

# Data Structures and Algorithms

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## ***Recursive Function Analysis***

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## 03-0: Algorithm Analysis

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```
for (i=1; i<=n*n; i++)  
    for (j=0; j<i; j++)  
        sum++;
```

## 03-1: Algorithm Analysis

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```
for (i=1; i<=n*n; i++)  
    for (j=0; j<i; j++)  
        sum++;
```

Executed  $n*n$  times

Executed  $\leq n*n$  times  
 $O(1)$

Running Time:  $O(n^4)$

## 03-2: Algorithm Analysis

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```
for (i=1; i<=n*n; i++)  
    for (j=0; j<i; j++)  
        sum++;
```

Exact # of times sum++ is executed:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^{n^2} i &= \frac{n^2(n^2 + 1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{n^4 + n^2}{2} \\ &\in \Theta(n^4)\end{aligned}$$

## 03-3: Recursive Functions

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n == 0)  
        return 1;  
    else  
        return x * power(x, n-1);  
}
```

## 03-4: Recurrence Relations

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$T(n)$  = Time required to solve a problem of size  $n$

Recurrence relations are used to determine the running time of recursive programs – recurrence relations themselves are recursive

$T(0)$  = time to solve problem of size 0  
– Base Case

$T(n)$  = time to solve problem of size  $n$   
– Recursive Case

## 03-5: Recurrence Relations

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n == 0)  
        return 1;  
    else  
        return x * power(x, n-1);  
}
```

$T(0) = c_1$  for some constant  $c_1$

$T(n) = c_2 + T(n - 1)$  for some constant  $c_2$

## 03-6: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(0) = c_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + c_2$$

If we knew  $T(n - 1)$ , we could solve  $T(n)$ .

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + c_2$$



## 03-7: Solving Recurrence Relations

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If we knew  $T(n - 1)$ , we could solve  $T(n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n - 1) + c_2 & T(n - 1) &= T(n - 2) + c_2 \\ &= T(n - 2) + c_2 + c_2 \\ &= T(n - 2) + 2c_2 \end{aligned}$$

## 03-8: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(0) = c_1$$

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If we knew  $T(n - 1)$ , we could solve  $T(n)$ .

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + c_2$$

$$= T(n - 2) + c_2 + c_2$$

$$= T(n - 2) + 2c_2$$

$$= T(n - 3) + c_2 + 2c_2$$

$$= T(n - 3) + 3c_2$$

$$T(n - 1) = T(n - 2) + c_2$$

$$T(n - 2) = T(n - 3) + c_2$$

## 03-9: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(0) = c_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + c_2$$

If we knew  $T(n - 1)$ , we could solve  $T(n)$ .

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + c_2$$

$$= T(n - 2) + c_2 + c_2$$

$$= T(n - 2) + 2c_2$$

$$= T(n - 3) + c_2 + 2c_2$$

$$= T(n - 3) + 3c_2$$

$$= T(n - 4) + 4c_2$$

$$T(n - 1) = T(n - 2) + c_2$$

$$T(n - 2) = T(n - 3) + c_2$$

$$T(n - 3) = T(n - 4) + c_2$$

## 03-10: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(0) = c_1$$

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$$= T(n - 2) + c_2 + c_2$$

$$= T(n - 2) + 2c_2$$

$$= T(n - 3) + c_2 + 2c_2$$

$$= T(n - 3) + 3c_2$$

$$= T(n - 4) + 4c_2$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= T(n - k) + kc_2$$

$$T(n - 1) = T(n - 2) + c_2$$

$$T(n - 2) = T(n - 3) + c_2$$

$$T(n - 3) = T(n - 4) + c_2$$

## 03-11: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(0) = c_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - k) + k * c_2 \quad \text{for all } k$$

If we set  $k = n$ , we have:

$$T(n) = T(n - n) + nc_2$$

$$= T(0) + nc_2$$

$$= c_1 + nc_2$$

$$\in \Theta(n)$$

## 03-12: Building a Better Power

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n==0) return 1;  
    if (n==1) return x;  
    if ((n % 2) == 0)  
        return power(x*x, n/2);  
    else  
        return power(x*x, n/2) * x;  
}
```

