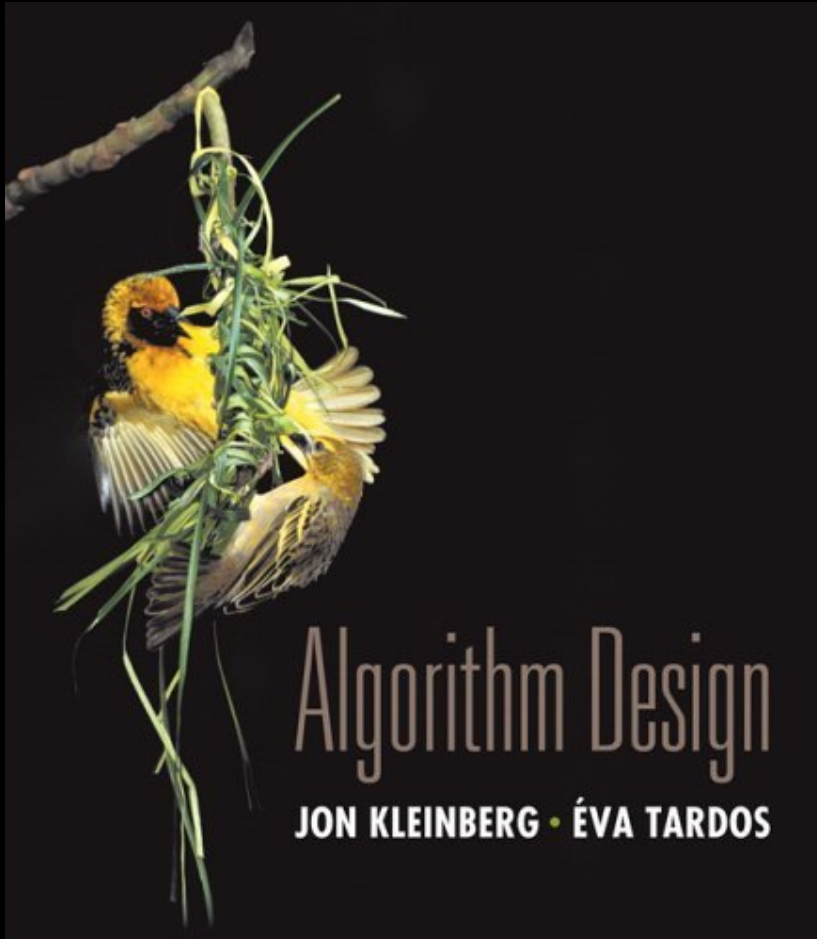


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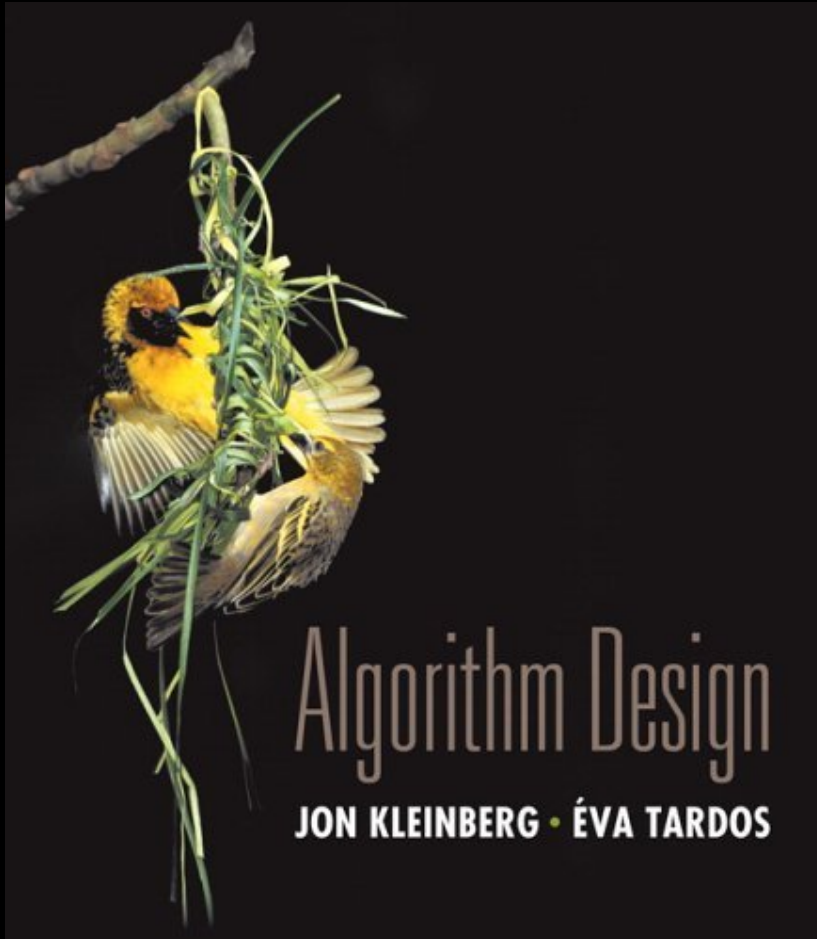
## Divide and Conquer



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# Chapter 5

## Solving Recurrences



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# Solving Recurrences

- Recurrences are a major tool for analysis of algorithms.
  - Divide and Conquer algorithms are analyzable by recurrences.
- Also note, recurrence relations are used to design algorithms for combinatorial functions and can embody dynamic programming idea.

# Methods for Solving Recurrences

- Using Substitution and Mathematical Induction
- Using Recursion-tree
- Using Master Theorem

# Example: Integer Multiplication

- Let  $X = \boxed{A} \boxed{B}$  and  $Y = \boxed{C} \boxed{D}$  where  $A, B, C$  and  $D$  are  $n/2$  bit integers
- **Simple Method:**  $XY = (2^{n/2}A+B)(2^{n/2}C+D)$
- **Running Time Recurrence**

$$T(n) < 4T(n/2) + 100n$$

How do we solve it?

# Divide-and-Conquer Multiplication: Warmup

To multiply two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ :

- Multiply four  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers, recursively.
- Add three pairs of  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers and shift to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned}x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \\xy &= (2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0)(2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0) = 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0\end{aligned}$$

Ex.  $a = \underbrace{1000}_{x_1} \underbrace{1101}_{x_0} \quad b = \underbrace{1110}_{y_1} \underbrace{0001}_{y_0}$

