

## Advanced Algorithm Analysis

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## Chapter 6

### Recurrence Or Recurrence Relation

#### Recurrence (Cont....)

- When an algorithm contain **recursive calls**
  - Its running time often described by recurrence equation
  - Which describes running time for problem of size  **$n$**

- Example “Merge Sort”

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

- It can be solved by using mathematical loops
- Algorithms, recursive in nature
  - Usually follow divide and conquer strategy

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#### Assignment (Due date: by the Next Lecture)

- Select a current research paper (discussing advance algorithm) in domain of your interest
- Summarize the paper
  - About One & Half page
- Be ready for presenting it in the class
  - Presentation duration upto 7-10 minutes
- Submit
  - Printed copy
  - Soft copy
- Best summary will be award with 2% marks

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#### Recurrence

- Also called recurrence relation
- Recurrence is
  - An equation or inequality that describes a function in terms of its values on smaller inputs
  - Characteristics
    - The function is defined over a set of **natural number**
    - The definition include a **base value** for function
      - Also call **boundary condition**

- Example “Merge Sort”
 
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#### Examples

- The **factorial function**  **$f(n) = n!$**  can be expressed as
  - By recurrence

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= n \cdot f(n-1) \\ f(0) &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{boundary condition})$$

- The **Fibonacci Sequence**  **$f(n)$**  can be define as
  - By recurrence

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= f(n-1) + f(n-2) \\ f(0) &= 0, \quad f(1) = 1 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{boundary condition})$$

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## Examples (Cont...)

- Recurrence for the running time of common algorithms
  - $T(n)$  is the running time of a problem of size  $n$

- Recurrence relation for *decrease-and-conquer* problem

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + cn$$

Subproblem size
Cost of decreasing

- Recurrence relation for *divide-and-conquer* problem

$$T(n) = 8T(n/4) + cn^2$$

Number of subproblems
Subproblem size
Cost of dividing and combining

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## How to Solve Recurrence

- There are **four techniques** to solve recurrence relation
  - Iteration method
  - Substitution method
  - Recursion Tree method &
  - Master Theorem method

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## Iteration Method

- In iteration method
  - The recurrence is solved by **Top-Down Approach**
- Involve the following **steps**
  1. Using definition
    - Equations are set up for arguments  $n, n-1, n-2, \dots$
  2. On reaching the bottom level the **boundary condition** is applied
  3. The equations are **summed up**
  4. Finally, the solution is obtain by
    - Canceling out the **identical terms** on both sides of the iterated equation

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## Iteration Method (Cont...)

- The method is particularly useful in
  - **Decrease and Conquer** problems
- In other cases
  - Additional efforts are required for same terms cancellation
- Example
  - Next slide

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## Iteration Method Example 1

- Here is linear search recurrence, which is based on decrease-&-conquer algorithms

$$T(0) = 0$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + c$$

Iterating the recurrence..

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= T(n-1) + c \\
 T(n-1) &= T(n-2) + c \\
 T(n-2) &= T(n-3) + c \\
 &\dots \dots \dots \\
 T(3) &= T(2) + c \\
 T(2) &= T(1) + c \\
 T(1) &= T(0) + c
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Iteration Method Example 1 (Cont...)

- Adding both sides of the equations, and canceling equal terms
 
$$T(n) = c + c + \dots \dots \dots + c$$

$$\text{Or, } T(n) = n \cdot c$$

It follows that  $T(n) = \theta(n)$

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## Iteration Method Example 2

- In **selection sort** the largest element is searched and placed at last position
  - This procedure is repeatedly applied to sub-arrays
- The recurrence of the selection sort algorithm is

$$T(0)=0$$

$$T(n) = \underbrace{T(n-1)}_{\text{Sorting } n \text{ elements}} + \underbrace{c.n}_{\text{Finding maximum and exchanging}}$$

- Iterating the recurrence:

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + c.n$$

$$T(n-1) = T(n-2) + c.(n-1)$$

$$T(n-2) = T(n-3) + c.(n-2)$$

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## Iteration Method Example 2 (Cont...)

