

# Divide-and-Conquer (Recurrences)

## Divide-and-Conquer:

Divide: (into the same problems of smaller size)

Conquer:

Combine:

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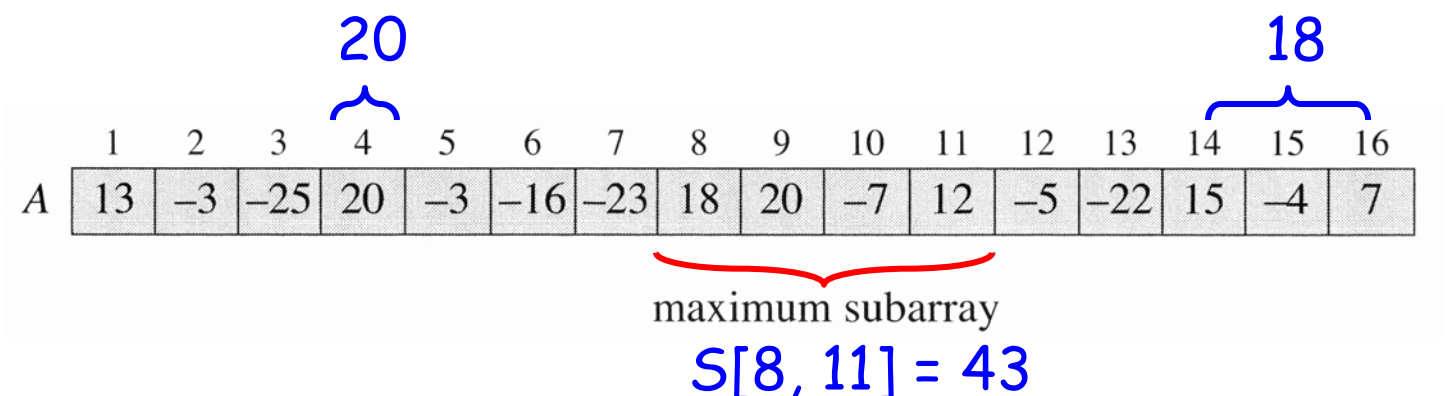
Two examples of divide-and-conquer: 4.1, 4.2

Solving recurrences: 4.3, 4.4, 4.5

## 4.1 The maximum-subarray problem

*Input:* an array  $A[1..n]$  of  $n$  numbers

*Output:* a nonempty subarray  $A[i..j]$  having the largest sum  $S[i, j] = a_i + a_{i+1} + \dots + a_j$



## A brute-force solution

all pairs of  $i, j$

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\* Examine all  $\binom{n}{2}$  possible  $S[i, j]$

\* Two implementations  $O(j - i + 1)$

(1) compute each  $S[i, j]$  in  $O(n)$  time  $\Rightarrow O(n^3)$  time

(2) compute each  $S[i, j+1]$  from  $S[i, j]$  in  $O(1)$  time  
 $(S[i, i] = A[i] \text{ and } S[i, j+1] = S[i, j] + A[j+1])$

$\Rightarrow O(n^2)$  time

(ex.  $S[2, 12] = S[2, 11] + A[12]$ )

$\Downarrow i = 2$

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
$A[i]$	13	-15	23	4	-13	-16	-23	18	20	-7	12	-5	-22

