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SESSION 3-PLAN



Online Sessions(#)	List of Topic Title	Text/Ref Book/external resource
3	Analyzing Recursive Algorithms: Recurrence relations, Specifying runtime of recursive algorithms, Solving recurrence equations. Case Study: Analysing Algorithms	T1: 1.4

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms



- Recursive calls:-A procedure P calling itself-calls to P are for solving sub problems of smaller size.
- Recursive procedure call should always define a *base case*.
- Base case-small enough that it can be solved directly without using recursion.
- A *recurrence* is an equation or inequality that describes a function in terms of its value on smaller inputs.
- *Recurrence equation*: defines mathematical statements that the running time of a recursive algorithm must satisfy
- Recurrences can take many forms for example, a recursive algorithm might divide subproblems into unequal sizes, such as a 2/3-to -1/3 splits

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms



- Algorithm recursiveMax(A,n)
// Input : An array A storing $n \geq 1$ integers
// Output: The maximum element in A
if $n = 1$ then
 return A[0]
return max{ recursiveMax(A,n-1),A[n-1]}

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms



- Analysis of *recursiveMax*
 - T(n)-Running time of algorithm on an input size n

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Method of solving recurrences

- Iteration Method
- Substitution method
- Recursion-tree method
- Master method

Solving recurrences : Iterative Method

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms- Iterative method



- **General Plan-Iterative Method**
 - Identify the parameter to be considered based on the size of the input.
 - Identify the basic operation in the algorithm
 - Obtain the number of times the basic operation is executed.
 - Obtain an initial condition-base case
 - Obtain a recurrence relation
 - Solve the recurrence relation and obtain the order of growth and express using asymptotic notations.

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Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 1:-Factorial of a number



– *Algorithm fact(n)*

//Purpose: Computes factorial of n

//Input: A positive integer n

//Output: factorial of n

If(n=0)

return 1

return n*fact(n-1)

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 1:-Factorial of a number



- **Analysis**

- Parameter to be considered –n
- Basic operation –Multiplication
- $T(n) = 0$ if $n=0$

$1+T(n-1)$ Otherwise

Time taken to compute $\text{fact}(n-1)$
Time to multiply $n * \text{fact}(n-1)$

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 1:-Factorial of a number



- **Solve the recurrence**

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$$

$$[T(n-2) + 1] + 1 = T(n-2) + 2 \quad \text{substituted } T(n-2) \text{ for } T(n-1)$$

$$[T(n-3) + 1] + 2 = T(n-3) + 3 \quad \text{substituted } T(n-3) \text{ for } T(n-2)$$

.. a pattern evolves

$$T(n) = 1 + T(n-1)$$

$$= 2 + T(n-2)$$

$$= 3 + T(n-3)$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= i + T(n-i)$$

When $n=0$ $T(0)=0$, No multiplications

$$\text{When } i=n, T(n) = n + T(n-n)$$

$$= n + 0$$

$$= n \quad \underline{T(n) \in \Theta(n)}$$

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 2:-Tower of hanoi



Step 1 – Move $n-1$ disks from **source** to **temp**

Step 2 – Move n^{th} disk from **source** to **dest**

Step 3 – Move $n-1$ disks from **temp** to **dest**

Algorithm Hanoi(n , $source$, $dest$, $temp$)

//Input: n :number of disks

//Output :All n disks on dest

If disk = 1

move disk from source to dest

Hanoi($n - 1$, $source$, $temp$, $dest$) // Step 1

move n^{th} disk from source to dest // Step 2

Hanoi($n - 1$, $temp$, $dest$, $source$) // Step 3



Tower of hanoi

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 2:-Tower of hanoi



1. Problem size is n , the number of discs
2. The basic operation is moving a disc from rod to another
3. Base case $M(1) = 1$
4. Recursive relation for moving n discs

$$M(n) = M(n-1) + 1 + M(n-1) = 2M(n-1) + 1$$

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 2: Tower of hanoi



Solve using backward substitution

$$\begin{aligned}M(n) &= 2M(n-1) + 1 \\&= 2[2M(n-2) + 1] + 1 = 2^2M(n-2) + 2 + 1 \\&= 2^2[2M(n-3) + 1] + 2 + 1 \\&= 2^3M(n-3) + 2^2 + 2 + 1\end{aligned}$$

...

$$M(n) = 2^iM(n-i) + \underbrace{2^{i-1} + 2^{i-2} + \dots + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}M(n) &= 2^iM(n-i) + (2^i - 1)/(2 - 1) \quad \text{It's a GP with } a=1, r=2, n=i \\&= 2^iM(n-i) + 2^i - 1\end{aligned}$$

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 2:- Tower of hanoi



When $i=n-1$

$$\begin{aligned}M(n) &= 2^{n-1} M(n-(n-1)) + 2^{n-1} - 1 \\&= 2^{n-1} M(1) + 2^{n-1} - 1 \\&= 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} - 1 \\&= 2 * 2^{n-1} - 1 \\&= 2 * (2^n / 2) - 1 \\&= 2^n - 1\end{aligned}$$

$M(n) \in O(2^n)$

- Time complexity is exponential
- More computations even for smaller value of n
- Doesn't necessarily mean algorithm is poor
- Nature of the problem itself is computationally expensive.