$$T(3) = T(2) + c.3$$

$$T(2) = T(1) + c.2$$

$$T(1) = T(0) + c.1$$

- Adding both sides of the equations, and canceling equal terms
- Summing the arithmetic series:
- It follows that

$$T(n) = c(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n)$$

$$T(n) = c.n(n+1)/2$$

$$T(n) = \theta(n^2)$$

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## Substitution Method

- It is a symmetric procedure for solving recursive equation
  - It follows **Top-down approach** (as iteration method)
- Involve the following **steps**
  1. In the recurrence
    - Values are plugged in repeatedly on the right hand side of the equation
  2. The procedure is repeated until the **base case** is reached
  3. The iteration step guarantee some kind of **pattern or a series**
  4. The summation for the series is analyzed to determine the asymptotic behavior
- Is useful method for both
  - **Decrease-and-conquer** and **divide-and-conquer** approaches

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## Substitution Method Example 1

- The recurrence of binary search algorithm is

$$T(1) = c$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + c, \quad n > 1$$

$$1^{st} \text{ substitution, } T(n) = T(n/2) + c = T(n/2^1) + c$$

$$2^{nd} \text{ substitution, } T(n) = T(n/4) + 2c = T(n/2^2) + 2.c$$

$$3^{rd} \text{ substitution, } T(n) = T(n/8) + 3c = T(n/2^3) + 3.c$$

$$k^{th} \text{ substitution, } T(n) = T(n/2^k) + k.c$$

It will be seen that, on continuing, the base case  $T(1)$  is reached when  $n/2^k = 1$ , or  $n = 2^k$  i.e.  $k = \lg n$

Substituting for  $k$ , we get

$$T(n) = T(1) + \lg n . c$$

$$= c + \lg n . c$$

$$\text{Thus, } T(n) = \theta(\lg n)$$

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## Substitution Method Example 2

- The recurrence of **finding largest element** in the array

$$T(1) = c$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + c, \quad n > 1$$

Initially:

$$T(n) = 2.T(n/2) + c = 2.T(n/2^1) + 2^0.c$$

Substituting for  $T(n/2)$ :

$$T(n) = 2.[2.T(n/4) + c] + c$$

$$= 4.T(n/4) + 3c = 2^2.T(n/2^2) + (2^0 + 2^1).c$$

Substituting for  $T(n/4)$ :

$$T(n) = 4.[2.T(n/8) + c] + 3c$$

$$= 8.T(n/8) + 7.c = 2^3.T(n/2^3) + (2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2).c$$

After  $k^{th}$  substitution,

$$T(n) = 2^k.T(n/2^k) + (2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{k-1}).c$$

$$= 2^k.T(n/2^k) + (2^k - 1)c$$

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## Substitution Method Example 2 (Cont...)

- Continuing,
- it will be seen that the base case  $T(1)$  is reached when
  - $n/2^k = 1$ , or  $n = 2^k$ ,
- Substituting for  $2^k$ , we get

$$T(n) = n.T(1) + (n-1).c = n.c + n.c - c$$

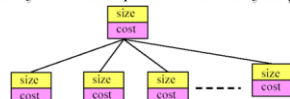
$$T(n) = 2n.c - c$$

$$T(n) = \theta(n)$$

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## Recursion Tree

- Recursion tree provide visual tool for solving recursive equation
  - Involve 4 steps
- **Step # 1** : The recurrence is expressed in a *hierarchical way*
  - Using a *tree structure*, such that
    - Each node contained two fields
      - The *size field* and *cost field*
    - The *number of child nodes* equals to the *number of sub-problems*



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## Recursion Tree (Cont...)

- **Step # 2**
  - The *size field* of a node is set by plugging
    - The size of the parent into the relation
- **Step # 3**
  - The *cost field* is set by substituting node into *cost function of the relation*
- **Step # 4**
  - The solution is found by *summing the cost over all nodes* of the tree

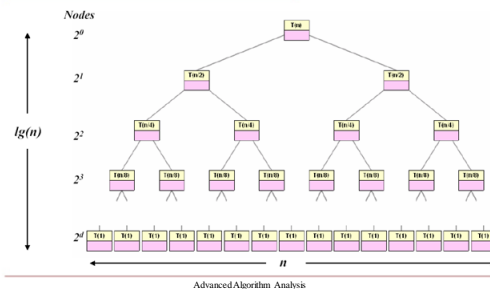
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## Recursion Tree Example 1

- $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$ ,  $n > 1$  and  $T(1) = c$ ,  $n = 1$
- **Constructing tree structure**
  - Fully extended tree has  $2^d$  nodes, called *leaves* and  $d$  is *tree depth*
  - At bottom level  $T(n/2^d) = T(1)$ ,
  - It follows  $2^d = 1$ , or  $2^d = n$ , i.e.  $d = \lg n$
  - Thus
    - *Tree depth* =  $\lg n$  and
    - *Number of leaves*  $2^d = n$
- As shown in the figure

