### Lecture 2

#### Divide and conquer

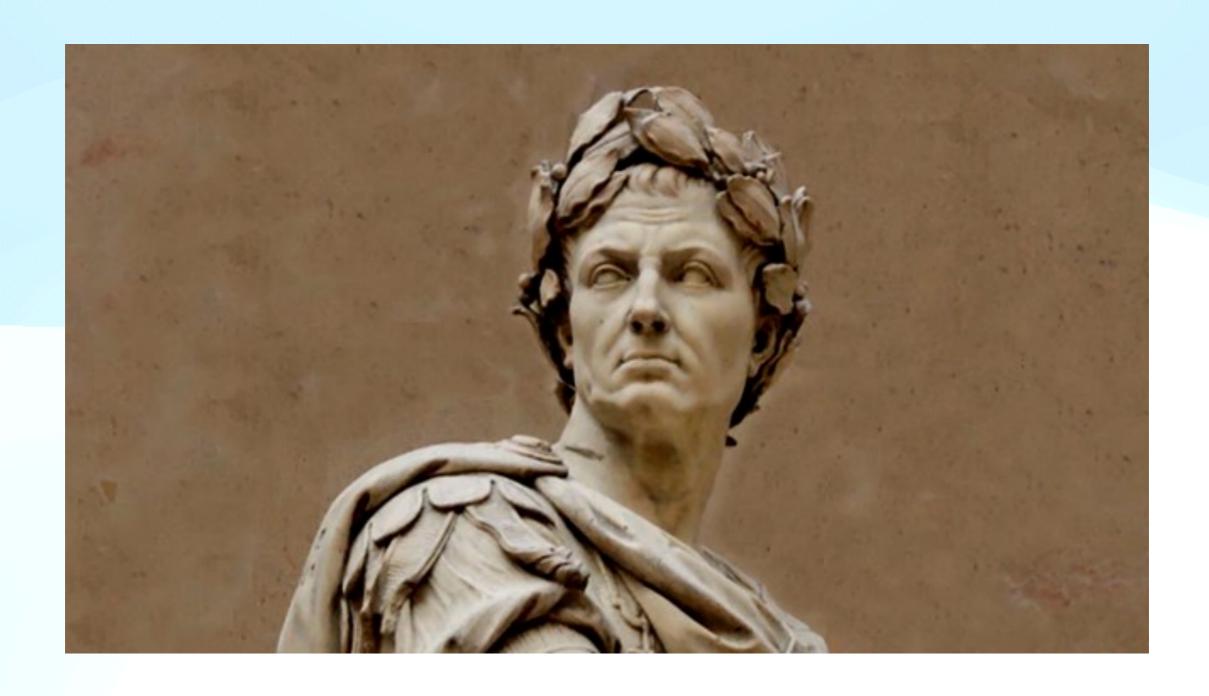




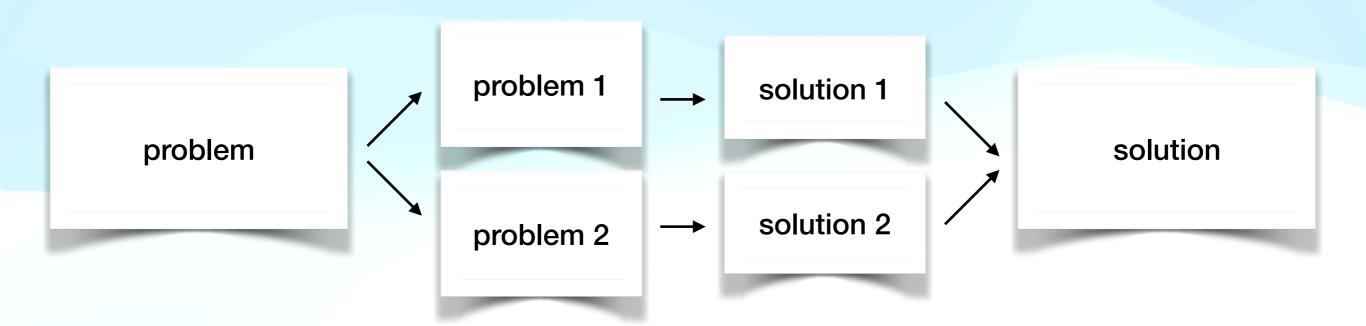
# Today's plan

- 1. Divide and conquer
- 2. Analysis of recursive algorithms
- 3. Master theorem
- 4. Fast Fourier transform

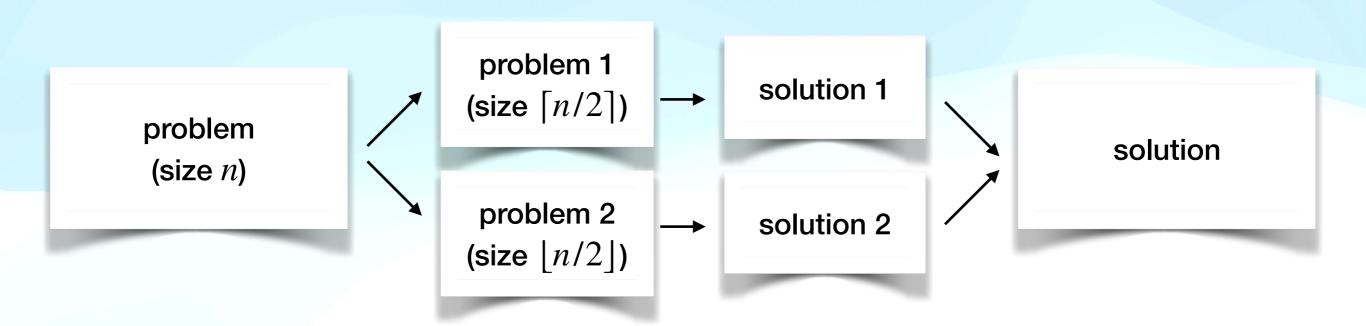
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#### **Algorithm(problem,** *n***)**

solution 1 = Algorithm(problem, n/2) solution 2 = Algorithm(problem, n/2) solution = solution 1 + solution 2 **return** solution

$$T(1) = const$$
  

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

# Merge sort (tri fusion)

**Task:** sort a list L of n integers

Divide-and-conquer: partition the list into two halves, sort each half recursively, and then *merge* the two sorted lists.

# Merge sort

Partition the elements into two groups, sort each group to obtain a sorted list, and then interleave the lists (animation)

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MergeSort(L, low, high)
1 if (low < high) then
2  middle = (low+high)/2
3  L_1 = MergeSort(L, low, middle)
4  L_2 = MergeSort(L, middle+1, high)
5  return Merge(L_1, L_2)
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To sort the list L, we call MergeSort(L, 1, n).

# Merge sort

- The efficiency of mergesort depends upon how efficiently we merge the two sorted halves L<sub>1</sub>, L<sub>2</sub>.
- If L<sub>1</sub> or L<sub>2</sub> is empty, we simply copy the other list to the output.
- Otherwise let x be the minimum of the head elements in L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub>. We pop x and push it to the output, and apply the procedure to the new lists L<sub>1</sub> and L<sub>2</sub> recursively.
- $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + O(n)$ . Later we will show that  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$ .

#### Analysis of recursive algorithms



M.C. Esher. Circle limit III.

#### Recurrences

$$T(1) = const$$
  

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

#### How to find the asymptotic of T(n)?

- Substitution method
- Recursion-tree method
- Master method

Remark: The constant in the first equation does not change the asymptotic. For this reason, the first equation is often omitted.