## 03-13: Building a Better Power

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n==0) return 1;  
    if (n==1) return x;  
    if ((n % 2) == 0)  
        return power(x*x, n/2);  
    else  
        return power(x*x, n/2) * x;  
}
```

$$T(0) = c_1$$

$$T(1) = c_2$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + c_3$$

(Assume n is a power of 2)

## 03-14: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(n) = T(n/2) + c_3$$



## 03-15: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n/2) + c_3 & T(n/2) &= T(n/4) + c_3 \\&= T(n/4) + c_3 + c_3 \\&= T(n/4)2c_3\end{aligned}$$

## 03-16: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(n) = T(n/2) + c_3$$

$$= T(n/4) + c_3 + c_3$$

$$= T(n/4)2c_3$$

$$= T(n/8) + c_3 + 2c_3$$

$$= T(n/8)3c_3$$

$$T(n/2) = T(n/4) + c_3$$

$$T(n/4) = T(n/8) + c_3$$

## 03-17: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n/2) + c_3 \\&= T(n/4) + c_3 + c_3 \\&= T(n/4)2c_3 \\&= T(n/8) + c_3 + 2c_3 \\&= T(n/8)3c_3 \\&= T(n/16) + c_3 + 3c_3 \\&= T(n/16) + 4c_3\end{aligned}$$

$$T(n/2) = T(n/4) + c_3$$

$$T(n/4) = T(n/8) + c_3$$

$$T(n/8) = T(n/16) + c_3$$

## 03-18: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n/2) + c_3 \\&= T(n/4) + c_3 + c_3 \\&= T(n/4)2c_3 \\&= T(n/8) + c_3 + 2c_3 \\&= T(n/8)3c_3 \\&= T(n/16) + c_3 + 3c_3 \\&= T(n/16) + 4c_3 \\&= T(n/32) + c_3 + 4c_3 \\&= T(n/32) + 5c_3\end{aligned}$$

$$T(n/2) = T(n/4) + c_3$$

$$T(n/4) = T(n/8) + c_3$$

$$T(n/8) = T(n/16) + c_3$$

$$T(n/16) = T(n/32) + c_3$$

## 03-19: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n/2) + c_3 \\&= T(n/4) + c_3 + c_3 \\&= T(n/4)2c_3 \\&= T(n/8) + c_3 + 2c_3 \\&= T(n/8)3c_3 \\&= T(n/16) + c_3 + 3c_3 \\&= T(n/16) + 4c_3 \\&= T(n/32) + c_3 + 4c_3 \\&= T(n/32) + 5c_3 \\&= \dots \\&= T(n/2^k) + kc_3\end{aligned}$$

$$T(n/2) = T(n/4) + c_3$$

$$T(n/4) = T(n/8) + c_3$$

$$T(n/8) = T(n/16) + c_3$$

$$T(n/16) = T(n/32) + c_3$$

## 03-20: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(0) = c_1$$

$$T(1) = c_2$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + c_3$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2^k) + kc_3$$

We want to get rid of  $T(n/2^k)$ . Since we know  $T(1)$  ...

$$n/2^k = 1$$

$$n = 2^k$$

$$\lg n = k$$

## 03-21: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(1) = c_2$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2^k) + kc_3$$

Set  $k = \lg n$ :

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n/2^{\lg n}) + (\lg n)c_3 \\ &= T(n/n) + c_3 \lg n \\ &= T(1) + c_3 \lg n \\ &= c_2 + c_3 \lg n \\ &\in \Theta(\lg n) \end{aligned}$$

## 03-22: Power Modifications

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n==0) return 1;  
    if (n==1) return x;  
    if ((n % 2) == 0)  
        return power(x*x, n/2);  
    else  
        return power(x*x, n/2) * x;  
}
```



## 03-23: Power Modifications

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n==0) return 1;  
    if (n==1) return x;  
    if ((n % 2) == 0)  
        return power(power(x,2), n/2);  
    else  
        return power(power(x,2), n/2) * x;  
}
```

This version of power will not work. Why?

## 03-24: Power Modifications

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n==0) return 1;  
    if (n==1) return x;  
    if ((n % 2) == 0)  
        return power(power(x,n/2), 2);  
    else  
        return power(power(x,n/2), 2) * x;  
}
```

This version of power also will not work. Why?

## 03-25: Power Modifications

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n==0) return 1;  
    if (n==1) return x;  
    if ((n % 2) == 0)  
        return power(x,n/2) * power(x,n/2);  
    else  
        return power(x,n/2) * power(x,n/2) * x;  
}
```

This version of power does work.

What is the recurrence relation that describes its running time?

## 03-26: Power Modifications

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```
long power(long x, long n) {  
    if (n==0) return 1;  
    if (n==1) return x;  
    if ((n % 2) == 0)  
        return power(x,n/2) * power(x,n/2);  
    else  
        return power(x,n/2) * power(x,n/2) * x;  
}
```

$$T(0) = c_1$$

$$T(1) = c_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n/2) + T(n/2) + c_3 \\ &= 2T(n/2) + c_3 \end{aligned}$$

(Again, assume n is a power of 2)

