

9.1 Motivation for Akra-Bazzi Recurrence

9.1.1 Deterministic Select

The following recurrence is for the worst case running time of the deterministic selection algorithm :

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n < 140 \\ T(\lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil) + T(\frac{7n}{10} + 6) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n \geq 140 \end{cases}$$

If we drop the ceiling for simplicity and observe that $\frac{(7n)}{10+6} \leq \frac{8n}{10} \forall n \geq 60$, we obtain the following upper bound :

$$T'(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) : & \text{if } n < 140 \\ T'(\frac{n}{5}) + T'(\frac{4n}{5}) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n \geq 140 \end{cases}$$

But, by using $\frac{8n}{10}$, we might be overestimating, so instead we will select $\frac{7.5n}{10}$. Using $\frac{7.5n}{10} (= \frac{3n}{4})$ for all $n \geq 120$, we obtain the following upper bound.

$$T''(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) : & \text{if } n < 140 \\ T''(\frac{n}{5}) + T''(\frac{3n}{4}) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n \geq 140 \end{cases}$$

9.1.2 Master theorem

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) : & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ aT(\frac{n}{b}) + f(n), & \text{otherwise } (a \geq 1, b \geq 1) \end{cases}$$

Let's write the recurrence relation in different form as below :

$$T(n) = n^{\log_b a} + \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n - 1} a^j f(\frac{n}{b^j})$$

now assume $p = \log_b a$ and $n_j = \frac{n}{b^j}$, then

$$T(n) = n^p + \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n - 1} a^j f(n_j)$$

Since, $p = \log_b a \Rightarrow a = b^p \Rightarrow a^j = (b^j)^p = (\frac{n}{n_j})^p$

Hence,

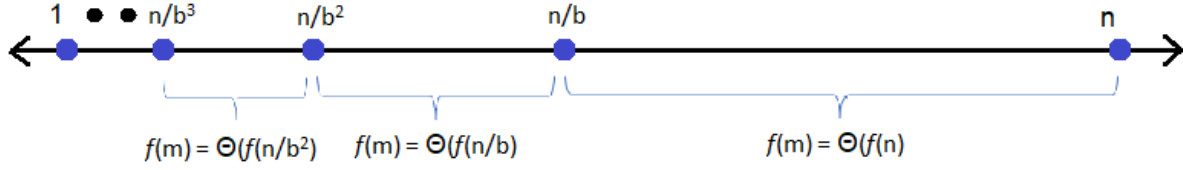


Figure 9.1.1: Shows $f(m)$ is in constant factor of $f(n)$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n-1} a^j f\left(\frac{n}{b^j}\right) = \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n-1} \left(\frac{n}{b^j}\right)^p f\left(\frac{n}{b^j}\right)$$

The above equation considers discrete points, viz, $n, \frac{n}{b}, \frac{n}{b^2}$ and so on, but if we want to take more points on the real line into account, we have to modify the equation. Let m be the set of discrete points $(n, \frac{n}{b}, \frac{n}{b^2}, \dots)$, then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n-1} \left(\frac{n}{b^j}\right)^p f\left(\frac{n}{b^j}\right) = n^p \sum_{m \in (n, \frac{n}{b}, \frac{n}{b^2}, \dots)} \left(\frac{f(m)}{m^p}\right)$$

$$n^p \sum_{m \in (n, \frac{n}{b}, \frac{n}{b^2}, \dots)} \left(\frac{f(m)}{m^p}\right) \text{ becomes } \Theta\left(n^p \sum_{m=1}^n \frac{f(m)}{m^{p+1}}\right)$$

$$\text{Hence, } T(n) = n^p + n^p \sum_{m=0}^n \frac{f(m)}{m^{p+1}}$$

$$\text{provided, } c_1 f(n) \leq f(m) \leq c_2 f(n)$$

$$\text{and } f(n) = n^\alpha \log^p n$$

9.1.3 Why do we need general form

With Master theorem, we can represent recurrences within polylog factor for n as shown in figure 10.1.1, Other points are not covered. Hence, we need general form covering all the points.

$$T(n) = a_1 T\left(\frac{n}{b_1}\right) + a_2 T\left(\frac{n}{b_2}\right) + a_3 T\left(\frac{n}{b_3}\right)$$

Assume that $T(n) = n^p$, then

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= a_1 T\left(\frac{n}{b_1}\right)^p + a_2 T\left(\frac{n}{b_2}\right)^p + a_3 T\left(\frac{n}{b_3}\right)^p \\ &= \left[\frac{a_1}{b_1^p} + \frac{a_2}{b_2^p} + \frac{a_3}{b_3^p}\right] \cdot n^p \end{aligned}$$

As per our initial assumption ($T(n) = n^p$) the value of $\left[\frac{a_1}{b_1^p} + \frac{a_2}{b_2^p} + \frac{a_3}{b_3^p}\right]$ should be 1. We can find value of p by solving $\left[\frac{a_1}{b_1^p} + \frac{a_2}{b_2^p} + \frac{a_3}{b_3^p}\right] = 1$.

