

# Algorithm Design and Analysis

## Divide and Conquer (2)

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Divide-and-Conquer 首部曲

Divide-and-Conquer  
之神乎奇技



# What is Divide-and-Conquer?

- Solve a problem recursively
- Apply three steps at each level of the recursion
  1. **Divide** the problem into a number of subproblems that are smaller instances of the same problem (比較小的同樣問題)
  2. **Conquer** the subproblems by solving them recursively  
If the subproblem sizes are *small enough*
    - then solve the subproblems base case
    - else recursively solve itself recursive case
  3. **Combine** the solutions to the subproblems into the solution for the original problem



# Solving Recurrences

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Textbook Chapter 4.3 – The substitution method for solving recurrences

Textbook Chapter 4.4 – The recursion-tree method for solving recurrences

Textbook Chapter 4.5 – The master method for solving recurrences



# D&C Algorithm Time Complexity

- $T(n)$ : running time for input size  $n$
- $D(n)$ : time of **Divide** for input size  $n$
- $C(n)$ : time of **Combine** for input size  $n$
- $a$ : number of subproblems
- $n/b$ : size of each subproblem

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n \leq c \\ aT(n/b) + D(n) + C(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Solving Recurrences

## 1. Substitution Method (取代法)

- Guess a bound and then prove by induction

## 2. Recursion-Tree Method (遞迴樹法)

- Expand the recurrence into a tree and sum up the cost

## 3. Master Method (套公式大法/大師法)

- Apply Master Theorem to a specific form of recurrences

## • Useful simplification tricks

- Ignore floors, ceilings, boundary conditions (proof in Ch. 4.6)
- Assume base cases are constant (for small  $n$ )





# Substitution Method

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Textbook Chapter 4.3 – The substitution method for solving recurrences

# Review

- Time Complexity for Merge Sort

- Theorem

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + O(n) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

- Proof

- There exists positive constant  $a, b$  s.t.  $T(n) \leq \begin{cases} a & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + bn & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$

- Use induction to prove  $T(n) \leq b \cdot n \log n + a \cdot n$

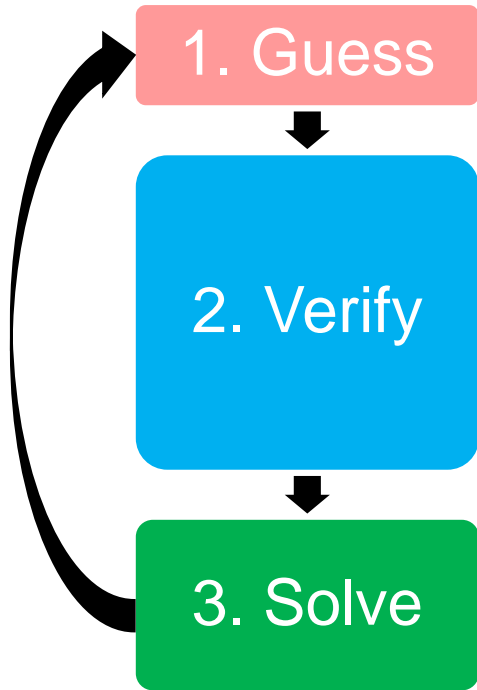
- $n = 1$ , trivial

- $n > 1$ , 
$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2T(n/2) + bn \\ &\leq 2\left[b \cdot \frac{n}{2} \log \frac{n}{2} + a \cdot \frac{n}{2}\right] + b \cdot n \\ &= b \cdot n \log n - b \cdot n + a \cdot n + b \cdot n \\ &= b \cdot n \log n + a \cdot n \end{aligned}$$

**Substitution Method (取代法)**  
guess a bound and then prove by induction



# Substitution Method (取代法)



- Guess the form of the solution
- Verify by mathematical induction (數學歸納法)
  - Prove it works for  $n = 1$
  - Prove that if it works for  $n = m$ , then it works for  $n = m + 1$→ It can work for all positive integer  $n$
- Solve constants to show that the solution works
- Prove  $O$  and  $\Omega$  separately

