

Algorithmns and Datastructures

Divide and Conquer, Master theorem

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

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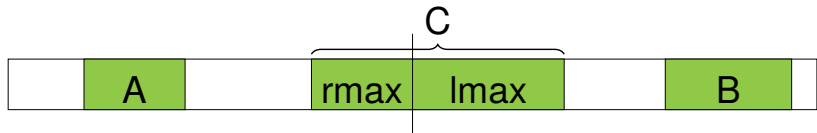
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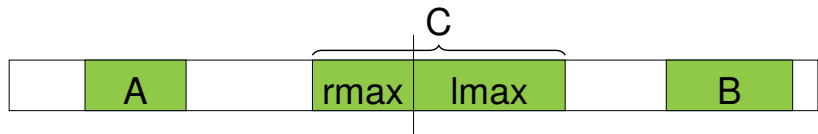
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def lmax(X, i, j):
    maxSum = (X[i], i)
    s = X[i]

    # 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]:
            maxSum = (s, k)

    return maxSum
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#Implementation right maximum
def rmax(X, i, j):
    maxSum = (X[j], j)
    s = X[i]

    # 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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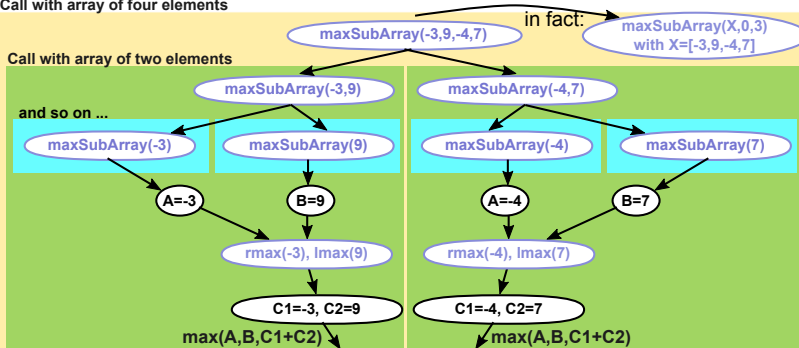


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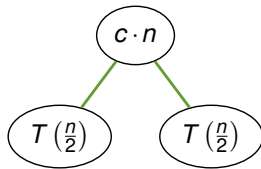
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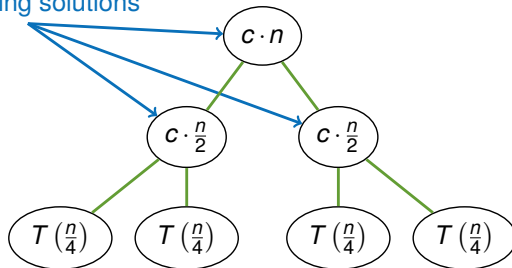
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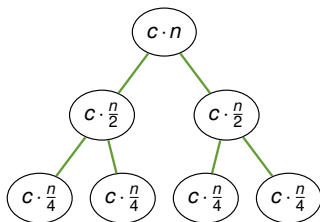
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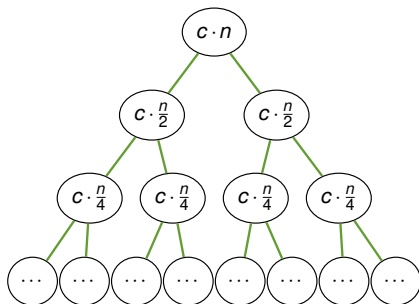
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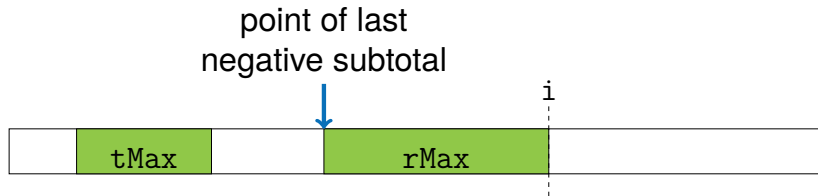


