

# Chap 4 – Divide-and-Conquer

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## 4.1 The maximum-subarray problem

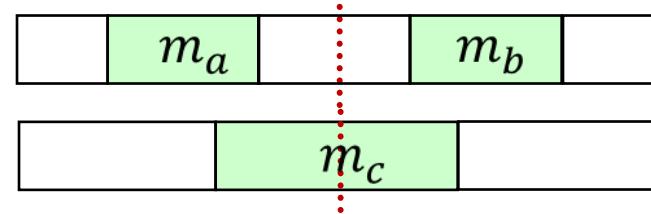
- The maximum-subarray problem

**Input:** An array  $A[1..n]$  of numbers

**Output:** Indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $A[i..j]$  has the greatest sum of any nonempty, contiguous subarray of  $A$ , along with the sum of the values in  $A[i..j]$ .

- A divide-and-conquer solution

Let



$m_a$  = the maximum sum of the left-half subarray

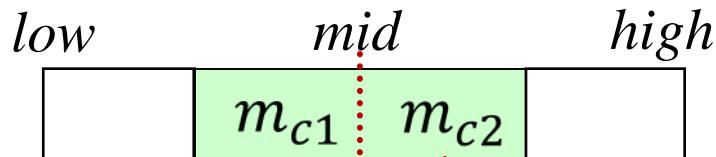
$m_b$  = the maximum sum of the right-half subarray

$m_c$  = the maximum sum crossing the border

Then,  $\max(m_a, m_b, m_c)$  is maximum sum of the entire array.

# 4.1 The maximum-subarray problem

- Finding  $m_c$



Time:  $\Theta(n)$

*left-sum* =  $-\infty$

*sum* = 0

**for**  $i = mid$  **downto**  $low$

*sum* = *sum* +  $A[i]$

**if** *sum* > *left-sum*

*left-sum* = *sum*

*max-left* =  $i$

*right-sum* =  $-\infty$

*sum* = 0

**for**  $j = mid + 1$  **to**  $high$

*sum* = *sum* +  $A[j]$

**if** *sum* > *right-sum*

*right-sum* = *sum*

*max-right* =  $j$

**return** (*max-left*, *max-right*, *left-sum* + *right-sum*)

## 4.1 The maximum-subarray problem

- Time-complexity of the algorithm

Let  $T(n)$  = the running time (for every case) of the divide-and-conquer algorithm on an array of  $n$  elements

Then,

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

Thus,

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

## 4.2 Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

- Matrix multiplication

**Input:** Two  $n \times n$  square matrices  $A = (a_{ij})$  and  $B = (b_{ij})$

**Output:**  $C = A \cdot B = (c_{ij})$ , where  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$

- Traditional  $\Theta(n^3)$  algorithm

SQUARE-MAT-MULT( $A, B, n$ )

let  $C$  be a new  $n \times n$  matrix

**for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$

**for**  $j = 1$  **to**  $n$

$c_{ij} = 0$

**for**  $k = 1$  **to**  $n$

$c_{ij} = c_{ij} + a_{ik} b_{kj}$

**return**  $C$

## 4.2 Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

- Simple divide-and-conquer method

Partition each of  $A, B, C$  into four  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices

Rewrite  $C = A \cdot B$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

giving four equations

$$C_{11} = A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21}$$

$$C_{12} = A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \quad 8 \text{ multiplications}$$

$$C_{21} = A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} \quad 4 \text{ additions}$$

$$C_{22} = A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22}$$

## 4.2 Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

- Simple divide-and-conquer method

Let  $T(n)$  = the time to multiply two  $n \times n$  matrices

Then,

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & n = 1 \\ 8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

As we shall see,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 8}) = \Theta(n^3)$

- Strassen's algorithm

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & n = 1 \\ 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

As we shall see,  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 7})$

## 4.2 Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

- Strassen's algorithm

Step 1: Partition each of  $A, B, C$  into four  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices

Step 2: Create 10 matrices

$$S_1 = B_{12} - B_{22}$$

$$S_6 = B_{11} + B_{22}$$

$$S_2 = A_{11} + A_{12}$$

$$S_7 = A_{12} - A_{22}$$

$$S_3 = A_{21} + A_{22}$$

$$S_8 = B_{21} + B_{22}$$

$$S_4 = B_{21} - B_{11}$$

$$S_9 = A_{11} - A_{21}$$

$$S_5 = A_{11} + A_{22}$$

$$S_{10} = B_{11} + B_{12}$$

Add and subtract  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices 10 times

Time:  $\Theta(n^2)$

## 4.2 Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

- Strassen's algorithm

Step 3: Create 7 matrices

$$P_1 = A_{11} \cdot S_1$$

$$P_5 = S_5 \cdot S_6$$

$$P_2 = S_2 \cdot B_{22}$$

$$P_6 = S_7 \cdot S_8$$

$$P_3 = S_3 \cdot B_{11}$$

$$P_7 = S_9 \cdot S_{10}$$

$$P_4 = A_{22} \cdot S_4$$

Step 4: Create the matrix  $C$

$$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$$

8 additions/subtractions

$$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4$$

Time:  $\Theta(n^2)$

$$C_{22} = P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Substitution method (Constructive induction)
  - Guess the solution
  - Use induction to find constants and show the solution works
- Example

$$T(0) = 0$$

$$T(n) = n + T(n - 1), \text{ if } n > 0$$

We may prove by induction that

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

or, guess that

$$T(n) = an^2 + bn + c$$

and prove it by constructive induction to find out  $a, b, c$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example (Cont'd)

Inductive step

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= n + T(n - 1) \\&= n + a(n - 1)^2 + b(n - 1) + c \\&= an^2 + (1 + b - 2a)n + a - b + c \\&= an^2 + bn + c\end{aligned}$$

provided that

$$1 + b - 2a = b$$

$$a - b + c = c \Rightarrow a = b = 1/2, \text{ for any } c$$

Basis

$$T(0) = c = 0 \quad \dots \dots \text{In conclusion: } a = b = 1/2, c = 0$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example (Cont'd)

Guess

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

Have to find out  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $T(n) \leq cn^2 \forall n \geq n_0$

Inductive step

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= n + T(n - 1) \\ &\leq n + c(n - 1)^2 \\ &= cn^2 - ((2c - 1)n - c) \leq cn^2 \end{aligned}$$

provided that

$$(2c - 1)n - c \geq 0 \Rightarrow c > 1/2, n \geq [c/(2c - 1)]$$

If  $c \geq 1$ , then  $n \geq [c/(2c - 1)] = 1$ ; so, choose  $c \geq 1, n_0 = 1$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example (Cont'd)

Basis:  $n = 1$

$$T(1) = 1 + T(0) = 1 \leq c1^2 \Rightarrow c \geq 1$$

In conclusion, we may pick any  $c \geq 1$  and  $n_0 = 1$

N.B. base case of recurrence  $\neq$  base case of induction

Alternatively, in the induction step, choose  $c \geq 1, n_0 = 500$ .