# Substitution Method Example

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + O(n) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

- Proof

- $T(n) = O(n^3)$

There exists positive constants  $n_0, c$  s.t. for all  $n \geq n_0, T(n) \leq cn^3$

Guess

- Use induction to find the constants  $n_0, c$

- $n = 1$ , trivial

- $n > 1$ ,  $T(n) \leq 4T(n/2) + bn$

Inductive hypothesis  $\leq 4c(n/2)^3 + bn$

$$= cn^3/2 + bn$$

$$= cn^3 - (cn^3/2 - bn)$$

$$\leq cn^3$$

$cn^3/2 - bn \geq 0$   
e.g.  $c \geq 2b, n \geq 1$

Verify

- $T(n) \leq cn^3$  holds when  $c = 2b, n_0 = 1$

Solve

# Substitution Method Example

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + O(n) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Tighter upper bound?



- Proof

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There exists positive constants  $n_0, c$  s.t. for all  $n \geq n_0, T(n) \leq cn^2$

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- $n = 1$ , trivial

- $n > 1$ ,  $T(n) \leq 4T(n/2) + bn$

Inductive hypothesis  $\leq 4c(n/2)^2 + bn$   
 $= cn^2 + bn$

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証不出來...  
猜錯了？還是推導錯了？

沒猜錯 推導也沒錯  
這是取代法的小盲點

# Substitution Method Example

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + O(n) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Strengthen the inductive hypothesis  
by subtracting a low-order term

- Proof

- $T(n) = O(n^2)$

There exists positive constants  $n_0, c_1, c_2$  s.t. for all  $n \geq n_0, T(n) \leq c_1 n^2 - c_2 n$

Guess

- Use induction to find the constants  $n_0, c_1, c_2$

- $n = 1, T(1) \leq c_1 - c_2$  holds for  $c_1 \geq c_2 + 1$

- $n > 1, T(n) \leq 4T(n/2) + bn$

Verify

Inductive hypothesis  $\leq 4[c_1(n/2)^2 - c_2(n/2)] + bn$

$$= c_1 n^2 - 2c_2 n + bn$$

$$= c_1 n^2 - c_2 n - (c_2 n - bn)$$

$$\leq c_1 n^2 - c_2 n$$

$$c_2 n - bn \geq 0$$

$$\text{e.g. } c_2 \geq b, n \geq 0$$

- $T(n) \leq c_1 n^2 - c_2 n$  holds when  $c_1 = b + 1, c_2 = b, n_0 = 0$

Solve

# Useful Tricks

- Guess based on seen recurrences
- Use the recursion-tree method
- From loose bound to tight bound
- Strengthen the inductive hypothesis by subtracting a low-order term
- Change variables
  - E.g.,  $T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + \log n$ 
    1. Change variable:  $k = \log n, n = 2^k \rightarrow T(2^k) = 2T(2^{k/2}) + k$
    2. Change variable again:  $S(k) = T(2^k) \rightarrow S(k) = 2S(k/2) + k$
    3. Solve recurrence  $S(k) = \Theta(k \log k) \rightarrow T(2^k) = \Theta(k \log k) \rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(\log n \log \log n)$



# Recursion-Tree Method

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Textbook Chapter 4.4 – The recursion-tree method for solving recurrences

# Review

- Time Complexity for Merge Sort

- Theorem

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- Proof

## Recursion-Tree Method (遞迴樹法)

Expand the recurrence into a tree and sum up the cost

$$T(n) \leq 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn \quad \text{1st expansion}$$

$$\leq 2\left[2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + c\frac{n}{2}\right] + cn = 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2cn \quad \text{2nd expansion}$$

$$\leq 4\left[2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + c\frac{n}{4}\right] + 2cn = 8T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 3cn$$

$\vdots$

$$\leq 2^k T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + kcn \quad \text{kth expansion}$$