## 03-27: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + c_3 \\&= 2[2T(n/4) + c_3]c_3 \\&= 4T(n/4) + 3c_3 \\&= 4[2T(n/8) + c_3] + 3c_3 \\&= 8T(n/8) + 7c_3 \\&= 8[2T(n/16) + c_3] + 7c_3 \\&= 16T(n/16) + 15c_3 \\&= 32T(n/32) + 31c_3 \\&\dots \\&= 2^k T(n/2^k) + (2^k - 1)c_3\end{aligned}$$

$$T(n/2) = 2T(n/4) + c_3$$

$$T(n/4) = 2T(n/8) + c_3$$

## 03-28: Solving Recurrence Relations

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$$T(0) = c_1$$

$$T(1) = c_2$$

$$T(n) = 2^k T(n/2^k) + (2^k - 1)c_3$$

Pick a value for  $k$  such that  $n/2^k = 1$ :

$$n/2^k = 1$$

$$n = 2^k$$

$$\lg n = k$$

$$T(n) = 2^{\lg n} T(n/2^{\lg n}) + (2^{\lg n} - 1)c_3$$

$$= nT(n/n) + (n - 1)c_3$$

$$= nT(1) + (n - 1)c_3$$

$$= nc_2 + (n - 1)c_3$$

$$\in \Theta(n)$$

## 03-29: Recursion Trees

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- We can also do this substitution visually, leads to Recursion Trees
- Consider:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + Cn$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(0) = C_2$$

## 03-30: Recursion Trees

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- Start with the recursive definition

$$T(n) = Cn + 2T(n/2)$$



## 03-31: Recursion Trees

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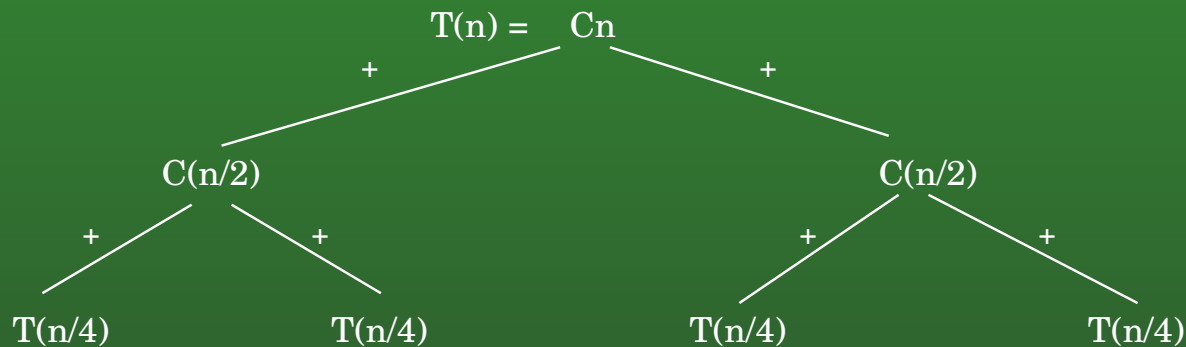
- Move the equation around a bit to get:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & T(n) = & Cn & \\ & + & & & + \\ T(n/2) & & & & T(n/2) \end{array}$$

- Replace each occurrence of  $T(n/2)$  with  $T(n/4) + T(n/4) + C(n/2)$

## 03-32: Recursion Trees

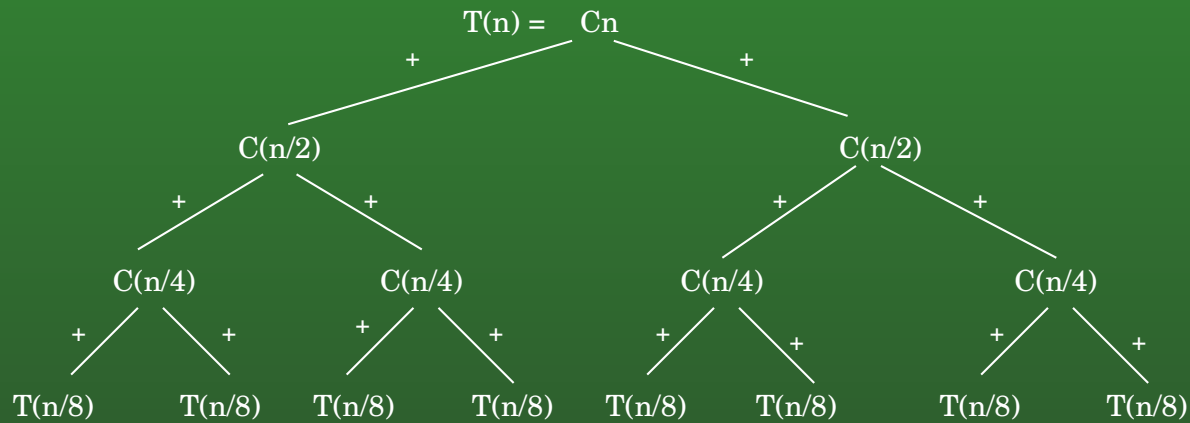
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- Replace again, using  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + Cn$

