

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RSolve}\left[\left\{w[n] = w\left[\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right] + w\left[\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right] + n - 1, \quad w[1] = 0\right\}, \quad w[n], \quad n\right] \\ \text{RSolve}\left[\left\{w[n] = -1 + n + W\left[\text{Ceiling}\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]\right] + W\left[\text{Floor}\left[\frac{n}{2}\right]\right], \quad w[1] = 0\right\}, \quad w[n], \quad n\right] \end{aligned}$$

Assume $n = 2^k$ and put $A[k] = w[n]$.

$$w[n] = w\left[\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right] + w\left[\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right] + n - 1, \quad w[1] = 0$$

becomes

$$w[2^k] = w\left[\frac{2^k}{2}\right] + w\left[\frac{2^k}{2}\right] + 2^k - 1, \quad w[1] = 0$$

$$w[n] = w\left[\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right] + w\left[\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right] + n - 1, \quad w[1] = 0$$

or

$$w[2^k] = w[2^{k-1}] + w[2^{k-1}] + 2^k - 1, \quad w[2^0] = 0$$

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$$A[k] = 2A[k-1] + 2^k - 1, \quad A[0] = 0$$

$$\text{RSolve}\left[\left\{A[k] = 2A[k-1] + 2^k - 1, \quad A[0] = 0\right\}, \quad A[k], \quad k\right]$$

$$\left\{\left\{A[k] \rightarrow 1 - 2^k + 2^k k\right\}\right\}$$

So,

$$w[k] = n \text{Log2}[n] - n + 1 = (n-1) \text{Log2}[n] + 1$$

The above holds only for $n = 2^k$