

Some linear recurrences we talked about:

- (1) Towers of Hanoi: $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 1$
- (2) Stair climbing: $S(n) = S(n-1) + S(n-2)$
- (3) Pandemic outfits: $C(n) = 2C(n-1) + 2C(n-2)$

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Divide-and-Conquer algorithms -- ANSWERS

Runtime Recap

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Grows slowly
(better)

Grows quickly
(worse)

Consider positive-valued functions $f_1(n) = \Theta(g_1(n))$ and $f_2(n) = \Theta(g_2(n))$.

- Addition

$$(f_1 + f_2)(n) = \Theta(\max(g_1(n), g_2(n)))$$

- Scalar multiplication

$$af(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

- Product

$$(f_1 \cdot f_2)(n) = \Theta(g_1(n) \cdot g_2(n))$$

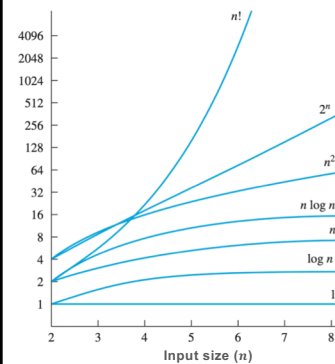
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Scalar multiplication: ignore scalar coefficients

$$f(n) = 1000n^3 \text{ is } \Theta(n^3)$$

Addition: keep largest term

$$f(n) = n^2 + \log n \text{ is } \Theta(n^2)$$

Product: keep all terms

$$f(n) = n^2 \log n \text{ is } \Theta(n^2 \log n)$$

Divide-and-Conquer Recursion

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

- Divide-and-conquer breaks big problem $T(n)$

- into a smaller problems,
- each one of size n/b ,
- with cost $\Theta(n^d)$ to put the smaller results together.

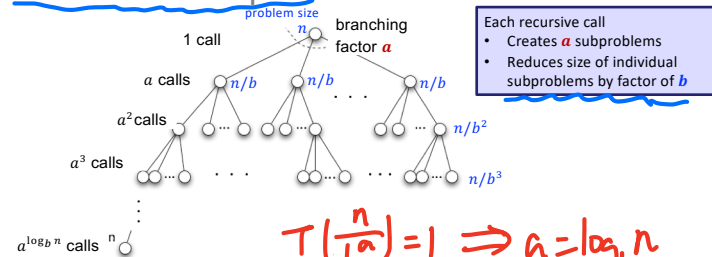
- Keep breaking smaller problems into even smaller ones

- Until the size of each subproblem is 1

• until $T\left(\frac{n}{b^k}\right) = T(1)$

• Depth of tree = $k = \log_b n$

Divide-and-Conquer Recursion



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

Key features:

- Number of subproblems: a
- Size of subproblems: n/b
- Work needed to combine results: $\Theta(n^d)$

Note:

Rosen uses a slightly different version of the Master Theorem, with

- $T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^d$
- Big-O instead of Big-Theta for the 3 cases of runtimes for $T(n)$
 - Ex: $T(n) = O(n^d)$ if $(a/b^d) < 1$

Proof : next page

Master Theorem Practice

The Master Theorem: If $T(n) = aT(n/b) + \Theta(n^d)$, then

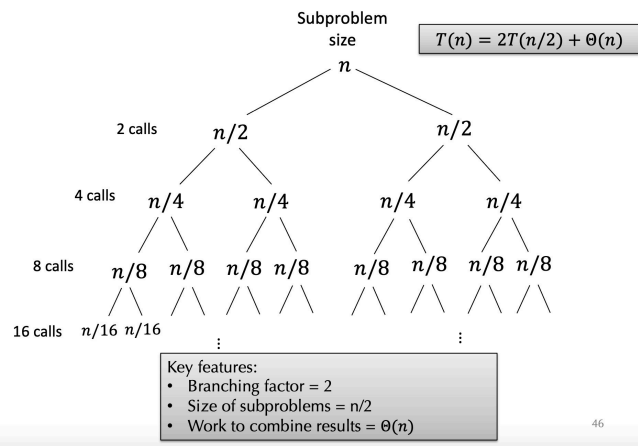
$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } (a/b^d) < 1 \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } (a/b^d) = 1 \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } (a/b^d) > 1 \end{cases}$$