$S[2, 2] = -15$

$S[2, 3] = 8$

$S[2, 4] = 12$

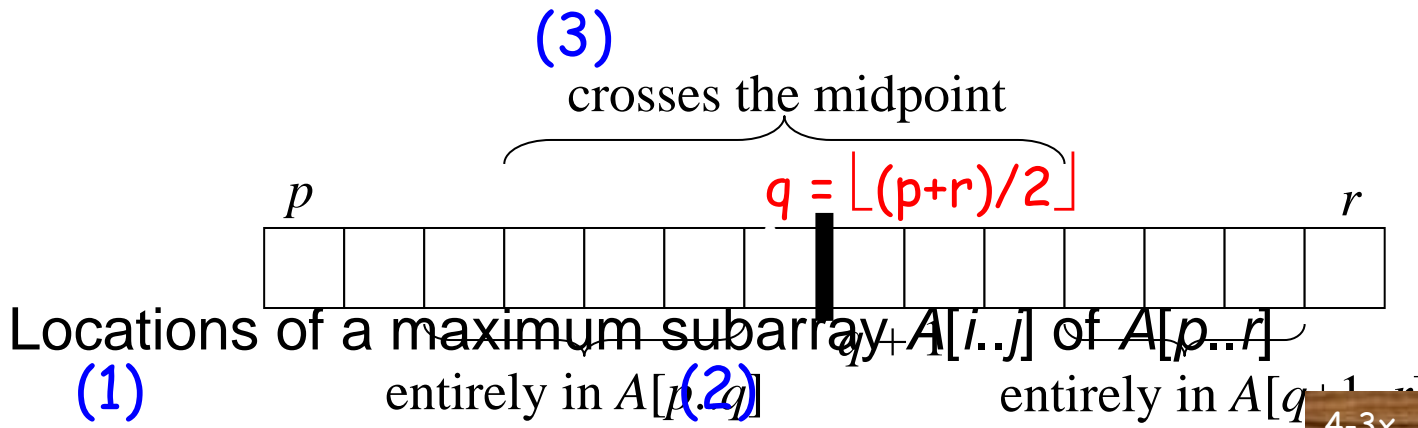
$S[2, 5] = -1$

$\Rightarrow O(n)$  time for each  $i$

## A divide-and-conquer solution

\* Possible locations of a maximum subarray  $A[i..j]$   
 of  $A[p..r]$ , where  $q = \lfloor (p+r)/2 \rfloor$

- (1) entirely in  $A[p..q]$
- (2) entirely in  $A[q+1..r]$
- (3) crossing the midpoint ( $p \leq i < q < j \leq r$ )



\* A divide-and-conquer algorithm

**FINDMAXSUBARRAY( $A, p, r$ )**

1 **if**  $p = r$  **then return**  $(p, p, A[p])$  //base case

2 **else**

3  $q \leftarrow \lfloor (p + r) / 2 \rfloor$

4  $(i_1, j_1, s_1) \leftarrow \text{FINDMAXSUBARRAY}(A, p, q)$

5  $(i_2, j_2, s_2) \leftarrow \text{FINDMAXSUBARRAY}(A, q+1, r)$

6  $(i_c, j_c, s_c) \leftarrow \text{FINDMAXCROSSING}(A, p, q, r)$

7 **if**  $s_1 \geq s_2$  and  $s_1 \geq s_c$  **then return**  $(i_1, j_1, s_1)$

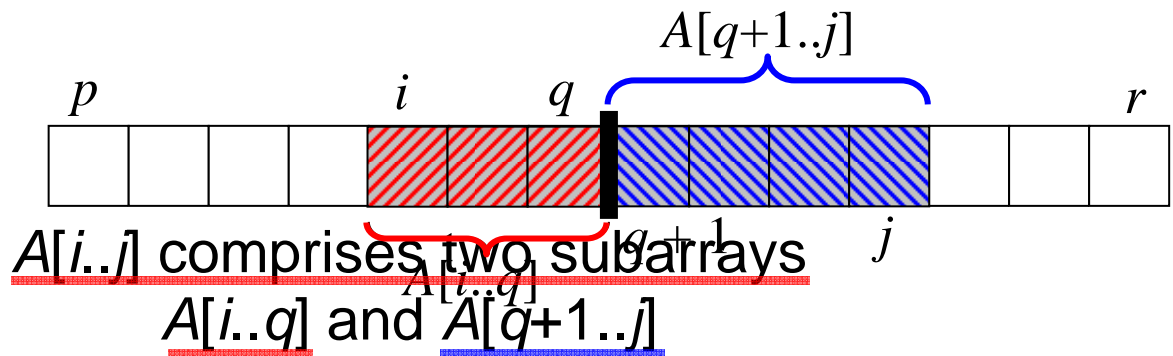
8 **elseif**  $s_2 \geq s_c$  **then return**  $(i_2, j_2, s_2)$

