

SCC0602 - Algoritmos e Estruturas de Dados I

Divide and Conquer



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Today

- Analysis the running time of recursive algorithms
 - Like divide-and-conquer
 - Writing and solving *recurrences*
- Tree recurrence method
- Master method

Revision: Insertion sort x Merge sort

■ n^2 versus $n \lg n$

- $\log(n)$: how many times do you need to divide n by 2 in order to reach 1 (assume $n = 2^m$)?

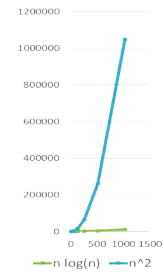
n^2	$n \lg n$	$\log(n)$ grows very slowly with n and much slower than n^2
$2^2 = 4$	$2 \lg(2) = 2$	
$4^2 = 16$	$4 \lg(4) = 8$	
...		
$32^2 = 1024$	$32 \lg(32) = 160$	
$512^2 = 262.144$	$512 \lg(512) = 4.606$	

$\lg(\text{number of particles in the universe}) < 280$

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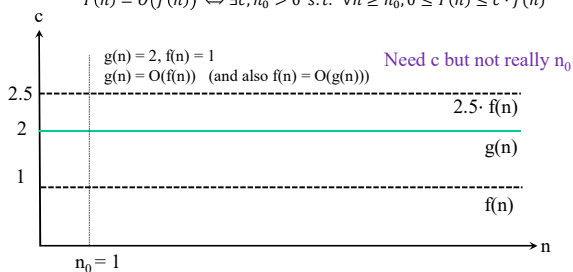
n^2 versus $n \lg n$

n	n log(n)	n ²
8	24	64
16	64	256
32	160	1024
64	384	4096
128	896	16384
256	2048	65536
512	4608	262144
1024	10240	1048576



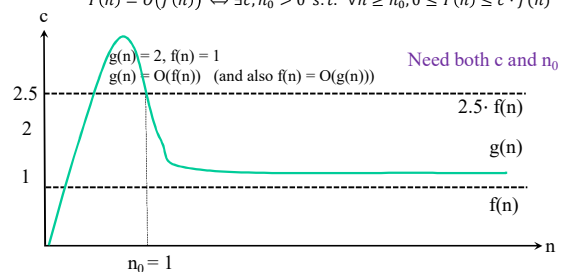
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Divide and Conquer

- *Divide et impera* [Divide and rule]
 - Ancient political maxim cited by Machiavelli
 - Julius Caesar (102-44BC)
- The divide-and-conquer paradigm:
 - **DIVIDE** problem up into smaller problems
 - **CONQUER** by solving each subproblem
 - **COMBINE** results to solve the original problem

Recurrences

- **Recursive calls** in algorithms can be described using recurrences
- It is an equation or inequality that describes a function in terms of its value on smaller inputs

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \text{solving_trivial_problem} & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \text{num_pieces } T(n/\text{subproblem_size_factor}) + \text{dividing} + \text{combining} & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- Example: Merge Sort

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

Solving Recurrences

- Substitution method
 - Guess the solutions
 - Verify the solution by the mathematical induction
 - Repeated (backward) substitution method
 - Expand the recurrence by substitution and look for a pattern
- Recursion-trees
- Master method
 - templates for different classes of recurrences

Substitution method (ex. 2)

- Find the running time (upper bound) of merge sort
 - Assume that $n=2^b$, for some b

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2n + 3 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

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 Use $n_0 = 2$
 $T(2) = 11$ and $c \lg 2 = 2c$
 $T(3) = 13$ and $c \lg 3 = 3c \lg 1.6$
 For $n > 3$, recurrence does not depend on $T(1)$

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Repeated Substitution Method

- Variation of substitution method
 - Close to the tree
- Simple procedure:
 - Substitute
 - Expand
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 - ...

