

# Lab02-Divide and Conquer

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1. *Recurrence examples.* Give asymptotic upper and lower bounds for  $T(n)$  in each of the following recurrences. Assume that  $T(n)$  is constant for sufficiently small  $n$ . Make your bounds as tight as possible.

(a)  $T(n) = 4T(n/3) + n \log n$

(b)  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2 \sqrt{n}$

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

(d)  $T(n) = 2T(\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor) + \log n$

**Solution.** We formalize the recurrence equation as below:

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) \quad (1)$$

Here  $n/b$  can be replaced by  $\lfloor n/b \rfloor$  or  $\lceil n/b \rceil$

(a)  $a = 4, b = 3, \log_b a = \log_3 4, f(n) = n \log n \leq n^{\log_3 4}$ , so that  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_3 4})$

(b)  $a = 4, b = 2, \log_b a = \log_2 4 = 2, f(n) = n^{2.5} \geq n^2$ , so that  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{2.5})$

(c)  $T(n) = T(n-1) + n = T(n-2) + n + n-1 = \dots = T(1) + \sum_{i=2}^n i = \Theta(n^2)$

(d) let  $n = 2^z, T(n) = S(z)$ , we can change the equation to

$$S(z) = 2 * T(\lfloor \sqrt{2^z} \rfloor) + z = 2 * T(\lfloor 2^{z/2} \rfloor) + z = 2 * S(\lfloor z/2 \rfloor) + z \quad (2)$$

now  $a = 2, b = 2, \log_b a = 1, f(z) = \Theta(z)$ , so that  $T(n) = S(\log n) = \Theta(z \log z) = \Theta(\log n * \log(\log n))$

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2. *Divide-and-conquer.* Given an integer array  $A[1..n]$  and two integers  $lower \leq upper$ , design an algorithm using **divide-and-conquer** method to count the number of ranges  $(i, j)$  ( $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ ) satisfying

$$lower \leq \sum_{k=i}^j A[k] \leq upper.$$

**Example:**

Given  $A = [1, -1, 2]$ ,  $lower = 1$ ,  $upper = 2$ , return 4.

The resulting four ranges are  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(3, 3)$ ,  $(2, 3)$  and  $(1, 3)$ .

- (a) Complete the implementation in the provided C/C++ source code ([The source code Code-Range.cpp is attached on the course webpage](#)).
- (b) Write a recurrence for the running time of the algorithm and solve it by recurrence tree ([You can modify the figure sources Fig-RecurrenceTree.vsdx or Fig-RecurrenceTree.pptx to illustrate your derivation](#)).
- (c) Can we use the Master Theorem to solve the recurrence above? Please explain your answer.

**Solution.**

- (a) Please refer to the appendix 1.
- (b) Assume the complexity is  $T(n)$  where  $n$  is the length of the array. In one  $n$ -length array recursion, it generates two half length recursion. Besides, each binary search costs  $\log n$  operations and there are  $n$  binary searches. Also the sort function costs  $O(n \log n)$  operations. From the analysis above we can get:

$$T(n) = 2 * T(n/2) + O(n \log n) \quad (3)$$

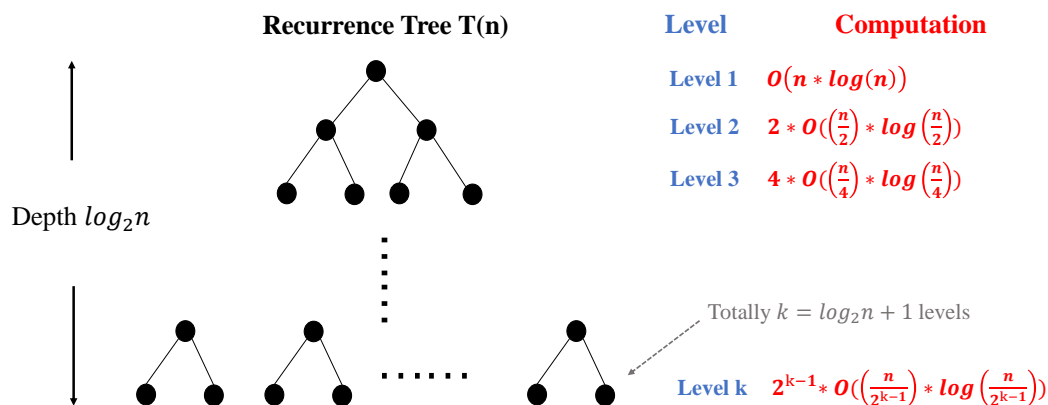


Figure 1: Recurrence Tree

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k 2^{i-1} O(\frac{n}{2^{i-1}} * \log(\frac{n}{2^{i-1}})) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log n} O(n * i) = O(n * k^2) = O(n * \log^2 n) \quad (4)$$

- (c) We are not able to use the typical Master Theorem to solve it. That is because there do not exist a fixed  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $n * \log^2 n = \Omega(n^{1+\epsilon})$ . Fortunately, we can modify this theorem to

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if} & f(n) = n^{\log_b a} * (\log^k n) \\ \text{then} & T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} * (\log^{k+1} n)) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Then we can from  $\log_b a = 1$ ,  $f(n) = O(n * \log n)$  get  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} * (\log^2 n))$

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3. *Transposition Sorting Network.* A comparison network is a **transposition network** if each comparator connects adjacent lines, as in the network in Fig. 2.

