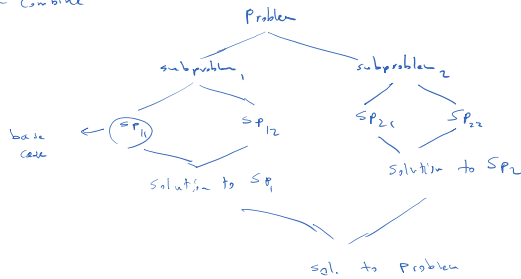


## Divide-and-Conquer

- divide  $\rightarrow$  into subproblems
- Conquer: each subproblem (recursively)
  - base cases: small enough, trivial to solve (brute force)
- Combine



## Example Merge-Sort:

input:  $A[p..r]$

- divides find  $q$  halfway  $\rightarrow A[p..q], A[q+1..r]$   
sub problems

- base cases:  $p=r$  (array has 1 element)

- Combine

**MERGE-SORT( $A, p, r$ )**

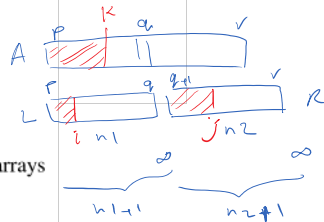
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if  $p < r$                                 // check for base case
     $q = \lfloor (p+r)/2 \rfloor$                       // divide
    MERGE-SORT( $A, p, q$ )                    // conquer
    MERGE-SORT( $A, q+1, r$ )                  // conquer
    MERGE( $A, p, q, r$ )                     // combine
    
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**MERGE( $A, p, q, r$ )**

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 $n_1 = q - p + 1$ 
 $n_2 = r - q$ 
let  $L[1..n_1+1]$  and  $R[1..n_2+1]$  be new arrays
for  $i = 1$  to  $n_1$ 
     $L[i] = A[p+i-1]$ 
for  $j = 1$  to  $n_2$ 
     $R[j] = A[q+j]$ 
 $L[n_1+1] = \infty$    $\rightarrow$  extra element (guard)
 $R[n_2+1] = \infty$ 
 $i = 1$ 
 $j = 1$ 
for  $k = p$  to  $r$ 
    if  $L[i] \leq R[j]$ 
         $A[k] = L[i]$ 
         $i = i + 1$ 
    else  $A[k] = R[j]$ 
         $j = j + 1$ 
    
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loop invariant:

at start of each iteration  $A[p..k-1]$  contains  
smallest elements from  $L$  &  $R$  in sorted order  
 $k-p$

initialization:  $k=p \Rightarrow A[p..p-1]$  (empty array)  
is sorted

maintenance:

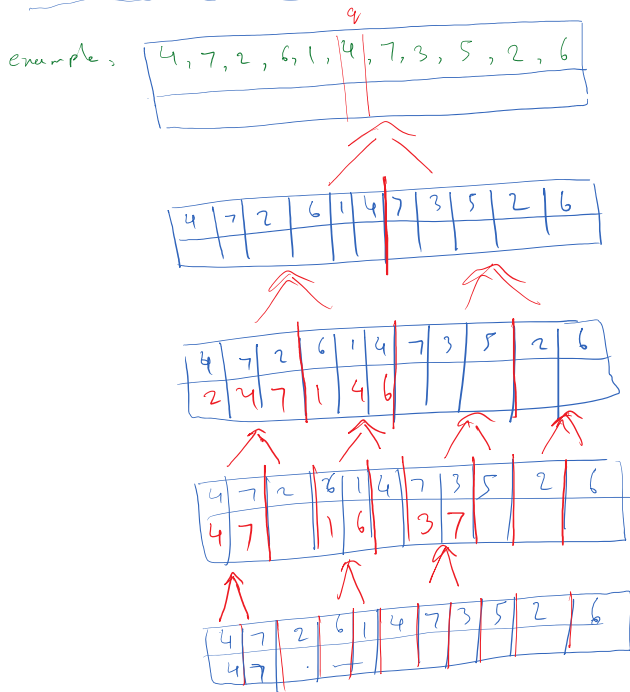
termination:

$k=r+1$

$i = n_1 + 1$

$j = n_2 + 1$

Complexity of MERGE :  $\theta(n_1) + \theta(n_2) + \theta(n) = \theta(n)$



merge sort complexity  $T(n)$

divide:  $\theta(1)$

conquer: 2 subproblems each  $n/2 \rightarrow 2T(n/2)$

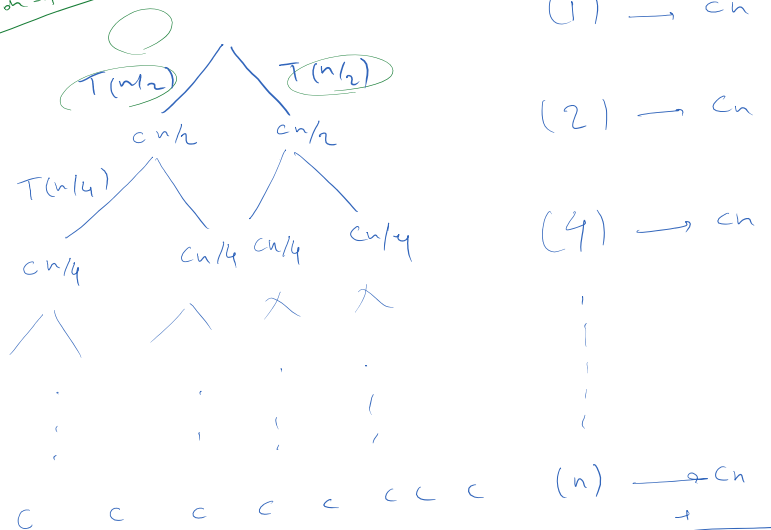
base-case:  $\theta(1)$

combine:  $\theta(n)$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \begin{cases} \theta(1) & \text{if } n=1 \\ 2T(n/2) + \theta(n) & n>1 \end{cases} \quad \text{recurrence}$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & n=1 \\ 2T(n/2) + cn & n>1 \end{cases}$$

recursion-tree



$$cn \cdot (\lg n + 1) \Rightarrow \theta(n \lg n)$$

### substitution

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 2T(n/2) + n & n > 1 \\ n=1 & n=1 \end{cases}$$

guess:  $n \lg n + n$

basis:  $n=1 \longrightarrow 1 \cdot \lg 1 + 1 = 1$

inductive step:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2T(n/2) + n && \text{replace } T(n/2) \text{ based on guess} \\ &\leq 2(n/2 \lg(n/2) + n/2) + n \\ &= (n \lg(n/2) + n) + n \\ &= (n \lg n - \underbrace{n \lg 2}_{=1} + n) + n \\ &= n \lg n - n + n + n \\ &= \underline{n \lg n + n} \end{aligned}$$

### substitution ex. 2

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$$

upper-bound case:  $T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + cn$

guess:  $T(n) \leq dn \lg n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2T(n/2) + cn && \text{replace guess for } n/2 \\ &\leq 2d(n/2) \lg(n/2) + cn \\ &= d \underbrace{n \lg(n/2)}_{(\lg n - \lg 2)} + cn \\ &= dn \lg n - dn + cn \end{aligned}$$

