

# Practice Question: Induction

- Suppose you have an unlimited supply of 3 and 7 cent coins, prove by induction that you can make any amount  $n \geq 12$ .

BASE:  $H(12) = 4 \text{ } 3 \text{ cent coins } \checkmark$

$H(13) = 2 \text{ } 3 \text{ cent coins } + 1 \text{ } 7 \text{ cent coin } \checkmark$

$H(14) = 2 \text{ } 7 \text{ cent coins } \checkmark$

Ind:  $H(12) \wedge \dots \wedge H(K-1) \rightarrow H(K) \quad (K > 14)$  <sup>important</sup>

Consider  $K-3$ . By the IH,  $H(K-3)$  is true.

Thus, we can take the solution for  $K-3$  and add one 3 cent coin.  $\square$

# Practice Question: Asymptotics

- Put these functions in order so that  $f_i = O(f_{i+1})$

$f_2$  •  $n^{\log_2 7} \rightarrow n^{2.8} \quad \left( \log_2 4 = \frac{2}{2} < \frac{2.8}{2} < \log_2 8 = 3 \right)$   
 $f_3$  •  $8^{\log_2 n} \rightarrow 2^{\log_2 8 \cdot \log_2 n} \rightarrow n^3$   
 $f_4$  •  $2^{3.1 \log_2 n} \rightarrow 2^{(\log_2 n) \cdot 3.1} \rightarrow n^{3.1}$   
 $f_6$  •  $2^{(\log_2 n)^2} \rightarrow 2^{\log_2 n \cdot \log_2 n} \rightarrow n^{\log_2 n}$   
 $f_5$  •  $n^2 \sum_{i=1}^n i \rightarrow n^2 \cdot C \cdot n^2 \rightarrow C \cdot n^4$   
 $f_1$  •  $n^2 \log_2 n \rightarrow n^2 \cdot \log n$

$n^{2.8}$  vs.  $n^{\log_2 n}$

$n^{0.8}$  vs.  $\log n$

(See HW1 for more examples)

# Practice Question: Asymptotics

- Suppose  $f_1(n) = O(g(n))$  and  $f_2(n) = O(g(n))$ .  
Prove that  $f_1(n) + 4f_2(n) = O(g(n))$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_1(n) \leq C_1 g(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0' \\ f_2(n) \leq C_2 g(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0'' \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4f_2(n) \leq 4C_2 g(n) \quad \forall n \geq n_0''$$

$$\underline{f_1(n) + 4f_2(n) \leq C_1 g(n) + 4C_2 g(n) = (C_1 + 4C_2)g(n)}$$

$$C = C_1 + 4C_2, \quad n_0 = \max(n_0', n_0'')$$



# Practice Question: Recurrences

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F(n) : if n < 1 → return
      For i = 1, ..., n2: Print "Hi"
      For i = 1, ..., 3: F(n/3)
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- Write a recurrence for the running time of this algorithm. ✓  
Write the asymptotic running time given by the recurrence. ✓