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 3: Exercise



ALGORITHM *BinRec*(n)

//Input: A positive decimal integer n

//Output: The number of binary digits in n 's binary representation

if $n = 1$ **return** 1

else return $\text{BinRec}(n/2) + 1$

The number of additions made in computing $\text{BinRec}(n/2)$ is $T(n/2)$, plus one more addition is made by the algorithm to increase the returned value by 1. This leads to the recurrence

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n=1 \\ T(n/2)+1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Analyzing Recursive Algorithms-

Example 3: Exercise



Base condition $T(1) = 0$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$$

- The standard approach to solving such a recurrence is to solve it only for $n = 2^k$
- **Smoothness rule:** the order of growth observed for $n = 2^k$ gives a correct answer about the order of growth for all values of n .

Let $n = 2^k$

$$\therefore T(2^k) = T\left(\frac{2^k}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$= T(2^{k-1}) + 1$$

$$= T(2^{k-2}) + 1 + 1$$

$$= T(2^{k-3}) + 3$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= T(2^{k-i}) + i$$

Substitute the initial condition, $T(1) = 0$
to get $T(1)$, i should be k
so that $T(2^{k-k}) = T(2^0) = T(1)$

$$= T(2^{k-k}) + k$$

$$T(2^k) = T(1) + k = \underline{\underline{k}}$$

$$= \underline{\underline{\log_2 n}}$$

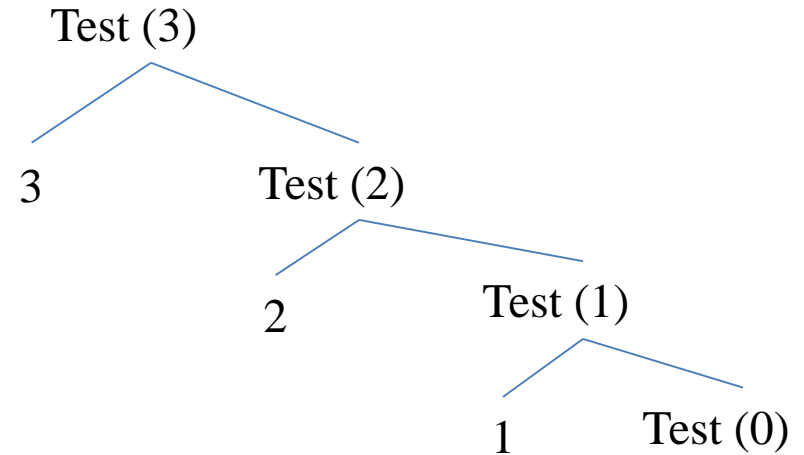
$$T(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(2^{k-1}) &= T(2^{(k-1)-1}) + 1 \\ &= T(2^{k-2}) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 2^k \\ k &= \underline{\underline{\log_2 n}} \end{aligned}$$

Solving recurrences : HW

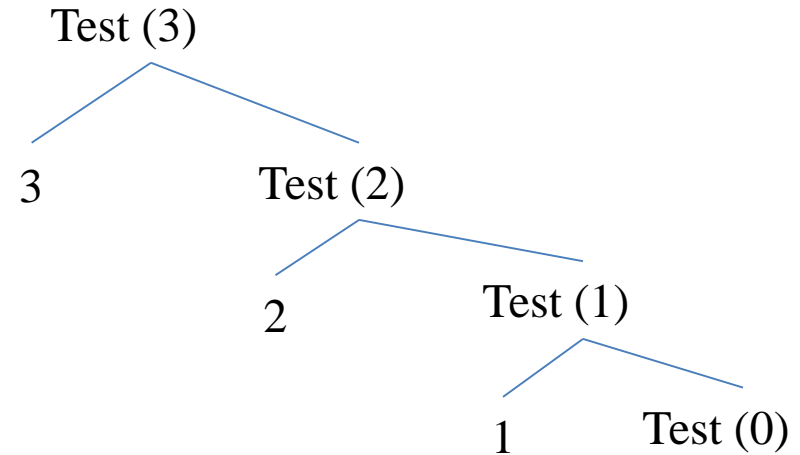
```
void test(int n)
{
    if(n>0)
    {
        printf("%d",n);
        test(n-1);
    }
}
```



