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## Time Complexities



upper bound  $\leftarrow$  Big- $O$

$f, g \rightarrow 2 f^n s$

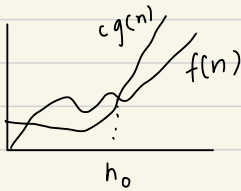
$$f(n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \quad g(n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

if there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  
 $f(n) \leq c g(n) \quad \forall n > n_0$

then  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

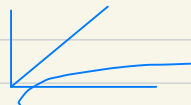
if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c < \infty$  then  $f(n) = O(g(n))$

( $c$  can = 0)



here,  $g(n)$  gives the asymptotic upper bound for  $f(n)$

$$f(n) = \lg(n) \quad g(n) = n$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lg n}{n} = 0 < \infty$$



" $f(n)$  will increase slower than  $g(n)$  as  $n \uparrow$

lower bound  $\leftarrow$  Big- Omega

$$f, g \rightarrow 2 f^n$$

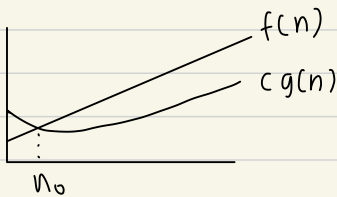
$$f(n): \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ , g(n): \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

if there exist positive constants  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $f(n) \geq c(g(n)) \quad \forall n > n_0$

$$\text{then } f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$\text{if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c > 0 , f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

$$(c \text{ can } = \infty)$$



here  $g(n)$  gives the asymptotic lower bound for  $f(n)$

$$f(n) = n^2 \quad g(n) = 4n+3$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2}{4n+3} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{4+3/n} = \infty > 0$$

$$f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$$

" $f(n)$  will increase faster than  $g(n)$  as  $n \uparrow$ "

## Big - Theta

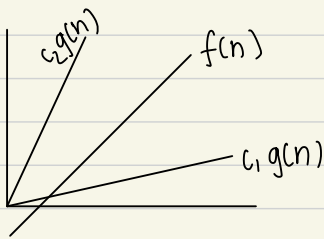
$f, g : f(n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, g(n) : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$

if there exist positive constants  $c_1, c_2, n_0$  :

$$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n) \quad \forall n > n_0$$

then  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$

if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = c \quad (0 < c < \infty)$



here  $g(n)$  is the asymptotic tight bound.  
 $f(n)$  will increase as fast as  $g(n)$

these notations establish the relative growth between functions  $(f, g)$

we compare their relative growths

## Recursive Algorithms & Recurrence Relations

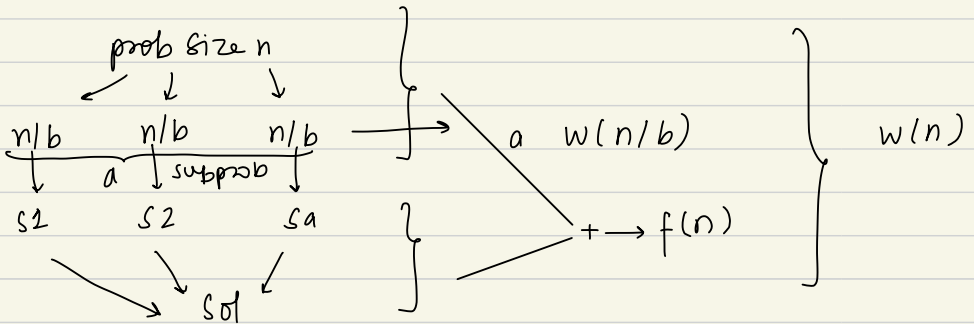
recurrence relation : an equation or inequality that describes a function in terms of its value on smaller inputs

$$W(n) = a W(n/b) + f(n) \quad a, b > 1$$

↑  
defines computational cost of an algo using divide and conquer

$f(n)$  = cost of division and recombination at each stage

$n$  is divided into sub problems of size  $\lfloor n/b \rfloor$  or  $\lceil n/b \rceil$



recognisable recurrence relations

- ①  $W(n) = 2W(n/2) + 2$   
finding min or max from sequence
- ②  $W(n) = W(n/2) + 2$   
binary search
- ③  $W(n) = 3W(n/2) + cn$   
multiplying 2  $2n$ -bit integers
- ④  $W(n) = 2W(n/2) + n - 1$   
merge sort
- ⑤  $W(n) = 7W(n/2) + 15n^2/4$   
multiplying 2  $n \times n$  matrices

most powerful

Solving

read purdue notes

## 1. Substitution

guess and check

① guess the form of the solution

② use mathematical induction to prove it.

