Design and Analysis of Algorithm

Lecture-4:

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Divide and Conquer

Definition

Divide:

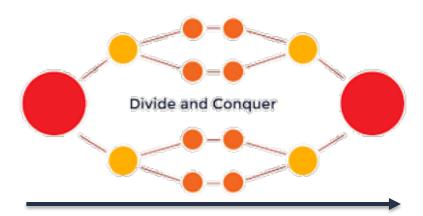
Divide the given problem into subproblem

Conquer:

Conquer the sub-problem to get the solution recursively. If the sub-problem is small directly return the solution

Combine:

Combine the sub-problem solution to get original problem solution

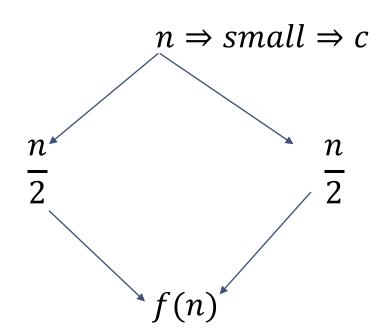


General Concept

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Algorithm DAndC(P)
        if Small(P) then return S(P);
        else
                divide P into smaller instances P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_k, k \ge 1;
Apply DAndC to each of these subproblems;
return Combine(DAndC(P_1),DAndC(P_2),...,DAndC(P_k));
                                                                                                                                           T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n = 1\\ a T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) & n > 1 \end{cases}
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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if n is small} \\ T(n_1) + T(n_2) + T(n_3) + \cdots \dots T(n_k) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Approach of divide and conquer



No. of elements in each sub-problems

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

No. of sub-problems

Power of an element

Input: An element a > 0 and another element n > 0

Output: a^n

```
Without Divide and Conquer
Power(a, n)
{
  int f=1;
  for (i = 1; i \le n; i + +)
  {
    f = f * a
  }
  return (f);
}
```

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With Divide and Conquer
Power(a, n)
   If (n==1)
      return (a)
    else
          b = n/2
          c= power(a, b)
          return (c*c)
```

Complexity of the two approach

Without Divide and conquer

Complexity =
$$O(n)$$

With Divide and conquer

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

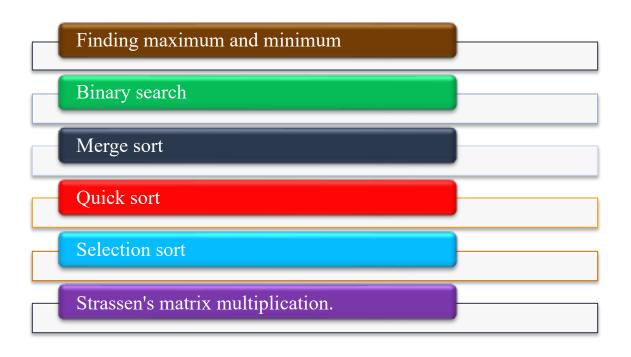
$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c$$
$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + c + c$$
$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 3c$$

$$T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + kc$$

$$T(n) = c + c \cdot \log_2 n$$

$$T(n) = O(\log_2 n)$$

Application of divide and conquer





Finding The Maximum And Minimum

The problem is to find the maximum and minimum Items in a set of n elements.

Input: An array of n elements

Output: Find maximum and minimum in the given array

Min: 1

e.g.

A [10,20,30,1,2,3,11,21,31]

Without Divide and Conquer

```
Algorithm StraightMaxMin(a, n, max, min)
   Set max to the maximum and min to the minimum of a[1:n]
    max := min := a[1];
    for i := 2 to n do
         if (a[i] > max) then max := a[i]; else if (a[i] < min) then min := a[i];
```

Complexity

Best Case: It occurs when the numbers are in increasing order

No. of comparisons: n-1 Complexity: $\Omega(n)$

Worst Case: It occurs when the numbers are in decreasing order

No. of comparisons: 2(n-1) Complexity: O(n)

Average Case: It occurs when the numbers are in increasing order Complexity: $\theta(n)$

With Divide and Conquer

else

Algorithm MaxMin(i, j, max, min)// a[1:n] is a global array. Parameters i and j are integers, $//1 \le i \le j \le n$. The effect is to set max and min to the largest and smallest values in a[i:j], respectively. if (i = j) then max := min := a[i]; // Small(P)else if (i = j - 1) then // Another case of Small(P) if (a[i] < a[j]) then max := a[j]; min := a[i];

max := a[i]; min := a[j];

10

10

20

Max=min=10

Max=20 min=10

With Divide and Conquer

```
// If P is not small, divide P into subproblems.
// Find where to split the set.
                                                     A [10, 20, 30, 1, 2, 3, 11, 21, 31]
    mid := \lfloor (i+j)/2 \rfloor;
   Solve the subproblems.
    MaxMin(i, mid, max, min);
                                                                A (1,9,_,_)
    MaxMin(mid + 1, j, max1, min1);
   Combine the solutions.
                                                                         A (6,9,_,_)
                                                        A (1,5,_,_)
    if (max < max1) then max := max1;
    if (min > min1) then min := min1;
                                                          A (4,5,_,_
                                                                      A (6,7,_,_)
                                                                                 A (8,9,__,_
                                              A (1,3,_,_)
                                                         A (3,3,_,_)
                                           A (1,2,_,_)
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