



Design and Analysis Algorithms

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Master Method

The Master Method is used for solving the following types of recurrence

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

Where $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$, and f is a function, $f(n) > 0$.

- n is the size of the problem.
- a is the number of subproblems in the recursion.
- n/b is the size of each subproblem. (Here it is assumed that all subproblems are essentially the same size.)
- $f(n)$ is the sum of the work done outside the recursive calls, which includes the sum of dividing the problem and the sum of combining the solutions to the subproblems.



Master Theorem:

It is possible to complete an asymptotic tight bound in these three cases:

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

Case 1: $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ if $f(n) < n^{\log_b a}$

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

Case 3: $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ if $f(n) > n^{\log_b a}$



Example 1:

Solve $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$ using Master theorem;

$a=9, b=3, f(n) = n$

and $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_3 9} = n^2$ now, $f(n) < n^{\log_3 9}$

Therefore by case 1, $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Example 2:

Solve $T(n) = T(2n/3) + 1$ using Master theorem;

$a=1, b=3/2, f(n) = 1$

and $n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_{3/2} 1} = n^0 = 1$

now, $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$,

Therefore by case 2,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n) = \Theta(\lg n).$$



The Simple Format of Master Theorem

Let $T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^k$. with a, b, c, k are positive constants, and $a \geq 1$ and $b > 1$,

Case 1: $T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$, if $a > b^k$.

Case 2: $T(n) = O(n^k \log n)$, if $a = b^k$.

Case 3: $T(n) = O(n^k)$, if $a < b^k$.

$$f(n) = \Theta(n) \Rightarrow f(n) = O(n)$$

if $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ you can say $f(n) = O(g(n))$ too!

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Example 1:

Solve $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3$. Using the Master method.

$a = 4, b = 2, k = 3$

$b^k = 2^3$

$a < b^k$ so the case 3 is applied

$T(n) = O(n^3)$.

Example 2:

Solve $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1$ Using the Master method.

$a = 2, b = 2, k = 0$

$b^k = 2^0$

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$\therefore a > b^k$ so the case 2 is applied

$$T(n) = O(n).$$

Example 3:

Solve $T(n) = 9T(n/3) + n$. Using the Master method.

$$a = 9, b = 3, k = 1$$

$$b^k = 3^1$$

$a > b^k$ so the case 1 is applied

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

Extended Version of Master Theorem

$$T(n) = a T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \theta(n^k \log^p n)$$

Master's Theorem

$$F(n) = n^p \log^p n$$

- Here, $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$, $k \geq 0$ and p is a real number.

Compare : $\log_b a$ with K

Extended Version of Master Theorem

Case 1: if $\log_b a > K$

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

Case 2 : if $\log_b a = K$

$$\text{If } p > -1 \text{ then } T(n) = O(n^k \log^{p+1} n)$$

$$\text{If } p = -1 \text{ then } T(n) = O(n^k \log \log n)$$

$$\text{If } p < -1 \text{ then } T(n) = O(n^k)$$

Case 3 : if $\log_b a < K$

$$\text{If } p \geq 0 \text{ then } T(n) = O(n^k \log^p n)$$

$$\text{If } p < 0 \text{ then } T(n) = O(n^k)$$



Example3

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

We compare the given recurrence relation with $T(n) = aT(n/b) + \theta(n^k \log^p n)$.

Then, we have- $a = 2$ $b = 2$ $k = 1$ $p = 1$

Now, $a = 2$ and $b^k = 2^1 = 2$.

Clearly, $a = b^k$.

So, we follow case-02.

Since $p = 1$, so we have-

$$T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a} \cdot \log^{p+1} n)$$

$$T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_2 2} \cdot \log^{1+1} n)$$

Thus, $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \log n \Rightarrow T(n) = n \log^2 n$ (Case 2)

$$T(n) = \theta(n \log^2 n)$$



Inadmissible equations

The following equations cannot be solved using the master theorem:

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

a is not a constant; the number of subproblems should be fixed

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

non-polynomial difference between $f(n)$ and $n^{\log_b a}$ (see below; extended version applies)

- $T(n) = 0.5T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n$

$a < 1$ cannot have less than one sub problem

- $T(n) = 64T\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) - n^2 \log n$

$f(n)$, which is the combination time, is not positive

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

case 3 but regularity violation.



Master theorem limitations

Can not be used :

$T(n)$ is not monotone , ex: $\sin n$.

