



CS215 DISCRETE MATH

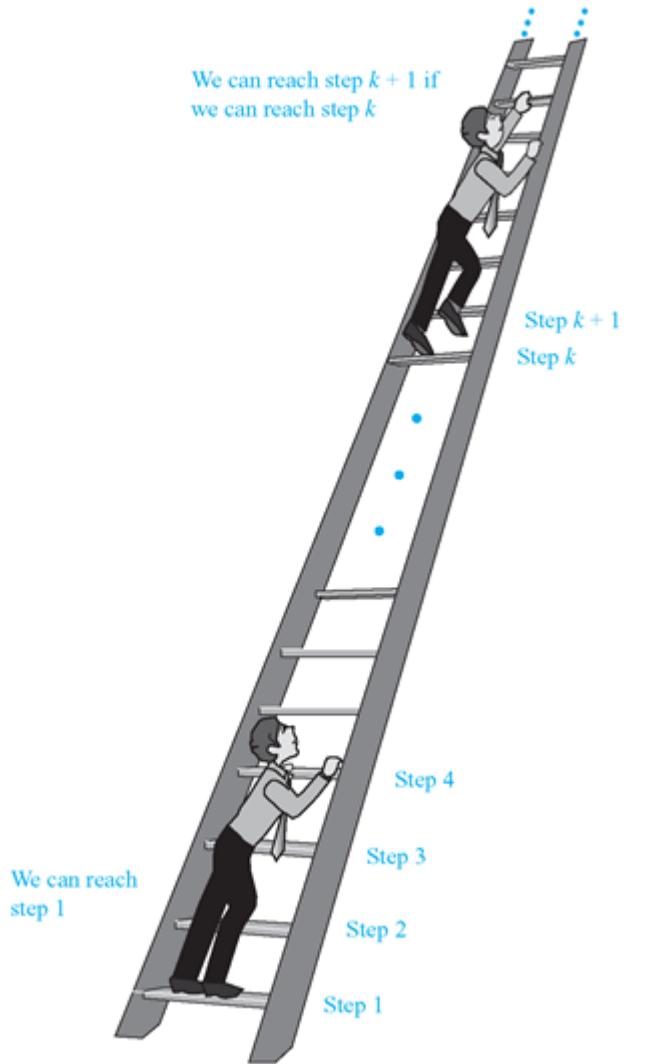
Dr. QI WANG

Department of Computer Science and Engineering

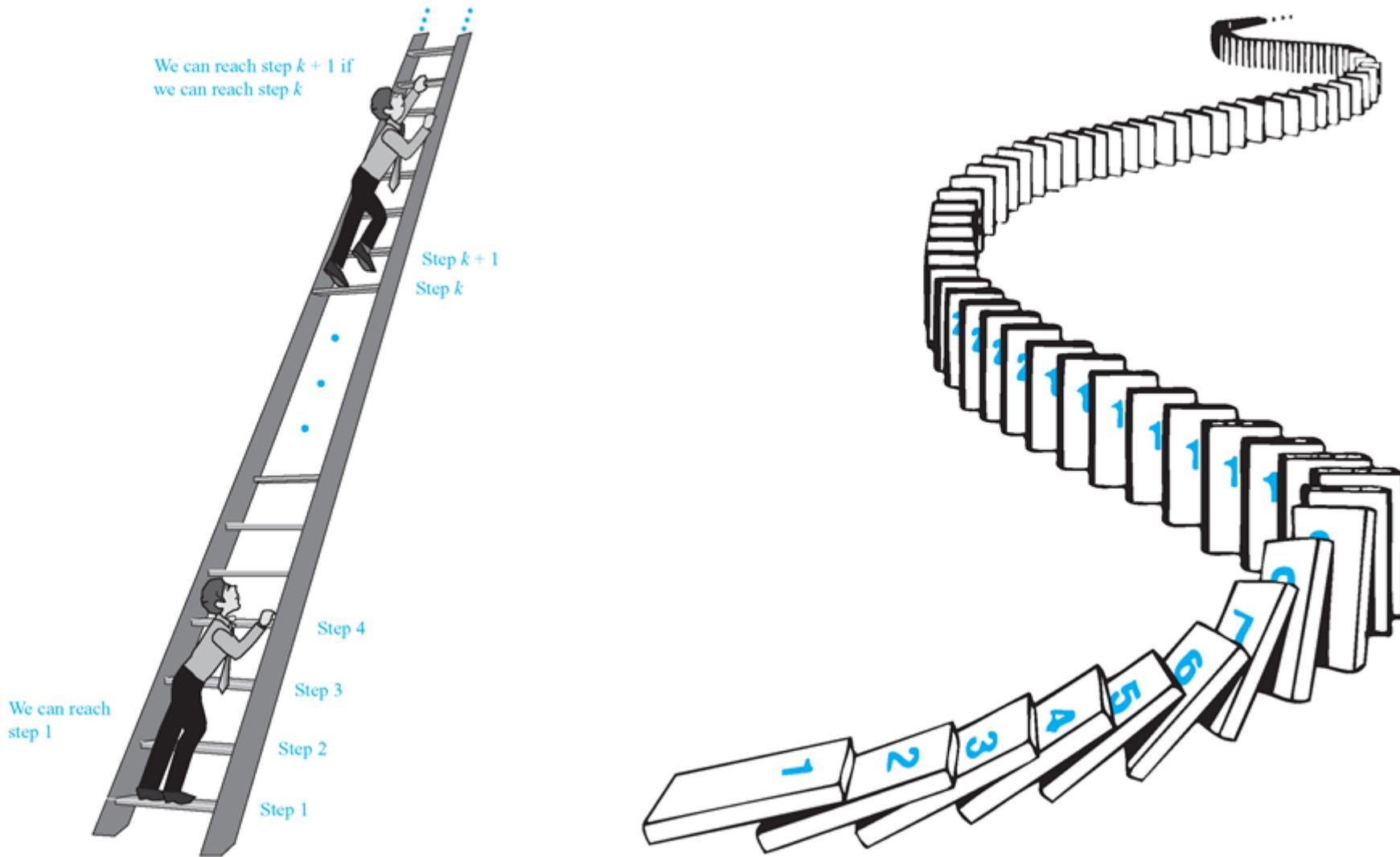
Office: Room413, CoE South Tower

Email: wangqi@sustech.edu.cn

Mathematical Induction



Mathematical Induction



Mathematical Induction

- We start by reviewing proof by smallest counterexample to try and understand what it is really doing.

Mathematical Induction

- We start by reviewing proof by smallest counterexample to try and understand what it is really doing.
- This leads us to transform the *indirect proof* of proof by counterexample to *direct proof*. This direct proof technique will be **induction**.

Mathematical Induction

- We start by reviewing proof by smallest counterexample to try and understand what it is really doing.
- This leads us to transform the *indirect proof* of proof by counterexample to *direct proof*. This direct proof technique will be **induction**.
- We conclude by distinguishing between the *weak principle* of mathematical induction and the *strong principle* of mathematical induction.

Mathematical Induction

- We start by reviewing proof by smallest counterexample to try and understand what it is really doing.
- This leads us to transform the *indirect proof* of proof by counterexample to *direct proof*. This direct proof technique will be **induction**.
- We conclude by distinguishing between the *weak principle* of mathematical induction and the *strong principle* of mathematical induction.

The *strong principle* can actually be derived from the *weak principle*.

Proof by Smallest Counterexample

- The statement $P(n)$ is true for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Proof by Smallest Counterexample

- The statement $P(n)$ is true for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We prove this by

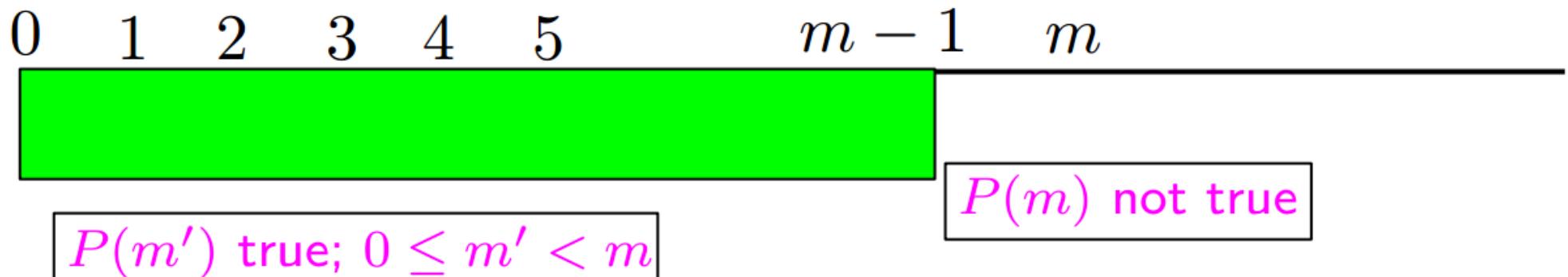
- (i) Assume that a counterexample exists, i.e., There is some $n > 0$ for which $P(n)$ is false

Proof by Smallest Counterexample

- The statement $P(n)$ is true for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We prove this by

- Assume that a counterexample exists, i.e., There is some $n > 0$ for which $P(n)$ is false
- Let $m > 0$ be the **smallest** value for which $P(n)$ is false

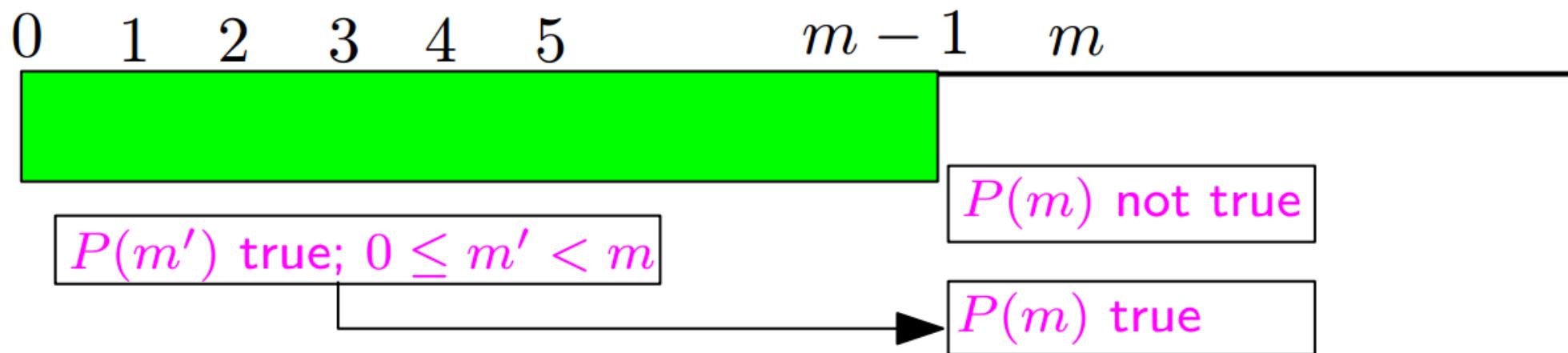


Proof by Smallest Counterexample

- The statement $P(n)$ is true for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We prove this by

- Assume that a counterexample exists, i.e., There is some $n > 0$ for which $P(n)$ is false
- Let $m > 0$ be the **smallest** value for which $P(n)$ is false
- Then use the fact that $P(m')$ is true for all $0 \leq m' < m$ to show that $P(m)$ is true, **contradicting** the choice of m .



