Divide-and-Conquer
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- Divide-and conquer is a general algorithm design paradigm:
  - Divide: divide the input data $S$ in two or more disjoint subsets $S_1$, $S_2$, ...
  - Recur: solve the subproblems recursively
  - Conquer: combine the solutions for $S_1$, $S_2$, ..., into a solution for $S$

- The base case for the recursion are subproblems of constant size

- Analysis can be done using recurrence equations
Merge-Sort Review

- Merge-sort on an input sequence $S$ with $n$ elements consists of three steps:
  - **Divide**: partition $S$ into two sequences $S_1$ and $S_2$ of about $n/2$ elements each
  - **Recur**: recursively sort $S_1$ and $S_2$
  - **Conquer**: merge $S_1$ and $S_2$ into a unique sorted sequence

**Algorithm** $\text{mergeSort}(S, C)$

- **Input** sequence $S$ with $n$ elements, comparator $C$
- **Output** sequence $S$ sorted according to $C$

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if $S$.size() > 1
  $(S_1, S_2) \leftarrow \text{partition}(S, n/2)$
  $\text{mergeSort}(S_1, C)$
  $\text{mergeSort}(S_2, C)$
  $S \leftarrow \text{merge}(S_1, S_2)$
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Recurrence Equation Analysis

The conquer step of merge-sort consists of merging two sorted sequences, each with \( n/2 \) elements and implemented by means of a doubly linked list, takes at most \( bn \) steps, for some constant \( b \).

Likewise, the basis case \((n < 2)\) will take at \( b \) most steps.

Therefore, if we let \( T(n) \) denote the running time of merge-sort:

\[
T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  b & \text{if } n < 2 \\
  2T(n/2) + bn & \text{if } n \geq 2 
\end{cases}
\]

We can therefore analyze the running time of merge-sort by finding a closed form solution to the above equation.

- That is, a solution that has \( T(n) \) only on the left-hand side.
Iterative Substitution

In the iterative substitution, or “plug-and-chug,” technique, we iteratively apply the recurrence equation to itself and see if we can find a pattern:

\[ T(n) = 2T(n/2) + bn \]

\[ = 2(2T(n/2^2)) + b(n/2)) + bn \]

\[ = 2^2T(n/2^2) + 2bn \]

\[ = 2^3T(n/2^3) + 3bn \]

\[ = 2^4T(n/2^4) + 4bn \]

\[ = ... \]

\[ = 2^iT(n/2^i) + ibn \]

Note that base, \( T(n)=b \), case occurs when \( 2^i=n \). That is, \( i = \log n \).

So,

\[ T(n) = bn + bn \log n \]

Thus, \( T(n) \) is \( O(n \log n) \).
The Recursion Tree

Draw the recursion tree for the recurrence relation and look for a pattern:

\[
T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  b & \text{if } n < 2 \\
  2T(n/2) + bn & \text{if } n \geq 2 
\end{cases}
\]

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Total time = \(bn + bn \log n\)
(last level plus all previous levels)
Guess-and-Test Method

In the guess-and-test method, we guess a closed form solution and then try to prove it is true by induction:

\[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  b & \text{if } n < 2 \\
  2T(n/2) + bn \log n & \text{if } n \geq 2 
\end{cases} \]

Guess: \( T(n) < cn \log n \).

\[
T(n) = 2T(n/2) + bn \log n \\
= 2(c(n/2) \log(n/2)) + bn \log n \\
= cn(\log n - \log 2) + bn \log n \\
= cn \log n - cn + bn \log n
\]

Wrong: we cannot make this last line be less than \( cn \log n \).
Guess-and-Test Method, (cont.)

- Recall the recurrence equation:

\[
T(n) = \begin{cases} 
    b & \text{if } n < 2 \\
    2T(n/2) + bn \log n & \text{if } n \geq 2 
\end{cases}
\]

- Guess #2: \( T(n) < cn \log^2 n \).

\[
T(n) = 2T(n/2) + bn \log n \\
= 2(c(n/2) \log^2 (n/2)) + bn \log n \\
= cn(\log n - \log 2)^2 + bn \log n \\
= cn \log^2 n - 2cn \log n + cn + bn \log n \\
\leq cn \log^2 n
\]

\[= \text{if } c > b.\]

- So, \( T(n) \) is \( O(n \log^2 n) \).

