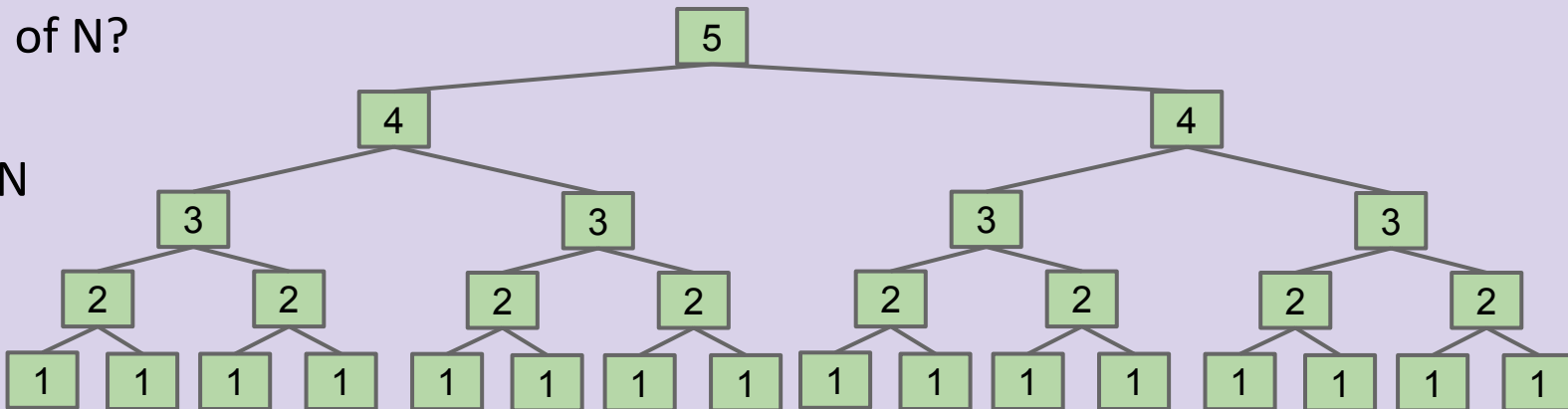
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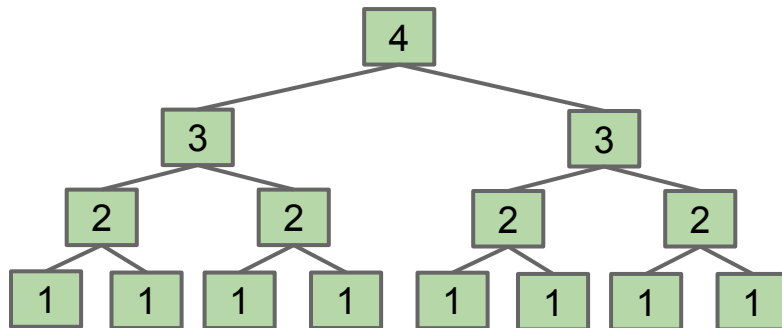
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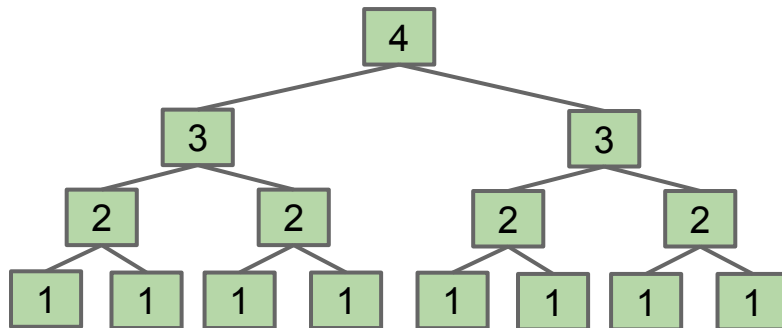
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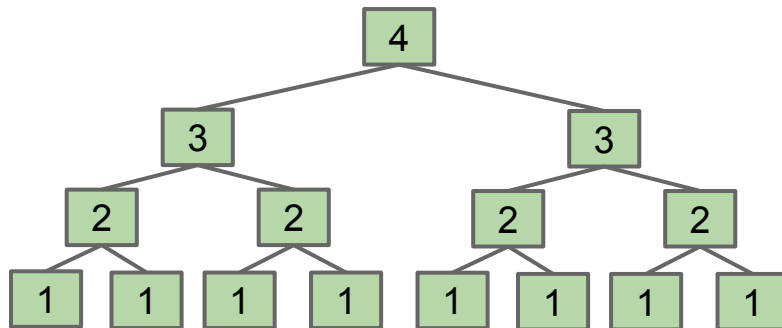
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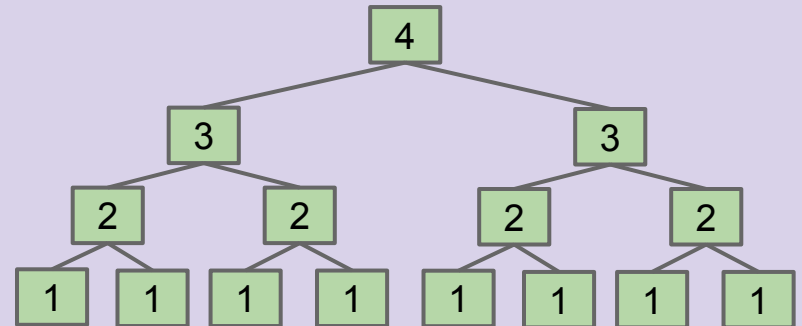
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$$C(N) = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{N-1} = ???$$