Proof by Smallest Counterexample

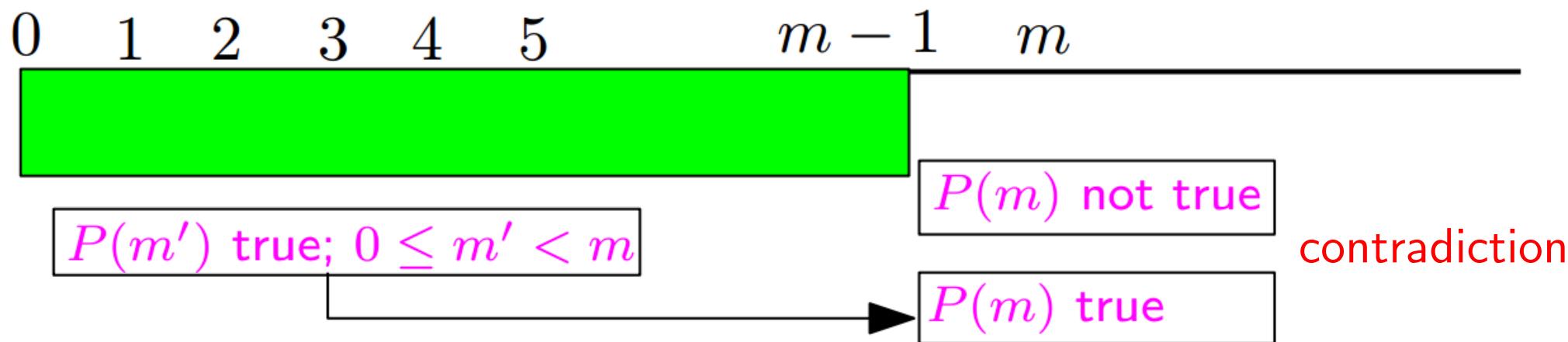
- The statement $P(n)$ is true for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

We prove this by

(i) Assume that a counterexample exists, i.e., There is some $n > 0$ for which $P(n)$ is false

(ii) Let $m > 0$ be the **smallest** value for which $P(n)$ is false

(iii) Then use the fact that $P(m')$ is true for all $0 \leq m' < m$ to show that $P(m)$ is true, **contradicting** the choice of m .



Example 1

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$(*) \quad 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Example 1

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$(*) \quad 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Suppose that $(*)$ is not always true

Example 1

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$(*) \quad 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Suppose that $(*)$ is not always true
- ◊ Then there must be a smallest $n \in N$ s.t. $(*)$ does not hold for n

Example 1

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$(*) \quad 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Suppose that $(*)$ is not always true
- ◊ Then there must be a smallest $n \in N$ s.t. $(*)$ does not hold for n
- ◊ For any nonnegative integer $i < n$,

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + i = \frac{i(i+1)}{2}$$

Example 1

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$(*) \quad 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Suppose that $(*)$ is not always true
- ◊ Then there must be a smallest $n \in N$ s.t. $(*)$ does not hold for n
- ◊ For any nonnegative integer $i < n$,

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + i = \frac{i(i+1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Since $0 = 0 \cdot 1/2$, $(*)$ holds for $n = 0$

Example 1

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$(*) \quad 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Suppose that $(*)$ is not always true
- ◊ Then there must be a smallest $n \in N$ s.t. $(*)$ does not hold for n
- ◊ For any nonnegative integer $i < n$,

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + i = \frac{i(i+1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Since $0 = 0 \cdot 1/2$, $(*)$ holds for $n = 0$
- ◊ The smallest counterexample n is larger than 0

Example 1

- We now have
 - (i) smallest counterexample n is greater than 0, and
 - (ii) (*) holds for $n - 1$

Example 1

- We now have
 - (i) smallest counterexample n is greater than 0, and
 - (ii) (*) holds for $n - 1$

◊ Substituting $n - 1$ for i gives

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2}$$

Example 1

■ We now have

- (i) smallest counterexample n is greater than 0, and
- (ii) (*) holds for $n - 1$

◊ Substituting $n - 1$ for i gives

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2}$$

◊ Adding n to both sides gives

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 + n = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2} + n = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$$

Example 1

■ We now have

- (i) smallest counterexample n is greater than 0, and
- (ii) (*) holds for $n - 1$

◊ Substituting $n - 1$ for i gives

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2}$$

◊ Adding n to both sides gives

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 + n = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2} + n = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$$

◊ Thus, n is not a counterexample. Contradiction!

Example 1

- We now have

- (i) smallest counterexample n is greater than 0, and
- (ii) (*) holds for $n - 1$

- ◊ Substituting $n - 1$ for i gives

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2}$$

- ◊ Adding n to both sides gives

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1 + n = \frac{(n - 1)n}{2} + n = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$$

- ◊ Thus, n is not a counterexample. Contradiction!

- ◊ Therefore, (*) holds for all positive integers n .

Example 1

- What implication did we have to prove?

Example 1

- What implication did we have to prove?

The **key step** was proving that

$$P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$$

where $P(n)$ is the statement

$$1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$$

Example 2

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2.$$

Example 2

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2.$$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$. We start by assuming that the statement

$$\forall n \in N \ P(n)$$

is false.

Example 2

- Use proof by smallest counterexample to show that, $\forall n \in N$,

$$2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2.$$

Let $P(n) = 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$. We start by assuming that the statement

$$\forall n \in N \ P(n)$$

is false.

When a **for all** quantifier is false, there must be some n for which it is false. Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \not\geq n^2 + 2$.

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

This means that, for all $i \in N$ with $i < n$,

$$2^{i+1} \leq i^2 + 2$$

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

This means that, for all $i \in N$ with $i < n$,

$$2^{i+1} \geq i^2 + 2$$

Since $2^{0+1} \geq 0^2 + 2$, we know that $n > 0$. Thus, $n - 1$ is a nonnegative integer less than n .

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

This means that, for all $i \in N$ with $i < n$,

$$2^{i+1} \geq i^2 + 2$$

Since $2^{0+1} \geq 0^2 + 2$, we know that $n > 0$. Thus, $n - 1$ is a nonnegative integer less than n .

Then setting $i = n - 1$ gives

$$2^{(n-1)+1} \geq (n-1)^2 + 2.$$

or

$$(*) \quad 2^n \geq n^2 - 2n + 1 + 2 = n^2 - 2n + 3$$

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

We are now given $2^n \geq n^2 - 2n + 3$. (*)

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

We are now given $2^n \geq n^2 - 2n + 3$. (*)

Multiply both sides by 2, giving

$$2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n \geq 2 \cdot (n^2 - 2n + 3) = 2n^2 - 4n + 6.$$

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

We are now given $2^n \geq n^2 - 2n + 3$. (*)

Multiply both sides by 2, giving

$$2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n \geq 2 \cdot (n^2 - 2n + 3) = 2n^2 - 4n + 6.$$

To get a contradiction, we want to convert the right side into $n^2 + 2$ plus an additional nonnegative term.

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

We are now given $2^n \geq n^2 - 2n + 3$. (*)

Multiply both sides by 2, giving

$$2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n \geq 2 \cdot (n^2 - 2n + 3) = 2n^2 - 4n + 6.$$

To get a contradiction, we want to convert the right side into $n^2 + 2$ plus an additional nonnegative term.

Thus, we write

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2n^2 - 4n + 6 \\ &= (n^2 + 2) + (n^2 - 4n + 4) \\ &= n^2 + 2 + (n - 2)^2 \\ &\geq n^2 + 2. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2

- Let n be the smallest nonnegative integer for which $2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

We are now given $2^n \geq n^2 - 2n + 3$. (*)

Multiply both sides by 2, giving

$$2^{n+1} = 2 \cdot 2^n \geq 2 \cdot (n^2 - 2n + 3) = 2n^2 - 4n + 6.$$

To get a contradiction, we want to convert the right side into $n^2 + 2$ plus an additional nonnegative term.

Thus, we write

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2n^2 - 4n + 6 \\ &= (n^2 + 2) + (n^2 - 4n + 4) \\ &= n^2 + 2 + (n - 2)^2 \\ &\geq n^2 + 2. \end{aligned}$$

contradiction!
10 - 5

Example 2

- Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

(a) $P(0)$ is true

(b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$

Example 2

- Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
 - (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$
- ◇ Suppose there is some n for which $P(n)$ is false (*)

Example 2

- Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$
 - ◊ Suppose there is some n for which $P(n)$ is false (*)
 - ◊ Let n be the smallest counterexample

Example 2

- Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$
 - ◊ Suppose there is some n for which $P(n)$ is false (*)
 - ◊ Let n be the smallest counterexample
 - ◊ Then, from (a) $n > 0$, so $P(n - 1)$ is true

Example 2

- Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$
 - Suppose there is some n for which $P(n)$ is false (*)
 - Let n be the smallest counterexample
 - Then, from (a) $n > 0$, so $P(n - 1)$ is true
 - Therefore, from (b), using direct inference, $P(n)$ is true

Example 2

- Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$
 - Suppose there is some n for which $P(n)$ is false (*)
 - Let n be the smallest counterexample
 - Then, from (a) $n > 0$, so $P(n - 1)$ is true
 - Therefore, from (b), using direct inference, $P(n)$ is true
 - This contradicts (*).

Example 2

- Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$
 - Suppose there is some n for which $P(n)$ is false (*)
 - Let n be the smallest counterexample
 - Then, from (a) $n > 0$, so $P(n - 1)$ is true
 - Therefore, from (b), using direct inference, $P(n)$ is true
 - This contradicts (*).
 - Thus, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in N$.

Example 2

- What did we really do?

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$

Example 2

- What did we really do?

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$

We then used proof by smallest counterexample to derive that $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in N$.

Example 2

- What did we really do?

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$

We then used proof by smallest counterexample to derive that $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in N$.

This is an *indirect proof*. Is it possible to prove this fact *directly*?

Example 2

- What did we really do?

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

We just showed that

- (a) $P(0)$ is true
- (b) if $n > 0$, then $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$

We then used proof by smallest counterexample to derive that $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in N$.

This is an *indirect proof*. Is it possible to prove this fact *directly*?

Since $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$, we see that

$P(0)$ implies $P(1)$, $P(1)$ implies $P(2)$, ...

The Principle of Mathematical Induction

- The *well-ordering* principle permits us to assume that every set of nonnegative integers has a smallest element, allowing us to use the smallest counterexample.

The Principle of Mathematical Induction

- The *well-ordering* principle permits us to assume that every set of nonnegative integers has a smallest element, allowing us to use the smallest counterexample.

This is actually **equivalent** to the *principle of mathematical induction*.

The Principle of Mathematical Induction

- The *well-ordering* principle permits us to assume that every set of nonnegative integers has a smallest element, allowing us to use the smallest counterexample.

This is actually **equivalent** to the *principle of mathematical induction*.

Principle. (*the Weak Principle of Mathematical Induction*)

- (a) If the statement $P(b)$ is true
- (b) the statement $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$ is true for all $n > b$,
then $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$

The Principle of Mathematical Induction

- The *well-ordering* principle permits us to assume that every set of nonnegative integers has a smallest element, allowing us to use the smallest counterexample.

This is actually **equivalent** to the *principle of mathematical induction*.

Principle. (*the Weak Principle of Mathematical Induction*)

- (a) If the statement $P(b)$ is true
- (b) the statement $P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$ is true for all $n > b$,
then $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$

(a) – *Basic Step Inductive Hypothesis*

13 - 4 (b) – *Inductive Step Inductive Conclusion*

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

(i) Note that for $n = 0, 2^{0+1} = 2 \geq 2 = 0^2 + 2 - P(0)$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

(i) Note that for $n = 0, 2^{0+1} = 2 \geq 2 = 0^2 + 2 - P(0)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 0$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 2$ (*)

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

(i) Note that for $n = 0, 2^{0+1} = 2 \geq 2 = 0^2 + 2 - P(0)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 0$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 2$ (*)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2(n - 1)^2 + 4 \\ &= (n^2 + 2) + (n^2 - 4n + 4) \\ &= n^2 + 2 + (n - 2)^2 \\ &\geq n^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

(i) Note that for $n = 0, 2^{0+1} = 2 \geq 2 = 0^2 + 2 - P(0)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 0$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 2$ (*)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2(n - 1)^2 + 4 \\ &= (n^2 + 2) + (n^2 - 4n + 4) \\ &= n^2 + 2 + (n - 2)^2 \\ &\geq n^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we've just prove that for $n > 0, P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$.

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$

(i) Note that for $n = 0, 2^{0+1} = 2 \geq 2 = 0^2 + 2 - P(0)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 0$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 2$ (*)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2(n - 1)^2 + 4 \\ &= (n^2 + 2) + (n^2 - 4n + 4) \\ &= n^2 + 2 + (n - 2)^2 \\ &\geq n^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we've just prove that for $n > 0, P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$.

