

# CS140: Algorithms

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## Today

- **Recurrence relations**
- Work trees
- Divide and conquer

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## Run Time Analysis

- Iterative algorithm → Loop counting
- **Recursive algorithm @ Recurrence relations**
  1. Write the recurrence relation
  2. Convert the recurrence relation to a series
  3. Solve the series

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## Sort3: A Recursive Algorithm for SIAO

```
Sort3(S)
  If ||S|| ≤ 1
    Return: S
  Else
    Return: Sort3(S|max-element(S)),max-element(S)
```

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### 1. Write the recurrence relation

```
Sort3(S)
  If ||S|| ≤ 1
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  Else
    Return: Sort3(S|max-element(S)),max-element(S)
```

Let  $T(n)$  be the running time of Sort3:

$$T(1) = c_2$$
$$T(n) = c_1 n + T(n-1), n > 1$$

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### 2. Convert to series

$$T(1) = c_2$$
$$T(n) = c_1 n + T(n-1), n > 1$$



$$c_2 + \sum_{i=2}^n c_1 i$$

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### 3. Solve

$$c_2 + \sum_{i=2}^n c_1 n \longrightarrow c_2 + c_1 + c_1 n(n+1)/2 = O(n^2)$$

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### Recurrence Relations

Shortcuts and other tools:

- **Guess and prove**
- Master method
- Unwinding
- WORK TREES

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### Steps 2-3: Guess and Prove

- $T(n) = c_1 n + T(n-1)$ ,  $T(1) = c_2$
- Guess:  $T(n) = O(n^2)$
- Prove: We need to show that there exists constants  $c$  and  $M$  such that  $T(n) \leq cn^2$  for all  $n \geq M$

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### Guess and Prove cont.

- $T(1) \leq c$ , provided  $c \geq c_1$
- Suppose  $T(n-1) \leq c(n-1)^2$ .  
 $T(n) = c_1 n + T(n-1)$   
 $\leq c_1 n + c(n-1)^2$   
 $= c_1 n + c(n^2 - 2n + 1)$   
 $= cn^2 - (2c - c_1)n + c$   
 $\leq cn^2$ , provided  $c \geq c_2$  and  $n \geq 1$

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### Guess and Prove cont.

- $T(n) \leq cn^2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , where  $c = \max(c_1, c_2)$
- ↓
- $T(n) = O(n^2)$

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### Guess and Prove cont.

- What if your guess is wrong?
- You'll reach a contradiction in the proof step

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## Recurrence Relations

Shortcuts and other tools:

- Guess and prove
- **Master method**
- Unwinding
- **WORK TREES**

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## Steps 2-3: Master Theorem

- Read the book

Warning – only works for certain types of recurrence relations

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## Recurrence Relations

Shortcuts and other tools:

- Guess and prove
- Master method
- **Unwinding**
- **WORK TREES**

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## Step 2: Unwinding

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq c_2 n + T(n-1) \\ &\leq c_2 n + c_2(n-1) + T(n-2) \\ &\leq c_2 n + c_2(n-1) + c_2(n-2) + T(n-3)\end{aligned}$$

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$$T(n) \leq c_1 + \sum_{i=2..n} c_2 i$$

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## Recurrence Relations

Shortcuts and other tools:

- Guess and prove
- Master method
- Unwinding
- **WORK TREES**

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## Step 2 (and a little 3): Work Tree

- Topology: A rooted tree for algorithm A on input size n:
  - Each node corresponds to a (recursive) call of A
  - An edge from u to v represents the fact that the recursive call v is made from within u.

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

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### Example: Sort3(3,1,5,2,4)



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### Work Tree

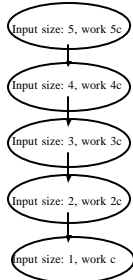
- The “work” done at a node is the number of steps performed by the algorithm within the recursive call.
- $T(n) = \boxed{cn} + T(n-1)$

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### Example: Sort3(3,1,5,2,4)



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### Sort3 Work Tree

- Consider a node at level  $i$ , where the root is at level 0:
  - What is the input size?
  - What is the work done?
- How many nodes are there at level  $i$ ?
- What is the total work done at level  $i$ ?
- How many levels are there in the tree?
- What is the total work done?

