

# Part4-The Master Method

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Note	Establishment, case study, and proofs of the Master Theorem.

## Note

### ▼ Motivation

- 重新分析整数乘法

## Integer Multiplication Revisited

Motivation : potentially useful algorithmic ideas often need mathematical analysis to evaluate

Recall : grade-school multiplication algorithm uses  $\theta(n^2)$  operation to multiply two n-digit numbers

- 一般算法分析：分为四个子问题，加减都是 $O(n)$ 复杂度！

# A Recursive Algorithm

## Recursive approach

Write  $x = 10^{n/2}a + b$        $y = 10^{n/2}c + d$   
[where a,b,c,d are n/2 – digit numbers]

So :

$$x \cdot y = 10^n ac + 10^{n/2}(ad + bc) + bd \quad (*)$$

Algorithm#1 : recursively compute ac,ad,bc,bd,  
then compute (\*) in the obvious way.

$T(n)$  = maximum number of operations this algorithm  
needs to multiply two n-digit numbers

Recurrence : express  $T(n)$  in terms of running time of  
recursive calls.

Base Case :  $T(1) \leq$  a constant.

For all  $n > 1$  :  $T(n) \leq 4T(n/2) + O(n)$

Work done  
here

Work done by recursive calls

- 优化大数乘法：三次乘法，加上下额外的加减 $O(n)$ 复杂度

# A Better Recursive Algorithm

Algorithm #2 (Gauss) : recursively compute  $ac^{(1)}$ ,  $bd^{(2)}$ ,  $(a+b)(c+d)^{(3)}$  [recall  $ad+bc = (3) - (1) - (2)$ ]

New Recurrence :

Base Case :  $T(1) \leq \text{a constant}$

For all  $n > 1$  :  $T(n) \leq 3T(n/2) + O(n)$

Work done here

Work done by recursive calls

## ▼ Formal Statement

- 基本分析原理：假设所有子问题尺寸等价(all subproblems have equal size)
- 基本形式：  
除了跟输入大小 $n$ 以外，有三个关键参数：递归子问题个数 $a$ ；子问题缩减因子 $b$ ；以及合并阶段指数 $d$

## Recurrence Format

1. Base Case :  $T(n) \leq \text{a constant}$  for all sufficiently small  $n$
2. For all larger  $n$  :

$$T(n) \leq aT(n/b) + O(n^d)$$

where

$a$  = number of recursive calls ( $\geq 1$ )

$b$  = input size shrinkage factor ( $> 1$ )

$d$  = exponent in running time of “combine step” ( $\geq 0$ )

$[a, b, d \text{ independent of } n]$

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- The Master Method  
三种情况的概括性分析

# The Master Method

- $$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d \text{ (Case 1)} \\ O(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \text{ (Case 2)} \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d \text{ (Case 3)} \end{cases}$$

Base doesn't matter (only changes leading constants)

Base matters

## ▼ Examples

- 基本公式

If  $T(n) \leq aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + O(n^d)$

then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d \text{ (Case 1)} \\ O(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \text{ (Case 2)} \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d \text{ (Case 3)} \end{cases}$$


- ex1: MergeSort (归并排序)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 2 \\ b = 2 \\ d = 1 \end{array} \right\} b^d = a \Rightarrow \text{Case 1}$$

$$T(n) = O(n^d \log n) = O(n \log n)$$

- ex2: Binary Search (二值搜索)：一次调用 $a=1$ ，大小减半 $b=2$ ，一次比较 $d=0$ ，常数复杂度

Where are the respective values of  $a, b, d$  for a binary search of a sorted array, and which case of the Master Method does this correspond to?

-  ☒ 1, 2, 0 [Case 1]
- ☐ 1, 2, 1 [Case 2]
- ☐ 2, 2, 0 [Case 3]
- ☐ 2, 2, 1 [Case 1]

$$a = b^d \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^d \log n) = O(\log n)$$

- ex3: Integer Multiplication: 四次调用 $a=4$ ，每次大小减半 $b=2$ ，线性复杂度 $O(n)$


### Integer Multiplication Algorithm # 1

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 4 \\ b = 2 \\ d = 1 \end{array} \right\} b^d = 2 < a \text{ (Case 3)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow T(n) &= O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^{\log_2 4}) \\ &= O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

- ex4: Gauss's recursive integer multiplication

Where are the respective values of  $a, b, d$  for Gauss's recursive integer multiplication algorithm, and which case of the Master Method does this correspond to?

