

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=i}^{n-i} \sum_{k=1}^j 1 \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \sum_{j=i}^{n-i} j
\end{aligned}$$

▷ Using the definition of summation we can show each element of the inner summation:

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} ((i) + (i+1) + \dots + (n-i-1) + (n-i))$$

▷ If I add elements to an equation and then subtract the same elements from the equation

▷ then I do not change the resulting value of the equation.

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \left[\underline{(1+2+\dots+(i-1)) + (i) + (i+1) + \dots + (n-i-1) + (n-i)} - (1+2+\dots+(i-1)) \right]$$

▷ Now we can rewrite the underlined portion above in summation notation where the summation starts at 1

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \left[\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-i} j \right) - (1+2+\dots+(i-1)) \right]$$

▷ Now we can rewrite the numbers we are subtracting off in summation notation

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n-i} j - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} j \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \left(\frac{(n-i)(n-i+1)}{2} - \frac{(i-1)i}{2} \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} \frac{(n-i-i+1)(n-i+i)}{2} \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} (n-2i+1)(n) \\
&= \frac{n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} (n-2i+1) \\
&= \frac{n}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^{n/2} n - \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} 2i + \sum_{i=1}^{n/2} 1 \right] \\
&= \frac{n}{2} \left[\frac{n^2}{2} - 2 \left(\frac{\frac{n}{2}(\frac{n}{2}+1)}{2} \right) + \frac{n}{2} \right] \\
&= \frac{n}{2} \left[\frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1 \right) + \frac{n}{2} \right] \\
&= \frac{n}{2} \left[\frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{n^2}{4} - \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} \right] \\
&= \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{n^2}{4} \right) \\
&= \frac{n^3}{8}
\end{aligned}$$