

# Complexity Analysis and Recursion

Review and Master Theorem

# Complexity Analysis Review

- We measure and compare **growth of resource usage** (time, memory) of the algorithm with respect to **size of input** (N)
  - By using growth, we focus our measurement on **long term trend** (large input) while disregarding unimportant detail
  - This can be done by **counting major primitive instruction** as a function of N and comparing the function with other function

```
int test2(vector<int> v) {  
    int sum = 0;    n: v.size()  
    for (int i = 0; i < v.size(); i++)  
        for (int j = i+1; j < v.size(); j++)  
            sum += v[i] + v[j];    Most executed line  
    return sum;  
}
```

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n-1} 1$$
$$= \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$$

T(n) grows similar to  $n^2$

# Counting the most executed instruction

- First, we have to identify the **most executed instruction** (line) in the code
  - Must be a **primitive instruction** (arithmetic operation, basic comparison, assignment operation but not a function call to a complex function)

```
void erase(iterator it) {  
    while((it+1)!=end()) {  
        *it = *(it+1);      Most executed line  
        it++;  
    }  
    mSize--;  
}
```

Mostly, it is the one in the innermost loop

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```
tree_iterator& operator++() {  
    → if (ptr->right == NULL) {  
        node *parent = ptr->parent;  
        while (parent != NULL &&  
                parent->right == ptr) {  
            ptr = parent;  
            parent = ptr->parent;  
        }  
        ptr = parent;  
    → } else {  
        ptr = ptr->right;  
        while (ptr->left != NULL)  
            ptr = ptr->left;  
    }  
    return (*this);  
}
```

Sometime, it is separated

# Counting the most executed line

- Calculate how many time it should be executed, with respect to N (size of input)
- Mostly, we derive a summation that use N

$$\ast \sum_{i=0}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\ast \sum_{i=0}^n a^i = \frac{1}{1-a} \quad (\text{when } \underline{a < 1})$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n c^i = \frac{c^{n+1} - 1}{c - 1}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \log(i) = \underline{\log(n!)}$$