- |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| A. $2^N$     | C. $2^{N+1}$     |
| B. $2^N - 1$ | D. $2^{N+1} + 1$ |



## Sums of Powers of 2 (Revisited)

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$$C(N) = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{N-1} = ???$$

This is just the same sum we saw before, where  $Q = 2^{N-1}$  :

- $1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + Q = 2Q - 1 = \Theta(Q)$

$$C(N) = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{N-1} = 2(2^{N-1}) - 1 = 2^N - 1$$

# Recursion and Recurrence Relations

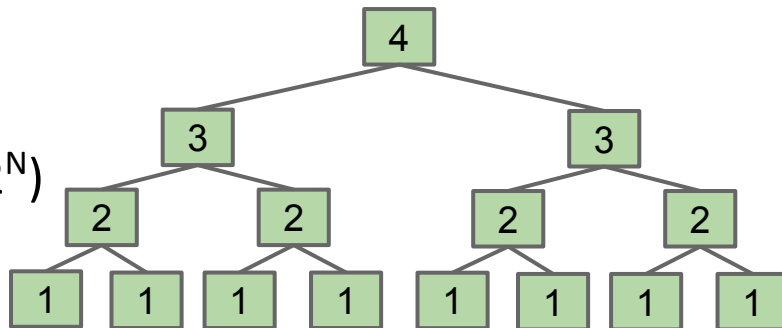
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# Recursion and Recurrence Relations (Extra)

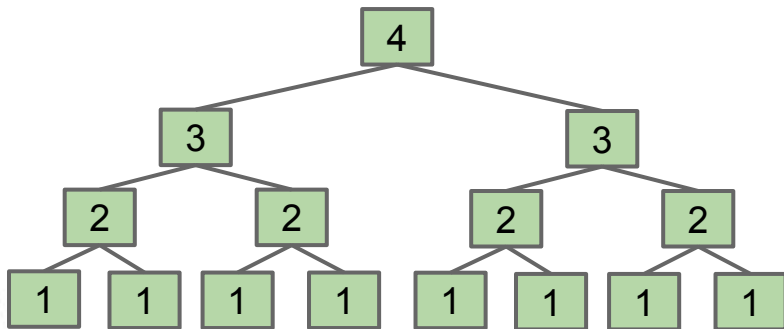
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This approach not covered in class. Provided for those of you who really want the algebra.