easier to prove than calculate

eg. worst case mergesort ( $n = 2^k$ )

$$W(2) = 1$$

$$W(n) = 2W(n/2) + (n-1)$$

- steps
- ① guess  $W(n) = O(f(n))$
  - ② show  $W(2) \leq f(2)$
  - ③ assume for int  $k \geq 2$ ,  $W(n) = O(f(n))$  for  $n \leq 2^k$
  - ④ prove  $W(2n) \leq f(2n)$  then
  - ⑤  $W(n) = O(f(n)) \forall n \geq 2$

1<sup>st</sup> guess

$$W(n) = O(n^2)$$

$$W(2) = 1 \leq 2^2 \quad \text{holds}$$

$$W(2^k) \leq 2^{2k} \quad n \leq 2^k$$

consider  $n = 2^{k+1}$

$$W(2^{k+1}) = 2W(2^k) + 2^{k+1} - 1$$

$$W(2^{k+1}) \leq 2 \cdot 2^{2k} + 2 \cdot 2^k - 1$$

$$W(2^{k+1}) \leq 2 \cdot 2^{2k} + 2 \cdot 2^k - 1 \leq 4 \cdot 2^{2k} - 1$$

$$W(2^{k+1}) \leq 4 \cdot 2^{2k}$$

$$W(2^{k+1}) \leq 2^{2(k+1)}$$

hence true.

best guess?

2<sup>nd</sup> guess  $W(n) = O(n)$

base case :  $W(2) = 1 \leq 2c$  ✓

assume :  $W(2^k) = O(2^k)$  for  $n \leq 2^k$

for  $n = 2^{k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} W(2^{k+1}) &= 2W(2^k) + 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ &\leq 2 \cdot c \cdot 2^k + 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ &= c \cdot 2^{k+1} + 2^{k+1} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore W(2^{k+1}) \leq (c+1) \cdot 2^{k+1}$$

$$\text{but not } \leq c \cdot 2^{k+1}$$

$$\therefore W(n) \neq O(n)$$

3<sup>rd</sup> guess  $W(n) = O(n \log n)$

$$W(2) = 1 \leq 2 \log 2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$W(n) = O(n \log n) \quad \forall n \leq 2^k \quad (\text{assume})$$

for  $n = 2^{k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned} W(2^{k+1}) &= 2W(2^k) + 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ &\leq 2 \cdot 2^k \log 2^k + 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ &\leq 2^{k+1} \log 2^k + 2^{k+1} - 1 \\ &\leq 2^{k+1} (k+1) - 1 \\ &\leq 2^{k+1} \log 2^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

true.  $n \log n$  is a very close upper bound.



- if base case doesn't hold for any  $c$ , change it.
- what about general case?

if  $n : 2^k < n < 2^{k+1}$

$\therefore w(n)$  is monotonically increasing  
 $w(2^k) < w(n) < w(2^{k+1})$

proven  $w(n) = O(n \log n)$  for powers of 2 so  
 $w(2^{k+1}) \leq c \cdot (k+1) \cdot (2^{k+1})$

for any  $n < 2^{k+1}$  for some  $k$ ,  $w(n) \leq w(2^{k+1})$

$\therefore w(n) \leq c \cdot (k+1) \cdot 2^{k+1} < c \cdot \lg(2n) \cdot (2n) < 4cn \lg n$

$\therefore w(n) = O(n \lg n)$

formulating a guess: ↗ calculate work at each level, sum it up

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n, \quad n = 2^k$$

$$\text{at lvl } i \rightarrow T(n/2^i) \times 4^i + \underline{\underline{2^i n}}$$

↑  
work at each level

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^k n \cdot 2^i &= n(2^{k+1} - 1) \\ &= n(2n - 1) \\ &= 2n^2 - n \end{aligned}$$

so try  $O(n^2)$

$$\begin{array}{l} n \cdot 4^0 \\ \swarrow \downarrow \searrow \\ T(n/2) \times 4 \cdot 4^1 \\ \swarrow \downarrow \searrow \times 4 \\ T(n/4) \times 16 \cdot 4^2 \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ T(n/8) \times 64 \cdot 4^3 \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ T(n/16) \times 256 \cdot 4^4 \\ \quad \quad \quad \searrow \\ \quad \quad \quad 8n \end{array}$$

important identities

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma = 1 & : 1 + \gamma^1 + \gamma^2 + \dots + \gamma^k = k+1 \in \theta(k) \\ 0 < \gamma < 1 & : 1 + \gamma^1 + \gamma^2 + \dots + \gamma^k \approx \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \in \theta(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$1 < \gamma : 1 + \gamma^1 + \gamma^2 + \dots + \gamma^k \approx \frac{\gamma^{k+1}}{\gamma-1} \in \theta(\gamma^k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \log_b n & (T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)) \\ \gamma &= \left( \frac{a}{b^c} \right) & n^c = f(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = n^c \left( \frac{1 - \gamma^{k+1}}{1 - \gamma} \right)$$

## 2. Iteration Method.

- expand + express as sum
- get sequence
- iterate until boundary is found

finding ending:

① bounding  $4^3 < n < 4^4$

$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{4^i} \right\rfloor = 2$  ← range = ?

go to wikipedia. ← 3. The master method ← tight bound.