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

$$\frac{c^{n+1} - 1}{c - 1}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-c}$$

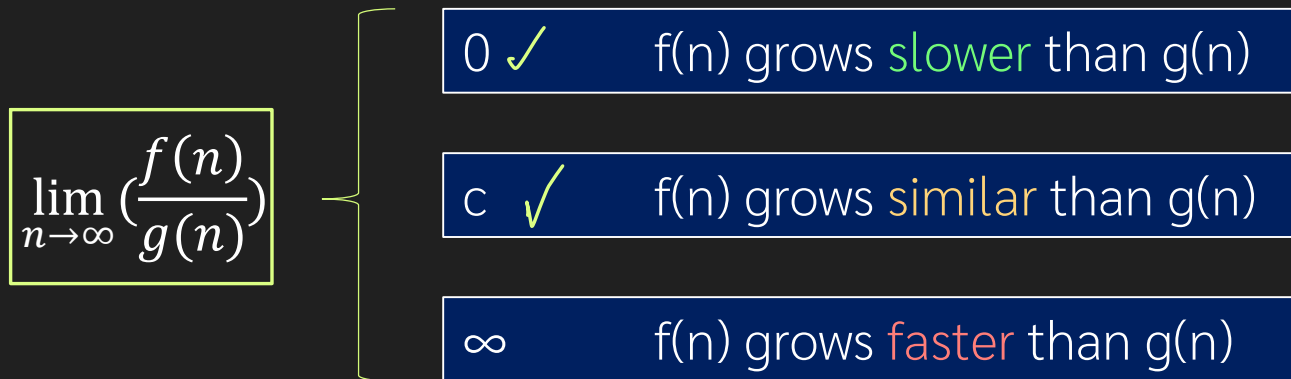
$$\log(i) = \log(n!)$$

# Asymptotic Notation

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- To emphasize on long term trend, we use asymptotic notation

Notation	Meaning
$O(g(N))$	Set of all functions $T(n)$ that grows <b>not faster</b> than $g(N)$
$\theta(g(N))$	Set of all functions $T(n)$ that grows <b>equal</b> to $g(N)$
$\Omega(g(N))$	Set of all functions $T(n)$ that grows <b>not slower</b> than $g(N)$
$o(g(N))$	Set of all functions $T(n)$ that grows <b>slower</b> than $g(N)$
$\omega(g(N))$	Set of all functions $T(n)$ that grows <b>faster</b> than $g(N)$

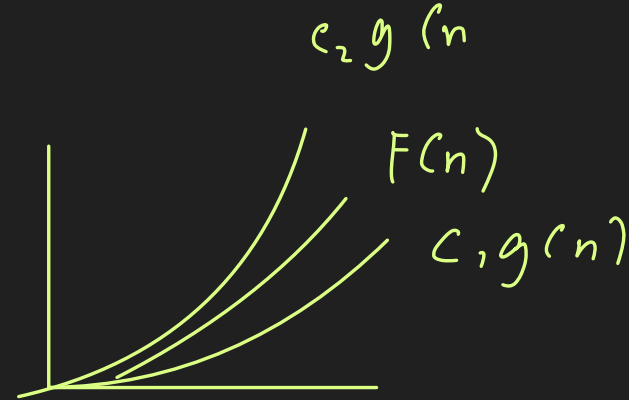


# Another Definition

- Using set builder notation
- ✓ •  $O(g(n)) = \{ f(n) \mid \text{there exists } c > 0 \text{ and } \underline{n_0 \geq 0} \text{ such that } f(n) \leq cg(n) \text{ for } n \geq n_0 \}$
- ✓ •  $\Theta(g(n)) = \{ f(n) \mid \text{there exists } c_1 > 0, c_2 > 0 \text{ and } n_0 \geq 0 \text{ such that } c_1g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2g(n) \text{ for } n \geq n_0 \}$

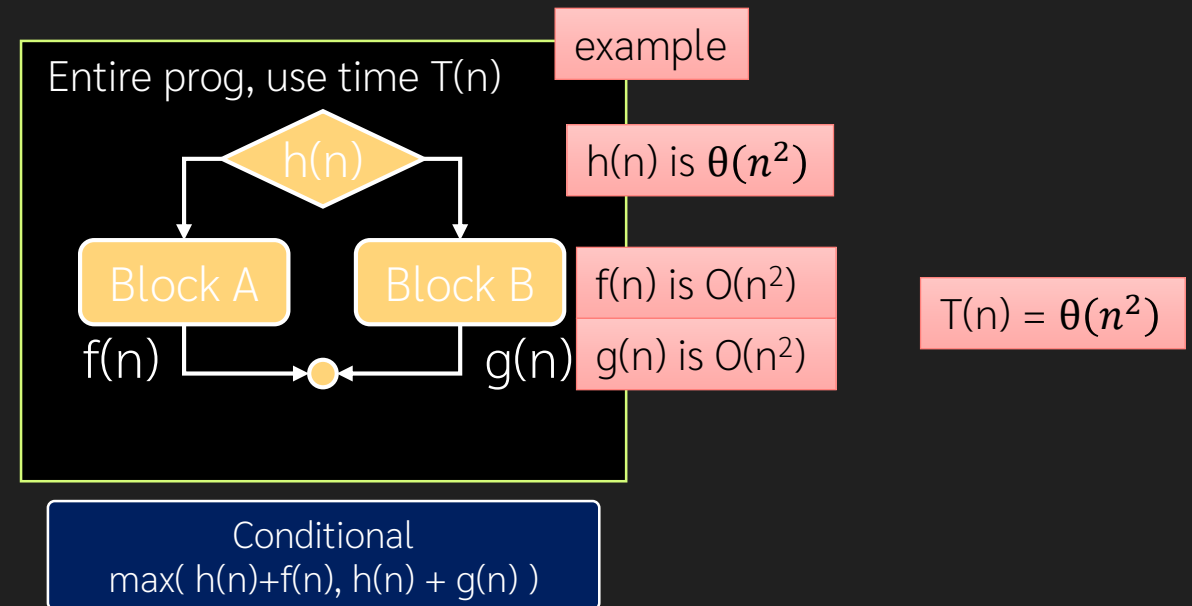
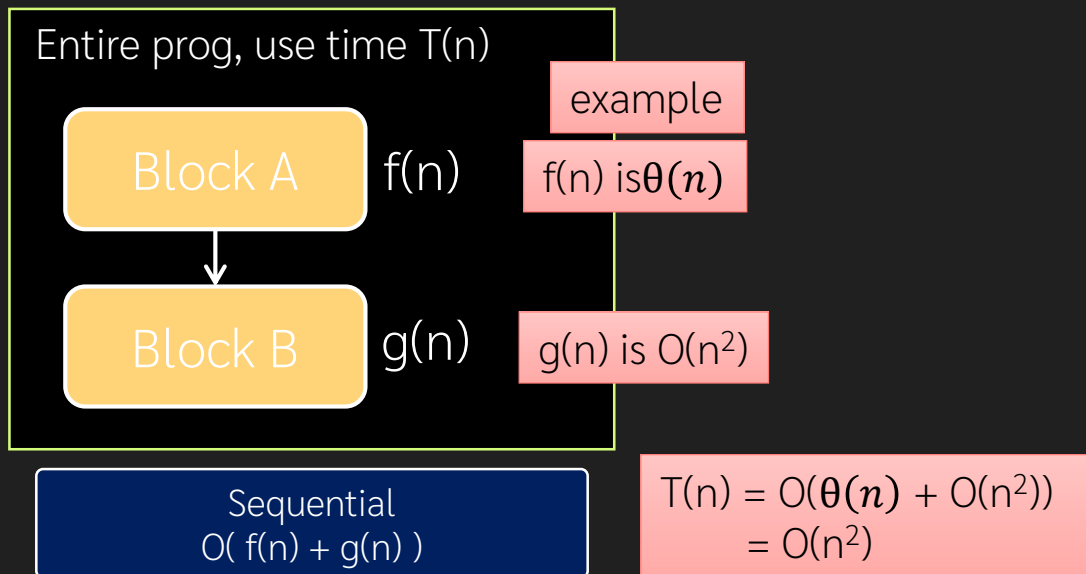
## Best Case, Worst case

- We prefer a tight bound ( $\Theta$ )
- However, some cases cannot be described by a tight bound due to the nature of the algorithm and the input
  - We use upper bound ( $O$ ) to simplify
  - Instead of saying that a function grows exactly as  $g(n)$ , we say that that function **does not grows beyond  $g(n)$**  which is the worst case
  - Example, **insertion sort**, it is possible that the algorithm runs very fast (best case in  $O(n)$ ) but its worst case is  $O(n^2)$



# Some shortcut from code ทางลัด (ไม่ได้) → ขอยกเว้นเถอะ

- Beware! Exceptions happens
- Let  $h(n)$  is the instruction count of the entire program which has several Block-X





## Some shortcut from code

- Simply count the time the innermost operation happens with respect to N
- Remove multiplicative constant and any other term with lesser growth

•  $T(N) = 5n^3 - 2n + 4$  is  $O(n^3)$

•  $T(N) = n * n + \log n$  is  $O(n^2)$

•  $T(N) = n \log n / n + \sqrt{n}$  is  $O(\sqrt{n})$

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# Example : Euclid's GCD