Basis:  $n = 500$

$$T(500) = d \quad \text{for some constant } d$$

$$\leq c \cdot 500^2 \Rightarrow c \geq \frac{d}{500^2}$$

$$\text{So, pick any } c \geq \max \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{500^2} \right\}$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Remarks

The preceding example illustrates two points.

Since we are interested in asymptotic solutions to recurrences

- 1 The boundary cases of the recurrences are immaterial.  
 $\because T(n)$  is always constant for any constant  $n$
- 2 The base cases of the inductive proof needn't be proven.

$\because$  It is always possible to choose base cases that work.

For  $O$ , simply pick  $c$  large enough to handle the base case

For  $\Omega$ , simply pick  $c$  small enough to handle the base case

(as shown in the next example).

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example (Cont'd)

Guess

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

Have to find out  $c$  and  $n_0$  such that  $T(n) \geq cn^2 \forall n \geq n_0$

Inductive step

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= n + T(n - 1) \\ &\geq n + c(n - 1)^2 \\ &= cn^2 + (1 - 2c)n + c \geq cn^2 \end{aligned}$$

provided that

$$(1 - 2c)n + c \geq 0 \Rightarrow c \leq 1/2, n \geq 0$$

So, choose  $c \leq 1/2, n_0 = 0$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example (Cont'd)

Basis:  $n = 0$

$$T(0) = 0 \geq c0^2 \text{ for any } c$$

In conclusion, we may pick any  $c \leq 1/2$  and  $n_0 = 0$ .

Alternatively, in the induction step, choose  $c \leq 1/2$ ,  $n_0 = 500$

Basis:  $n = 500$

$$T(500) = d \quad \text{for some constant } d$$

$$\geq c \cdot 500^2 \Rightarrow c \leq \frac{d}{500^2}$$

So, pick any  $c \leq \min \left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{d}{500^2} \right\}$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example

$$T(1) = 1$$

$$T(n) = 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n, \text{ if } n > 1$$

Guess  $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$

Assume that  $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$

Inductive step

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n \\ &\leq 2c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + n \\ &\leq cn \lg(n/2) + n \\ &= cn \lg n - (c - 1)n \leq cn \lg n \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $(c - 1)n \geq 0 \Rightarrow c \geq 1, n \geq 1$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example (Cont'd)

The basis step below may be omitted.

$n = 1$  can't be the base case.

$\therefore T(1) = 1 \leq c \cdot 1 \lg 1 = 0$  fails.

$n = 2$  alone as the base case isn't enough.

Bases:  $n = 2, 3$

$$T(2) = 4 \leq c \cdot 2 \lg 2 = 2c \Rightarrow c \geq 2$$

$$T(3) = 5 \leq c \cdot 3 \lg 3 \Rightarrow c \geq 5/3 \lg 3 \approx 1.05$$

All together, we may pick any  $c \geq 2$  and  $n_0 = 2$ .

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Example (Cont'd)

Guess  $T(n) = \Omega(n \lg n)$

Assume that  $T(n) \geq cn \lg n$

Inductive step

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

$$\geq 2c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \lg \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + n$$

$$= 2c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor (2 + \lg \lfloor n/2 \rfloor) - 4c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + n$$

$$\geq 2c((n-1)/2) \lg(4\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) - 4c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + n$$

$$= cn \lg(4\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n - c \lg(4\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) - 4c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$$

$$\geq cn \lg n, \text{ as long as } c \text{ is small enough and } n \text{ is large enough}$$

The point: floors and ceilings are tedious.

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Remark

For asymptotic solutions, ceilings and floors may be omitted under certain conditions to make proof easier.

For example,

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

Guess  $T(n) = \Omega(n \lg n)$

Assume that  $T(n) \geq cn \lg n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + n \\ &\geq 2c(n/2) \lg(n/2) + n \\ &= cn \lg n + (1 - c)n \\ &\geq cn \lg n, \text{ as long as } 1 \geq c \end{aligned}$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Remark (Cont'd)

Guess  $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$

Assume that  $T(n) \leq cn \lg n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 2T(n/2) + n \\ &\leq 2c(n/2) \lg(n/2) + n \\ &= cn \lg n - (c - 1)n \\ &\leq cn \lg n, \text{ as long as } c \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

What we have proven so far is  $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$ , for  $n = 2^k$ .

However, as we shall see, we may conclude that

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n).$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions

### DEFINITION

A function  $f$  is  $b$ -smooth, where  $b \geq 2$  is an integer, if it is monotonically increasing and  $f(bn) = O(f(n))$

### LEMMA

If  $f$  is  $b$ -smooth for some  $b \geq 2$ , then it is  $c$ -smooth  $\forall c \geq 2$

*Proof*

Basis:  $c = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} f(2n) &\leq f(bn) \quad \because f \text{ is monotonically increasing} \\ &= O(f(n)) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $f(2n) = O(f(n))$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions

Inductive step

$$\begin{aligned} f((c+1)n) &\leq f(2cn) \quad \because f \text{ is monotonically increasing} \\ &\leq d_1 f(cn) \quad \because f \text{ is 2-smooth, } f(2cn) = O(f(cn)) \\ &\leq d_1 d_2 f(n) \quad \because f \text{ is } c\text{-smooth, } f(cn) = O(f(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f((c+1)n) = O(f(n))$

By this lemma, we may simply say smooth functions.