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### Sort3 Work Tree

- Consider a node at level  $i$ , where the root is at level 0:
  - What is the input size?  $n-i$
  - What is the work done?  $c(n-i)$
- How many nodes are there at level  $i$ ? 1
- What is the total work done at level  $i$ ?  $c(n-i)$
- How many levels are there in the tree?  $n$
- What is the total work done?  $\sum_{i=0, \dots, (n-1)} c(n-i)$

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### Merge-sort

```

Merge-sort( $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$ )
  If  $n=1$  return( $S$ )
  Else
     $S_1 = \text{Merge-sort}(s_1, \dots, s_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor})$ 
     $S_2 = \text{Merge-sort}(s_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1}, \dots, s_n)$ 
    Return Merge( $S_1, S_2$ )
    
```

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### Merge( $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_j$ ) ( $k > 0$ and $j > 0$ )

- If  $s_1 \leq t_1$  then output  
 $s_1, \text{Merge}(s_2, \dots, s_k; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_j)$
- Else output  
 $t_1, \text{Merge}(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_k; t_2, \dots, t_j)$

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### Merge-sort(4,1,3,2)

```

    graph TD
      A["Input: 4,1,3,2  
Merge-sort(4,1)"] --> B["Input: 4,1  
Merge-sort(4)"]
      B --> C["Input: 4"]
  
```

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### Merge-sort(4,1,3,2)

```

    graph TD
      A["Input: 4,1,3,2  
Merge-sort(4,1)"] --> B["Input: 4,1  
Merge-sort(4)=4"]
  
```

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### Merge-sort(4,1,3,2)

```

    graph TD
      A["Input: 4,1,3,2  
Merge-sort(4,1)"] --> B["Input: 4,1  
Merge-sort(4)=4  
Merge-sort(1)"]
      B --> C["Input: 1"]
  
```

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### Merge-sort(4,1,3,2)

```

    graph TD
      A["Input: 4,1,3,2  
Merge-sort(4,1)"] --> B["Input: 4,1  
Merge-sort(4)=4  
Merge-sort(1)=1  
Merge(4;1)=1,4"]
  
```

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### Merge-sort(4,1,3,2)

```

    graph TD
      A["Input: 4,1,3,2  
Merge-sort(4,1)=1,4  
Merge-sort(3,2)"] --> B["Input: 3,2  
Merge-sort(3)=3  
Merge-sort(2)=2  
Merge(3;2)=2,3"]
  
```

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## Merge-sort(4,1,3,2)

Input: 4,1,3,2  
 Merge-sort(4,1)=1,4  
 Merge-sort(3,2)=3,4  
 Merge(1,4; 2,3) = 1,2,3,4

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## Is Merge-sort correct?

- If  $n=1$  then yes
- If  $n>1$  then
  - We can assume Merge-sort( $S(1), \dots, S(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ ) and Merge-sort( $S(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1), \dots, S(n)$ ) return correctly sorted lists.
  - So the merge of these lists is a correctly sorted list.

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## How fast is Merge-sort? (Assume $n=2^m$ )

- $m=0$ :  $T(1) = c$
- $m>0$ :  $T(2^m) = 2T(2^{m-1}) + c2^m$

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## Work Tree for Merge-sort Input Size: 1 ( $m=0$ )



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## Work Tree for Merge-sort Input Size: 2 ( $m=1$ )

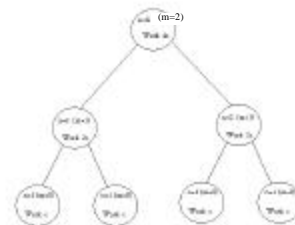


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## Work Tree for Merge-sort Input Size: 4 ( $m=2$ )



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## Work Tree for Merge-sort

Input Size:  $n=2^m$

A root with two sub-trees

- Root
  - Input Size:  $n$
  - Work:  $cn$
- Each child
  - Roots a work tree with Input Size  $2^{m-1}$

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## Work Tree for Merge-sort

Input Size:  $n=2^m$

Properties of nodes at level  $i$  (root is at level 0):

Input size:

Work:

Properties of level  $i$ :

Number of nodes at level  $i$ :

Total work of nodes at level  $i$ :

Property of tree:

Number of levels:

Total work:

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## Work Tree for Merge-sort

Input Size:  $n=2^m$

Properties of nodes at level  $i$  (root is at level 0):

Input size:  $2^{m-i}$

Work:  $c2^{m-i}$

Properties of level  $i$ :

Number of nodes at level  $i$ :  $2^i$

Total work of nodes at level  $i$ :  $c2^m$

Property of tree:

Number of levels:  $m+1$

Total work:  $c(m+1)2^m$  or  $O(n \lg n)$

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## What if $n \neq \lceil \lceil n \rceil \rceil$ ?

