

# Master-theorem (老大定理)

$O, \Theta, \Omega$

(比較遞迴式中的  $f(n)$  是否符合 3 個條件中的一項)

遞迴式:

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n), \quad a \geq 1, b > 1$$

$f: f(n)$

1.  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$

且  $\exists \varepsilon (\varepsilon > 0)$

, 則  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

2.  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^k n)$

且

$\forall k (k \geq 0)$

, 則  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$

3.  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$

且

$a f\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq c f(n)$

, 則  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

且  $\exists \varepsilon (\varepsilon > 0)$

$\exists c (c < 1)$

Example:

We will evaluate the time complexity of a recursive algorithm A with input of  $n$  items. Algorithm A works as follow:

when input size is  $m$ , the algorithm will first use  $\Theta(\sqrt{m})$  steps to prepare and divide the input into 4 roughly equal-size subsets; for each size  $\frac{m}{4}$  subset, recursively call A; finally it use  $\Theta(\sqrt{m})$  steps to merge all 4 partial results to get the final solution.

What is the time complexity for this algorithm?

Ans. 輸入  $m$  個後，程式執行次數：

$$T(m) = \underbrace{\sqrt{m}}_{\text{分解次數}} + \underbrace{T\left(\frac{m}{4}\right) \times 4}_{\substack{\text{分成 } \frac{n}{4} \\ \text{並呼叫自己,} \\ \text{然後有 4 塊,} \\ \text{所以乘 4}}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{m}}_{\text{合成次數}}$$

整理：

$$\Rightarrow T(m) = 4T\left(\frac{m}{4}\right) + 2\sqrt{m}$$

轉成共通式

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

和  $\Theta(2n^{\frac{1}{2}})$  相等，

時間複雜度是不看係數的。

使用 master-theorem:

$$a=4, b=4, f(n) = \Theta(n^{\frac{1}{2}})$$

取  $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$ , 即

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_4 a})$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = O(n^{\log_4 a - \varepsilon}) = O(n^{1 - \frac{1}{2}}) = O(n^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \Theta(n^{\log_4 4}) = \Theta(n) \quad \text{符合,} \quad \neq \Theta(n) \quad \text{✗}$$