Polynomials are smooth.  $(bn)^k = b^k n^k = O(n^k)$

Polylogarithms are smooth.  $\lg^k(bn) = (\lg b + \lg n)^k = O(\lg^k n)$

Exponentials aren't smooth.  $a^{bn} \neq O(a^n)$ ,  $b \geq 2, a > 1$

In fact,  $a^n = o(a^{bn})$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions

### LEMMA

If  $f$  is smooth and  $t$  is monotonically increasing satisfying  $t(n) = \Theta(f(n))$  for  $n = b^k, b \geq 2$ , then  $t(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

### Proof

For sufficient large  $n$  satisfying  $b^k \leq n < b^{k+1}$ , we have

$$t(n) \leq t(b^{k+1}) \quad \because t \text{ is monotonically increasing}$$

$$\leq c_1 f(b^{k+1}) \quad \because t(n) = O(f(n)) \text{ for } n = b^k$$

$$\leq c_1 c_2 f(b^k) \quad \because f \text{ is smooth, } f(bn) = O(f(n))$$

$$\leq c_1 c_2 f(n) \quad \because f \text{ is monotonically increasing}$$

$$\Rightarrow t(n) = O(f(n))$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions

**LEMMA** (Cont'd)

For sufficient large  $n$  satisfying  $b^k \leq n < b^{k+1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} t(n) &\geq t(b^k) && \because t \text{ is monotonically increasing} \\ &\geq c_3 f(b^k) && \because t(n) = \Omega(f(n)) \text{ for } n = b^k \\ &\geq (c_3/c_2) f(b^{k+1}) && \because f(b^{k+1}) \leq c_2 f(b^k) \\ &\geq (c_3/c_2) f(n) && \because f \text{ is monotonically increasing} \\ \Rightarrow t(n) &= \Omega(f(n)) \end{aligned}$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions

### Example

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= n, \text{ if } n = 2^k \\&= n^2, \text{ otherwise}\end{aligned}$$

$T(n)$  isn't monotonically increasing.

$$T(n) = \Theta(n), \text{ for } n = 2^k.$$

$$\text{But, } T(n) = O(n^2).$$

### Example

$$T(1) = a, \text{ where } a > 1$$

$$T(n) = T([n/2])^2, \text{ if } n > 1$$

$$\text{For } n = 2^k, T(n) = a^n = a^{2^{\lg n}}$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions

Three steps for the closed form of the recurrence involving ceiling (or floor):

- Generate the first few values

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9~16
$T(n)$	$a$	$a^2$	$a^4$	$a^4$	$a^8$	$a^8$	$a^8$	$a^8$	$a^{16}$

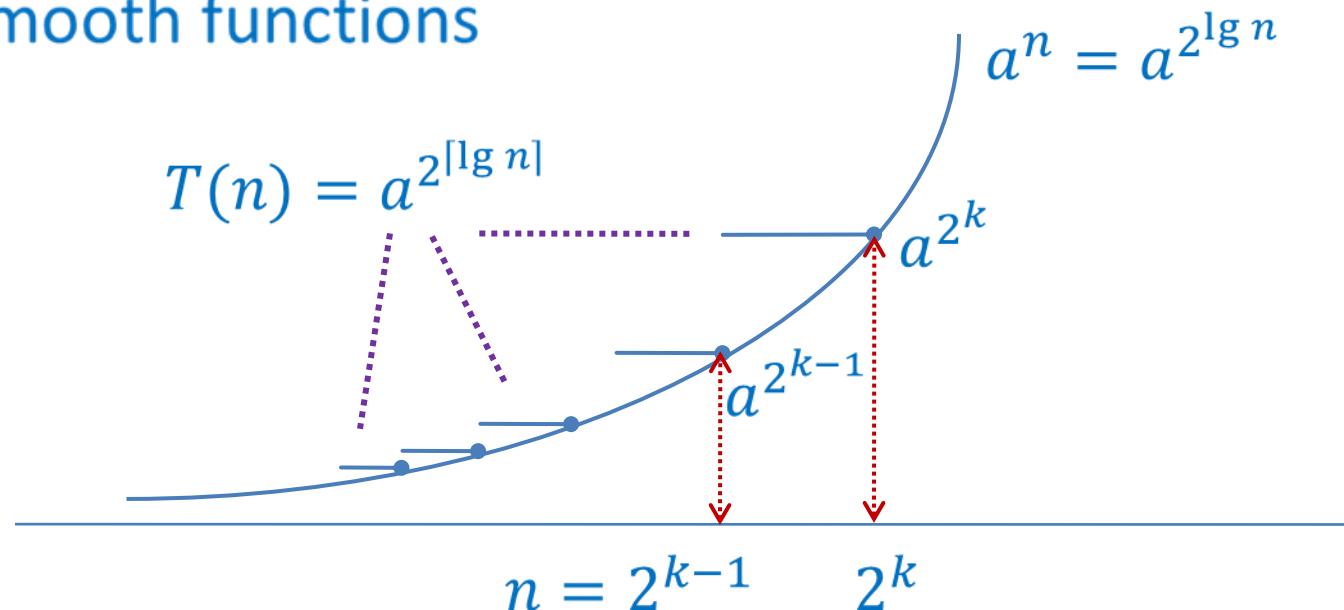
- Guess the pattern

It is easily seen that  $T(n) = a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}}$ , for all  $n$

