

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

03-05 Divide – and – Conquer

Master Theorem

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What is the Master Theorem?

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1)$$



$$T(n) = O(\log n)$$

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$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$



$$T(n) = O(n^2)$$

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$$T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3})$$

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$$T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

Master Theorem

$$\text{if } T(n) = aT\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + O(n^d)$$

(for constants: $a > 0, b > 1, d \geq 0$) then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & \text{if } d > \log_b a \\ O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } d = \log_b a \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } d < \log_b a \end{cases}$$

Master Theorem: Example 1

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$a = 4, b = 2, d = 1$$

Since $d < \log_a b$

$$T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^2)$$

Master Theorem: Example 2

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$a = 3, b = 2, d = 1$$

Since $d < \log_a b$

$$T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^{\log_2 3})$$

Master Theorem: Example 3

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$a = 2, b = 2, d = 1$$

Since $d = \log_a b$

$$T(n) = O(n^d \log n) = O(n \log n)$$

Master Theorem: Example 4

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1)$$

$$a = 1, b = 2, d = 0$$

Since $d = \log_a b$

$$T(n) = O(n^d \log n) = O(n^0 \log n) = O(\log n)$$

Master Theorem: Example 5

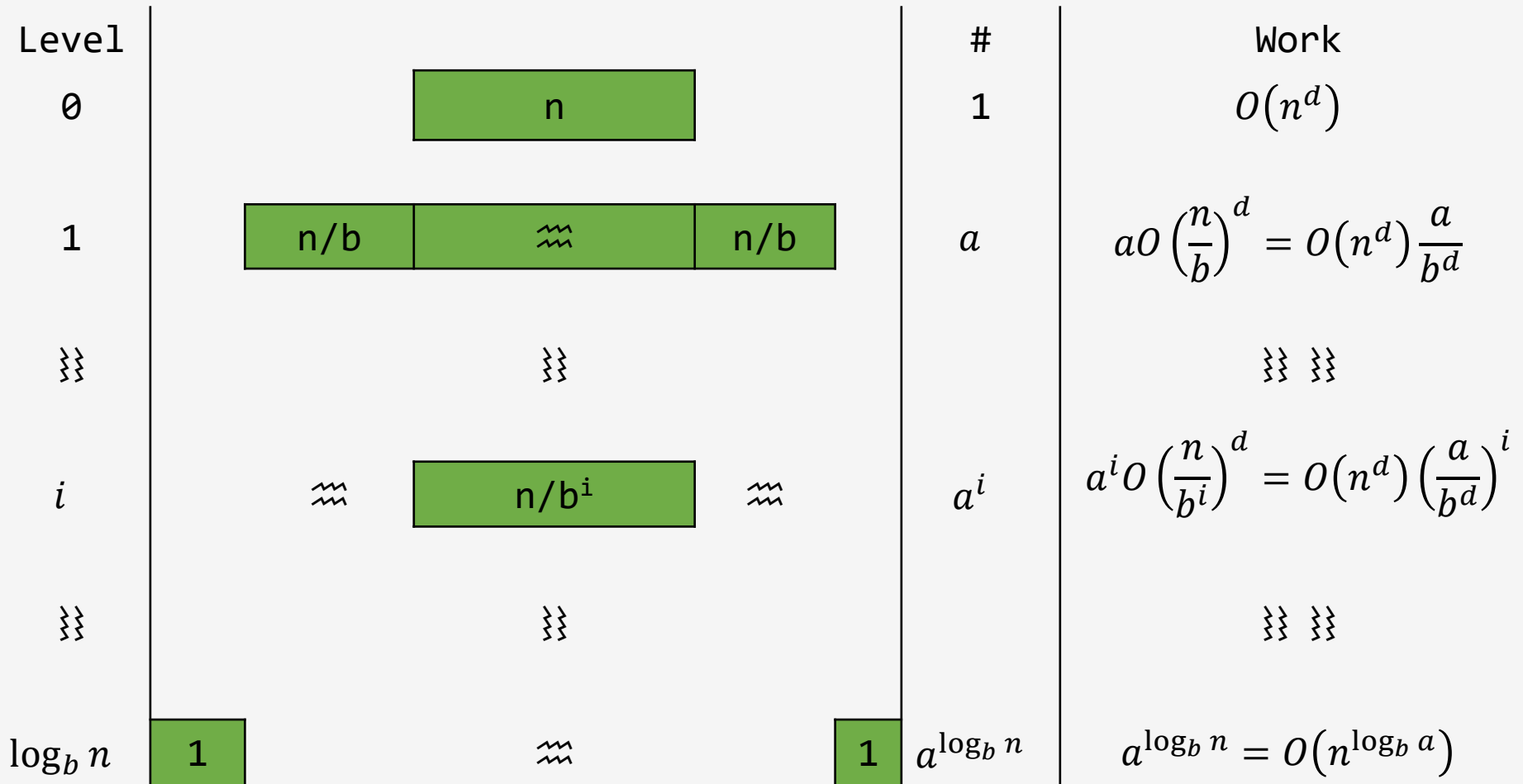
$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n^2)$$

$$a = 2, b = 2, d = 2$$

Since $d > \log_a b$

$$T(n) = O(n^d) = O(n^2)$$

$$T(n) = aT\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + O(n^d)$$



$$Total = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} O(n^d) \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^i$$

Geometric Series

For $r \neq 1$

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = a \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(a) & \text{if } r < 1 \\ O(an^{n-1}) & \text{if } r > 1 \end{cases}$$

Case 1: $\frac{a}{b^d} < 1 \approx (d > \log_b a)$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} O(n^d) \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^i$$

$$= O(n^d)$$

Case 2: $\frac{a}{b^d} = 1 \approx (d = \log_b a)$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} O(n^d) \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^i$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} O(n^d)$$

$$= (1 + \log_b n) O(n^d)$$

$$= O(n^d \log n)$$

Case 2: $\frac{a}{b^d} > 1 \approx (d < \log_b a)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} O(n^d) \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^i \\ &= O\left(O(n^d) \left(\frac{a}{b^d}\right)^{\log_b n}\right) \\ &= O\left(O(n^d) \frac{a^{\log_b n}}{b^{d \log_b n}}\right) \\ &= O\left(O(n^d) \frac{n^{\log_b a}}{n^d}\right) \\ &= O(n^{\log_b a}) \end{aligned}$$

Summary

Master theorem is a shortcut