

# Algorithms and Datastructures

## Divide and Conquer, Master theorem

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Value	31	-41	59	26	-53	58	97	-93	-23	84

**Output:** Sum: 187, Start: 2, End: 6

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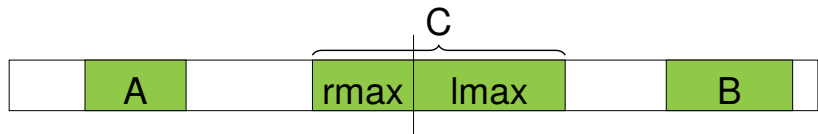


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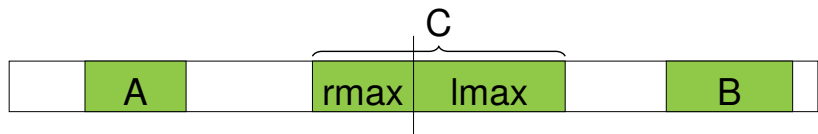
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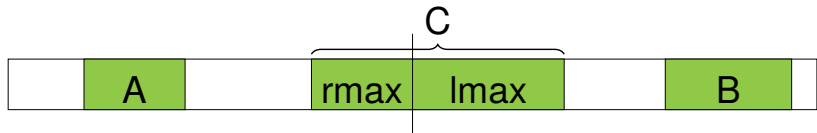
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    maxSum = (X[i], i)
    s = X[i]

    # sum up from the lower index going up
    # (from left to right)
    for k in range(i+1, j+1):
        s += X[k]

        if s > maxSum[0]:
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#Implementation right maximum
def rmax(X, i, j):
    maxSum = (X[j], j)
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    # sum up from the upper index going down
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    for k in range(j-1, i-1, -1):
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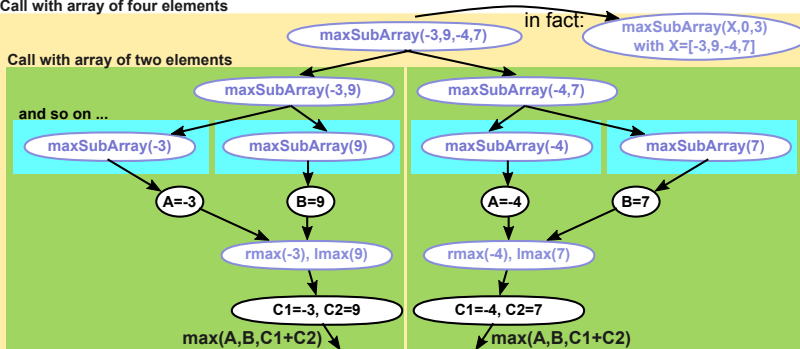


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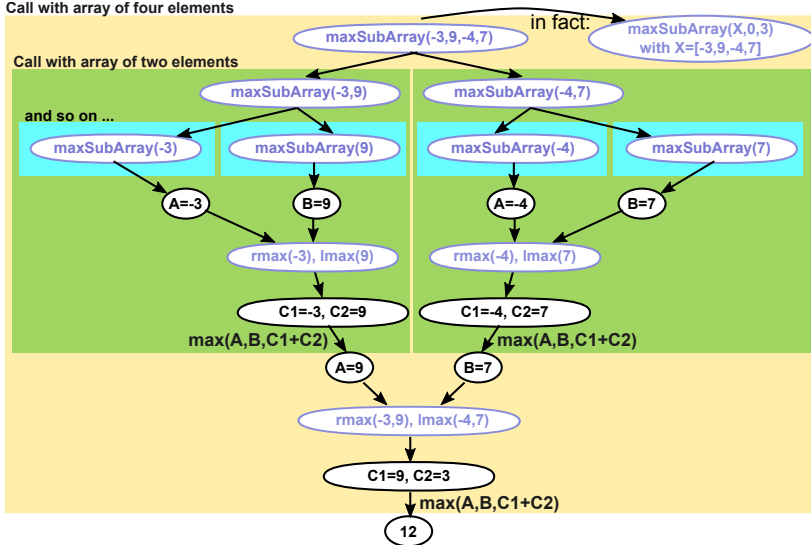
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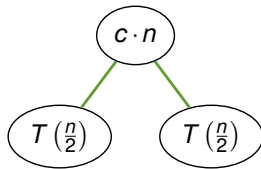
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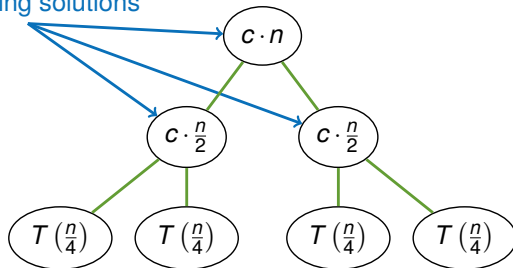
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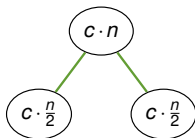