- Prove by induction

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions



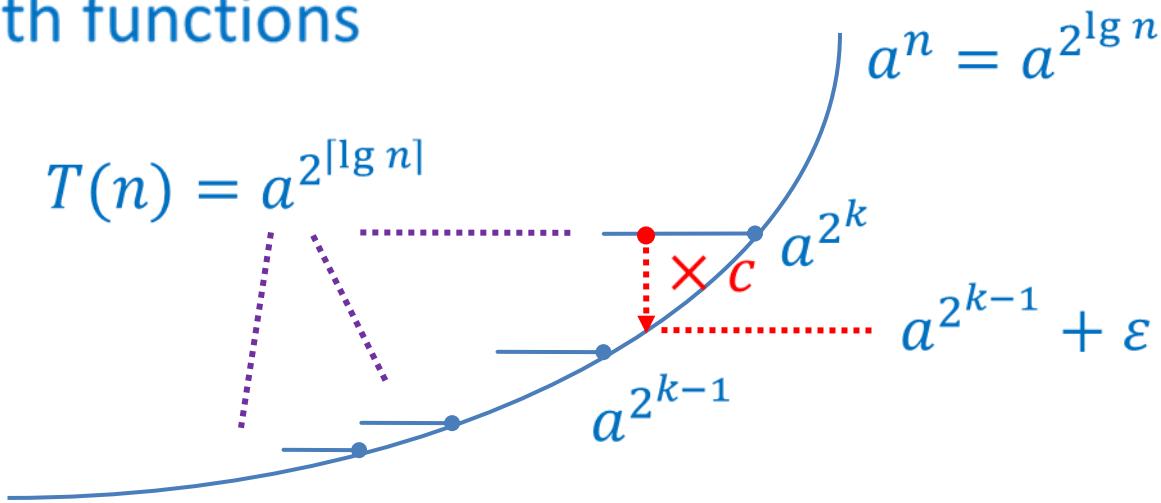
Clearly,  $a^n = O(a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}}) = O(a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}})$

Also,  $a^n \neq o(a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}})$ ,  $\because a^n = a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}}$ , for  $n = 2^k$

But,  $a^n \neq \Theta(a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}}) !!! \quad \because a^n \neq \Omega(a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}})$  See next page

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Smooth functions



**FACT**  $a^n \neq \Omega(a^{2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}})$

$$\therefore c \cdot a^{2^k} \leq a^{2^{k-1}} + \varepsilon \Rightarrow c \leq \frac{a^{2^{k-1}} + \varepsilon}{a^{2^k}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a^{2^{k-1}}}, \text{ as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0$$

$\therefore$  As  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{a^{2k-1}} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow c$  doesn't exist.

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Asymptotic notation in recurrence

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

Upper bound: Guess  $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$

Assume that  $T(n) \leq dn \lg n$

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

$$= 2T(n/2) + f(n), \text{ where } f(n) = O(n)$$

$$\leq 2T(n/2) + cn, \text{ for some constant } c$$

$$\leq 2d \frac{n}{2} \lg \frac{n}{2} + cn$$

$$= dn \lg n - (d - c)n$$

$$\leq dn \lg n$$

provided that  $(d - c)n \geq 0 \Rightarrow d \geq c$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Asymptotic notation in recurrence

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

Lower bound: Guess  $T(n) = \Omega(n \lg n)$

Assume that  $T(n) \geq dn \lg n$

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

$$= 2T(n/2) + f(n), \text{ where } f(n) = \Omega(n)$$

$$\geq 2T(n/2) + cn, \text{ for some constant } c$$

$$\geq 2d \frac{n}{2} \lg \frac{n}{2} + cn$$

$$= dn \lg n + (c - d)n$$

$$\geq dn \lg n$$

provided that  $(c - d)n \geq 0 \Rightarrow c \geq d$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Asymptotic notation in recurrence

Alternatively, for upper bound, we may simply write

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq dn \lg n - (dn - O(n)) \\&\leq dn \lg n\end{aligned}$$

because we can pick  $d$  large enough so that  $dn$  dominates the  $O(n)$  term, i.e.  $d \geq c$  previously;

and, for lower bound,

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\geq dn \lg n + \Omega(n) - dn \\&\geq dn \lg n\end{aligned}$$

because we can pick  $d$  small enough so that  $dn$  is dominated by the  $\Omega(n)$  term, i.e.  $c \geq d$  previously.

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Subtleties

Prove the exact form of the inductive hypothesis

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

Guess  $T(n) = O(n)$

Try  $T(n) \leq cn$

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

$$= cn + 1 \not\leq cn \quad \text{NO!}$$

Next, try  $T(n) \leq cn - d$

$$T(n) \leq c\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - d + c\lceil n/2 \rceil - d + 1$$

$$= cn - d - (d - 1)$$

$$\leq cn - d, \text{ as long as } d - 1 \geq 0 \Rightarrow d \geq 1$$

## 4.3 The substitution method

- Subtleties

Another example

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + O(n^2) \leq 8T(n/2) + cn^2$$

Guess  $T(n) = O(n^3)$

Try  $T(n) \leq dn^3$

$$T(n) \leq 8d(n/2)^3 + cn^2 = dn^3 + cn^2 \not\leq dn^3 \text{ NO!}$$

Next, try  $T(n) \leq dn^3 - d'n^2$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 8(d(n/2)^3 - d'(n/2)^2) + cn^2 \\ &= dn^3 - 2d'n^2 + cn^2 \\ &= dn^3 - d'n^2 - (d'n^2 - cn^2) \\ &\leq dn^3 - d'n^2 \end{aligned}$$

as long as  $d'n^2 - cn^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow d' \geq c$

## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

- The tree-recursion method

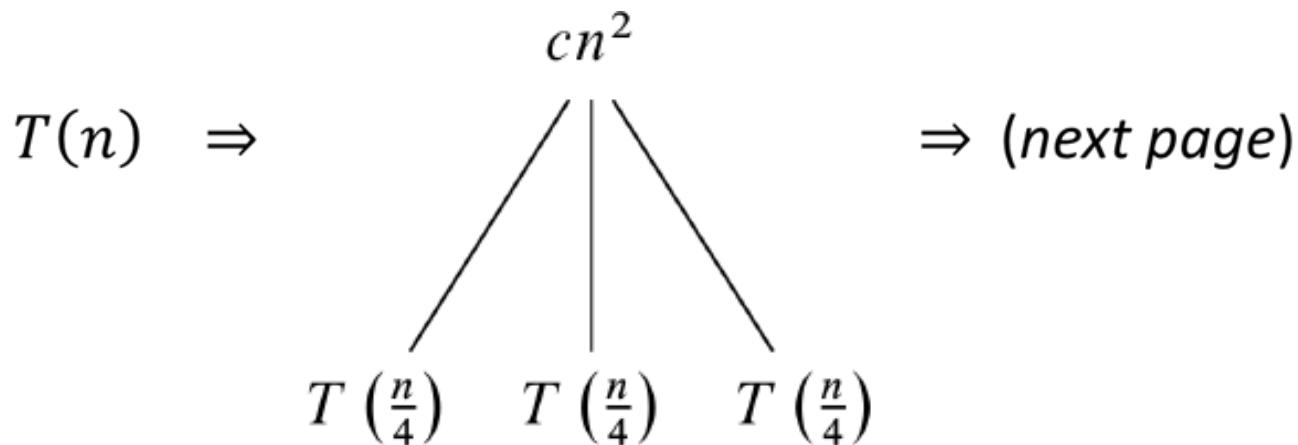
Use to generate a guess.

