

SECTIONS 4.4–4.6

## DIVIDE AND CONQUER II

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- ▶ *master theorem*
- ▶ *integer multiplication*
- ▶ *matrix multiplication*
- ▶ *convolution and FFT*

# Divide-and-conquer recurrences

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**Goal.** Recipe for solving common divide-and-conquer recurrences:

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

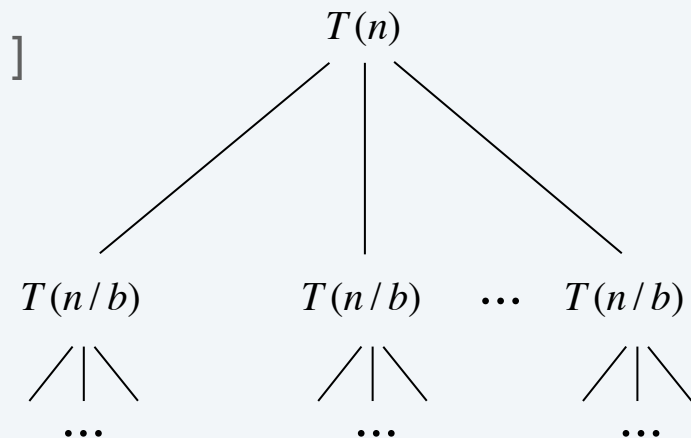
with  $T(0) = 0$  and  $T(1) = \Theta(1)$ .

**Terms.**

- $a \geq 1$  is the number of subproblems.
- $b \geq 2$  is the factor by which the subproblem size decreases.
- $f(n) \geq 0$  is the work to divide and combine subproblems.

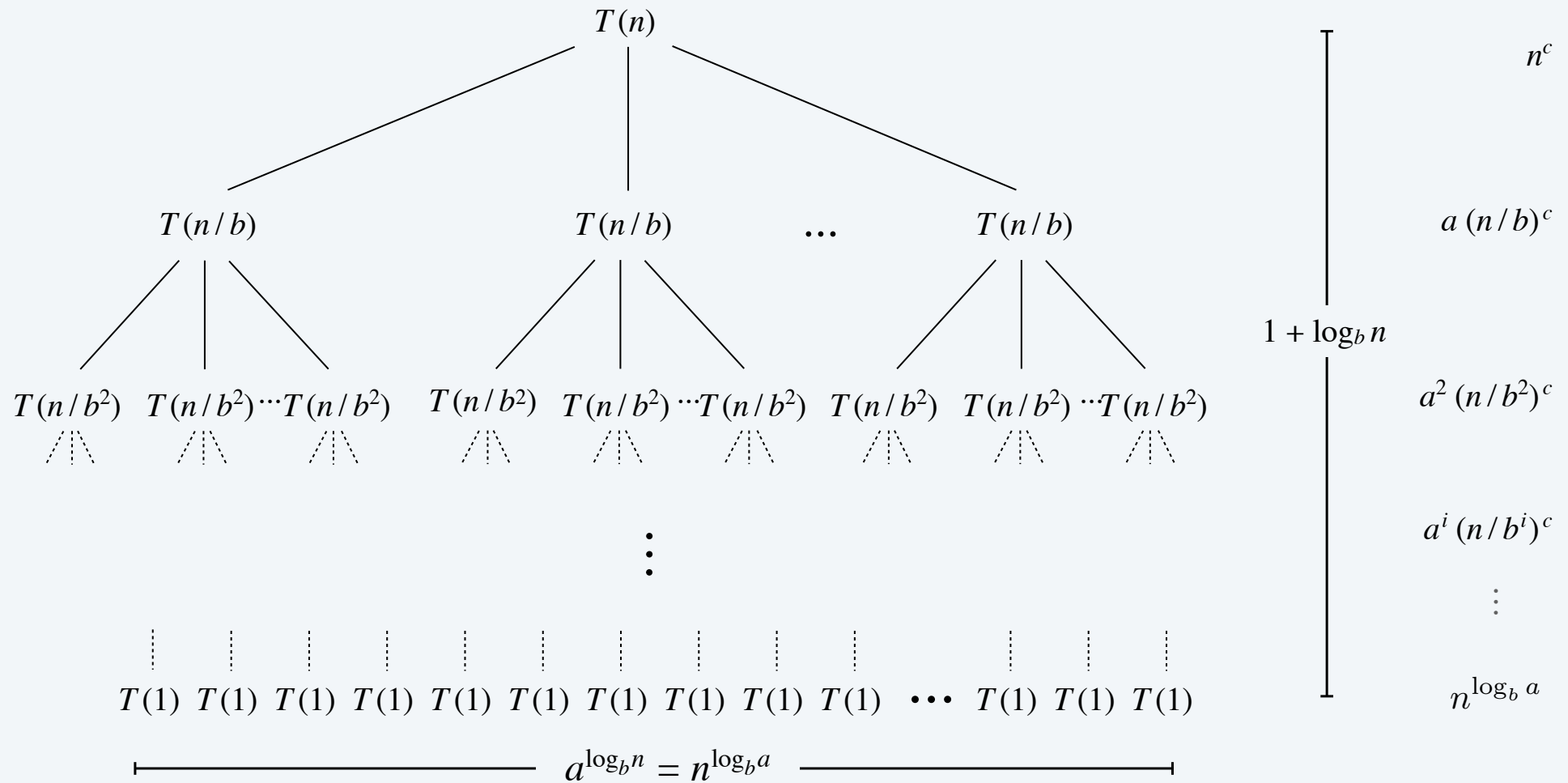
**Recursion tree.** [ assuming  $n$  is a power of  $b$  ]

- $a$  = branching factor.
- $a^i$  = number of subproblems at level  $i$ .
- $1 + \log_b n$  levels.
- $n / b^i$  = size of subproblem at level  $i$ .