By mathematical induction, $\forall n > 0, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 2$.

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

(i) Note that for $n = 2, 2^{2+1} = 8 \geq 7 = 2^2 + 3 - P(2)$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

(i) Note that for $n = 2, 2^{2+1} = 8 \geq 7 = 2^2 + 3 - P(2)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 2$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 3$ (*)

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

(i) Note that for $n = 2, 2^{2+1} = 8 \geq 7 = 2^2 + 3 - P(2)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 2$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 3$ (*)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2(n-1)^2 + 6 \\ &= n^2 + 3 + n^2 - 4n + 4 + 1 \\ &= n^2 + 3 + (n-2)^2 + 1 \\ &> n^2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

(i) Note that for $n = 2, 2^{2+1} = 8 \geq 7 = 2^2 + 3 - P(2)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 2$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 3$ (*)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2(n-1)^2 + 6 \\ &= n^2 + 3 + n^2 - 4n + 4 + 1 \\ &= n^2 + 3 + (n-2)^2 + 1 \\ &> n^2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we've just prove that for $n > 2, P(n-1) \rightarrow P(n)$.

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

(i) Note that for $n = 2, 2^{2+1} = 8 \geq 7 = 2^2 + 3 - P(2)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 2$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 3$ (*)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2(n-1)^2 + 6 \\ &= n^2 + 3 + n^2 - 4n + 4 + 1 \\ &= n^2 + 3 + (n-2)^2 + 1 \\ &> n^2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we've just prove that for $n > 2, P(n-1) \rightarrow P(n)$.

By mathematical induction, $\forall n > 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$.

Proof by Induction

- $\forall n \geq 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$

Let $P(n) - 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$ Base Step

(i) Note that for $n = 2, 2^{2+1} = 8 \geq 7 = 2^2 + 3 - P(2)$

(ii) Suppose that $n > 2$ and that $2^n \geq (n - 1)^2 + 3$ (*)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{n+1} &\geq 2(n-1)^2 + 6 \quad \text{Inductive Hypothesis} \\ &= n^2 + 3 + n^2 - 4n + 4 + 1 \\ &= n^2 + 3 + (n-2)^2 + 1 \\ &> n^2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Inductive Step

Hence, we've just prove that for $n > 2, P(n-1) \rightarrow P(n)$.

By mathematical induction, $\forall n > 2, 2^{n+1} \geq n^2 + 3$.

Inductive Conclusion

Another Form of Induction

- We may have another form of *direct proof* as follows.

Another Form of Induction

- We may have another form of *direct proof* as follows.
 - ◊ First suppose that we have proof of $P(0)$

Another Form of Induction

- We may have another form of *direct proof* as follows.
 - ◊ First suppose that we have proof of $P(0)$
 - ◊ Next suppose that we have a proof that, $\forall k > 0$,
$$P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(k - 1) \rightarrow P(k)$$

Another Form of Induction

- We may have another form of *direct proof* as follows.
 - ◊ First suppose that we have proof of $P(0)$
 - ◊ Next suppose that we have a proof that, $\forall k > 0$,
$$P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(k - 1) \rightarrow P(k)$$
 - ◊ Then, $P(0)$ implies $P(1)$
 $P(0) \wedge P(1)$ implies $P(2)$
 $P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2)$ implies $P(3)$...

Another Form of Induction

- We may have another form of *direct proof* as follows.
 - ◊ First suppose that we have proof of $P(0)$
 - ◊ Next suppose that we have a proof that, $\forall k > 0$,
$$P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(k - 1) \rightarrow P(k)$$
 - ◊ Then, $P(0)$ implies $P(1)$
 $P(0) \wedge P(1)$ implies $P(2)$
 $P(0) \wedge P(1) \wedge P(2)$ implies $P(3)$...
 - ◊ Iterating gives us a proof of $P(n)$ for all n

Strong Induction

■ Principle (*The Strong Principle of Mathematical Induction*)

(a) If the statement $P(b)$ is true

(b) for all $n > b$, the statement

$P(b) \wedge P(b+1) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n-1) \rightarrow P(n)$ is true.

then $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$.

Example

- Prove that every positive integer is a power of a prime or the product of powers of primes.

Example

- Prove that every positive integer is a power of a prime or the product of powers of primes.
 - ◊ **Base Step:** 1 is a power of a prime number, $1 = 2^0$

Example

- Prove that every positive integer is a power of a prime or the product of powers of primes.
 - ◊ **Base Step:** 1 is a power of a prime number, $1 = 2^0$
 - ◊ **Inductive Hypothesis:** Suppose that **every number less than n** is a power of a prime or a product of powers of primes.

Example

- Prove that every positive integer is a power of a prime or the product of powers of primes.
 - ◊ **Base Step:** 1 is a power of a prime number, $1 = 2^0$
 - ◊ **Inductive Hypothesis:** Suppose that **every number less than n** is a power of a prime or a product of powers of primes.
 - ◊ Then, if n is not a prime power, it is a product of two smaller numbers, each of which is, by the **inductive hypothesis**, a power of a prime or a product of powers of primes.

Example

- Prove that every positive integer is a power of a prime or the product of powers of primes.
 - ◊ **Base Step:** 1 is a power of a prime number, $1 = 2^0$
 - ◊ **Inductive Hypothesis:** Suppose that **every number less than n** is a power of a prime or a product of powers of primes.
 - ◊ Then, if n is not a prime power, it is a product of two smaller numbers, each of which is, by the **inductive hypothesis**, a power of a prime or a product of powers of primes.
 - ◊ Thus, by the **strong principle of mathematical induction**, every positive integer is a power of a prime or a product of powers of primes.

Mathematical Induction

- In practice, we **do not** usually explicitly distinguish between the weak and strong forms.

Mathematical Induction

- In practice, we **do not** usually explicitly distinguish between the weak and strong forms.
- In reality, they are **equivalent** to each other in that **the weak form is a special case of the strong form, and the strong form can be derived from the weak form.**

Summary

- A *typical* proof by mathematical induction, showing that a statement $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$ consists of three steps:

Summary

- A *typical* proof by mathematical induction, showing that a statement $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$ consists of three steps:
 1. We show that $P(b)$ is true. – **Base Step**

Summary

- A *typical* proof by mathematical induction, showing that a statement $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$ consists of three steps:

1. We show that $P(b)$ is true. – **Base Step**
2. We then, $\forall n > b$, show either

$$(*) \quad P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$$

or

$$(**) \quad P(b) \wedge P(b + 1) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$$

Summary

- A *typical* proof by mathematical induction, showing that a statement $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$ consists of three steps:

1. We show that $P(b)$ is true. – **Base Step**
2. We then, $\forall n > b$, show either

$$(*) \quad P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$$

or

$$(**) \quad P(b) \wedge P(b + 1) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$$

We need to make the **inductive hypothesis** of either $P(n - 1)$ or $P(b) \wedge P(b + 1) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n - 1)$. We then **use** $(*)$ or $(**)$ to derive $P(n)$.

Summary

- A *typical* proof by mathematical induction, showing that a statement $P(n)$ is true for all integers $n \geq b$ consists of three steps:

1. We show that $P(b)$ is true. – **Base Step**
2. We then, $\forall n > b$, show either

$$(*) \quad P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$$

or

$$(**) \quad P(b) \wedge P(b + 1) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n - 1) \rightarrow P(n)$$

We need to make the **inductive hypothesis** of either $P(n - 1)$ or $P(b) \wedge P(b + 1) \wedge \cdots \wedge P(n - 1)$. We then **use** $(*)$ or $(**)$ to derive $P(n)$.

3. We conclude on the basis of **the principle of mathematical induction** that $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq b$.

Recursion

- Recursive computer programs or algorithms often lead to inductive analysis.

Recursion

- Recursive computer programs or algorithms often lead to inductive analysis.
- A classical example of *recursion* is the **Towers of Hanoi** Problem.

Towers of Hanoi



Towers of Hanoi



- 3 pegs; n disks of different sizes
- A *legal move* takes a disk from one peg and moves it onto another peg so that *it is not on top of a smaller disk*
- **Problem:** Find an (efficient) way to move all of the disks from one peg to another