Recurrence

1. $F(n) = 2F(n/4) + \sqrt{n}$
 $a=2, b=4, d=1/2 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b^d} = 1 \Rightarrow \Theta(\sqrt{n} \log n)$
2. $F(n) = 8F(n/2) + 5n^2$
 $a=8, b=2, d=2 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b^d} = 2 \Rightarrow \Theta(n^3)$
3. $F(n) = 4F(n/2) + 2n^3$
 $a=4, b=2, d=3 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b^d} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \Theta(n^3)$
4. $F(n) = 2F(n/2) + 2$
 $a=2, b=2, d=0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b^d} = 2 \Rightarrow \Theta(n \log n)$

Big-Θ of F(n)

Merge Sort Recursion



- The recurrence for MergeSort:
 - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$ and $T(1) = 1$.
 - $T(n) = aT(n/b) + \Theta(n^d)$
- So $a = 2, b = 2, d = 1$. Therefore $a/b^d = 1$.
- The Master Theorem tells us that
 - $T(n)$ is in $\Theta(n^d \log n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.

Master Theorem with Pseudocode

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procedure farewell(n: integer)

if $n=0$, stop

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4 subcalls of size $n/3$

for $i := 1$ to $n/4$

for $j := 1$ to n

print "good luck with finals!"

$n/4 \equiv n \Rightarrow \Theta(n^2)$

$T(n) = 4T(n/3) + \Theta(n^2)$

• Master Theorem with: $a = 4, b = 3, d = 2$

• $(a/b^d) = 4/3^2 = 4/9 < 1$

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• $T(n) = aT(n/b) + n^d$ (recursive form)

$$T(n) = n^d + a \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^d + a^2 \left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right)^d + \dots + a^{\log_b n} (1)^d$$

$$= n^d + a \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^d + a^2 \left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right)^d + \dots + a^{\log_b n} \left(\frac{n}{b^{\log_b n}}\right)^d$$

$$= n^d \left(1 + \frac{a}{b^d} + \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n} \right)$$

geometric sum with base (a/b^d)

1° $\frac{a}{b^d} < 1$

⇒ geometric series

⇒ $\sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^i$

≈ $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{a}{b^d}}$ (const)

⇒ $T(n) = cn^d = \Theta(n^d)$

• If $a/b^d < 1$

• the terms in the sum are getting smaller, so the **first** term dominates the sum

• $\Theta(T(n)) = \Theta(n^d(1)) = \Theta(n^d)$

• $T(n) = aT(n/b) + n^a$ (recursive form)

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geometric sum with base (a/b^d)

2° $\frac{a}{b^d} = 1$

$\sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^i = \log_b n$

⇒ $T(n) = n^d \log_b n$

• If $a/b^d = 1$

• the terms in the sum are all 1, so the **number of terms** impacts $\Theta(T(n))$

• $\Theta(T(n)) = \Theta(n^d(1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1)) = \Theta(n^d \log_b n)$

• $T(n) = aT(n/b) + n^d$ (recursive form)

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$S = \Theta\left(\left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n}\right) = \Theta\left(\left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n}\right) = n^d \left(1 + \frac{a}{b^d} + \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n} \right)$

(last term dominates)

geometric sum with base (a/b^d)

• If $a/b^d > 1$

• the terms in the sum are getting larger, so the **last** term dominates the sum