### Substitution method

- Guess the asymptotic of T(n)
- Show that the answer is correct via the mathematical induction

#### **Example: Merge sort**

$$T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + a \cdot n$$

no recipe

Our guess:  $T(n) \le c \cdot n \log_2 n$  for all  $n \ge 2$ 

$$T(2) \le 2c \Leftrightarrow c \ge T(2)/2, T(3) \le 3c \log_2 3 \Leftrightarrow c \ge T(3)/3 \log_2 3,...,$$
  
 $T(6) \le 6c \log_2 6 \Leftrightarrow c \ge T(6)/6 \log_2 6$ 

### Substitution method

$$T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + a \cdot n$$

$$T(n) \le c(\frac{n}{2}+1)\log_2(\frac{n}{2}+1) + c\frac{n}{2}\log_2\frac{n}{2} + a \cdot n \le cn\log_2\frac{n}{2} + c\log_2\frac{n}{2} + c(\frac{n}{2}+1) + a \cdot n$$

$$(\text{As log}_2(\frac{n}{2}+1) \le \log_2(\frac{n}{2}\cdot 2) \le \log_2\frac{n}{2}+1 \text{ for } n \ge 4)$$

$$T(n) \le c \cdot n(\log_2 n - 1) + c \log_2 \frac{n}{2} + c(\frac{n}{2} + 1) + a \cdot n =$$

$$= c \cdot n \log_2 n + a \cdot n + c \cdot \log_2 n - c \frac{n}{2}$$

### Substitution method

$$T(n) = c \cdot n \log_2 n + a \cdot n + c \cdot \log_2 n - c \frac{n}{2}$$

For all  $n \ge 6$ ,  $c \log_2 n - cn/2 \le -cn/20$ . Choosing  $c \ge \max\{20a, T(2)/2, ..., T(6)/6 \log_2 6\}$ , we finally obtain

$$T(n) = c \cdot n \log_2 n + a \cdot n + c \cdot \log_2 n - c \cdot (\frac{n}{2} - 1) \le$$

$$\leq cn\log_2 n + a \cdot n - c \cdot n/20 \leq cn\log_2 n$$

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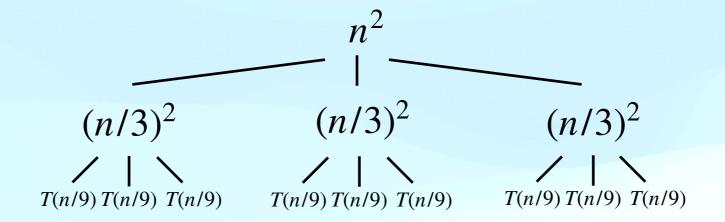
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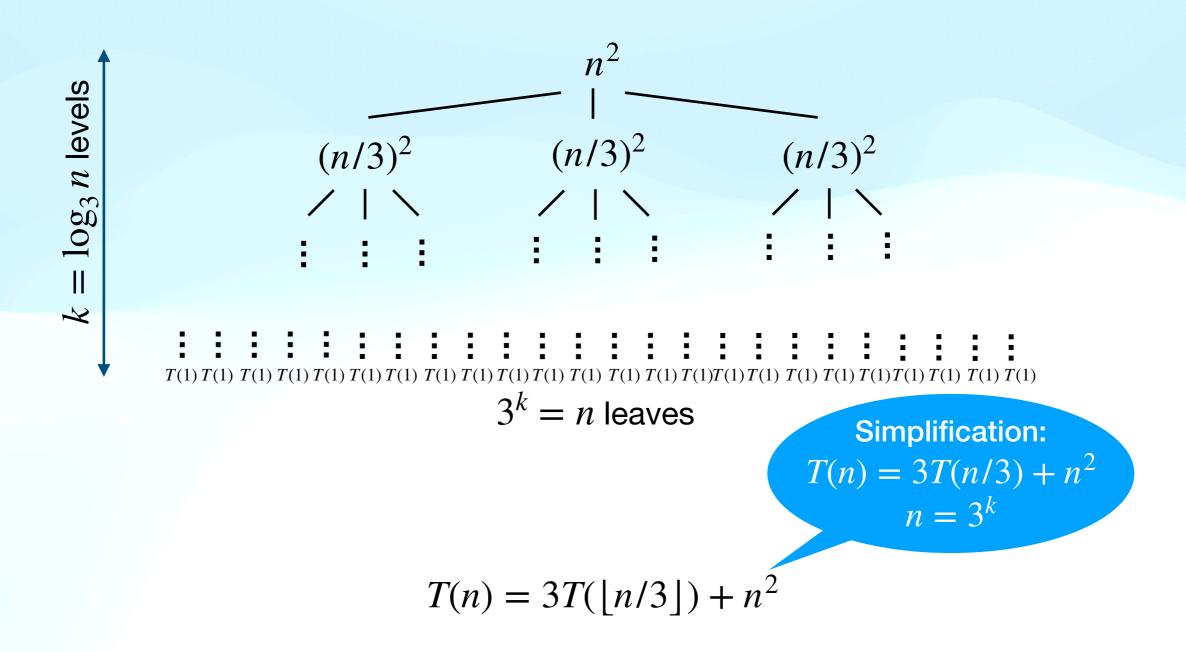
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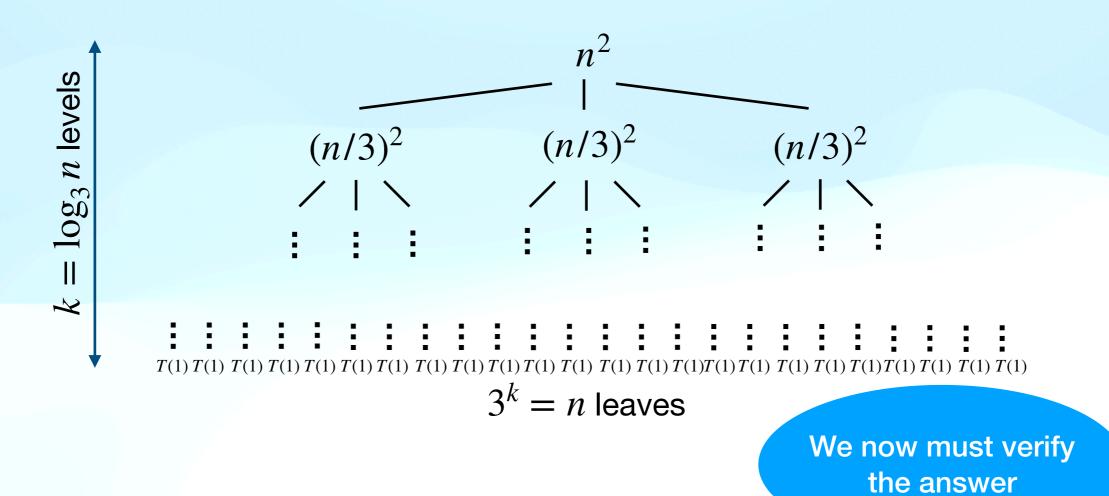
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$$T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\log_3 n - 1} 3^k \cdot (n/3^k)^2 + T(1) \cdot n = n^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\log_3 n - 1} 1/3^k + O(n) = O(n^2)$$

# Master theorem (théorème sur les récurrences de partition)



T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n), where  $a \ge 1$ , b > 1 are integers, f(n) - asymptotically positive.

Define  $r := \log_b a$ .

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- 2. If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^r)$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^r \log n)$ .
- 3. If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{r+\varepsilon})$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $af(n/b) \le cf(n)$  for some constant c < 1 and all sufficiently large n (regularity condition), then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

**Example.** 
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**NB!** Master theorem does not cover all possible cases for f(n).