Solving recurrences

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n = 0 \\ T(n-1) + 1 & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Solve and discuss in Canvas



Solving recurrences : HW



```
Void Test (int n) -----  
    {  
    if(n>1)  
    {  
    for (i=1;i<n;i++)  
    {  
    stmt;  
    }  
    Test(n/2);  
    Test(n/2);  
    }  
    }
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0, & n=1 \\ 2T(n/2)+n & n>1 \end{cases}$$

Solving recurrences : Substitution Method (Self reading)

Solving recurrences : Substitution Method

Ref:Textbook R2



The most general method

- ***Guess*** the form of the solution.
- ***Use mathematical induction*** to find the constants and show that the solution works.
- ***We must be able to guess the form of the answer in order to apply it.***

Solving recurrences : Substitution Method

Ref:Textbook R2



Solve $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$ using substitution

– Guess $T(n) \leq cn \log n$ for some constant c
(that is, $T(n) = O(n \log n)$)

– Proof:

$$T(n) \leq cn \log n$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + n \\ &\leq 2(c n/2 \log n/2) + n \\ &= cn \log n/2 + n \\ &= cn \log n - cn \log 2 + n \\ &= cn \log n - cn + n \\ &= cn \log n - (cn - n) \leq cn \log n \end{aligned}$$

Solving recurrences : Substitution Method

Ref:Textbook R2



- **Solve $T(n)=2T(\sqrt{n}) + \log n$**
 - Assume $n=2^m$, $m=\log n$
 - $T(2^m)=S(m)$
- **Show that the solution of $T(n)=T(n-1) + n$ is $O(n^2)$**