- Claim 1:

$$T(n) = O(T(\lceil \lceil n \rceil \rceil))$$

- Claim 2:

$$T(\lceil \lceil n \rceil \rceil) = O(\lceil \lceil n \rceil \rceil \lg \lceil \lceil n \rceil \rceil)$$

- Claim 3:

$$\lceil \lceil n \rceil \rceil \lg \lceil \lceil n \rceil \rceil = O(n \lg n)$$

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## Today

- Recurrence relations
- Work trees
- **Divide and conquer**

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## Divide and Conquer

“Divide and conquer” is an algorithmic technique:

- Break the problems into  $a$  sub-problems of size  $n/b$
- Solve the sub-problems
- Combine the solutions to the sub-problems to create a solution for the original problem

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## Divide and Conquer

- “Divide and conquer” recurrence relations  
 $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$   
 $T(1) = c = f(1)$

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## Analysis

- Consider the case when  $n = b^m$
- Then generalize to arbitrary  $n$

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## Work Tree for Divide and Conquer: $n = b^m$

$m=0$



Total work:  $c$

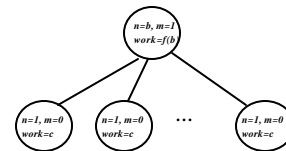
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## Work Tree for Divide and Conquer: $n = b^m$

$m=1$



Total work:  $f(b) + ac$

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## Work Tree for Divide and Conquer: $n = b^m$

A root with  $a$  sub-trees

- Root  
 Input Size:  $n = b^m$   
 Work:  $f(n)$
- Each child  
 Roots a work tree with Input Size  $b^{m-1}$

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## Work Tree for Divide and Conquer

Properties of nodes at level  $i$  (root is at level 0):

Input size:

Work:

Properties of level  $i$ :

Number of nodes at level  $i$ :

Total work of nodes at level  $i$ :

Property of tree:

Number of levels:

Total work:

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## Work Tree for Divide and Conquer

Properties of nodes at level  $i$  (root is at level 0):

Input size:  $n/b^i$

Work:  $f(n/b^i)$

Properties of level  $i$ :

Number of nodes at level  $i$ :  $a$

Total work of nodes at level  $i$ :  $af(n/b^i)$

Property of tree:

Number of levels:  $m+1$

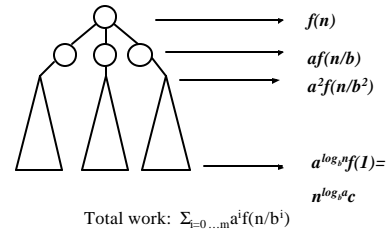
Total work:  $\sum_{i=0}^m a^i f(n/b^i) = ?$

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## Work Tree for divide and conquer algorithm

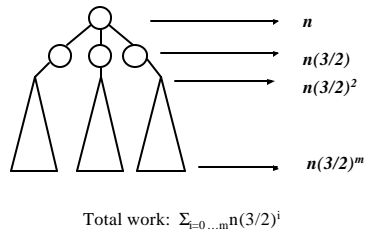


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## Work Tree for divide and conquer algorithm: $a=3, b=2, f(n)=n$

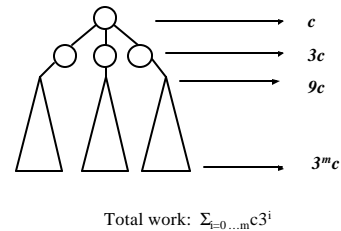


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## Work Tree for divide and conquer algorithm: $a=3, b=2, f(n)=c$



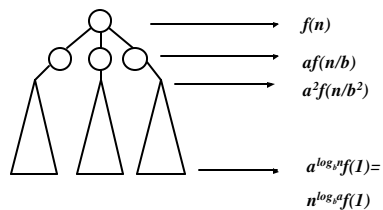
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## Where is "most" of the work?

$f(n)$  is slow-growing  $\leftrightarrow$   $f(n)$  is fast-growing

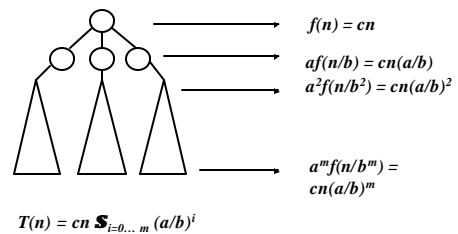


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## $f(n)=cn, m=\log_b n$



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## Total Work

$$T(n) = cn \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (a/b)^i$$

$$a < b:$$

$$a = b:$$

$$a > b:$$

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## Total Work

$$T(n) = cn \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (a/b)^i$$

$$a < b: O(n)$$

$$a = b: O(n \lg(n))$$

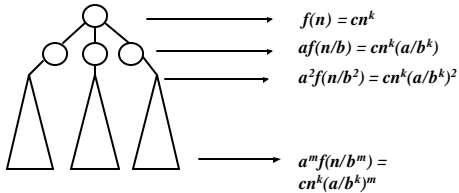
$$a > b: O(n^{\log_b a})$$

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$$f(n) = cn^k$$



$$T(n) = cn^k \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (a/b^k)^i$$

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## Total Work

$$T(n) = cn^k \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (a/b^k)^i$$

$$a < b^k:$$

$$a = b^k:$$

$$a > b^k:$$

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## Total Work

$$T(n) = cn^k \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (a/b^k)^i$$

$$a < b^k: \Theta(n^k)$$

$$a = b^k: \Theta(n^k \lg(n))$$

$$a > b^k: \Theta(n^{\log_{b^k} a})$$

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