Then, verify by substitution method

- Example

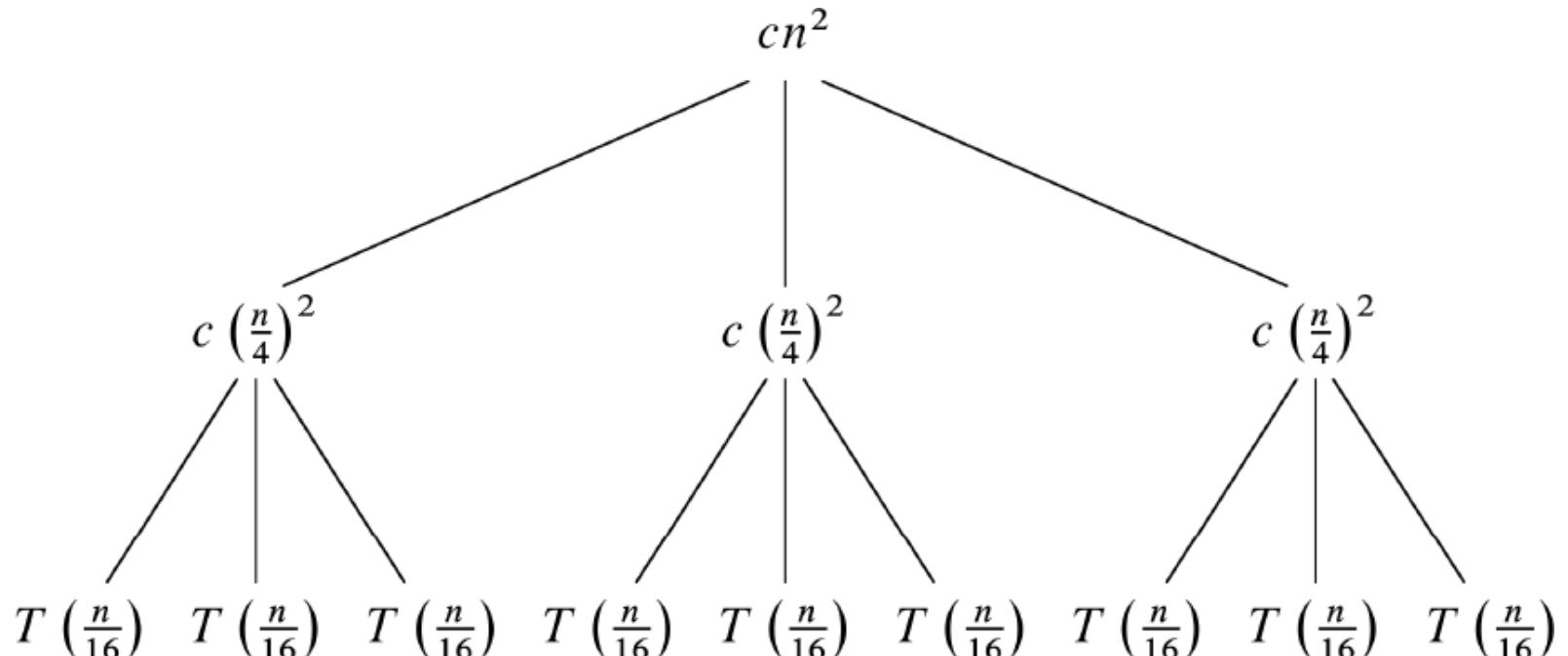
$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + \Theta(n^2) \text{ or } T(n) = 3T(n/4) + cn^2$$

Recursion tree



## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

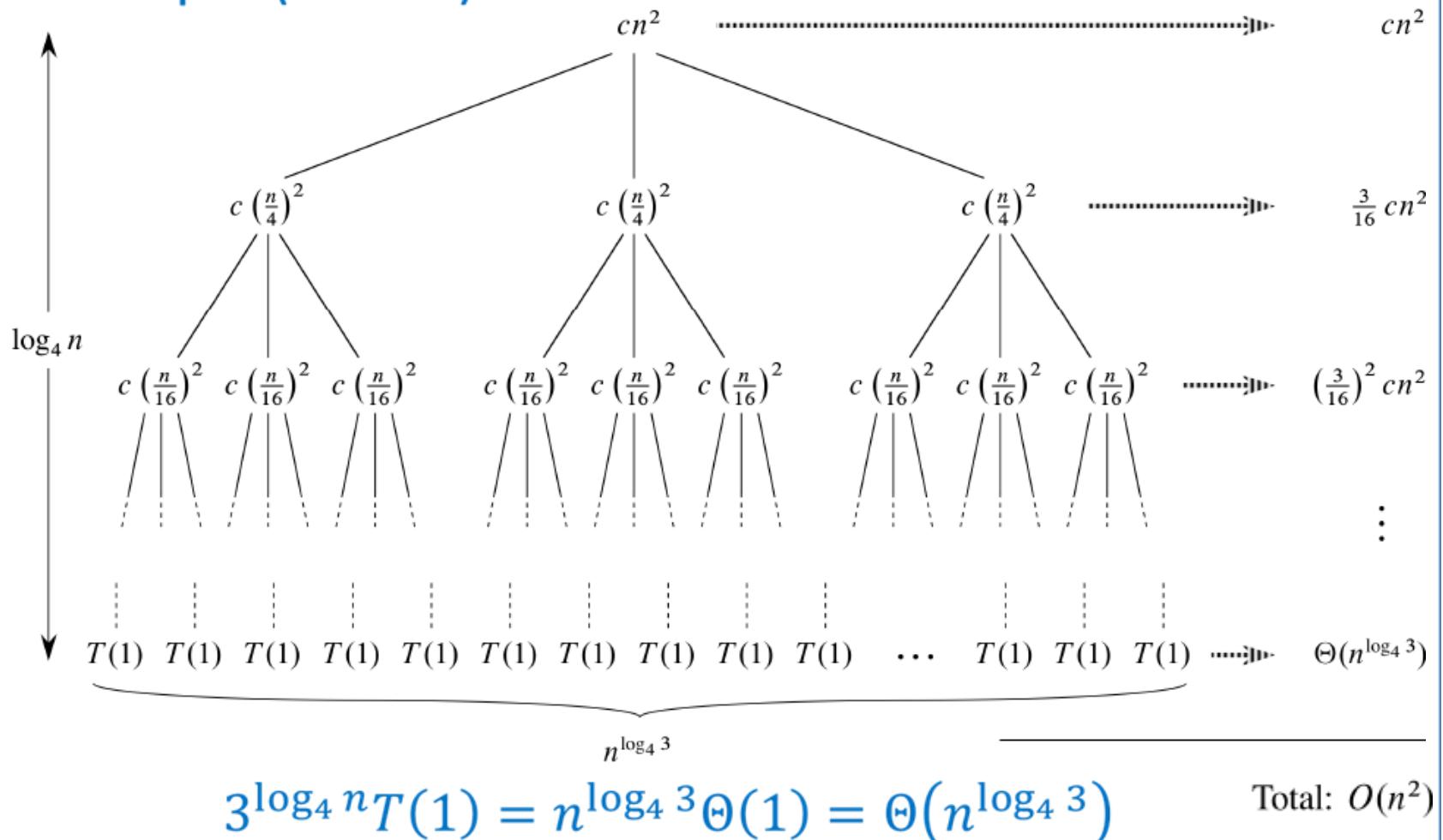
- Example (Cont'd)