- $T(n) \leq cn^2$

- $T(n)=T(n-1) + n$

$$\leq c(n-1)^2 + n$$

$$\leq c(n^2 - 2n + 1) + n$$

$$\leq cn^2 - 2cn + c + n$$

$$\leq cn^2 - 2cn + c + n$$

$$\leq cn^2 - (2cn - c - n)$$

$$\leq cn^2 \quad \text{ie. } T(n) \text{ is } O(n^2)$$

$$2cn - c - n \geq 0$$

$$c(2n-1) \geq n$$

$$c \geq n/(2n-1)$$

Solving recurrences : Recursion tree Method

Solving recurrences : Recursion Tree

Void Test (int n) -----

{

if(n>1)

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

{

for (i=1;i<n;i++)

{

stmt;

}

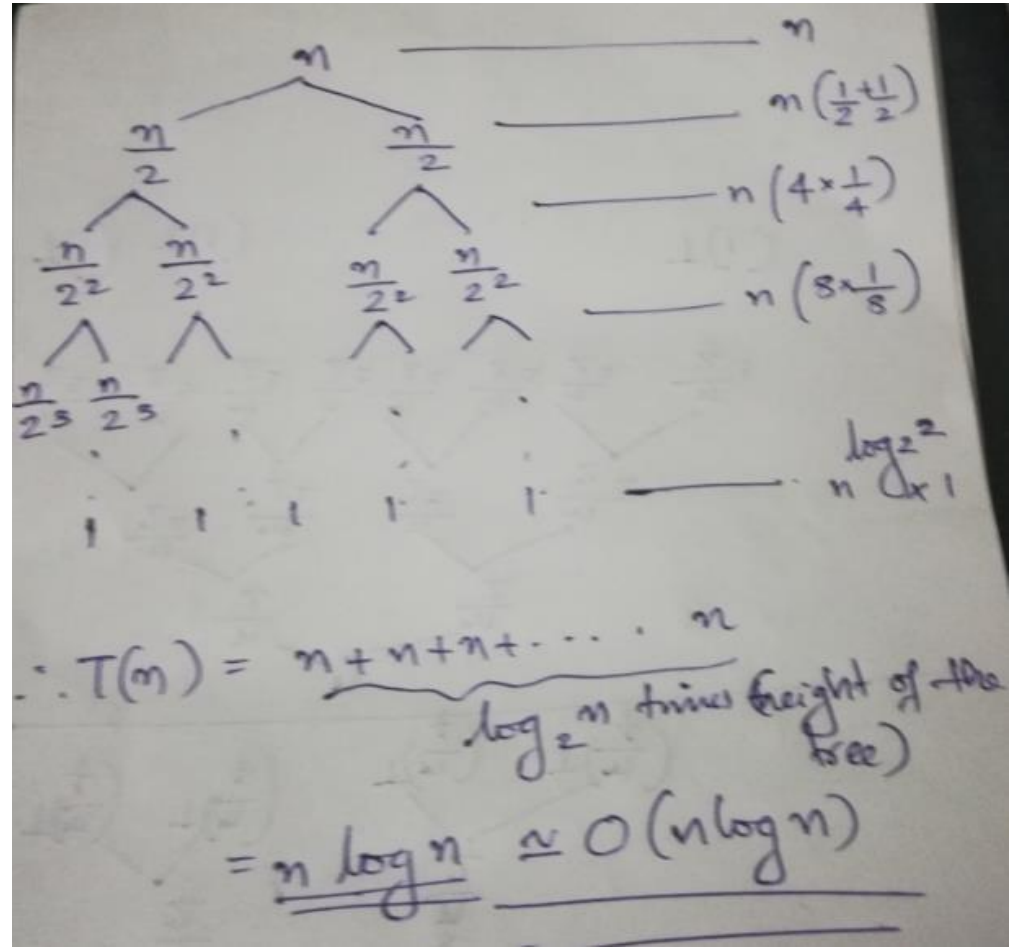
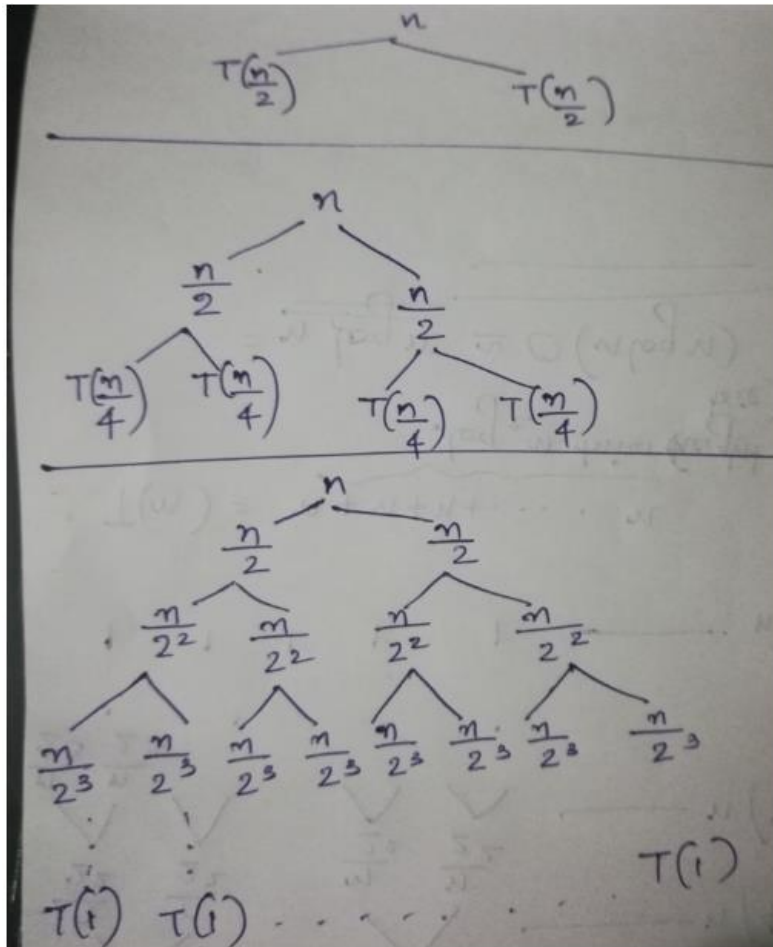
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Solution

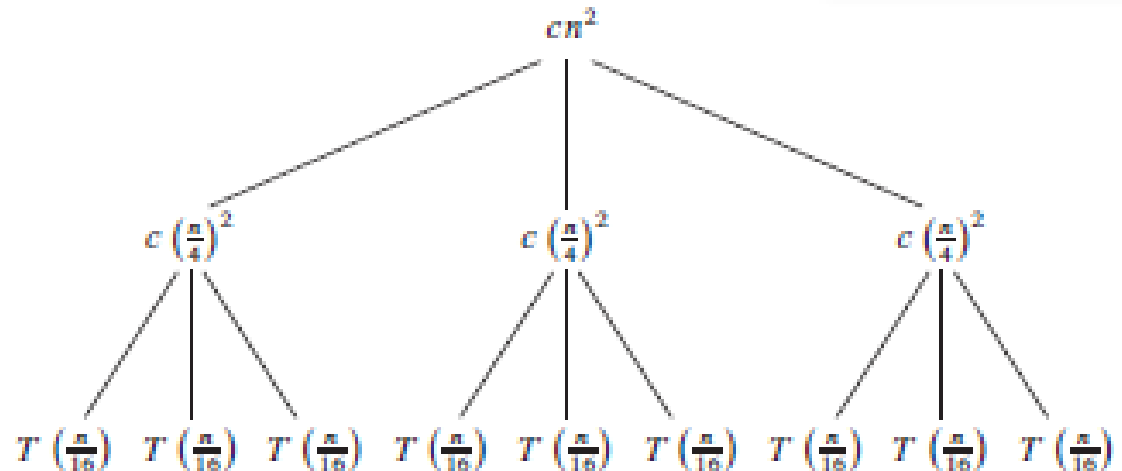
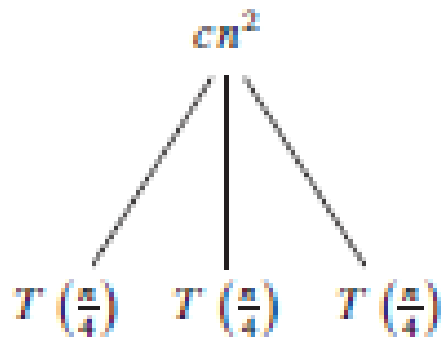




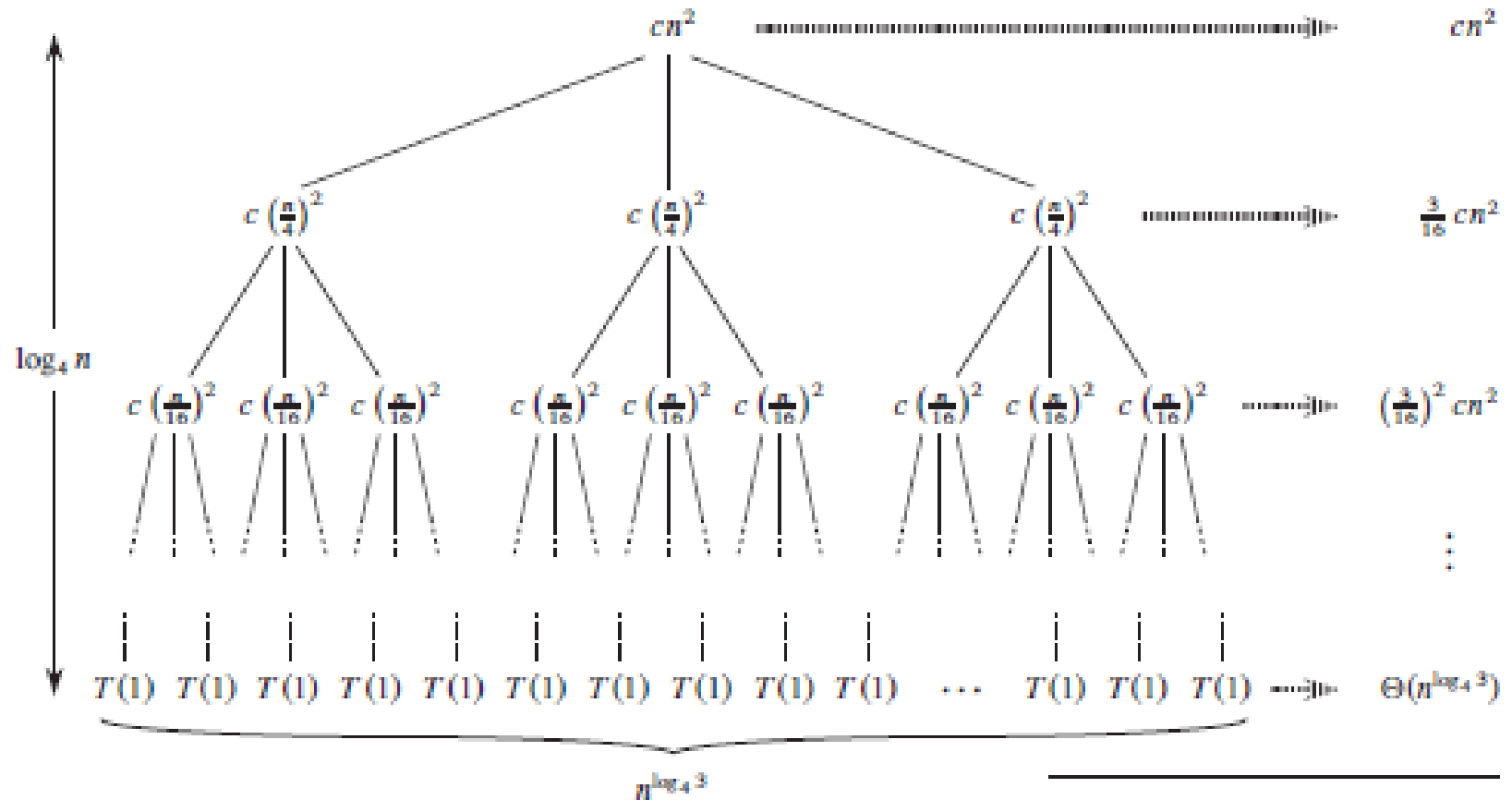
Solving recurrences : Recursion tree



- Solve $T(n) = 3T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + \Theta(n^2)$. ie. $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + cn^2$.



Solving recurrences : Recursion tree



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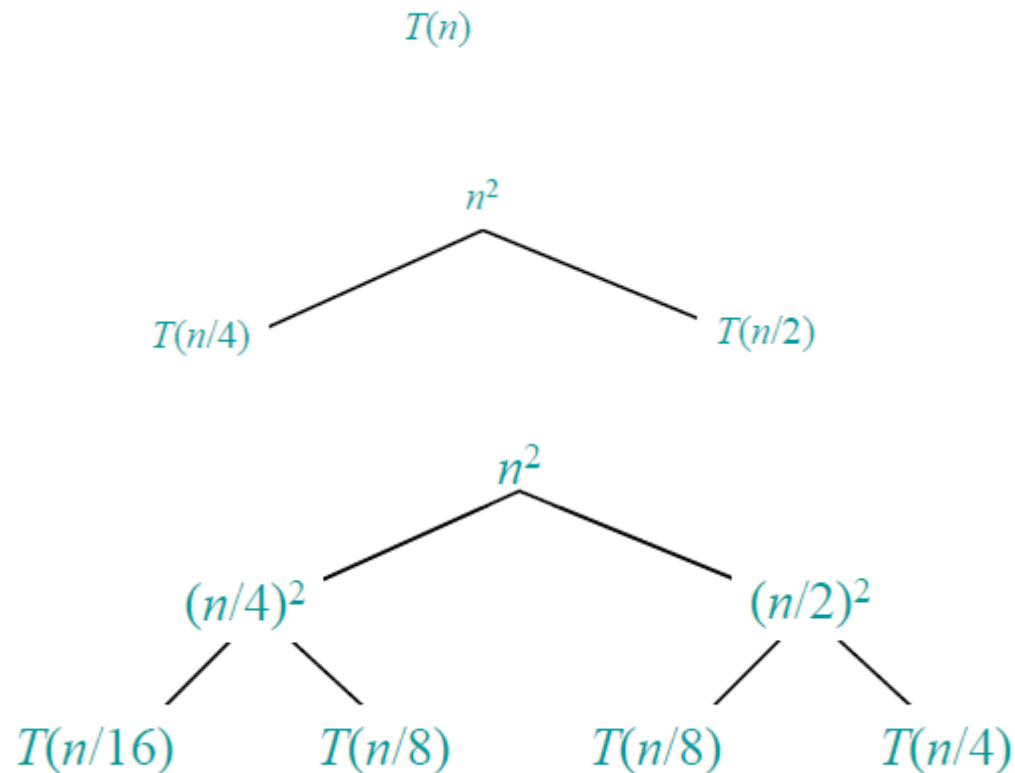
$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= cn^2 + \frac{3}{16}cn^2 + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^2 cn^2 + \cdots + \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\log_4 n - 1} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n - 1} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\