- (a) Prove that a transposition network with  $n$  inputs is a sorting network if and only if it sorts the sequence  $\langle n, n-1, \dots, 1 \rangle$ . (Hint: Use an induction argument analogous to the Domain Conversion Lemma.)

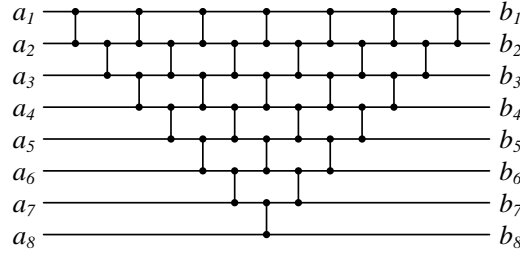


Figure 2: A Transposition Network Example

- (b) **(Optional Sub-question with Bonus)** Given any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , write a program using Tkinter in Python to draw a figure similar to Fig. 2 with  $n$  input wires.

**Solution.**

- (a) i. Necessity is obvious.  
 ii. Here prove the sufficiency.  
 iii. First of all, we have several definitions.

Firstly, We define the time  $t$  to be the times the comparators works. If  $n$  comparators work in the same depth, we consider it as  $n$  time step. For the comparators in the same depth, the less number of wire is in earlier time. For instance in Figure 2, inputting numbers is in  $t = 0$ , comparing  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  is in  $t = 1$ , and comparing  $a_3$  and  $a_4$  is in  $t = 4$ .

Secondly, We regard the wires from top to bottom as wire 0 to wire  $n-1$ , which means each time step, if wire  $i$  works, it can only compare its output to either  $i-1$  or  $i+1$ . Thirdly, we define the input sequence as  $R$  (random input). Worth to noting that we call the reverse ordered input sequence to be  $W$  (worst input).

Lastly, we define the output of the wire  $i$  in  $t = t_0$  from the input sequence  $R$  as  $Out_R(i, t_0)$ .

- iv. Hypothesis:

$$\forall 0 \leq i < j \leq n, \quad \forall t, \quad \forall R$$

$$Out_W(i, t) < Out_W(j, t) \Rightarrow Out_R(i, t) < Out_R(j, t) \quad (6)$$

- v. Basis:

When  $t = 0$ ,  $\forall i < j$ ,  $Out_W(i, t) > Out_W(j, t)$ , it is obviously correct.

- vi. Assumption:

When  $t = k$ , the hypothesis is correct.

- vii. Induction:

Assume this time comparator works between wire  $m$  and  $m+1$  and  $Out_R(i, t+1) < Out_R(j, t+1)$ .

1)  $i < m, j > m+1$

$$Out_W(i, t) = Out_W(i, t+1) < Out_W(j, t+1) = Out_W(j, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow Out_R(i, t) = Out_R(i, t+1) < Out_R(j, t+1) = Out_R(j, t) \quad (7)$$

2)  $i = m, j = m+1$ .

From the definition of the comparator we know no matter how large is  $Out_W(i, t)$  and  $Out_W(j, t)$ , there must be  $Out_R(i, t+1) < Out_R(j, t+1)$ .

3)  $i < m, j = m$ .

$$Out_W(i, t) = Out_W(i, t+1) < Out_W(j, t+1) = \min\{Out_W(m, t), Out_W(m+1, t)\} \quad (8)$$

From equation 8 we can get:

$$Out_R(i, t+1) = Out_R(i, t) < \min\{Out_R(m, t), Out_R(m+1, t)\} = Out_R(m, t+1) \quad (9)$$

$$4) i < m, j = m + 1$$

$$Out_W(i, t) = Out_W(i, t+1) < Out_W(j, t+1) = \max\{Out_W(m, t), Out_W(m+1, t)\} \quad (10)$$

From equation 10 we can get:

$$Out_R(i, t+1) = Out_R(i, t) < \max\{Out_R(m, t), Out_R(m+1, t)\} = Out_R(m+1, t+1) \quad (11)$$

$$5) i = m + 1, j > m + 1$$

$$Out_W(j, t) = Out_W(j, t+1) > Out_W(i, t+1) = \max\{Out_W(m, t), Out_W(m+1, t)\} \quad (12)$$