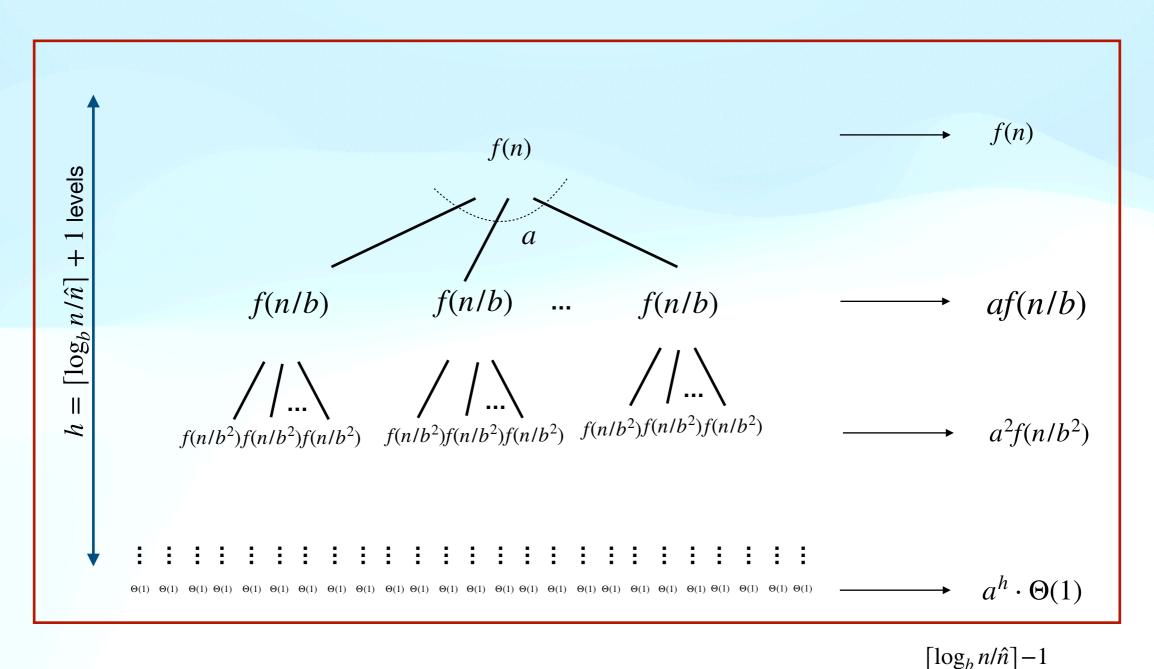
#### Our plan.

- 1. Analyse the recurrence T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) assuming that T is defined over reals, not integers ("continuos" Master theorem, no floors or ceilings in the recurrence)
- 2. Prove "discrete" Master theorem

#### Lemma. Define

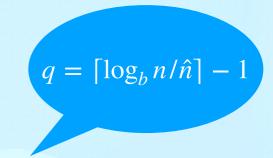
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n \le \hat{n} \\ aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n > \hat{n} \end{cases}$$

Then 
$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^{\lceil \log_b n/\hat{n} \rceil - 1} a^k f(n/b^k).$$



$$T(n) \le f(n) + af(n/b) + \dots + a^{h-1}f(n/b^{h-1}) + a^h \cdot \Theta(1) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_b n m \rfloor - 1} a^k f(n/b^k)$$

Lemma. Let 
$$g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^q a^k f(n/b^k)$$
.



- 1. If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a \varepsilon})$ , then  $g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ ;
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Case 1. 
$$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon}); g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^{q} a^k f(n/b^k)$$

$$q = \lceil \log_b n/\hat{n} \rceil - 1$$

$$g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^{q} a^k f(n/b^k) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + O\left(\sum_{k=0}^{q} a^k (n/b^k)^{\log_b a - \varepsilon}\right)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{q} a^k (n/b^k)^{\log_b a - \varepsilon} = n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon} \sum_{k=0}^{q} (ab^{\varepsilon}/b^{\log_b a})^k =$$

$$n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon} \sum_{k=0}^{\lceil \log_b n/\hat{n} \rceil - 1} (b^{\varepsilon})^k = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon} \left( \frac{b^{\varepsilon \log_b n/\hat{n}} - 1}{b^{\varepsilon} - 1} \right)) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon} (n/\hat{n})^{\varepsilon})$$

Therefore,  $g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .

Case 2. 
$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$
;  $g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^q a^k f(n/b^k)$ 

$$g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^q a^k f(n/b^k) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \Theta\left(\sum_{k=0}^q a^k (n/b^k)^{\log_b a}\right)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{q} a^k (n/b^k)^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_b a} \sum_{k=0}^{q} (a/b^{\log_b a})^k = n^{\log_b a} \sum_{k=0}^{\lceil \log_b n/\hat{n} \rceil - 1} 1 = n^{\log_b a} \cdot \Theta(\log_b n/\hat{n})$$

Therefore,  $g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$ .

Case 3. 
$$f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$$
,  $af(n/b) \le cf(n)$  for  $c < 1$ ,  $g(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{k=0}^q a^k f(n/b^k)$ 

By induction,  $a^k f(n/b^k) \le c^k f(n)$ . Hence,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{q} a^k f(n/b^k) \le \sum_{k=0}^{q} c^k f(n) = f(n) \sum_{k=0}^{q} c^k = \Theta(f(n))$$

(lower bound: obvious, upper bound: geom. series with c < 1)

Therefore,  $g(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

## Back to our plan

- We showed the continuous Master theorem
- We now must show that the continuous variant implies the discrete one, where the domain of T are natural numbers and each T(n/b) must be either  $T(\lfloor n/b \rfloor)$  or  $T(\lceil n/b \rceil)$
- We follow William Kuszmaul, Charles E. Leiserson "Floors and ceilings in divide-and-conquer recurrences", Symposium on Simplicity in Algorithms 2021

#### Why not to follow CLRS textbook?

Floors and Ceilings in Divide-and-Conquer Recurrences\*

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#### Abstract

The master theorem is a core tool for algorithm analysis. Many applications use the discrete version of the theorem, in which floors and ceilings may appear within the recursion. Several of the known proofs of the discrete master theorem include substantial errors, however, and other known proofs employ sophisticated mathematics. We present an elementary and approachable proof that applies generally to Akra-Bazzi-style recurrences.

include the claim that the theorem holds in the presence of floors and ceilings.

To distinguish the two situations, we call the master theorem without floors and ceilings the *continuous master theorem*<sup>1</sup> and the master theorem with floors and ceilings the *discrete master theorem*. When we speak only of the master theorem, we mean the discrete master theorem, but we usually include the term "discrete" in this paper for clarity in distinguishing the two cases.

proved the theorem for exact powers of b. Cormen, Leiserson, and Rivest [5, Section 4.3] presented the discrete master theorem, extending Bentley, Haken, and Saxe's earlier treatment to include floors and ceilings, but their proof is at best a sketch, not a rigorous argument, and it leaves key issues unaddressed. These problems have persisted through two subsequent editions [6, 7] with the additional coauthor Stein.

#### Why not to follow CLRS textbook?

- Aho, Hopcroft, Ullman offered one of the first treatments of divide-and-conquer recurrences, giving three cases for recurrences of the form T(n) = aT (n/b) + cn (1974)
- Bentley, Haken, and Saxe introduced the master theorem in modern form, but proved it for  $n=b^k$  only (1980)
- CLRS extended the proof to the discrete version, but gave only a sketch of the proof (1990)

• Akra and Bazzi considered 
$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{t} a_i T(n/b_i) + f(n)$$
 (1998)

- Leighton simplifies the proof of Akra and Bazzi and extends is to the discrete version (1996)
- Campbell spots several flows in the proof of Leighton and devotes more than 300 pages to carefully correct the issues (2020)
- More generalizations by Drmota and Szpankowski(2013), Roura (2001), Yap (2011)

### Definitions

#### **Discrete recurrences**

$$T(n) = f(n) + \sum_{i \in S} a_i T(\lfloor n/b_i \rfloor) + \sum_{i \notin S} a_i T(\lceil n/b_i \rceil)$$
  
$$a_i \in \mathbb{R}^+, b_i \in \mathbb{R}^+, n \ge \hat{n}$$

For  $1 \le n < \hat{n}$ , there exist  $c_1, c_2$ :  $c_1 \le T(n) \le c_2$ 

#### **Polynomial-growth condition**

$$\exists \hat{n} > 0$$
 such that  $\forall \Phi \geq 1 \,\exists d > 1 : d^{-1}f(n) \leq f(\varphi n) \leq df(n)$ 

for all 
$$1 \le \varphi \le \Phi$$
 and  $n \ge \hat{n}$ 

#### 6 technical slides ahead!



#### **KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON**

**Lemma 1.** For 
$$\beta > 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$$
 let  $L = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - \frac{1}{\beta^i + 1})^2$ ,  $U = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 + \frac{1}{\beta^i - 1})^2$ 

We have  $L = \Omega(1)$  and U = O(1).