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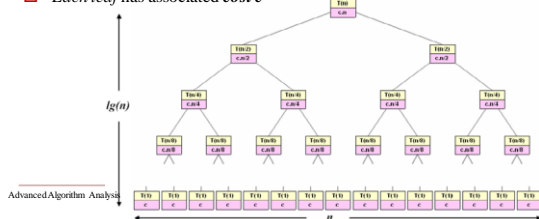
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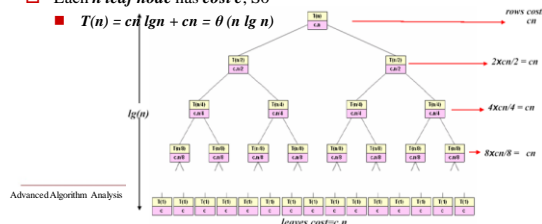
- The *root* associated with *size*  $n$  and *cost*  $cn$
- Each *child of root* has *size*  $n/2$  and *cost*  $cn/2$ 
  - *Next level costs* are reduced by a factor 2
- Each *leaf* has associated *cost*  $c$



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## Recursion Tree Example 1 (Cont...)

- Each row has *cost*  $cn$
- There are  $\lg(n-1)$  *internal nodes* and *one root node*
- Total cost is  $cn(\lg n - 1) + cn = cn \lg n$
- Each *n leaf node* has *cost*  $c$ . So
  - $T(n) = cn \lg n + cn = \theta(n \lg n)$



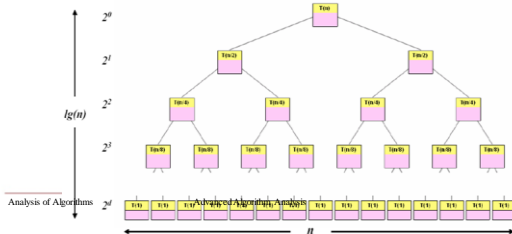
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## Recursion Tree Example 2

□  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn^2$ ,  $n > 1$  and  $T(1) = c$ ,  $n = 1$

□ **Step #1 : Constructing tree structure**

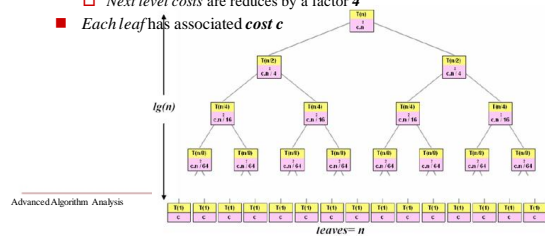
■ Fully extended tree has  $2^d$  leaves, and **Tree depth** =  $\lg n$



## Recursion Tree Example 2 (Cont...)

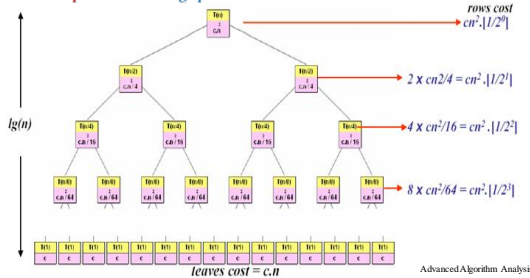
□ **Step #2 : Insertion Cost**

- The root associated with size  $n$  and cost  $cn^2$
- Each child of root has size  $n/2$  and cost  $cn^2/4$ 
  - Next level costs are reduced by a factor 4
- Each leaf has associated cost  $c$



## Recursion Tree Example 2 (Cont...)

□ **Step #3 : Summing up rows and leaves costs**



## Recursion Tree Example 2 (Cont...)

□ **Step #3 : Summing up rows and leaves costs**

- $T(n) = cn^2 [1/2^0 + 1/2^1 + 1/2^2 + \dots + 1/2^{\lg n-1}] + cn$
- Asymptotic behavior of the series is determined by
  - The largest term
  - Which is 1
- $1/2^0 + 1/2^1 + 1/2^2 + \dots + 1/2^{\lg n-1} = \tilde{O}(1)$ .
- Therefore
  - $T(n) = cn^2 \cdot \tilde{O}(1) + cn = \tilde{O}(n^2)$
  - $n^2$  is the dominant term of the sum