lower-bound case:  $T(n) \geq 2T(n/2) + cn$

guess:  $T(n) \geq d \lg n$

replace  $\rightarrow d \leq c$

substitution ex. 3

$$T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 1$$

attempt 1: guess:  $T(n) \leq cn$

$$T(n) \leq \lfloor cn/2 \rfloor + \lceil cn/2 \rceil + 1$$

$$\leq cn + 1$$

$$\leq cn \quad ?$$

attempt 2: guess:  $T(n) \leq cn - d$

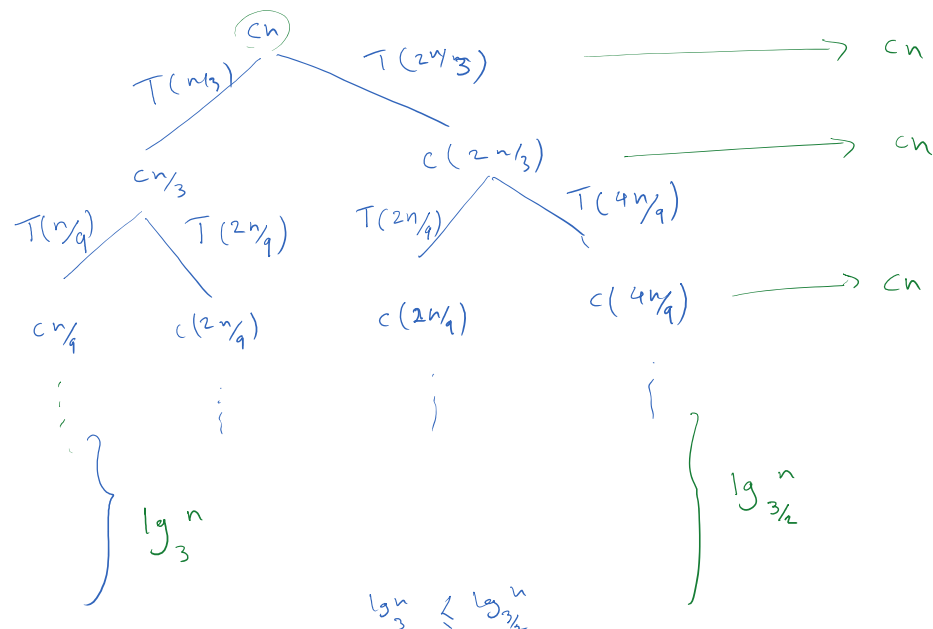
$$T(n) \leq c(n/2) - d + c(n/2) - d + 1$$

$$\leq cn - 2d + 1$$

$$\leq cn - d \iff -2d + 1 \leq -d \iff d \geq 1$$

example recursion-tree method

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn$$



$$\lg_3 n \leq \lg_{3/2} n$$

upper-bound : guess  $T(n) \leq dn \lg_{3/2} n \longrightarrow O(n \lg n)$

lower-bound : guess  $T(n) \geq dn \lg_3 n \longrightarrow \Omega(n \lg n)$

Now, replace and prove based on substitution.  $\square$

### Master Method

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) \quad a \geq 1, b > 1, \epsilon > 0$$

case 1:  $f(n) = O(n^{\lg_b a - \epsilon}) \longrightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\lg_b a})$

ex:  $T(n) = 5T(n/2) + \Theta(n^3)$

$$\begin{array}{l} a=5 \\ b=2 \end{array} \longrightarrow n^{\lg_2 5} \geq n^2 \longrightarrow O(n^{\lg 5})$$

case 2:  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg_b a}) \longrightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg_b a} \cdot \lg n)$

case 3:  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\lg_b a + \epsilon})$ ,  $a f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$  for some  $c < 1$   
 $\implies T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

example:

$$T(n) = T(2n/3) + 1$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = \cancel{2} \frac{3}{2} \quad \left| \begin{array}{c} n^{\lg_{3/2} 1} \\ \hline n^0 = 1 \end{array} \right| \equiv f(n) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(1 \cdot \lg n) = \Theta(\lg n)$$

example:  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \lg n$

$$a = 2 \quad b = 2 \quad n^{\lg_a b} = n^{\lg_2 2} = n^1 = n$$

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

example:  $T(n) = 5T(n/2) + \Theta(n^3)$

$$a = 5 \quad b = 2 \quad \underbrace{n^{\lg_2 5}}_{n^{2.32}} < n^3$$

reg. constraint:  $2n/2 \lg^{n/2} \leq c n \lg n$

not valid

$$f(n) = n \lg n$$

$$n(\lg n - \lg^2) \leq c n \lg n$$

$$\lg n - 1 \leq c \lg n$$

$$\frac{\lg n - 1}{\lg n} \leq c$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{\lg n} \leq c < 1$$

cannot choose constant  $c$

Case 3

$$\Rightarrow \Theta(n^3)$$