The expansion stops when  $2^k = n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq nT(1) + cn \log_2 n \\ &= O(n) + O(n \log n) \\ &= O(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

# Recursion-Tree Method (遞迴樹法)

1. Expand



2. Sumup



3. Verify

- Expand a recurrence into a tree
- Sum up the cost of all nodes as a good guess
- Verify the guess as in the substitution method
- Advantages
  - Promote intuition
  - Generate good guesses for the substitution method



# Recursion-Tree Example

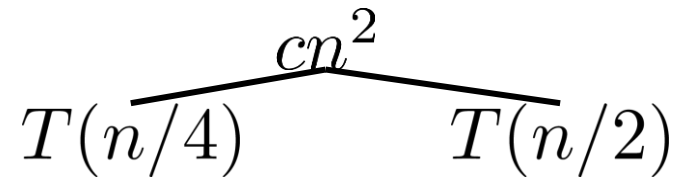
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$$T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + cn^2$$

$$T(n)$$

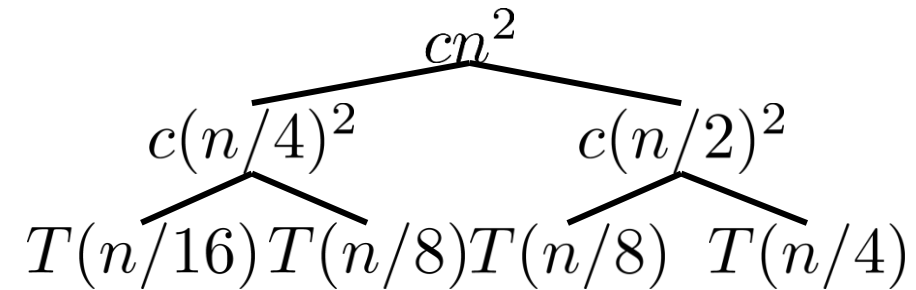
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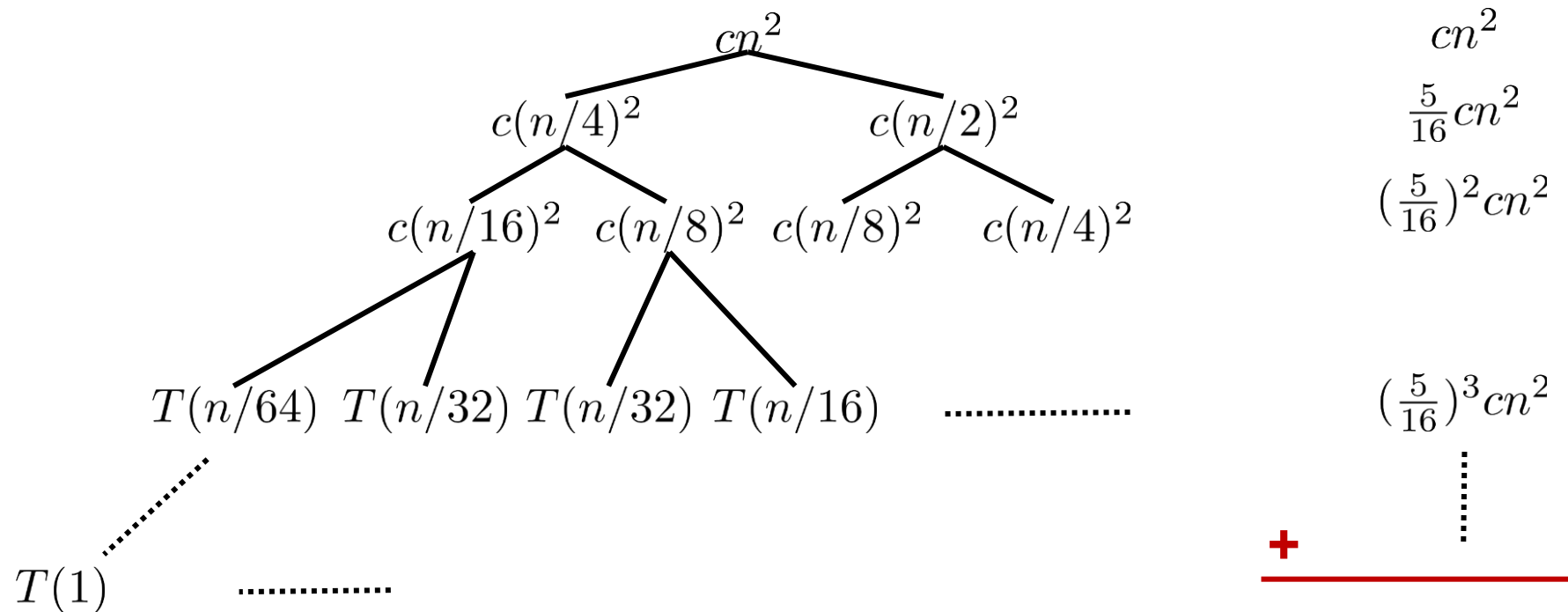
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$$T(n) \leq (1 + \frac{5}{16} + (\frac{5}{16})^2 + (\frac{5}{16})^3 + \dots)cn^2 = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{5}{16}}cn^2 = \frac{16}{11}cn^2 = O(n^2)$$