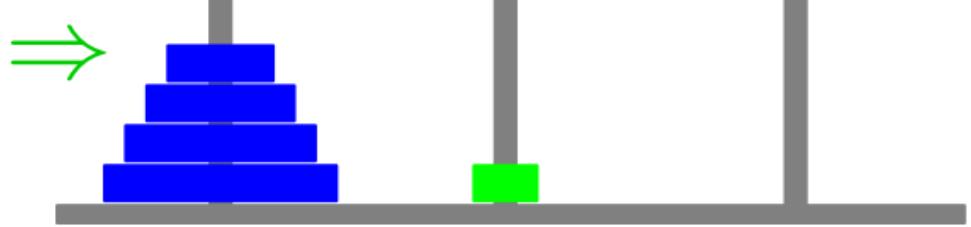
Towers of Hanoi



Towers of Hanoi



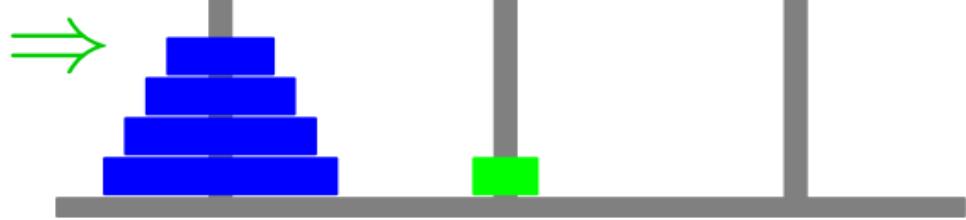
legal move



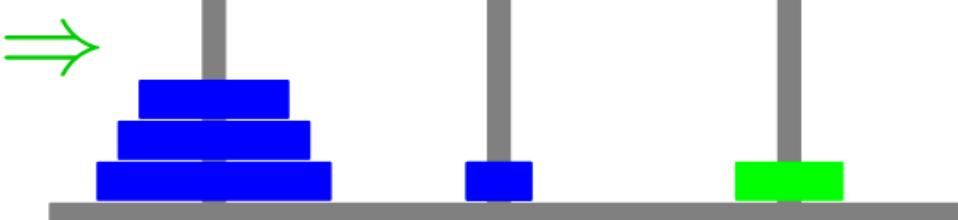
Towers of Hanoi



legal move



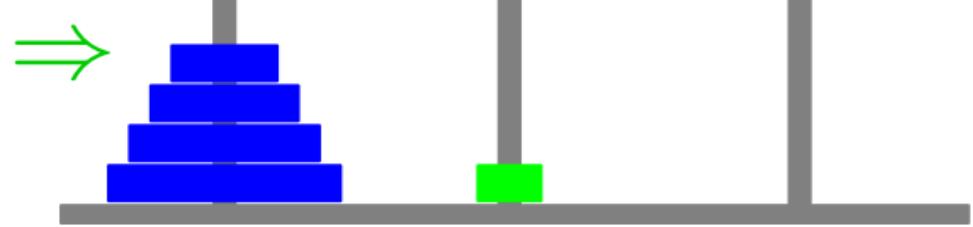
legal move



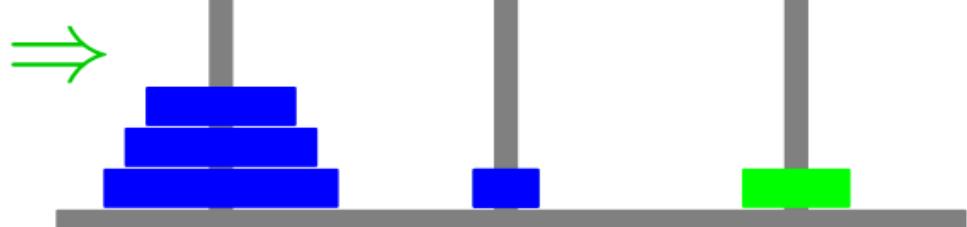
Towers of Hanoi



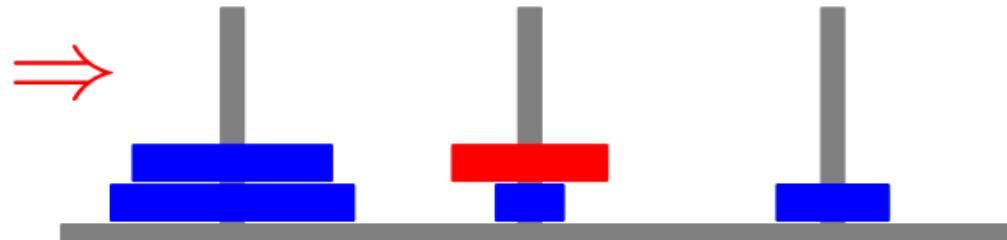
legal move



legal move



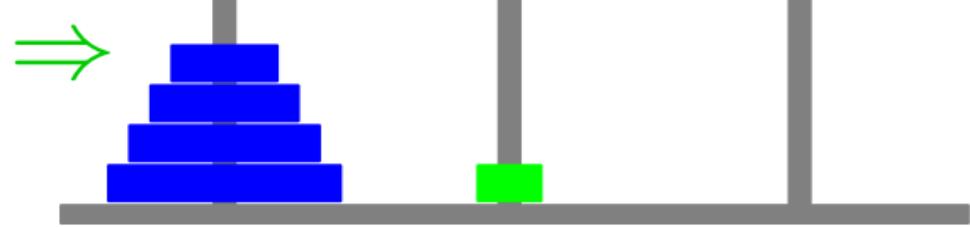
not legal



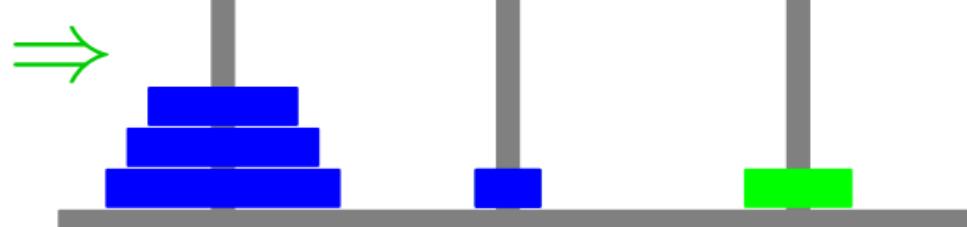
Towers of Hanoi



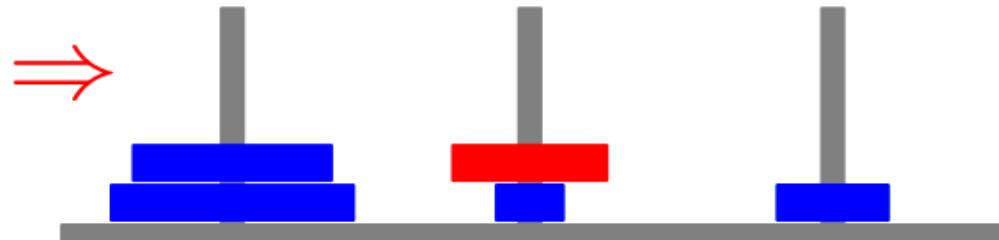
legal move



legal move



not legal



legal move



Towers of Hanoi

- **Problem:** Start with n disks on leftmost peg



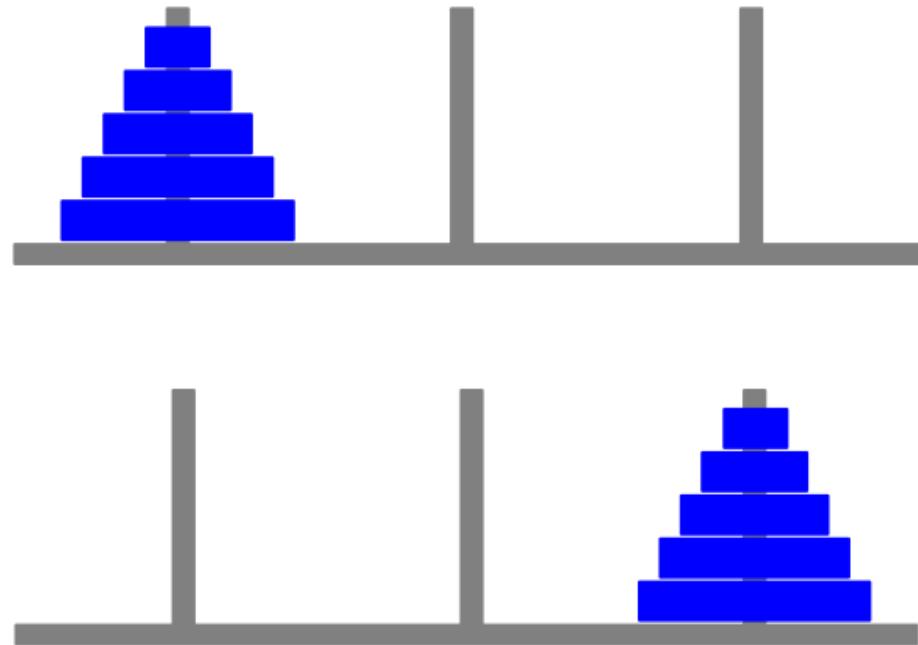
Towers of Hanoi

- **Problem:** Start with n disks on leftmost peg
using only legal moves



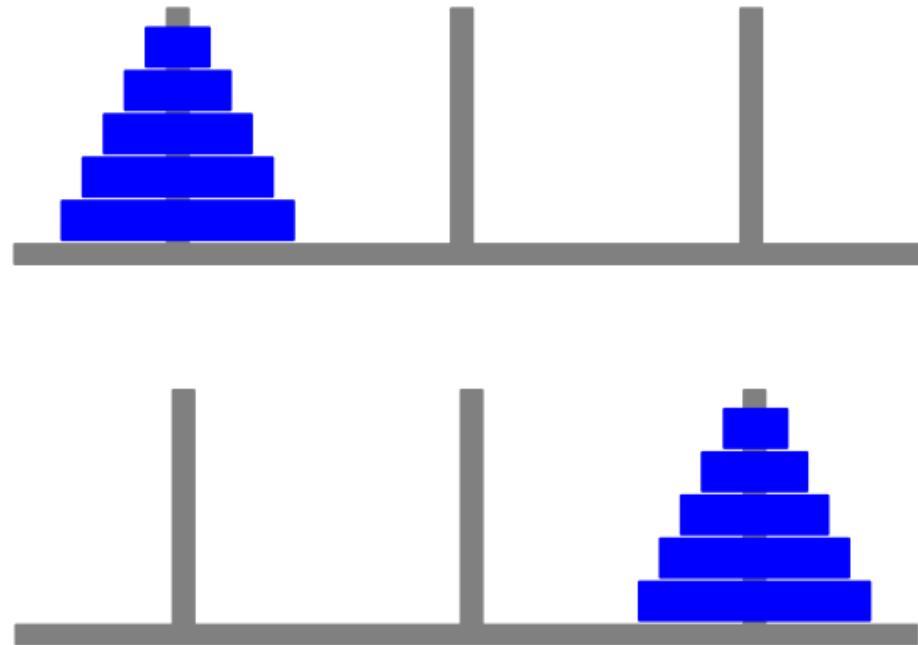
Towers of Hanoi

- **Problem:** Start with n disks on leftmost peg
using only legal moves
move all disks to rightmost peg.



Towers of Hanoi

- **Problem:** Start with n disks on leftmost peg
using only legal moves
move all disks to rightmost peg.



Given $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$, let
 $\overline{\{i, j\}} = \{1, 2, 3\} - \{i\} - \{j\}$,
i.e., $\overline{\{1, 2\}} = \{3\}$, $\overline{\{1, 3\}} = \{2\}$,
 $\overline{\{2, 3\}} = \{1\}$.

Towers of Hanoi

- General solution

Towers of Hanoi

- General solution

Recursion Base:

If $n = 1$, moving one disk from i to j is easy. Just move it.



Towers of Hanoi

- General solution

Recursion Base:

If $n = 1$, moving one disk from i to j is easy. Just move it.



Towers of Hanoi

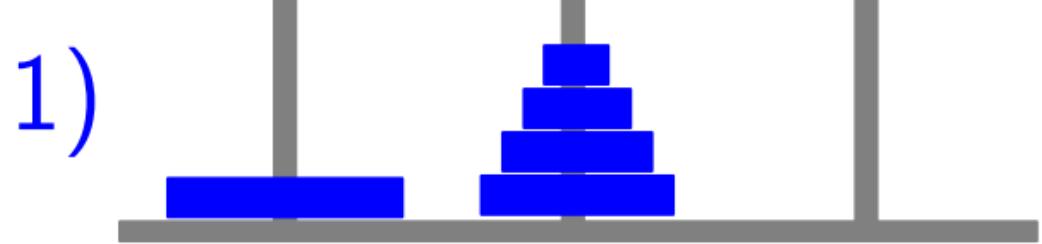


To move $n > 1$ disks from i to j

Towers of Hanoi



To move $n > 1$ disks from i to j

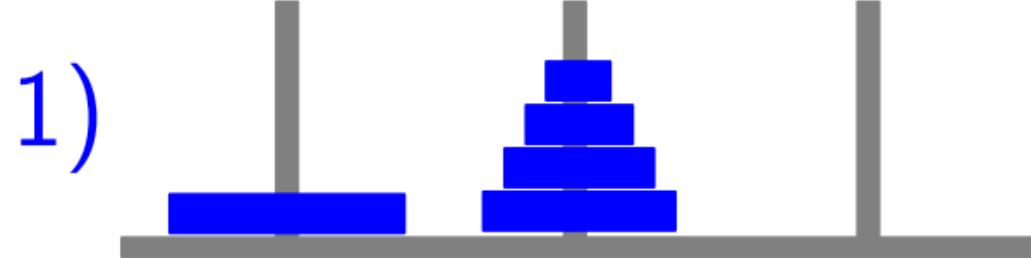


move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i, j\}}$

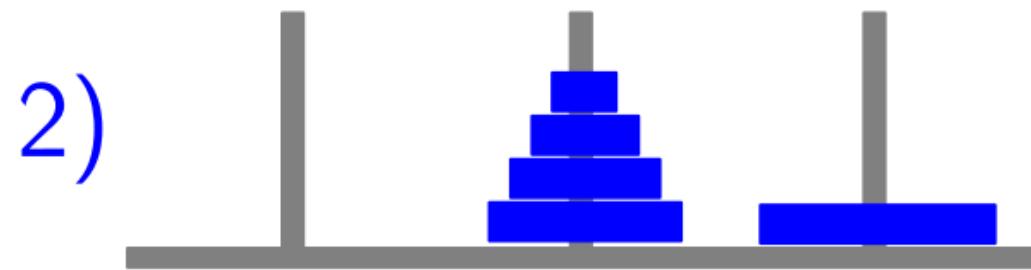
Towers of Hanoi



To move $n > 1$ disks from i to j



move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i, j\}}$

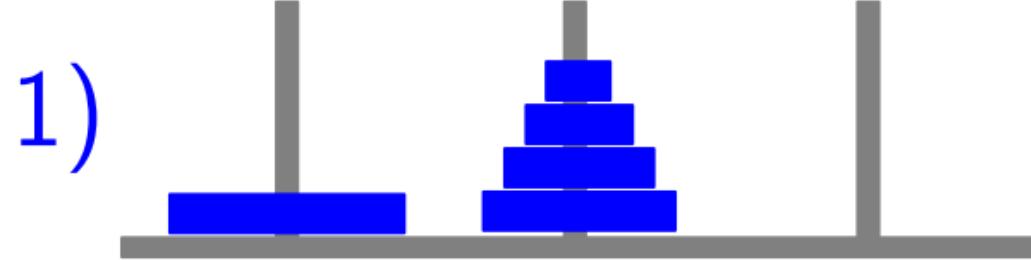


move largest disk from i to j

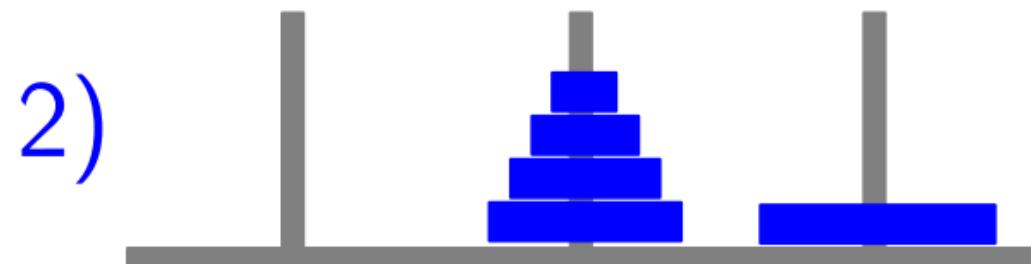
Towers of Hanoi



To move $n > 1$ disks from i to j



move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i, j\}}$



move largest disk from i to j



move top $n - 1$ disks from $\overline{\{i, j\}}$ to j

Towers of Hanoi

```
3 public class Hanoi
4 {
5
6     public void move(int n, char a, char b, char c)
7     {
8         if (n == 1)
9             System.out.println("plate " + n + " from " + a + " to " + c);
10        else
11        {
12            move(n-1,a,c,b);
13            System.out.println("plate " + n + " from " + a + " to " + c);
14            move(n-1,b,a,c);
15        }
16    }
17
18 }
```