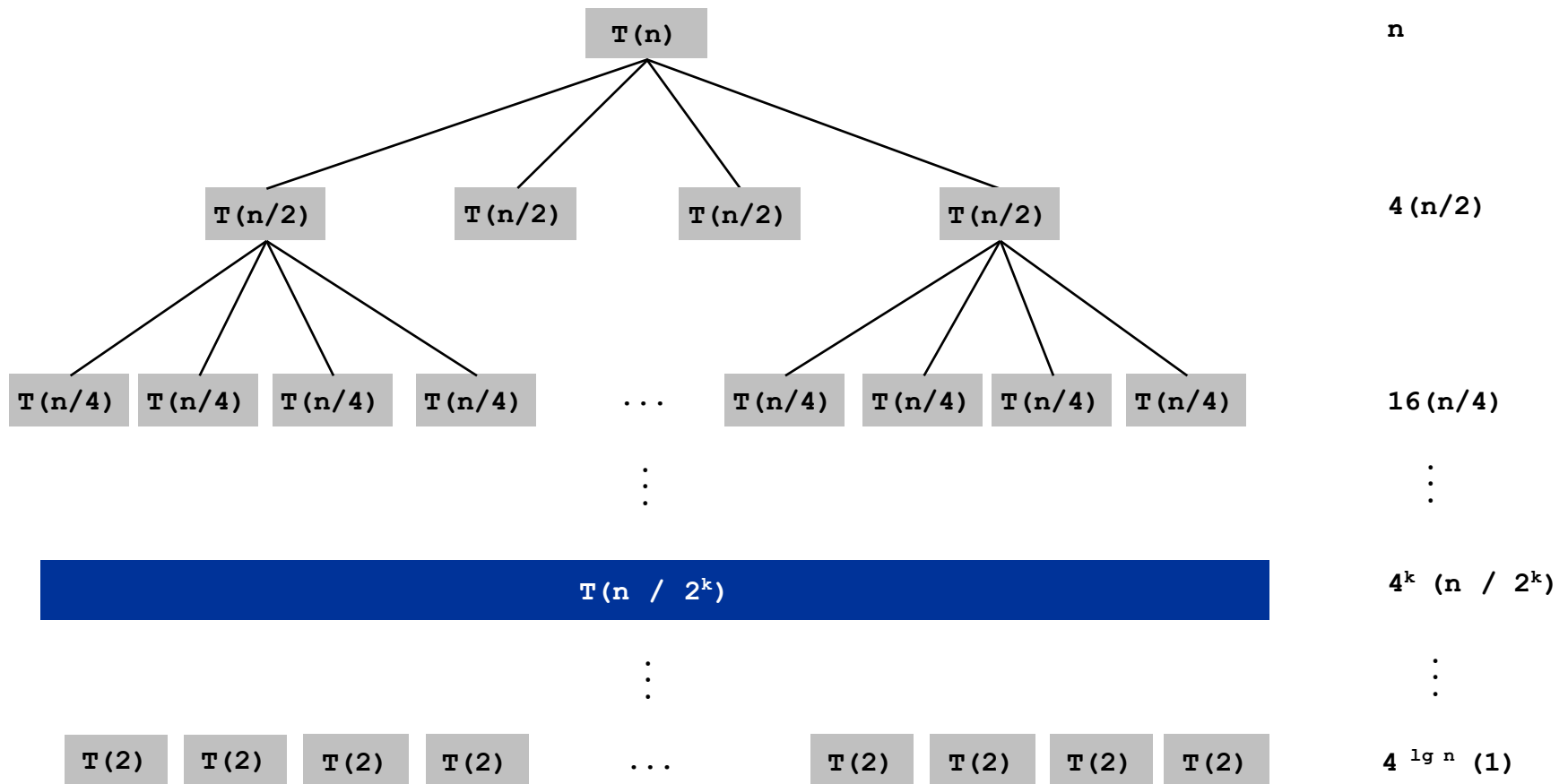
$$T(n) = \underbrace{4T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, shift}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

↑  
assumes  $n$  is a power of 2

# Recursion Tree

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 4T(n/2) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\lg n} n 2^k = n \left( \frac{2^{1+\lg n} - 1}{2 - 1} \right) = 2n^2 - n$$



# Substitution method

*The most general method:*

1. **Guess** the form of the solution.
2. **Verify** by induction.
3. **Solve** for constants.

**Example:**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + 100n$

- [Assume that  $T(1) = \Theta(1)$ .]
- Guess  $O(n^3)$ . (Prove  $O$  and  $\Omega$  separately.)
- Assume that  $T(k) \leq ck^3$  for  $k < n$ .
- Prove  $T(n) \leq cn^3$  by induction.



# Example of substitution

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + 100n \\&\leq 4c(n/2)^3 + 100n \\&= (c/2)n^3 + 100n \\&= cn^3 - ((c/2)n^3 - 100n) \quad \leftarrow \text{desired} - \text{residual} \\&\leq cn^3 \quad \leftarrow \text{desired}\end{aligned}$$

whenever  $(c/2)n^3 - 100n \geq 0$ , for  
example, if  $c \geq 200$  and  $n \geq 1$ .  $\swarrow$  residual

## Example (continued)

- We must also handle the initial conditions, that is, ground the induction with base cases.
- **Base:**  $T(n) = \Theta(1)$  for all  $n < n_0$ , where  $n_0$  is a suitable constant.
- For  $1 \leq n < n_0$ , we have “ $\Theta(1)$ ”  $\leq cn^3$ , if we pick  $c$  big enough.

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*This bound is not tight!*

# A tighter upper bound?

We shall prove that  $T(n) = O(n^2)$ .

Assume that  $T(k) \leq ck^2$  for  $k < n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + 100n \\ &\leq cn^2 + 100n \\ &\leq cn^2 \end{aligned}$$

for *no* choice of  $c > 0$ . Lose!

# A tighter upper bound!

**IDEA:** Strengthen the inductive hypothesis.

- **Subtract** a low-order term.

*Inductive hypothesis:*  $T(k) \leq c_1 k^2 - c_2 k$  for  $k < n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + 100n \\ &\leq 4(c_1(n/2)^2 - c_2(n/2)) + 100n \\ &= c_1 n^2 - 2c_2 n + 100n \\ &= c_1 n^2 - c_2 n - (c_2 n - 100n) \\ &\leq c_1 n^2 - c_2 n \quad \text{if } c_2 > 100. \end{aligned}$$

Pick  $c_1$  big enough to handle the initial conditions.

# Recursion-tree method

- A recursion tree models the costs (time) of a recursive execution of an algorithm.
- The recursion tree method is good for generating guesses for the substitution method.
  - The recursion-tree method can be unreliable, just like any method that uses ellipses (...).
- The recursion-tree method promotes intuition, however.

# Example of recursion tree

Solve  $T(n) = T(n/4) + T(n/2) + n^2$ :



# Example of recursion tree

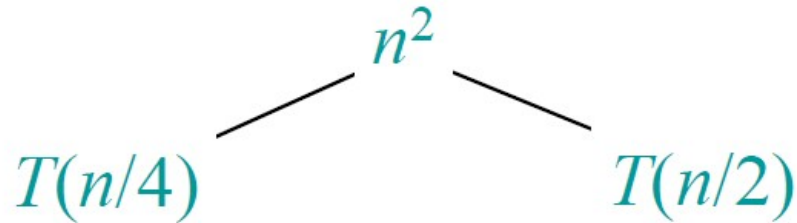
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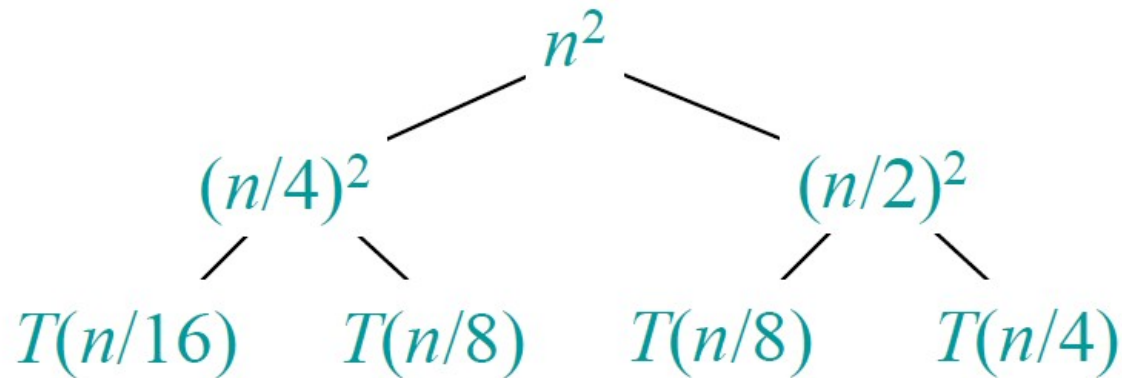