# Master Theorem

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Textbook Chapter 4.4 – The recursion-tree method for solving recurrences

# Master Theorem

The proof is in Ch. 4.6

divide a problem of size  $n$  into  $a$  subproblems, each of size  $\frac{n}{b}$  is solved in time  $T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right)$  recursively

Let  $T(n)$  be a positive function satisfying the following recurrence relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ a \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) & \text{if } n > 1, \end{cases}$$

Should follow  
this format

where  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  are constants.

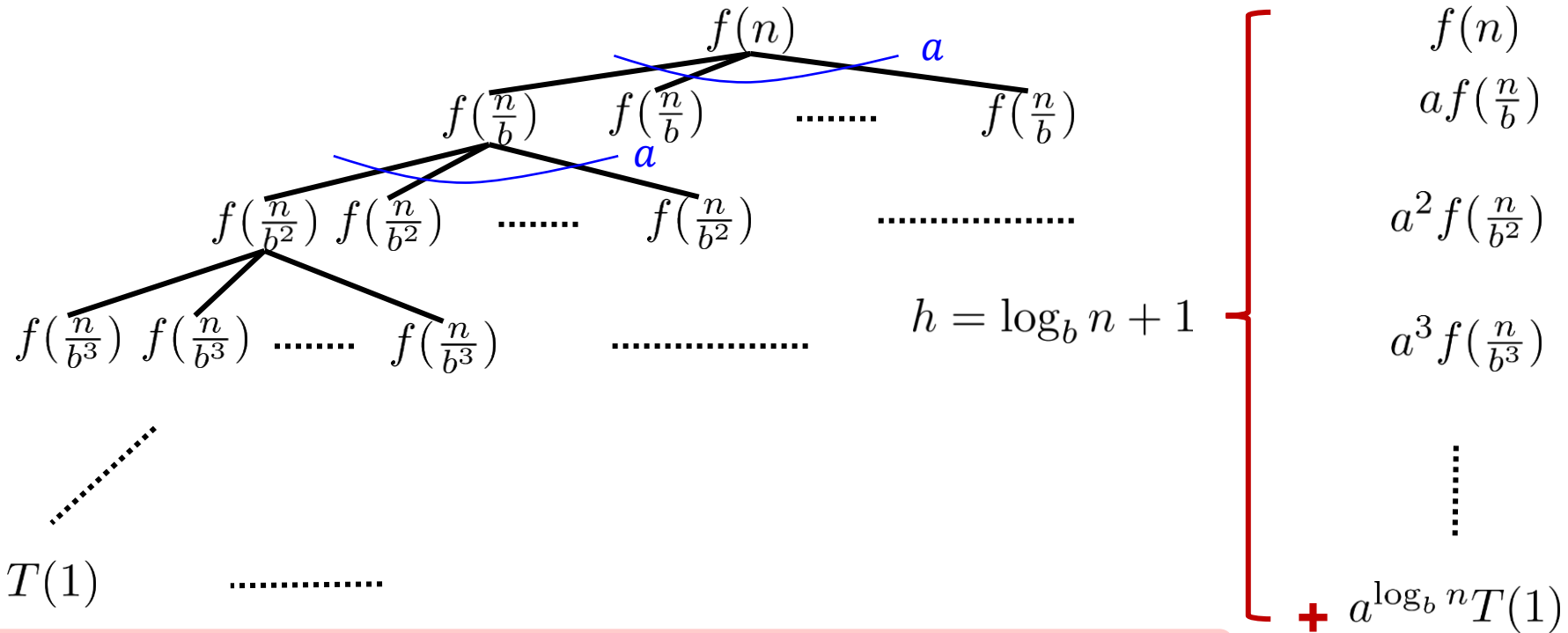
- Case 1: If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
- Case 2: If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log n)$ .
- Case 3: If
  - $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , and
  - $a \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq c \cdot f(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$  and all sufficiently large  $n$ ,then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .



compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$

# Recursion-Tree for Master Theorem

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$



$$T(n) = f(n) + a f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + a^2 f\left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right) + a^3 f\left(\frac{n}{b^3}\right) + \cdots + a^{\log_b n} T(1)$$

$$a^{\log_b n} T(1) = n^{\log_b a} T(1)$$

# Three Cases

- $T(n) = aT(\frac{n}{b}) + f(n)$ 
  - $a \geq 1$ , the number of subproblems
  - $b > 1$ , the factor by which the subproblem size decreases
  - $f(n)$  = work to divide/combine subproblems

$$T(n) = f(n) + af(\frac{n}{b}) + a^2f(\frac{n}{b^2}) + a^3f(\frac{n}{b^3}) + \dots + n^{\log_b a}T(1)$$

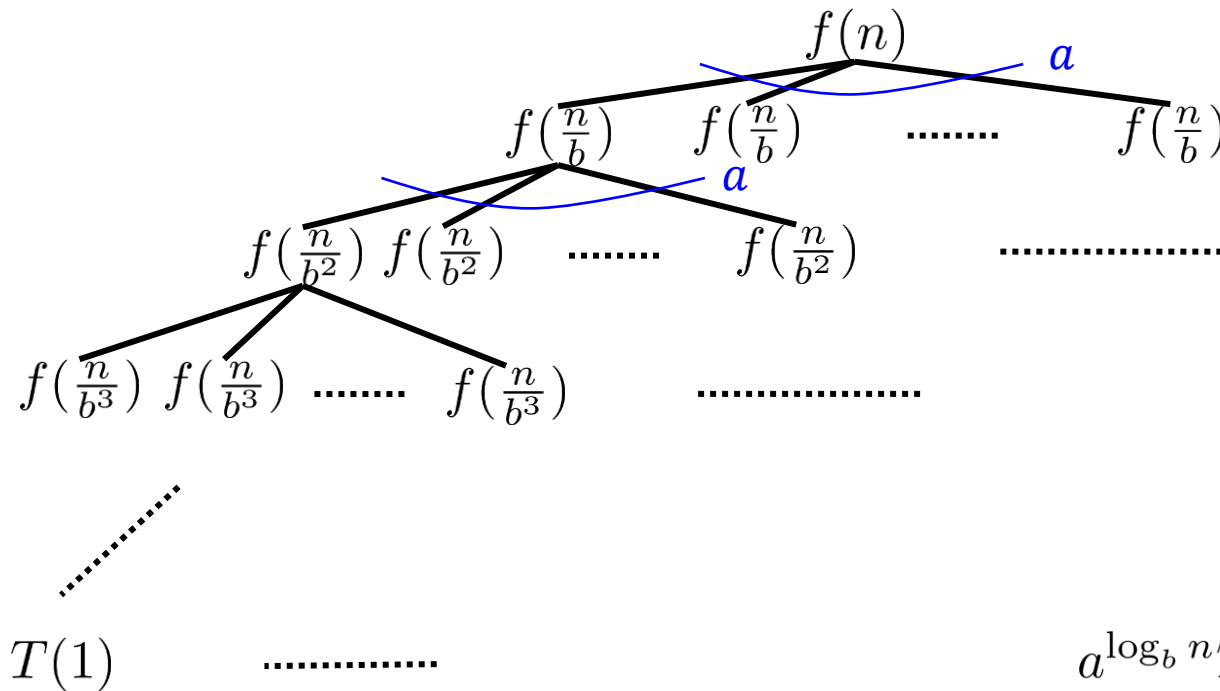
- Compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$ 
  1. Case 1:  $f(n)$  grows polynomially slower than  $n^{\log_b a}$
  2. Case 2:  $f(n)$  and  $n^{\log_b a}$  grow at similar rates
  3. Case 3:  $f(n)$  grows polynomially faster than  $n^{\log_b a}$



