COMP251: Divide-and-Conquer (2)

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Based on (Kleinberg & Tardos, 2005) & (Cormen et al., 2009)
How to determine the running time of a divide-and-conquer algorithm?

The Master Theorem
Recursive definition

$T(n)$: execution time on an input of size $n$.

Merge Sort: $T(n) = 2 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$

Binary Search: $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$

Karatsuba: $T(n) = 3 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$

Number of recursive calls

Time to divide/merge

Size of subproblems
Master method

Goal. Recipe for solving common divide-and-conquer recurrences:

\[ T(n) = a \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \]

Terms.
- \( a \geq 1 \) is the number of subproblems.
- \( b > 0 \) is the factor by which the subproblem size decreases.
- \( f(n) = \) work to divide/merge subproblems.

Recursion tree.
- \( k = \log_b n \) levels.
- \( a^i = \) number of subproblems at level \( i \).
- \( n / b^i = \) size of subproblem at level \( i \).
Case 1: total cost dominated by cost of leaves

Ex 1. If $T(n)$ satisfies $T(n) = 3 \ T(n/2) + n$, with $T(1) = 1$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_3 3})$.

Recursive calls

Most time spent on deepest recursive calls.

$$r = \frac{3}{2} > 1 \quad T(n) = (1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \ldots + r^{\log_2 n}) \ n = \frac{r^{1+\log_2 n} - 1}{r - 1} \ n = 3n^{\log_2 3} - 2n$$
Case 2: total cost evenly distributed among levels

Ex 2. If $T(n)$ satisfies $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$, with $T(1) = 1$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.

Time spent evenly distributed among levels

$$r = 1 \quad T(n) = (1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \ldots + r^{\log_2 n}) n = n(\log_2 n + 1)$$
Case 3: total cost dominated by cost of root

Ex 3. If $T(n)$ satisfies $T(n) = 3 \frac{T(n)}{4} + n^5$, with $T(1) = 1$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^5)$.

Most time spent on the first calls

$$r = \frac{3}{4^5} < 1 \quad n^5 \leq T(n) \leq (1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \ldots) n^5 \leq \frac{1}{1 - r} n^5$$
Master theorem

**Master theorem.** Suppose that $T(n)$ is a function on the nonnegative integers that satisfies the recurrence

$$T(n) = a \ T \left( \frac{n}{b} \right) + f(n)$$

where $n / b$ means either $\lfloor n / b \rfloor$ or $\lceil n / b \rceil$. Let $k = \log_b a$. Then,

**Case 1.** If $f(n) = O(n^{k-\varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^k)$.

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

- $a = 3, \ b = 2, \ f(n) = n, \ k = \log_2 3$.
- $T(n) = \Theta(n \lg 3)$.

You need to find a $\varepsilon$ that works

*The formula works with $\varepsilon = \log_2 3 \ - \ 1 > 0$

$$f(n) = n = O \left( n^{\log_2 3 \ - \ (\log_2 3 \ - \ 1)} \right)$$
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Case 2. If $f(n) = \Theta(n^k \log^p n)$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^k \log^{p+1} n)$.

Ex. $T(n) = 2 \ T(n/2) + \Theta(n \log n)$.

- $a = 2, \ b = 2, \ f(n) = n \log n, \ k = \log_2 2 = 1, \ p = 1$.
- $T(n) = \Theta(n \log^2 n)$.

You need to find a $p$ that works

$$f(n) = \Theta(n \log n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 2} \log n)$$
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**Case 3.** If $f(n) = \Omega(n^k + \varepsilon)$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$ and if $a \, f(n/b) \leq c \, f(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$ and all sufficiently large $n$, then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.

**Ex.** $T(n) = 3 \, T(n/4) + n^5$.

- $a = 3$, $b = 4$, $f(n) = n^5$, $k = \log_4 3$.
- $T(n) = \Theta(n^5)$.

Here, there are two conditions to fulfill and two variables to find!