```
def gcd(a, b) {  
  while (b > 0) {  
    tmp = b  
    b = a mod b  
    a = tmp  
  }  
  return a  
}
```

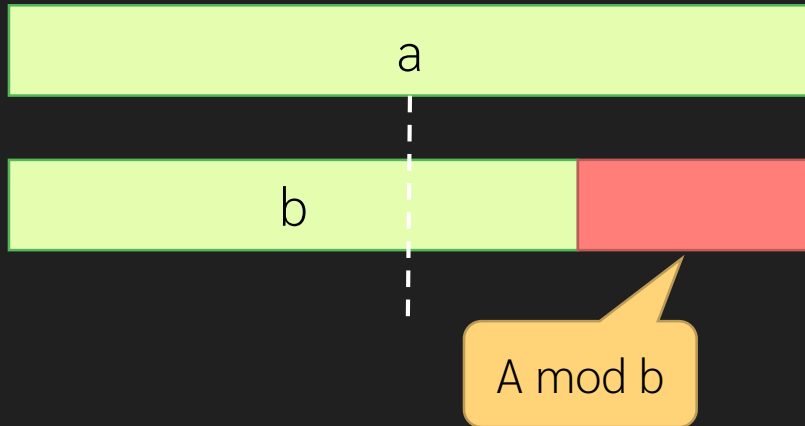
*assume b smaller a*

*Most executed line*

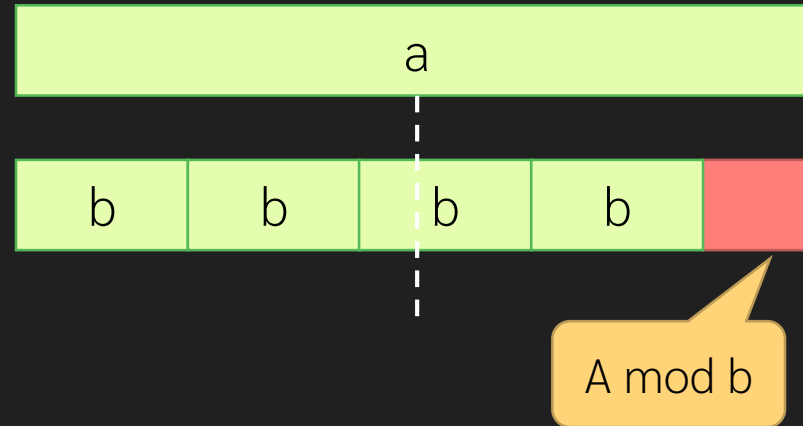
- How many iteration?
  - While loop runs until the result of mod is 0
  - The **divisor** (b) changes into **dividend** (a)
  - The **remainder** (a mod b) changes into the **divisor** (b)
- Proposition: The number of iteration is, at most,  $\log(\min \max(a,b))$ 
  - Because b reduces by at least half

# How many iteration?

Case 1:  $b > a/2$



Case 2:  $b < a/2$



$O(\lg n)$  →