#### Proof.

$$\beta > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta^i} < \frac{1}{\beta^{i-1}} \Rightarrow 1/L = \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \frac{1}{\beta^i})^2 < \prod_{i=1}^n (1 + \frac{1}{\beta^{i-1}})^2 = U$$

$$U = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 + \frac{1}{\beta^{i} - 1})^{2} \le \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 + \frac{1}{\beta^{i} - 1})^{2} \le \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (e^{1/(\beta^{i} - 1)})^{2} = 1$$

(Here we use  $1 + 1/x \le e^{1/x}$  for  $x \ne 0$ )

$$= \exp(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{2}{\beta^i - 1}) \le \exp(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{4}{\beta^i}) + O(1) = O(1)$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\beta > 1$ ;  $\beta_i \ge \beta, 1 \le i \le k$ ;  $B := \prod_{i=1}^k \beta_i$ 

There exists  $c=c(\beta)>0$  such that for all  $n_1,n_2,\ldots,n_k$  where  $n_i>\max(\beta,1+1/(\sqrt{\beta}-1))$  and  $\lfloor n_{i-1}/\beta_i\rfloor \leq n_i \leq \lceil n_{i-1}/\beta_i \rceil$ , we have  $c^{-1/4}(n_0/B) \leq n_k \leq c^{1/4}(n_0/B)$ .

**Proof.** Let 
$$\rho_i := \frac{n_i}{n_{i-1}/\beta_i}$$
.

$$(n_0/B)\Pi_{i=1}^k \rho_i = \frac{n_0 \Pi_{i=1}^k \rho_i}{\Pi_{i=1}^k \beta_i} = n_0 \Pi_{i=1}^k \frac{\rho_i}{\beta_i} = n_0 \Pi_{i=1}^k \frac{n_i}{n_{i-1}} = n_k$$

It is enough to show that  $c^{-1/4} \leq \prod_{i=1}^k \rho_i \leq c^{1/4}$  for some  $c = c(\beta)$ 

$$n_{i-1}/\beta_i - 1 \leq \lfloor n_{i-1}/\beta_i \rfloor \leq n_i \leq \lceil n_{i-1}/\beta_i \rceil \leq n_{i-1}/\beta_i + 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$n_i - 1 \le n_{i-1}/\beta_i \le n_i + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{n_i}{n_i + 1} \le \rho_i \le \frac{n_i}{n_i - 1}$$
 (\*)

#### Proof of Lemma 2 (continued).

$$\frac{n_i}{n_i + 1} \le \rho_i \le \frac{n_i}{n_i - 1} (*)$$

$$\underbrace{\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n_i + 1}}{1 - \frac{1}{n_i + 1}}}_{1 + \frac{1}{n_i - 1}}$$

From (\*): 
$$\rho_i \le 1 + \frac{1}{n_i - 1} \le 1 + \frac{1}{1/(\sqrt{\beta} - 1)} = \sqrt{\beta}$$

$$n_{i+2} = \frac{n_i \rho_{i+1} \rho_{i+2}}{\beta_{i+1} \beta_{i+2}} \le n_i / \beta \Rightarrow \text{ every range } R_j \text{ contains at most two } n_i \text{'s}$$

From (\*) again: 
$$n_i \in R_j \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{\beta^j + 1} \le \rho_i \le 1 + \frac{1}{\beta^j - 1} (n_i > \beta^j)$$

Therefore, 
$$\Pi_{i=1}^k \rho_i = \Pi_{j=1}^{\lfloor \log_\beta n_0 \rfloor} (\Pi_{n_i \in R_j} \rho_i) \le \Pi_{j=1}^{\lfloor \log_\beta n_0 \rfloor} (1 + \frac{1}{\beta^j - 1})^2 \le c^{1/4}$$
 (Lemma 1)

$$\Pi_{i=1}^k \rho_i \ge \Pi_{j=1}^{\lfloor \log_\beta n_0 \rfloor} (1 - \frac{1}{\beta^j + 1})^2 \ge c^{-1/4}$$
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**Lemma 3.**  $\beta_{\min}$ ,  $\beta_{\max} > 1$ . Assume that for all  $1 \le i \le k$ ,  $\beta_{\min} \le \beta_i \le \beta_{\max}$ , and let  $B = \prod_i \beta_i$ .

There exists  $c = c(\beta_{\min}, \beta_{\max})$  such that for any  $n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_k$  with  $n_0 \ge cB$  and  $\lfloor n_{i-1}/\beta_i \rfloor \le n_i \le \lceil n_{i-1}/\beta_i \rceil$ , we have  $c^{-1}(n_0/B) \le n_k \le c(n_0/B)$ .

#### Proof.

Let  $c = c(\beta_{\min})$  be the constant from Lemma 3. W.l.o.g.  $\sqrt{c} > \max\{\frac{1}{\sqrt{\beta_{\min}} - 1} + 1, \beta_{\min}\}$  (\*) and  $c^{1/4} > 2\beta_i$ 

If  $n_j \ge \sqrt{c}$  for all j, then Lemma 3 follows from Lemma 2 and (\*). Let j be the smallest value such that  $n_j \le \sqrt{c}$ . We have  $j \ge 1$  as  $n_0 \ge cB \ge \sqrt{c}$ .

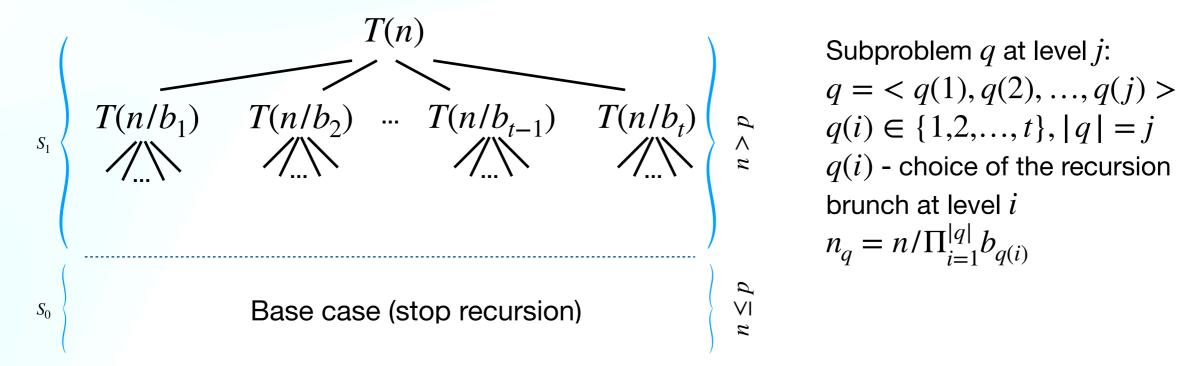
- If j=1, then  $n_{j-1}=n_0 \geq c^{-1/4}(n_0/B)$  (trivial).
- If j>1, we apply Lemma 2 to  $\beta_1,\beta_2,\ldots,\beta_{j-1}$  and  $n_0,n_1,\ldots,n_{j-1}$  and  $\beta=\beta_{\min}$  (all conditions are satisfied) to obtain that  $n_{j-1}\geq c^{-1/4}(n_0/B)$

In both cases, 
$$n_{j-1} \geq c^{-1/4}(n_0/B) \geq c^{3/4}$$
. Therefore,  $n_j \geq \lfloor \underbrace{n_{j-1}} / \beta_j \rfloor \geq n_{j-1}/(2\beta_j) > n_{j-1}/c^{1/4} \geq \sqrt{c}$  
$$\geq c^{1/4} > 2\beta_j$$

**Lemma 4.** Let  $a_1, a_2, ..., a_t > 0$  and  $b_1, b_2, ..., b_t > 1$  be constants,  $f(n) : \mathbb{R}^+ \to \mathbb{R}^+$  which satisfies the polynomial-growth condition. Consider  $T(n) = f(n) + \sum a_i T(n/b_i)$  defined for  $n \in \mathbb{R}^+$  (\*). Assume that T'(n) defined on  $\mathbb{N}$  also satisfies (\*), but each  $n/b_i$  is replaced with  $\lfloor n/b_i \rfloor$  or  $\lfloor n/b_i \rfloor$ . Then  $T'(n) = \Theta(T(n))$ .

