
```

Type DAndC(P)
{
    if Small(P) return S(P);
    else {
        divide P into smaller instances  $P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ ;
        Apply DAndC to each of these subproblems;
        return Combine(DAndC( $P_1$ ), DAndC( $P_2$ ), ..., DAndC( $P_k$ ));
    }
}

```

Program 3.1 Control abstraction for divide and conquer

recursive applications of DAndC. Combine is a function that determines the solution to P using the solutions to the k subproblems. If the size of P is n and the sizes of the k subproblems are n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k , respectively, then the computing time of DAndC is described by the recurrence relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} g(n) & n \text{ small} \\ T(n_1) + T(n_2) + \dots + T(n_k) + f(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where $T(n)$ is the time for DAndC on any input of size n and $g(n)$ is the time to compute the answer directly for small inputs. The function $f(n)$ is the time for dividing P and combining the solutions to subproblems. For divide-and-conquer-based algorithms that produce subproblems of the same type as the original problem, it is very natural to first describe such algorithms using recursion.

3.3. BINARY SEARCH

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original
i ← START
l ← END

```
int BinSrch(Type a[], int i, int l, Type x)
// Given an array a[i:l] of elements in nondecreasing
// order,  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , determine whether x is present, and
// if so, return j such that  $x == a[j]$ ; else return 0.
{
    if (l==i) { // If Small(P)
        if (x==a[i]) return i;
        else return 0;
    }
    else { // Reduce P into a smaller subproblem.
        int mid = (i+l)/2;
        if (x == a[mid]) return mid;
        else if (x < a[mid]) return BinSrch(a,i,mid-1,x);
        else return BinSrch(a,mid+1,l,x);
    }
}
```

start
end
start
end'

Program 3.3 Recursive binary search