```
def gcd(a, b) {  
    while (b > 0) {  
        tmp = b  
        b = a mod b  
        a = tmp  
    }  
    return a  
}
```

- Remainder becomes divisor
- The divisor ( $b$ ) reduce by at least half
- Loop until divisor is zero, Hence  $O(\log n)$

# Recursive Program and Analysis

# Recursive Program

- Function that calls itself
- Has 2 parts
  - Separate by terminating condition
  - ▶ • **Terminating case** (trivial case)
    - The case that has **no recursion**
    - Without this one, program will always call itself and never finish
  - ▶ • **Recursion case**
    - The case that **call itself** (sub-problem)

Terminating  
condition

```
// calculate sum 0..n
int recur1(int n) {
    if (n <= 0) {
        // terminating case
        return 0;
    } else {
        // recursion case
        return recur1(n-1) + n;
    }
}
```

Different parameter,  
going toward termination

# Example

```
void draw_tri(int level,int max) {  
    if (level <= max) {  
        for (int j = 0;j < level;j++)  
            printf("*");  
        printf("\n");  
        draw_tri(level + 1,max);  
    }  
}
```

draw\_tri(1,5):  
\*  
\*\*  
\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*

draw\_tri(1,3):  
\*  
\*\*  
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Actual work

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} n + T(n + 1) & ; n \leq \text{max} \\ 0 & ; n > \text{max} \end{cases}$$

n equal to "level"

Recursive

- There is a **terminating case**, it does nothing
- What is the time complexity?
- For recursive program, usually **T(N)** is a recurrence relation, consisting of two parts
  - The **actual work parts** and **recursive part**
  - The **initial condition** for the recurrence relation depends on the **terminating case** of the recursive

# Calculating Instruction Count function of a recursive program

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- **Method 1:** Using (non-)homogeneous linear recurrence relations (with knowledge from Discrete Structure class)

- **Method 2:** Using summation and substitution method

- With help of recursion tree

$$T(n) = aT(\dots)$$

- **Method 3:** Use a Master Method (or **Master Theorem**)

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Master Method is easiest but not applicable to all cases

# Example: Recursive GCD using Summation

```
def gcd(a, b)
  if (b == 0)
    return a
  return gcd(b, a mod b)
end
```

$$T(b) = \begin{cases} T(b/2) & ; b > 0 \\ 1 & ; b = 0 \end{cases}$$

*worse case*

Assume worst case:  
b reduce by half every time

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$$\begin{aligned} T(b) &= T\left(\frac{b}{2}\right) + 1 \\ T\left(\frac{b}{2}\right) &= T\left(\frac{b}{4}\right) + 1 \\ T\left(\frac{b}{4}\right) &= T\left(\frac{b}{8}\right) + 1 \\ &\dots \\ T\left(\frac{b}{2^{k-1}}\right) &= T\left(\frac{b}{2^k}\right) + 1 \\ T\left(\frac{b}{2^k}\right) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$2^k > b$

Sum both sides of the equation,  
Recursive terms cancel out

Result is  $T(b) = 1 \log(b)$





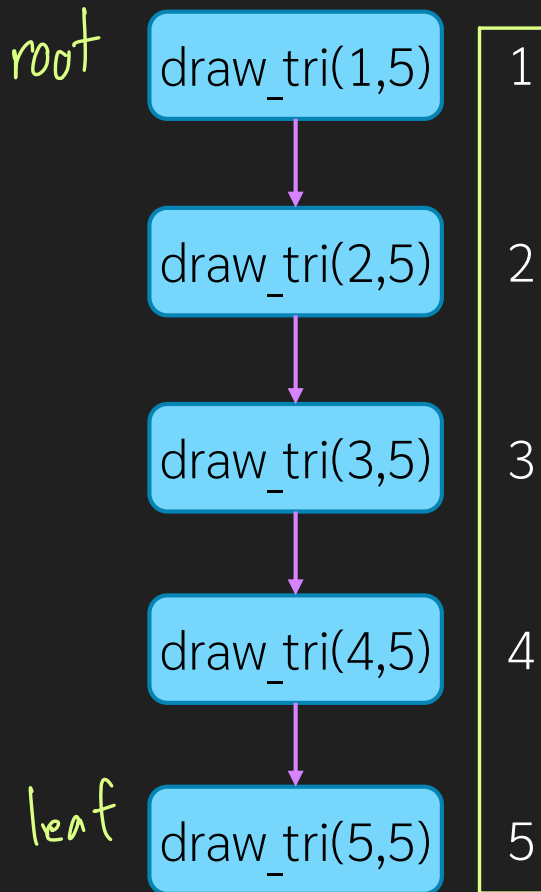
# Recursion Tree

- A tree that helps understanding recursive program (and its recurrence relation)
- A **node** is each function call
  - Describe a **parameter of a function** in the node
  - **Root node** is the **first** call to this recursive function
  - **Leaves nodes** are ones that is **terminating case** (no more recursive call)
- An **edge** is a function call
  - **Children** of each node is a function that **were called** by this node
  - **Order** the children according to the **order of call**
- Write actual works done by each node and sum it

# Recursion Tree Example

draw\_tri(1,5)

Actual work



$$T(1) = \cancel{T(2)} + \textcircled{1}$$

$$\cancel{T(2)} = \cancel{T(3)} + \textcircled{2}$$

$$\cancel{T(3)} = \cancel{T(4)} + \textcircled{3}$$

...

$$\cancel{T(max)} = \cancel{T(max+1)} + \textcircled{n}$$

$$\cancel{T(max+1)} = 0$$