#### Proof.

Let c be the constant from Lemma 3 for  $\beta_{\min} = \min_i b_i$  and  $\beta_{\max} = \max_i b_i$ . Let  $\hat{n}$  be a sufficiently large constant. Define  $p:=\max\{\hat{n},c\cdot\max b_i\}$ . For T(n), the base case is  $n\leq p$ .



Subproblem q at level j: brunch at level i $n_{a} = n/\prod_{i=1}^{|q|} b_{a(i)}$ 

Proof.

$$T(n) = \sum_{q \in S_1} f(n_q) \Pi_{i=1}^{|q|} a_{q(i)} + \sum_{q \in S_0} T(n_q) \Pi_{i=1}^{|q|} a_{q(i)} + f(n) = \sum_{q \in S_1} f(n_q) \Pi_{i=1}^{|q|} a_{q(i)} + \Theta(\sum_{q \in S_0} \Pi_{i=1}^{|q|} a_{q(i)}) + f(n)$$

When computing T'(n) for a subproblem q:

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n'_{< q(1), q(2), \dots, q(j-1)>}}{q(j)} \right\rfloor \le n'_q \le \left\lceil \frac{n'_{< q(1), q(2), \dots, q(j-1)>}}{q(j)} \right\rceil$$

$$T'(n) = \sum_{q \in S_1} f(n'_q) \prod_{i=1}^{|q|} a_{q(i)} + \sum_{q \in S_0} T'(n'_q) \prod_{i=1}^{|q|} a_{q(i)} + f(n) (*)$$

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When computing T'(n) for a subproblem q:

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## Discrete Master theorem

$$T(n) = a_1 T(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 T(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n)$$
, where  $a := a_1 + a_2 \ge 1$ ,  $b > 1$ ,  $f(n)$  - asymptotically positive.

Define  $r := \log_b a$ .

Case 1. If  $f(n) = O(n^{r-\varepsilon})$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^r)$ .

Case 2. If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^r)$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^r \log n)$ .

Case 3. If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{r+\varepsilon})$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and if  $a_1 f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 f(\lceil n/b \rceil) \le c f(n)$  for some constant c < 1 and all sufficiently large n, then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

## Discrete Master theorem

#### Case 1.

**Fact.** Replacing f(n) with a function f'(n) satisfying  $f'(n) \le f(n)$  (resp.  $f'(n) \ge f(n)$ ) for all n in the domain of f does not increase (resp. decrease) T(n).

Let  $f(n) = O(n^c)$  for  $c < \log_b a$ . Then as a "bigger" function consider  $f'(n) = r(n^c + 1)$  for r big enough. By Lemma 4 and the continuos Master theorem,  $T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$ .

As a "smaller" function, consider f'(n) = 0. By Lemma 4 and the continuos Master theorem,  $T(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a})$ .

Exercise. Both bigger and smaller functions satisfy the polynomial growth condition.

Case 2. Analogous.

## Discrete Master theorem

#### Case 3.

 $T(n) \ge f(n)$  and hence  $T(n) = \Omega(f(n))$ . It remains to show that T(n) = O(f(n)).

**Regularity condition:**  $a_1 f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 f(\lceil n/b \rceil) \le c f(n)$  for some c < 1 and all  $n \ge p$ .

For all n < p, there exists  $s \ge 1$ :  $T(n) \le sf(n)$ . We show by induction that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $T(n) \le qf(n)$  for q = s/(1-c).

- Base case: n < p by the choice of s
- Suppose that  $n \ge p$  and the claim holds for all smaller n

$$T(n) = a_1 T(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 T(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + f(n) \le a_1 q f(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + a_2 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) + a_3 q f(\lceil n/b \rceil) +$$

$$\leq qcf(n) + f(n) = (\frac{sc}{1 - c} + 1)f(n) = \frac{s - (1 - c)s + 1 - c}{1 - c}f(n) \leq qf(n)$$

# Application: Merge sort

$$T(1) = const$$

$$T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + c \cdot n$$

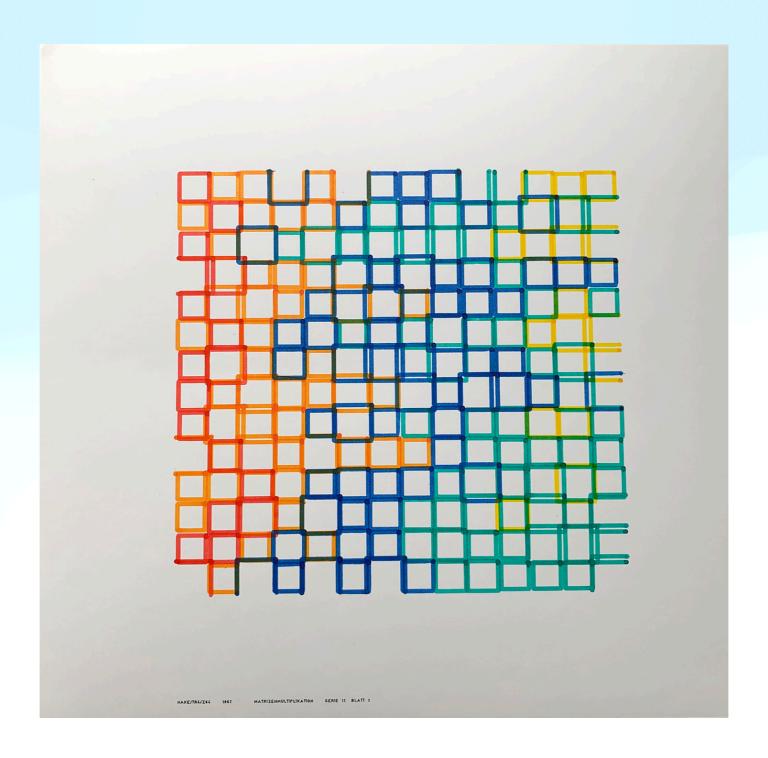
We have a=2, b=2, and  $f(n)=\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ . This is case 2 of Master theorem!

Hence,  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$ .

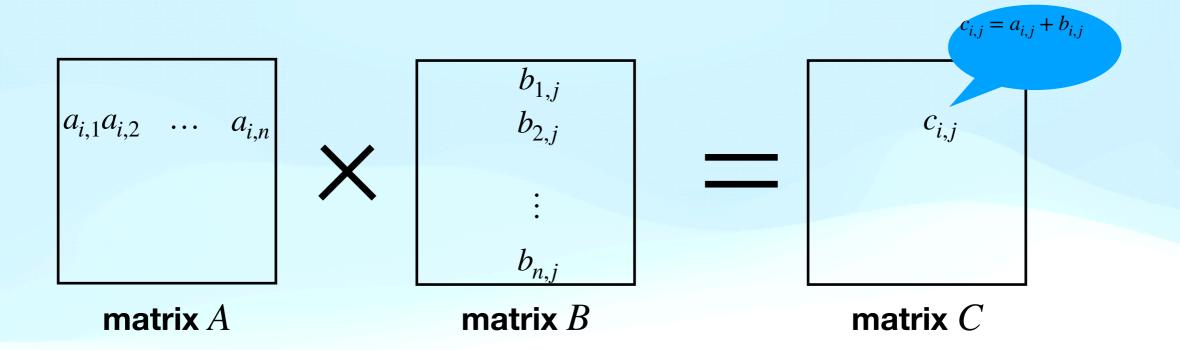
# Open question

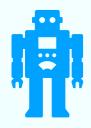
Can the techniques from the paper of Kuszmaul and Leiserston be used to show Lemma 4 for recurrences where each term  $T(n/b_i)$  can be replaced with  $T(n/b_i+h_i(n))$ , and  $|h_i(n)| \le n/\lg^{1+\varepsilon} n$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$ ?