- ☐ 2, 2, 1 [Case 1]
- ☐ 3, 2, 1 [Case 1]
- ☐ 3, 2, 1 [Case 2]
-  ☒ 3, 2, 1 [Case 3]

Better than  
the grade-  
school  
algorithm!!!

$$\begin{aligned} a = 3, b^d = 2 \quad a > b^d \text{ (Case 3)} \\ \Rightarrow T(n) &= O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.59}) \end{aligned}$$

- Strassen's Matrix: 7次调用，每次大小减半

## Strassen's Matrix Multiplication Algorithm

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = 7 \\ b = 2 \\ d = 2 \end{array} \right\} b^d = 4 < a \quad (\text{Case 3})$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$$

$\Rightarrow$  beats the naïve iterative algorithm !

- Fictitious Recurrence

## Fictitious Recurrence

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n^2)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow a = 2 \\ \Rightarrow b = 2 \\ \Rightarrow d = 2 \end{array} \right\} b^d = 4 > a \quad (\text{Case 2})$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^2)$$

### ▼ Proof I

- 前言：更为一般化/泛用的分析

# Preamble

Assume : recurrence is

- I.  $T(1) \leq c$  ( For some constant c )
- II.  $T(n) \leq aT(n/b) + cn^d$

And n is a power of b.

(general case is similar, but more tedious )

Idea : generalize MergeSort analysis.

(i.e., use a recursion tree )

- 单层与总图分析

$$\leq \underbrace{a^j}_{\text{\# of level-j subproblems}} \cdot c \cdot \underbrace{\left(\frac{n}{b^j}\right)^d}_{\text{Size of each level-j subproblem}} = cn^d \cdot \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^j$$

→ Work per level-j subproblem

Summing over all levels  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \log_b n$  :

$$\text{Total work} \leq cn^d \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n} \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^j \quad (*)$$

## ▼ Interpretation of the 3 Cases

- 解读：a子问题增长率， $b^d$ 子问题工作量总体缩减率

Our upper bound on the work at level j:

$$cn^d \times \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^j$$




### Interpretation

a = rate of subproblem proliferation (RSP)

$b^d$  = rate of work shrinkage (RWS)  
(per subproblem)

分为三种情况进行分析，如果子问题越来越多，则复杂度大幅增加，反之，则每一层问题的总复杂度会不断缩减！

Which of the following statements are true?  
(Check all that apply.)

-  ☐ If RSP < RWS, then the amount of work is decreasing with the recursion level j.
-  ☐ If RSP > RWS, then the amount of work is increasing with the recursion level j.
- ☐ No conclusions can be drawn about how the amount of work varies with the recursion level j unless RSP and RWS are equal.
-  ☐ If RSP and RWS are equal, then the amount of work is the same at every recursion level j.

- 总结：

## Intuition for the 3 Cases

Upper bound for level j:  $cn^d \times \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^j$

1. RSP = RWS => Same amount of work each level (like Merge Sort) [expect  $O(n^d \log(n))$ ]
2. RSP < RWS => less work each level => most work at the root [might expect  $O(n^d)$ ]
3. RSP > RWS => more work each level => most work at the leaves [might expect  $O(\# \text{ leaves})$ ]

### ▼ Proof II

分为三种情况进行分析：

- 子问题与复杂度相等



## The Story So Far/Case 1

Total work:  $\leq cn^d \times \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n} \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^j$  (\*)

If  $a = b^d$ , then

$$(*) = cn^d(\log_b n + 1)$$

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

[ end Case 1 ]

- 另外两种不相等的情况

## Case 2

Total work:  $\leq cn^d \times \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n} \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^j$  (\*)

If  $a < b^d$  [RSP < RWS]

$$= O(n^d)$$

[ total work dominated by top level ]

## Case 3

Total work:  $\leq cn^d \times \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n} \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^j$  (\*)

If  $a > b^d$  [RSP > RWS]

$$(*) = O(n^d \cdot \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n})$$

Note :  $b^{-d \log_b n} = (b^{\log_b n})^{-d} = n^{-d}$

So :  $(*) = O(a^{\log_b n})$

## References

- Master Theorem

### 主定理

<https://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E4%B8%BB%E5%AE%9A%E7%90%86>

### Master theorem (analysis of algorithms).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Master\\_theorem\\_\(analysis\\_of\\_algorithms\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Master_theorem_(analysis_of_algorithms))

## 常用算法中的应用 [\[ 编辑 \]](#)

算法	递回关系式	运算时间	备注
<a href="#">二分搜寻算法</a>	$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(1)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	情形二 ( $k = 0$ )
<a href="#">二叉树遍历</a>	$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(1)$	$\Theta(n)$	情形一
最佳排序矩阵搜索(已排好序的二维矩阵)	$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(\log n)$	$\Theta(n)$	
<a href="#">合并排序</a>	$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n \log n)$	情形二 ( $k = 0$ )

- binary search

### 二分搜尋演算法

<https://zh.wikipedia.org/wiki/%E4%BA%8C%E5%88%86%E6%90%9C%E5%B0%8B%E6%BC%94%E7%AE%97%E6%B3%95>

### Binary search algorithm

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary\\_search\\_algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_search_algorithm)