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$$\begin{aligned} C(1) &= 1 \\ C(N) &= 2C(N-1) + 1 \\ &= 2(2C(N-2) + 1) + 1 \\ &= 2(2(2C(N-3) + 1) + 1) + 1 \\ &= 2(\dots 2 \cdot 1 + 1) + 1) + \dots 1 \\ &= 2(\underbrace{\dots 2}_{N-1} \cdot 1 + 1) + \dots 1 \\ &= 2^{N-1} + 2^{N-2} + \dots + 1 = 2^N - 1 \in \Theta(2^N) \end{aligned}$$



# Example 4: Binary Search

## Binary Search (demo: <http://goo.gl/iSbyRV>)

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Trivial to implement?

- Idea published in 1946.
- First correct implementation in 1962.
  - Bug in Java's binary search discovered in 2006.

See Jon Bentley's book  
Programming Pearls.

See  
<http://goo.gl/gQI0FN>

```
static int binarySearch(String[] sorted, String x, int lo, int hi) {  
    if (lo > hi) return -1;  
    int m = (lo + hi) / 2;  
    int cmp = x.compareTo(sorted[m]);  
    if (cmp < 0) return binarySearch(sorted, x, lo, m - 1);  
    else if (cmp > 0) return binarySearch(sorted, x, m + 1, hi);  
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## Binary Search (Intuitive): PollEv.com/jhug or JHUG to 37607

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    else return m;  
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```

Let  $N = hi - lo + 1$ .

for simplicity: assume  $N=2^k-1$  for some  $k$

- What is the order of growth of the runtime of binarySearch?

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- B.  $\log N$
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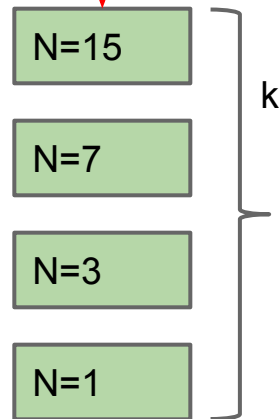
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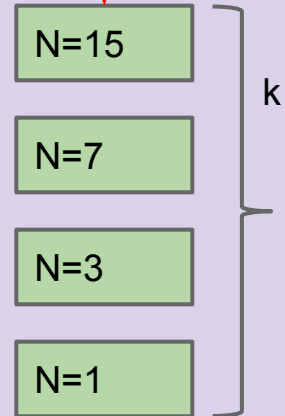
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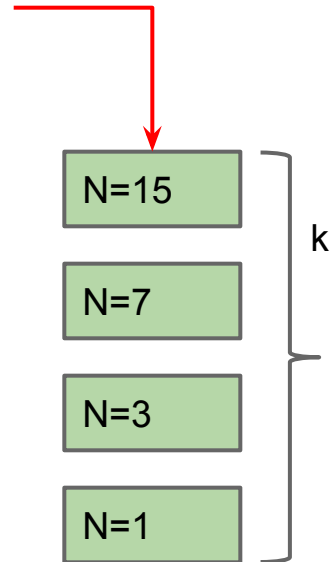
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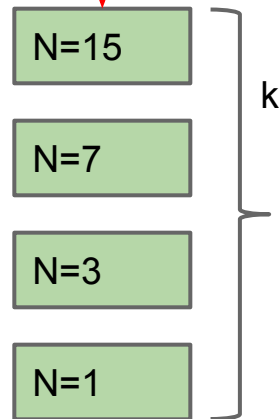
