

Note: Office hours Friday 12-1 BA 8135

Continued...

Recall we left off doing a running time complexity analysis of Merge Sort

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2 \cdot T(n/2) + bn = 2[2 \cdot T(n/4) + b \cdot n/2] + bn \\ &= 2^2 T(n/2^2) + 2b \cdot n/2 + bn = 2^2 T(n/2^2) + 2bn \\ &= 2^2 [2 T(n/2^3) + b \cdot n/2^2] + 2bn = 2^3 T(n/2^3) + 2^2 b \cdot n/2^2 + 2bn \\ &= 2^3 T(n/2^3) + 3bn = 2^i T(n/2^i) + i bn \quad \text{on } i^{\text{th}} \text{ iteration} \end{aligned}$$

→ Prove this is true for all i iterations using induction.

- $n/2^i = 1$ when $2^i = n$ ∴ when $i = \log_2 n$; then $\log_2 n$ iterations bring us to base case.

- $T(n) = n T(1) + \log_2 n \cdot b \cdot n = \boxed{a \cdot n + bn \log_2 n}$ // closed form

- Master theorem definition on Slide 18.

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- $cT(n/4)$: time of recursive call on $1/4^{\text{th}}$ size problem
- $f(n)$: time to merge results from recursive calls
- whichever one is the dominant factor is what affects performance degradation
- always make sure master theorem applies before using it
- ↳ there will be trick questions on tests that look Master Theorem

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- when $f(n) \in O(n^k)$, we may approximate $f(n)$ with a polynomial.
- ↳ can use squeeze theorem to find bounds.

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- sometimes Master theorem used to compare different algos
- no amount of testing can replace a proof of correctness
- Turing completeness (computable numbers paper) means programs can be written which do not terminate.
- Precondition + Algo → Termination
- Precondition + Algo + Termination → Post condition

→ Proving correctness of recursive functions:

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- encapsulate partial correctness & termination in one predicate
 - $P(n) : (\text{pre cond}) \wedge (\text{runs}) \wedge (\text{input size } n) \rightarrow (\text{halts}) \wedge (\text{partial correct})$

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- $P(n) : \text{"if } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and if the program runs and if the size of the input is } n, \text{ then the program halts \& } Sq(n) \text{ returns } n^2 \text{"}$
 - Prove by simple induction claim: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ p(n)$
 - Base $n=0 : 0 \in \mathbb{N}$, runs, input $n \rightarrow$ returns $0 = 0^2 \therefore P(0)$ true
 - Assume $P(k)$ true for arbitrary $k \in \mathbb{N}$,
 $\therefore P(k+1) : \text{calls } Sq(k) \text{ returns } (k^2)$
 $\text{returns } [k^2 + 2(k+1) - 1] = k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k+1)^2$
Then $P(k+1)$ terminates and the post-condition holds.
So $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1) \ \forall k \in \mathbb{N}$
 - $P(0) \wedge [P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)] \therefore \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \ P(n)$ holds.
 - Then via PSI can conclude that $Sq(n)$ returns correct answer for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$