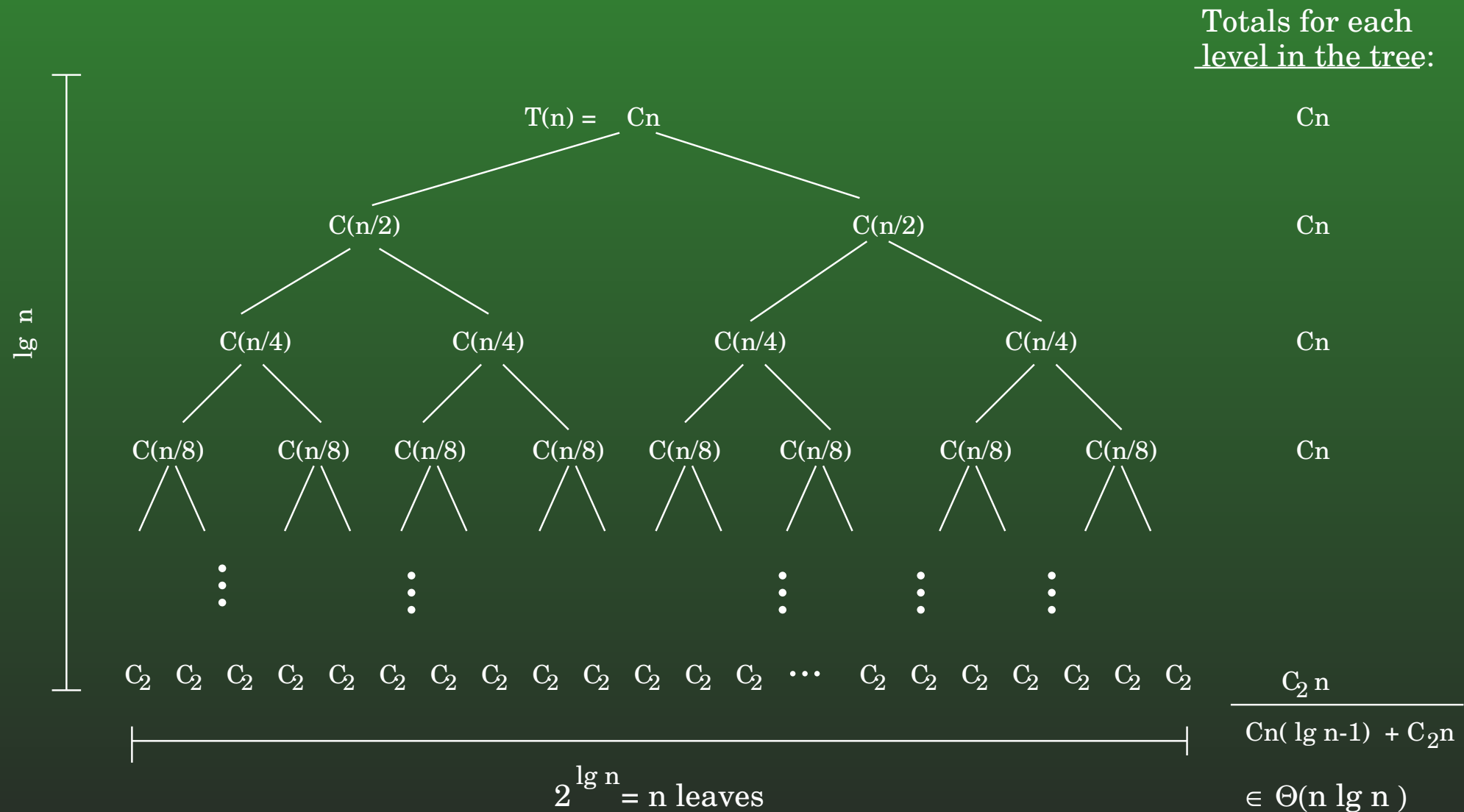
# 03-33: Recursion Trees

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- If we continue replacing ...

# 03-34: Recursion Trees



## 03-35: Recursion Trees

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2$$

## 03-36: Recursion Trees

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$$T(0) = C_1$$

$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + C_2$$

## 03-37: Substitution Method

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- We can prove that a bound is correct using induction, this is the substitution method

$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O( ? )$

## 03-38: Substitution Method

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- We can prove that a bound is correct using induction, this is the substitution method

$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n)$ , that is:

$$T(n) \leq C * n \text{ for all } n > n_0,$$

for some pair of constants  $C, n_0$



## 03-39: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \leq C * n$

- Base case:  $T(1) = C_1 \leq C * 1$  for some constant  $C$

This is true as long as  $C \geq C_1$ .

## 03-40: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \leq C * n$

- Recursive case:

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2 \quad \text{Recurrence definition}$$

## 03-41: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \leq C * n$

- Recursive case:

$$\begin{array}{ll} T(n) &= T(n - 1) + C_2 && \text{Recurrence definition} \\ &\leq C(n - 1) + C_2 && \text{Inductive hypothesis} \end{array}$$

## 03-42: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \leq C * n$

- Recursive case:

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + C_2 \quad \text{Recurrence definition}$$

$$\leq C(n-1) + C_2 \quad \text{Inductive hypothesis}$$

$$\leq Cn + (C_2 - C) \quad \text{Algebra}$$

$$\leq Cn \quad \text{If } C > C_2$$

This is true as long as  $C \geq C_1$ .