## Matrix multiplication



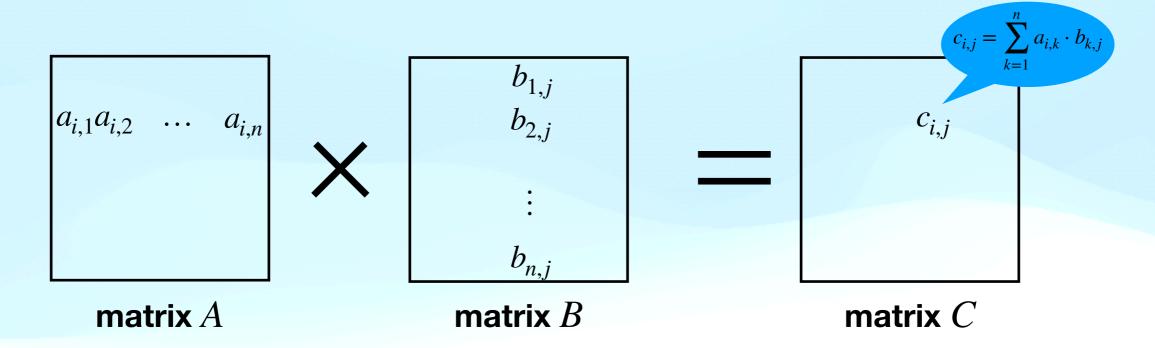
## Matrix sum



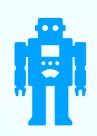


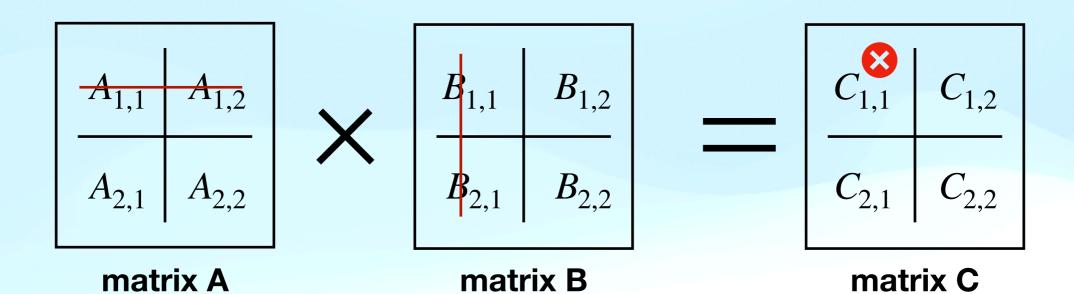
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# Matrix multiplication



- $n^2$  matrix entries to compute
- Each can be computed in O(n) time, takes  $O(n^3)$  time in total
- Essential in many fields, including deep learning
- Current best:  $O(n^{2.3728596})$ -time algorithm, see Josh Alman, Virginia Vassilevska Williams, "A Refined Laser Method and Faster Matrix Multiplication", SODA 2020
- Open problem: Can we do better?

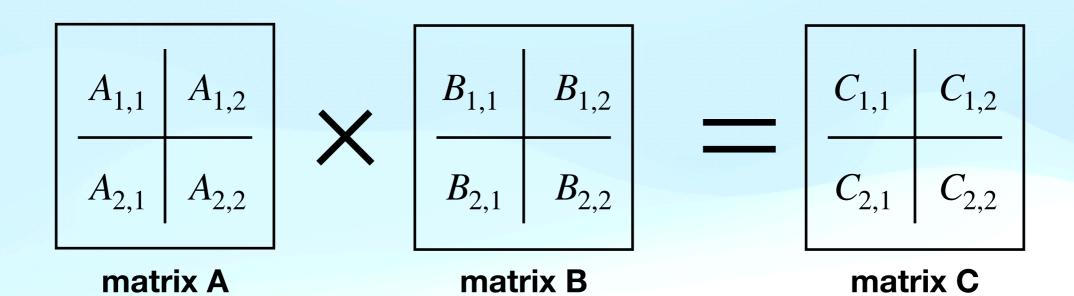




First attempt (doesn't work!)

For simplicity, assume  $n = 2^k$ 

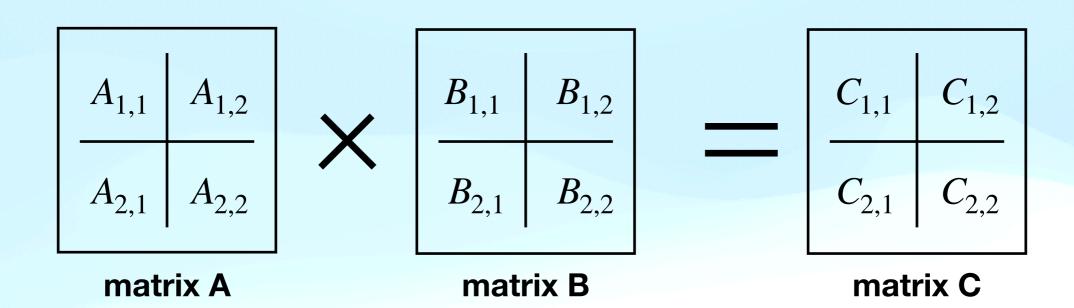
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#### MatrixMult(A, B, n)

$$\begin{split} &\textbf{if } n = 1 \textbf{ do} \\ &c_{1,1} \leftarrow a_{1,1} \cdot b_{1,1} \\ &\textbf{else} \\ & \text{Partition } A, B, C \\ &C_{1,1} = \text{MatrixMult}(A_{1,1}, B_{1,1}, n/2) + \text{MatrixMult}(A_{1,2}, B_{2,1}, n/2) \\ &C_{1,2} = \text{MatrixMult}(A_{1,1}, B_{1,2}, n/2) + \text{MatrixMult}(A_{1,2}, B_{2,2}, n/2) \\ &C_{2,1} = \text{MatrixMult}(A_{2,1}, B_{1,1}, n/2) + \text{MatrixMult}(A_{2,1}, B_{2,1}, n/2) \\ &C_{2,2} = \text{MatrixMult}(A_{2,1}, B_{1,2}, n/2) + \text{MatrixMult}(A_{2,2}, B_{2,2}, n/2) \\ &\textbf{return } C \end{split}$$

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$
  
Exercise.  $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ 



#### **Second attempt**

$$M_{1} = (A_{1,1} + A_{2,2})(B_{1,1} + B_{2,2})$$

$$M_{2} = (A_{2,1} + A_{2,2}) \cdot B_{1,1}$$

$$M_{3} = A_{1,1} \cdot (B_{1,2} - B_{2,2})$$

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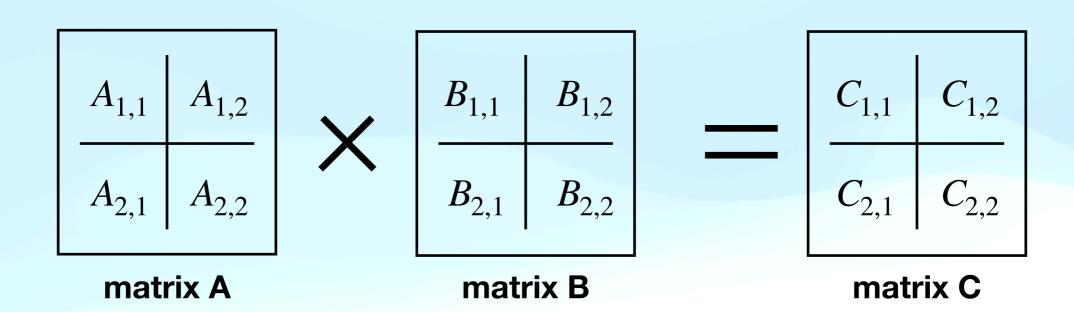
$$M_{5} = (A_{1,1} + A_{1,2}) \cdot B_{2,2}$$

$$M_{6} = (A_{2,1} - A_{1,1})(B_{1,1} + B_{1,2})$$

$$M_{7} = (A_{1,2} - A_{2,2})(B_{2,1} + B_{2,2})$$

$$\begin{split} C_{1,1} &= A_{1,1} \cdot B_{1,1} + A_{1,2} \cdot B_{2,1} = M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7 \\ C_{1,2} &= A_{1,1} \cdot B_{1,2} + A_{1,2} \cdot B_{2,2} = M_3 + M_5 \\ C_{2,1} &= A_{2,1} \cdot B_{1,1} + A_{2,2} \cdot B_{2,1} = M_2 + M_4 \\ C_{2,2} &= A_{2,1} \cdot B_{2,1} + A_{2,2} \cdot B_{2,2} = M_1 - M_2 + M_3 + M_6 \end{split}$$