```
void draw_tri(int level,int max) {
    if (level <= max) {
        for (int j = 0;j < level;j++)
            printf("*");
        printf("\n");
        draw_tri(level + 1,max);
    }
}
```

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} n + T(n+1) & ; n \leq max \\ 0 & ; n > \underline{max} \end{cases}$$

n is "level"

Let n be equal to max

Sum of all works = 1+2+...+max

$$\sum_1^{max} i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \textcircled{+} \theta(n^2)$$

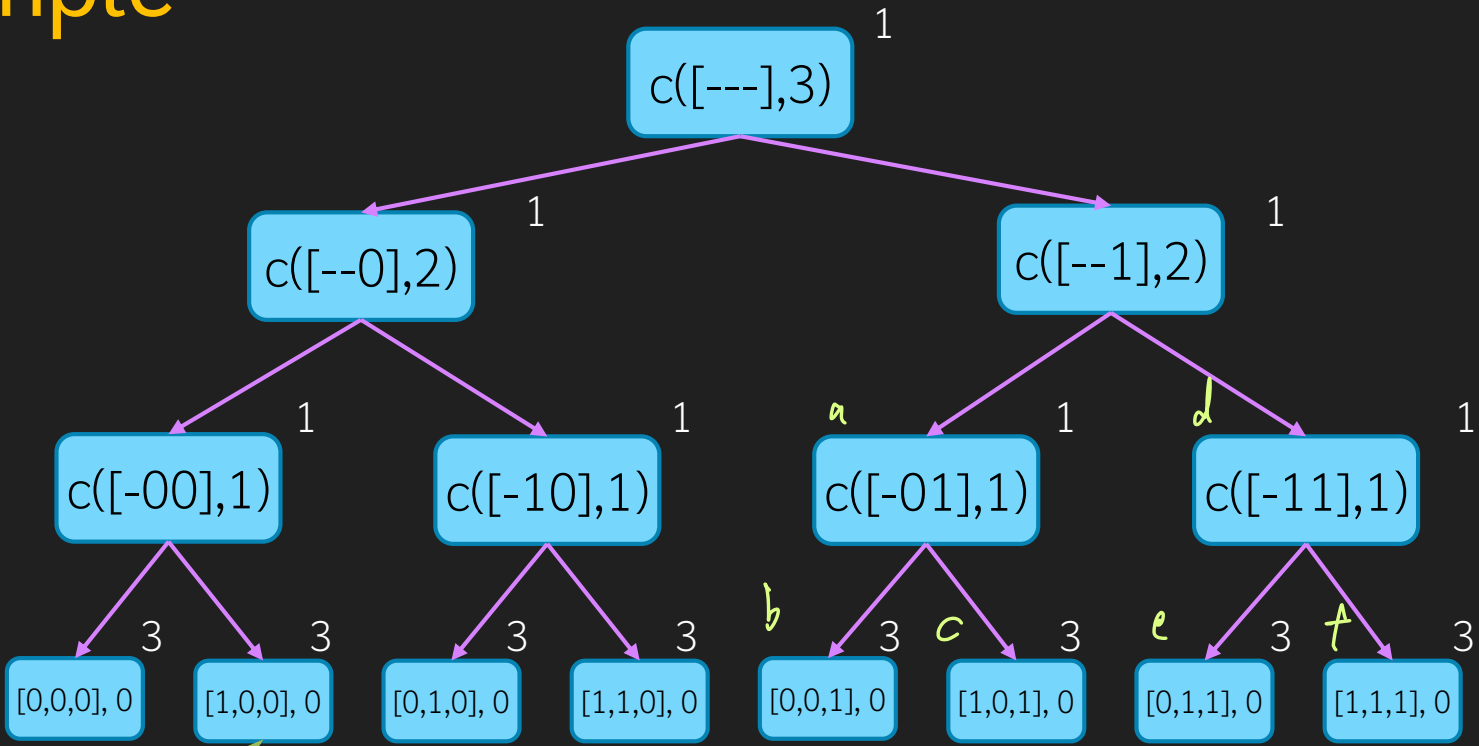
# Another Example

- Binary Counter

counter(a[1..3], 3, 3)