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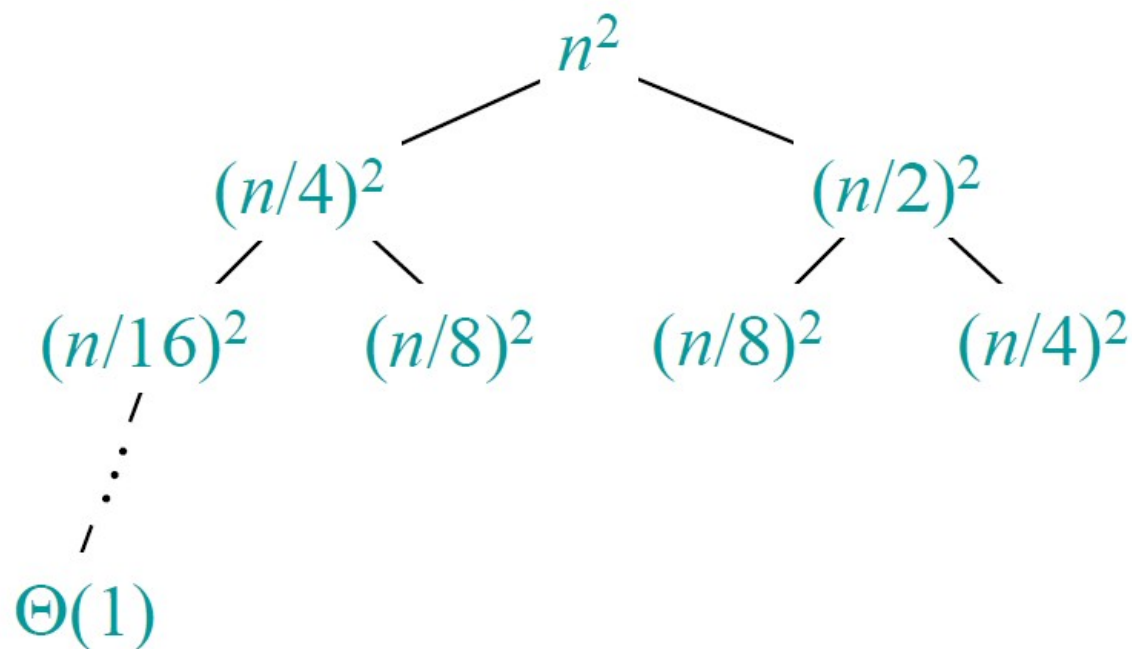
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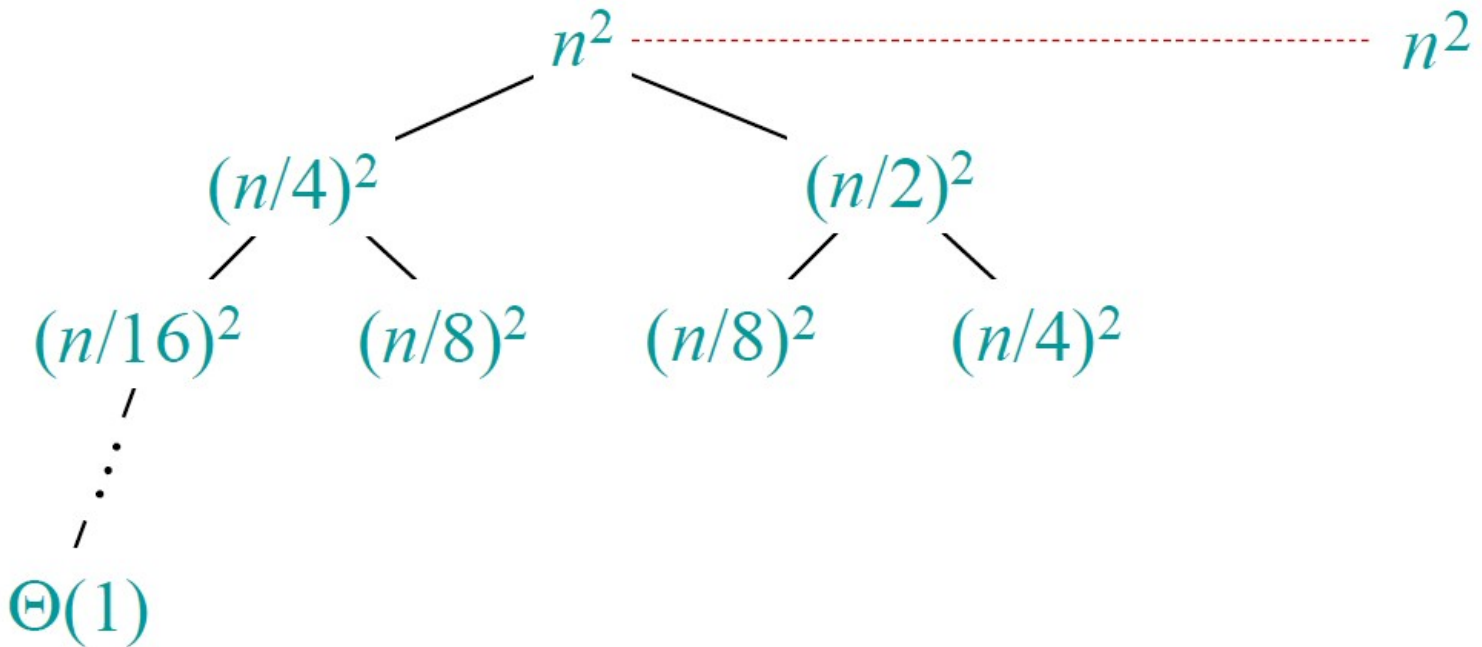
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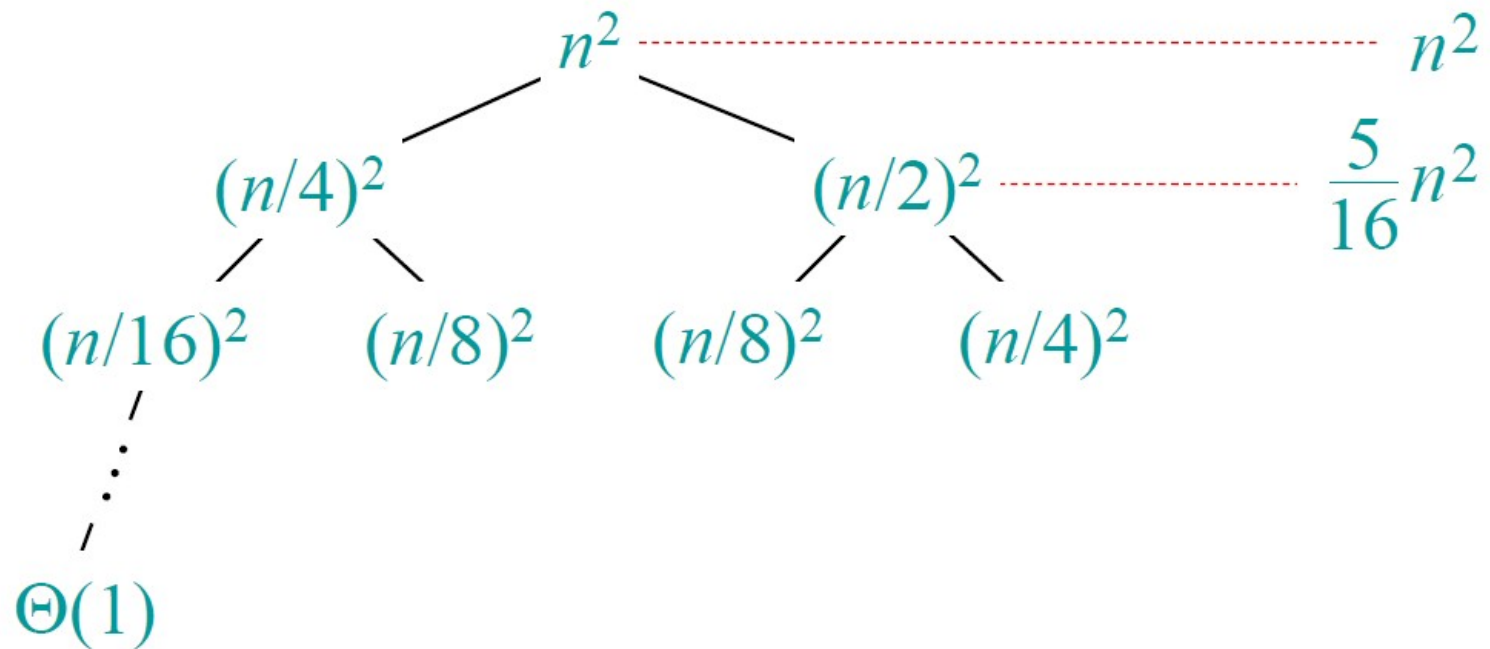