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We assumed  $n = 2^k$ .
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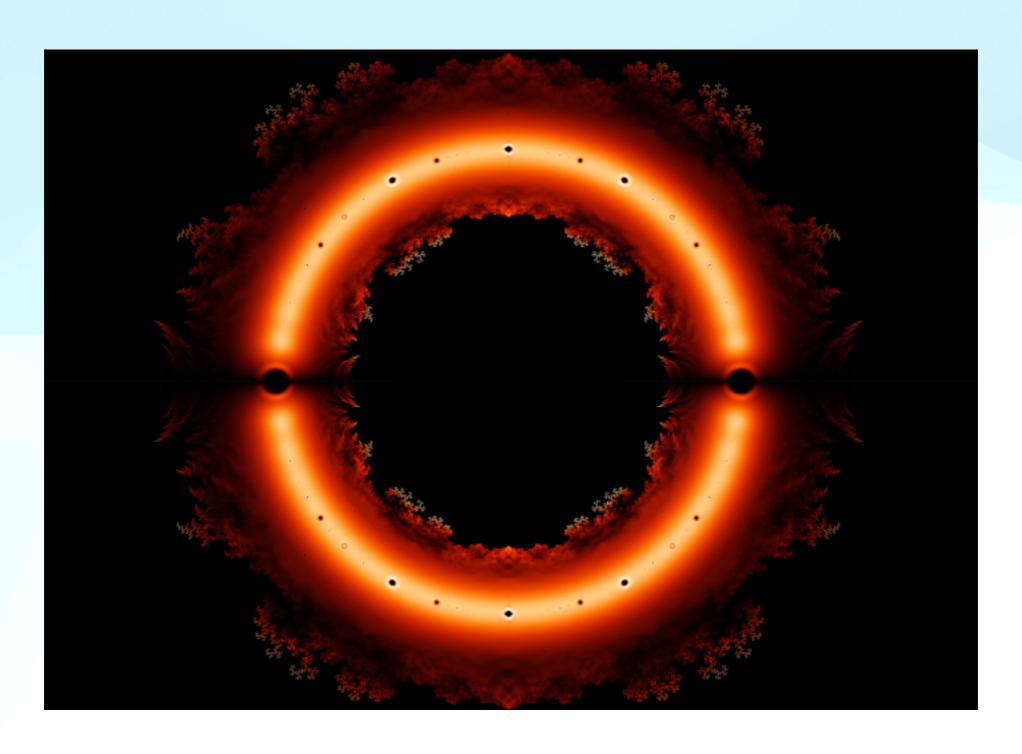
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with OK

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Consider 
$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i$$
,  $Q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} b_i x^i$ 

We can compute 
$$R_1(x) = P(x) + Q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (a_i + b_i)x^i$$
 in  $O(n)$  time

Horner's rule allows to evaluate  $P(x_0)$  in O(n) time

$$P(x_0) = (\dots(((a_{n-1})x_0 + a_{n-2})x_0 + a_{n-3})x_0 + \dots + a_1)x_0 + a_0$$

Computing 
$$R_2(x) = P(x) \cdot Q(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n-2} \sum_{i+j=k} (a_i \cdot b_j) x^k$$
 requires more time

Naively:  $O(n^2)$  time

**Fast Fourier Transform:**  $O(n \log n)$  time

### Representing polynomials

Polynomials can be represented in two ways:

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- The sum of two polynomials can be computed in O(n) time
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  - Theorem. For any set  $\{(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), \ldots, (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})\}$ , where  $x_i \neq x_j$ , there exists a unique polynomial of degree < n such that  $P(x_i) = y_i$  for all  $i = 0, \ldots, n-1$ . (Proof on the next slide!)
  - Given point-value representations  $\{(x_0,y_0),(x_1,y_1),...,(x_{n-1},y_{n-1})\}$  of P(x) and  $\{(x_0,y_0'),(x_1,y_1'),...,(x_{n-1},y_{n-1}')\}$  of P(x) and of Q(x), one can compute the point-value representation of P(x)+Q(x) or  $P(x)\cdot Q(x)$  in O(n) time

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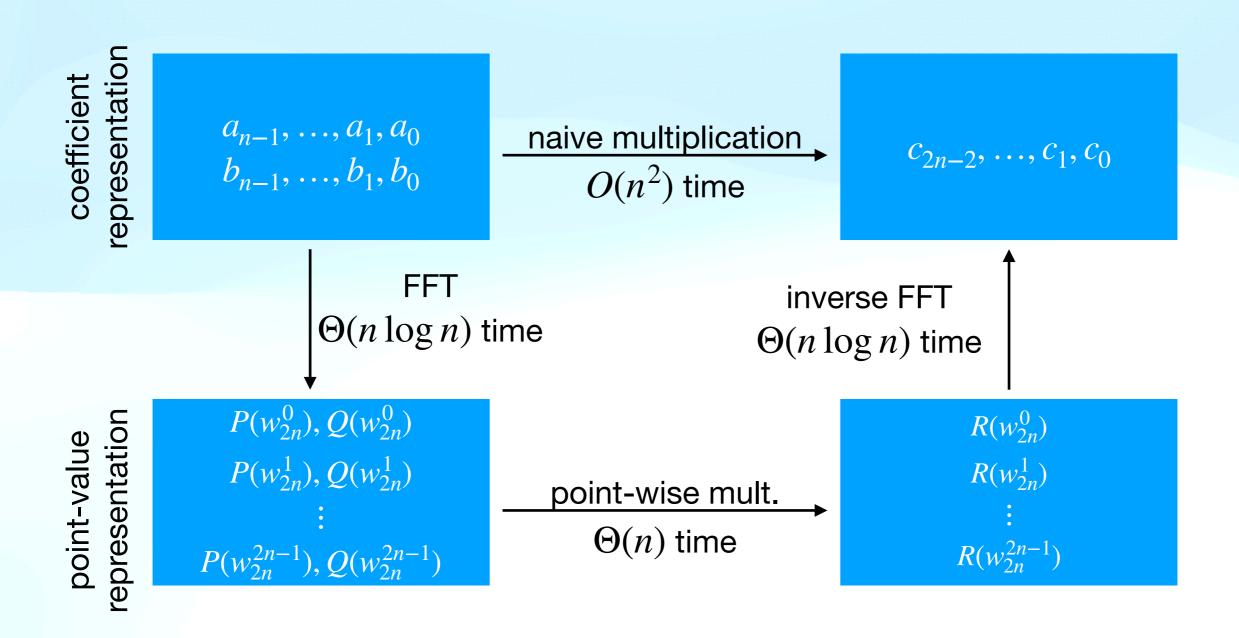
#### Proof.

