

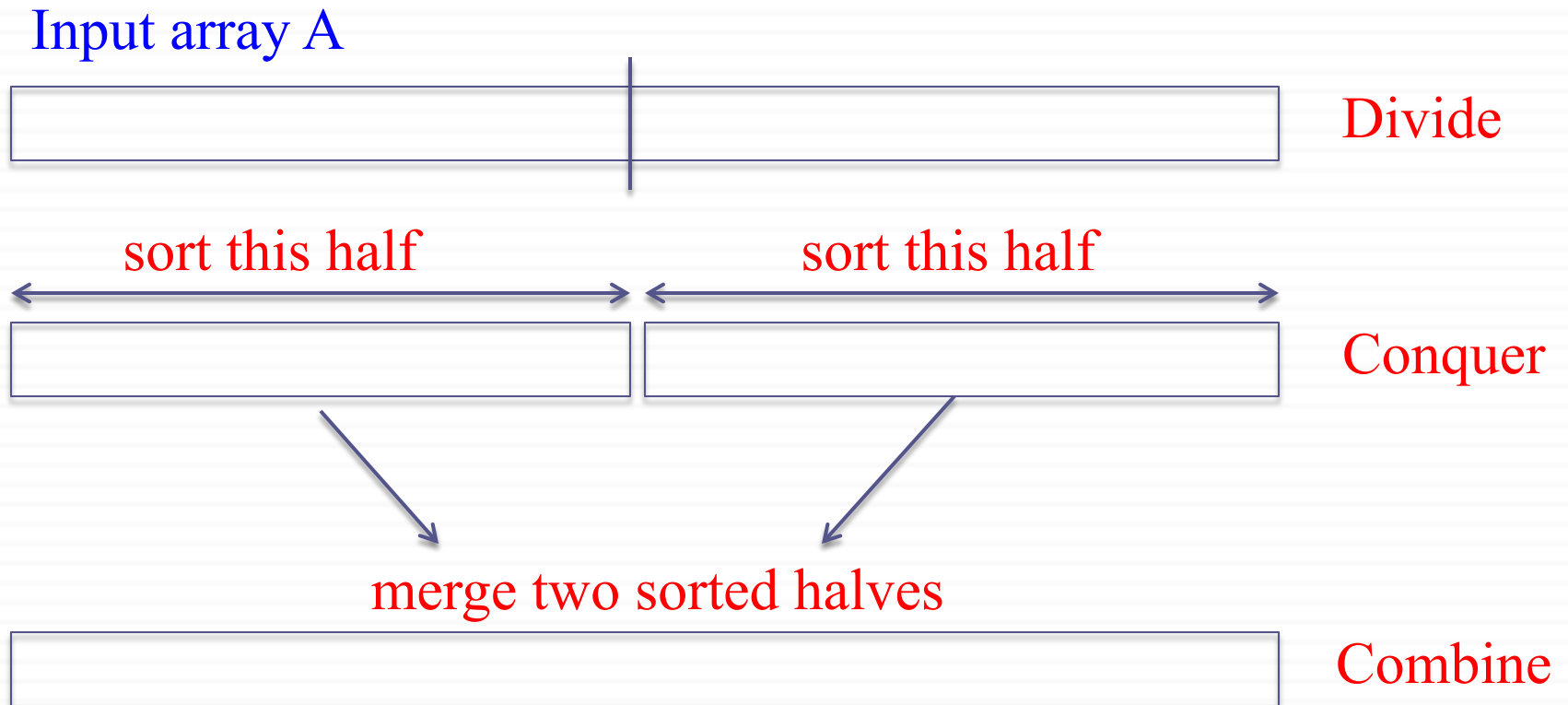
CS473 - Algorithms I



Lecture 4 The Divide-and-Conquer Design Paradigm

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Reminder: Merge Sort



The Divide-and-Conquer Design Paradigm

1. **Divide** the problem (instance) into subproblems.
2. **Conquer** the subproblems by solving them recursively.
3. **Combine** subproblem solutions.