Towers of Hanoi

To move n disks from i to j

- i) move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i, j\}}$
- ii) move largest disk from i to j
- iii) move top $n - 1$ disks from $\overline{\{i, j\}}$ to j

Towers of Hanoi

- To prove correctness of solution, we are implicitly using induction

To move n disks from i to j

- i) move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i, j\}}$
- ii) move largest disk from i to j
- iii) move top $n - 1$ disks from $\overline{\{i, j\}}$ to j

Towers of Hanoi

- To prove correctness of solution, we are implicitly using induction
- $p(n)$ is statement that algorithm is correct for n
 - To move n disks from i to j
 - i) move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i, j\}}$
 - ii) move largest disk from i to j
 - iii) move top $n - 1$ disks from $\overline{\{i, j\}}$ to j

Towers of Hanoi

- To prove correctness of solution, we are implicitly using induction
 - $p(n)$ is statement that algorithm is correct for n
 - $p(1)$ is statement that algorithm works for $n = 1$ disks, which is obviously true
- To move n disks from i to j
- i) move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\{i, j\}$
 - ii) move largest disk from i to j
 - iii) move top $n - 1$ disks from $\{i, j\}$ to j

Towers of Hanoi

- To prove correctness of solution, we are implicitly using induction
- $p(n)$ is statement that algorithm is correct for n
 - i) move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\{i, j\}$
 - ii) move largest disk from i to j
 - iii) move top $n - 1$ disks from $\{i, j\}$ to j
- $p(1)$ is statement that algorithm works for $n = 1$ disks, which is obviously true
- $p(n - 1) \rightarrow p(n)$ is recursion statement that if our algorithm works for $n - 1$ disks, then we can build a correct solution for n disks

Towers of Hanoi

■ Running time

$M(n)$ is number of disk moves needed for n disks

To move n disks from i to j

- i) move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i,j\}}$
- ii) move largest disk from i to j
- iii) move top $n - 1$ disks from $\overline{\{i,j\}}$ to j

Towers of Hanoi

■ Running time

$M(n)$ is number of disk moves needed for n disks

- To move n disks from i to j
 - i) move top $n - 1$ disks from i to $\overline{\{i, j\}}$
 - ii) move largest disk from i to j
 - iii) move top $n - 1$ disks from $\overline{\{i, j\}}$ to j

$$M(1) = 1$$

$$\text{if } n > 1, \text{ then } M(n) = 2M(n - 1) + 1$$

Towers of Hanoi

- We saw that $M(1) = 1$ and that
- $M(n) = 2M(n - 1) + 1$ for $n > 1$

Towers of Hanoi

- We saw that $M(1) = 1$ and that
- $M(n) = 2M(n - 1) + 1$ for $n > 1$

- Iterating the recurrence gives

$$M(1) = 1, M(2) = 3, M(3) = 7,$$

$$M(4) = 15, M(5) = 31, \dots$$

Towers of Hanoi

- We saw that $M(1) = 1$ and that
- $M(n) = 2M(n - 1) + 1$ for $n > 1$
- Iterating the recurrence gives
$$M(1) = 1, M(2) = 3, M(3) = 7,$$
$$M(4) = 15, M(5) = 31, \dots$$
- We *guess* that $M(n) = 2^n - 1$

Towers of Hanoi

- We saw that $M(1) = 1$ and that
- $M(n) = 2M(n - 1) + 1$ for $n > 1$

- Iterating the recurrence gives

$$M(1) = 1, M(2) = 3, M(3) = 7,$$

$$M(4) = 15, M(5) = 31, \dots$$

- We *guess* that $M(n) = 2^n - 1$

We'll prove this by induction

Towers of Hanoi

- We saw that $M(1) = 1$ and that
- $M(n) = 2M(n - 1) + 1$ for $n > 1$

- Iterating the recurrence gives

$$M(1) = 1, M(2) = 3, M(3) = 7,$$

$$M(4) = 15, M(5) = 31, \dots$$

- We *guess* that $M(n) = 2^n - 1$

We'll prove this by induction

Later, we'll also see how to solve without guessing

Towers of Hanoi

- Formally, given

$$M(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2M(n - 1) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We show that $M(n) = 2^n - 1$.

Towers of Hanoi

- Formally, given

$$M(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2M(n - 1) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We show that $M(n) = 2^n - 1$.

Proof. (by induction)

The base case $n = 1$ is true, since $2^1 - 1 = 1$.

For the inductive step, assume that $M(n - 1) = 2^{n-1} - 1$ for $n > 1$.

Towers of Hanoi

- Formally, given

$$M(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2M(n - 1) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We show that $M(n) = 2^n - 1$.

Proof. (by induction)

The base case $n = 1$ is true, since $2^1 - 1 = 1$.

For the inductive step, assume that $M(n - 1) = 2^{n-1} - 1$ for $n > 1$.

Then $M(n) = 2M(n - 1) + 1 = 2(2^{n-1} - 1) + 1 = 2^n - 1$

Towers of Hanoi

- Note that we used induction twice.

Towers of Hanoi

- Note that we used induction twice.
- The first time was to derive correctness of algorithm and the recurrence

$$M(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2M(n - 1) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Towers of Hanoi

- Note that we used induction twice.
- The first time was to derive correctness of algorithm and the recurrence

$$M(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2M(n - 1) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The second time was to derive the closed form solution $M(n) = 2^n - 1$ of the recurrence.

Recurrences

- A *recurrence equation* or *recurrence* for a function defined on the set of integers $\geq b$ is one that tells us how to compute the n th value from some or all the first $n - 1$ values.

Recurrences

- A *recurrence equation* or *recurrence* for a function defined on the set of integers $\geq b$ is one that tells us how to compute the n th value from some or all the first $n - 1$ values.

To completely specify a function on the basis of a recurrence, we have to give the *initial condition(s)* (a.k.a. the *base case(s)*) for the recurrence.

Recurrences

- A *recurrence equation* or *recurrence* for a function defined on the set of integers $\geq b$ is one that tells us how to compute the n th value from some or all the first $n - 1$ values.

To completely specify a function on the basis of a recurrence, we have to give the *initial condition(s)* (a.k.a. the *base case(s)*) for the recurrence.

$$M(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2M(n - 1) + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Towers of Hanoi

Fibonacci Sequence

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0, 1 \\ F(n - 1) + F(n - 2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Recurrences

- **Example 2:** Let $S(n)$ be the number of subsets of a set of size n . What is the formula for $S(n)$?

The empty set, of size $n = 0$ has only one subset (itself), so $S(0) = 1$.

It is not difficult to see that

$$S(1) = 2, S(2) = 4, S(3) = 8$$

Recurrences

- **Example 2:** Let $S(n)$ be the number of subsets of a set of size n . What is the formula for $S(n)$?

The empty set, of size $n = 0$ has only one subset (itself), so $S(0) = 1$.

It is not difficult to see that

$$S(1) = 2, S(2) = 4, S(3) = 8$$

We “guess” that $S(n) = 2^n$. But, in order to prove formula, we’ll need to think recursively.

Recurrences

- Consider the eight subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$:
 $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$

Recurrences

- Consider the eight subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$:

$\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$

\emptyset	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\{3\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$

Recurrences

- Consider the eight subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$:

$\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$

\emptyset	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\{3\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$

First four subsets are exactly [the subsets of \$\{1, 2\}\$](#) , while second four are the subsets of $\{1, 2\}$ with 3 added into each.

Recurrences

- Consider the eight subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$:

$\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$

\emptyset	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\{3\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$

First four subsets are exactly [the subsets of \$\{1, 2\}\$](#) , while second four are the subsets of $\{1, 2\}$ with 3 added into each.

So, we get a subset of $\{1, 2, 3\}$ either by taking a subset of $\{1, 2\}$ or by adjoining 3 to a subset of $\{1, 2\}$.

Recurrences

- Consider the eight subsets of $\{1, 2, 3\}$:

$\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}$

\emptyset	$\{1\}$	$\{2\}$	$\{1, 2\}$
$\{3\}$	$\{1, 3\}$	$\{2, 3\}$	$\{1, 2, 3\}$

First four subsets are exactly **the subsets of $\{1, 2\}$** , while second four are the subsets of $\{1, 2\}$ with **3** added into each.

So, we get a subset of $\{1, 2, 3\}$ either by taking a subset of $\{1, 2\}$ or by adjoining **3** to a subset of $\{1, 2\}$.

This suggests that the **recurrence** for the number of subsets of an n -element set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ is

$$S(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 2S(n-1) & \text{if } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Recurrences

- Proof. of correctness of this recurrence

Recurrences

- **Proof.** of correctness of this recurrence

The subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ can be partitioned according to whether or not they contain the element n .

Recurrences

■ Proof. of correctness of this recurrence

The subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ can be partitioned according to whether or not they contain the element n .

Each subset S containing n can be constructed in a unique fashion by adding n to the subset $S - \{n\}$ not containing n .

Each subset S not containing n can be constructed by removing n from the unique set $S \cup \{n\}$ containing n .

Recurrences

■ Proof. of correctness of this recurrence

The subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ can be partitioned according to whether or not they contain the element n .

Each subset S containing n can be constructed in a unique fashion by adding n to the subset $S - \{n\}$ not containing n .

Each subset S not containing n can be constructed by removing n from the unique set $S \cup \{n\}$ containing n .

So, the number of subsets containing n is exactly the same as the number of subsets not containing n .

Recurrences

■ Proof. of correctness of this recurrence

The subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ can be partitioned according to whether or not they contain the element n .

Each subset S containing n can be constructed in a unique fashion by adding n to the subset $S - \{n\}$ not containing n .

Each subset S not containing n can be constructed by removing n from the unique set $S \cup \{n\}$ containing n .

So, the number of subsets containing n is exactly the same as the number of subsets not containing n .

Thus, if $n > 1$, then $S(n) = 2S(n - 1)$.

Recurrences

■ Proof. of correctness of this recurrence

The subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ can be partitioned according to whether or not they contain the element n .

Each subset S containing n can be constructed in a unique fashion by adding n to the subset $S - \{n\}$ not containing n .

Each subset S not containing n can be constructed by removing n from the unique set $S \cup \{n\}$ containing n .

So, the number of subsets containing n is exactly the same as the number of subsets not containing n .

Thus, if $n > 1$, then $S(n) = 2S(n - 1)$.

Proof by induction is easy.

Iterating a Recurrence

- Let $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$,
where r and a are constants.

Iterating a Recurrence

- Let $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$,
where r and a are constants.

Find a recurrence that expresses

$T(n)$ in terms of $T(n - 2)$

$T(n)$ in terms of $T(n - 3)$

$T(n)$ in terms of $T(n - 4)$

⋮

Iterating a Recurrence

- Let $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$,
where r and a are constants.