Let  $P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i$ . We can represent the condition  $P(x_i) = y_i$  for all i = 0, ..., n-1 in the

matrix form (subtlety:  $x_i, y_j \in \mathbb{C}$ ):

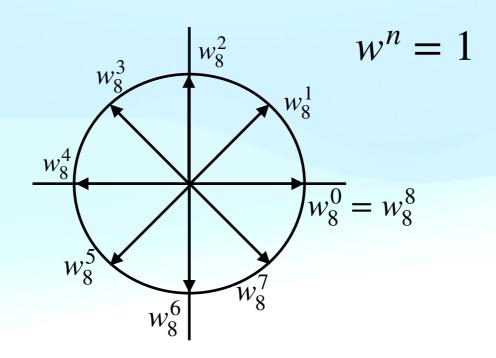
Vandermonde matrix,  $\det = \Pi_{0 \leq i < j \leq n-1}(x_j - x_i)$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n-1} & x_{n-1}^2 & \dots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$



 $w_{2n}$  - (2n)-th complex root of unity

### Complex roots of unity



$$w_n^k = e^{2\pi i k/n} = \cos 2\pi k/n + i \sin 2\pi k/n$$

Cancellation property:  $w_{dn}^{dk} = w_n^k$ 

#### **Halving property:**

$$\{(w_{2n}^0)^2, (w_{2n}^1)^2, ..., (w_{2n}^{2n-1})^2\} = \{w_n^0, w_n^1, ..., w_n^{n-1}\}$$

Summation property: 
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Halving: 
$$\{(w_{2n}^0)^2, (w_{2n}^1)^2, \dots, (w_{2n}^{2n-1})^2\} = \{w_n^0, w_n^1, \dots, w_n^{n-1}\}$$

$$(w_{2n}^j)^2 = w_{2n}^{2j} = w_n^j = \begin{cases} w_n^j, & j \le n-1 \\ w_n^{j-n}, & j \ge n \end{cases}$$
If  $j \ge n$ ,  $w_n^j = e^{2\pi i(j/n)} = e^{2\pi i(1+(j-n)/n)} = \underbrace{e^{2\pi i}}_{=1} \cdot e^{2\pi i(j-n)/n} = w_n^{j-n}$ 

### **Fast Fourier Transform**

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{i=n-1} a_i x^i \rightarrow \text{discrete Fourier transform } \{P(w_n^0), P(w_n^1), \dots, P(w_n^n)\}$$

Assumption:  $n = 2^j$ 

$$P(x) = a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

$$P_{odd}(x) = a_{n-1}x^{n/2-1} + a_{n-3}x^{n/2-2} + \dots + a_1 \qquad P_{even}(x) = a_{n-2}x^{n/2-1} + a_{n-4}x^{n/2-1} + \dots + a_0$$

- 1.  $P(x) = xP_{odd}(x^2) + P_{even}(x^2)$
- 2. We evaluate  $P_{odd}(x)$  and  $P_{even}(x)$  at  $(w_n^0)^2, (w_n^1)^2, ..., (w_n^{n-1})^2$  recursively (by the halving property,  $\{(w_n^0)^2, (w_n^1)^2, ..., (w_n^{n-1})^2\} = \{(w_{n/2}^0), (w_{n/2}^1), ..., (w_{n/2}^{n/2-1})\}$ )
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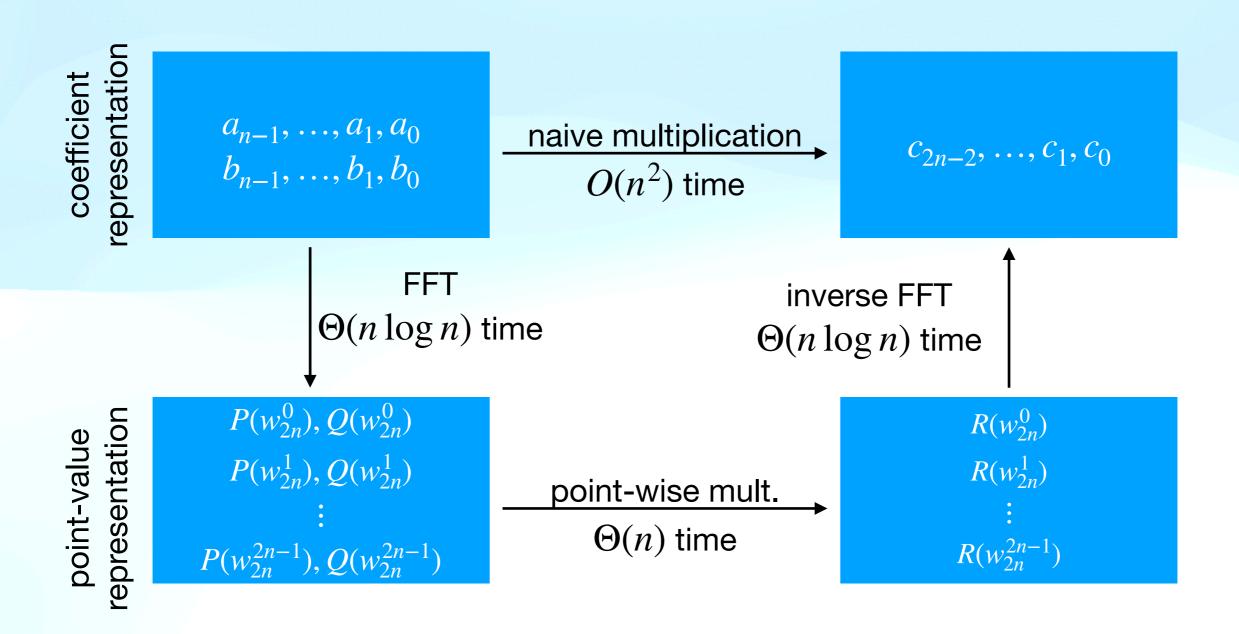
$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{i=n-1} a_i x^i \rightarrow \text{discrete Fourier transform } \{P(w_n^0), T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)\}$$

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Discrete Fourier transform  $\{P(w_n^0), P(w_n^1), ..., P(w_n^n)\} \rightarrow P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i x^i$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\
1 & w_n & w_n^2 & \dots & w_n^{n-1} \\
1 & w_n^2 & w_n^4 & \dots & w_n^{2(n-1)} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
1 & w_n^{n-1} & w_n^{(n-1)2} & \dots & w_n^{(n-1)(n-1)}
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1}
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
P(w_n^0) \\
P(w_n^1) \\
\vdots \\
P(w_n^{n-1})
\end{pmatrix}$$

Discrete Fourier transform  $\{P(w_n^0), P(w_n^1), ..., P(w_n^n)\} \rightarrow P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = V_n^{-1} \times \begin{pmatrix} P(w_n^0) \\ P(w_n^1) \\ P(w_n^{-1}) \\ \vdots \\ P(w_n^{n-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Discrete Fourier transform  $\{P(w_n^0), P(w_n^1), \dots, P(w_n^n)\} \rightarrow P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{i=n-1} a_i x^i$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = V_n^{-1} \times \begin{pmatrix} P(w_n^0) \\ P(w_n^1) \\ \vdots \\ P(w_n^{n-1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Theorem.**  $V_n^{-1}[j,k] = w_n^{-kj}/n$  (Proof on the next slide!)

Corollary.  $a_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} P(w_n^k) w_n^{-kj}$ ; in other words,  $a_j = Q(w_n^{-j}) = Q(w_n^{n-j})$ , where  $Q(z) = y_k z^k$  and  $y_k = P(w_n^k)$ . Hence, we can compute  $a_i$  by the fast Fourier transform.

Theorem. 
$$V_n^{-1}[j,k] = w_n^{-kj}/n$$

Proof.

$$(V_n^{-1}V_n)[j,j'] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (V_n^{-1})[j,k](V_n)[k,j'] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (w_n^{-kj}/n)(w_n^{kj}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (w_n^{k(j'-j)}/n)$$

If j' = j, the sum equals 1. Otherwise, the sum equals 0 by the summation property.

#### This lecture: Divide and conquer

- Divide-and-conquer
- Merge sort
- Analysis of recursive algorithms
- Fast matrix multiplication
- Fast multiplication of polynomials

#### **Next lecture: Hashing**

- Chained hash tables
- Designing hash functions
- Open addressing
- Cuckoo hashing
- Rolling hash functions