

# CMPS 2200 – Fall 2012

## *Divide-and-Conquer III*

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# The divide-and-conquer design paradigm

1. *Divide* the problem (instance) into subproblems.

$a$  subproblems, **each** of size  $n/b$

2. *Conquer* the subproblems by solving them recursively.

3. *Combine* subproblem solutions.

Runtime for divide and combine is  $f(n)$

# The master method

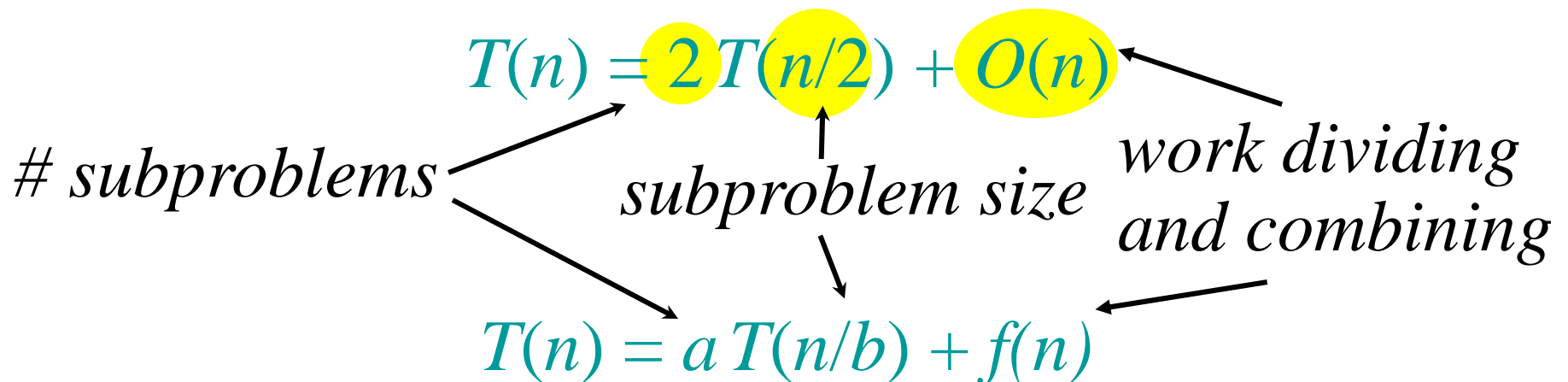
The master method applies to recurrences of the form

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) ,$$

where  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b > 1$ , and  $f$  is asymptotically positive.

# Example: merge sort

- 1. Divide:** Trivial.
- 2. Conquer:** Recursively sort  $a=2$  subarrays of size  $n/2=n/b$
- 3. Combine:** Linear-time merge, runtime  $f(n) \in O(n)$



# Master Theorem

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

## CASE 1:

$$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

## CASE 2:

$$f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$$

## CASE 3:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon}) \\ \text{and } af(n/b) \leq cf(n) \\ \text{for some constant } c < 1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

# How to apply the theorem

Compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$ :

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

- $f(n)$  grows polynomially slower than  $n^{\log_b a}$  (by an  $n^\varepsilon$  factor).

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

2.  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$  for some constant  $k \geq 0$ .

- $f(n)$  and  $n^{\log_b a}$  grow at similar rates.

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

# How to apply the theorem

Compare  $f(n)$  with  $n^{\log_b a}$ :

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

- $f(n)$  grows polynomially faster than  $n^{\log_b a}$  (by an  $n^\varepsilon$  factor),

*and*  $f(n)$  satisfies the **regularity condition** that  $a f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$ .

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

# Example: merge sort

- 1. Divide:** Trivial.
- 2. Conquer:** Recursively sort 2 subarrays.
- 3. Combine:** Linear-time merge.

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

# subproblems  $\nearrow$   $2$   $\nearrow$  subproblem size  $\nearrow$   $n/2$   $\nearrow$   $O(n)$   $\longleftarrow$  work dividing and combining

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n^1 = n \Rightarrow \text{CASE 2 } (k = 0)$$
$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \log n) .$$



# Example: binary search

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

*# subproblems*      *subproblem size*      *work dividing and combining*

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 1} = n^0 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{CASE 2 } (k = 0)$$
$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(\log n) .$$

# Matrix multiplication: Divide-and-conquer algorithm

## IDEA:

$n \times n$  matrix =  $2 \times 2$  matrix of  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  submatrices:

$$\begin{bmatrix} r & s \\ t & u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = A \cdot B$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r = a \cdot e + b \cdot g \\ s = a \cdot f + b \cdot h \\ t = c \cdot e + d \cdot g \\ u = c \cdot f + d \cdot h \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} 8 \text{ recursive mults of } (n/2) \times (n/2) \text{ submatrices} \\ 4 \text{ adds of } (n/2) \times (n/2) \text{ submatrices} \end{array}$$

# Matrix multiplication: Analysis of D&C algorithm

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

*# submatrices*      *submatrix size*      *work adding submatrices*

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 8} = n^3 \Rightarrow \text{CASE 1} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$

***No better than the ordinary matrix multiplication algorithm.***

# Strassen's algorithm

- 1. Divide:** Partition  $A$  and  $B$  into  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  submatrices. Form  $P$ -terms to be multiplied using  $+$  and  $-$ .
- 2. Conquer:** Perform 7 multiplications of  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  submatrices recursively.
- 3. Combine:** Form  $C$  using  $+$  and  $-$  on  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  submatrices.

$$T(n) = 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 7} \approx n^{2.81} \Rightarrow \text{CASE 1} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log 7})$$

# Master theorem: Examples

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \text{sqrt}(n)$

$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = \text{sqrt}(n).$

**CASE 1:**  $f(n) = O(n^{2-\epsilon})$  for  $\epsilon = 1.5$ .

$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2).$

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$

$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^2.$

**CASE 2:**  $f(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log^0 n)$ , that is,  $k = 0$ .

$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n).$

# Master theorem: Examples

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3$

$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^3.$

**CASE 3:**  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{2 + \varepsilon})$  for  $\varepsilon = 1$

**and**  $4(n/2)^3 \leq cn^3$  (reg. cond.) for  $c = 1/2.$

$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^3).$

**Ex.**  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2/\log n$

$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^2/\log n.$

Master method does not apply. In particular, for every constant  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have  $\log n \in o(n^\varepsilon).$

# Conclusion

- Divide and conquer is just one of several powerful techniques for algorithm design.
- Divide-and-conquer algorithms can be analyzed using recurrences and the master method .
- Can lead to more efficient algorithms