Find a recurrence that expresses

$T(n)$ in terms of $T(n - 2)$

$T(n)$ in terms of $T(n - 3)$

$T(n)$ in terms of $T(n - 4)$

⋮

Can we generalize this to find a closed-form solution?

Iterating a Recurrence

- Note that $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$ implies that
 $\forall i < n, T(n - i) = rT((n - i) - 1)) + a$

Iterating a Recurrence

- Note that $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$ implies that

$$\forall i < n, T(n - i) = rT((n - i) - 1)) + a$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= rT(n - 1) + a \\ &= r(rT(n - 2) + a) + a \\ &= r^2 T(n - 2) + ra + a \\ &= r^2(rT(n - 3) + a) + ra + a \\ &= r^3 T(n - 3) + r^2a + ra + a \\ &= r^3(rT(n - 4) + a) + r^2a + ra + a \\ &= r^4 T(n - 4) + r^3a + r^2a + ra + a. \end{aligned}$$

Iterating a Recurrence

- Note that $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$ implies that

$$\forall i < n, T(n - i) = rT((n - i) - 1)) + a$$

Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= rT(n - 1) + a \\ &= r(rT(n - 2) + a) + a \\ &= r^2 T(n - 2) + ra + a \\ &= r^2(rT(n - 3) + a) + ra + a \\ &= r^3 T(n - 3) + r^2 a + ra + a \\ &= r^3(rT(n - 4) + a) + r^2 a + ra + a \\ &= r^4 T(n - 4) + r^3 a + r^2 a + ra + a. \end{aligned}$$

Guess $T(n) = r^n T(0) + a \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i$
38 - 3

Iterating a Recurrence

- The method we used to guess the solution is called *iterating the recurrence*, because we repeatedly (iteratively) use the recurrence.

Iterating a Recurrence

- The method we used to guess the solution is called *iterating the recurrence*, because we repeatedly (iteratively) use the recurrence.

Another approach is to iterate from the “bottom-up” instead of “top-down”.

Iterating a Recurrence

- The method we used to guess the solution is called *iterating the recurrence*, because we repeatedly (iteratively) use the recurrence.

Another approach is to iterate from the “bottom-up” instead of “[top-down](#)”.

$$T(0) = b$$

$$T(1) = rT(0) + a = rb + a$$

$$T(2) = rT(1) + a = r(rb + a) + a = r^2b + ra + a$$

$$T(3) = rT(2) + a = r^3b + r^2a + ra + a$$

Iterating a Recurrence

- The method we used to guess the solution is called *iterating the recurrence*, because we repeatedly (iteratively) use the recurrence.

Another approach is to iterate from the “bottom-up” instead of “*top-down*”.

$$T(0) = b$$

$$T(1) = rT(0) + a = rb + a$$

$$T(2) = rT(1) + a = r(rb + a) + a = r^2b + ra + a$$

$$T(3) = rT(2) + a = r^3b + r^2a + ra + a$$

This would lead to the same guess

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i.$$

Formula of Recurrences

- **Theorem** If $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$, $T(0) = b$, and $r \neq 1$, then

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

for all nonnegative integers n .

Formula of Recurrences

- **Theorem** If $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$, $T(0) = b$, and $r \neq 1$, then

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

for all nonnegative integers n .

Proof by induction

The base case:

$$T(0) = r^0 b + a \frac{1 - r^0}{1 - r} = b.$$

So the formula is true when $n = 0$.

Now assume that $n > 0$ and

$$T(n - 1) = r^{n-1} b + a \frac{1 - r^{n-1}}{1 - r}.$$

Formula of Recurrences

■ Proof by induction

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= rT(n-1) + a \\&= r \left(r^{n-1}b + a \frac{1 - r^{n-1}}{1 - r} \right) + a \\&= r^n b + \frac{ar - ar^n}{1 - r} + a \\&= r^n b + \frac{ar - ar^n + a - ar}{1 - r} \\&= r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}.\end{aligned}$$

Formula of Recurrences

- **Theorem** If $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$, $T(0) = b$, and $r \neq 1$, then

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

for all nonnegative integers n .

Formula of Recurrences

- **Theorem** If $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$, $T(0) = b$, and $r \neq 1$, then

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

for all nonnegative integers n .

Example:

$$T(n) = 3T(n - 1) + 2 \text{ with } T(0) = 5$$

Formula of Recurrences

- **Theorem** If $T(n) = rT(n - 1) + a$, $T(0) = b$, and $r \neq 1$, then

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

for all nonnegative integers n .

Example:

$$T(n) = 3T(n - 1) + 2 \text{ with } T(0) = 5$$

Plugging $r = 3$, $a = 2$, $b = 5$ in the formula, gives

$$T(n) = 3^n \cdot 5 + 2 \frac{1 - 3^n}{1 - 3} = 3^n \cdot 6 - 1$$

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- A recurrence of the form $T(n) = f(n)T(n - 1) + g(n)$ is called a *first-order linear recurrence*.

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- A recurrence of the form $T(n) = f(n)T(n - 1) + g(n)$ is called a *first-order linear recurrence*.
 - ◊ **First order** because it only depends upon going back one step, i.e., $T(n - 1)$

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- A recurrence of the form $T(n) = f(n)T(n - 1) + g(n)$ is called a *first-order linear recurrence*.
 - ◊ **First order** because it only depends upon going back one step, i.e., $T(n - 1)$
If it depends upon $T(n - 2)$, it would be a **second-order** recurrence, e.g., $T(n) = T(n - 1) + 2T(n - 2)$.

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- A recurrence of the form $T(n) = f(n)T(n - 1) + g(n)$ is called a *first-order linear recurrence*.
 - ◊ **First order** because it only depends upon going back one step, i.e., $T(n - 1)$
If it depends upon $T(n - 2)$, it would be a **second-order** recurrence, e.g., $T(n) = T(n - 1) + 2T(n - 2)$.
 - ◊ **Linear** because $T(n - 1)$ only appears to the **first power**.

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- A recurrence of the form $T(n) = f(n)T(n - 1) + g(n)$ is called a *first-order linear recurrence*.
 - ◊ **First order** because it only depends upon going back one step, i.e., $T(n - 1)$
If it depends upon $T(n - 2)$, it would be a **second-order** recurrence, e.g., $T(n) = T(n - 1) + 2T(n - 2)$.
 - ◊ **Linear** because $T(n - 1)$ only appears to the **first power**.
Something like $T(n) = (T(n - 1))^2 + 3$ would be a **non-linear** first-order recurrence relation.

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- $T(n) = f(n)T(n - 1) + g(n)$

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- $T(n) = f(n)T(n - 1) + g(n)$

When $f(n)$ is a **constant**, say r , the general solution is almost as easy as we derived before. Iterating the recurrence gives

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= rT(n - 1) + g(n) \\ &= r(rT(n - 2) + g(n - 1)) + g(n) \\ &= r^2T(n - 2) + rg(n - 1) + g(n) \\ &= r^3T(n - 3) + r^2g(n - 2) + rg(n - 1) + g(n) \\ &\vdots \\ &= r^nT(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r^i g(n - i) \end{aligned}$$

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- **Theorem** For any positive constants a and r , and any function g defined on nonnegative integers, the **solution** to the first-order linear recurrence

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} rT(n-1) + g(n) & \text{if } n > 0 \\ a & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

is

$$T(n) = r^n a + \sum_{i=1}^n r^{n-i} g(i).$$

First-Order Linear Recurrences

- **Theorem** For any positive constants a and r , and any function g defined on nonnegative integers, the **solution** to the first-order linear recurrence

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} rT(n-1) + g(n) & \text{if } n > 0 \\ a & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

is

$$T(n) = r^n a + \sum_{i=1}^n r^{n-i} g(i).$$

Proof by induction

Examples

- Solve $T(n) = 4T(n - 1) + 2^n$ with $T(0) = 6$

Examples

- Solve $T(n) = 4T(n - 1) + 2^n$ with $T(0) = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 6 \cdot 4^n + \sum_{i=1}^n 4^{n-i} \cdot 2^i \\ &= 6 \cdot 4^n + 4^n \sum_{i=1}^n 4^{-i} \cdot 2^i \\ &= 6 \cdot 4^n + 4^n \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i \\ &= 6 \cdot 4^n + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \cdot 4^n \\ &= 7 \cdot 4^n - 2^n. \end{aligned}$$

Examples

- Solve $T(n) = 3T(n - 1) + n$ with $T(0) = 10$

Examples

- Solve $T(n) = 3T(n - 1) + n$ with $T(0) = 10$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 10 \cdot 3^n + \sum_{i=1}^n 3^{n-i} \cdot i \\ &= 10 \cdot 3^n + 3^n \sum_{i=1}^n i \cdot 3^{-i} \end{aligned}$$

Examples

- Solve $T(n) = 3T(n - 1) + n$ with $T(0) = 10$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 10 \cdot 3^n + \sum_{i=1}^n 3^{n-i} \cdot i \\ &= 10 \cdot 3^n + 3^n \sum_{i=1}^n i \cdot 3^{-i} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem. For any real number $x \neq 1$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n ix^i = \frac{nx^{n+2} - (n+1)x^{n+1} + x}{(1-x)^2}.$$

Examples

- Solve $T(n) = 3T(n - 1) + n$ with $T(0) = 10$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 10 \cdot 3^n + \sum_{i=1}^n 3^{n-i} \cdot i \\ &= 10 \cdot 3^n + 3^n \sum_{i=1}^n i \cdot 3^{-i} \\ &= 10 \cdot 3^n + 3^n \left(-\frac{3}{2}(n+1)3^{-(n+1)} - \frac{3}{4}3^{-(n+1)} + \frac{3}{4} \right) \\ &= \frac{43}{4}3^n - \frac{n+1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Growth Rates of Solutions to Recurrences

- Divide and conquer algorithms
- Iterating recurrences
- Three different behaviors

Divide and conquer algorithms

- We just analyzed recurrences of the form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } n = 0 \\ r \cdot T(n - 1) + a & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

Divide and conquer algorithms

- We just analyzed recurrences of the form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } n = 0 \\ r \cdot T(n - 1) + a & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

These corresponded to the analysis of recursive algorithms in which a problem of size n is solved by recursively solving a problem of size $n - 1$.

Divide and conquer algorithms

- We just analyzed recurrences of the form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } n = 0 \\ r \cdot T(n - 1) + a & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

These corresponded to the analysis of recursive algorithms in which a problem of size n is solved by recursively solving a problem of size $n - 1$.

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

Divide and conquer algorithms

- We just analyzed recurrences of the form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} b & \text{if } n = 0 \\ r \cdot T(n - 1) + a & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

These corresponded to the analysis of recursive algorithms in which a problem of size n is solved by recursively solving a problem of size $n - 1$.

$$T(n) = r^n b + a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

We will now look at recurrences of the form

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \text{something given} & \text{if } n \leq n_0 \\ r \cdot T(n/m) + a & \text{if } n > n_0 \end{cases}$$

Binary Search

- Someone has chosen a number x between 1 and n .
We need to discover x .

Binary Search

- Someone has chosen a number x between 1 and n .
We need to discover x .

We are only allowed to ask **two types of questions**:

Binary Search

- Someone has chosen a number x between 1 and n .
We need to discover x .

We are only allowed to ask two types of questions:

- ◊ Is x greater than k ?
- ◊ Is x equal to k ?

Binary Search

- Someone has chosen a number x between 1 and n .
We need to discover x .

We are only allowed to ask two types of questions:

- ◊ Is x greater than k ?
- ◊ Is x equal to k ?

Our strategy will be to always ask greater than questions, at each step halving our search range, until the range only contains one number, when we ask a final equal to question.

