# CSE 100: Algorithm Design and Analysis Chapter 04: Divide-and-Conquer

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I order you to be supremely happy.

- Audrey Hepburn

#### Divide and Conquer

- Divide the problem into a number of smaller subproblems.
- Conquer the subproblems by solving them recursively. If the subproblem sizes are small enough, however, just solve the subproblems in a straightforward manner.
- Combine the solutions to the subproblems into the solution for the original problem.

# Sorting via Divide and Conquer: Merge sort

- ▶ Divide: Divide the n-element sequence to be sorted into two subsequences of n/2 elements each.
- ► Conquer: Sort the two subsequences recursively using merge sort. If there's only one element, do nothing.
- ► Combine: Merge the two sorted subsequences to produce the sorted answer.

#### **Chapter Overview**

- 1. See more examples of algorithms based on divide and conquer
  - ► The max-subarray problem.
  - Matrix multiplication.

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2. Learn how to solve recursions on running time.

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- substitution method: guesses a bound and prove it using induction.
- recursion-tree method: derive a tree that represents workload at different levels.
- master theorem: a theorem. powerful but not always applicable.

#### Part 1: Examples of divide and conquer

- ► The max-subarray problem.
- ► Matrix multiplication.

Input: An array  $A[1 \cdots n]$  of numbers.

Output: Indices i and j  $(1 \le i \le j \le n)$  s.t.

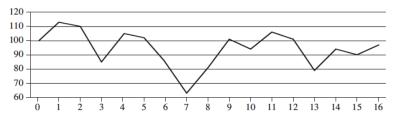
$$A[i] + A[i+1] + \cdots + A[j]$$
 is maximized.

Stock market view

Buy one stock one day and sell it later at a higher price with the goal of maximizing the profit.

Say stock price 
$$=100$$
 on day 0, i.e.  $\mathsf{Price}[0] = 100$ 

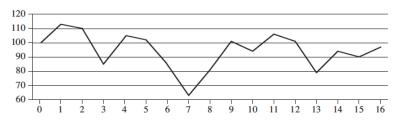
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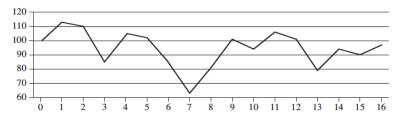
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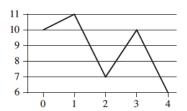
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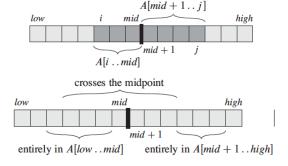
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$$\max_{mid < i \le j \le high} S[i, j], \tag{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \max_{low \leq i \leq mid < j \leq high} S[i,j] \\ = \max_{low \leq i \leq mid} S[i,mid] + \max_{mid+1 \leq j \leq high} S[mid+1,j] \end{aligned}$$

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When *low* < *high*:

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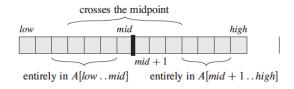
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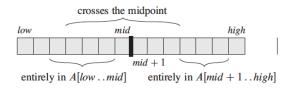
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Can be done in  $\Theta(n)$  time!

"Semi"-pseudcode for the simpler problem

Note: The first term in CV can be computed in  $\Theta(mid-low)$  time by computing S[mid,mid], S[mid-1,mid], ... S[1,mid] in this order and taking the max. Similarly (symmetrically), the second term can be computed in  $\Theta(high-mid)$  time.

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

We will learn shortly how to solve this recurrence on RT.