Example: Merge Sort

1. Divide: Trivial.
2. Conquer: Recursively sort 2 subarrays.
3. Combine: Linear- time merge.

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

The diagram shows the recurrence relation $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ with three yellow ovals highlighting the terms 2, $T(n/2)$, and $\Theta(n)$. Arrows point from descriptive text to these ovals: an arrow from "# subproblems" points to the '2', an arrow from "subproblem size" points to the ' $T(n/2)$ ', and an arrow from "work dividing and combining" points to the ' $\Theta(n)$ '.

subproblems

subproblem size

work dividing and combining

Master Theorem: Reminder

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

Case 1:

$$\frac{n^{\log_b a}}{f(n)} = \Omega(n^\epsilon)$$



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

Case 2:

$$\frac{f(n)}{n^{\log_b a}} = \Theta(\lg^k n)$$



$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$$

Case 3:

$$\frac{n^{\log_b a}}{f(n)} = \Omega(n^\epsilon)$$



$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

and

$$af(n/b) \leq cf(n) \text{ for } c < 1$$

Merge Sort: Solving the Recurrence

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

➔ $a = 2, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = \Theta(n), \quad n^{\log_b a} = n$

Case 2:

$$\frac{f(n)}{n^{\log_b a}} = \Theta(\lg^k n)$$



$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$$

holds for $k = 0$

➔ $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$

Binary Search

Find an element in a sorted array:

1. *Divide*: Check middle element.
2. *Conquer*: Recursively search 1 subarray.
3. *Combine*: Trivial.

Example: Find 9

3 5 7 8 9 12 15

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Recurrence for Binary Search

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

subproblems **subproblem size** **work dividing and combining**

Binary Search: Solving the Recurrence

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

$$\Rightarrow a = 1, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = \Theta(1), \quad n^{\log_b a} = n^0 = 1$$

Case 2:

$$\frac{f(n)}{n^{\log_b a}} = \Theta(\lg^k n)$$



$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$$

holds for $k = 0$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(\lg n)$$

Powering a Number

- Problem: Compute a^n , where n is a natural number

Naive-Power(a, n)

powerVal \leftarrow 1

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n

powerVal \leftarrow powerVal . a

return powerVal

- What is the complexity?

$$T(n) = \Theta(n)$$

Powering a Number: Divide & Conquer

Basic idea:

$$a^n = \begin{cases} a^{n/2} \cdot a^{n/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ a^{(n-1)/2} \cdot a^{(n-1)/2} \cdot a & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Powering a Number: Divide & Conquer

POWER (a, n)

if n = 0 **then return** 1

else if n is even **then**

val \leftarrow POWER (a, n/2)

return val * val

else if n is odd **then**

val \leftarrow POWER (a, (n-1)/2)

return val * val * a

Powering a Number: Solving the Recurrence

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

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Matrix Multiplication

Input : $A = [a_{ij}]$, $B = [b_{ij}]$.
Output: $C = [c_{ij}] = A \cdot B$.
} $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \dots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \dots & c_{nn} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \dots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \dots & b_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

Standard Algorithm

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for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
  do for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
    do  $c_{ij} \leftarrow 0$ 
      for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
        do  $c_{ij} \leftarrow c_{ij} + a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$ 
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Running time = $\Theta(n^3)$

Matrix Multiplication: Divide & Conquer

IDEA: Divide the $n \times n$ matrix into

2×2 matrix of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices

$$\begin{array}{c} C \\ \left(\begin{array}{c|c} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ \hline c_{21} & c_{22} \end{array} \right) \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} A \\ \left(\begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ \hline a_{21} & a_{22} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c} B \\ \left(\begin{array}{c|c} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ \hline b_{21} & b_{22} \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

$$c_{11} = a_{11} b_{11} + a_{12} b_{21}$$

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8 mults of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices

4 adds of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices

Matrix Multiplication: Divide & Conquer

MATRIX-MULTIPLY (A, B)

// Assuming that both A and B are nxn matrices

if $n = 1$ **then return** $A * B$

else

partition A, B, and C as shown before

$$c_{11} = \text{MATRIX-MULTIPLY}(a_{11}, b_{11}) + \text{MATRIX-MULTIPLY}(a_{12}, b_{21})$$