9 **else return**  $(i_c, j_c, s_c)$

take it even negative  
(nonempty subarray)

recursive  
calls

\* Find a maximum subarray crossing the midpoint



**FINDMAXCROSSING**( $A, p, q, r$ )

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1   $s_1 \leftarrow -\infty$ 
2   $sum \leftarrow 0$ 
3  for  $i \leftarrow q$  downto  $p$  do
4       $sum \leftarrow sum + A[i]$ 
5      if  $sum > s_1$ 
6          then  $s_1 \leftarrow sum$ 
7           $maxleft \leftarrow i$ 
8   $s_2 \leftarrow -\infty$ 
9   $sum \leftarrow 0$ 
10 for  $j \leftarrow q + 1$  to  $r$  do
11      $sum \leftarrow sum + A[j]$ 
12     if  $sum > s_2$ 
13         then  $s_2 \leftarrow sum$ 
14          $maxright \leftarrow j$ 
15 return ( $maxleft, maxright, s_1 + s_2$ )
  
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Find maxleft,  $s_1$   
( $A[i..q]$ )

Find maxright,  $s_2$   
( $A[q+1..j]$ )

Example:

$q = 6$

A

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
-7	8	-5	20	-3	-8	-23	18	20	-7	12	-5

S[6, 6] =

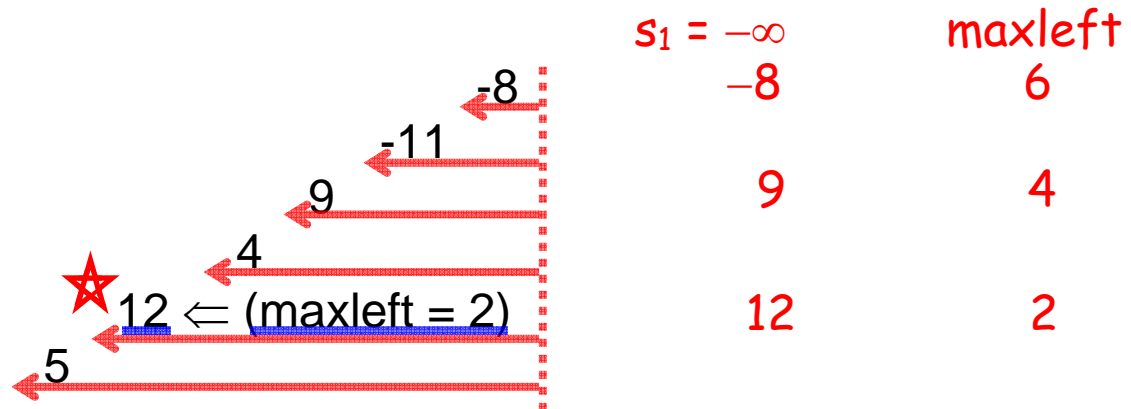
S[5, 6] =

S[4, 6] =

S[3, 6] =

S[2, 6] =

S[1..6] =

 $q = 6$ 

A

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
-7	8	-5	20	-3	-8	-23	18	20	-7	12	-5

S[7, 7] =

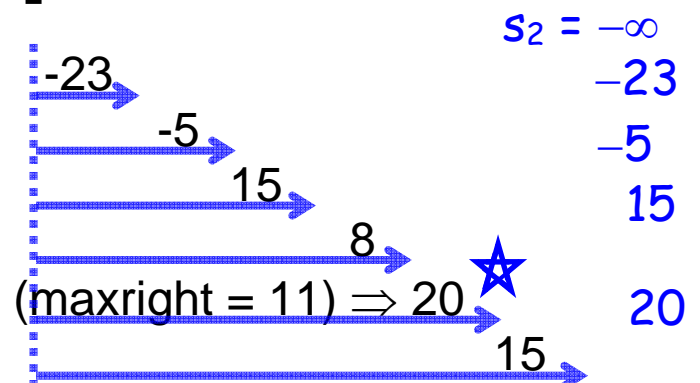
S[7, 8] =

S[7, 9] =

S[7, 10] =

S[7, 11] =

S[7, 12] =



$\Rightarrow$  maximum subarray crossing  $q$  is  $A[2, 11]$   
 (with  $S[2, 11] = 32$ )

\* Time complexity

(1) FINDMAXCROSSING:  $\Theta(n)$ , where  $n = r - p + 1$

(2) FINDMAXSUBARRAY:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \underline{2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)} \quad (\text{with } T(1) = \Theta(1)) \\
 &= \underline{\Theta(n \lg n)} \quad (\text{similar to merge-sort})
 \end{aligned}$$