$T(n)$ is not polynomial , ex: 2^n

a is not constants ex: $a = 2^n$

$a < 1$



Logarithmic rules

$$\begin{aligned}\log_a(bc) &= \log_a(b) + \log_a(c) \\ \log_a(b^c) &= c \log_a(b) \\ \log_a(1/b) &= -\log_a(b) \\ \log_a(1) &= 0 \\ \log_a(a) &= 1 \\ \log_a(a^r) &= r \\ \log_{1/a}(b) &= -\log_a(b) \\ \log_a(b) \log_b(c) &= \log_a(c) \\ \log_b(a) &= \frac{1}{\log_a(b)} \\ \log_{a^m}(a^n) &= \frac{n}{m}, \quad m \neq 0\end{aligned}$$



Recursion Tree Method

Idea: Convert the recurrence into a tree, use this tree to rewrite the function as sum, and then use techniques to solve recurrence.

The recursion tree generated by $T(n) = a T(n/b) + f(n)$.

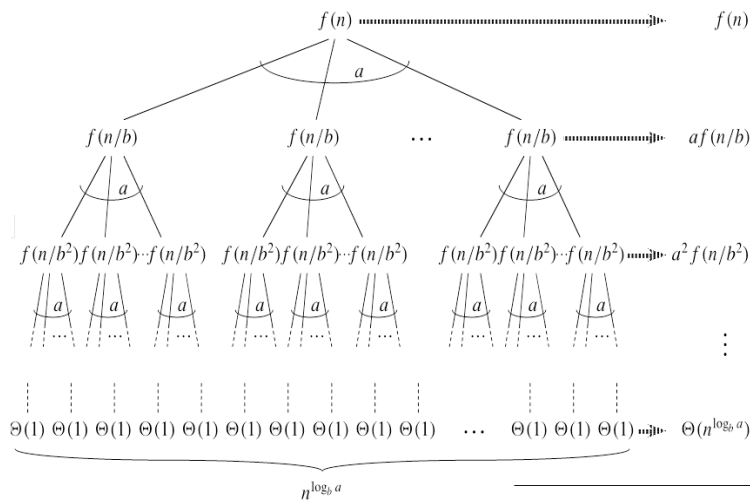
Where

a is number of sub problems that are solved recursively

b is size of each sub problem relative to n

n/b is the size of the input to recursive call.

$F(n)$ is the cost (time) of dividing and recombining the sub problem.



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Each node represents the cost of a single sub problem.
 Sum up the costs with each level to get level cost.

Costs with each level = $a^i f(n/b_i)$

for ($i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, \log_b n - 1$)

where a_i is the number of subtrees (or nodes at level i).

but at the last level $T(1) = 1$

$f(1) = 1$.

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$n/b_i = 1 \rightarrow n = b_i \rightarrow i = \log_b n$
 so at last level when $T(1) = 1$
 $\text{cost} = a^i f(n/b_i)$
 $= a^i \cdot f(1)$
 $= a^i \cdot (1)$

when $i = \log_b n \rightarrow a^i = a^{\log_b n}$
 $a^{\log_b n} = n^{\log_b a}$

$= a^i \cdot (1)$
 $= (1) \cdot a^{\log_b n}$
 $= (1) \cdot n^{\log_b a}$
 $= T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

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the sum up all the level cost to get total cost.

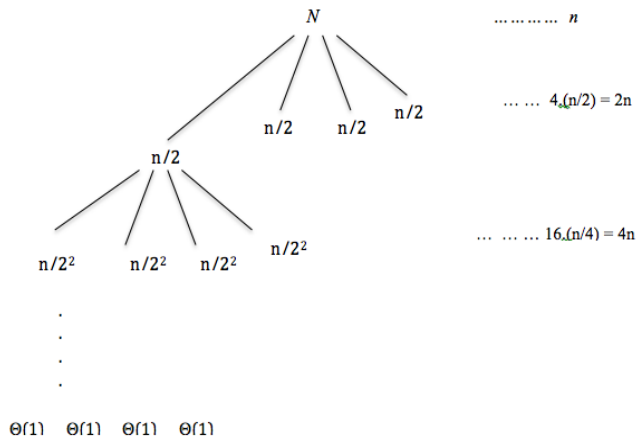
$$\text{Total: } \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) + \sum_{j=0}^{\log_b n - 1} a^j f(n/b^j)$$

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Example:

solve $T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + n$ using recursion tree.

answer



$$T(n) = [2^{\log_b n - 1 + 1} - 1 / 2 - 1] \cdot n + n^2$$

$$T(n) = [2^{\log_b n} - 1 / 2 - 1] \cdot n + n^2$$

$$T(n) = [n^{\log_2 b} - 1 / 2 - 1] \cdot n + n^2$$

$$T(n) = [n - 1] \cdot n + n^2$$

$$T(n) = n^2 - n + n^2$$

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

$$\therefore \text{Total cost} = \Theta(n^2).$$



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