## 03-43: Substitution Method

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- We can prove that a bound is correct using induction, this is the substitution method

$$\begin{aligned}T(1) &= C_1 \\T(n) &= T(n - 1) + C_2\end{aligned}$$

Show:  $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$

$T(n) \geq C * n$  for all  $n > n_0$ ,

for some pair of constants  $C, n_0$

## 03-44: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \geq C * n$

- Base case:  $T(1) = C_1 \geq C * 1$  for some constant  $C$

This is true as long as  $C \leq C_1$ .

## 03-45: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \geq C * n$

- Recursive case:

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2 \quad \text{Recurrence definition}$$

## 03-46: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \geq C * n$

- Recursive case:

$$\begin{array}{ll} T(n) &= T(n - 1) + C_2 && \text{Recurrence definition} \\ &\geq C(n - 1) + C_2 && \text{Inductive hypothesis} \end{array}$$



## 03-47: Substitution Method

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$$T(1) = C_1$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + C_2$$

Show:  $T(n) \in \Omega(n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \geq C * n$

- Recursive case:

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + C_2 \quad \text{Recurrence definition}$$

$$\geq C(n-1) + C_2 \quad \text{Inductive hypothesis}$$

$$\geq Cn + (C_2 - C) \quad \text{Algebra}$$

$$\geq Cn \quad \text{If } C \leq C_2$$

This is true as long as  $C \leq C_1$ .

## 03-48: Substitution Method

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$$T(0) = C_2$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n \lg n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \leq C * n \lg n$

## 03-49: Substitution Method

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$$T(0) = C_2$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n \lg n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \leq C * n \lg n$

- Base cases:

- $T(0) = C_1 \leq C * 0 \lg 0$  for some constant  $C$
- $T(1) = C_1 \leq C * 1 \lg 1$  for some constant  $C$

Hmmm....

## 03-50: Substitution Method

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$$T(0) = C_2$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

Show:  $T(n) \in O(n \lg n)$ , that is,  $T(n) \leq C * n \lg n$

- Only care about  $n > n_0$ . We can pick 2, 3 as base cases (why?)
  - $T(2) = C_1 \leq C * 2 \lg 2$  for some constant  $C$
  - $T(3) = C_1 \leq C * 3 \lg 3$  for some constant  $C$

## 03-51: Substitution Method

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$$T(0) = C_2$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n \quad \text{Recurrence Definition}$$

## 03-52: Substitution Method

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$$T(0) = C_2$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n \quad \text{Recurrence Definition}$$

$$\leq 2C(n/2) \lg(n/2) + C_1n \quad \text{Inductive hypothesis}$$

## 03-53: Substitution Method

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$$T(0) = C_2$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