From equation 12 we can get:

$$Out_R(j, t+1) = Out_R(j, t) > \max\{Out_R(m, t), Out_R(m+1, t)\} = Out_R(i, t+1) \quad (13)$$

$$6) i = m, j > m + 1$$

$$Out_W(j, t) = Out_W(j, t+1) > Out_W(i, t+1) = \min\{Out_W(m, t), Out_W(m+1, t)\} \quad (14)$$

From equation 14 we can get:

$$Out_R(j, t+1) = Out_R(j, t) > \min\{Out_R(m, t), Out_R(m+1, t)\} = Out_R(i, t+1) \quad (15)$$

So when  $t = k + 1$ , the hypothesis is correct.

viii. From the mathematical induction theorem, we can get the conclusion that

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall 0 \leq i < j \leq n, \quad \forall t, \quad \forall R \\ & Out_W(i, t) < Out_W(j, t) \Rightarrow Out_R(i, t) < Out_R(j, t) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

As a result, if a Transposition Network can sort input  $W$ , we assume it ends at  $t = t_0$ . This time,  $\forall i < j, Out_W(i, t_0) < Out_W(j, t_0)$ . From the proof we know,  $\forall i < j, Out_R(i, t_0) < Out_R(j, t_0)$ , which means the random input  $R$  is sorted. So this is a Sorting Network.

(b) Python code is in appendix 2.

The results are in the Figure 3

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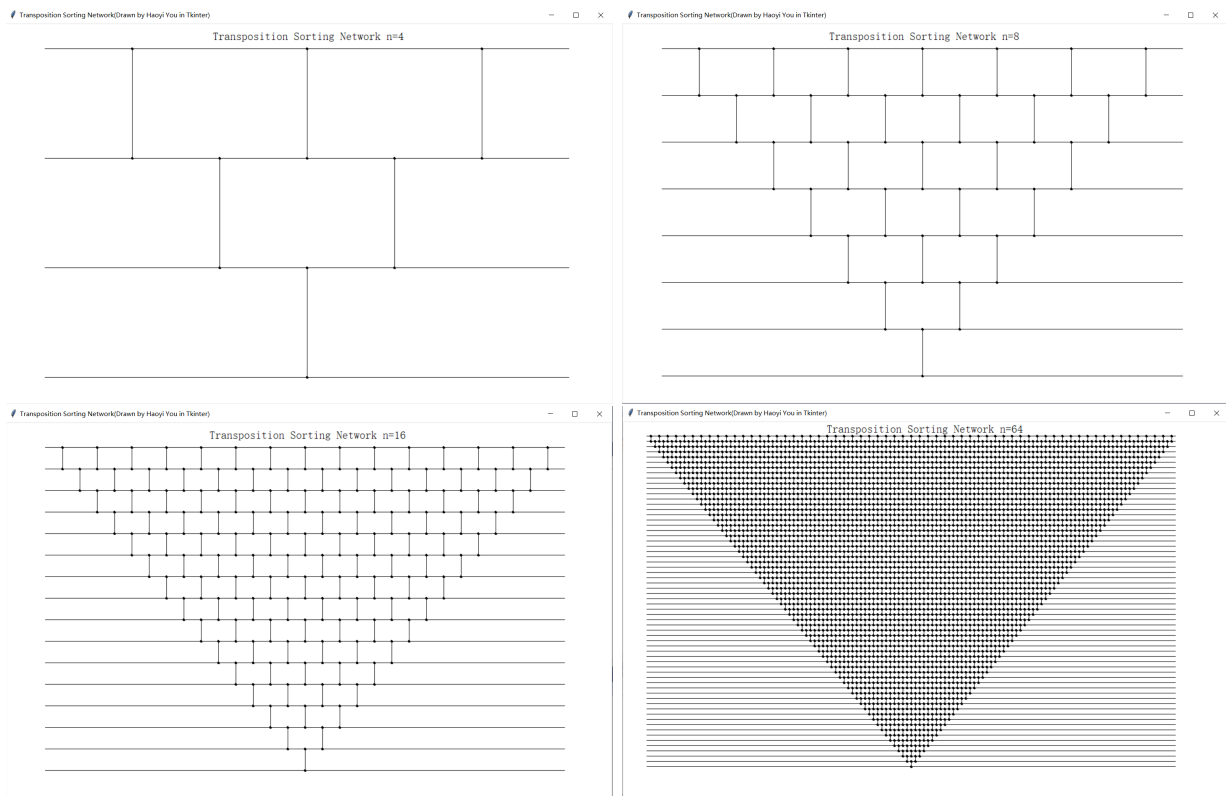