**Remark:** See Ex4.1-5 for an  $O(n)$ -time algorithm.

## 4.2 Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

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*Input:* two  $n \times n$  matrices  $A$  and  $B$

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*Output:*  $C = AB$ , where  $c_{i,j} = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} a_{ik} b_{kj}$

### An $O(n^3)$ time naive algorithm

#### SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY( $A, B$ )

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1   $n \leftarrow \text{rows}[A]$ 
2  let  $C$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix
3  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
4      for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
5           $c_{ij} \leftarrow 0$ 
6          for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
7               $c_{ij} \leftarrow c_{ij} + a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$ 
8  return  $C$ 

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compute  $c_{ij}$

$$c_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}$$

\* Computing  $A+B \rightarrow O(n^2)$  time

# Strassen's algorithm

- \* Assume that  $n$  is an exact power of 2
- \* We divide each of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  into four  $n/2 \times n/2$  sub-matrices and rewrite  $C = AB$  as

$$\frac{n}{2} \times \frac{n}{2} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{C} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} r & s \\ \hline t & u \end{array} \right) \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} \text{A} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} a & b \\ \hline c & d \end{array} \right) \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} \text{B} \\ \left( \begin{array}{c|c} e & g \\ \hline f & h \end{array} \right) \end{matrix} \quad (\text{EQ-1})$$

- \* We have
 
$$\begin{array}{ll} r = \overset{1}{a}e + \overset{2}{b}f & s = \overset{3}{a}g + \overset{4}{b}h \\ t = \underset{5}{c}e + \underset{6}{d}f & u = \underset{7}{c}g + \underset{8}{d}h \end{array}$$

- \* A straightforward divide-and-conquer algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \underline{8T(n/2)} + \underline{O(n^2)} \\ &= O(n^3) \quad \rightarrow 4 \times \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 \text{ for addition} \end{aligned}$$

- \* Let
 
$$\begin{array}{ll} P_1 = \overset{1}{a}(g-h) & (=ag-ah) \\ P_2 = (a+\overset{2}{b})h & (=ah+bh) \\ P_3 = (c+\overset{3}{d})e & (=ce+de) \\ P_4 = d(\overset{4}{f}-e) & (=df-de) \\ P_5 = (a+\overset{5}{d})(e+h) & (=ae+ah+de+dh) \\ P_6 = (b-\overset{6}{d})(f+h) & (=bf+bh-df-dh) \\ P_7 = (a-\overset{7}{c})(e+g) & (=ae+ag-ce-cg) \end{array} \quad (\text{EQ-2})$$

\* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 r &= P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6 \\
 s &= P_1 + P_2 \\
 t &= P_3 + P_4 \\
 u &= P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{EQ-3}$$

\* Strassen's divide-and-conquer algorithm

**Step 1:** Divide each of  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  into four sub-matrices. (EQ-1)

**Step 2:** Recursively, compute  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_7$ .  
(EQ-2)

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**Step 3:** Compute  $r, s, t, u$  according to EQ-3.

8 '+'

\* Time complexity

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 7T(n/2) + O(n^2) \\
 &= O(n^{\log_2 7}) \quad \rightarrow 18 \times \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 \text{ (for addition)} \\
 &= O(n^{2.81}) \quad \text{(by Master Thm)}
 \end{aligned}$$



## Discussion:

1. Strassen's method is largely of theoretical interest. (for  $n \geq 45$ )

$$T(n) = qT\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n^2) \quad "q < 7?"$$

2. Strassen's method is based on the fact that we can multiply two  $2 \times 2$  matrices using only 7 multiplications (instead of 8). It was showed that it is impossible to multiply two  $2 \times 2$  matrices using less than 7 multiplications.

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3. We can improve Strassen's algorithm by finding an efficient way to multiply two  $k \times k$  matrices using a smaller number  $q$  of multiplications, where  $k > 2$ . The time is  $T(n) = qT(n/k) + O(n^2)$ .

$$q < k^3$$

4. The current best upper bound is  $O(n^{2.376})$ .<sup>\*1990</sup>

<sup>\*2010: 2.374; 2011: 2.3728642; 2014: 2.3728639</sup>

## 4.3 The substitution method

**The substitution method:** (i) Guess an answer and then (ii) prove it by induction. (for both upper and lower bounds)

**Example:** Find an upper bound for

$$T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n \quad (\text{with } T(1) = 1)$$

(i) Guess  $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$ .

