

# 1) Master Theorem

On a given recurrence relation,  $T(n) = aT(\frac{n}{b}) + f(n)$   
 which  $a$  represents number of branches on each iteration,  
 $(\frac{n}{b})$  represents input size on each iteration.

If  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b > 1$  and  $f(n)$  is asymptotic positive function  
 Master theorem could be applied with 3 cases.

Case 1 If  $f(n) \in O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Case 2 If  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$  Then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$

Case 3 [If  $f(n) \in \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ ] AND [ $a f(\frac{n}{b}) \leq c \cdot f(n)$ ,  $c < 1$ ]  
 Then  $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$

(a)  $T(n) = 16T(\frac{n}{4}) + n!$

$a = 16$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $f(n) = n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$  (Stirling's Formula)

Compare  $f(n)$  complexity:  $f(n) = n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$

lim  $\frac{\sqrt{2\pi n} \frac{n^n}{e^n}}{n^{\log_4 16}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n} \frac{n^n}{e^n}}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2\pi n} \frac{n^{n-2}}{e^n} = \infty$

\* So  $n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \in \Omega(n^{\log_4 16 + \epsilon})$   $\epsilon = 0.1$

\*\*  $a f(\frac{n}{b}) \leq c \cdot f(n)$ ,  $c < 1$  let's say  $c = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow 16 \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)! \leq \frac{1}{2} n! \Rightarrow \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)! \leq \frac{n!}{32}$  for large  $n$  its true ✓

From \* and \*\* it is Case III.  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n!)$

$$(b) T(n) = \sqrt{2} T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \log n$$

$$a = \sqrt{2} \approx 1.4, b = 4, f(n) = \log n$$

$a \geq 1, b > 1, f(n)$  is asymptotically increasing

\* compare  $f(n)$ :  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n^{\log_a b}} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log n}{n^{\log_4 \sqrt{2}}} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(n)}{n^{0.25}}$

take derivative of both side  $\rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{4 \cdot n^{3/4}}} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 n^{3/4}}{n}$

divide by  $n^{3/4} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{\frac{n}{n^{3/4}}} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{n^{1/4}} = 0$

So,  $f(n)$  grows much slower than  $n^{\log_a b}$ . Then  $f(n) \in O(n^{\log_a b - \epsilon})$

$\log n \in O(n^{\log_4 \sqrt{2} - \epsilon})$  case I

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_4 \sqrt{2}})$$

$$(c) T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 4n^3$$

$a = 8, b = 2, f(n) = 4n^3$   
 $a \geq 1, b > 1, f(n)$  asymptotically increasing

$4n^3 \in \Theta(n^{\log_2 8}) \Rightarrow 4n^3 \in \Theta(n^3)$  Case II

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_a b} \log n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 8} \log n)$$

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

$$(d) T(n) = 64T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) - n^2 \log n$$

Master theorem could not be applied because  $f(n)$  is not asymptotically increasing.

$$(e) T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + \sqrt{n}$$

$$a=3, b=3, f(n) = n^{1/2}$$

$a \geq 1, b > 1, f(n)$  is asymptotically inc.

$$n^{1/2} \in O\left(n^{\log_3 3 - \epsilon}\right) \text{ where } \epsilon = 0.01 \quad \underline{\text{Case 1}}$$

$$T(n) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_b a}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{T(n) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_3 3}\right) = \Theta(n)}$$

$$(f) T(n) = 2^n T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) - n^n \quad \boxed{a=2^n, b=2, f(n) = -n^n}$$

master theorem could not be applied because  $f(n)$  is not asymptotically increasing.

$$(g) T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + \frac{n}{\log n} \quad a=3, b=3, f(n) = \frac{n}{\log n}$$

Because  $f(n)$  is not polynomial master theorem could not be applied here.



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a

9 subproblem indicates  $a=9$

$\frac{n}{3}$  size indicates  $b=3$

quadratic time to combine solutions indicates  $f(n) = (n^2 + c)$

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

$$n^2 + c \in \Theta(n^{\log_3 9}) = \Theta(n^2) \quad \text{Case II of Master Theorem}$$

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

b

8 subproblem  $\Rightarrow a=8$

half size of problem size  $\Rightarrow b=2$

$$f(n) \in O(n^3)$$

$$T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n^3 + c$$

by another version of master theorem,  $a=8, b=2, d=3$

$$\left[ \text{if } a = b^d \text{ then } T(n) \in \Theta(n^d \log n) \rightarrow (\text{Case II}) \right]$$

$$8 = 2^3 \text{ then } T(n) \in \Theta(n^3 \log n)$$

c

dividing into two subproblems  $\Rightarrow a=2$

quarter of size  $\Rightarrow b=4$

combining solutions =  $f(n) \in O(\sqrt{n})$

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \sqrt{n} + c$$

$$\sqrt{n} + c \in \Theta(n^{\log_4 2}) \Rightarrow \sqrt{n} + c \in \Theta(n^{1/2})$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_4 2} \log n) = \Theta(\sqrt{n} \log n)$$

Case II  
of Master  
Theorem

- ④ For the given binary search algorithm,  
 $\alpha = 1$ , bcs iteration continues on one branch  
 $\alpha b = 2$ , size of list is divided by two each time  
 $\alpha R(n) = 1$ , ~~There~~ There is no work to gather solutions  
since there is just one return statement.

1. step  $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$

2. step  $T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 1$

3. step  $T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 1$

⋮

k. step  $T\left(\frac{n}{2^{k-1}}\right) = T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + 1$

Final sum  $\Rightarrow T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) + k$

sum all of  
the equations

⊗ At the final step we know there is only 1 element  
on the list. So  $T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) = T(1)$

From here  
 $n = 2^k \iff \log n = k$

Reconfigure Final sum  $\Rightarrow T(n) = T(1) + \log n$

$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(\log n)$