$$T(1) = C$$

$$T(n) = 3T(\underbrace{n/3}) + n^2$$

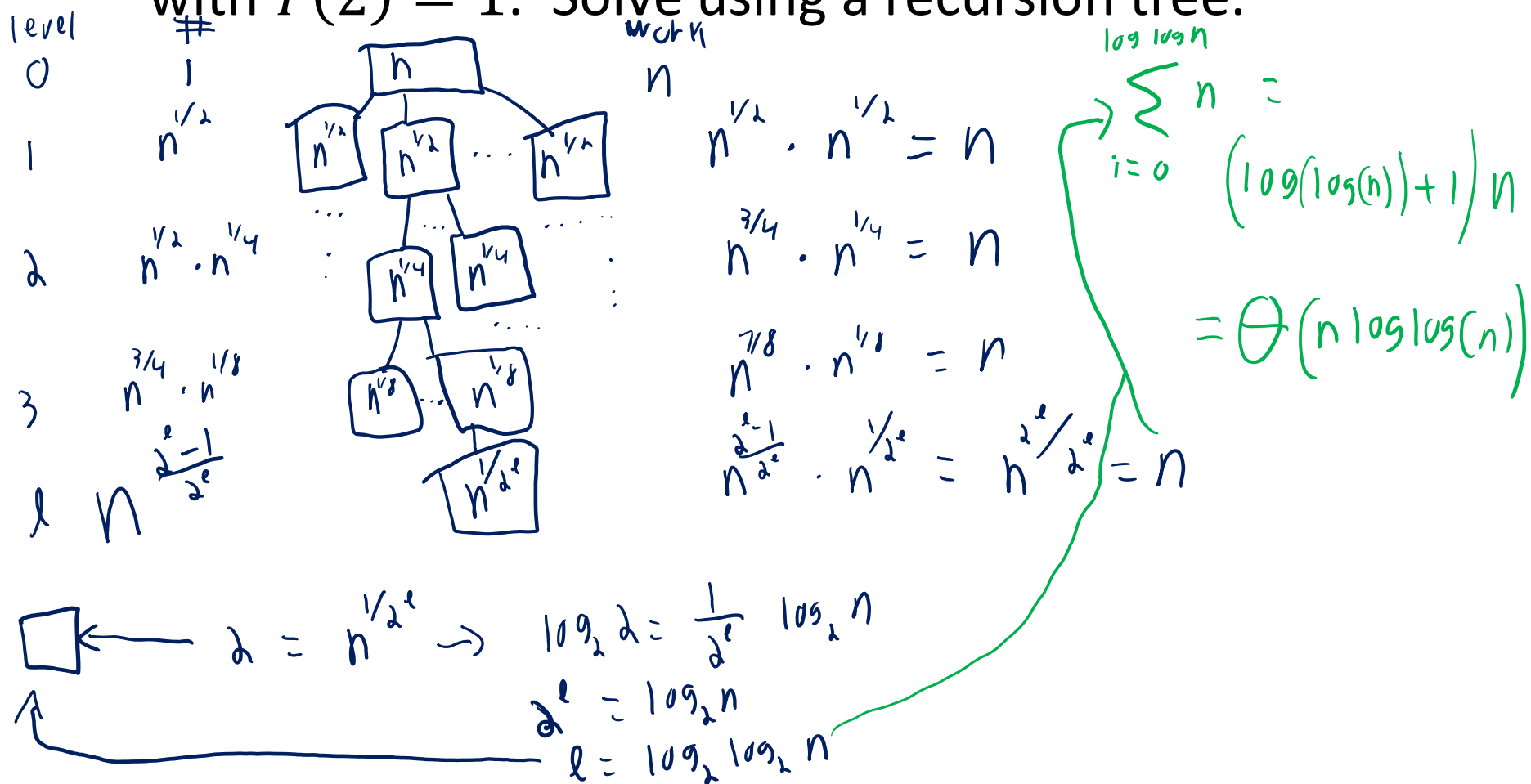
$$a = 3 \quad b = 3 \quad d = 2$$

$$\frac{3}{3^2} < 1 \quad \Theta(n^2)$$



# Topics: Recurrence Trees

- Consider the recurrence  $T(n) = \sqrt{n} \cdot T(\sqrt{n}) + n$  with  $T(2) = 1$ . Solve using a recursion tree.



# Practice Question: Stable Matching

- Give an example of 3 doctors and 3 hospitals such that there exists a stable matching in which every hospital gets its last choice of doctor

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
$h_1$			$d_1$
$h_2$			$d_1$
$h_3$			$d_2$

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
$d_1$	$h_2$		
$d_2$	$h_3$		
$d_3$	$h_1$		

Consider:  $(d_1, h_2), (d_2, h_3), (d_3, h_1)$

Stable because no doctor could be happier!

# Practice Question: Divide-and-Conquer

You are babysitting your niece and before she will go to bed she insists on playing the following guessing game:

1. She picks a number  $x$  in  $1, 2, \dots, n$ .
2. You make a guess  $y_1$ , and she simply says *correct* or *incorrect*.
3. You make a sequence of guesses  $y_2, y_3, \dots$ . If your guess  $y_i = x$  then your niece says *correct* and goes to bed. If your guess  $y_i$  is closer to  $x$  than the previous guess  $y_{i-1}$ , then she says *warmer* and if  $y_{i+1}$  is farther than the previous guess, then she says *colder*.