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$\lg$  is short for base 2

$$k = \lceil \lg N \rceil = \Theta(\log N)$$



# Unproven BigTheta Properties We've Just Used

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Some easy-to-prove properties:

$$\log_K(N) \in \Theta(\log_Q(N))$$



Base of logarithm doesn't matter. We'll usually omit it completely!

$$\lceil f(N) \rceil \in \Theta(f(N))$$

$$\lfloor f(N) \rfloor \in \Theta(f(N))$$

## Log Time Is Really Terribly Fast

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Throughout this course we will see ways of doing things in constant vs log time. In practice, the difference is minimal.

N	$\log_2 N$	Runtime (seconds)
100	6.6	1 nanosecond
100,000	16.6	2.5 nanoseconds
100,000,000	26.5	4 nanoseconds
100,000,000,000	36.5	5.5 nanoseconds
100,000,000,000,000	46.5	7 nanoseconds

# A Note on Solving Recurrence Relations

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The entire goal is to find a pattern that yields a closed form solution for  $C(N)$ .

- Use whatever tricks you'd like.
- This is not CS70.
  - We'll not deviate too terribly far from the patterns you'll see today and in discussion 8 (summing very simple arithmetic and geometric series).
  - We will not write rigorous proofs.



# Example 5: Merge Sort

## Selection Sort: A Prelude to Example 5.

Earlier in class we discussed a sort called selection sort:

- Find the smallest unfixed item, move it to the front, and 'fix' it.
- Sort the remaining unfixed items using selection sort.

This algorithm requires  $\Theta(N^2)$  comparisons.

- Look at all  $N$  unfixed items to find smallest.
- Then look at  $N-1$  remaining unfixed.
- ...
- Look at last two unfixed items.
- Done, sum is  $2+3+4+5+\dots+N = \Theta(N^2)$

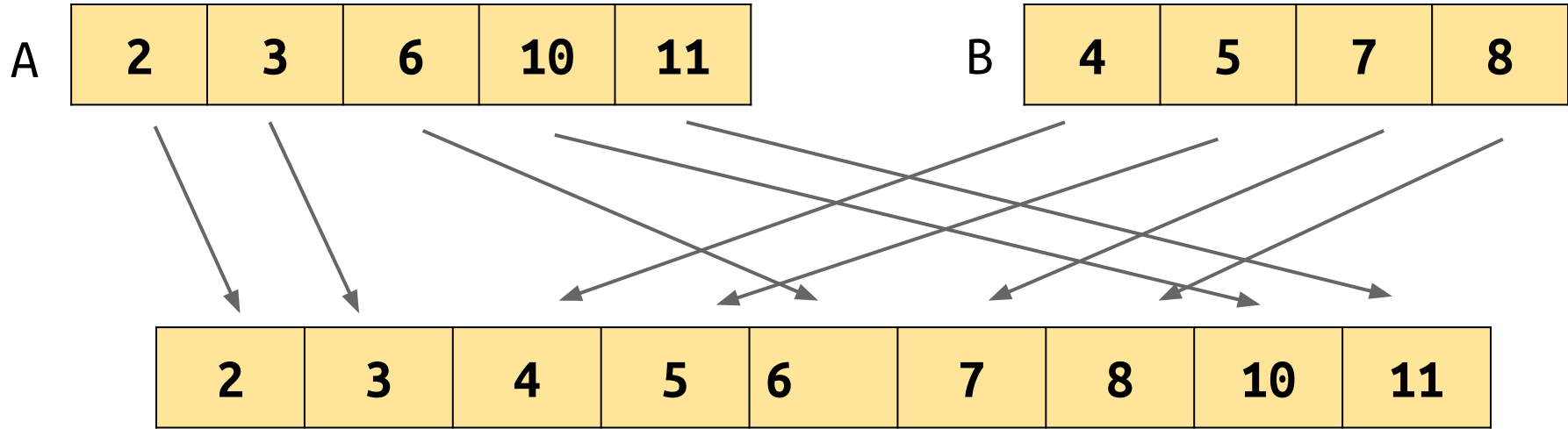
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## Array Merging of N Total Items ( $A.length + B.length = N$ )