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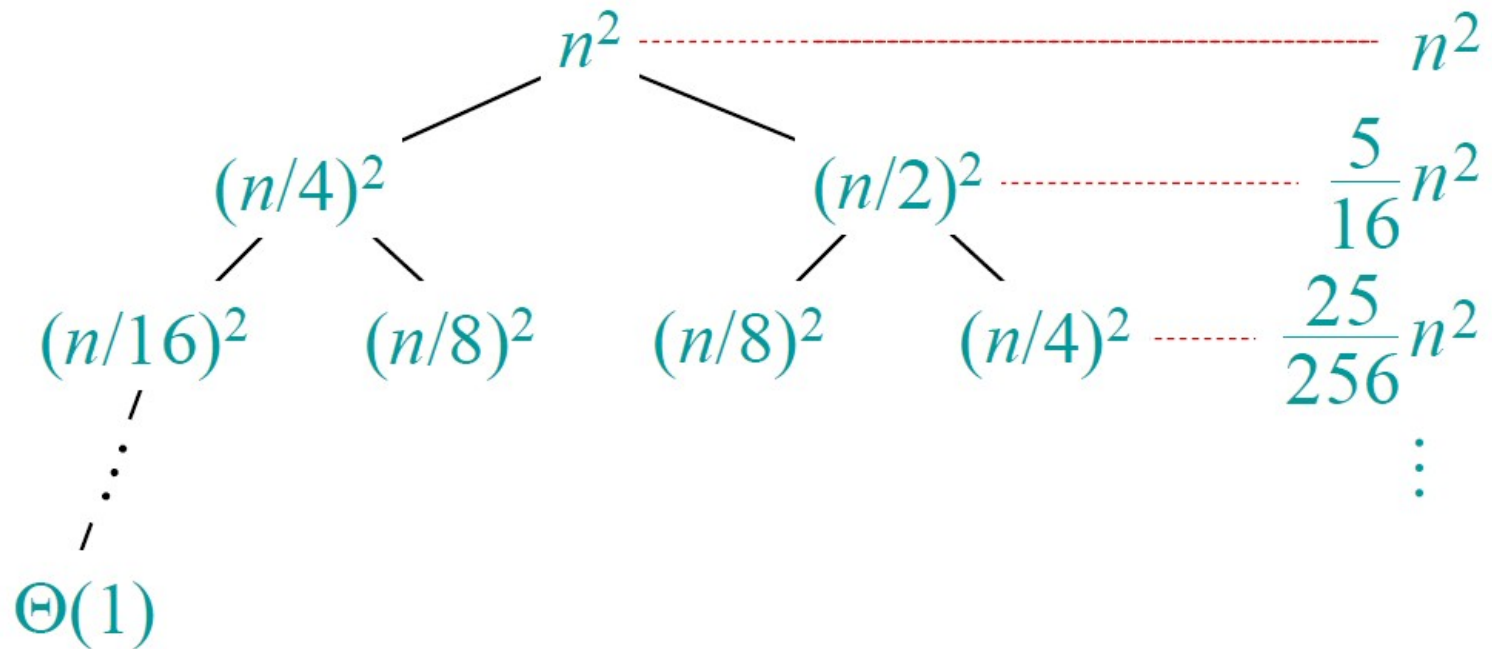
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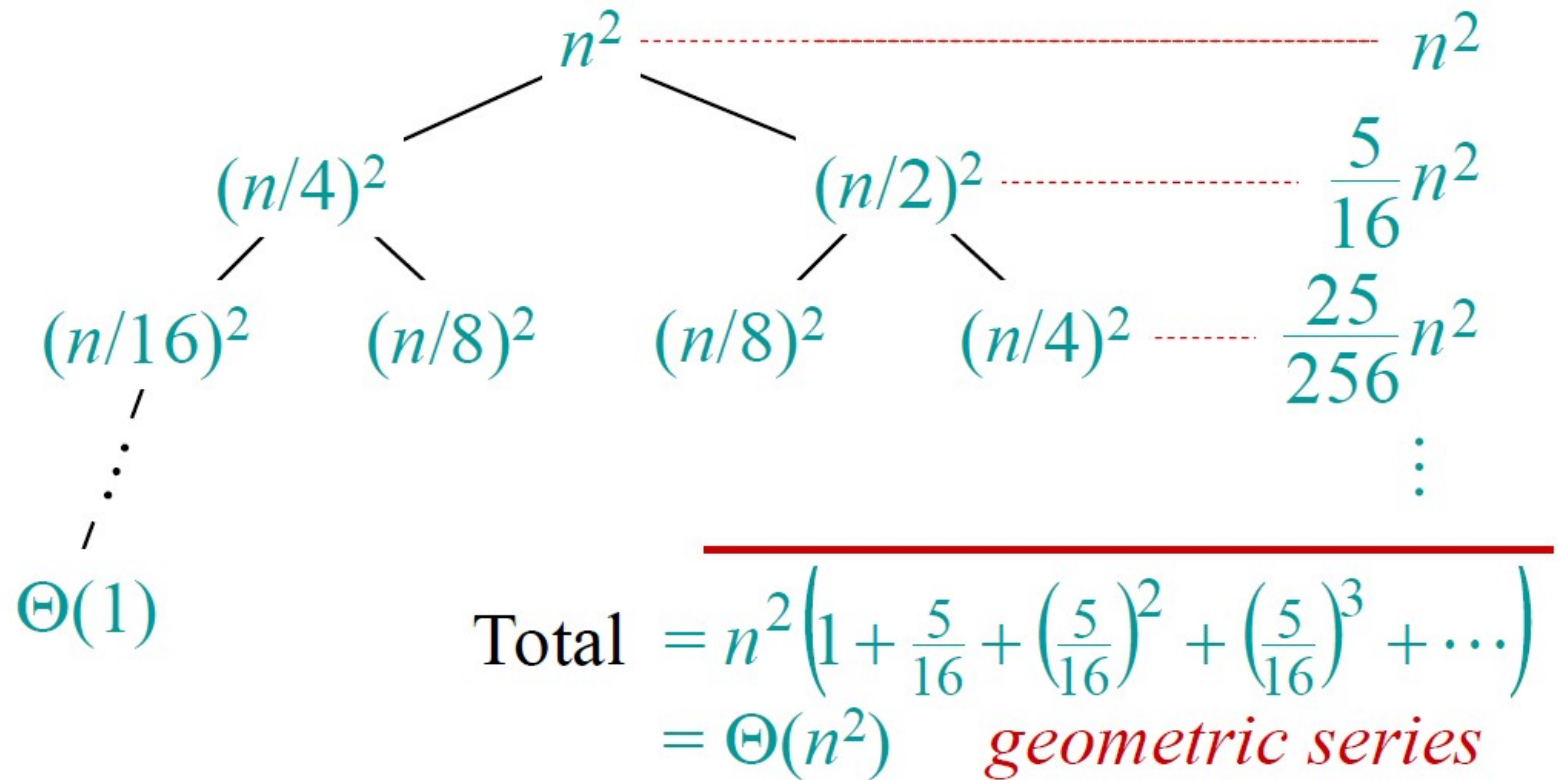
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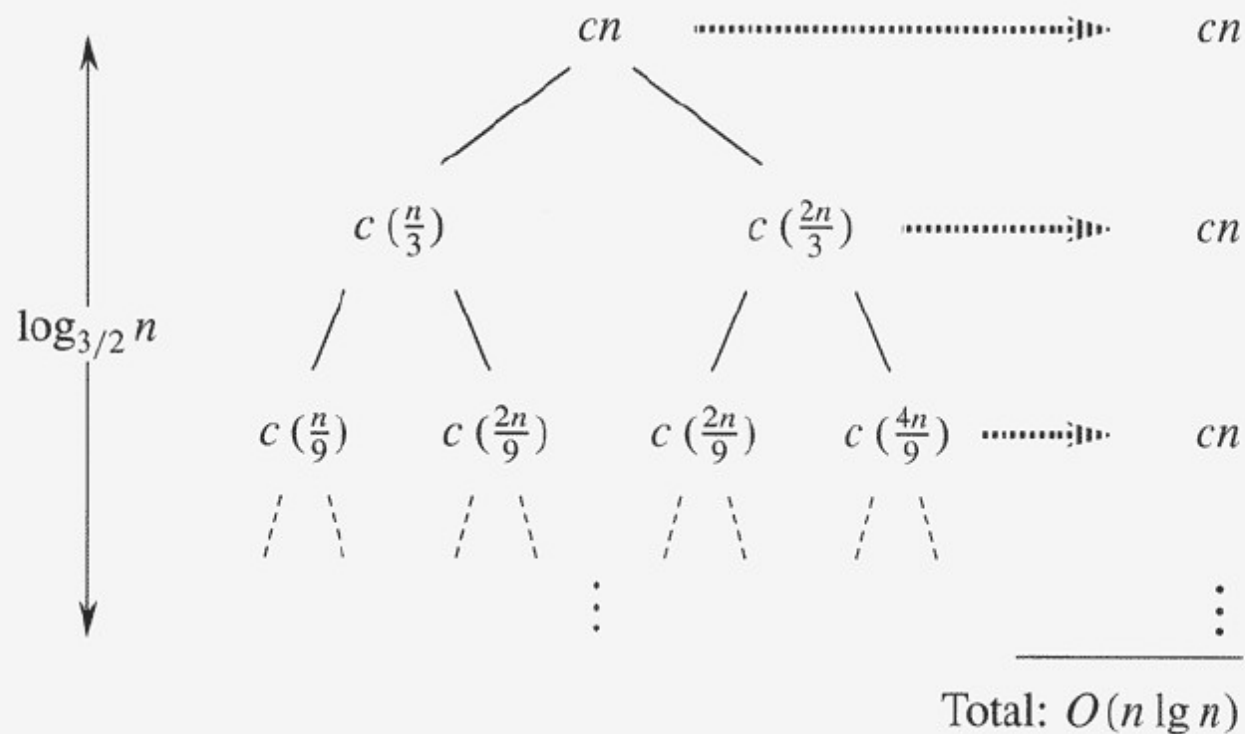


