

算法设计与分析 Algorithms Design & Analysis

第三讲：递归关系

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递归关系 (Recurrence Relations)

- **Recurrence relations** describe functions over the natural numbers. (递归关系描述的是自然数上的函数关系)
- They express the value of a function for a given integer $n > 0$ as functions of the values of the function for arguments less than n . (对于某个 $n > 0$ 的函数值, 通过小于 n 的函数值表示出来)

递归实例 (Recurrence Examples)

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

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n = 1 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n = 1 \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + cn & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

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为什么要分析递归关系?

- The running times of many algorithms (especially recursive algorithms) are easily expressed using recurrence relations. (许多算法, 特别是递归算法, 时间开销函数都可以用递归关系来描述)
- We need to solve them, that is, derive closed expressions of the functions expressed by recurrences using **O -, Ω -, and Θ -notation**. (分析开销函数并表示出来)
- **Example:** (Merge Sort)

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + O(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

求解方法

- **置换法 (Substitution)**
 - Make a guess and verify it (假设-论证).
- **递归树 (Recursion Tree)**
 - Allows us to arrive at a guess (帮助猜想).
 - The guess can then be verified using the substitution method (置换法论证).
- **迭代法 (Iteration)**
- **主方式 (Master Theorem)**
 - Provides solutions to recurrences of a quite restricted, but very common, nature (定理化).

置换法

- **The three steps of the substitution method:** (置换法的三步骤)
 1. Make a good guess (猜想)
 2. Verify the guess, assuming that it can be verified for some base case $n = n_0$. (验证猜想对于 $n = n_0$ 的正确性)
 3. Choose an n_0 for which the guess works and such that Step 2 for any $n > n_0$ does not depend on the claim for some $n' < n_0$. (验证猜想对于 $n > n_0$ 的正确性)

如何获得好的猜想?(How To Make a Good Guess)

- Experience helps(经验)
- Variable substitution (更换变元)
- Prove loose upper and lower bounds and tighten them step by step(先松后紧)

例

Determine an upper bound on the recurrence
(求以下迭代关系的上界):

$$T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n$$

- Making a good guess(猜想)
 - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$
 - Guess: $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n \rightarrow T(n) = O(n \lg n)$
- Use induction to find the constants and show that solution works: $\forall c, s.t. (such\ that)$ (归纳证明 $\forall c, n > N$ 满足)

$$T(n) \leq cn \lg n?$$

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例 (续)

假设在 $n \geq 2$ 时对于 $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ 成立,
即 $T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) \leq c \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n \\ &\leq 2(c \lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)) + n \\ &\leq cn \lg(n/2) + n \\ &= cn \lg n - cn \lg 2 + n \\ &= cn \lg n - cn + n \\ &\leq cn \lg n \quad \text{对于 } c > 1 \end{aligned}$$

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 - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$
 - $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n \rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$
 - $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + 17 + n \rightarrow ???$

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Changing Variables (更换变元)

- Use algebraic manipulation to turn an unknown recurrence into one similar to what you have seen before. (通过数学变化,将陌生的迭代关系转变为熟悉的形式)
 - Example: $T(n) = 2T(n^{1/2}) + \lg n$
 - Rename $m = \lg n$ and we have

$$T(2^m) = 2T(2^{m/2}) + m$$
 - Set $S(m) = T(2^m)$ and we have

$$S(m) = 2S(m/2) + m \Rightarrow S(m) = O(m \lg m)$$
 - Changing back from $S(m)$ to $T(n)$, we have

$$T(n) = T(2^m) = S(m) = O(m \lg m) = O(\lg n \lg \lg n)$$

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递归树 (Recursion Tree)

- The recursion tree method expands the recurrence and visualizes this expansion.
- (展开使之可视化)

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 3 \quad T(n/4) + n^2 \\
 &= 3 \left(T(n/16) + n^2/16 \right) + n^2 \\
 &= 3 \left(T(n/64) + n^2/256 \right) + n^2/16 + n^2 \\
 &= \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

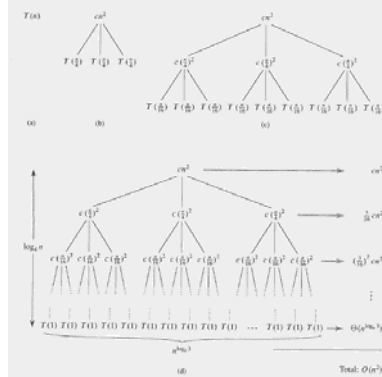


Figure 4.1 The construction of a recursion tree for the recurrence $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + cn^2$. Part (a) shows $T(n)$, which is progressively expanded in (b)-(d) to form the recursion tree. The fully expanded tree in part (d) has height $\log_4 n$ (it has $\log_4 n + 1$ levels).

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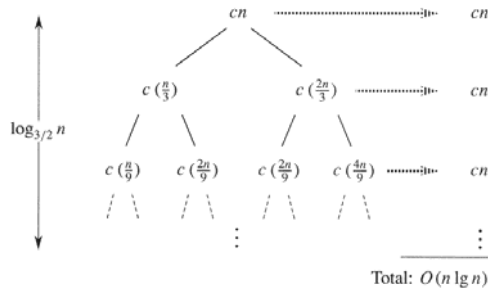


Figure 4.2 A recursion tree for the recurrence $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn$.