Pseoducode (for the original problem)

```
FIND-MAXIMUM-SUBARRAY (A, low, high)
    if high == low
        return (low, high, A[low])
                                             // base case: only one element
    else mid = |(low + high)/2|
        (left-low, left-high, left-sum) =
             FIND-MAXIMUM-SUBARRAY (A, low, mid)
5
        (right-low, right-high, right-sum) =
             FIND-MAXIMUM-SUBARRAY (A, mid + 1, high)
6
        (cross-low, cross-high, cross-sum) =
             FIND-MAX-CROSSING-SUBARRAY (A, low, mid, high)
        if left-sum > right-sum and left-sum > cross-sum
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9
        elseif right-sum \ge left-sum and right-sum \ge cross-sum
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FIND-MAX-CROSSING-SUBARRAY (A, low, mid, high)
    left-sum = -\infty
 2 \quad sum = 0
 3 for i = mid downto low
        sum = sum + A[i]
        if sum > left-sum
 6
             left-sum = sum
             max-left = i
    right-sum = -\infty
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10
    for j = mid + 1 to high
11
        sum = sum + A[j]
12
        if sum > right-sum
13
             right-sum = sum
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    return (max-left, max-right, left-sum + right-sum)
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Note: Let  $A=(a_{ij}),\ B=(b_{ij}),\ C=(c_{ij}),\ \text{and}\ C=A\cdot B.$  Then, for any entry  $c_{ij}$ , we have  $c_{ij}=\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}b_{kj}$ .

Naive

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SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY (A, B)

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Running time:  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

Strassen's algorithm

Based on clever algebraic tricks and divide-and-conquer. Running time:  $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$ . (2.8 <  $\log_2 7$  < 2.81).

Basic divide-and-conquer

#### It is well-known that

Suppose that we partition each of A, B, and C into four  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{4.9}$$

so that we rewrite the equation  $C = A \cdot B$  as

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{4.10}$$

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SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY-RECURSIVE (A, B)
    n = A.rows
    let C be a new n \times n matrix
    if n == 1
         c_{11} = a_{11} \cdot b_{11}
    else partition A, B, and C as in equations (4.9)
 6
         C_{11} = \text{SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY-RECURSIVE}(A_{11}, B_{11})
              + SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY-RECURSIVE (A_{12}, B_{21})
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- 1. Divide the input matrices A and B and output matrix C into  $n/2 \times n/2$  submatrices, as in equation (4.9). This step takes  $\Theta(1)$  time by index calculation, just as in SQUARE-MATRIX-MULTIPLY-RECURSIVE.
- 2. Create 10 matrices  $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_{10}$ , each of which is  $n/2 \times n/2$  and is the sum or difference of two matrices created in step 1. We can create all 10 matrices in  $\Theta(n^2)$  time.
- 3. Using the submatrices created in step 1 and the 10 matrices created in step 2, recursively compute seven matrix products  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P_7$ . Each matrix  $P_i$  is  $n/2 \times n/2$ .
- 4. Compute the desired submatrices  $C_{11}$ ,  $C_{12}$ ,  $C_{21}$ ,  $C_{22}$  of the result matrix C by adding and subtracting various combinations of the  $P_i$  matrices. We can compute all four submatrices in  $\Theta(n^2)$  time.

#### Step 3: 7 multiplications of n/2 by n/2 matrices.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} S_1 & = & B_{12} - B_{22} \;, \\ S_2 & = & A_{11} + A_{12} \;, \\ S_3 & = & A_{21} + A_{22} \;, \\ S_4 & = & B_{21} - B_{11} \;, \\ S_5 & = & A_{11} + A_{22} \;, \\ S_6 & = & B_{11} + B_{22} \;, \\ S_7 & = & A_{12} - A_{22} \;, \\ S_8 & = & B_{21} + B_{22} \;, \\ S_9 & = & A_{11} - A_{21} \;, \\ S_{10} & = & B_{11} + B_{12} \;. \end{array}$$

$$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$
.

$$\begin{array}{c} A_{11} \cdot B_{11} + A_{11} \cdot B_{22} + A_{22} \cdot B_{11} + A_{22} \cdot B_{22} \\ - A_{22} \cdot B_{11} & + A_{22} \cdot B_{21} \\ - A_{11} \cdot B_{22} & - A_{12} \cdot B_{22} \\ \hline - A_{22} \cdot B_{22} - A_{22} \cdot B_{21} + A_{12} \cdot B_{22} + A_{12} \cdot B_{21} \\ \hline A_{11} \cdot B_{11} & + A_{12} \cdot B_{21} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} C_{12} &= P_1 + P_2 \;, \\ \text{and so } C_{12} \, \text{equals} \\ A_{11} \cdot B_{12} - A_{11} \cdot B_{22} \\ &\quad + A_{11} \cdot B_{22} + A_{12} \cdot B_{22} \\ \hline A_{11} \cdot B_{12} &\quad + A_{12} \cdot B_{22} \;, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} C_{21} &= P_3 + P_4 \\ \text{makes } C_{21} \text{ equal} \\ A_{21} \cdot B_{11} + A_{22} \cdot B_{11} \\ &\quad - A_{22} \cdot B_{11} + A_{22} \cdot B_{21} \\ \hline A_{21} \cdot B_{11} &\quad + A_{22} \cdot B_{21} \;, \end{split}$$

$$C_{22} = P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7 \;,$$
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# We often simplify recursions...

We often omit floors, ceilings, and boundary conditions.

$$\text{ex) } T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$
 We just say  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ .

Substitution method

- 1. Guess the form of the solution.
- 2. Use mathematical induction to find the constants and show that the solution works.

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It holds as long as  $c \geq b$ .



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$$T(2) \leq c \log_2 2$$

as long as  $c \ge T(2)$ . So unlike usual mathematical inductions, the base case is not important.

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Changing variables can help!
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Recursion Tree

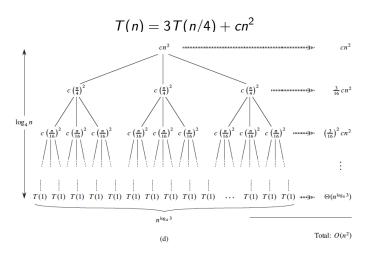
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This method can be sloppy if you're not careful. To get full points, you must specify the following key quantities:

- 1. Tree depth
- 2. Size of each subproblem at depth d.
- 3. Number of subproblems/nodes at depth d.
- 4. Workload per each node at depth d.
- 5. Total workload at depth d.

#### Recursion Tree in Textbook



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#### Theorem 4.1 (Master theorem)

Let  $a \ge 1$  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) has the following asymptotic bounds:

- 1. If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , 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  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , and if  $af(n/b) \le cf(n)$  for some constant c < 1 and all sufficiently large n, then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

Master Theorem (in other words)

Suppose we have the following recurrence:

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

where  $a \ge 1$ , b > 1 are constants, f(n) is a function. Let  $g(n) = n^{\log_b a}$ . Then, we have the following:

- 1. If  $f(n) <_{poly} g(n)$ , i.e.,  $f(n) = O(\frac{g(n)}{n^{\epsilon}})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .
- 2. If  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n) \log n) = \Theta(g(n) \log n)$ .
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