Recurrence Definition

$$\leq 2C(n/2) \lg(n/2) + C_1n$$

Inductive hypothesis

$$\leq Cn \lg n/2 + C_1n$$

Algebra

$$\leq Cn \lg n - Cn \lg 2 + C_1n$$

Algebra

$$\leq Cn \lg n - Cn + C_1n$$

Algebra

## 03-54: Substitution Method

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$$T(0) = C_2$$

$$T(1) = C_2$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + C_1n$$

Recurrence Definition

$$\leq 2C(n/2) \lg(n/2) + C_1n$$

Inductive hypothesis

$$\leq Cn \lg n/2 + C_1n$$

Algebra

$$\leq Cn \lg n - Cn \lg 2 + C_1n$$

Algebra

$$\leq Cn \lg n - Cn + C_1n$$

Algebra

$$\leq Cn \lg n$$

If  $C > C_1$

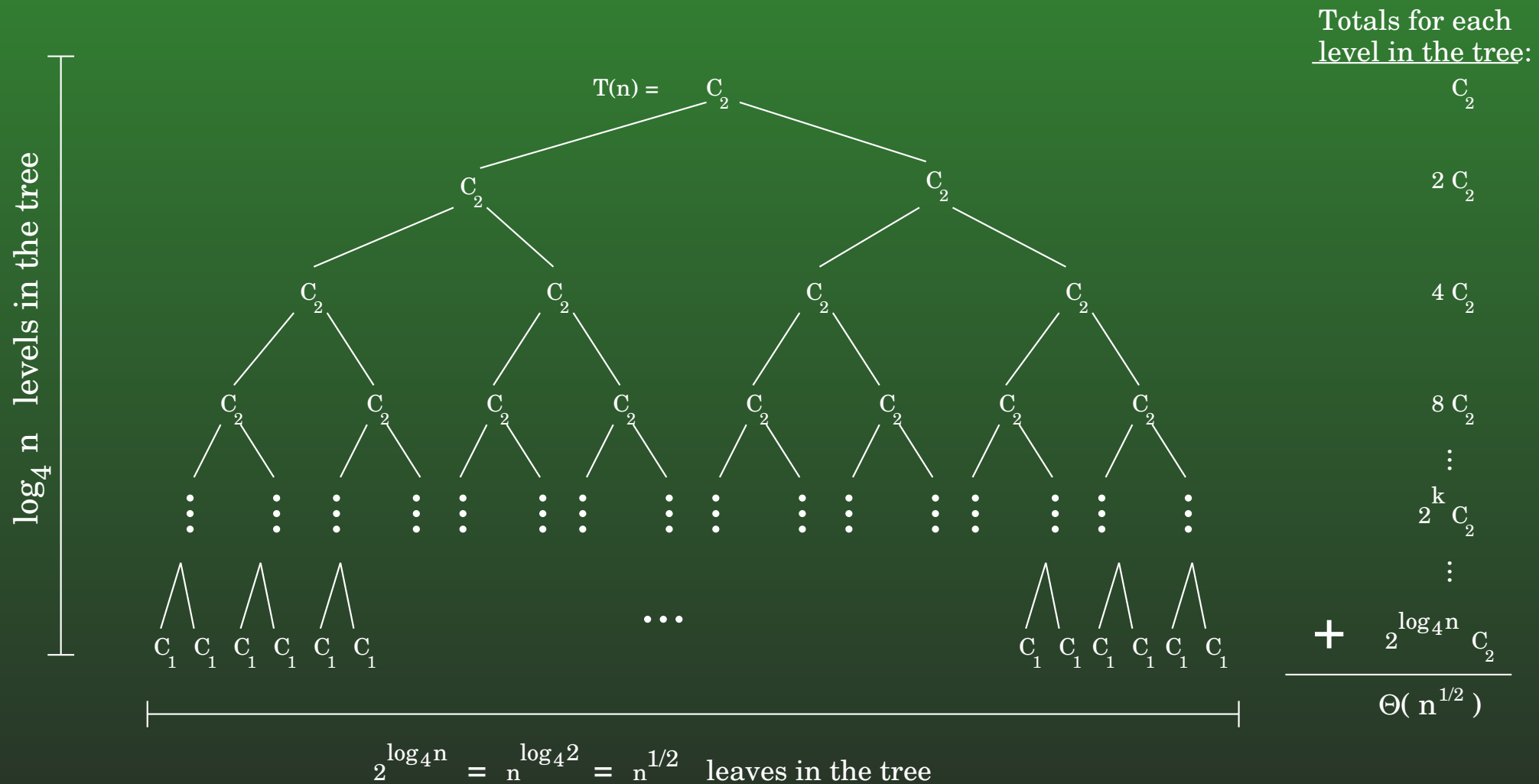


## 03-55: Master Method

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Recursion Tree for:  $T(n) = 2T(n/4) + C_2$