- In general, to use this method, you need to have a good guess and you need to be good at induction proofs.
Master Method (Appendix)

Many divide-and-conquer recurrence equations have the form:

\[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\ 
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d 
\end{cases} \]

The Master Theorem:

1. if \( f(n) \) is \( O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)

2. if \( f(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a \log^k n}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a \log^{k+1} n}) \)

3. if \( f(n) \) is \( \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(f(n)) \), provided \( af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n) \) for some \( \delta < 1 \).
Master Method, Example 1

The form:

\[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d 
\end{cases} \]

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Example:

\[ T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n \]

Solution: \( \log_b a = 2 \), so case 1 says \( T(n) \) is \( O(n^2) \).
Master Method, Example 2

The form:  
\[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d 
\end{cases} \]

The Master Theorem:

1. if \( f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon}) \), then \( T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)
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Example:

\[ T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \log n \]

Solution: \( \log_b a = 1 \), so case 2 says \( T(n) = O(n \log^2 n) \).
Master Method, Example 3

The form: 
\[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d 
\end{cases} \]

The Master Theorem:
1. if \( f(n) \) is \( O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)
2. if \( f(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a \log^k n}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a \log^{k+1} n}) \)
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Example:
\[ T(n) = T(n/3) + n \log n \]

Solution: \( \log_b a = 0 \), so case 3 says \( T(n) \) is \( O(n \log n) \).
Master Method, Example 4

The form: \[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d 
\end{cases} \]

The Master Theorem:

1. if \( f(n) \) is \( O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)
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3. if \( f(n) \) is \( \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(f(n)) \),
   provided \( af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n) \) for some \( \delta < 1 \).

Example:

\[ T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n^2 \]

Solution: \( \log_b a = 3 \), so case 1 says \( T(n) \) is \( O(n^3) \).
Master Method, Example 5

The form:

\[
T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d
\end{cases}
\]

The Master Theorem:

1. if \( f(n) \) is \( O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)
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3. if \( f(n) \) is \( \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(f(n)) \),
   provided \( af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n) \) for some \( \delta < 1 \).

Example:

\[
T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n^3
\]

Solution: \( \log_b a = 2 \), so case 3 says \( T(n) \) is \( O(n^3) \).
Master Method, Example 6

The form: \[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d 
\end{cases} \]

The Master Theorem:

1. if \( f(n) \) is \( O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon}) \), then \( T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)
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Example:

\[ T(n) = T(n/2) + 1 \] (binary search)

Solution: \( \log_b a = 0 \), so case 2 says \( T(n) \) is \( O(\log n) \).
Master Method, Example 7

The form:
\[
T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c & \text{if } n < d \\
  aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq d
\end{cases}
\]

The Master Theorem:

1. if \( f(n) \) is \( O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)
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3. if \( f(n) \) is \( \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}) \), then \( T(n) \) is \( \Theta(f(n)) \),
   provided \( af(n/b) \leq \delta f(n) \) for some \( \delta < 1 \).

Example:
\[
T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \log n \quad \text{(heap construction)}
\]
Solution: \( \log_b a = 1 \), so case 1 says \( T(n) \) is \( O(n) \).
Iterative “Proof” of the Master Theorem

Using iterative substitution, let us see if we can find a pattern:

\[ T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) \]

\[ = a(aT(n/b^2) + f(n/b)) + bn \]

\[ = a^2T(n/b^2) + af(n/b) + f(n) \]

\[ = a^3T(n/b^3) + a^2f(n/b^2) + af(n/b) + f(n) \]

\[ = \ldots \]

\[ = a \log_b n T(1) + \sum_{i=0}^{(\log_b n)-1} a^i f(n/b^i) \]

\[ = n \log_b a T(1) + \sum_{i=0}^{(\log_b n)-1} a^i f(n/b^i) \]

We then distinguish the three cases as

- The first term is dominant
- Each part of the summation is equally dominant
- The summation is a geometric series
Integer Multiplication

Algorithm: Multiply two n-bit integers I and J.

- Divide step: Split I and J into high-order and low-order bits

\[ I = I_h 2^{n/2} + I_l \]
\[ J = J_h 2^{n/2} + J_l \]

- We can then define \( I \times J \) by multiplying the parts and adding:

\[
I \times J = (I_h 2^{n/2} + I_l) \times (J_h 2^{n/2} + J_l) \\
= I_h J_h 2^n + I_h J_l 2^{n/2} + I_l J_h 2^{n/2} + I_l J_l
\]

- So, \( T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n \), which implies \( T(n) \) is \( O(n^2) \).
- But that is no better than the algorithm we learned in grade school.
An Improved Integer Multiplication Algorithm

**Algorithm:** Multiply two n-bit integers \( I \) and \( J \).
- Divide step: Split \( I \) and \( J \) into high-order and low-order bits
  \[
  I = I_h 2^{n/2} + I_l
  \]
  \[
  J = J_h 2^{n/2} + J_l
  \]
- Observe that there is a different way to multiply parts:
  \[
  I \ast J = I_h J_h 2^n + [(I_h - I_l)(J_h - J_l) + I_h J_h + I_l J_l]2^{n/2} + I_l J_l
  \]

\[
= I_h J_h 2^n + [(I_h J_l - I_l J_h - I_h J_h + I_l J_h) + I_h J_h + I_l J_l]2^{n/2} + I_l J_l
  \]

\[
= I_h J_h 2^n + (I_h J_l + I_l J_h)2^{n/2} + I_l J_l
  \]
- So, \( T(n) = 3T(n/2) + n \), which implies \( T(n) \) is \( O(n^{\log_2 3}) \), by the Master Theorem.
- Thus, \( T(n) \) is \( O(n^{1.585}) \).