```
def counter(v[1..n], i, n)
  if (i > 0)
    v[i] = 0
    counter(v, i-1, n)

    v[i] = 1
    counter(v, i-1, n)
  else
    print v
  end
end
```



1

2

4

8\*3

Shorthand version,  
write only relevant  
parameters, v and i

actual work of each node is 1 (no work)

$$T(i) = \begin{cases} 2T(i-1) + 1 & ; i > 0 \\ n & ; i = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$T(n) = 2^n(n+1) - 1$$
$$T(n) = \theta(n2^n)$$

# Solving binary counter with Method 2

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 2T(n-1) + 1 \\2T(n-1) &= 4T(n-2) + 2 \\4T(n-2) &= 8T(n-3) + 4\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\dots \\2^i T(n-i) &= 2^{i-1} T(n-i-1) + 2^i\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\dots \\2^{n-1} T(n - (n-1)) &= 2^n T(n-n) + 2^{n-1} \\2^n T(n-n) &= 2^n * n\end{aligned}$$

$$T(i) = \begin{cases} 2T(i-1) + 1 & ; i > 0 \\ n & ; i = 0 \end{cases}$$

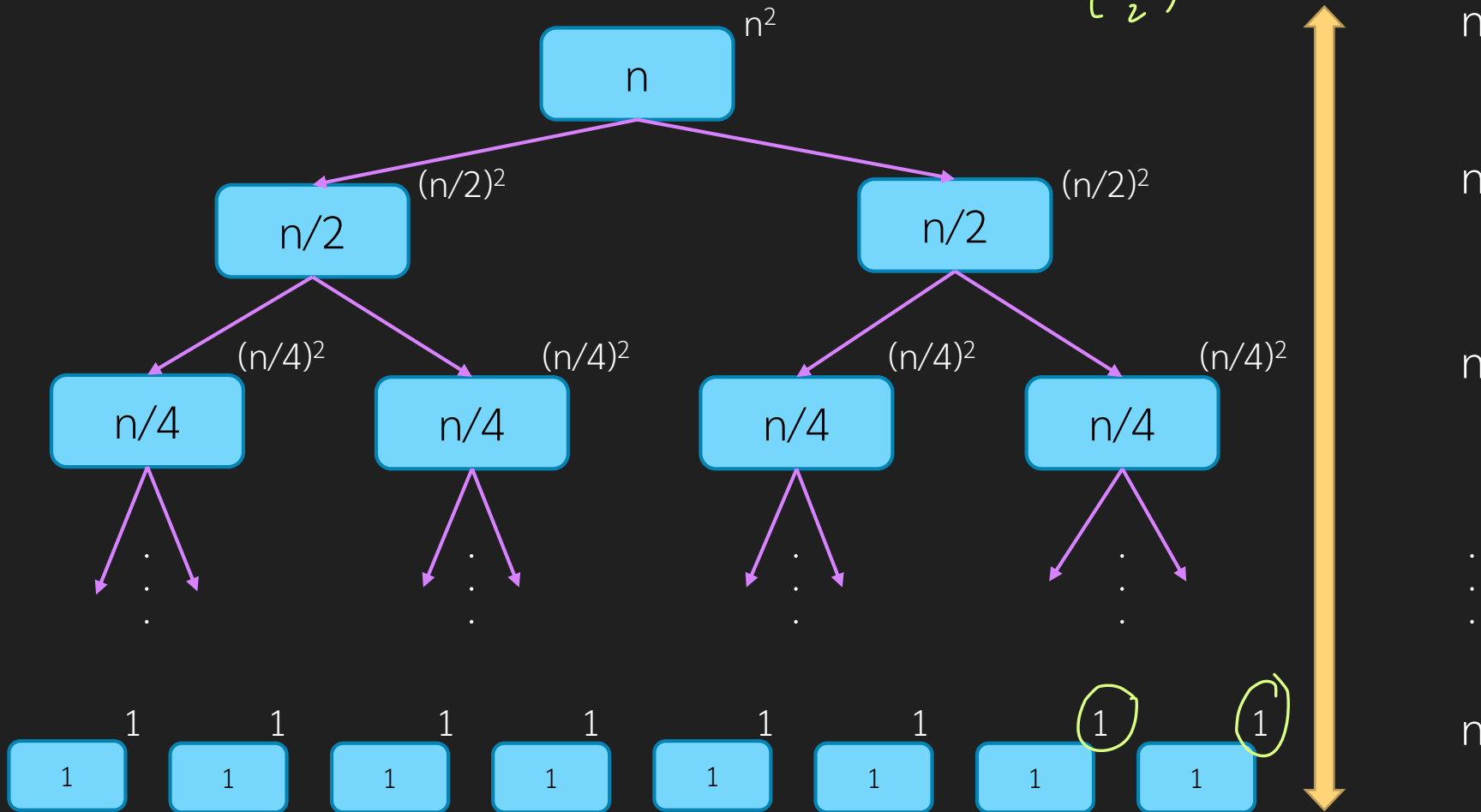
Sum both sides of the equation,  
Recursive terms cancel out

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Result is } T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i + 2^n * n \\&= 2^n - 1 + 2^n * n \\&= 2^n(n+1) - 1\end{aligned}$$

# More Example

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

Actual work,  
sum per level



$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \theta(n^d) \quad c = \log_b a$$

$$a \geq 1, \quad b > 1, \quad d \geq 0, \quad T(1) = 1$$

# Master Method

- Shortcut in solving some recurrent relation in this form

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + \theta(n^d)$$

With following condition:

$$a \geq 1$$