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## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

- Example (Cont'd)



## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

- Example (Cont'd)

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n-1} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\&< \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) \\&= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{3}{16}} cn^2 + \Theta(n^{\log_4 3}) = O(n^2)\end{aligned}$$

Next, verify by substitution method that  $T(n) \leq dn^2$

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 3T(n/4) + O(n^2) \\&\leq 3d(n/4)^2 + O(n^2) \\&= dn^2 - (\frac{13}{16}dn^2 - O(n^2)) \\&\leq dn^2\end{aligned}$$

as long as  $d$  is large enough to make  $\frac{13}{16}dn^2$  dominate  $O(n^2)$

## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

- Example (Cont'd)

On the other hand,

$$T(n) = 3T(n/4) + \Omega(n^2) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Omega(n^2)$$

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

- Example

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + \Theta(n)$$

For upper bound, rewrite it as

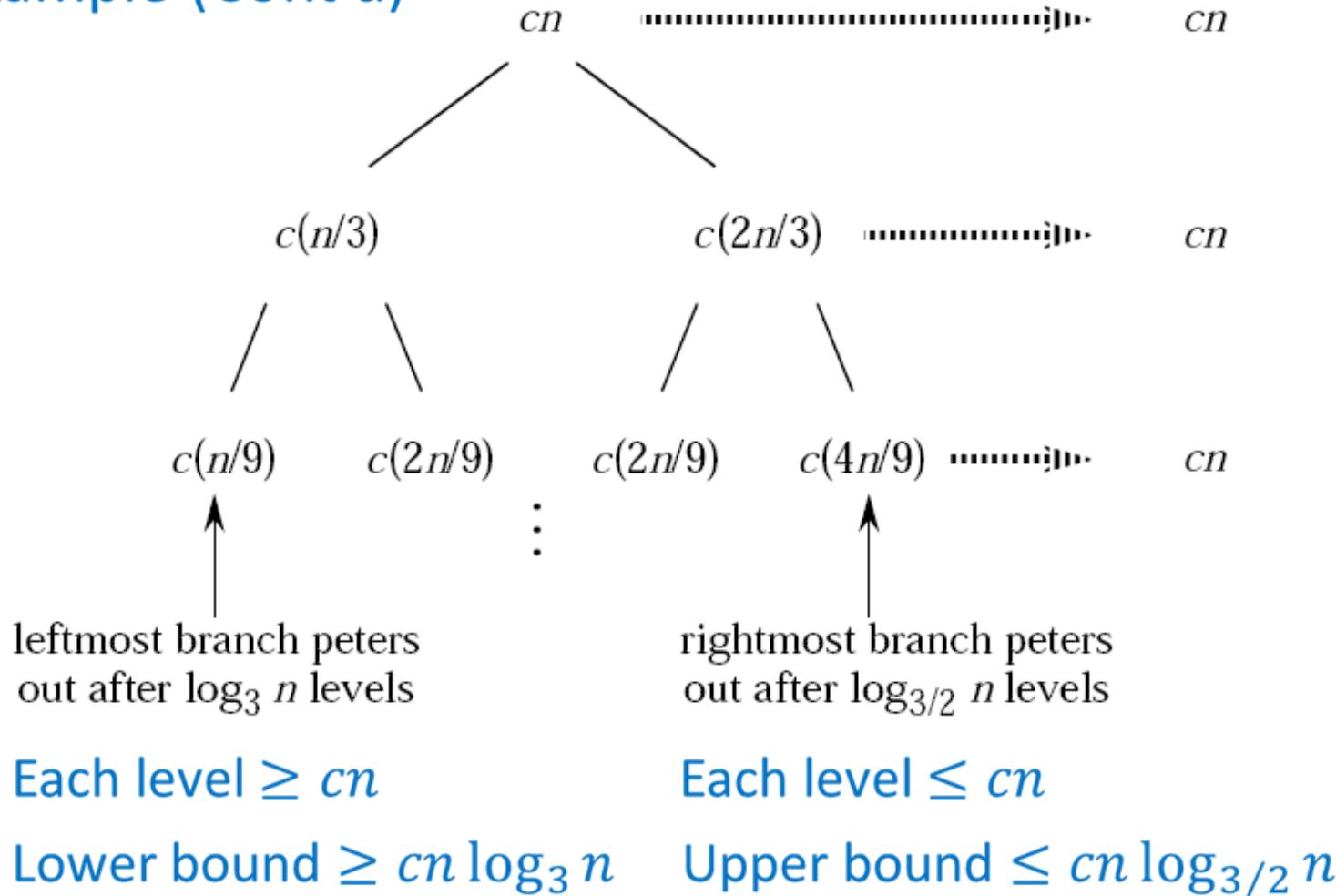
$$T(n) \leq T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn$$

