Master Theorem

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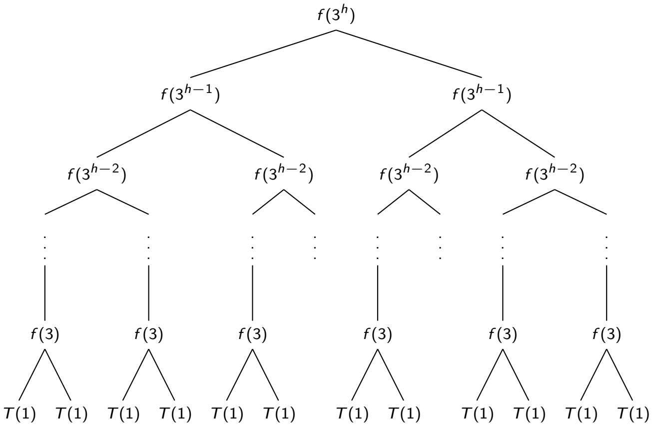

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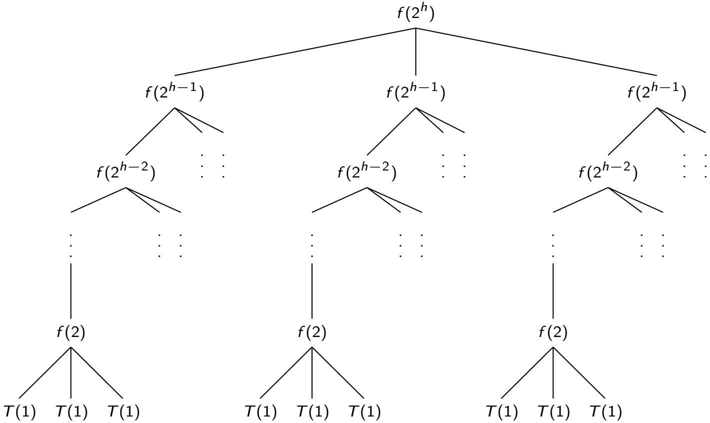

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Master Theorem

Let $a \geq 1$ and $b > 1$ be constants, let $f(n)$ be a function, and let $T(n)$ be defined on nonnegative integers by

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

Then $T(n)$ has the following asymptotic bounds:

$f(n)$	$T(n)$
$O(n^{\log_b a-\epsilon})$	$\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
$\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$	$\Theta(f(n) \lg n)$
$\Omega(n^{\log_b a+\epsilon})$	$\Theta(f(n))$

The last one only if $af(\frac{n}{b}) \leq cf(n)$ for some $c < 1$ and large enough n.

Master theorem example 1

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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \\
O(n^{\log_b a-\epsilon}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \\
\Theta(n^{\log_b a}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n)\lg n) \\
\Omega(n^{\log_b a+\epsilon}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n)) \qquad\qquad \text{when } af(n/b) \leq cf(n)
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n \\
\log_b a &= 1 \\
f(n) &= \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \\
T(n) &= \Theta(n\lg n)
\end{aligned}
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Master theorem example 2

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

$$O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \Leftrightarrow \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

$$\Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n) \lg n)$$

$$\Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}) \Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n)) \qquad \text{when } af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$$

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$$

$$\log_b a = 2$$

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \lg n)$$

Master theorem example 3

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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \\
O(n^{\log_b a-\epsilon}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \\
\Theta(n^{\log_b a}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n) \lg n) \\
\Omega(n^{\log_b a+\epsilon}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n)) \qquad \text{when } af(n/b) \leq cf(n)
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + \lg n \\
\log_b a &= 2 \\
f(n) &= O(n^{\log_b a-\epsilon}) \\
T(n) &= \Theta(n^2)
\end{aligned}
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Master theorem example 4

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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \\
O(n^{\log_b a-\epsilon}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \\
\Theta(n^{\log_b a}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n)\lg n) \\
\Omega(n^{\log_b a+\epsilon}) &\Leftrightarrow \Theta(f(n)) \qquad\qquad \text{when } af(n/b) \leq cf(n)
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + n^3 \\
\log_b a &= 2 \\
f(n) &= \Omega(n^{\log_b a+\epsilon}) \\
T(n) &= \Theta(n^3)
\end{aligned}
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because

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\begin{aligned}
af(n/b) &= 4f(n/2) \\
&= 4/2^3 f(n) \leq cf(n)
\end{aligned}
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Master theorem does not apply

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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + n \lg n \\
n^{\log_b a} &= n \\
f(n) &= n \lg n \\
f(n) &= \Omega(n^{\log_b a}) = \Omega(n) \\
f(n) &\neq \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}) = \Omega(n^{1+\epsilon}) \\
n \lg n &\neq \Omega(n^{1.0000000000001}) \\
\lg n &\neq \Omega(n^{0.0000000000001})
\end{aligned}
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Master theorem does apply

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\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= 4T(n/3) + n \lg n \\
n^{\log_b a} &= n^{\log_c 4} = n^{1.26\ldots} \\
f(n) &= n \lg n \\
f(n) &= O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^{1.26\ldots}) \\
f(n) &= O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) = O(n^{1.2}) && \epsilon = 0.06\ldots \\
n \lg n &= O(n^{1.2}) \\
\lg n &= O(n^{0.2})
\end{aligned}
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