$$b > 1$$

$$d \geq 0$$

$$T(0) = 1$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \theta(n^c) & ; n^d < n^c \\ \theta(n^c \log n) & ; n^d = n^c \\ \theta(n^d) & ; n^d > n^c \end{cases}$$

Where  $c = \log_b(a)$

$$\log_2 2 = 1$$

Relation	c	case	result
$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$	$c = \log_2 2 = 1$	(2)	$\theta(n \log n)$
$T(n) = 1T(n/2) + n$	$c = \log_2 1 = 0$	(3)	$\theta(n)$
$T(n) = 10T(n/3) + n^2$	$c = \log_3 10 > 2$	(1)	$\theta(n^{\log_3 10})$
$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$	$c = \log_2 4 = 2$	(2)	$\theta(n^2 \log n)$

# Exception to Master Method

- $T(n) = 2T(n-1)$ 
  - Size of N does not scale as a ratio
- $T(N) = 3T(n/4) + 6T(n/8) + 1$ 
  - Summation of different size
- $T(N) = 2nT(n/3) + n$ 
  - Number of sub-problem is not constant

# Actual Version of Master Method

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

With following condition:

$$a \geq 1$$

$$b > 1$$

$$T(0) = 1$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \theta(n^c) & ; f(n) = O(n^{c-\epsilon}) \\ \theta(n^c \log^{k+1} n) & ; f(n) = \theta(n^c \log^k n) \\ \theta(n^d) & ; f(n) = \Omega(n^{c+\epsilon}) \end{cases}$$

Where  $c = \log_b(a)$

$$f(n) \\ n^d < n^c$$

$0 < \epsilon$  ฟังก์ชัน f(n) มีลำดับการเติบโตที่ต่ำกว่า

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นั่น  $T(n) = \sim + n \log n$



# Insight of Master Method

The diagram shows the Master Method equation  $T(n) = aT(n/b) + \theta(n^d)$  enclosed in a blue rounded rectangle. Below the equation, two colored boxes provide context: a red box under  $aT(n/b)$  explains the recursive step, and a green box under  $\theta(n^d)$  explains the base case work.