Repeated Substitution Method

- Simple procedure:
 - Make some substitutions
 - Observe a pattern and write how the expression looks after the i^{th} substitution
 - Find out which value i should have (e.g., $\lg n$) to get the base case of the recurrence ($T(1)$)
 - Insert the value of $T(1)$ and the expression of i into the expression

Repeated Substitution (Ex. 2)

- Sequence of expand-substitute operations

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2T(n/2) + 2n + 3 && \text{Substitute } T(n/2) \\ &\leq 2[2T(n/4) + 2n/2 + 3] + 2n + 3 && \text{Expand outside } [] \\ &\leq 2^2 T(n/4) + 4n + 2 \times 3 + 3 && \text{Substitute } T(n/4) \\ &\leq 2^2 [2T(n/8) + 2n/4 + 3] + 4n + 2 \times 3 + 3 && \text{Expand outside } [] \\ &\leq 2^3 T(n/2^2) + 2 \times 3n + (2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0) \times 3 && \text{There is a pattern} \\ &\leq 2^i T(n/2^i) + 2 \times in + 3 \times \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 2^j && \text{Look for value of } i \text{ to} \\ &\leq 2^{i \lg n} T(n/n) + 2n \lg n + 3(2^{i \lg n} - 1) && \text{reach the base case: } \lg n \\ &\leq 2n + 2n \lg n + 3n - 3 = 5n + 2n \lg n - 3 && \\ &\leq n \lg n && \end{aligned}$$

Exercise

- Running time of tromino tiling algorithm for a $2^n \times 2^n$ board

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(n-1) + 1 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- Find its upper bound

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Substitution method

$$\text{Solve } T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$$

- Guess that $T(n) = O(n^3)$
- Assume that $T(n) \leq ck^3$ for $k \leq n/2$
- Prove by induction that $T(n) \leq cn^3$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + n \text{ (Recurrence)} \\ &\leq 4c(n/2)^3 + n \text{ (Induction)} \\ &\leq c/2n^3 + n \text{ (Simplification)} \\ &\leq cn^3 \end{aligned}$$

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Choose positive value of c that holds for $T(1)$ and $T(2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } c = 1 & \\ T(1) &\leq 1 \times 1^3 \\ 1 &\leq 1 \rightarrow \text{holds} \\ T(2) &\leq 1 \times 2^3 \\ 6 &\leq 8 \rightarrow \text{holds} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } c &\geq 1 \text{ and} \\ T(n) &= O(n^3) \end{aligned}$$

Substitution Method

- Achieving tighter bounds

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } c = 1 & \\ T(1) &\leq 1 \times 1^2 \\ 1 &\leq 1 \rightarrow \text{holds} \\ T(2) &\leq 1 \times 2^2 \\ 5 &\leq 4 \rightarrow \text{Does not hold} \end{aligned}$$

If $c = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} T(1) &\leq 2 \times 1^2 \\ 1 &\leq 2 \rightarrow \text{holds} \\ T(2) &\leq 2 \times 2^2 \\ 9 &\leq 8 \rightarrow \text{Does not hold} \end{aligned}$$

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$n_0 = 1 \rightarrow T(1) = 1$ and $cn^2 = c \cdot 1 = c$
Choose positive value of c that holds for $T(1)$ and $T(2)$
If $c = 3$
 $T(1) \leq 3 \cdot 1^2$
 $1 \leq 3 \rightarrow$ holds
 $T(2) \leq 3 \cdot 2^2$
 $13 \leq 12 \rightarrow$ Does not hold
If $c = 4$
 $T(1) \leq 4 \cdot 1^2$
 $1 \leq 4 \rightarrow$ holds
 $T(2) \leq 4 \cdot 2^2$
 $17 \leq 16 \rightarrow$ Does not hold
False for any value of c
Never holds

Substitution Method (2)

- What is the problem?
 - The inequality $(cn^2 + \text{positive value}) \leq cn^2$ is not possible
- To prove inductive step, try to make the hypothesis stronger
 - $T(n) \leq (\text{answer you want}) - (\text{something} > 0)$

Substitution Method (3)

- Corrected proof:
 - Strengthen the inductive hypothesis by subtracting lower-order terms!