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What is the runtime for merge?  $\Theta(1)$ ,  $\Theta(N)$ ,  $\Theta(N^2)$ ???

- $\Theta(N)$  compares and array accesses.

# The Merge Operation

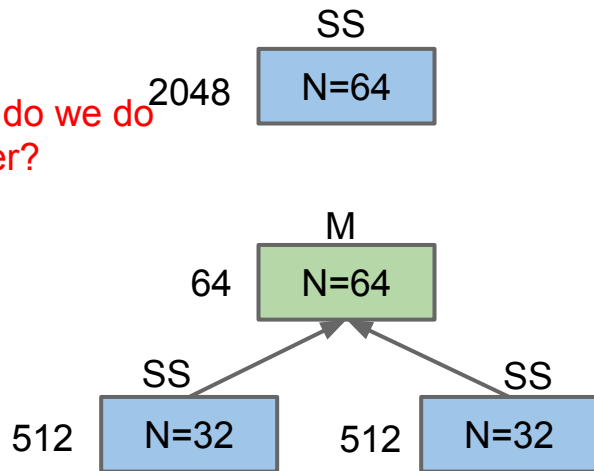
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- Give half of the items away for sorting to one algorithm.
- Give the other half to some other algorithm.
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Suppose the other two algs are selection sort.

- $N=64$ :
  - Merge:  $\sim 64$  compares.
  - Selection sort:  $\sim 512$  each.
- Still  $\Theta(N^2)$ , but faster since  $N + 2 * (N/2)^2 < N^2$ 
  - $\sim 1088$  vs.  $\sim 2048$  compares for  $N=64$ .



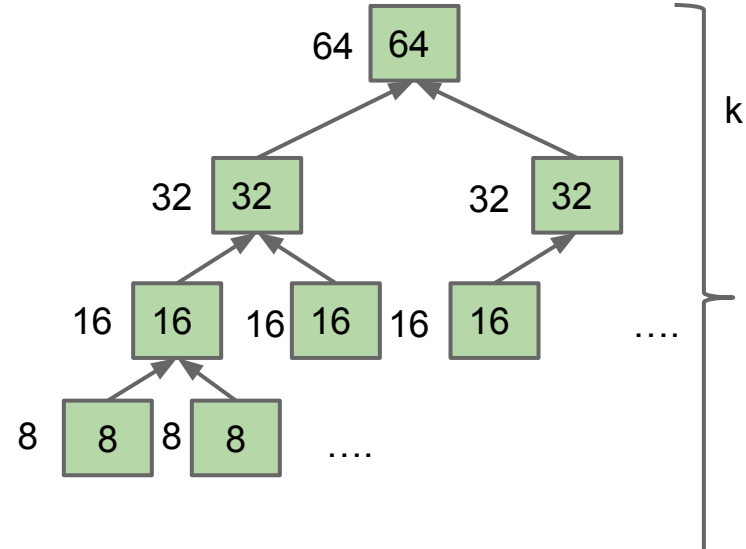
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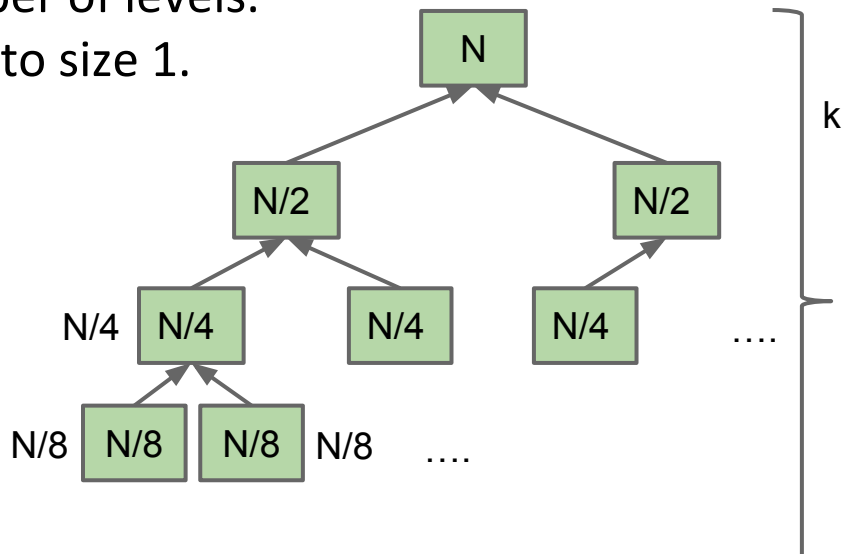
- N=64:
  - Top level: 64 compares
  - Next level:  $64 = 32 + 32$  compares.
  - Overall:  $64 * k$  compares.
  - $k = \sim \lg(64)$ , so  $\sim 384$  compares.



# Merge Sort: More General

Intuitive explanation:

- Every level does  $N$  work
  - Top level does  $N$  work.
  - Next level does  $N/2 + N/2 = N$ .
  - One more level down:  $N/4 + N/4 + N/4 + N/4 = N$ .
- Thus work is just  $Nk$ , where  $k$  is the number of levels.
  - How many levels? Goes until we get to size 1.
  - $k = \lg(N)$
- Overall runtime is  $N \log N$ .



## Merge Sort: Same Idea as Previous Slide, but Using Algebra

$C(N)$ : Number of items merged at each stage.

$$C(N) = \begin{cases} 1 & : N < 2 \\ 2C(N/2) + N & : N \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$= 2(2C(N/4) + N/2) + N$$

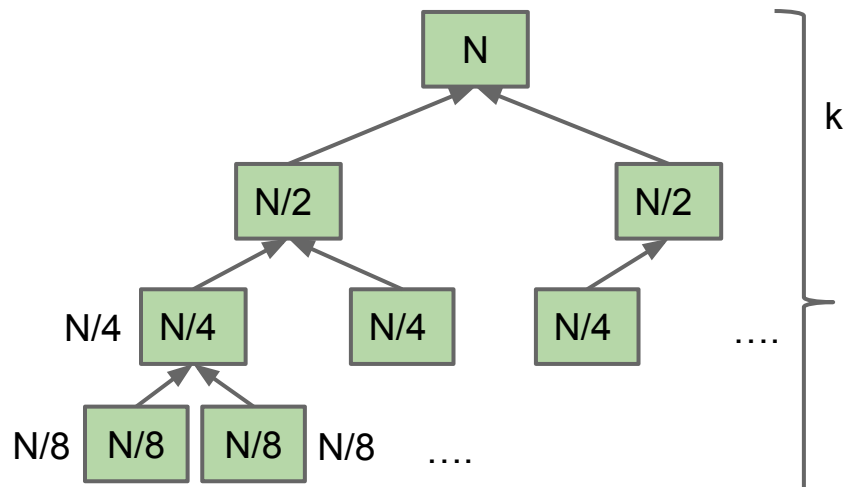
$$= 4C(N/4) + N + N$$

$$= 8C(N/8) + N + N + N$$

$$= N \cdot 1 + \underbrace{N + N + \dots + N}_{k=\lg N}$$

$$= N + N \lg N \in \Theta(N \lg N)$$

