

• Sums:

Arithmetic: $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + N$ operations $= \Theta(N^2)$

$1 + 4 + 7 + \dots + N$ operations $= \Theta(N^2)$
 $\xrightarrow{+c} \xrightarrow{+c}$ (next number is $+c$ larger)

Geometric: $1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + N$ operations $= \Theta(N)$

$1 + 8 + 64 + \dots + N$ operations $= \Theta(N)$
 $\xrightarrow{\times c} \xrightarrow{\times c}$ (next number is $\times c$ larger)

• Analyzing recursive function runtimes:

STEPS:

① How many **operations** in this function?

② Draw a **tree**! Draw the first function call as a node like so:



size of input

③ How many **recursive calls** in this function? Draw as child node as so:



④ Repeat 1-3 on recursive calls until notice pattern

⑤ Label recursive calls by **level** (distance away from first function call) - see example

⑥ Add up number of **operations per level**. Then add up operations at each level for each level.

EXAMPLE:

```
public static void weirdCount(N) {
    if (N <= 1) { return 1; }
    int sum = 0;
    for (int x = 0; x < N; x++) {
        for (int y = 0; y < N; y++) {
            sum++;
        }
    }
    return sum + weirdCount(N/2)
               + weirdCount(N/2);
}
```

① In our first function weirdCount(N), there are $\Theta(N^2)$ operations

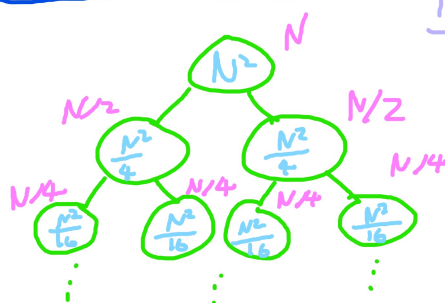
② Create tree!

③ Two recursive calls: weirdCount(N/2) and weirdCount(N/2)

④ Notice that each call to weirdCount has two child nodes (recursive calls) with half the input.

⑤ We realize that there are $\log N$ levels because the input N decreases by half each level; N halves $\log N$ times until it reaches 1 (base case = leaf nodes; no more recursive calls).

⑥ Notice how we see a pattern in the operations at each level $\frac{N^2}{2^x}$. Now we add up all the operations in the "operation" column.



level	Operations
0	$\frac{N^2}{2^0} = \frac{N^2}{1}$
1	$\frac{N^2}{4} + \frac{N^2}{4} = \frac{N^2}{2}$
2	$\frac{N^2}{16} + \frac{N^2}{16} + \frac{N^2}{16} + \frac{N^2}{16} = \frac{N^2}{4}$
...	...
$\log N$	$\frac{N^2}{2^{\log N}} = \frac{N^2}{N} = N$

$$\frac{N^2}{1} + \frac{N^2}{2} + \frac{N^2}{4} + \dots + N$$

$$= N \left(N + \frac{N}{2} + \frac{N}{4} + \dots + 1 \right) = N \cdot \Theta(N)$$

Geometric Sum! $= \Theta(N^2)$