# Appendix: geometric series

$$1 + x + x^2 + \cdots + x^n = \frac{1 - x^{n+1}}{1 - x} \quad \text{for } x \neq 1$$

$$1 + x + x^2 + \cdots = \frac{1}{1 - x} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

# Recursion Tree of $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + O(n)$



**Figure 4.2** A recursion tree for the recurrence  $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn$ .



# Master Theorem

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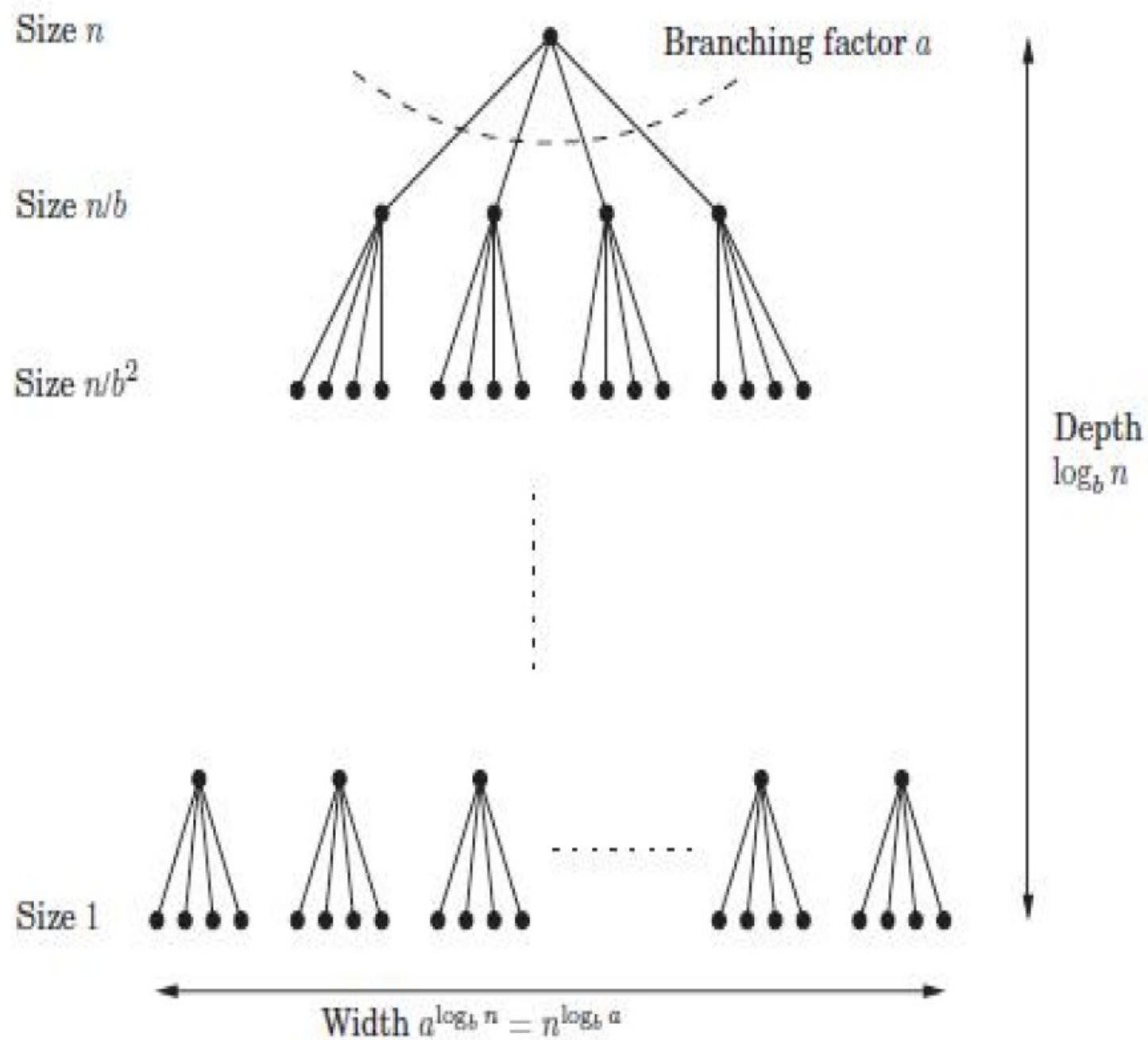
- Let  $T(n)$  be a monotonically increasing function that satisfies

$$T(n) = a T(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$T(1) = c$$

where  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b \geq 2$ ,  $c > 0$ . If  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^d)$  where  $d \geq 0$  then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } \log_b a < d \text{ or } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } \log_b a = d \text{ or } a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } \log_b a > d \text{ or } a > b^d \end{cases}$$





# Karatsuba Multiplication

To multiply two  $n$ -bit integers  $a$  and  $b$ :

- Add **two pairs** of  $\frac{1}{2}n$  bit integers.
- Multiply **three pairs** of  $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers, recursively.
- Add two pairs, subtract two pairs, and shift two  $n$ -bit integers to obtain result.

$$a = 2^{n/2} \cdot a_1 + a_0$$

$$b = 2^{n/2} \cdot b_1 + b_0$$

$$ab = 2^n \cdot a_1 b_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_1) + a_0 b_0$$

$$= 2^n \cdot a_1 b_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot ((a_1 + a_0)(b_1 + b_0) - a_1 b_1 - a_0 b_0) + a_0 b_0$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 2^{n/2} \cdot a_1 + a_0 \\
 b &= 2^{n/2} \cdot b_1 + b_0 \\
 ab &= 2^n \cdot a_1 b_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (a_1 b_0 + a_0 b_1) + a_0 b_0 \\
 &= \underbrace{2^n \cdot a_1 b_1}_{\textcircled{1}} + \underbrace{2^{n/2} \cdot ((a_1 + a_0)(b_1 + b_0) - a_1 b_1 - a_0 b_0)}_{\textcircled{2}} + \underbrace{a_0 b_0}_{\textcircled{3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Theorem. [Karatsuba-Ofman 1962] Can multiply two  $n$ -bit integers in  $O(n^{1.585})$  bit operations.

$$T(n) \leq \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(1 + \lceil n/2 \rceil)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, subtract, shift}} \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\lg 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$$

# Solution to $T(n)=3T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor)+\Theta(n^2)$

- The height is  $\log_4 n$ ,
- #leaf nodes =  $3^{\log_4 n} = n^{\log_4 3}$ . Leaf node cost:  $T(1)$ .
- Total cost  $T(n)=cn^2+(3/16)cn^2+(3/16)^2cn^2+\dots+(3/16)^{\log_4 n-1}cn^2+\Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$   
 $= (1+3/16+(3/16)^2+\dots+(3/16)^{\log_4 n-1})cn^2+\Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$   
 $< (1+3/16+(3/16)^2+\dots+(3/16)^m+\dots)cn^2+\Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$   
 $= (1/(1-3/16))cn^2+\Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$   
 $= 16/13cn^2+\Theta(n^{\log_4 3})$   
 $= O(n^2)$ .

