



Let  $X_k$  be the indicator random variable:

$$X_k = I\{\text{the subarray } A[p..q] \text{ has } k \text{ elements}\}.$$

$$E[X_k] = \frac{1}{n} \quad (\text{where } n \text{ is length of } A[p..r].)$$

$$T(n) \leq \overset{O(n)}{+} X_1 \cdot T(n-1) + X_2 \cdot T(n-2) + X_3 \cdot T(n-3) + \dots + X_k \cdot T(\max(k-1, n-k)) + \dots + X_n \cdot T(n-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E[T(n)] &\leq \underline{E[O(n)]} + E\left[\sum_{k=1}^n \underline{X_k \cdot T(\max(k-1, n-k))}\right] \\
&= \underline{O(n)} + \sum_{k=1}^n \underline{E[X_k] \cdot E[T(\max(k-1, n-k))]} \\
&= O(n) + \sum_{k=1}^n \underline{\frac{1}{n} E[T(\max(k-1, n-k))]} \\
&= O(n) + \underline{\frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} E[T(k)]}
\end{aligned}$$

Note :  $\max(k-1, n-k) = \begin{cases} n-k & \text{if } k \leq \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ k-1 & \text{if } k > \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \end{cases}$

$$* E[T(n)] \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}^{n-1} E[T(k)] + \underline{an}$$

use substitution method to show

$$E[T(n)] \leq cn$$

Assume  $E[T(m)] \leq cm$  for all  $m < n$

$$\text{Then } E[T(n)] \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}^{n-1} ck + an$$

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$$\leq \underline{cn - \left( \frac{cn}{4} - \frac{c}{2} - an \right)}$$

$$\leq \underline{cn} \quad \text{iff} \quad \underline{\frac{cn}{4} - \frac{c}{2} - an \geq 0}$$

$$\text{iff} \quad n \geq \frac{2c}{c-4a}$$

Choose  $c > 4a$  and  $n_0 = \frac{2c}{c-4a}$

e.g.  $c = 5a$  and  $n_0 = 10$ .

Then  $E[T(n)] \leq cn$

$$\therefore E[T(n)] = O(n)$$

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