# CSE 548: Analysis of Algorithms

# Lecture 6 ( Divide-and-Conquer Algorithms: Akra-Bazzi Recurrences )

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**Input:** An array A[q:r] of distinct elements, and integer  $k \in [1, r-q+1]$ .

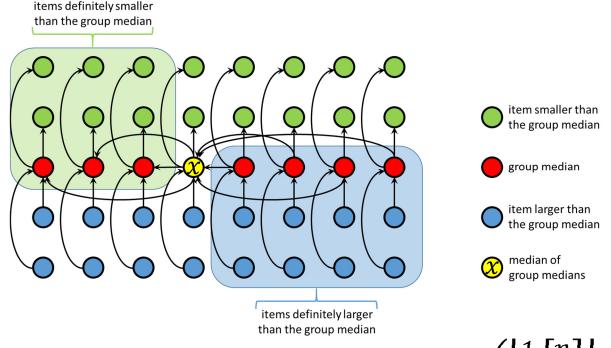
**Output:** An element x of A[q:r] such that rank(x, A[q:r]) = k.

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Select (A[q:r], k)
 1. n \leftarrow r - q + 1
 2. if n \le 140 then
        sort A[q:r] and return A[q+k-1]
 4. else
 5.
        divide A[q:r] into blocks B_i's each containing 5 consecutive elements
               (last block may contain fewer than 5 elements)
       for i \leftarrow 1 to \lceil n / 5 \rceil do
 6.
 7.
            M[i] \leftarrow \text{median of } B_i \text{ using sorting}
        x \leftarrow Select (M[1: \lceil n/5 \rceil], \lfloor (\lceil n/5 \rceil + 1)/2 \rfloor) \{ median of medians \}
 8.
        t \leftarrow Partition (A[q:r], x) { partition around x which ends up at A[t]}
 9.
10.
      if k = t - q + 1 then return A[t]
11. else if k < t - q + 1 then return Select (A[q: t - 1], k)
12.
             else return Select (A[t+1:r], k-t+q-1)
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#items definitely smaller than x is

$$\geq 3\left(\left\lfloor\frac{1}{2}\left\lceil\frac{n}{5}\right\rceil\right\rfloor - 1\right) \geq \frac{3n}{10} - 6$$

#items definitely larger than x is

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#items in any recursive call (lines 11/12)  $\leq n - \left(\frac{3n}{10} - 6\right) = \frac{7n}{10} + 6$ 

The following recurrence describes the worst-case running time of the deterministic selection algorithm (given in Section 9.3 of CLRS):

$$T(n) \le \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & if \ n < 140, \\ T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{5} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\frac{7n}{10} + 6\right) + \Theta(n), & if \ n \ge 140. \end{cases}$$

Dropping the ceiling for simplicity, and observing that  $\frac{7n}{10} + 6 \le \frac{8n}{10}$  when  $n \ge 60$ , we obtain the following upper bound on T(n).

$$T'(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & \text{if } n < 140, \\ T'\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T'\left(\frac{4n}{5}\right) + \Theta(n), & \text{if } n \ge 140. \end{cases}$$

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Dropping the ceiling for simplicity, and observing that  $\frac{7n}{10} + 6 \le \frac{7.5n}{10}$  when  $n \ge 120$ , we obtain the following upper bound on T(n).

$$T''(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & if \ n < 140, \\ T''\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T''\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) + \Theta(n), & if \ n \ge 140. \end{cases}$$

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# **Akra-Bazzi Recurrences**

Consider the following recurrence:

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & \text{if } 1 \le x \le x_0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(b_i x) + g(x), & \text{if } x > x_0; \end{cases}$$

where,

- 1.  $k \ge 1$  is an integer constant
- 2.  $a_i > 0$  is a constant for  $1 \le i \le k$
- 3.  $b_i \in (0,1)$  is a constant for  $1 \le i \le k$
- 4.  $x \ge 1$  is a real number
- 5.  $x_0 \ge \max\left\{\frac{1}{b_i}, \frac{1}{1-b_i}\right\}$  is a constant for  $1 \le i \le k$
- 6. g(x) is a nonnegative function that satisfies a polynomial-growth condition ( to be specified soon )

# **Polynomial-Growth Condition**

We say that g(x) satisfies the polynomial-growth condition if there exist positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that for all  $x \ge 1$ , for all  $1 \le i \le k$ , and for all  $u \in [b_i x, x]$ ,

$$c_1 g(x) \le g(u) \le c_2 g(x),$$

where x, k,  $b_i$  and g(x) are as defined in the previous slide.

# The Akra-Bazzi Solution

Consider the recurrence given in the previous two slides under the conditions specified there:

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & \text{if } 1 \le x \le x_0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(b_i x) + g(x), & \text{if } x > x_0. \end{cases}$$

Let p be the unique real number for which  $\sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i^p = 1$ . Then

$$T(x) = \Theta\left(x^p \left(1 + \int_1^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du\right)\right)$$

$$T'(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & if \ n < 140, \\ T'\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + T'\left(\frac{4n}{5}\right) + \Theta(n), & if \ n \ge 140. \end{cases}$$

From 
$$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^p + \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^p = 1$$
 we get  $p = 1$ .