Figure 3: Transposition Network with various  $n$

# A Appendice

## A.1 C++ code for problem 2

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
using namespace std;

int binary_search_for_m(vector<long>& sum, long sum_i, int LOWER, int low, int high)
    if (high <= low || sum[high-1] - sum_i < LOWER) return high;
    int min = low, max = high-1, mid;
    while (min < max) {
        mid = (max + min) / 2;
        if (sum[mid] - sum_i >= LOWER) max = mid;
        else min = mid+1;
    }
    return max;
}

int binary_search_for_n(vector<long>& sum, long sum_i, int UPPER, int low, int high)
    if (high <= low || sum[high-1] - sum_i <= UPPER) return high;
    int min = low, max = high - 1, mid;
    while (min < max) {
        mid = (max + min) / 2;
        if (sum[mid] - sum_i > UPPER) max = mid;
        else min = mid + 1;
    }
    return max;
}

int merge_count(vector<long>& sum, int low, int high, int LOWER, int UPPER) {
    int mid = (low + high) / 2;
    if (mid == low)
        return 0;
    int count = merge_count(sum, low, mid, LOWER, UPPER)
        + merge_count(sum, mid, high, LOWER, UPPER);
    int m_low = mid, m_high = high, n_low = mid, n_high = high;
    for (int i = low; i < mid; i++) {
        int m = binary_search_for_m(sum, sum[i], LOWER, m_low, m_high);
        int n = binary_search_for_n(sum, sum[i], UPPER, n_low, n_high);
        count += n - m;
    }
    sort(sum.begin() + low, sum.begin() + high);
    return count;
}

int main() {
    int N, LOWER, UPPER;
    vector<int> A;
    vector<long> sum(1, 0);

    cin >> N >> LOWER >> UPPER;
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    for (int tmp, i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        cin >> tmp;
        A.push_back(tmp);
        sum.push_back(sum.back() + A.back());
    }

    cout << merge_count(sum, 0, N + 1, LOWER, UPPER) << endl;

    return 0;
}

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## A.2 Python code for problem 3

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from tkinter import *

class MyCanvas(Canvas):
    def __init__(self, master, hLineWidth=1, vLineWidth=1, radius=2, **kwargs):
        Canvas.__init__(self, master, kwargs)
        self.hLineWidth = hLineWidth
        self.vLineWidth = vLineWidth
        self.radius = radius

    def create_segment_h(self, x, y, l):
        self.create_line(x, y, x + l, y, width=self.hLineWidth)
        self.create_oval(x - self.radius, y - self.radius, x + self.radius,
            y + self.radius, fill='black')
        self.create_oval(x + l - self.radius, y - self.radius, x + l + self.radius,
            y + self.radius, fill='black')

    def create_segment_v(self, x, y, l):
        self.create_line(x, y, x, y + l, width=self.vLineWidth)
        self.create_oval(x - self.radius, y - self.radius, x + self.radius,
            y + self.radius, fill='black')
        self.create_oval(x - self.radius, y + l - self.radius, x + self.radius,
            y + l + self.radius, fill='black')

    def create_line_h(self, x, y, l):
        self.create_line(x, y, x + l, y, width=self.hLineWidth)

    def create_line_v(self, x, y, l):
        self.create_line(x, y, x, y + l, width=self.vLineWidth)

    def text(self, string, x, y):
        self.create_text(x, y, font=('Pursia', 16), text=string)

class Draw:
    def __init__(self, size):
        self.size=size
    def hNum(self):
        return 1
    def draw(self, cvs, x, y, hScale, vScale):
        for i in range(self.size+1):

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        cvs.create_line_h(x, y + i * vScale, 2*(self.size) * hScale)
    for i in range(self.size):
        for j in range(self.size-i):
            cvs.create_segment_v(x+(i+1+2*j)*hScale, y+i*vScale, vScale)

if __name__ == '__main__':
    k = int(input('please input the number k: '))
    n = 2 ** k-1

    winW, winH = 1920*0.6, 1200 * 0.6
    hMargin, vMargin = winW // 10, winH // 10
    hScale, vScale = (winW - 2 * hMargin) // (2*n), (winH - 2 * vMargin) // (n)

    root = Tk()
    root.title('Transposition_Sorting_Network(Drawn by Haoyi You in Tkinter)')
    cvs = MyCanvas(root, bg='white', width=winW, height=winH)
    paint= Draw(n)
    string="Transposition_Sorting_Network_n={}".format(n+1)
    paint.draw(cvs, hMargin, vMargin, hScale, vScale)
    cvs.text(string, winW/2, vMargin/2)
    cvs.pack()

    root.mainloop()
}

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