- gives manual for solving recurrence of type  
$$W(n) = a W(n/b) + \underline{f(n)}$$

$a > 1, b > 1$  ← constants,  $W(n)$  ← monotonic,  $f(n)$  ← poly.

① If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for constant  $\epsilon > 0$   
 $W(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

② If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$  then  $W(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$   
general If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$   $k \geq 0$   
 $W(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$

③ If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and if  
 $a f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$  and a sufficiently large  $n$ , then  $W(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

work done at each level =  $\left( \begin{matrix} \text{no of nodes} \\ \text{at that level} \end{matrix} \right) \times \left( \begin{matrix} \text{size of} \\ \text{nodes} \end{matrix} \right)$

work to split + recombine =  $f(n)$

$n$  : size of input problem

$a$  : number of subproblems

$b$  : factor by which subproblem size is reduced in each recursive call

assume  $T(n) = \Theta(1)$   $\rightarrow$  where  $n$  is a base case

let  $f^n = n^c$

we want : small  $c$ , small  $a$ , big  $b$

$\uparrow$   
faster

$\uparrow$   
greater reduction  
reach base case  
faster

critical exponent =  $\log_b a$

compare  $f(n)$  w/  $n^{\log_b a}$ ; whichever is bigger  $\rightarrow$  solution  
 $\uparrow$   
measured num of leaves

# pg 96 (117) Intro to Algo.

Case 1 work to split/recombine a problem is dwarfed by subproblems  $\rightarrow$  recursion tree is leaf heavy

$$f(n) = O(f(n)) = O(n^c) \rightarrow c < \log_b a$$

here,  $f(n)$  should be <sup>polynomially</sup> asymptotically smaller than  $n^{\log_b a}$  by a factor of  $n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}$

Case 2 work to split/recombine a problem is comparable to subproblems

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n) \quad k \geq 0$$

$$W(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log^{k+1} n)$$

Case 3 Work to split/recombine a problem dominates subproblems  $\rightarrow$  recursion tree is root-heavy

$$f(n) = \Omega(n^c) \quad c > \log_b a \quad \therefore +\epsilon$$

here,  $f(n)$  should be <sup>polynomially</sup> asymptotically larger than  $n^{\log_b a}$  and

regularity condition  $\rightarrow a f(n/b) \leq c f(n) \quad c < 1, \text{ large } n$

$$W(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

eg 1  $W(n) = 3W(n/3) + 2$

$a = 3, b = 3$

no of levels  $= \log_3 n$

no of levels  $= a^{\log_3 n}$

$= n^{\log_3 a}$

$= n^{\frac{\log_3 3}{1}} = n$

$f(n) = 2 = \theta(1) = O(n^0)$

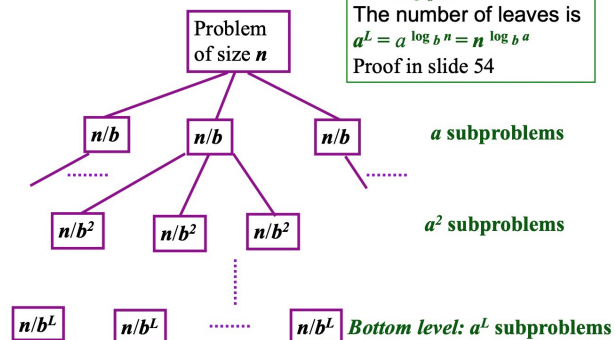
$\therefore f(n) = O(n^{1-\epsilon})$

$\left( \begin{array}{l} \epsilon \text{ can be } 0.5 \end{array} \right.$

we can use case 1

$\therefore W(n) = \theta(n^{\log_3 3}) = \theta(n)$

What is  $n^{\log_b a}$ ?