9.2 General form: Akra-bazzi recurrence

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

where,

1. $k \geq 1$ is an integer constant
2. $a_i > 0$ is a constant for $1 \leq i \leq k$
3. $b_i \in (0,1)$ is a constant for $1 \leq i \leq k$
4. $x \geq 1$ is a real number
5. $x_0 \geq \max\{\frac{1}{b_i}, \frac{1}{1-b_i}\}$
6. $g(x)$ is a non-negative function that satisfies a polynomial-growth condition.

If can expand above recurrence as follows,

$$T(x) = a_1 T(b_1 x) + a_2 T(b_2 x) + a_3 T(b_3 x) + \dots + a_k T(b_k x) + g(x)$$

9.2.1 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 $x \geq 1$, for all $1 \leq i \leq k$, and for all $u \in [b_i x, x]$

$$c_1 g(x) \leq g(u) \leq c_2 g(x)$$

$$i.e. \quad g(u) = \Theta(g(x))$$

9.2.2 The Akra-Bazzi Solution

Consider the recurrence given in 10.2

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

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

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

9.3 Akra-Bazzi Solution

9.3.1 Deterministic Select

For following recurrence,

$$T'(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) : & \text{if } n < 140 \\ T'(\frac{n}{5}) + T'(\frac{4n}{5}) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n \geq 140 \end{cases}$$

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = \frac{1}{5}, a_2 = 1, b_2 = \frac{4}{5} \\ a_1 b_1^p + a_2 b_2^p = 1$$

Putting values of a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2

$$1 * (\frac{1}{5})^p + 1 * (\frac{4}{5})^p = 1$$

$$(\frac{1}{5})^p + (\frac{4}{5})^p = 1$$

$$p = 1$$

putting value of p in Akra-Bazzi Solution,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^1(1 + \int_1^n \frac{u}{u^2} du))$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n(1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{u} du))$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n(1 + [\ln u]_1^n))$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n(1 + (\ln n - \ln 1)))$$

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

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For following recurrence,

$$T'(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) : & \text{if } n < 140 \\ T'(\frac{n}{5}) + T'(\frac{3n}{4}) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n \geq 140 \end{cases}$$

$$a_1 = 1, b_1 = \frac{1}{5}, a_2 = 1, b_2 = \frac{3}{4}$$

Putting values of a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2

$$1 * \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^p + 1 * \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^p = 1$$

$$p < 1$$

putting value of p in Akra-Bazzi Solution,

$$T''(n) = \Theta(n^p(1 + \int_1^n \frac{u}{u^{p+1}} du))$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n(1 + \int_1^n \frac{1}{u^{p+1}} du))$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n(1 + [u^{\frac{-p+1}{-p+1}}]_1^n))$$

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

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

9.3.3 Examples of Akra-Bazzi recurrence

$$1. T(x) = 2T(\frac{x}{4}) + 3T(\frac{3x}{6}) + \Theta(x \log x)$$

$$a_1 = 2, b_1 = \frac{1}{4}, a_2 = 3, b_2 = \frac{1}{6}$$

Putting values of a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2

$$2 * \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^p + 3 * \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^p = 1$$

$$p = 1$$

putting value of p in Akra-Bazzi Solution,

$$T(x) = \Theta(x^1(1 + \int_1^x \frac{u \ln u}{u^2} du))$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(x(1 + \int_1^x \frac{\ln u}{u} du))$$

$$\int_1^u \frac{\ln u}{u} du = \ln u \int_1^u \frac{1}{u} du - \int_1^u \left(\frac{d}{du} \ln u \right) \int_1^u \frac{1}{u} du$$

$$2 \int_1^u \frac{\ln u}{u} du = (\ln u)^2$$

$$\int_1^u \frac{\ln u}{u} du = \frac{(\ln u)^2}{2}$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(x(1 + [(\ln u)^2]_1^x))$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(x(1 + [(\ln x)^2 - (\ln 1)^2]))$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(x \log^2 x)$$

Similarly, we can solve following recurrences,

$$2. \quad T(x) = 2T\left(\frac{x}{4}\right) + 3T\left(\frac{3x}{6}\right) + \Theta(x \log x)$$

$$p = 2$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(x^2(1 + \int_1^x \frac{u^2}{u^3} du))$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(x^2 \log \log x)$$

$$3. \quad T(x) = T\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + \Theta(\log x)$$

$$p = 0$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(x^0(1 + \int_1^x \frac{\log u}{u} du))$$

$$T(x) = \Theta(\log^2 x)$$

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

$$p = -1$$

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

$$T(x) = \Theta\left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right)$$

9.4 Summary

1. Revisited Deterministic Select.
2. Revisited Master theorem.
3. Akra-Bazzi theorem is generalization of masters theorem.
4. We can map relation of p in Akra-Bazzi theorem and three cases in Master theorem as follows:
 - $p > 1$: Master theorem case 1
 - $p = 1$: Master theorem case 2
 - $p < 1$: Master theorem case 3