(ii) Try to prove there exist constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ .

Basis: ( $n = n_0$ )

For  $n = 1$ , no constant  $c$  satisfies  $T(1) \leq cn \lg n = 0$ .  
For  $n \geq 2$ , any constant  $c \geq T(n)/(n \lg n)$  satisfies  $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$ . That is, we can choose

$$(1) \quad \underline{n_0 \geq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad c \geq T(n_0)/(n_0 \lg n_0)}.$$

Induction: ( $n > n_0$ )

**Assume:**  $T(x) \leq cx \lg x$  for  $x = n_0 \sim n-1$

Assume that it holds for all  $n$  between  $n_0$  and  $n-1$ .  
We have

將  $T(x) \leq cx \lg x$  代入

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\leq 2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg \lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n && \text{(\underline{Substitution})} \\
 &\leq cn \lg (n/2) + n \\
 &= cn \lg n - cn \lg 2 + n \\
 &= cn \lg n - cn + n \\
 &\text{-----} \\
 &\leq cn \lg n, && \text{goal}
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last step holds for

(2)  $c \geq 1.$       \* to make substitution holds, we also need  $n_0 \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor < n-1$   
 $\Rightarrow n_0 = 2, 3, n \geq 4$

From (1) and (2), we can choose  $n_0 = 2, 3$  and  $c = \max\{1, T(2)/(2 \lg 2), T(3)/(3 \lg 3)\} = 2$  to make both the *basis* and the *induction* steps holds.

## Substitution Method

**Step 1.** Guess  $T(n) = O(g(n))$

**Step 2.** Prove the guess by induction

Prove  $T(n) = O(g(n))$

$\Rightarrow$  Prove that there are  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  
 $T(n) \leq cg(n)$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  -----(1)

⇒ If  $c$  and  $n_0$  are known, we can prove (1) by induction

**(a) Basis step:** (1) holds for  $n = n_0$

**(b) Induction step:** (1) holds for  $n > n_0$

⇒ How to find  $c$  and  $n_0$  satisfying the induction proof?

(i) find the condition of  $c$  and  $n_0$  for which the basis step holds

(ii) find the condition of  $c$  and  $n_0$  for which the induction step holds

(iii) Combine conditions (i) and (ii)

**Subtleties:** <sup>/ˈsʌtlɪti/</sup> 微妙之處 (細微的差別)

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(Revise a guess by subtracting a lower-order term.) ⇒ induction proof does not always work unless the exact form is given

**Example:**  $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1$  (with  $T(1) = 1$ )

Guess  $T(n) = O(n)$ .

∃  $c, n_0$  s.t.

Try to prove  $T(n) \leq cn$ . (for all  $n \geq n_0$ )

Basis: ok!

Assume:  $T(x) \leq cx$  for  $x = n_0 \sim n-1$  4-13

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Induction: } T(n) &= T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1 \\ &\leq c(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + \lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1 \\ &= cn + 1\end{aligned}$$

We can not prove that  $T(n) \leq cn$ !!!!  
goal

Try to prove  $T(n) \leq cn - b$ . (for  $n \geq n_0$ )

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Induction: } T(n) &\leq (c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - b) + (c\lceil n/2 \rceil - b) + 1 \\ &= cn - 2b + 1 \\ &\leq \underline{cn - b}, \text{ goal}\end{aligned}$$

where the last step holds for any constant  $b \geq 1$ .

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Basis: ( $n_0 = 1$ )  $1 \leq c - b$   
 $\Rightarrow c \geq b + 1$

**Avoiding pitfalls**

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

Guess  $T(n) = O(n)$ . Try to prove  $T(n) \leq cn$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Induction: } T(n) &\leq 2c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + n \\ &\leq cn + n \\ &= \underline{O(n)} \leftarrow \text{wrong !!} \\ &\leq \underline{cn} \text{ (goal)}\end{aligned}$$

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**Changing variable:**

Assume:  $T(x) \leq cx$   
for  $x = n_0 \sim n-1$

$$\underline{T(n) = 2T(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor) + \lg n}$$

For simplicity, assume  $n = 2^m$ . Then

$$T(2^m) = 2T(2^{m/2}) + m$$

Let  $S(m) = T(2^m)$ . We have

$$\underline{S(m) = 2S(m/2) + m} \quad (\text{Renaming } m = \lg n)$$

$$T(n) = S(m) = S(\lg n) = \lg n \lg \lg n \quad 4-14$$

Since  $O(m \lg m)$  is the solution to  $S(m)$ , we know that  $O(\lg n \lg \lg n)$  is the solution to  $T(n)$ .