# Case 1:

## Total cost dominated by the leaves

$$T(n) = 9T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n, T(1) = 1$$



$$f(n) = n$$

$$af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) = \frac{9}{3}n$$

$$a^2 f\left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{3}\right)^2 n$$

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⋮

$$a^{\log_b n} T(1) = 9^{\log_3 n} = \left(\frac{9}{3}\right)^{\log_3 n} n$$

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

# Case 1:

## Total cost dominated by the leaves

$$T(n) = 9T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n, T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n) = \left(1 + \frac{9}{3} + \left(\frac{9}{3}\right)^2 + \cdots + \left(\frac{9}{3}\right)^{\log_3 n}\right)n$$

$$= \frac{\left(\frac{9}{3}\right)^{1+\log_3 n} - 1}{3 - 1}n$$

$$= \frac{3n}{2} \cdot \frac{9^{\log_3 n}}{3^{\log_3 n}} - \frac{1}{2}n$$

$$= \frac{3n}{2} \cdot \frac{n^{\log_3 9}}{n} - \frac{1}{2}n$$

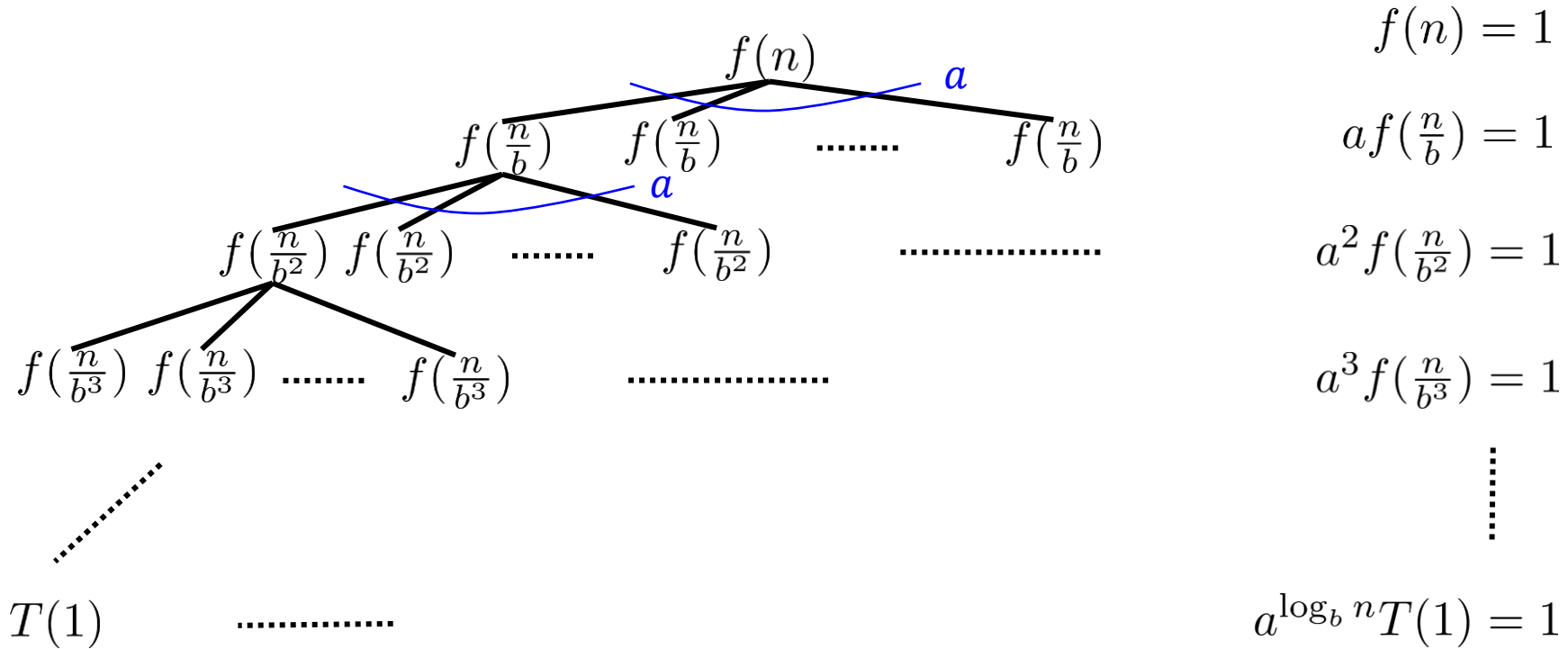
$$= \Theta(n^{\log_3 9}) = \Theta(n^2)$$

- Case 1: If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .

# Case 2:

## Total cost evenly distributed among levels

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{2n}{3}\right) + 1, T(1) = 1$$



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

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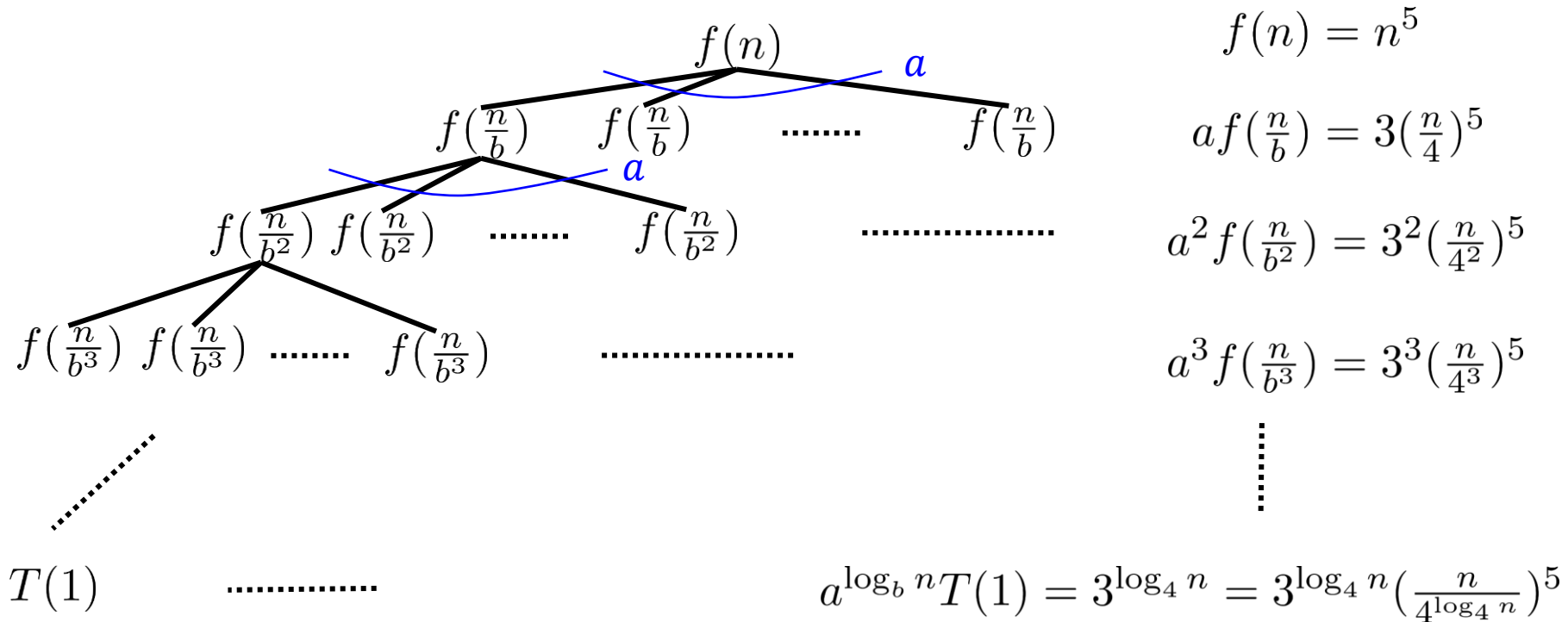
$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 + 1 + 1 + \cdots + 1 \\ &= \log_{\frac{3}{2}} n + 1 \\ &= \Theta(\log n) \end{aligned}$$