Binary Search Example

1

32

48

64

Binary Search Example

1

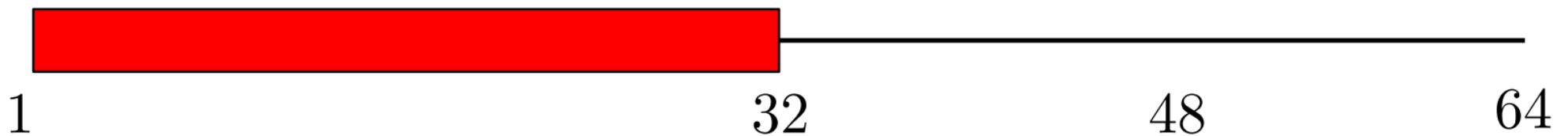
32

48

64

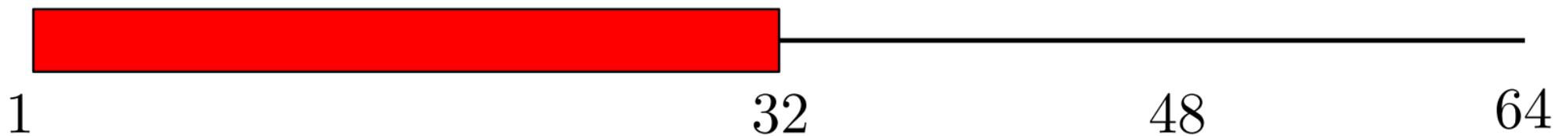
Is $x > 32$?

Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

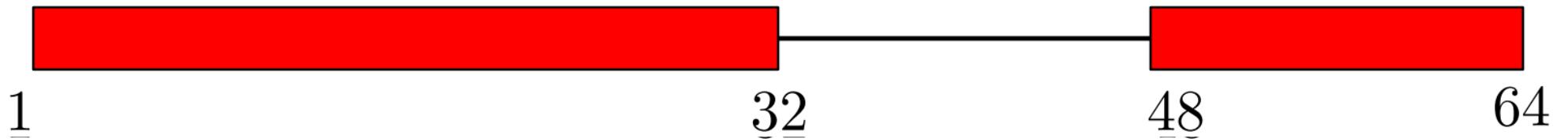
Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$

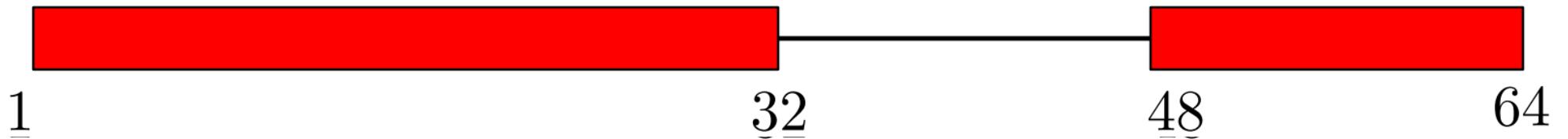
Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Binary Search Example

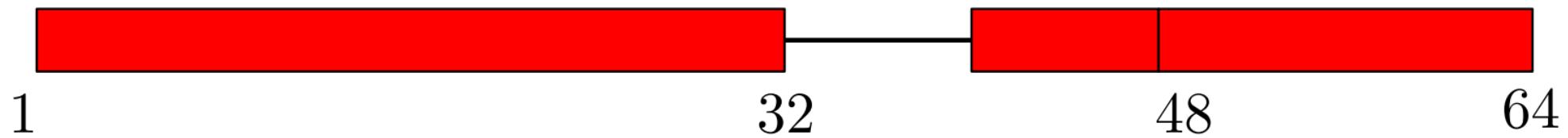


Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 40?$

Binary Search Example

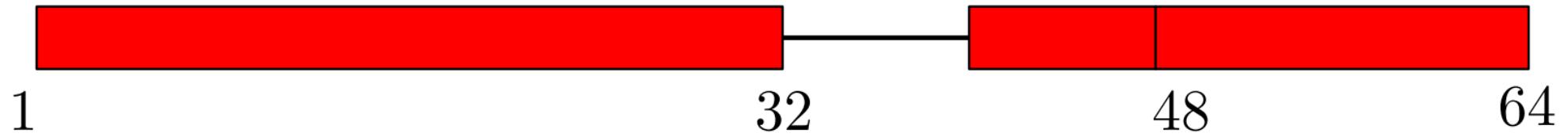


Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 40?$ Answer: No

Binary Search Example



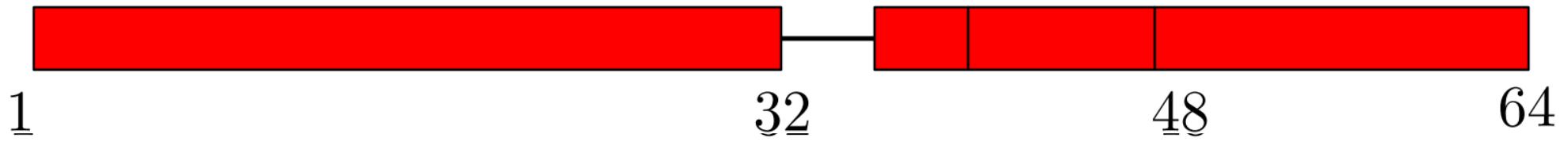
Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 40?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 36?$

Binary Search Example



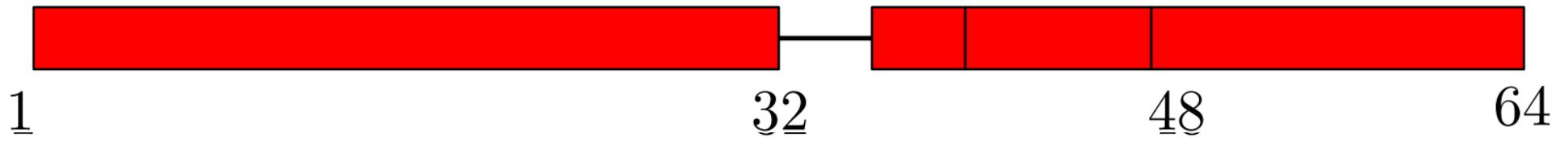
Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 40?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 36?$ Answer: No

Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

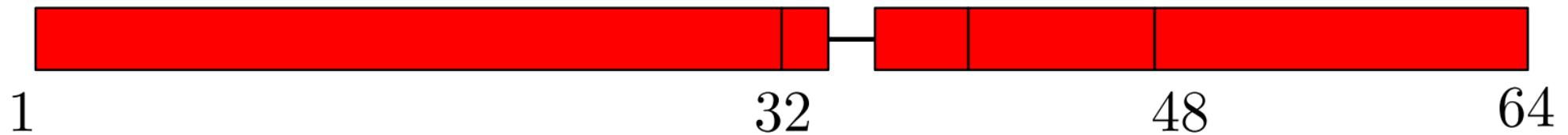
Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 40?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 36?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 34?$

Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

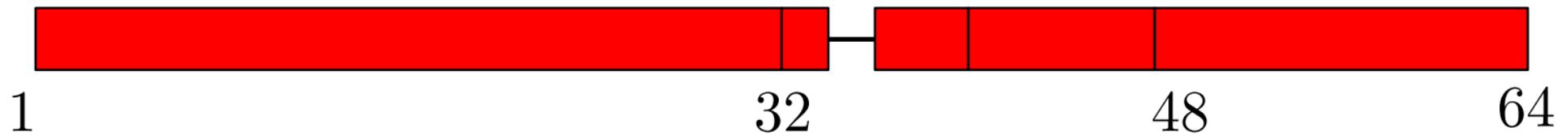
Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 40?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 36?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 34?$ Answer: Yes

Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

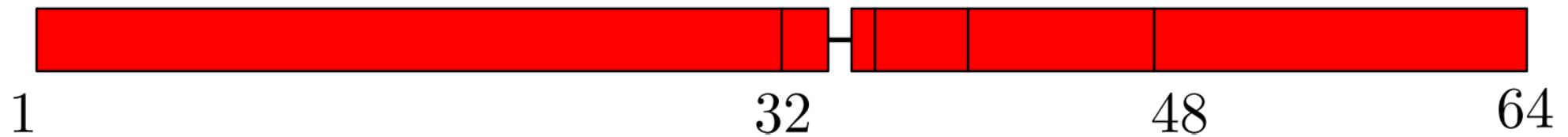
Is $x > 40?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 36?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 34?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 35?$

Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32$? Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48$? Answer: No

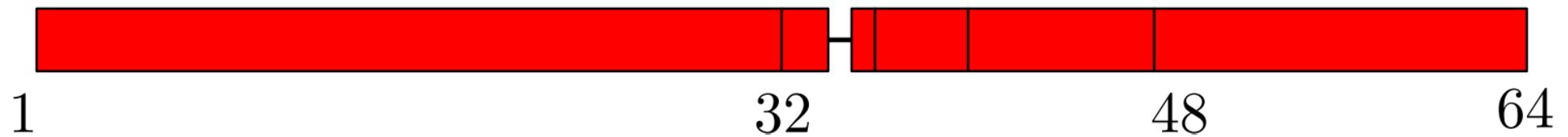
Is $x > 40$? Answer: No

Is $x > 36$? Answer: No

Is $x > 34$? Answer: Yes

Is $x > 35$? Answer: No

Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32$? Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48$? Answer: No

Is $x > 40$? Answer: No

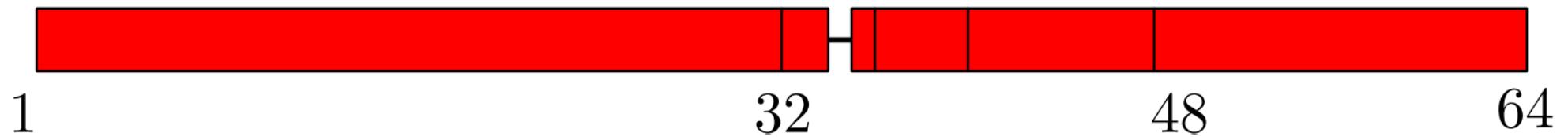
Is $x > 36$? Answer: No

Is $x > 34$? Answer: Yes

Is $x > 35$? Answer: No

Is $x = 35$?

Binary Search Example



Is $x > 32?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 48?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 40?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 36?$ Answer: No

Is $x > 34?$ Answer: Yes

Is $x > 35?$ Answer: No

Is $x = 35?$ Answer: BINGO!

Binary Search Example

- Method: Each guess **reduces** the problem to one in which the range is only **half** as big.

Binary Search Example

- Method: Each guess reduces the problem to one in which the range is only half as big.

This divides the original problem into one that is only half as big; we can now (recursively) conquer this smaller problem.

Binary Search Example

- Method: Each guess reduces the problem to one in which the range is only half as big.

This divides the original problem into one that is only half as big; we can now (recursively) conquer this smaller problem.

Note: When n is a power of 2, $T(n)$, the number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$, satisfies

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Binary Search Example

- Method: Each guess reduces the problem to one in which the range is only half as big.

This divides the original problem into one that is only half as big; we can now (recursively) conquer this smaller problem.

Note: When n is a power of 2, $T(n)$, the number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$, satisfies

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

This can also be proved inductively, similar to the tower of Hanoi recurrence.

Binary Search Example

- $T(n)$: number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$

Binary Search Example

- $T(n)$: number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$

Assume: n is a power of 2. Give recurrence for $T(n)$

Binary Search Example

- $T(n)$: number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$

Assume: n is a power of 2. Give recurrence for $T(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Binary Search Example

- $T(n)$: number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$

Assume: n is a power of 2. Give recurrence for $T(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Number of questions needed for **binary search** on n items is:

Binary Search Example

- $T(n)$: number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$

Assume: n is a power of 2. Give recurrence for $T(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Number of questions needed for **binary search** on n items is:

first step

+

time to perform binary search on the remaining $n/2$ items

Binary Search Example

- $T(n)$: number of questions in a binary search on $[1, n]$

Assume: n is a power of 2. Give recurrence for $T(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Number of questions needed for **binary search** on n items is:

first step

+

time to perform binary search on the remaining $n/2$ items

Base case (1 item): $T(1) = 1$ to ask: “Is the number k ?”

Binary Search Example



$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + C_2 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, we will (usually) assume that n is a power of 2 (or sometimes 3 or 4) and also often that constants such as C_1, C_2 are 1. This will let us replace a recurrence such as $(*)$ by one such as $(**)$.