eg 2  $W(n) = 4W(n/4) + n - 1$

$a = 4, b = 4$   $\text{crit} = \log_4 4 = 1$

$f(n) = n - 1 = \theta(n) = O(n)$

$\epsilon = 0$  here

$\therefore$  case 2

$f(n) = \theta(n^{\log_4 4})$

$\therefore W(n) = \theta(n \lg n)$

eg 3  $w(n) = 2w(n/2) + n \lg n$   
 $a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n \log n \quad \text{crit} = \log_2 2 = 1$

$$f(n) = n \log n = \Theta(n \log n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2} \log n)$$

$$W(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2} \cdot \log^2 n)$$

eg 4.  $w(n) = 2w(n/4) + n$   
 $a = 2, b = 4, f(n) = n \quad \text{crit} = \log_4 2 = 1/2$

$$f(n) = n = \Theta(n) = \Omega(n^{1/2 + 1/2}) \quad \epsilon = 1/2$$

$$a \cdot f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$$

$$2 f(n/4) = \frac{n}{2} \leq \frac{3n}{4} \quad \forall n.$$

$$\therefore w(n) = \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(n)$$

## CANT APPLY MASTERS

eg 1.  $W(n) = 3W(n/3) + n/\lg n$   
 $a = 3, b = 3, f(n) = n/\lg n$

$$f(n) = \frac{n}{\lg n} = O(n) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n/\lg n}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\lg n} = 0$$

$$c_{crit} = 1$$

$$f(n) = O(n) \neq O(n^{1-\epsilon}) \quad \therefore \text{no case 1}$$

$$\therefore f(n) \neq \Theta(n) \quad \leftarrow \text{fall into gap b/w case 1 \& 2}$$

eg 2.  $W(n) = W(n/3) + f(n)$

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 3n + 2^{3n} & n = 2^i \\ 3n & \text{else} \end{cases}, a = 1, b = 3, c_{crit} = 0$$

$$f(n) = O(2^{3n}) = \Omega(n^{0+1}) \quad \epsilon = 1$$

case 3 ?

$$a f(n/b) \leq c f(n) \quad ?$$

$$\text{if } n = 3 \cdot 2^i$$

$$\text{LHS } f(2^i) = 3 \cdot 2^i + 2^{3 \cdot 2^i} = n + 2^n$$

$$\text{RHS } c \cdot f(3 \cdot 2^i) = c \cdot 3n$$

$$\therefore a f(n/b) > c \quad \text{for } n = 6 \text{ or greater}$$



## Linear Homogeneous recurrence relation

- degree  $k$ , constant coeff :

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}$$

$c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k \leftarrow$  real constants ,  $(k \neq 0)$

- linear :  $a_{n-1}, a_{n-2} \dots a_{n-k}$  appear in separate terms and to the 1<sup>st</sup> power
- Homogeneous : total degree of each term is the same (no constant term, no squared term)
- Constant coefficients :  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k$  are fixed real constants that do not depend on  $n$
- degree  $k$  : expression for  $a_n$  contains previous  $k$  terms :  $a_{n-1}, a_{n-2}, a_{n-3} \dots a_{n-k}$   
 $c_k \neq 0$   
but  $c_i = 0$  is okay  $n-k \leq i \leq n-1$
- $k$  can be systematically solved  $\rightarrow$  find explicit expression for  $a_n$  of the form  $a_n = t^n$  where  $t$  is a constant

If  $a_n = t^n$  is a soln

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}$$

then

$$t^n = c_1 t^{n-1} + c_2 t^{n-2} + \dots + c_k t^{n-k}$$

$$t^k = c_1 t^{k-1} + c_2 t^{k-2} + \dots + c_k \quad (\text{divide by } t^{n-k})$$

$$t^k - c_1 t^{k-1} - c_2 t^{k-2} - \dots - c_k = 0$$

recurrence relation

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2}$$

characteristic equation

$$x^{\text{degree}} = c_1 x^{\text{deg}-1} + c_2 x^{\text{deg}-2}$$

degree = 2

$$t^2 - c_1 t - c_2 = 0 \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \text{ 2 distinct roots} \\ \textcircled{2} \text{ 1 root} \end{array}$$

$c_1, c_2$  are real

generalised to  $a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} \dots c_k a_{n-k}$   
's characteristic eqn with  $k$  distinct roots

### Theorem 1 - Distinct Roots Theorem

•  $t^2 - c_1 t - c_2 = 0 \rightarrow r, s$  2 distinct roots

$a_0, a_1, a_2$  are given by the explicit formula:

$$a_n = C r^n + D s^n \quad (C, D \text{ are calced by } a_1, a_0)$$

generalise to  
less than  $k$   
roots

### ← Theorem 2 → Single Root Theorem

•  $r$  is the single real

then  $a_n$  is given by

$$a_n = C r^n + D \cdot n \cdot r^n \quad (C, D \text{ are calced by } a_1, a_0)$$