# Divide-and-conquer recurrences: recursion tree

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Let  $r = a / b^c$ . Note that  $r < 1$  iff  $c > \log_b a$ .

$$T(n) = n^c \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} r^i = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^c) & \text{if } r < 1 & c > \log_b a & \leftarrow \text{cost dominated by cost of root} \\ \Theta(n^c \log n) & \text{if } r = 1 & c = \log_b a & \leftarrow \text{cost evenly distributed in tree} \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } r > 1 & c < \log_b a & \leftarrow \text{cost dominated by cost of leaves} \end{cases}$$

## Geometric series.

- If  $0 < r < 1$ , then  $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k \leq 1 / (1 - r)$ .
- If  $r = 1$ , then  $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k = k + 1$ .
- If  $r > 1$ , then  $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k = (r^{k+1} - 1) / (r - 1)$ .

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## Pf sketch.

- Prove when  $b$  is an integer and  $n$  is an exact power of  $b$ .
- Extend domain of recurrences to reals (or rationals).
- Deal with floors and ceilings. ← at most 2 extra levels in recursion tree

$$\begin{aligned} \lceil \lceil \lceil n/b \rceil / b \rceil / b \rceil &< n/b^3 + (1/b^2 + 1/b + 1) \\ &\leq n/b^3 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

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## Extensions.

- Can replace  $\Theta$  with  $O$  everywhere.
- Can replace  $\Theta$  with  $\Omega$  everywhere.
- Can replace initial conditions with  $T(n) = \Theta(1)$  for all  $n \leq n_0$  and require recurrence to hold only for all  $n > n_0$ .

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**Ex 1.**  $T(n) = 3 T(\lfloor n / 2 \rfloor) + 5 n$ .

- $a = 3$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $\log_b a < 1.58$ .
- $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.58})$ .

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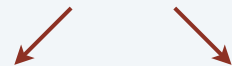
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ok to intermix floor and ceiling



**Ex 2.**  $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 17n$ .

- $a = 2$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $\log_b a = 1$ .
- $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$ .



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**Ex 3.**  $T(n) = 48 T(\lfloor n / 4 \rfloor) + n^3$ .

- $a = 48$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $c = 3$ ,  $\log_b a > 2.79$ .
- $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ .

# Master theorem need not apply

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## Gaps in master theorem.

- Number of subproblems is not a constant.

$$T(n) = nT(n/2) + n^2$$

- Number of subproblems is less than 1.

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{2}T(n/2) + n^2$$

- Work to divide and combine subproblems is not  $\Theta(n^c)$ .

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \log n$$



Consider the following recurrence. Which case of the master theorem?

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 3T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- A. Case 1:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$ .
- B. Case 2:  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$ .
- C. Case 3:  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$ .
- D. Master theorem not applicable.



Consider the following recurrence. Which case of the master theorem?

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ T(\lfloor n/5 \rfloor) + T(n - 3\lfloor n/10 \rfloor) + \frac{11}{5}n & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

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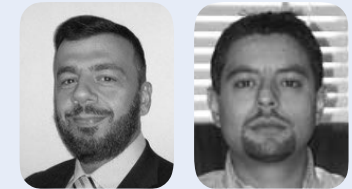
# Akra–Bazzi theorem

**Theorem.** [Akra–Bazzi 1998] Given constants  $a_i > 0$  and  $0 < b_i < 1$ , functions  $|h_i(n)| = O(n / \log^2 n)$  and  $g(n) = O(n^c)$ . If  $T(n)$  satisfies the recurrence:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(b_i n + h_i(n)) + g(n)$$

$a_i$  subproblems  
of size  $b_i n$

small perturbation to handle  
floors and ceilings



then,  $T(n) = \Theta \left( n^p \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \right) \right)$ , where  $p$  satisfies  $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i^p = 1$ .

**Ex.**  $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/5 \rfloor) + T(n - 3\lfloor n/10 \rfloor) + 11/5 n$ , with  $T(0) = 0$  and  $T(1) = 0$ .

- $a_1 = 1$ ,  $b_1 = 1/5$ ,  $a_2 = 1$ ,  $b_2 = 7/10 \Rightarrow p = 0.83978... < 1$ .
- $h_1(n) = \lfloor n/5 \rfloor - n/5$ ,  $h_2(n) = 3/10 n - 3\lfloor n/10 \rfloor$ .
- $g(n) = 11/5 n \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n)$ .