

# Lab02-Divide and Conquer

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1. *Recurrence examples.* Give asymptotic upper and lower bounds for  $T(n)$  in each of the following recurrences. Assume that  $T(n)$  is constant for sufficiently small  $n$ . Make your bounds as tight as possible.

(a)  $T(n) = 4T(n/3) + n \log n$

(b)  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2 \sqrt{n}$

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

(d)  $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor) + \log n$

**Solution.** (a) Because  $n < n \log n < n^2$ , and we denote:

$$T_1(n) = 4T(n/3) + n$$

$$T_2(n) = 4T(n/3) + n^2$$

Based on Master Theorem, we have:

$$T_1(n) = O(n^{\log_3 4})$$

$$T_2(n) = O(n^2)$$

Therefore:

$$T(n) = O(n^2), T(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_3 4})$$

(b)

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2 \sqrt{n} = 4T(n/2) + n^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

Based on Master Theorem,  $a = 4, b = 2, d = \frac{5}{2}$ , we have:

$$T(n) = O(n^{\frac{5}{2}})$$

(c)

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i + T(0) = \frac{n^2 + n}{2} + T(0)$$

Thus:

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

(d) Assume  $n = 2^{2^k}$ , then  $k = \log_2(\log_2 n)$ .

$$T(2^{2^k}) = 2T(2^{2^{k-1}}) + 2^k \log 2$$

$$\frac{T(2^{2^k})}{2^k} = \frac{T(2^{2^{k-1}})}{2^{k-1}} + \log 2$$

Thus we can sum them together and get:

$$\frac{T(2^{2^k})}{2^k} = (k-1) \log 2 + T(2)$$

Multiply both sides by  $2^k$  and then replace  $k$  by  $n$ :

$$T(n) = \log 2 \cdot \log_2 n \cdot \log_2(\log_2 n) + T(2) \cdot \log_2 n$$

Therefore:

$$T(n) = \Theta(\log n \cdot \log(\log n))$$

□

2. *Divide-and-conquer.* Given an integer array  $A[1..n]$  and two integers  $lower \leq upper$ , design an algorithm using **divide-and-conquer** method to count the number of ranges  $(i, j)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ ) satisfying

$$lower \leq \sum_{k=i}^j A[k] \leq upper.$$

**Example:**

Given  $A = [1, -1, 2]$ ,  $lower = 1$ ,  $upper = 2$ , return 4.

The resulting four ranges are  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ ,  $(2, 3)$  and  $(1, 3)$ .

- Complete the implementation in the provided C/C++ source code ([The source code \*Code-Range.cpp\* is attached on the course webpage](#)).
- Write a recurrence for the running time of the algorithm and solve it by recurrence tree ([You can modify the figure sources \*Fig-RecurrenceTree.vsd\* or \*Fig-RecurrenceTree.pptx\* to illustrate your derivation](#)).
- Can we use the Master Theorem to solve the recurrence above? Please explain your answer.

**Solution.** (a)

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n \log n$$

□

3. *Transposition Sorting Network.* A comparison network is a **transposition network** if each comparator connects adjacent lines, as in the network in Fig. 1.

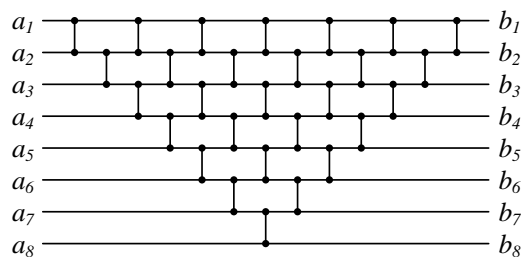


Figure 1: A Transposition Network Example

- Prove that a transposition network with  $n$  inputs is a sorting network if and only if it sorts the sequence  $\langle n, n-1, \dots, 1 \rangle$ . ([Hint: Use an induction argument analogous to the \*Domain Conversion Lemma\*](#).)
- (**Optional Sub-question with Bonus**) Given any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , write a program using Tkinter in Python to draw a figure similar to Fig. 1 with  $n$  input wires.