- Case 2: If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log n)$ .

# Case 3:

## Total cost dominated by root cost

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^5, T(1) = 1$$



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

# Case 3:

## Total cost dominated by root cost

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^5, T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n) = \left(1 + \frac{3}{4^5} + \left(\frac{3}{4^5}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{3}{4^5}\right)^{\log_4 n}\right)n^5$$

$$T(n) > n^5$$

$$T(n) \leq \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{4^5}} n^5$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^5)$$

- Case 3: If
  - $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , and
  - $a \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq c \cdot f(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$  and all sufficiently large  $n$ ,then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

# Master Theorem

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where  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  are constants.

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compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$

# Examples

compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$

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- Case 1: If  $T(n) = 9 \cdot T(n/3) + n$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ .

Observe that  $n = O(n^2) = O(n^{\log_3 9})$ .

- Case 2: If  $T(n) = T(2n/3) + 1$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(\log n)$ .

Observe that  $1 = \Theta(n^0) = \Theta(n^{\log_{3/2} 1})$ .

- Case 3: If  $T(n) = 3 \cdot T(n/4) + n^5$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^5)$ .

–  $n^5 = \Omega(n^{\log_4 3 + \epsilon})$  with  $\epsilon = 0.00001$ .

–  $3(\frac{n}{4})^5 \leq cn^5$  with  $c = 0.99999$ .

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# Floors and Ceilings

- Master theorem can be extended to recurrences with floors and ceilings
- The proof is in the Ch. 4.6

$$T(n) = aT(\lceil \frac{n}{b} \rceil) + f(n)$$

$$T(n) = aT(\lfloor \frac{n}{b} \rfloor) + f(n)$$

# Theorem 1

- Case 1: If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
- Case 2: If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log n)$ .
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## • Case 2

$$f(n) = \Theta(n) = \Theta(n^1) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2}) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

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

# Theorem 2

- Case 1: If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
- Case 2: If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log n)$ .
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## • Case 1

$$f(n) = O(1) = O(n) = O(n^{\log_2 2}) = O(n^{\log_b a})$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2}) = \Theta(n)$$

# Theorem 3

- Case 1: If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
- Case 2: If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log n)$ .
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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + O(1) & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad \Rightarrow \quad T(n) = O(\log n)$$

## • Case 2

$$f(n) = \Theta(1) = \Theta(n^0) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 1}) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

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



# To Be Continue...

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# Question?

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