 &= \frac{(3/16)^{\log_4 n} - 1}{(3/16) - 1} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n - 1} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\
 &< \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - (3/16)} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\
 &= \frac{16}{13} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\
 &= O(n^2) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving recurrences : Recursion tree



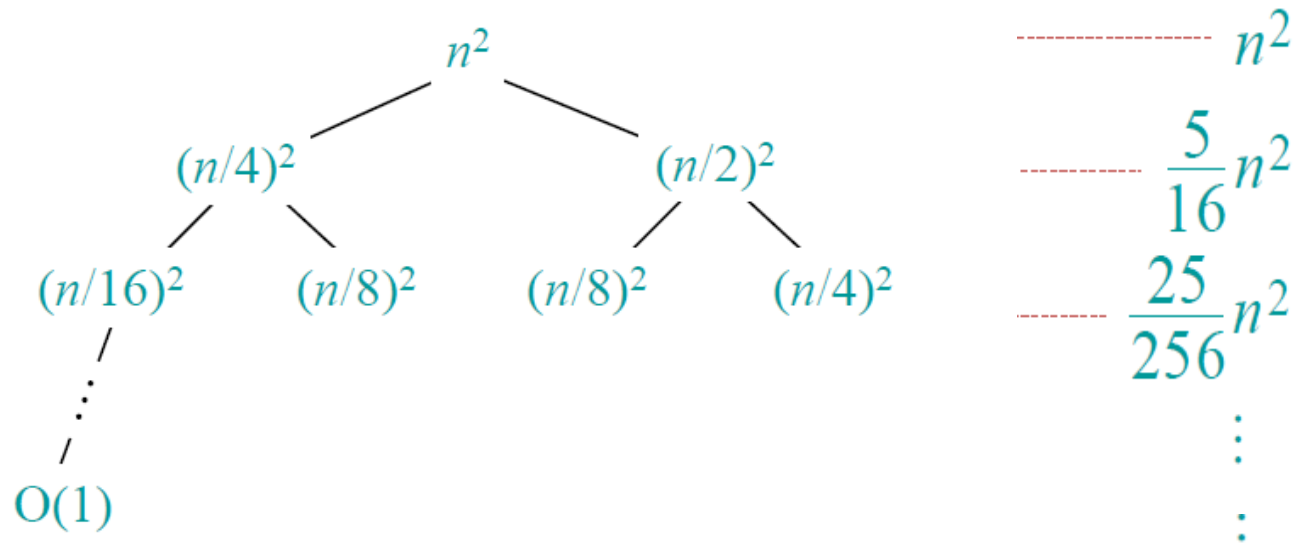
Solve $T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + n^2$:



Solving recurrences : Recursion tree



Solve $T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + n^2$:



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total} &= n^2 \left(1 + \frac{5}{16} + \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{16}\right)^3 + \dots \right) \\ &= O(n^2) \quad \text{geometric series} \end{aligned}$$

Solving recurrences : Master Method

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Ref: Textbook R2

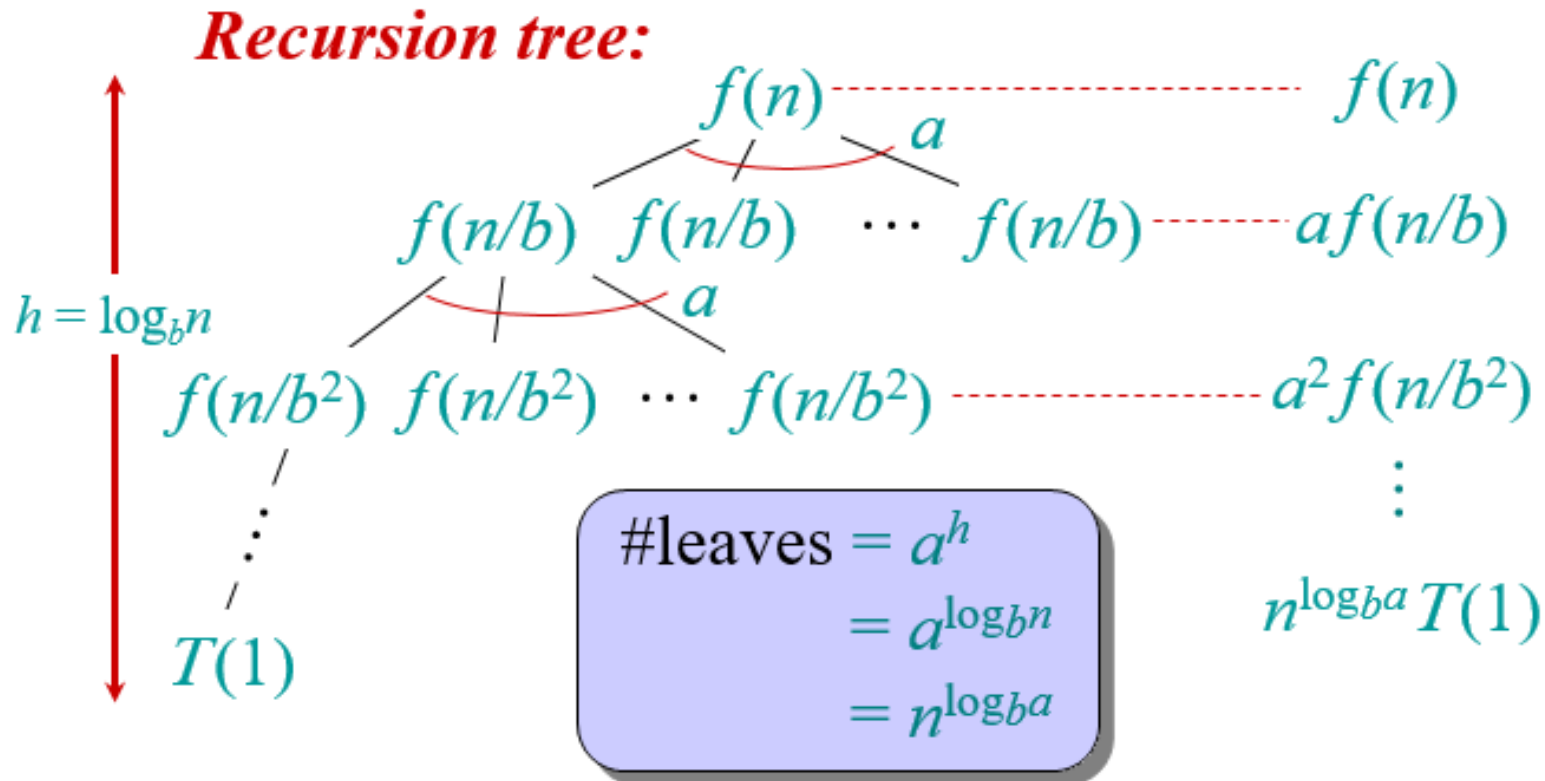


- The master method applies to recurrences of the form

$$T(n) = a T(n/b) + f(n) ,$$

- where $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$, and f is asymptotically positive.
- $(f(n) > 0 \text{ for } n \geq n_0)$

Idea of Master theorem



Solving recurrences: Master method

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Case 1:

If $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$, for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

$f(n)$ grows polynomially slower than $n^{\log_b a}$