Only works for  $N=2^k$ . Can be generalized at the expense of some tedium (e.g. separately prove big O and big Omega)



# Linear vs. Linearithmic ( $N \log N$ )

**Table 2.1** The running times (rounded up) of different algorithms on inputs of increasing size, for a processor performing a million high-level instructions per second. In cases where the running time exceeds  $10^{25}$  years, we simply record the algorithm as taking a very long time.

$N \log N$  is basically as good as  $N$ .

- Only a tiny bit slower.  $N = 1,000,000$ , and the  $\log N$  is only 20.

	$n$	$n \log_2 n$	$n^2$	$n^3$	$1.5^n$	$2^n$	$n!$
$n = 10$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	4 sec
$n = 30$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	18 min	$10^{25}$ years
$n = 50$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	11 min	36 years	very long
$n = 100$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	1 sec	12,892 years	$10^{17}$ years	very long
$n = 1,000$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	1 sec	18 min	very long	very long	very long
$n = 10,000$	< 1 sec	< 1 sec	2 min	12 days	very long	very long	very long
$n = 100,000$	< 1 sec	2 sec	3 hours	32 years	very long	very long	very long
$n = 1,000,000$	1 sec	20 sec	12 days	31,710 years	very long	very long	very long



## Summary

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Theoretical analysis of algorithm performance requires careful thought.

- Finding a simple expression for runtime is about finding patterns.
- Know the patterns we've learned today (more in HW and discussion).

Different solutions to the same problem may have radically different runtimes.  
 $N^2$  vs.  $N \log N$  kind of a big deal.

Next time:

- Amortized analysis.
- Empirical measurement of program runtime.
- Sneak preview of complexity theory (extra).