# 03-56: Master Method

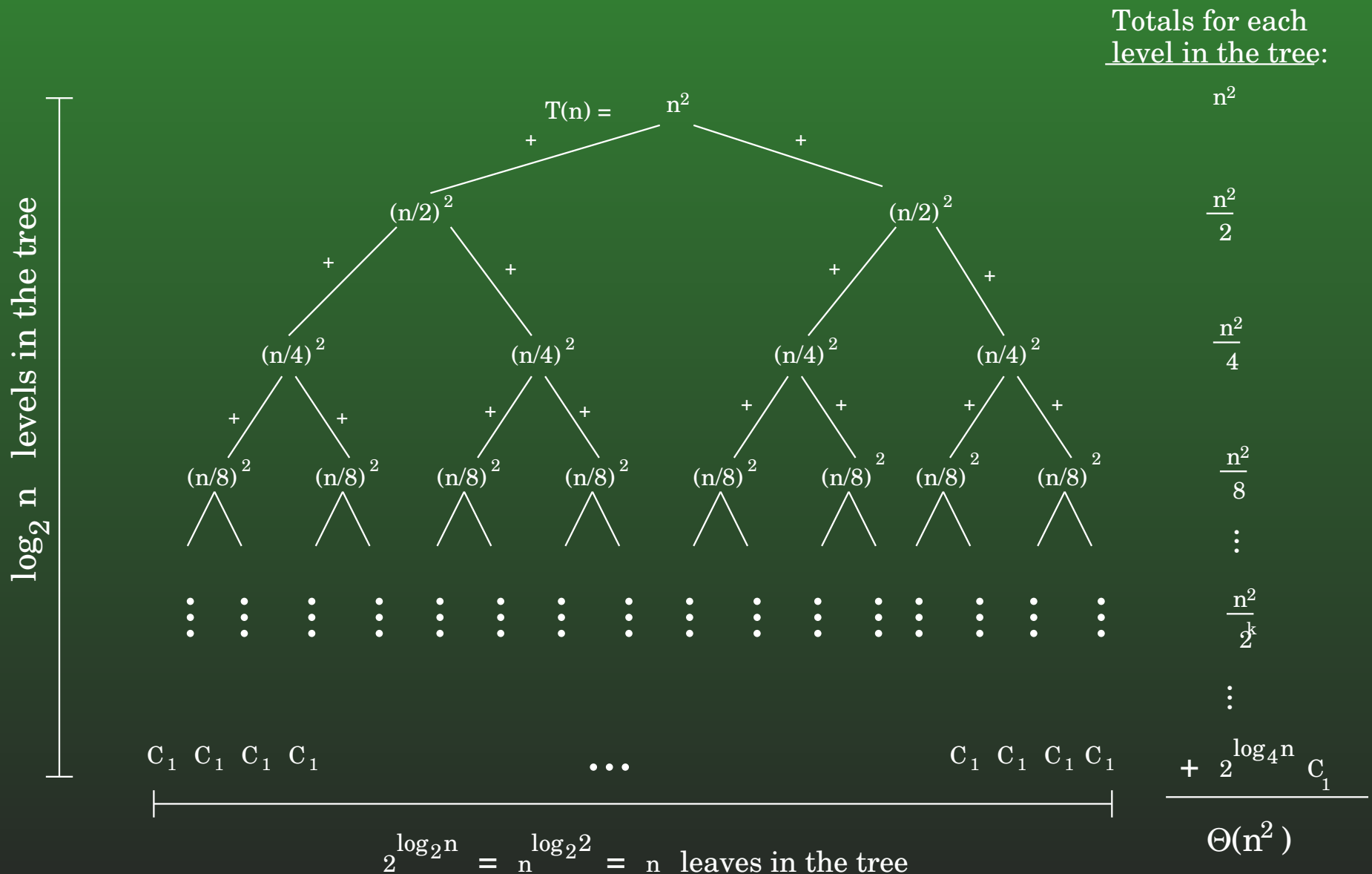


## 03-57: Master Method

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Recursion Tree for:  $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n^2$

# 03-58: Master Method

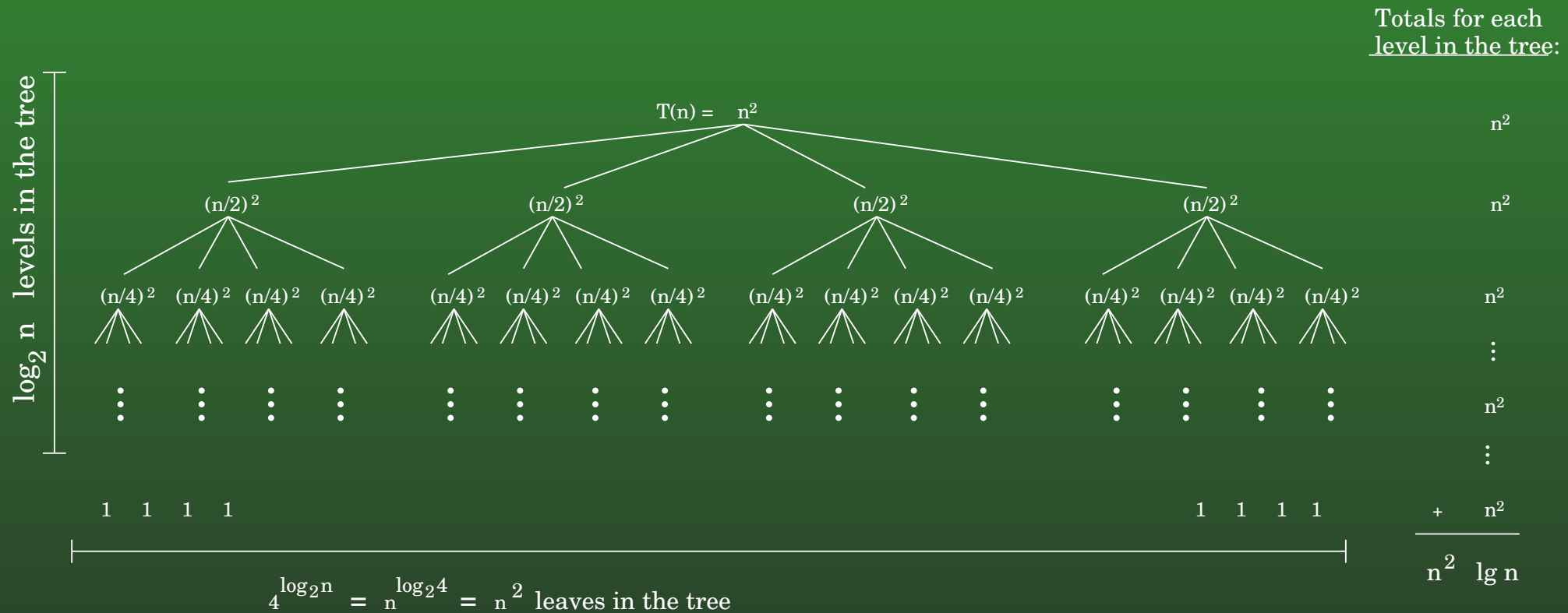


## 03-59: Master Method

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Recursion Tree for:  $T(n) = 4T(n/4) + n^2$