Case 2:

If $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$

$f(n)$ and $n^{\log_b a}$ grows at similar rates

Case 3:

If $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, and if $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$ and all sufficiently large n , then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

$f(n)$ grows polynomially faster than $n^{\log_b a}$

Solving recurrences: Master method

Ref: Textbook R2



Case 2 : (Generalisation):

If there is a constant $k \geq 0$, such that $f(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$, then $T(n)$ is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$

Example:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \log n$$

$$a=2, b=2, f(n)=n \log n$$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n$$

$f(n)$ is asymptotically larger than $n^{\log_b a}$, but it is not polynomially larger.

So no standard case of master theorem applies.

It belongs to case 2 general case.

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^1 n)$$

$$\text{So } T(n) = \Theta(n \log^2 n)$$

Solving recurrences: Master method



Example 1 : $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

Sol:

Extract $a=2$, $b=2$ and $f(n) = n$

Determine $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n^1 = n$

Compare $n^{\log_b a} = n$

$$f(n) = n$$

Thus case 2: evenly distributed because

$$f(n) = \theta(n)$$

$$T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a} \log(n))$$

$$= \theta(n^1 \log(n))$$

$$= \theta(n \log n)$$

Solving recurrences: Master method



Example 2 : $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$

$a = 9$ $b = 3$ and $f(n) = n$

Determine $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 9} = n^2$

Compare: $n^{\log_b a} = n^2$

$f(n) = n$

Thus case 1; (express $f(n)$ in terms of $n^{\log_b a}$) because $f(n) = O(n^{2-\epsilon})$

$T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \theta(n^2)$

Solving recurrences: Master method



- **Example 3 : $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \log n$**

$a = 3,$

$b = 4,$

$f(n) = n \log n$

Determine; $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_4 3}$ $\log_4 3 < 1$

Compare: $n^{\log_b a}$ and $f(n)$

$n^{\log_4 3} \leq n \log n$ $f(n)$ is asymptotically and polynomially larger

Thus case 3, but we have to check the regularity condition!

The following should be true:

$a f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$ where $c < 1$

$a(n/b) \log(n/b) \leq c f(n)$

$\Rightarrow 3(n/4) \log(n/4) \leq c n \log n$

$3/4 n \log(n/4) \leq c n \log n,$

this is true for $c = 3/4$ Hence $T(n) = \theta(n \log(n))$

Master method Problems

- $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$
- $T(n) = T(2n/3) + 1$
- $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \log n$
- $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \lg n$
- $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$

Case Study: Analyzing Algorithms



