

0.1 Lecture 4 - Master theorem

0.1.1 intro

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

1. $f(n) = n^{c+\epsilon}$ then $T(n) = \Theta(n^c)$
2. $f(n) = n^c$ then $T(n) = O(n^c)$
3. $f(n) = n^{c-\epsilon}$, then $T(n) = \Omega(f(n))$

0.1.2 inequality

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

1. $f(n) = O(n^{c+\epsilon})$ then $T(n) = O(n^c)$
2. $f(n) = O(n^c)$ then $T(n) = O(n^c)$
3. $f(n) = O(n^{c-\epsilon})$, then $T(n) = O(f(n))$

Remark 0.1 — when $f(n) = \Theta(n)$, we will split the cases by checking $c > 1$, $c = 1$ and $c < 1$

Proof when $f(n) = O(n)$

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\leq aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \\
 &= a \cdot \left(T\left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right) + \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)\right) + f(n) \\
 &= \dots \\
 &= a^i T(1) + a^{i-1} \left(\frac{n}{b^i}\right) + \dots + kn \\
 &= n^c + kn \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b(n)-1} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^i && \text{case 1: } c > 1 \\
 &= n^c + kn \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\log_b n} - 1}{\frac{a}{b} - 1} \\
 &\leq n^c + kn \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{\log_b n}}{\frac{a}{b} - 1} \\
 &= n^c + k \cdot \frac{n^{\log_b a}}{\frac{a}{b} - 1} \\
 &= O(n^c)
 \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &\leq aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \\
&= n + kn \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b(n)-1} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^i && \text{case 2: } c = 1 \\
&= n + kn \cdot (\log_b n - 1) \\
&= O(n \log n)
\end{aligned}$$

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3.

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &\leq aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \\
&= n^c + kn \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b(n)-1} \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^i && \text{case 3: } c < 1 \\
&= n^c + kn \cdot O(1) && \text{decreasing geometric series} \\
&= O(n)
\end{aligned}$$

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