Hence, 
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$$= \Theta\left(n \left(1 + \int_1^n \frac{du}{u}\right)\right)$$
  

$$= \Theta(n \ln n)$$

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$$= \Theta\left(\left(\frac{1}{1-p}\right)n - \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)n^p\right)$$
  

$$= \Theta(n)$$

# **Examples of Akra-Bazzi Recurrences**

Example 1: 
$$T(x) = 2T\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + 3T\left(\frac{x}{6}\right) + \Theta(x \log x)$$

Then 
$$p = 1$$
 and  $T(x) = \Theta\left(x\left(1 + \int_1^x \frac{u \log u}{u^2} du\right)\right) = \Theta\left(x \log^2 x\right)$ 

Example 2: 
$$T(x) = 2T\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \frac{8}{9}T\left(\frac{3x}{4}\right) + \Theta\left(\frac{x^2}{\log x}\right)$$

Then 
$$p = 2$$
 and  $T(x) = \Theta\left(x^2\left(1 + \int_1^x \frac{u^2/\log u}{u^3} du\right)\right) = \Theta(x^2 \log\log x)$ 

**Example 3:** 
$$T(x) = T\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \Theta(\log x)$$

Then 
$$p = 0$$
 and  $T(x) = \Theta\left(1 + \int_1^x \frac{\log u}{u} du\right) = \Theta(\log^2 x)$ 

Example 4: 
$$T(x) = \frac{1}{2}T\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \Theta\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

Then 
$$p = -1$$
 and  $T(x) = \Theta\left(\frac{1}{x}\left(1 + \int_{1}^{x} \frac{1}{u} du\right)\right) = \Theta\left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right)$ 

# **A Helping Lemma**

**Lemma:** If g(x) is a nonnegative function that satisfies the polynomial-growth condition, then there exist positive constants  $c_3$  and  $c_4$  such that for  $1 \le i \le k$  and all  $x \ge 1$ ,

$$c_3 g(x) \le x^p \int_{b_i x}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \le c_4 g(x).$$

**Proof:** 

$$b_i x \le u \le x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\max\{(b_{i}x)^{p+1}, x^{p+1}\}} \le \frac{1}{u^{p+1}} \le \frac{1}{\min\{(b_{i}x)^{p+1}, x^{p+1}\}}$$

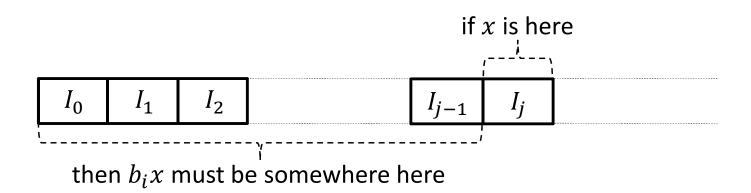
$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^{p}c_{1}g(x)}{\max\{(b_{i}x)^{p+1}, x^{p+1}\}} \int_{b_{i}x}^{x} du \le x^{p} \int_{b_{i}x}^{x} \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \le \frac{x^{p}c_{2}g(x)}{\min\{(b_{i}x)^{p+1}, x^{p+1}\}} \int_{b_{i}x}^{x} du$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(1 - b_{i})c_{1}}{\max\{1, b_{i}^{p+1}\}} g(x) \le x^{p} \int_{b_{i}x}^{x} \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \le \frac{(1 - b_{i})c_{2}}{\min\{1, b_{i}^{p+1}\}} g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow c_3 g(x) \le x^p \int_{b_i x}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \le c_4 g(x)$$

# Partitioning the Domain of x

Let  $I_0 = [1, x_0]$  and  $I_j = (x_0 + j - 1, x_0 + j]$  for  $j \ge 1$ .

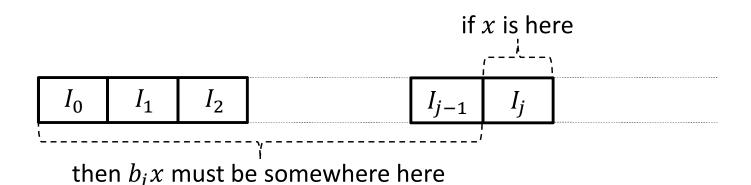


That allows us to use induction in the proof of:

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1), & \text{if } 1 \le x \le x_0, \\ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i T(b_i x) + g(x), & \text{if } x > x_0. \end{cases}$$

# Partitioning the Domain of x

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#### **Proof:**

$$x_0 + j - 1 < x \le x_0 + j$$

$$\Rightarrow b_i(x_0 + j - 1) < b_i x \le b_i(x_0 + j)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_i x_0 < b_i x \le b_i x_0 + j$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < b_i x \le x_0 + j - (1 - b_i)x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < b_i x \le x_0 + j - 1$$

# **Derivation of the Akra-Bazzi Solution**

**Lower Bound:** There exists a constant  $c_5 > 0$  such that for all  $x > x_0$ ,

$$T(x) \ge c_5 x^p \left( 1 + \int_1^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \right).$$

**Proof:** By induction on the interval  $I_i$  containing x.

Base case ( j=0 ) follows since  $T(x)=\Theta(1)$  when  $x\in I_0=[1,x_0]$ .

Induction: 
$$T(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i T(b_i x) + g(x) \ge \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i c_5(b_i x)^p \left(1 + \int_1^{b_i x} \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du\right) + g(x)$$

$$= c_5 x^p \sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i^p \left( 1 + \int_1^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du - \int_{b_i x}^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \right) + g(x)$$

$$\geq c_5 x^p \left( 1 + \int_1^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du - \frac{c_4}{x^p} g(x) \right) \sum_{i=1}^k a_i b_i^p + g(x)$$

$$= c_5 x^p \left( 1 + \int_1^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \right) + (1 - c_4 c_5) g(x) \ge c_5 x^p \left( 1 + \int_1^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \right)$$
(assuming  $c_4 c_5 \le 1$ )

# **Derivation of the Akra-Bazzi Solution**

**Upper Bound:** There exists a constant  $c_6 > 0$  such that for all  $x > x_0$ ,

$$T(x) \le c_6 x^p \left( 1 + \int_1^x \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \right).$$

**Proof:** Similar to the lower bound proof.