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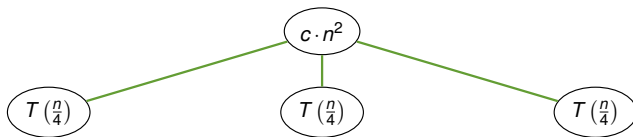
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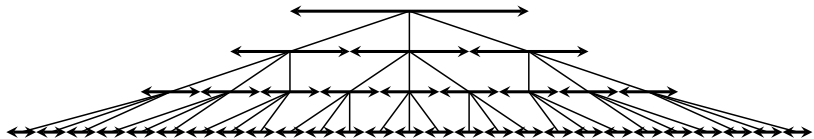


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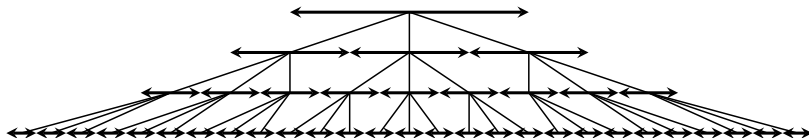


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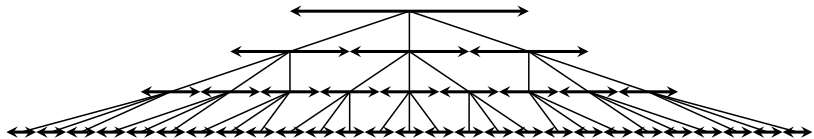


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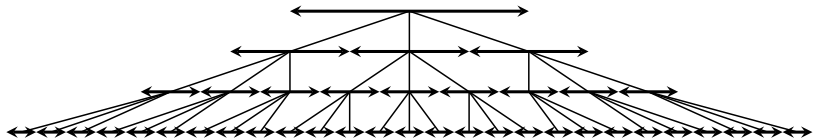


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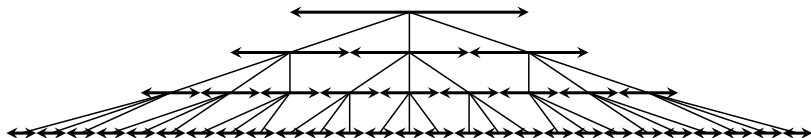


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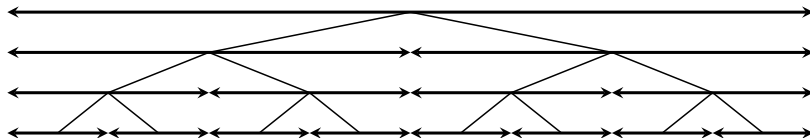


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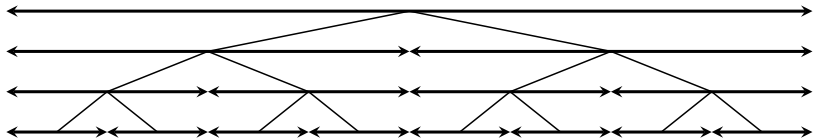


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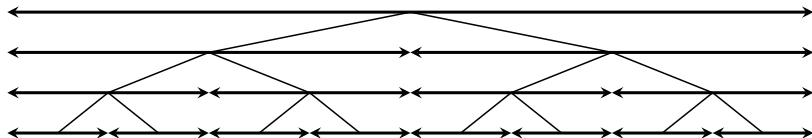


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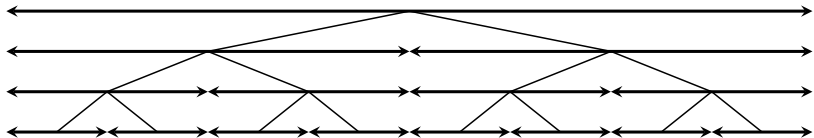


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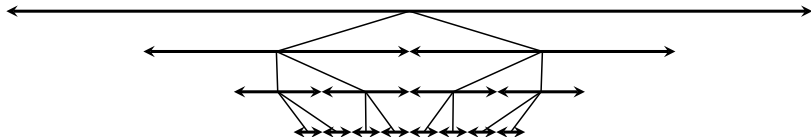


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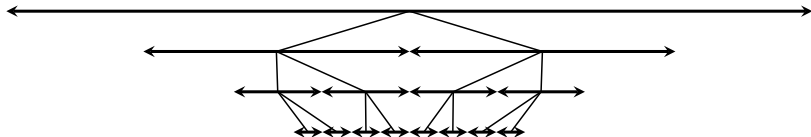


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