For lower bound, rewrite it as

$$T(n) \geq T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn$$

## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

- Example (Cont'd)



## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

- Example (Cont'd)

Upper bound

Guess  $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$  and assume that  $T(n) \leq dn \lg n$

$$T(n) \leq T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + cn$$

$$\leq d(n/3) \lg(n/3) + d(2n/3) \lg(2n/3) + cn$$

$$= d(n/3) \lg(n/3) + 2d(n/3)(1 + \lg(n/3)) + cn$$

$$= dn \lg(n/3) + 2d(n/3) + cn$$

$$= dn \lg n - (dn(\lg 3 - 2/3) - cn)$$

$$\leq dn \lg n$$

$$\text{as long as } dn(\lg 3 - 2/3) - cn \geq 0 \Rightarrow d \geq \frac{c}{\lg 3 - 2/3}$$

## 4.4 The recursion-tree method

- Example (Cont'd)

Lower bound

Guess  $T(n) = \Omega(n \lg n)$

Assume that  $T(n) \geq dn \lg n$

The proof is the same as for the upper bound, but replacing  $\leq$  by  $\geq$ .

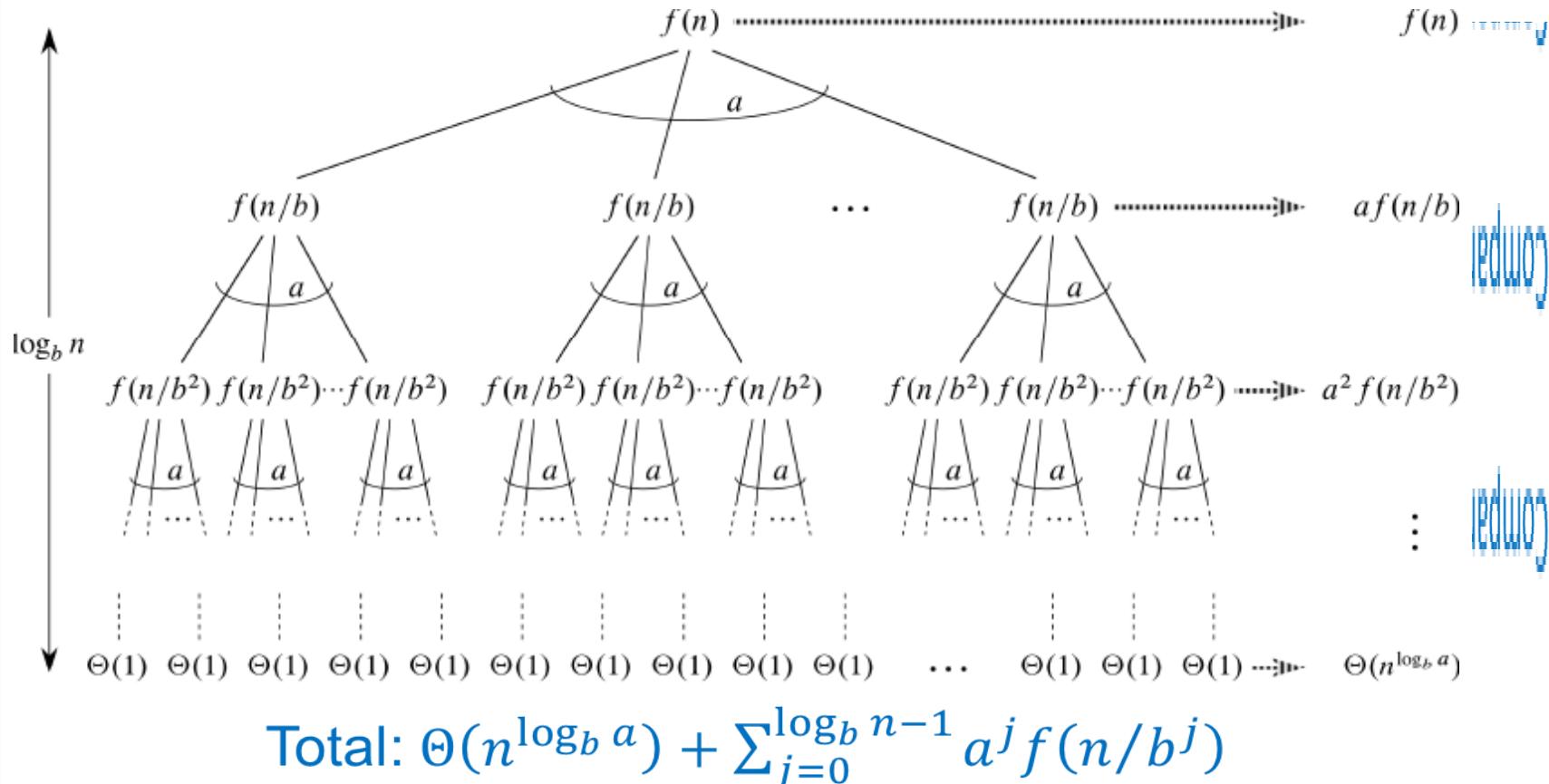
End up needing

$$d \leq \frac{c}{\lg 3 - 2/3}$$

## 4.5 The master method

- The master theorem

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n), \quad a \geq 1, b > 1, \text{ and } f(n) > 0$$



## 4.5 The master method

- Case 1

$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$ , for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$

$f(n)$  is polynomially smaller than  $n^{\log_b a}$ .

Solution:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Intuitively, cost is dominated by leaves.

### Example

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

$n^0 = O(n^{\log_2 2 - \varepsilon})$  for any  $\varepsilon \leq 1 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n)$

$n^0$  is polynomially smaller than  $n^{\log_2 2} = n$ .

