

Definition

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

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Die Lösung der Rekursion ergibt sich je nach $f(n)$:

1. Wenn $f(n) \in O(n^{\log_b(a)-\varepsilon})$ für ein $\varepsilon > 0$, dann gilt

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)})$$

2. Wenn $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)})$, dann gilt

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \log(n))$$

3. Wenn $f(n) \in \Omega(n^{\log_b(a)+\varepsilon})$ für ein $\varepsilon > 0$, und gilt für alle hinreichend großen n die Abschätzung $a f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq c f(n)$ für $0 < c < 1$, dann gilt

$$T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$$

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- same in english

"cooking recipe" to solve recurrences of the form

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

with $a \geq 1$ and $b > 1$.

In the following cases we directly get the solution ...

Case 1: $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

Case 2: $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$

Case 3: $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$

and $\exists c < 1$ such that $a \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq c \cdot f(n), n \geq n_0$

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Beispiele

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n)$$
$$a=2, b=2$$
$$n^{\log_2 2} = n^1$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{Fall 2}$$
$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(\sqrt{n})$$
$$\Rightarrow \text{Fall 1}$$
$$T(n) = \Theta(n)$$

Example 1: $T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n)$

parameter: $a = 4, b = 2, f(n) = \Theta(n) = \Theta(n^1)$
 $\log_b(a) = \log_2(4) = 2, n^{\log_b(a)} = n^2$

compare $f(n)$ with $n^{\log_b(a)}$:

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^1) \stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{O}(n^{2-\varepsilon}) \quad \text{for } 2 - \varepsilon \geq 1, 1 \geq \varepsilon$$
$$\stackrel{?}{=} \Theta(n^2) \quad \Rightarrow \text{Yes: } \varepsilon = 1$$
$$\stackrel{?}{=} \Omega(n^{2+\varepsilon}) \quad \Rightarrow \text{No}$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \text{for } 2 + \varepsilon \leq 1, \varepsilon \leq -1$$
$$\quad \quad \quad \Rightarrow \text{No}$$

$\Rightarrow \text{Case 1} \quad \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)}) = \Theta(n^2)$

Example 2: $T(n) = 4T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(n^2)$

parameter: $a = 4, b = 2, f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
 $\log_b(a) = \log_2(4) = 2, n^{\log_b(a)} = n^2$

compare $f(n)$ with $n^{\log_b(a)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) = \Theta(n^2) &\stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{O}(n^{2-\varepsilon}) && \text{for } 2 - \varepsilon \geq 2, 0 \geq \varepsilon \\ &\Rightarrow \text{No} \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \Theta(n^2) && \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \Omega(n^{2+\varepsilon}) && \text{for } 2 + \varepsilon \leq 2, \varepsilon \leq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{No} \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Case 2 $\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \log(n)) = \Theta(n^2 \log(n))$

Example 3: $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(n^2)$

parameter: $a = 3, b = 2, f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
 $\log_b(a) = \log_2(3), 1 < \log_2(3) < 2$
 $n^{\log_b(a)} = n^{\log_2(3)}$

compare $f(n)$ with $n^{\log_b(a)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) = \Theta(n^2) &\stackrel{?}{=} \mathcal{O}(n^{\log_2(3)-\varepsilon}) && \text{for } \log_2(3) - \varepsilon \geq 1, \\ &&& \log_2(3) - 2 \geq \varepsilon \\ &&& \Rightarrow \text{No} \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \Theta(n^{\log_2(3)}) && \Rightarrow \text{No} \\ &\stackrel{?}{=} \Omega(n^{\log_2(3)+\varepsilon}) && \text{for } \log_2(3) + \varepsilon \leq 2, \\ &&& \varepsilon \leq 2 - \log_2(3) \\ &&& \Rightarrow \text{Yes} \Rightarrow \text{Case 3?} \end{aligned}$$

parameter: $a = 3, b = 2, f(n) = \Theta(n^2)$
 $\log_b(a) = \log_2(3), 1 < \log_2(3) < 2$
 $n^{\log_b(a)} = n^{\log_2(3)}$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^2) = \Omega(n^{\log_2(3)+\varepsilon})$$

Check additional condition:

$\exists c < 1$ such that $a \cdot f(\frac{n}{b}) \leq c \cdot f(n)$ for $n \geq n_0$?

$$a \cdot f(\frac{n}{b}) = 3 \cdot (\frac{n}{2})^2 = \frac{3}{4} \cdot n^2 \leq c \cdot n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Yes for } n \geq 1 \text{ and } \frac{3}{4} \leq c < 1$$

\Rightarrow Case 3 $\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n^2)$

Recursion Tree

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