$a^{\log_b n} = n^{\log_b a}$

⇒ $T(n) = n^d S$

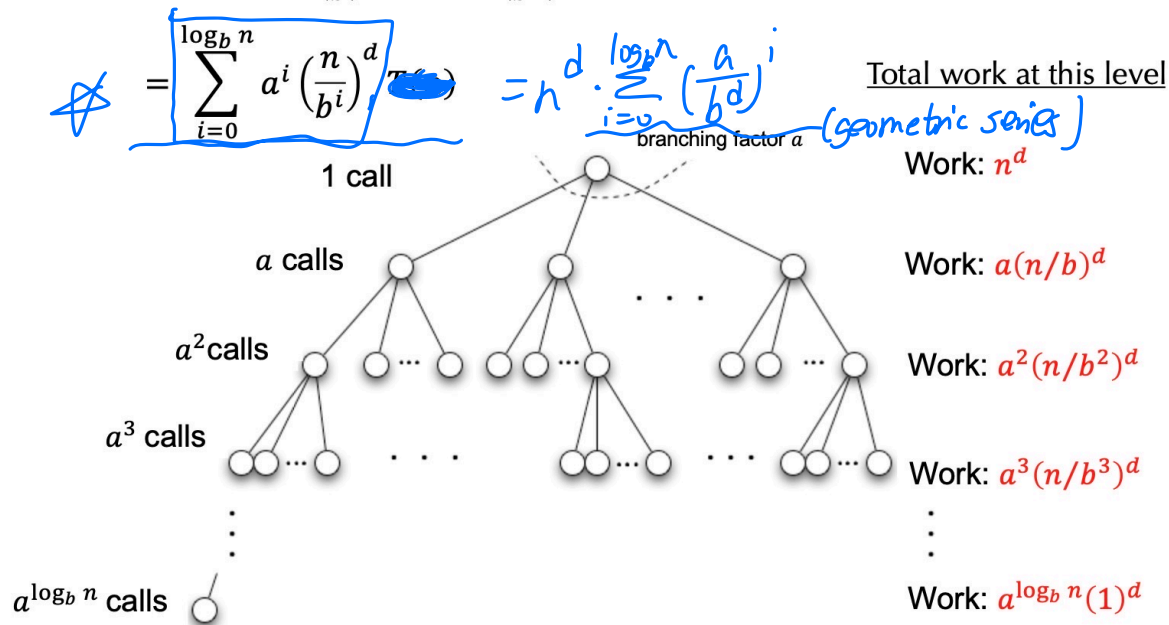
$= \Theta\left(n^d \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n}\right) \cdot \Theta(T(n)) = \Theta\left(n^d \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n}\right) = \dots = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

$= \Theta\left(n^d \frac{a^{\log_b n}}{n^d}\right) = \Theta(a^{\log_b n}) = \Theta\left(a^{\frac{\log_a n}{\log_a b}}\right) = \Theta\left(n^{\frac{1}{\log_a b}}\right) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Closed Form for $T(n)$

- $T(n) = aT(n/b) + n^d$ (recursive form)

$$T(n) = n^d + a \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^d + a^2 \left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right)^d + \dots + a^{\log_b n} (1)^d \quad (\text{closed form})$$



Analyzing complexity: Example 2

- $T(n) = 5T(n/4) + n$. Find $O(T(n))$

Depth	# of calls	Size of calls	Work/call	Total work/depth
0	1	n	n	n
k	5^k	$n/4^k$	$n/4^k$	$n(5/4)^k$
$x = \log_4 n$	$5^{\log_4 n}$	$1 = \frac{n}{4^x}$	1	$n(5/4)^{\log_4 n} = 5^{\log_4 n}$

$$T(n) = n \left[1 + \frac{5}{4} + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^x \right] \quad (\text{Geom. Sum, } r = 5/4)$$

$$= n \left[\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^x + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{x-1} + \dots + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^2 + \frac{5}{4} + 1 \right] \quad \text{Trick: reverse the order of the terms}$$

$$< n \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^x \left[1 + \frac{4}{5} + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^3 + \dots + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{9999} + \dots \right] \quad (\text{Geom. Sum, } r = 4/5)$$

$$= n \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^x \frac{1}{1 - 4/5}$$

$$= 5n \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^x$$

$$= 5 \cdot 5^{\log_4 n} \quad (x = \log_4 n)$$

$$= 5 \cdot n^{\log_4 5} \quad (z^{\log_b y} = y^{\log_b z})$$

$$T(n) \text{ is } O(n^{\log_4 5})$$

$$\text{Also } \Theta(n^{\log_4 5})$$