1st property satisfied with $\varepsilon = 1 - \log_4 3$

$$f(n) = n^5 = \Omega(n^{\log_4 3 + (1 - \log_4 3)})$$

2nd property satisfied with $c = \frac{3}{4}$

$$3 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^5 \leq c \cdot n^5$$
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**Pf sketch.**

- Use recursion tree to sum up terms (assuming $n$ is an exact power of $b$).
- Three cases for geometric series.
- Deal with floors and ceilings.
Applications

\[ T(n) = 3 \times T(n/2) + n^2 \]
\[ \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2) \quad \text{(case 3)} \]

\[ T(n) = T(n/2) + 2^n \]
\[ \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(2^n) \quad \text{(case 3)} \]

\[ T(n) = 16 \times T(n/4) + n \]
\[ \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2) \quad \text{(case 1)} \]

\[ T(n) = 2 \times T(n/2) + n \log n \]
\[ \Rightarrow T(n) = n \log^2 n \quad \text{(case 2)} \]

\[ T(n) = 2^n \times T(n/2) + n^n \]
\[ \Rightarrow \text{Does not apply!!} \]

\[ k = \log_2 1 = 0; f(n) = 2^n \]
\[ 2^n = \Omega(n^{0+\log 2}) \]
\[ 1 \cdot 2^{\frac{n}{2}} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2^n \]

\[ k = \log_2 3; f(n) = n^2 \]
\[ n^2 = \Omega(n^{\log_2 3 + (2-\log_2 3)}) \]
\[ 3 \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{3}{4} \cdot n^2 \]

\[ k = \log_4 16 = 2; f(n) = n \]
\[ n = O(n^{2-1}) \]

\[ k = \log_2 2 = 1; f(n) = n \log n \]
\[ n \log n = \Theta(n^{1\log^1 n}) \]
Akra-Bazzi theorem

**Desiderata.** Generalizes master theorem to divide-and-conquer algorithms where subproblems have substantially different sizes.

**Theorem.** [Akra-Bazzi] Given constants $a_i > 0$ and $0 < b_i \leq 1$, functions $h_i(n) = O(n / \log^2 n)$ and $g(n) = O(n^c)$, if the function $T(n)$ satisfies the recurrence:

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i T(b_i n + h_i(n)) + g(n)$$

Then $T(n) = \Theta \left( n^p \left( 1 + \int_1^n \frac{g(u)}{u^{p+1}} du \right) \right)$ where $p$ satisfies $\sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i b_i^p = 1$.

**Ex.** $T(n) = \frac{7}{4} \ T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil 3/4 \ n \rceil) + n^2$.

- $a_1 = 7/4$, $b_1 = 1/2$, $a_2 = 1$, $b_2 = 3/4 \Rightarrow p = 2$.
- $h_1(n) = \lfloor 1/2 \ n \rfloor - 1/2 \ n$, $h_2(n) = \lceil 3/4 \ n \rceil - 3/4 \ n$.
- $g(n) = n^2 \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n)$.

This is only to satisfy your curiosity. Not at the final exam!
Another Divide-and-Conquer Algorithms
Dot product

**Dot product.** Given two length $n$ vectors $a$ and $b$, compute $c = a \cdot b$.

**Grade-school.** $\Theta(n)$ arithmetic operations.

\[
 a \cdot b = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i b_i
\]

\[
 a = [0.70, 0.20, 0.10] \\
 b = [0.30, 0.40, 0.30] \\
 a \cdot b = (0.70 \times 0.30) + (0.20 \times 0.40) + (0.10 \times 0.30) = 0.32
\]

**Remark.** Grade-school dot product algorithm is asymptotically optimal.
Matrix multiplication

Matrix multiplication. Given two $n$-by-$n$ matrices $A$ and $B$, compute $C = AB$.

Grade-school. $\Theta(n^3)$ arithmetic operations.

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \cdots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can use divide-and-conquer techniques to solve many problems on matrices!

Q. Is grade-school matrix multiplication algorithm asymptotically optimal?
Block matrix multiplication

That’s a like with binary numbers, but here with a 2D matrix instead.
Matrix multiplication: warmup

To multiply two \( n \)-by-\( n \) matrices \( A \) and \( B \):

- Divide: partition \( A \) and \( B \) into \( \frac{n}{2} \)-by-\( \frac{n}{2} \) blocks.
- Conquer: multiply 8 pairs of \( \frac{n}{2} \)-by-\( \frac{n}{2} \) matrices, recursively.
- Combine: add appropriate products using 4 matrix additions.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
C_{11} & C_{12} \\
C_{21} & C_{22}
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
A_{11} & A_{12} \\
A_{21} & A_{22}
\end{bmatrix}
\times
\begin{bmatrix}
B_{11} & B_{12} \\
B_{21} & B_{22}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
C_{11} = (A_{11} \times B_{11}) + (A_{12} \times B_{21}) \\
C_{12} = (A_{11} \times B_{12}) + (A_{12} \times B_{22}) \\
C_{21} = (A_{21} \times B_{11}) + (A_{22} \times B_{21}) \\
C_{22} = (A_{21} \times B_{12}) + (A_{22} \times B_{22})
\]