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迭代法 (Iteration)

- Expand the recurrence(展开)
- Work some algebra to express as a summation(代数运算)
- Evaluate the summation(求和)

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- $s(n) =$
 - $c + s(n-1)$
 - $c + c + s(n-2)$
 - $2c + s(n-2)$
 - $2c + c + s(n-3)$
 - $3c + s(n-3)$
 - \dots
 - $kc + s(n-k) = ck + s(n-k)$

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- So far for $n \geq k$ we have
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- So
- $$s(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ c + s(n-1) & n > 0 \end{cases}$$

- Thus in general

- $s(n) = cn$

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- $s(n)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= n + s(n-1) \\
 &= n + n-1 + s(n-2) \\
 &= n + n-1 + n-2 + s(n-3) \\
 &= n + n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + s(n-4) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= n + n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + \dots + n-(k-1) + s(n-k)
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + s(n-3)$$

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + s(n-4)$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= n + n-1 + n-2 + n-3 + \dots + n-(k-1) + s(n-k)$$

$$= \sum_{i=n-k+1}^n i + s(n-k)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + c \\ &= 2(2T(n/2/2) + c) + c \\ &= 2^2T(n/2^2) + 3c \\ &= 2^2(2T(n/2^2/2) + c) + 3c \\ &= 2^3T(n/2^3) + 4c + 3c \\ &= 2^3T(n/2^3) + 7c \\ &= 2^3(2T(n/2^3/2) + c) + 7c \\ &= 2^4T(n/2^4) + 15c \\ &\dots \\ &= 2^kT(n/2^k) + (2^k - 1)c \end{aligned}$$

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n=1 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c & n>1 \end{cases}$$

- So far for $n > 2k$ we have

$$\square T(n) = 2^kT(n/2^k) + (2^k - 1)c$$

- What if $k = \lg n$?

$$\begin{aligned} \square T(n) &= 2^{\lg n} T(n/2^{\lg n}) + (2^{\lg n} - 1)c \\ &= n T(n/n) + (n - 1)c \\ &= n T(1) + (n-1)c \\ &= nc + (n-1)c = (2n - 1)c \end{aligned}$$

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n=1 \\ aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + cn & n>1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= aT(n/b) + cn \\ &= a(aT(n/b/b) + cn/b) + cn \\ &= a^2T(n/b^2) + cna/b + cn \\ &= a^2T(n/b^2) + cn(a/b + 1) \\ &= a^2(aT(n/b^2/b) + cn/b^2) + cn(a/b + 1) \\ &= a^3T(n/b^3) + cn(a^2/b^2) + cn(a/b + 1) \\ &= a^3T(n/b^3) + cn(a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1) \\ &\dots \\ &= a^kT(n/b^k) + cn(a^{k-1}/b^{k-1} + a^{k-2}/b^{k-2} + \dots + a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1) \end{aligned}$$

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- So we have

$$\square T(n) = a^kT(n/b^k) + cn(a^{k-1}/b^{k-1} + \dots + a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1)$$

- For $k = \log_b n$

$$\begin{aligned} \square n &= b^k \\ \square T(n) &= a^kT(1) + cn(a^{k-1}/b^{k-1} + \dots + a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1) \\ &= a^kc + cn(a^{k-1}/b^{k-1} + \dots + a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1) \\ &= ca^k + cn(a^{k-1}/b^{k-1} + \dots + a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1) \\ &= cna^k/b^k + cn(a^{k-1}/b^{k-1} + \dots + a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1) \\ &= cn(a^k/b^k + \dots + a^2/b^2 + a/b + 1) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \square T(n) &= cn(k + 1) \\ &= cn(\log_b n + 1) \\ &= \Theta(n \log_b n) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= cn \cdot \Theta(a^{\log_b n} / b^{\log_b n}) = cn \cdot \Theta(a^{\log_b n} / n)$$

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recall logarithm fact: $a^{\log_b n} = n^{\log_b a}$

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

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- So...

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n) & a < b \\ \Theta(n \log_b n) & a = b \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & a > b \end{cases}$$

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主方式(The Master Theorem)

- Given: a *divide and conquer* algorithm (分治算法)
 - An algorithm that divides the problem of size n into a subproblems, each of size n/b
(将规模为 n 的问题分解为 a 个规模为 n/b 的问题求解)
 - Let the cost of each stage (i.e., the work to divide the problem + combine solved subproblems) be described by the function $f(n)$
(子问题求解和合并代价)
- Then, the Master Theorem gives us a cookbook for the algorithm's running time:(公式化求解开销函数)

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The Master Theorem

- if $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$ then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n) & f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \\ \Theta(f(n)) & f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}) \text{ AND } af(n/b) < cf(n) \text{ for large } n \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \epsilon > 0 \\ c < 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

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Using The Master Method

- $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$
 - $a=9, b=3, f(n) = n$ (对照主方式定理)
 - $n^{\log_3 9} = n^{\log_3 9} = \Theta(n^2)$
 - Since $f(n) = O(n^{\log_3 9 - \epsilon})$, where $\epsilon=1$, case 1 applies:
$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_3 9}) \text{ when } f(n) = O(n^{\log_3 9 - \epsilon})$$
 - Thus the solution is $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

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小结

- **Substitution method**(置换法)
 - Guess the solution
 - Verify it using induction (substitution)
- **Recursion tree method**(递归树)
 - Use a tree to visualize how a recurrence unfolds(可视展开)
 - Calculate cost of every level and sum these costs(逐层求和)
- **Master method**:(主方式)
 - Provides a cook-book recipe for a restricted, but common class of recurrences(公式化)