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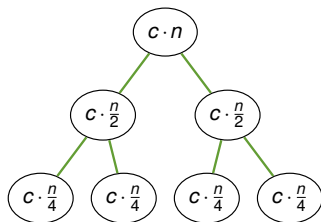
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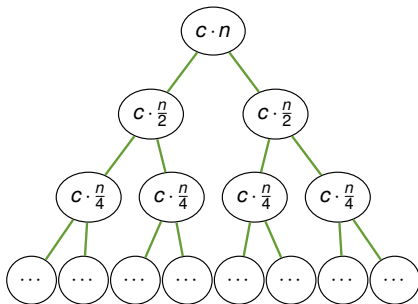
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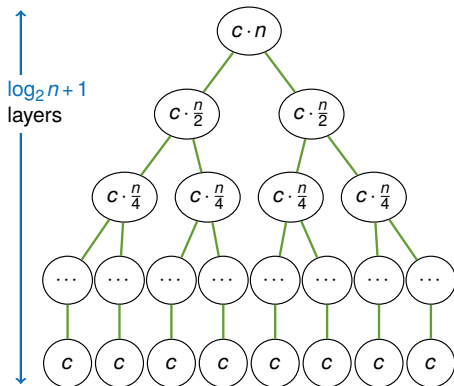
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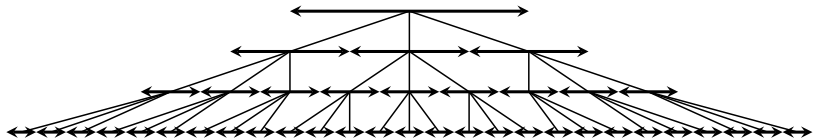


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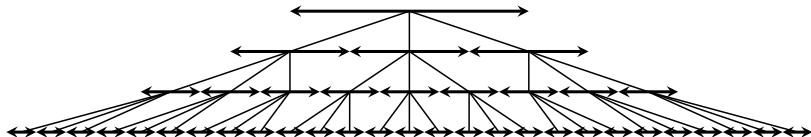


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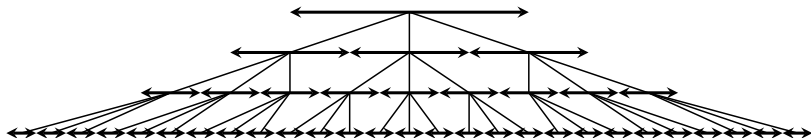


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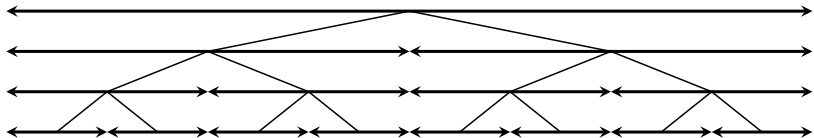


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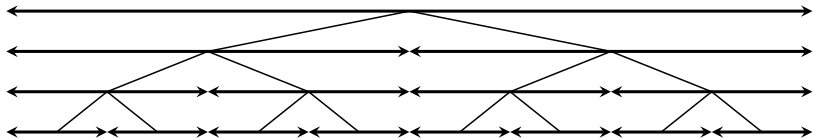


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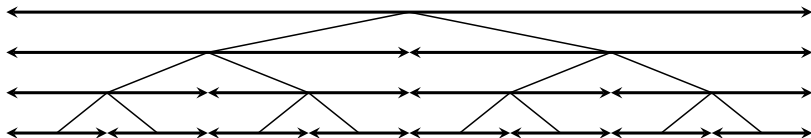


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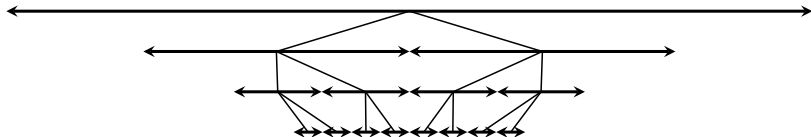


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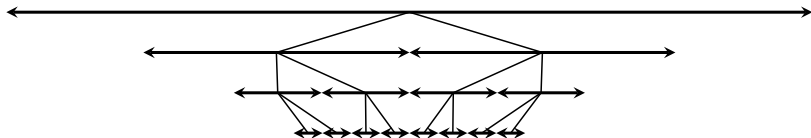


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- Proof with *geometric series*: Number of operations per layer grows / shrinks by constant factor  $\frac{a}{b}$

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$$2 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 \leq c \cdot n^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2} \cdot n^2 \leq c \cdot n^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

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