Assume $T(k) \leq c_1k^2 - c_2k$ for $k < n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 4T(n/2) + n \\ &\leq 4(c_1(n/2)^2 - c_2(n/2)) + n \\ &= c_1n^2 - 2c_2n + n \\ &= c_1n^2 - c_2n - (c_2n - n) \\ &\leq c_1n^2 - c_2n \text{ if } c_2 \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Substitution Method

- Powerful, but we need to guess the form of the solution
 - Making a good guess for the substitution method can be difficult
 - Recursion trees can give good guesses of asymptotic solutions to recurrences
 - Which can be confirmed by the substitution method
 - They can even be the direct proof of the solution to a recurrence

Recursion Trees

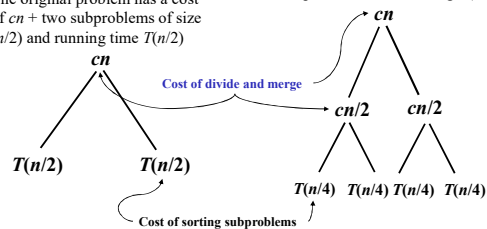
- Show successive expansions of recurrences using trees
 - Convenient way to visualize what happens when a recurrence is iterated
 - Keep track of the time spent on the subproblems of a divide and conquer algorithm
 - Help to sum the processing times necessary to solve a recurrence

Recursion Tree for Merge Sort

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

The original problem has a cost of cn + two subproblems of size $(n/2)$ and running time $T(n/2)$

Each $n/2$ size problem has a cost of $cn/2$ + two subproblems, each costing $T(n/4)$



Recursion Tree for Merge Sort

Continue expanding until the problem size reduces to 1

Total : $cn \lg n + cn$

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Recursion Tree for Merge Sort

- Each level has total cost cn
- When we go down one level, number of subproblems doubles, but the cost per subproblem halves \Rightarrow cost per level remains the same
- There are $\lg n + 1$ levels, height is $\lg n$ (Assuming $n = 2^m$)
 - Can be proved by induction
- Total cost = sum of costs at each level = $(\lg n + 1)cn = cn \lg n + cn = \Theta(n \lg n)$

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Recursion Tree for Merge Sort

- Confirm with the Substitution Method

Try to show that $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$
 Assume that $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &\leq 2T(n/2) + cn \\
 &\leq 2[2T(n/4) + cn] + cn \\
 &\leq 4T(n/4) + 3cn \\
 &\leq 4[2T(n/8) + cn] + 3cn \\
 &\leq 8T(n/8) + 7cn \\
 &\leq 8T(n/8) + 7cn \\
 &\leq 8T(n/8) + 7cn \\
 &\leq 8T(n/8) + 7cn
 \end{aligned}$$

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Exemplo 2

- Show the recurrence tree for the recurrence

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

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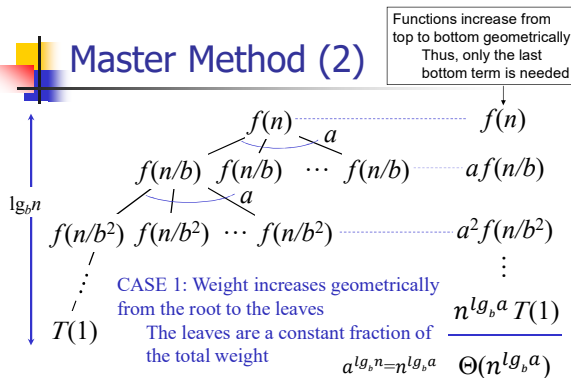
Exercícios

- Use the recursion-tree method to determine a guess for the recurrences
 - Ex. 2: $T(n) = T(n/3) + T(2n/3) + O(n)$
 - Ex. 3: $T(n) = 3T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + \Theta(n^2)$

Master Method

- Try to solve a class of recurrences of the form $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$
 - Where $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$ and f is asymptotically positive
- $T(n)$ is the runtime for an algorithm and it is known that
 - a subproblems of size n/b are solved recursively, each in time $T(n/b)$
 - $f(n)$ is the cost of dividing the problem and combining the results
 - In merge-sort $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$

Master Method (2)



Master Method (3)

- Number of leaves: $a^{lg_b n} = n^{lg_b a}$
- Iterating the recurrence, expanding the tree yields

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= f(n) + aT(n/b) \\ &= f(n) + af(n/b) + a^2T(n/b^2) \\ &= f(n) + af(n/b) + a^2f(n/b^2) + \dots \\ &\quad + a^{\log_b n - 1} f(n/b^{\log_b n - 1}) + a^{\log_b n} T(1) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n - 1} a^j f(n/b^j) + \Theta(n^{lg_b a}) \end{aligned}$$