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } \log_b a < d \text{ or } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } \log_b a = d \text{ or } a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } \log_b a > d \text{ or } a > b^d \end{cases}$$



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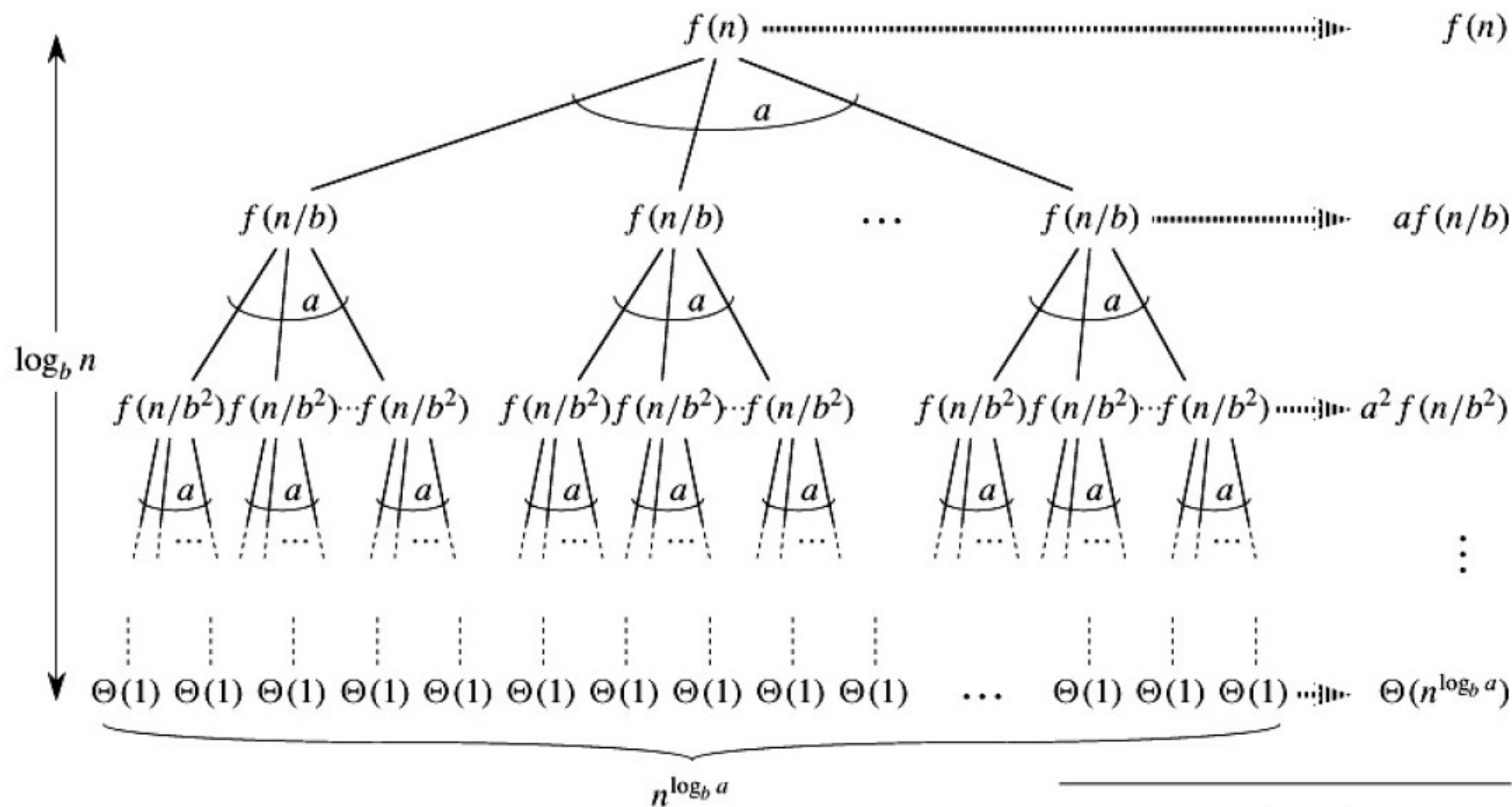
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# Solution to $T(n)=2T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor)+\Theta(n)$

- The height is  $\log_4 n$ ,
- #leaf nodes =  $2^{\log_4 n} = n^{\log_4 2}$ . Leaf node cost:  $T(1)$ .
- Total cost  $T(n)=cn+(2/16)cn+(2/16)^2cn+\dots+(2/16)^{\log_4 n-1}cn+\Theta(n^{\log_4 2})$   
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 $< (1+2/16+(2/16)^2+\dots+(2/16)^m+\dots)cn+\Theta(n^{\log_4 2})$   
 $= (1/(1-2/16))cn+\Theta(n^{\log_4 2})$   
 $= 16/14cn+\Theta(n^{\log_4 2})$   
 $= O(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } \log_b a < d \text{ or } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } \log_b a = d \text{ or } a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } \log_b a > d \text{ or } a > b^d \end{cases}$$





Total:  $\Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n - 1} a^j f(n/b^j)$

Basis problems cost  $\rightarrow$   $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Divide and combine cost  $\rightarrow$   $\sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n - 1} a^j f(n/b^j)$

# Master Theorem: Pitfalls

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- You **cannot** use the Master Theorem if
  - $T(n)$  is not monotone, e.g.  $T(n) = \sin(n)$
  - $f(n)$  is not a polynomial, e.g.,  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 2^n$
  - $b$  cannot be expressed as a constant, e.g.

$$T(n) = T(\sqrt{n})$$

# Master Theorem: Example 1

- Let  $T(n) = T(n/2) + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + n$ . What are the parameters?

$$a = 1$$

$$b = 2$$

$$d = 2$$

Therefore, which condition applies?

$0 < 2$  or  $1 < 2^2$ , case 1 applies (if  $\log_b a < d$  or  $a < b^d$ )

- We conclude that

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^d) = \Theta(n^2)$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } \log_b a < d \text{ or } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } \log_b a = d \text{ or } a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } \log_b a > d \text{ or } a > b^d \end{cases}$$

# Master Theorem: Example 2

- Let  $T(n) = 2T(n/4) + \sqrt{n} + 42$ . What are the parameters?

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 4$$

$$d = 1/2$$

Therefore, which condition applies?

$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$  or  $2 = 4^{1/2}$ , case 2 applies (if  $\log_b a = d$  or  $a = b^d$ )

- We conclude that

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^d \log n) = \Theta(\log n \sqrt{n})$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } \log_b a < d \text{ or } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } \log_b a = d \text{ or } a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } \log_b a > d \text{ or } a > b^d \end{cases}$$

# Master Theorem: Example 3

- Let  $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + 3/4n + 1$ . What are the parameters?

$$a = 3$$

$$b = 2$$

$$d = 1$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } \log_b a < d \text{ or } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } \log_b a = d \text{ or } a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } \log_b a > d \text{ or } a > b^d \end{cases}$$

Therefore, which condition applies?

$\log_2 3 > 1$  or  $3 > 2^1$ , case 3 applies (if  $\log_b a > d$  or  $a > b^d$ )

- We conclude that

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3})$$

- Note that  $\log_2 3 \approx 1.584...$ , can we say that  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{1.584})$

No, because  $\log_2 3 \approx 1.5849...$  and  $n^{1.584} \notin \Theta(n^{1.5849})$



# ‘Fourth’ Condition

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- Recall that we cannot use the Master Theorem if  $f(n)$ , the non-recursive cost, is not a polynomial.
- There is a limited 4<sup>th</sup> condition of the Master Theorem that allows us to consider polylogarithmic functions.
- **Corollary:** If  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$  for some  $k \geq 0$  then
$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$$
- This final condition is fairly limited and we present it for sake of completeness.