Running time. Apply case 1 of Master Theorem.

\[
T(n) = 8T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n^2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad T(n) = \Theta(n^3)
\]

So far not better...
Strassen's trick

Key idea. multiply 2-by-2 blocks with only 7 multiplications. (plus 11 additions and 7 subtractions)

\[
\begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}
\]

\[
C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6 \\
C_{12} = P_1 + P_2 \\
C_{21} = P_3 + P_4 \\
C_{22} = P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7
\]

\[
P_1 \leftarrow A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22}) \\
P_2 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22} \\
P_3 \leftarrow (A_{21} + A_{22}) \times B_{11} \\
P_4 \leftarrow A_{22} \times (B_{21} - B_{11}) \\
P_5 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22}) \\
P_6 \leftarrow (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22}) \\
P_7 \leftarrow (A_{11} - A_{21}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12})
\]

Pf. \( C_{12} = P_1 + P_2 \)
\[
= A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22}) + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22} \\
= A_{11} \times B_{12} + A_{12} \times B_{22}. \quad \checkmark
\]
Strassen's algorithm

**STRASSEN**\((n, A, B)\)

IF (\(n = 1\)) RETURN \(A \times B\).

Partition \(A\) and \(B\) into 2-by-2 block matrices.

\(P_1 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n/2, A_{11}, (B_{12} - B_{22}))\).

\(P_2 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n/2, (A_{11} + A_{12}), B_{22})\).

\(P_3 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n/2, (A_{21} + A_{22}), B_{11})\).

\(P_4 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n/2, A_{22}, (B_{21} - B_{11}))\).

\(P_5 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n/2, (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22}))\).

\(P_6 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n/2, (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22}))\).

\(P_7 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n/2, (A_{11} - A_{21}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12}))\).

\(C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6\).

\(C_{12} = P_1 + P_2\).

\(C_{21} = P_3 + P_4\).

\(C_{22} = P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7\).

RETURN \(C\).
Analysis of Strassen's algorithm

**Theorem.** Strassen's algorithm requires $O(n^{2.81})$ arithmetic operations to multiply two $n$-by-$n$ matrices.

**Pf.** Apply case 1 of the master theorem to the recurrence:

$$T(n) = 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$$

**Q.** What if $n$ is not a power of 2?

**A.** Could pad matrices with zeros.

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\
4 & 5 & 6 & 0 \\
7 & 8 & 9 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\times
\begin{bmatrix}
10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \\
13 & 14 & 15 & 0 \\
16 & 17 & 18 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
= 
\begin{bmatrix}
84 & 90 & 96 & 0 \\
201 & 216 & 231 & 0 \\
318 & 342 & 366 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}$$
Strassen's algorithm: practice

Implementation issues.
- Sparsity.
- Caching effects.
- Numerical stability.
- Odd matrix dimensions.
- Crossover to classical algorithm when $n$ is "small".

Common misperception. "Strassen is only a theoretical curiosity."
- Apple reports 8x speedup on G4 Velocity Engine when $n \approx 2,048$.
- Range of instances where it's useful is a subject of controversy.

Outdated, but these are still valid observations!
## Linear algebra reductions

**Matrix multiplication.** Given two $n$-by-$n$ matrices, compute their product.

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Numerical linear algebra problems with the same complexity as matrix multiplication.
Fast matrix multiplication: theory

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with 7 scalar multiplications?
A. Yes! [Strassen 1969]
\[ \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.807}) \]

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with 6 scalar multiplications?
A. Impossible. [Hopcroft and Kerr 1971]
\[ \Theta(n^{\log_2 6}) = O(n^{2.59}) \]

Q. Multiply two 3-by-3 matrices with 21 scalar multiplications?
A. Unknown.
\[ \Theta(n^{\log_3 21}) = O(n^{2.77}) \]

Begun, the decimal wars have. [Pan, Bini et al, Schönhage, ...]
- Two 20-by-20 matrices with 4,460 scalar multiplications. \( O(n^{2.805}) \)
- Two 48-by-48 matrices with 47,217 scalar multiplications. \( O(n^{2.7801}) \)
- A year later.
- December 1979.
- January 1980.
### History of asymptotic complexity of matrix multiplication

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Number of floating-point operations to multiply two $n$-by-$n$ matrices.