- **Computing the prefix averages of a sequence of numbers.**

The i -th prefix average of an array X is average of the first

$(i + 1)$ elements of X :

$$A[i] = (X[0] + X[1] + \dots + X[i]) / (i + 1)$$

- **Applications**
- **Runtime analysis example:**

Two algorithms for prefix averages

Case Study: Analyzing Algorithms



- The following algorithm computes prefix averages in quadratic time by applying the definition

Algorithm *prefixAverages1*(X, n)

Input array X of n integers

Output array A of prefix averages of X

$A \leftarrow$ new array of n integers

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $n - 1$ **do**

$s \leftarrow X[0]$

for $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** i **do**

$s \leftarrow s + X[j]$

$A[i] \leftarrow s / (i + 1)$

return A

#operations

n

n

n

$1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1)$

$1 + 2 + \dots + (n - 1)$

n

1

Algorithm *prefixAverages1* runs in $O(n^2)$ time

Case Study: Analyzing Algorithms



- The following algorithm computes prefix averages in linear time by keeping a running sum

Algorithm *prefixAverages2*(X, n)

Input array X of n integers

Output array A of prefix averages of X #operations

$A \leftarrow$ new array of n integers n

$s \leftarrow 0$ 1

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** $n - 1$ **do** n

$s \leftarrow s + X[i]$ n

$A[i] \leftarrow s / (i + 1)$ n

return A 1

Algorithm *prefixAverages2* runs in $O(n)$ time



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