## 4.4 The iteration (recursion-tree) method

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**Example:**  $T(n) = \underline{3T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor)} + n$  with  $\begin{cases} T(0) = c = \Theta(1) \\ T(1) = c = \Theta(1) \end{cases}$   
 $T(x) = x + 3T(\lfloor x/4 \rfloor)$

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= n + 3(\underline{\lfloor n/4 \rfloor} + 3T(\lfloor n/16 \rfloor)) \\ &= n + 3\lfloor n/4 \rfloor + 9(\lfloor n/16 \rfloor + 3T(\lfloor n/64 \rfloor)) \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq n + 3n/4 + 9n/16 + 27n/64 + \dots + 3^{\log_4 n} \underline{\Theta(1)} \\ &\leq n \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^i + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) = 4n + o(n) = O(n) \end{aligned}$$

$T(0), T(1)$

$3^k T(\lfloor \frac{n}{4^k} \rfloor) \Rightarrow \frac{n}{4^k} \leq 1 \Rightarrow k \geq \lg_4 n$   
 (note that  $n/(4^{\log_4 n}) \leq 1$ )

\*  $a^{\lg_c b} = b^{\lg_c a}$

\*  $\lfloor \lfloor n/a \rfloor / b \rfloor = \lfloor n/ab \rfloor$  (similar for ceiling)

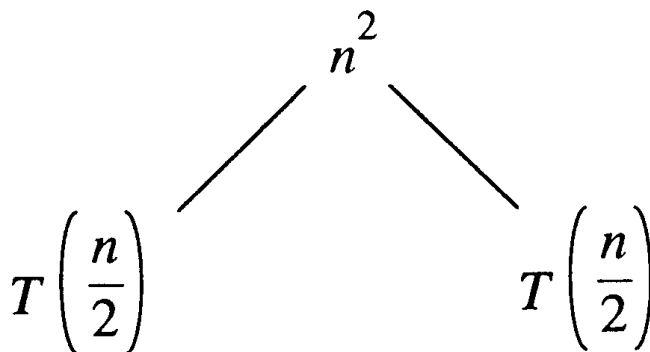
**Recursion trees:** (for visualizing the iteration)

with  $T(1) = 1$  or  $\Theta(1)$

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$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n^2 \quad (\text{Assume that } n = 2^h.)$$