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + \theta(n^d)$$

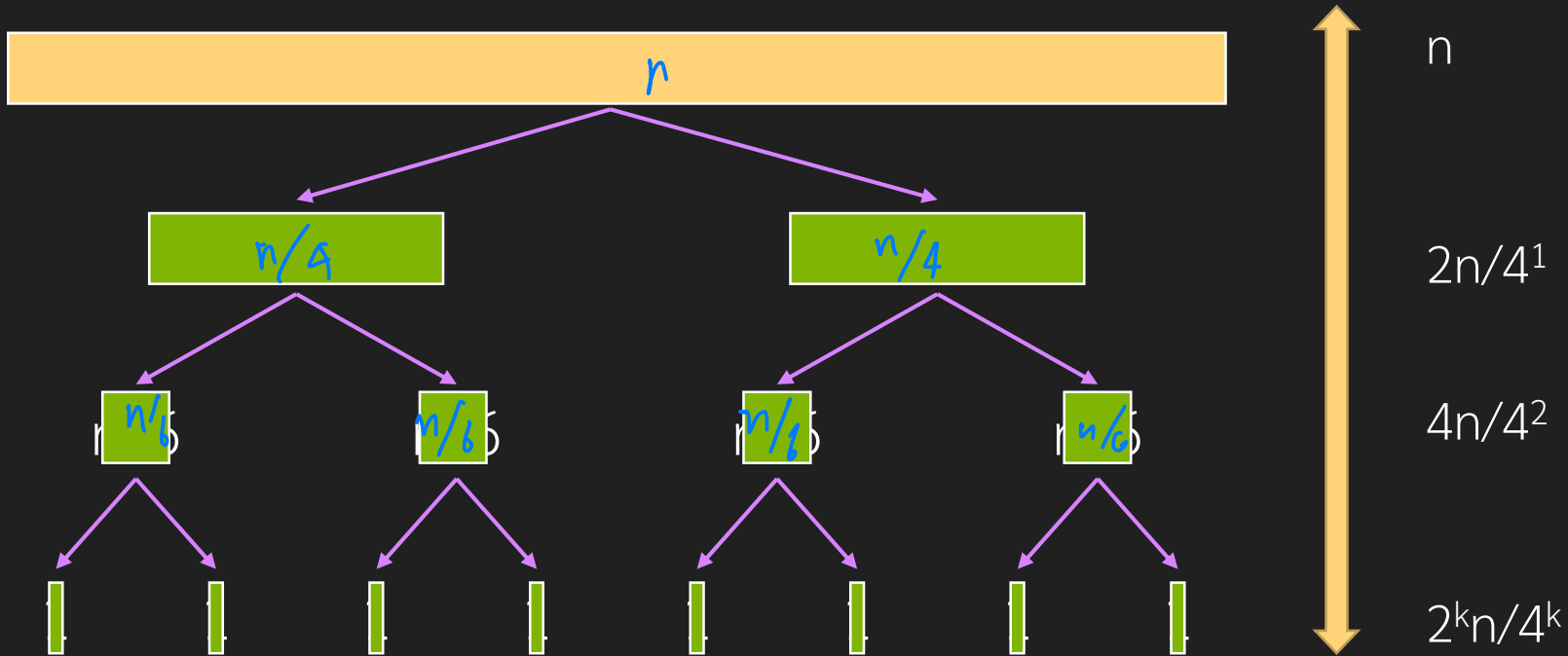
How size changes at each level

Actual work

- 3 cases
  - When actual work dominates, the result depends on actual work
  - When recursion dominates, the result depends on recursion
  - When both are critically equal, special case

# Example

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



There is  $k = \log_4(n)$  level

Actual work,  
sum per level

$$n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n} \frac{2^i}{4^i} = n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n} \frac{1}{2^i} \leq 2n = \theta(n)$$

# Example

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

Actual work,  
sum per level

$n$

$3n/3^1$

$3^2n/3^2$

$3^kn/3^k$

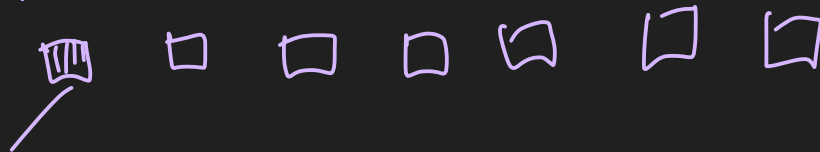
$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log_3 n} \frac{3^i n}{3^i} = n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_3 n} 1 = \theta(n \log n)$$

$$n^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n} \frac{16^i}{4^{2i}} = n^2 \log n$$

$$T(n) = 16T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^2$$



$n^2$



$$16 \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2$$

$$16^2 \left(\frac{n}{4 \cdot 4}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{n^2}{(4^2)^2}$$

# Recursion Tree Summary

- Writing **Recursion Tree** helps us understand relation between recursion and actual work
- Help us solve recurrence relation by substitution and summation
- Use **Master Method** when the recurrence relation allow