## ‘Fourth’ Condition: Example

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- Say we have the following recurrence relation

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

- Clearly,  $a=2$ ,  $b=2$ , but  $f(n)$  is not a polynomial. However, we have  $f(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$ ,  $k=1$
- Therefore, by the 4<sup>th</sup> condition of the Master Theorem, we can say that

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2} \log^2 n) = \Theta(n \log^2 n)$$

# The master method

The master method applies to recurrences of the form

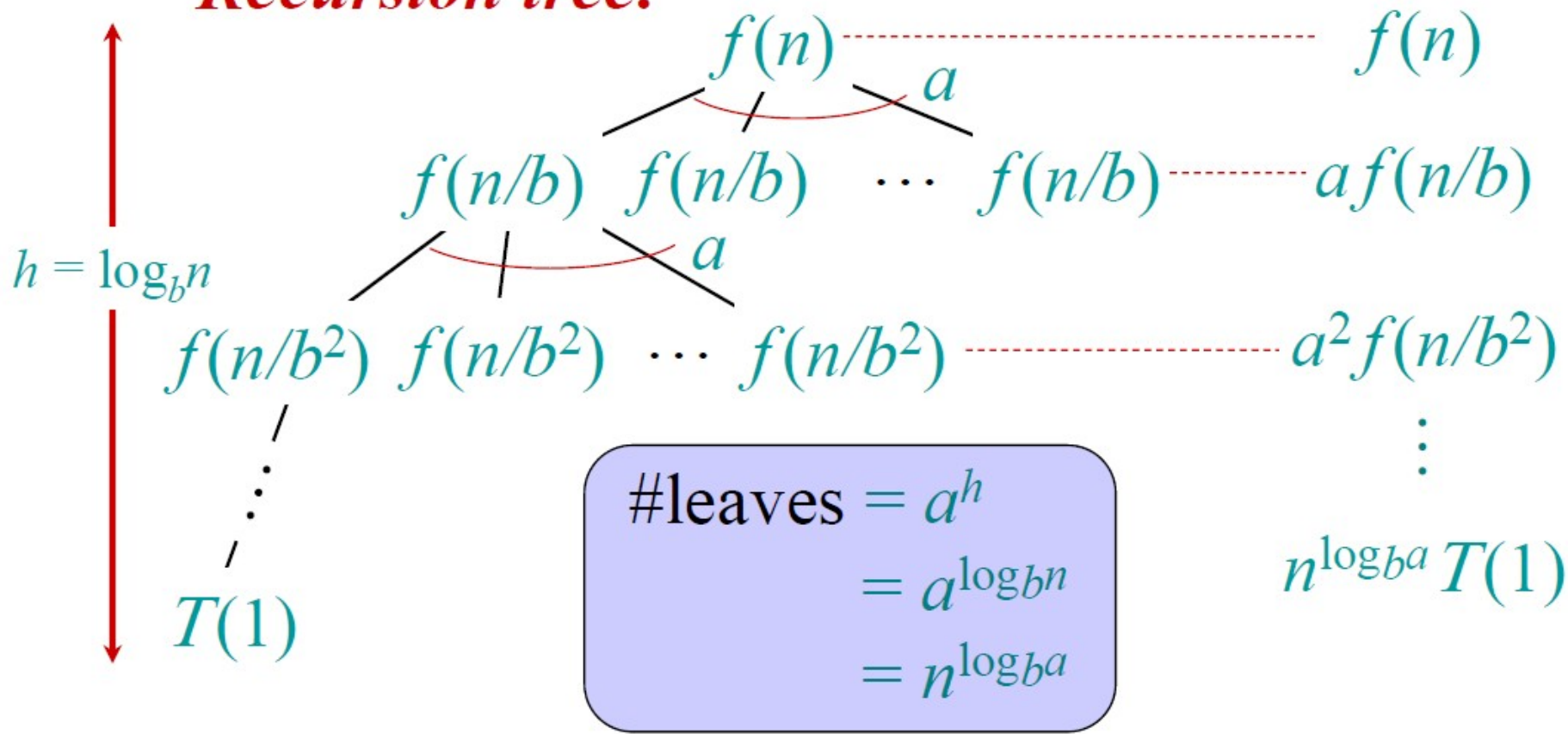
$$T(n) = a T(n/b) + f(n) ,$$

where  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b > 1$ , and  $f$  is asymptotically positive.



# Idea of master theorem

*Recursion tree:*



# Three common cases

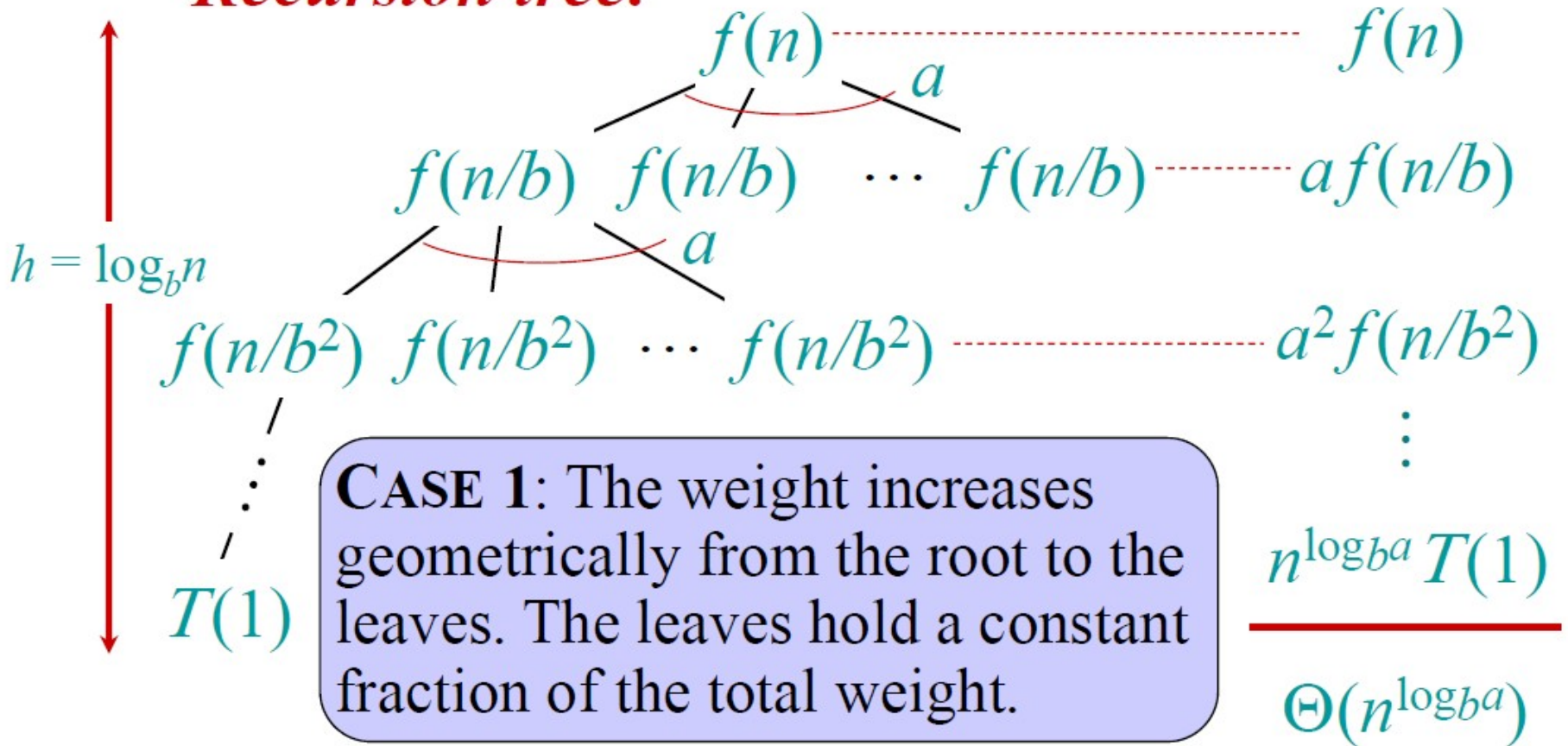
Compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$ :

1.  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$  for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ .
  - $f(n)$  grows polynomially slower than  $n^{\log_b a}$  (by an  $n^\varepsilon$  factor).