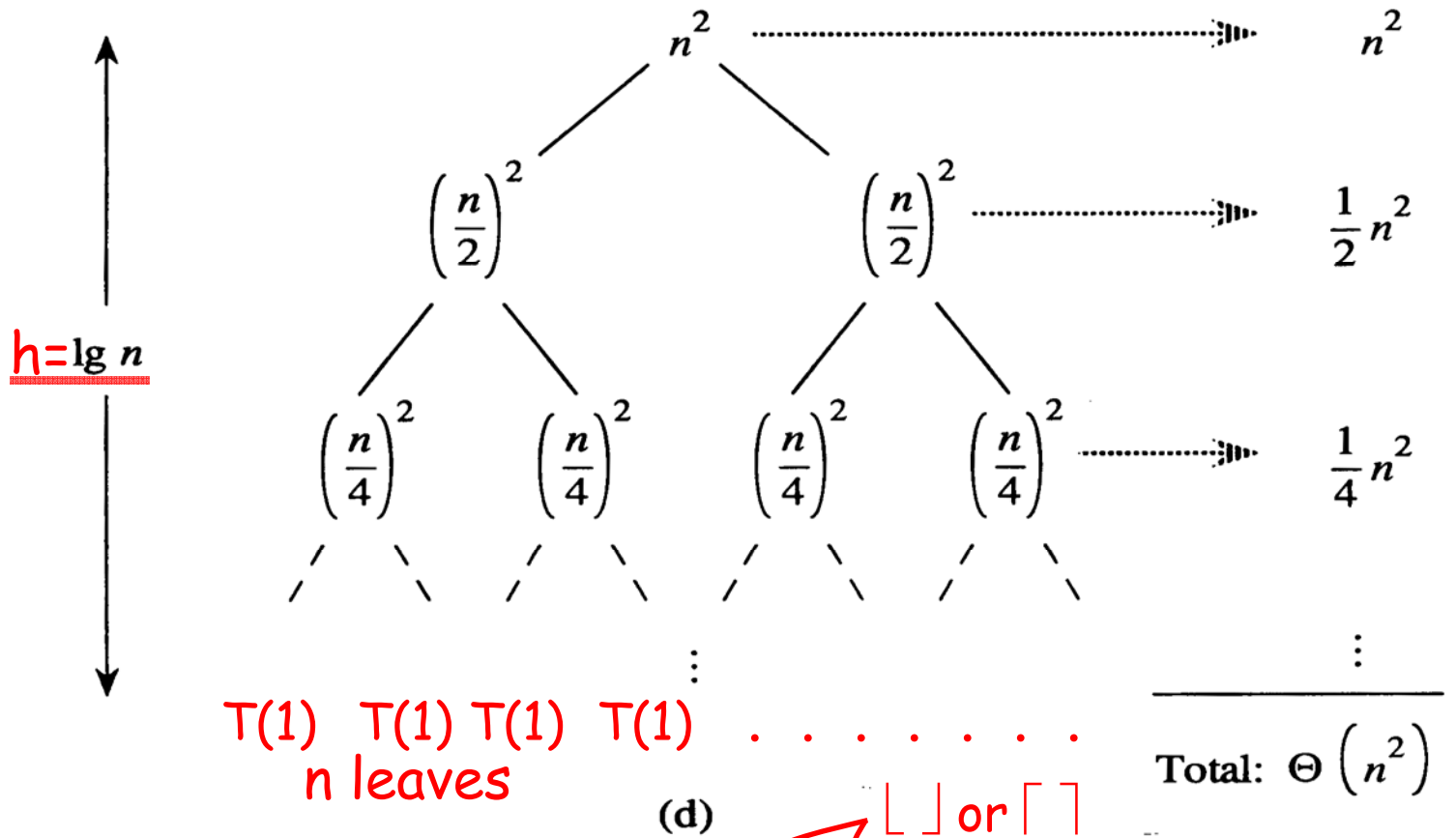
$T(n)$



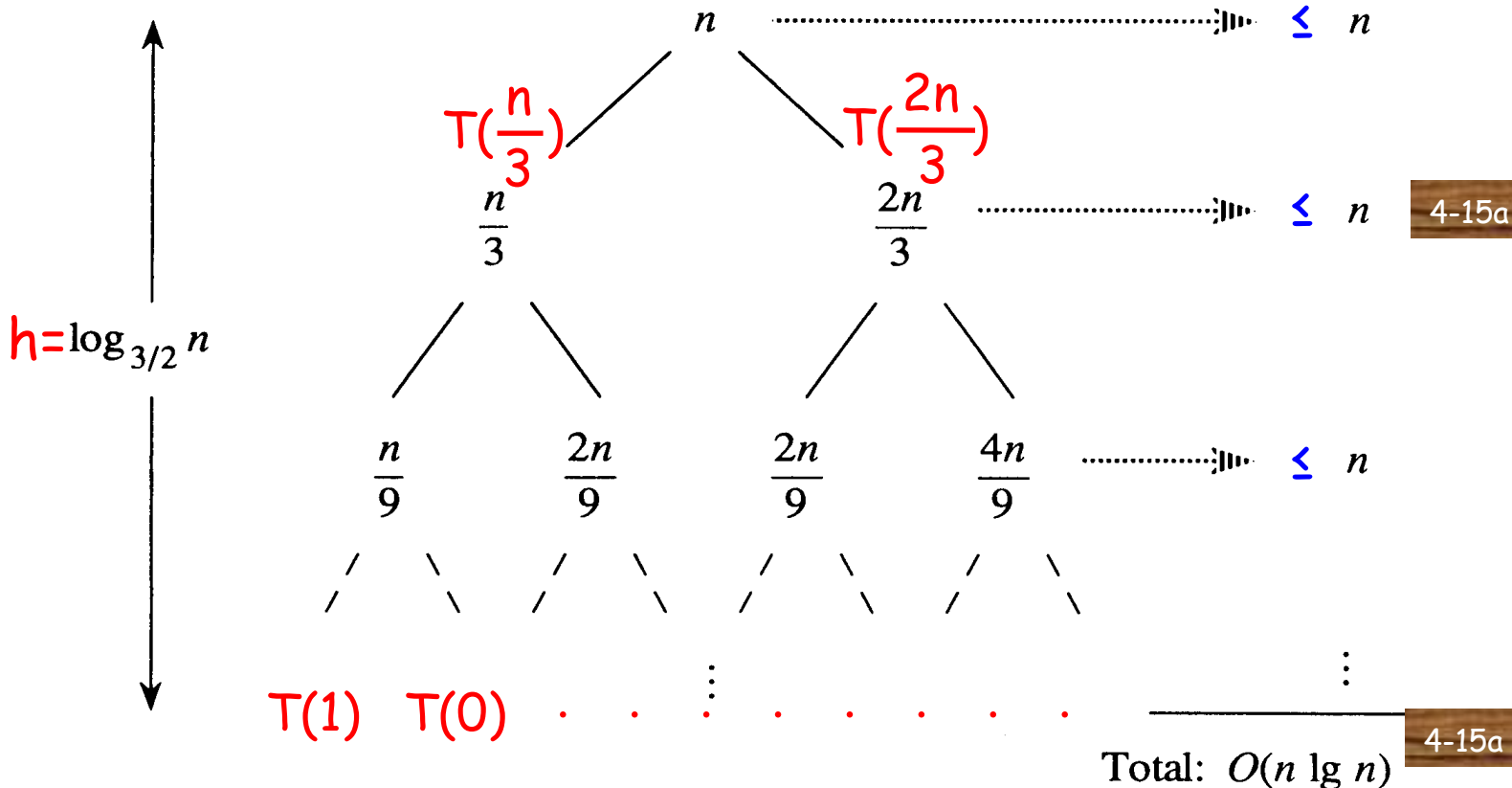
(a)

(b)

Cost (Internal nodes) + Cost (leaves)  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$   $\rightarrow L \times \Theta(1) = O(n)$  4-15



Example:  $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + n$   
 $(T(0)=T(1)=T(2)=1 \text{ or } \Theta(1))$



\* Using recursive trees to make a good guess for S.M.

## 4.5 The master method

### **Theorem 4.1 (Master theorem)**

Let  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  be constants, let  $f(n)$  be a function, and let  $T(n)$  be defined on the nonnegative integers by the recurrence

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

where we interpret  $n/b$  to mean either  $\lfloor n/b \rfloor$  or  $\lceil n/b \rceil$ . Then,  $T(n)$  can be bounded as follows.

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



**Example:**  $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + \underline{n}$   $\alpha=9$   $b=3$   $* \log_b a = 2$   
 $f(n)$

By applying case 1, we have  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$ .

**Example:**  $T(n) = T(2n/3) + \underline{1}$   $\alpha=1$   $b=3/2$   $* \log_b a = 0$   
 $f(n)$

By applying case 2, we have  $T(n) = \Theta(\lg n)$ .

**Example:**  $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \lg n$   $\alpha=3$   $b=4$   $* \log_4 3 \approx 0.793$   
 $* c = 3/4$

By applying case 3, we have  $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$ .

**Note:** The three cases do not cover all the possibilities for  $f(n)$ . There are gaps between cases 1 and 2, and between cases 2 and 3.

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**Example:**  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \underline{n \lg n}$   $O(n \lg^2 n)$   
 (recursion tree)

In this example, both cases 2 and 3 cannot be applied.

$* \text{Case 1. } O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) = o(n^{\log_b a}) ???$

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**Homework:** Ex. 4.1-5, 4.2-1, 4.2-4, 4.2-5, 4.2-7, 4.3-5 (using substitution method), 4.4-6, 4.4-9, 4.5-2, and Pro. 4-5bc (using substitution method), 4-6de

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \begin{cases} n & n \lg n \quad (\text{recur. tree, MS}) \\ n^2 & \underline{n^2} \quad (\text{recur. tree, MS}) \\ n \lg n & n \lg^2 n \quad (\text{recur. tree}) \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$