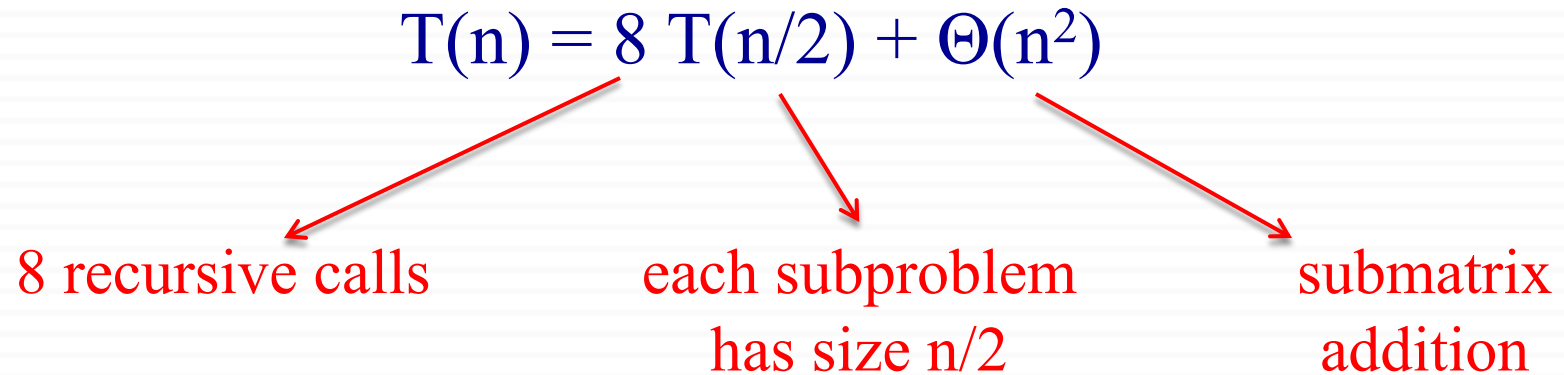
$$c_{12} = \text{MATRIX-MULTIPLY}(a_{11}, b_{12}) + \text{MATRIX-MULTIPLY}(a_{12}, b_{22})$$

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$$c_{22} = \text{MATRIX-MULTIPLY}(a_{21}, b_{12}) + \text{MATRIX-MULTIPLY}(a_{22}, b_{22})$$

return C

Matrix Multiplication: Divide & Conquer Analysis



Matrix Multiplication: Solving the Recurrence

$$T(n) = 8 T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 8, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = \Theta(n^2), \quad n^{\log_b a} = n^3$$

Case 1:

$$\frac{n^{\log_b a}}{f(n)} = \Omega(n^\epsilon)$$



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

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$

No better than the ordinary algorithm!

Matrix Multiplication: Strassen's Idea

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{C} \\ \left(\begin{array}{c|c} c_{11} & c_{12} \\ \hline c_{21} & c_{22} \end{array} \right) \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{A} \\ \left(\begin{array}{c|c} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ \hline a_{21} & a_{22} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{c} \text{B} \\ \left(\begin{array}{c|c} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ \hline b_{21} & b_{22} \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

Compute c_{11} , c_{12} , c_{21} , and c_{22} using 7 recursive multiplications

Matrix Multiplication: Strassen's Idea

$$P_1 = a_{11} \mathbf{x} (b_{12} - b_{22})$$

$$P_2 = (a_{11} + a_{12}) \mathbf{x} b_{22}$$

$$P_3 = (a_{21} + a_{22}) \mathbf{x} b_{11}$$

$$P_4 = a_{22} \mathbf{x} (b_{21} - b_{11})$$

$$P_5 = (a_{11} + a_{22}) \mathbf{x} (b_{11} + b_{22})$$

$$P_6 = (a_{12} - a_{22}) \mathbf{x} (b_{21} + b_{22})$$

$$P_7 = (a_{11} - a_{21}) \mathbf{x} (b_{11} + b_{12})$$

Reminder: Each submatrix is of size $(n/2) \times (n/2)$

Each add/sub operation takes $\Theta(n^2)$ time

Compute $P_1..P_7$ using 7 recursive calls to matrix-multiply

How to compute c_{ij} using $P_1..P_7$?

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$$P_7 = (a_{11} - a_{21}) \mathbf{x} (b_{11} + b_{12})$$

$$c_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$c_{12} = P_1 + P_2$$

$$c_{21} = P_3 + P_4$$

$$c_{22} = P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7$$

7 recursive multiply calls

18 add/sub operations

Does not rely on commutativity of multiplication

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e.g. Show that $c_{12} = P_1 + P_2$

$$\begin{aligned} c_{12} &= P_1 + P_2 \\ &= a_{11}(b_{12} - b_{22}) + (a_{11} + a_{12})b_{22} \\ &= a_{11}b_{12} - a_{11}b_{22} + a_{11}b_{22} + a_{12}b_{22} \\ &= a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} \end{aligned}$$

Strassen's Algorithm

- 1. Divide:** Partition **A** and **B** into $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices. Form terms to be multiplied using $+$ and $-$.
- 2. Conquer:** Perform **7** multiplications of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices recursively.
- 3. Combine:** Form **C** using $+$ and $-$ on $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices.