## Recursion Tree Example 3

□ **Homework**

■  $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + cn^2$ ,  $n > 1$  and  $T(1) = c$ ,  $n = 1$

## Master Theorem

□ Let  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  be constants, then the recurrence

■  $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$

■ Has solutions like

1.  $T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a})$

□ When  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$

2.  $T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$

□ When  $f(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a})$

3.  $T(n) = \theta(f(n))$

□ When  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$

■ Provide also that  $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some  $c < 1$  and large  $n$

□ MT provide generalized solution to **divide-and-Conquer** Algos

## Master Theorem

- In Master Theorem
  - The cost function  $f(n)$  is compared with the function  $n^{\log_b a}$ 
    - Depends on outcome
    - The larger of the two functions provides the solution, subject to some additional constraints
  - The constraint is that the function  $f(n)$  and  $n^{\log_b a}$  should not be simply larger or smaller asymptotically, but
    - Should grow faster or slower by polynomial factor  $n^\epsilon$ 
      - Where  $\epsilon$  is some arbitrary small positive constant
- Having the following 3 cases

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## Master Theorem (Cont...)

- **Case 1** : If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  grows slower than  $n^{\log_b a}$  by a factor of  $n^\epsilon$  then
  - The solution of recurrence
    - $T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a})$
- **Case 2** : If  $f(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , i. e.  $f(n)$  grows as fast as  $n^{\log_b a}$ 
  - Then, the solution of recurrence
    - $T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$
- **Case 3** : If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ , i. e.  $f(n)$  grows faster than  $n^{\log_b a}$  by a factor of  $n^\epsilon$ , and  $f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$  for some  $c < 1$ 
  - The solution of recurrence
    - $T(n) = \theta(f(n))$

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## Master Theorem Examples

- **Example 1** :  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$ 
  - Here  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $f(n) = n$
  - Consider  $n^{\log_b a - \epsilon} = n^{\log_2 4 - \epsilon} = n^{2 - \epsilon}$  take  $\epsilon = 0.5$
  - $f(n) = n$  grows slower than  $n^{\log_b a - \epsilon} = n^{1.5}$ , it follows that  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$
  - Thus (Case 1)
    - $T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \theta(n^2)$
- **Example 2** :  $T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$ 
  - Here  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$ ,  $f(n) = 1$
  - Consider  $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 1} = n^0 = 1$  take  $\epsilon = 1$
  - $f(n) = 1$  grows as fast as  $n^{\log_b a} = 1$  it follows that  $f(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a})$
  - Thus (Case 2)  $T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \theta(1 \lg n) = \theta(\lg n)$

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## Master Theorem Examples (Cont...)

- **Example(3)**:  $T(n) = T(n/3) + n$ 
  - Here  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 3$ ,  $f(n) = 1$
  - Consider  $n^{\log_b a - \epsilon} = n^{\log_3 1 - \epsilon} = n^{-\epsilon}$ . Take  $\epsilon = 0.5$
  - Since  $f(n) = n$  grows faster than  $n^{\log_b a - \epsilon} = n^{-0.5}$ , it follows that  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$
  - Further,  $af(n/b) < c f(n)$  if  $1/(n/3) < c n$  i.e.  $n/3 < c n$  for some  $c$ . This is true if  $c = 1/4$
  - This is case 3 of Master Theorem. Therefore,  $T(n) = \theta(f(n)) = \theta(n)$
- **Example(4)**:  $T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \lg n$ 
  - Here  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 4$ ,  $f(n) = n \lg n$
  - Consider  $n^{\log_b a - \epsilon} = n^{\log_4 3 - \epsilon} = n^{0.793 - \epsilon}$ . Take  $\epsilon = 0.207$
  - Since  $f(n) = n \log n$  grows faster than  $n^{\log_b a - \epsilon} = n$ , it follows that  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$
  - Further,  $af(n/b) < c f(n)$  if  $3(n/4) \lg(n/4) < c n \lg n$  some  $c = 3/4$ .
  - This is case 3 of Master Theorem. Therefore,  $T(n) = \theta(f(n)) = \theta(n \lg n)$

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## End of the Chapter

- Solve the [given \(uploaded document\)](#) examples
  - Using
    - Iteration Method
    - Substitution Method
    - Recursive Tree Method
    - Master Theorem
- You may have quiz next week

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