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 1

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

$\lg n = O(n^{\log_2 2 - \varepsilon})$  for any  $\varepsilon < 1 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n)$

$\lg n$  is polynomially smaller than  $n^{\log_2 2} = n$ .

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

$n^2 = O(n^{\log_2 5 - \varepsilon})$  for any  $\varepsilon \leq \log_2 5 - 2 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\lg 5})$

$n^2$  is polynomially smaller than  $n^{\log_2 5}$ .

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

$n = O(n^{\log_3 9 - \varepsilon})$  for any  $\varepsilon \leq 1 \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^2)$

$n$  is polynomially smaller than  $n^{\log_3 9} = n^2$ .

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 2 (Exercise 4.6-2)

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^k n), \text{ where } k \geq 0$$

$f(n)$  is within a polylog factor of  $n^{\log_b a}$ , but not smaller.

Solution:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg^{k+1} n)$

Intuitively, cost is  $n^{\log_b a} \lg^k n$  at each level, and there are  $\Theta(\lg n)$  levels.

Simple case

$$k = 0 \Rightarrow f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$$

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 2

Example

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

$$n = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2}) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

$n$  is within a polylog factor of  $n^{\log_2 2} = n$ , but not smaller.

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

$$n \lg n = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2} \lg n) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \lg^2 n)$$

$n \lg n$  is within a polylog factor of  $n^{\log_2 2} = n$ , but not smaller.

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 3

$f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ , for some constant  $\varepsilon > 0$

and satisfies the regularity condition:

$af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some  $c < 1$  and sufficiently large  $n$

$f(n)$  is polynomially greater than  $n^{\log_b a}$ .

Solution:  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

Intuitively, cost is dominated by root.

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 3

**LEMMA** (Exercise 4.6-3)

The regularity condition implies  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$

Proof

First show by induction that

$$a^k f(n/b^k) \leq c^k f(n) \quad \forall k \geq 1, \text{ where } c < 1$$

Next, let  $k = \log_b n$

$$a^{\log_b n} f(n/b^{\log_b n}) \leq c^{\log_b n} f(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} f(1) \leq n^{\log_b c} f(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^{\log_b a - \log_b c} f(1) \leq f(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon}), \text{ where } \varepsilon = -\log_b c > 0, \because c < 1$$

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 3

### LEMMA

$f(n) = n^i \lg^j n$  and  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$

$\Rightarrow af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some  $c < 1$

### Proof

$$\begin{aligned}af(n/b) &= a(n/b)^i \lg^j (n/b) \\&= (a/b^i)n^i(\lg n - \lg b)^j \\&= (a/b^i)n^i(\lg^j n - \Theta(\lg^{j-1} n)) \\&\leq (a/b^i)n^i \lg^j n \\&= cf(n), \text{ where } c = a/b^i\end{aligned}$$

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 3

We have to show that  $c = a/b^i < 1$ .

$$f(n) = n^i \lg^j n \text{ and } f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$$

$$\Rightarrow i \geq \log_b a + \varepsilon$$

$$\Rightarrow i > \log_b a$$

$$\Rightarrow b^i > b^{\log_b a} = a \Rightarrow a/b^i < 1$$

Example

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

$$n^2 = \Omega(n^{\log_2 2 + \varepsilon}) \text{ for any } \varepsilon \leq 1 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

$n^2$  is polynomially greater than  $n^{\log_2 2} = n$ .

N.B. There is no need to check the regularity condition

## 4.5 The master method

- Case 3

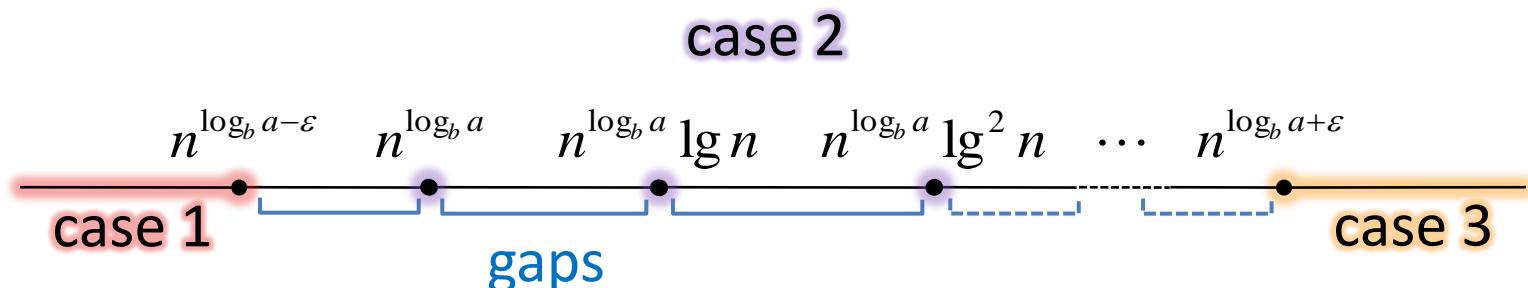
Example

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

$n^3 = \Omega(n^{\log_2 5 + \varepsilon})$  for any  $\varepsilon \leq 3 - \log_2 5 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$   
 $n^3$  is polynomially greater than  $n^{\log_2 5}$ .

- Gaps

There are gaps that can't be solved by the master theorem.



## 4.5 The master method

- Gaps

Example

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

$n/\lg n$  is smaller than  $n^{\log_2 2} = n$ , but not polynomially smaller.

In fact,  $n/\lg n = \omega(n^{1-\varepsilon})$ , since  $n^{1-\varepsilon} = n/n^\varepsilon$

Since

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

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

it is reasonable to guess that  $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg \lg n)$ .

And, indeed it is.

## 4.5 The master method

- Changing variables

Example

$$T(n) = T(\sqrt{n}) + \lg n$$

Let  $m = \lg n$ , then  $n = 2^m$

$$T(2^m) = T(2^{m-1}) + \lg 2^m = T(2^{m-1}) + m$$

Let  $S(m) = T(2^m)$ , then

$$S(m) = S(m/2) + m$$

$$m = \Omega(m^{\log_2 1+\varepsilon}) \text{ for any } \varepsilon \leq 1$$

$\Rightarrow S(m) = \Theta(m)$  by case 3

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