Binary Search Example

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + C_2 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, we will (usually) assume that n is a power of 2 (or sometimes 3 or 4) and also often that constants such as C_1, C_2 are 1. This will let us replace a recurrence such as $(*)$ by one such as $(**)$.

$$(**) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Binary Search Example

- (*) $T(n) = \begin{cases} C_1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + C_2 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$

For simplicity, we will (usually) assume that n is a power of 2 (or sometimes 3 or 4) and also often that constants such as C_1, C_2 are 1. This will let us replace a recurrence such as (*) by one such as (**).

$$(**) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

In practice, the solution of (*) will be very close to that of (**) (this can be proved mathematically). Hence, we can restrict attention to (**).

Growth Rates of Solutions to Recurrences

- Divide and conquer algorithms
- Iterating recurrences
- Three different behaviors

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1



$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

This corresponds to solving a problem of size n , by

- (i) solving 2 subproblems of size $n/2$ and
- (ii) doing n units of additional work

or using $T(1)$ work for “bottom” case of $n = 1$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

This corresponds to solving a problem of size n , by

- (i) solving 2 subproblems of size $n/2$ and
- (ii) doing n units of additional work

or using $T(1)$ work for “bottom” case of $n = 1$

In the course “Analysis of Algorithms”, this is exactly how
Mergesort works.

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

This corresponds to solving a problem of size n , by

- (i) solving 2 subproblems of size $n/2$ and
- (ii) doing n units of additional work

or using $T(1)$ work for “bottom” case of $n = 1$

In the course “Analysis of Algorithms”, this is exactly how **Mergesort** works.

We now see how to solve $(*)$ by algebraically iterating the recurrence.

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- Algebraically iterating the recurrence

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- Algebraically iterating the recurrence

Assume that n is a power of 2

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- Algebraically iterating the recurrence

Assume that n is a power of 2

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 2\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2n &= 4\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \frac{n}{4}\right) + 2n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- Algebraically iterating the recurrence

Assume that n is a power of 2

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 2\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\&= 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2n &= 4\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \frac{n}{4}\right) + 2n \\&= 8T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 3n\end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- Algebraically iterating the recurrence

Assume that n is a power of 2

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 2\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 2n &= 4\left(2T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \frac{n}{4}\right) + 2n \\ &= 8T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + 3n \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 2^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + in \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- Algebraically iterating the recurrence

Assume that n is a power of 2

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

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

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

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \\ = 2^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + in$$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \\ = 2^{\log_2 n} T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + (\log_2 n)n$$

End when $i = \log_2 n$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- Algebraically iterating the recurrence

Assume that n is a power of 2

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

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

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

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \\ = 2^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + in$$

End when $i = \log_2 n$

$$\vdots \quad \vdots \\ = 2^{\log_2 n} T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + (\log_2 n)n$$

$$= nT(1) + n\log_2 n$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- We just iterated the recurrence to derive that the solution to

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

is $nT(1) + n \log_2 n$.

Iterating Recurrences: Example 1

- We just iterated the recurrence to derive that the solution to

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} T(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

is $nT(1) + n \log_2 n$.

Note: Technically, we still need to use **induction** to prove that our solution is correct. Practically, we **never** explicitly perform this step, since it is obvious how the induction would work.

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1 &= \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 1\right) + 1 \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1 &= \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 1\right) + 1 \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 2 &= \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 1\right) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1 &= \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 1\right) + 1 \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 2 &= \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 1\right) + 2 \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1 &= \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 1\right) + 1 \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 2 &= \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 1\right) + 2 \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 3 \\ &\vdots &\vdots \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + i \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 2 = \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 1\right) + 2$$

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

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + i$$

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + \log_2 n$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 2

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + 1 & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + 2 = \left(T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + 1\right) + 2$$

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

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + i$$

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + \log_2 n = 1 + \log_2 n$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 3

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 3

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2} + n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 3

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2} + n \\ &= T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 3

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \frac{n}{2^{i-1}} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 3

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \frac{n}{2^{i-1}} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + \frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n - 1}} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 3

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \frac{n}{2^{i-1}} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + \frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n - 1}} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 3

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

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

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

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \frac{n}{2^{i-1}} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

⋮

⋮

$$= T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + \frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n - 1}} + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \cdots + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2} + n = \Theta(n)$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n &= 3\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + \frac{n}{3}\right) + n \\ &= 3^2T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n &= 3\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + \frac{n}{3}\right) + n \\ &= 3^2T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n &= 3^2\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + \frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n &= 3\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + \frac{n}{3}\right) + n \\ &= 3^2T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n &= 3^2\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + \frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n \\ &= 3^3T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + 3n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n &= 3\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + \frac{n}{3}\right) + n \\ &= 3^2 T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n &= 3^2 \left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + \frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n \\ &= 3^3 T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + 3n \\ &\vdots &\vdots \\ &= 3^i T\left(\frac{n}{3^i}\right) + in \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n &= 3\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + \frac{n}{3}\right) + n \\ &= 3^2 T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n &= 3^2 \left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + \frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n \\ &= 3^3 T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + 3n \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 3^i T\left(\frac{n}{3^i}\right) + in \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 3^{\log_3 n} T\left(\frac{n}{3^{\log_3 n}}\right) + n \log_3 n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 4

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n < 3 \\ 3T(n/3) + n & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 3T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + n &= 3\left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + \frac{n}{3}\right) + n \\ &= 3^2 T\left(\frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n &= 3^2 \left(3T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + \frac{n}{3^2}\right) + 2n \\ &= 3^3 T\left(\frac{n}{3^3}\right) + 3n \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 3^i T\left(\frac{n}{3^i}\right) + in \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 3^{\log_3 n} T\left(\frac{n}{3^{\log_3 n}}\right) + n \log_3 n &= n + n \log_3 n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

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

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 4\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4^2T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 4\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4^2T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n &= 4^2\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 4\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4^2T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n &= 4^2\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &= 4^3T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{4^2}{2^2}n + \frac{4}{2}n + n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 4\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4^2 T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n &= 4^2 \left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &= 4^3 T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{4^2}{2^2}n + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &\vdots &\vdots \\ &= 4^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \frac{4^{i-1}}{2^{i-1}}n + \cdots + \frac{4^2}{2^2}n + n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 4\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4^2 T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n &= 4^2 \left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &= 4^3 T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{4^2}{2^2}n + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 4^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \frac{4^{i-1}}{2^{i-1}}n + \cdots + \frac{4^2}{2^2}n + n \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 4^{\log_2 n} T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + \frac{4^{\log_2 n - 1}}{2^{\log_2 n - 1}}n + \cdots + \frac{4}{2}n + n \end{aligned}$$

Iterating Recurrences: Example 5

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n &= 4\left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\ &= 4^2 T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n &= 4^2 \left(4T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{n}{2^2}\right) + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &= 4^3 T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) + \frac{4^2}{2^2}n + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 4^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \frac{4^{i-1}}{2^{i-1}}n + \cdots + \frac{4^2}{2^2}n + n \\ &\quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ &= 4^{\log_2 n} T\left(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}\right) + \frac{4^{\log_2 n - 1}}{2^{\log_2 n - 1}}n + \cdots + \frac{4}{2}n + n \\ &= 2n^2 - n \end{aligned}$$

Three Different Behaviors

- Compare the iteration for the recurrences

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + n$$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

Three Different Behaviors

- Compare the iteration for the recurrences

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + n$$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

- ◊ all three recurrences iterate $\log_2 n$ times
- ◊ in each case, size of subproblem in next iteration is **half** the size in the preceding iteration level

Three Different Behaviors

- **Theorem** Suppose that we have a recurrence of the form

$$T(n) = aT(n/2) + n,$$

where a is a positive integer and $T(1)$ is nonnegative. Then we have the following **big Θ** bounds on the solution:

1. If $a < 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.
2. If $a = 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.
3. If $a > 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 a})$

Three Different Behaviors

- **Theorem** Suppose that we have a recurrence of the form

$$T(n) = aT(n/2) + n,$$

where a is a positive integer and $T(1)$ is nonnegative. Then we have the following **big Θ** bounds on the solution:

1. If $a < 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.
2. If $a = 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.
3. If $a > 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 a})$

Proof

We already proved Case 1 when $a = 1$ in Example 3.
(will not prove it for $1 < a < 2$)

We already proved Case 2 in Example 1.

We will now prove Case 3.

Iterating Recurrences

- $T(n) = aT(n/2) + n$, where $a > 2$. Assume that $n = 2^i$.

Iterating Recurrences

- $T(n) = aT(n/2) + n$, where $a > 2$. Assume that $n = 2^i$.

Iterating as in Example 5 gives

$$T(n) = a^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \left(\frac{a^{i-1}}{2^{i-1}} + \frac{a^{i-2}}{2^{i-2}} + \dots + \frac{a}{2} + 1\right) n$$

Iterating Recurrences

- $T(n) = aT(n/2) + n$, where $a > 2$. Assume that $n = 2^i$.

Iterating as in Example 5 gives

$$T(n) = a^i T\left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right) + \left(\frac{a^{i-1}}{2^{i-1}} + \frac{a^{i-2}}{2^{i-2}} + \dots + \frac{a}{2} + 1\right) n$$

$$T(n) = a^{\log_2 n} T(1) + n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^i$$

Work at
“bottom”

Iterated
Work

Total work

- The total work is

$$T(n) = a^{\log_2 n} T(1) + n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^i$$

Total work

- The total work is

$$T(n) = a^{\log_2 n} T(1) + n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^i$$

Since $a > 2$, the geometric series is Θ of the largest term.

$$n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^i = n \frac{1 - (a/2)^{\log_2 n}}{1 - a/2} = n \Theta((a/2)^{\log_2 n - 1})$$

Total work

- n times the largest term in the geometric series is

$$n \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n - 1} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{n} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot a^{\log_2 n}$$

Total work

- n times the largest term in the geometric series is

$$n \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n - 1} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{n} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot a^{\log_2 n}$$

Notice that

$$a^{\log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 a})^{\log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 n})^{\log_2 a} = n^{\log_2 a}$$

Total work

- n times the largest term in the geometric series is

$$n \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n - 1} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{n} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot a^{\log_2 n}$$

Notice that

$$a^{\log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 a})^{\log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 n})^{\log_2 a} = n^{\log_2 a}$$

So the total work is

$$a^{\log_2 n} T(1) + n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^i$$

Total work

- n times the largest term in the geometric series is

$$n \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n - 1} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot \frac{n \cdot a^{\log_2 n}}{n} = \frac{2}{a} \cdot a^{\log_2 n}$$

Notice that

$$a^{\log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 a})^{\log_2 n} = (2^{\log_2 n})^{\log_2 a} = n^{\log_2 a}$$

So the total work is

$$a^{\log_2 n} T(1) + n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n - 1} \left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^i$$

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 a})$$

$$\Theta(n^{\log_2 a})$$

Example 5 Recap

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Example 5 Recap

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$a = 4$, so the Theorem says that

$$T(n) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_2 a}\right) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_2 4}\right) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Example 5 Recap

■

$$(*) \quad T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$a = 4$, so the Theorem says that

$$T(n) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_2 a}\right) = \Theta\left(n^{\log_2 4}\right) = \Theta(n^2)$$

This matches with the exact answer of $2n^2 - n$.

Three Different Behaviors

- **Theorem** Suppose that we have a recurrence of the form

$$T(n) = aT(n/2) + n,$$

where a is a positive integer and $T(1)$ is nonnegative. Then we have the following **big Θ** bounds on the solution:

1. If $a < 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.
2. If $a = 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.
3. If $a > 2$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 a})$

The Master Theorem

- **Theorem** Suppose that we have a recurrence of the form

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^d,$$

where a is a positive integer, $b \geq 1$, c, d are real numbers with c positive and d nonnegative, and $T(1)$ is nonnegative. Then we have the following big Θ bounds on the solution:

1. If $a < b^d$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^d)$.
2. If $a = b^d$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^d \log n)$.
3. If $a > b^d$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Next Lecture

- counting ...