**Solution:**  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .

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# Three common cases

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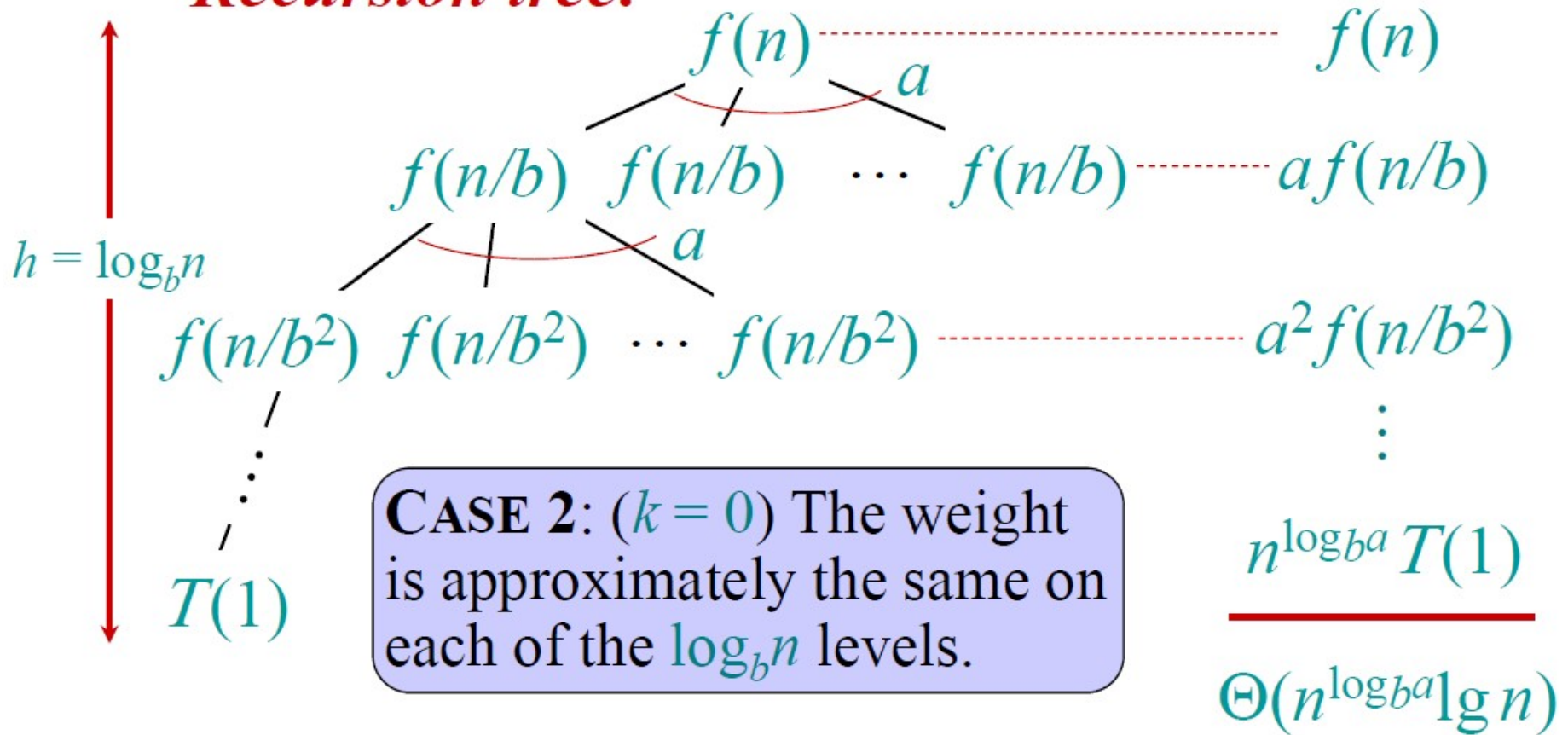
2.  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^k n)$  for some constant  $k \geq 0$ .

- $f(n)$  and  $n^{\log_b a}$  grow at similar rates.

**Solution:**  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$ .

# Idea of master theorem

*Recursion tree:*





## I Three common cases (cont.)

Compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$ :

3.  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$  for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

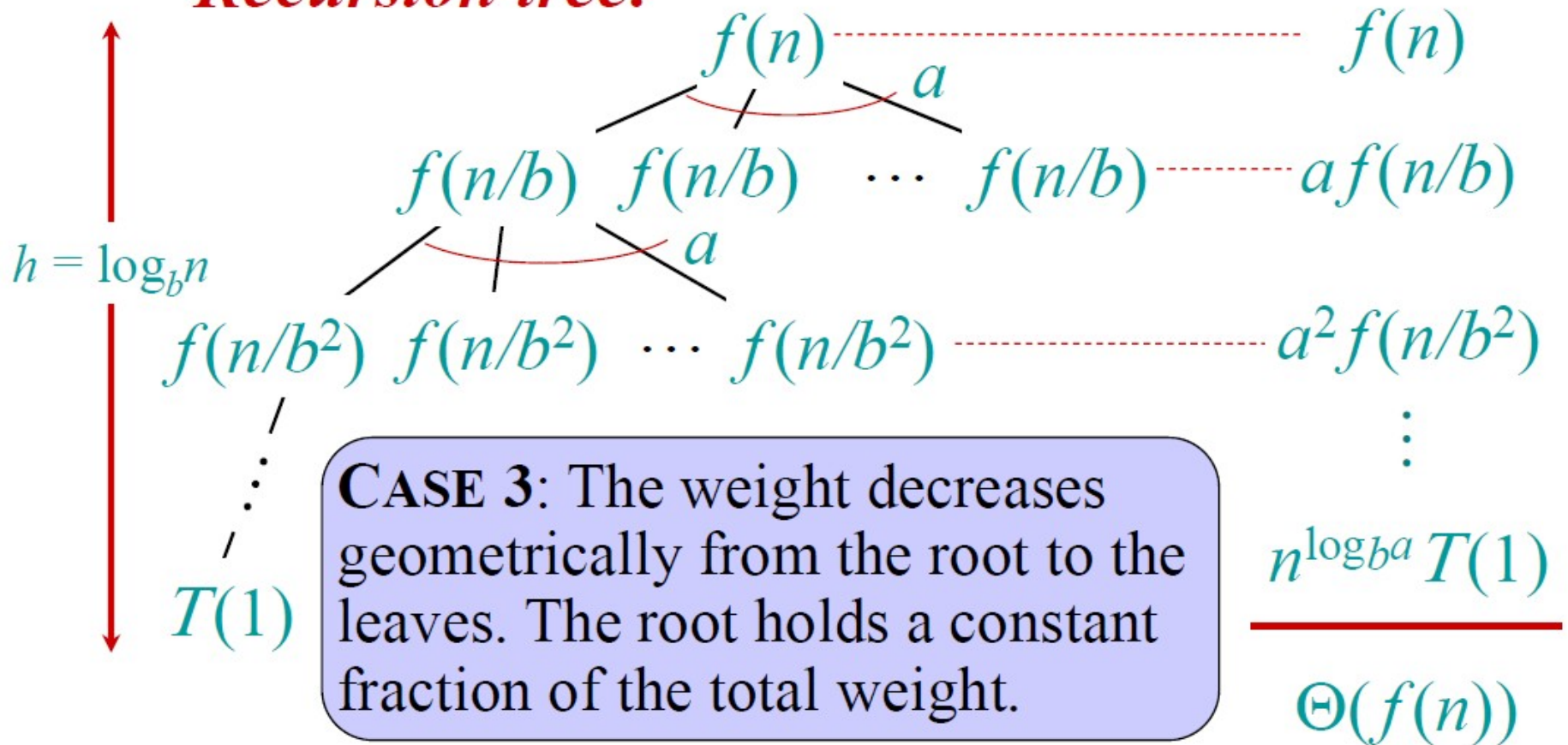
- $f(n)$  grows polynomially faster than  $n^{\log_b a}$  (by an  $n^\varepsilon$  factor),

and  $f(n)$  satisfies the **regularity condition** that  $a f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$ .

**Solution:**  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

# Idea of master theorem

*Recursion tree:*





# Examples

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**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n.$$

**CASE 1:**  $f(n) = O(n^{2-\varepsilon})$  for  $\varepsilon = 1$ .

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2).$$

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^2.$$

**CASE 2:**  $f(n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg^0 n)$ , that is,  $k = 0$ .

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n).$$

# Examples

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**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3$

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^3.$$

**CASE 3:**  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{2+\varepsilon})$  for  $\varepsilon = 1$

and  $4(cn/2)^3 \leq cn^3$  (reg. cond.) for  $c = 1/2$ .

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^3).$$

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2/\lg n$

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^2/\lg n.$$

Master method does not apply. In particular, for every constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have  $n^\varepsilon = \Omega(\lg n)$ .

# Changing Variables

- Suppose  $T(n)=2T(\sqrt{n})+\lg n$ .
- Rename  $m=\lg n$ .      So  $T(2^m)=2T(2^{m/2})+m$ .
- Domain transformation:  
$$S(m)=T(2^m)$$
$$S(m)=2S(m/2)+m.$$
- So the solution is  $S(m)=O(m \lg m)$ .
- Changing back to  $T(n)$  from  $S(m)$ , the solution is  
$$T(n) = T(2^m) = S(m)$$
$$=O(m \lg m)$$
$$=O(\lg n \lg \lg n).$$