# 03-60: Master Method

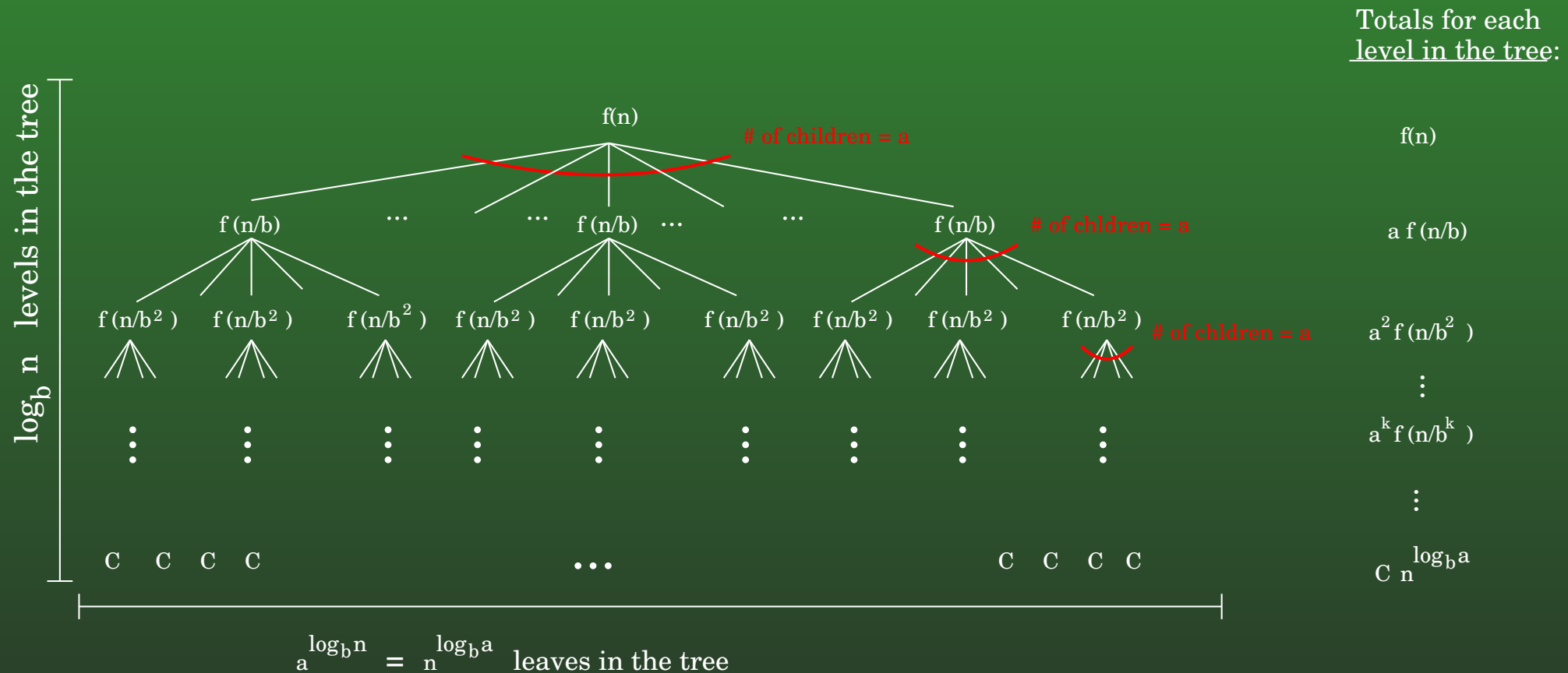


## 03-61: Master Method

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Recursion Tree for:  $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$

# 03-62: Master Method





## 03-63: Master Method

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$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

1. if  $f(n) \in O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  
 $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
2. if  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$  then  $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a} * \lg n)$
3. if  $f(n) \in \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , and if  
 $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some  $c < 1$  and large  $n$ , then  
 $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$

## 03-64: Master Method

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$$T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$$

## 03-65: Master Method

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$$T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$$

- $a = 9, b = 3, f(n) = n$
- $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 9} = n^2$
- $n \in O(n^{2-\epsilon})$

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

## 03-66: Master Method

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

## 03-67: Master Method

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

- $a = 1, b = 3/2, f(n) = 1$
- $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_{3/2} 1} = n^0 = 1$
- $1 \in O(1)$

$$T(n) = \Theta(1 * \lg n) = \Theta(\lg n)$$

## 03-68: Master Method

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$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \lg n$$

## 03-69: Master Method

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$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + n \lg n$$

- $a = 3, b = 4, f(n) = n \lg n$
- $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_4 3} = n^{0.792}$
- $n \lg n \in \Omega(n^{0.792+\epsilon})$
- $3(n/4) \lg(n/4) \leq c * n \lg n$

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n \lg n)$$

## 03-70: Master Method

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



## 03-71: Master Method

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

- $a = 2, b = 2, f(n) = n \lg n$
- $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n^1$

Master method does not apply!

$n^{1+\epsilon}$  grows faster than  $n \lg n$  for *any*  $\epsilon > 0$

Logs grow *incredibly* slowly!  $\lg n \in o(n^\epsilon)$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$