Recurrence: $T(n) = 7 T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$

Strassen's Algorithm: Solving the Recurrence

$$T(n) = 7 T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 7, \quad b = 2, \quad f(n) = \Theta(n^2), \quad n^{\log_b a} = n^{\lg 7}$$

Case 1:

$$\frac{n^{\log_b a}}{f(n)} = \Omega(n^\epsilon)$$



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

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 7})$$

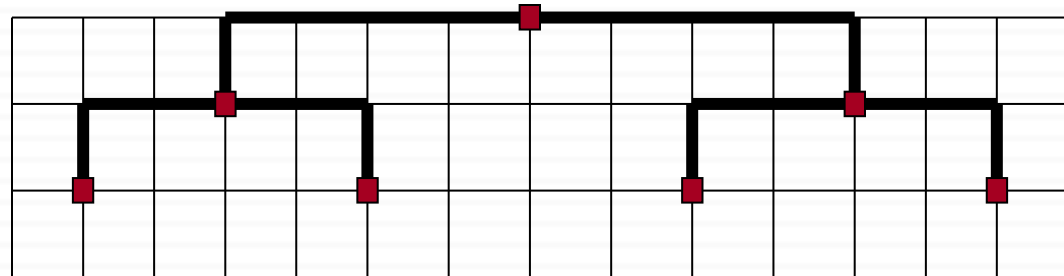
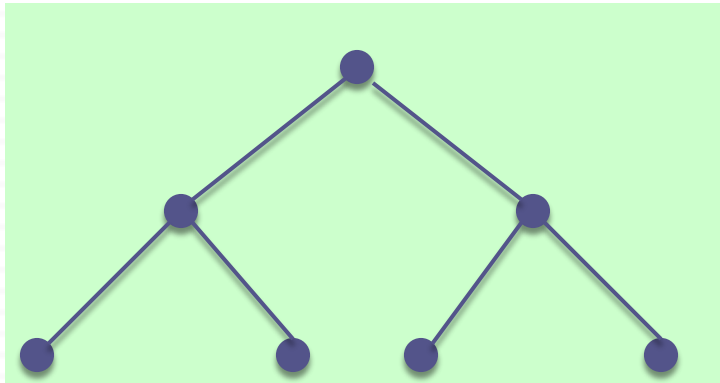
Note: $\lg 7 \approx 2.81$

Strassen's Algorithm

- The number 2.81 may not seem much smaller than 3
- But, it is significant because the difference is in the exponent.
- Strassen's algorithm beats the ordinary algorithm on today's machines for $n \geq 30$ or so.
- Best to date: $\Theta(n^{2.376\dots})$ (*of theoretical interest only*)

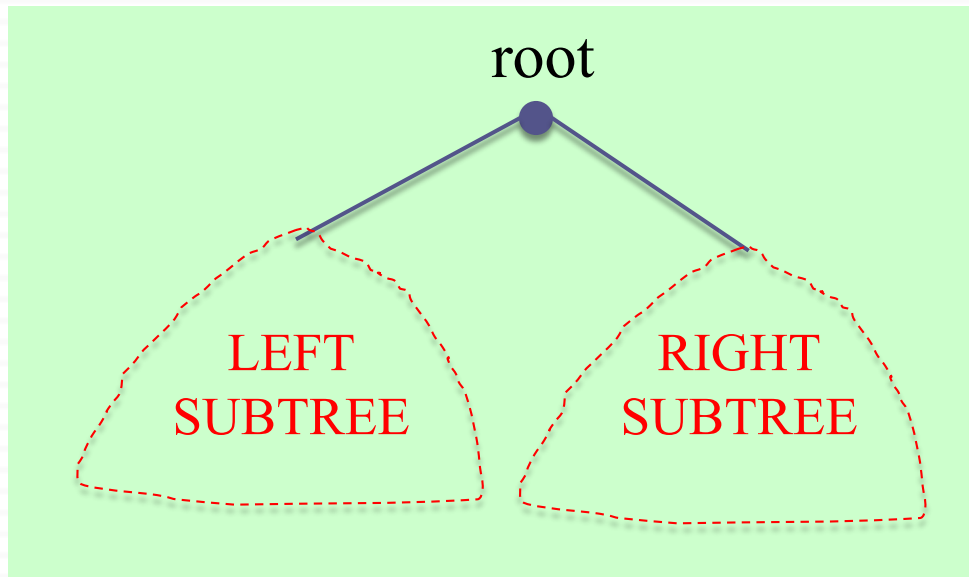
VLSI Layout: Binary Tree Embedding

- Problem: Embed a complete binary tree with n leaves into a 2D grid with minimum area.
- Example:



Binary Tree Embedding

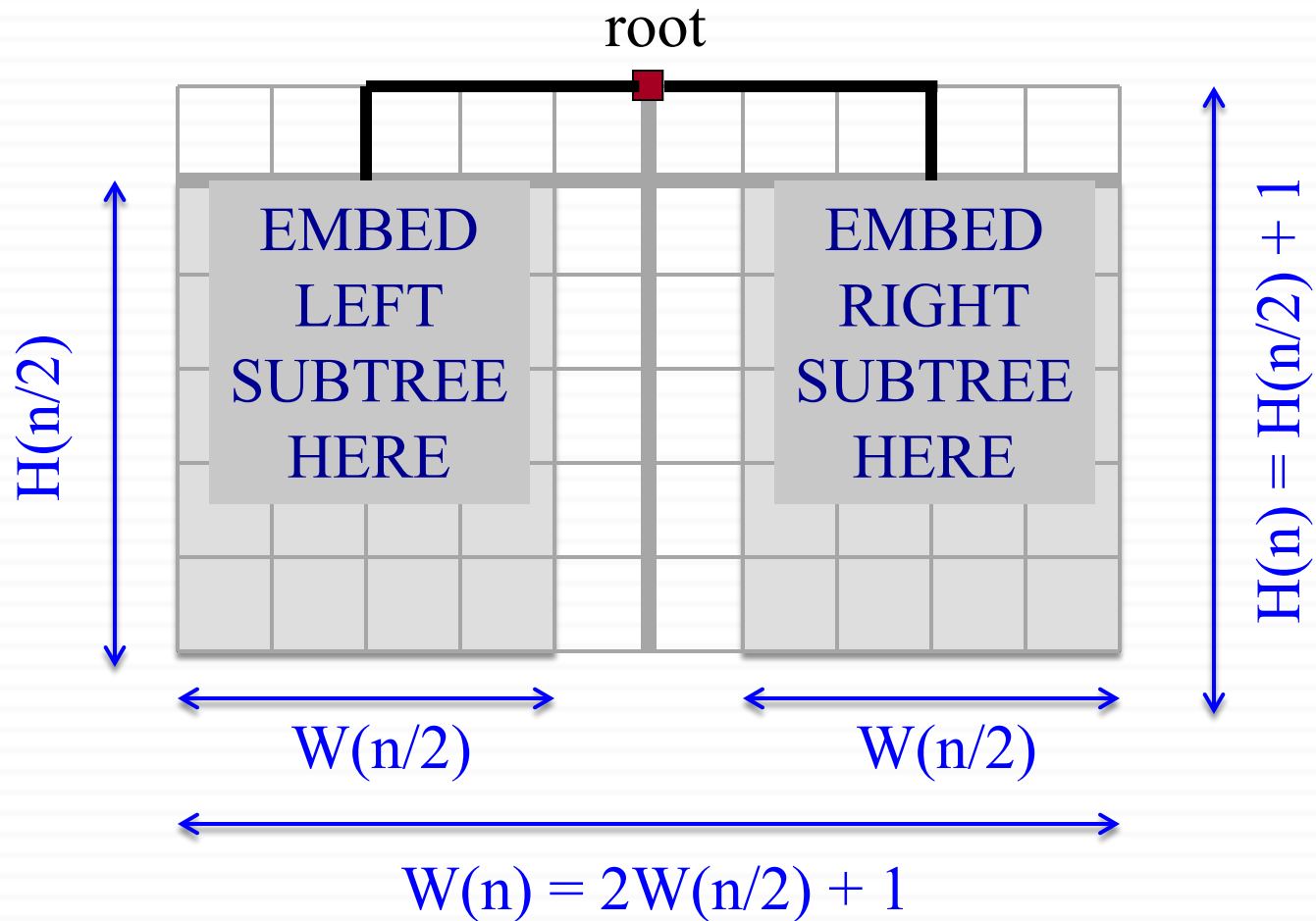
- Use divide and conquer



1. Embed the root node
2. Embed the left subtree
3. Embed the right subtree

What is the min-area required for n leaves?

Binary Tree Embedding



Binary Tree Embedding

- Solve the recurrences:

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

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

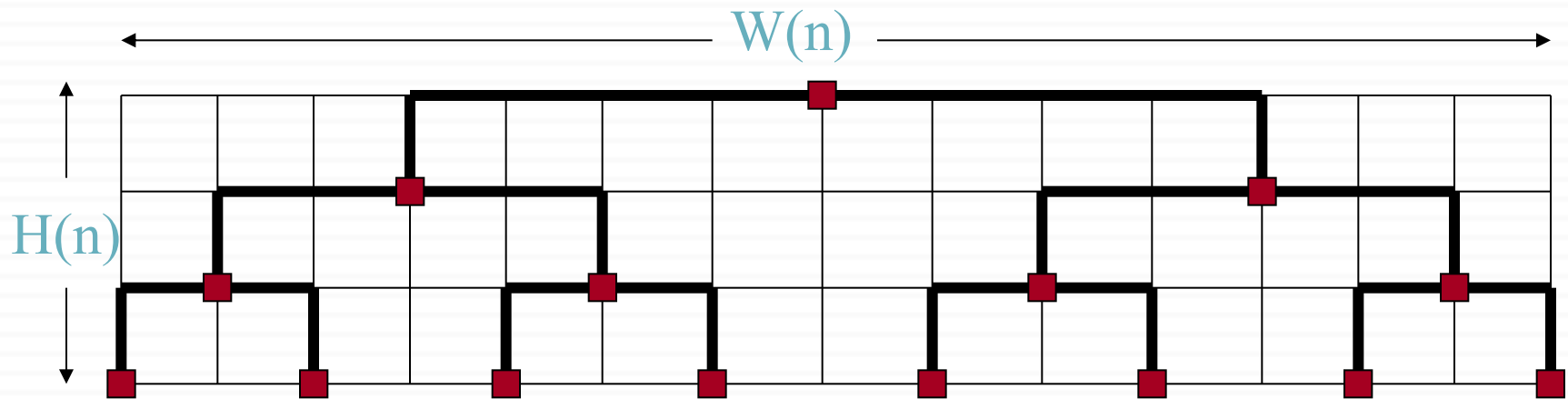
$$\rightarrow W(n) = \Theta(n)$$

$$\rightarrow H(n) = \Theta(\lg n)$$

- $\text{Area}(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$

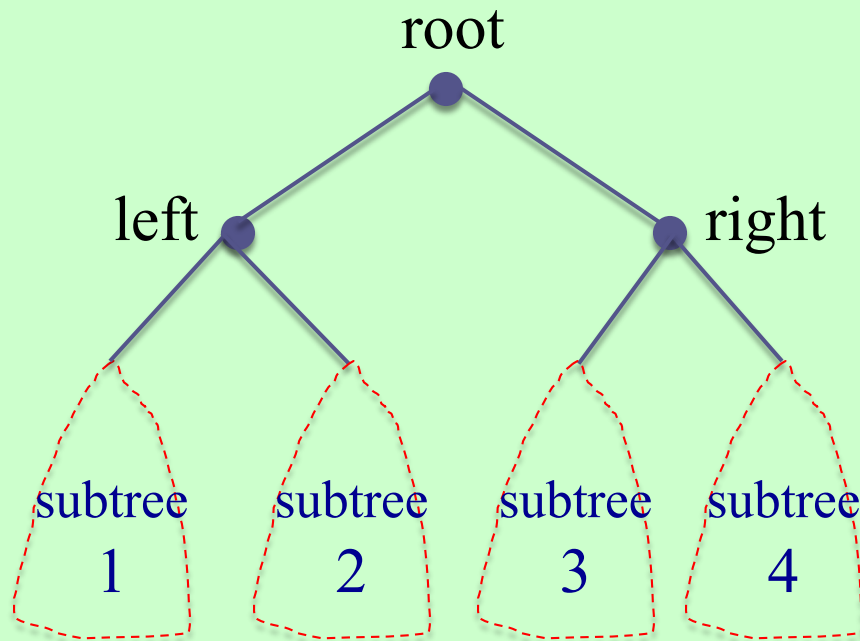
Binary Tree Embedding

Example:



Binary Tree Embedding: H-Tree

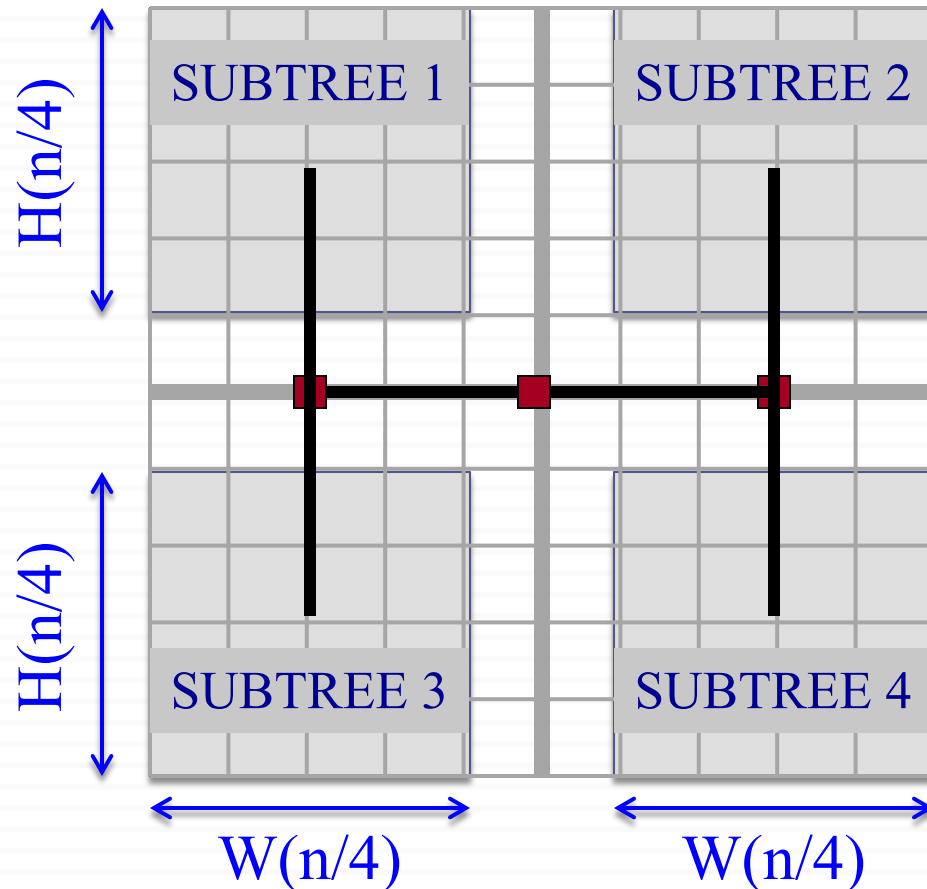
- Use a different divide and conquer method



1. Embed root, left, right nodes
2. Embed subtree 1
3. Embed subtree 2
4. Embed subtree 3
5. Embed subtree 4

What is the min-area required for n leaves?

Binary Tree Embedding: H-Tree



$$W(n) = 2W(n/4) + 1$$

$$H(n) = 2H(n/4) + 1$$

Binary Tree Embedding: H-Tree

- Solve the recurrences:

$$W(n) = 2W(n/4) + 1$$

$$H(n) = 2H(n/4) + 1$$

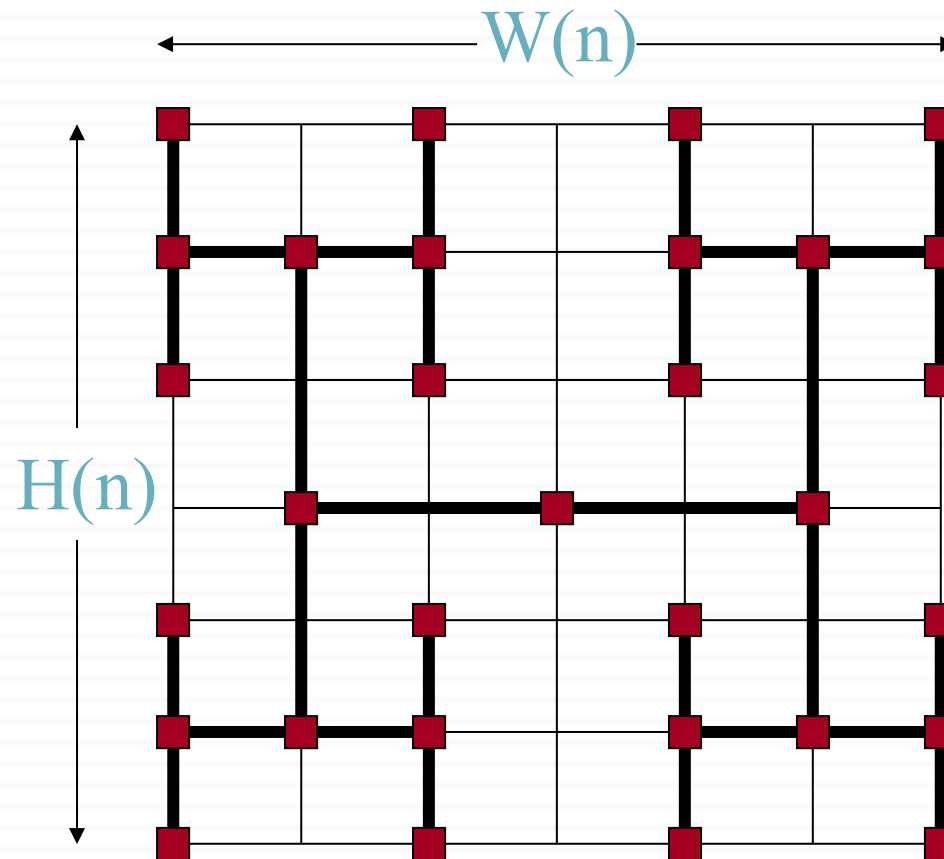
$$\rightarrow W(n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$$

$$\rightarrow H(n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$$

- $\text{Area}(n) = \Theta(n)$

Binary Tree Embedding: H-Tree

Example:



Correctness Proofs

- ***Proof by induction*** commonly used for D&C algorithms
- ***Base case***: Show that the algorithm is correct when the recursion bottoms out (i.e., for sufficiently small n)
- ***Inductive hypothesis***: Assume the alg. is correct for any recursive call on any smaller subproblem of size k ($k < n$)
- ***General case***: Based on the inductive hypothesis, prove that the alg. is correct for any input of size n

Example Correctness Proof: Powering a Number

POWER (a, n)

if n = 0 **then return** 1

else if n is even **then**

val \leftarrow POWER (a, n/2)

return val * val

else if n is odd **then**

val \leftarrow POWER (a, (n-1)/2)

return val * val * a

Example Correctness Proof: Powering a Number

- Base case: $\text{POWER}(a, 0)$ is correct, because it returns 1
- Ind. hyp: Assume $\text{POWER}(a, k)$ is correct for any $k < n$
- General case:

In $\text{POWER}(a, n)$ function:

If n is even:

$\text{val} = a^{n/2}$ (due to ind. hyp.)

it returns $\text{val} \cdot \text{val} = a^n$

If n is odd:

$\text{val} = a^{(n-1)/2}$ (due to ind. hyp.)

it returns $\text{val} \cdot \text{val} \cdot a = a^n$

→ *The correctness proof is complete*

Maximum Subarray Problem

- Input: An array of values
- Output: The contiguous subarray that has the largest sum of elements

Input array:

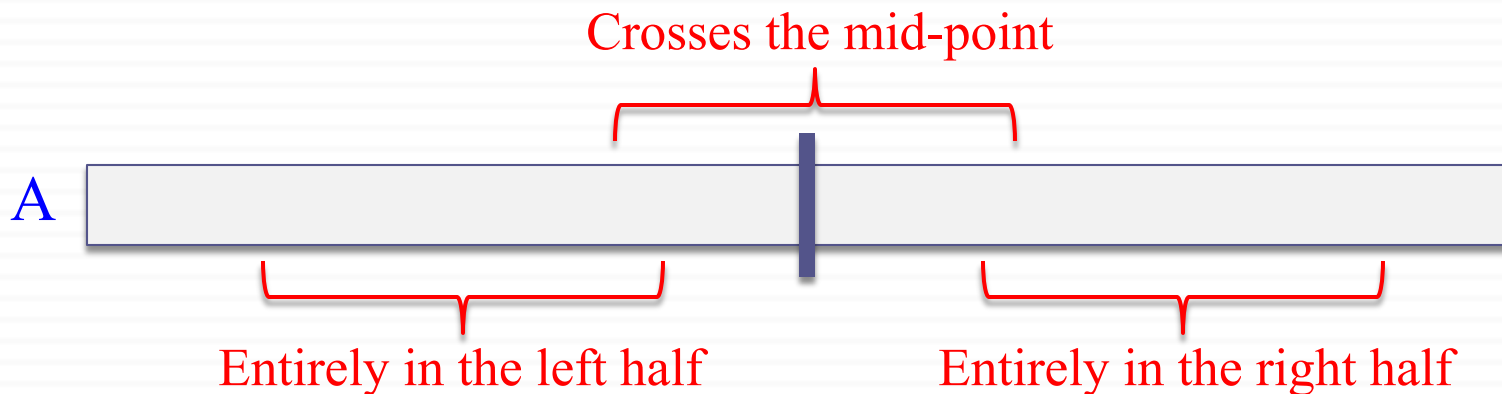
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the maximum contiguous subarray

Maximum Subarray Problem: Divide & Conquer

□ Basic idea:

- ▣ **Divide** the input array into 2 from the middle
- ▣ Pick the **best** solution among the following:
 1. The max subarray of the **left half**
 2. The max subarray of the **right half**
 3. The max subarray **crossing the mid-point**



Maximum Subarray Problem: Divide & Conquer

- Divide: Trivial (divide the array from the middle)
- Conquer: Recursively compute the max subarrays of the **left** and **right** halves
- Combine: Compute the max-subarray crossing the mid-point (*can be done in $\Theta(n)$ time*). Return the max among the following:
 1. the max subarray of the **left subarray**
 2. the max subarray of the **right subarray**
 3. the max subarray **crossing the mid-point**

See textbook for the detailed solution.

Conclusion

- Divide and conquer is just one of several powerful techniques for algorithm design.
- Divide-and-conquer algorithms can be analyzed using recurrences and the master method (so practice this math).
- Can lead to more efficient algorithms