- The first term is a division/recombination cost (totalled across all levels of the tree)
- The second term is the cost of doing all $n^{lg_b a}$ subproblems of size 1 (total of all work pushed to leaves)

Master Method intuition

- Three common cases:
 - Running time dominated by cost at leaves
 - Running time evenly distributed throughout the tree
 - Running time dominated by cost at the root
- Thus, to solve the recurrence, we need only to characterize the dominant term
- In each case compare $f(n)$ with $O(n^{lg_b a})$

Master Method Case 1

- $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$
 - $f(n)$ grows polynomially (by factor n^ϵ) slower than $n^{\log_b a}$
- The work at the leaf level dominates
 - Summation of recursion-tree levels $O(n^{\log_b a})$
 - Cost for all the leaves $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
 - Thus, the overall cost $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Master Method Case 2

- $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
 - $f(n)$ and $n^{\log_b a}$ are asymptotically the same
- The work is equally distributed throughout the tree $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$
 - (level cost) \times (number of levels)

Master Method Case 3

- $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for some constant $\epsilon > 0$
 - Inverse of Case 1
 - $f(n)$ grows polynomially faster than $n^{\log_b a}$
 - Also need a regularity condition
 - $\exists c < 1$ and $n_0 > 0$ such that $af(n/b) \leq cf(n) \forall n > n_0$
- The work at the root dominates
 - $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

Master Method Summarized

- Given a recurrence of the form $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$
 1. $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$
 $\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
 2. $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
 $\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$
 3. $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ and $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$, for some $c < 1, n > n_0$
 $\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$
 - The master method cannot solve every recurrence of this form; there is a gap between cases 1 and 2, as well as cases 2 and 3
 - $f(n)$ is smaller (larger) than $n^{\log_b a}$ but not polynomially smaller (larger)

Strategy

- Extract a , b , and $f(n)$ from a given recurrence
- Determine $n^{\log_b a}$
- Compare $f(n)$ and $n^{\log_b a}$ asymptotically
- Determine appropriate MT case, and apply
- Example merge sort

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

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

$$\rightarrow \text{Case 2: } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

Example of Master Method 2

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Binary-search(A, p, r, s):
  q ← (p+r)/2
  if A[q] ≤ s then return q
  else if A[q] > s then
    Binary-search(A, p, q-1, s)
  else Binary-search(A, q+1, r, s)
  
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$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$$

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

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \rightarrow \text{Case 2: } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(\lg n)$$

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

$$a = 9, b = 3, n^{\log_b a} = \Theta(n^2), f(n) = n = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \text{ where } \epsilon = 1$$

$$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \rightarrow \text{Case 1: } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Multiplication Example (I)

- Multiplying two n -digit (or n -bit) numbers costs n^2 digit multiplications using a classical procedure
- Observation:

$$23 * 14 = (2 \times 10^1 + 3) * (1 \times 10^1 + 4) =$$

$$(2 * 1)10^2 + (3 * 1 + 2 * 4)10^1 + (3 * 4)$$

- To save one multiplication use the trick:
 - $(3 * 1 + 2 * 4) = (2 + 3) * (1 + 4) - (2 * 1) - (3 * 4)$

Multiplication Example (II)

- To multiply a and b , which are n -digit numbers, use a divide and conquer algorithm
 - Split a and b in half:
 - $a = a_1 \times 10^{n/2} + a_0$ and $b = b_1 \times 10^{n/2} + b_0$
 - Then:
 - $a * b = (a_1 * b_1)10^n + (a_1 * b_0 + a_0 * b_1)10^{n/2} + (a_0 * b_0)$
 - Use a trick to save one multiplication:
 - $(a_1 * b_0 + a_0 * b_1) = (a_1 + a_0) * (b_1 + b_0) - (a_1 * b_1) - (a_0 * b_0)$

Multiplication Example(III)

- Number of single-digit multiplications performed by the algorithm can be described by a recurrence:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 3T(n/2) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- Solution: $T(n) = n^{\log_2 3} = n^{1.585}$

Next Week

- Sorting
 - QuickSort
 - HeapSort

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