Your goal is to find  $x$  with as few guesses as possible so that your niece will go to bed. Design a divide-and-conquer algorithm that guesses your niece's number using  $O(\log n)$  guesses.<sup>1</sup>

- Two versions:
  1. If your guess  $y_i$  is the same distance as guess  $y_{i-1}$ , your niece stays up forever and you lose
  - 2. If your guess  $y_i$  is the same distance as guess  $y_{i-1}$ , your niece says “same” and you win**

# Practice Question: Divide-and-Conquer

- Describe your algorithm in pseudocode

Game( $n$ )

~~FindX~~  
~~Guess~~( $l, r$ )

FindX( $l, r$ )

guess  $r$

if "correct"  $\rightarrow 2^{2^2}$

guess  $l$

if "correct"  $\rightarrow 2^{2^2}$

else if "same"  $\rightarrow$  guess  $l + \frac{r-l}{2} \rightarrow$  "correct"  $2^{2^2}$

else if "colder"  $\rightarrow$  FindX( $l + \lfloor \frac{r-l}{2} \rfloor, r$ )

else  $\rightarrow$  FindX( $l, l + \lfloor \frac{r-l}{2} \rfloor$ )





# Practice Question: Divide-and-Conquer

- Analyze your algorithm's running time by writing a recurrence

$$T(1) = C$$
$$T(n) = T(n/2) + C$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 2 \quad d = 0$$

$$O(n^0 \log n = \log n)$$



# Practice Question: Divide-and-Conquer

- Prove by induction that the algorithm is correct

$H(n)$ : our alg, finds  $x$  when there are  $n$  numbers in the range of possibilities

Base:  $H(1) \rightarrow l=r \rightarrow x=l$ , we guess  $l$  ✓


$H(2) \rightarrow l=r-1 \rightarrow x=l$  or  $x=r$ , we guess  $l$  and  $r$  ✓

Ind:  $H(1) \wedge H(2) \wedge \dots \wedge H(k-1) \rightarrow H(k)$

if  $x=l \rightarrow$  we win ✓, if  $x=r \rightarrow$  we win ✓

if  $x$  is equidistant from  $l$  and  $r \rightarrow$  we win ✓

Otherwise, we recurse  $\leq \frac{n}{2} + 1$  elements

$\frac{n}{2} + 1 < n$  ( $\forall n > 2$ )  $\therefore$  by IH, the rec. call correctly finds  $x \rightarrow 2^{22}$   $\square$  

# Practice Question: Alg. Design

- Design an  $O(n)$ -time algorithm that takes an array  $A[1:n]$  and returns a sorted array containing the smallest  $\sqrt{n}$  elements of  $A$

①  $v = \text{Select}(A, \sqrt{n})$   $O(n)$

② Partition around  $v$   $O(n)$   
     $\hookrightarrow L = \text{smallest } \sqrt{n} \text{ elems.}$

③  $\text{Mergesort}(L)$   $C \cdot \sqrt{n} \log(\sqrt{n}) = C \cdot n^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \log(n)$   
$$\underline{\underline{n^{\frac{1}{2}} \log n}} < \underline{\underline{n^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot n^{\frac{1}{2}}}} = \underline{\underline{O(n)}}$$

# Practice Question: Recurrence Analysis

- Consider the following sorting algorithm

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A[1:n] is a global array
SillySort(1,n):
  if (n <= 3): put A in order
  else:
    ✓ SillySort(1, 2n/3)
    ✓ SillySort(n/3, n)
    ✓ SillySort(1, 2n/3)
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- Write a recurrence for the running time of this algorithm.  $T(1) = C, T(n) = 3T(n/3) + C$
- Write the asymptotic running time given by the recurrence.  $a=3, b=3/2, d=0$

$$3/1.5 > 1 \rightarrow \theta(n^{\log_{1.5} 3} = n^{2.71})$$

