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more complexity: mergesort

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Using **Introduction to the Theory of Computation**,  
Chapter 3

# Outline

vexing complexity

mergesort

Divide-and-conquer

Notes

Upper bound on  $T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 1 + \max\{T(\lceil n/2 \rceil), T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)\} & n > 1 \end{cases}$

trouble!  $T(n) \geq c \lg n \leq c \lg(n-1)$

rough work  $T(n) \leq c \lg n$

Assume  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 1$ , and assume  $T(i) \leq c \lg i$   $1 \leq i < n$

Then  $T(n) = 1 + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil)$  # by def.

$\leq 1 + c \lg(\lceil n/2 \rceil)$  # if  $1 \leq \lceil n/2 \rceil < n$

$\stackrel{?}{\leq} 1 + c \lg(\frac{n+1}{2})$  — or  $1 + c \lg(\frac{n}{2} + 1)$

$= 1 + c(\lg(n+1) - 1)$

$= 1 - c + c \lg(n+1)$  *Went wrong (easily)*

## recurrence for MergeSort

$T(n)$   
MergeSort(A,b,e):  $n = e - b + 1$

if b == e: return *constant*

m = (b + e) / 2 *constant*

MergeSort(A,b,m)  $T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$

MergeSort(A,m+1,e)  $T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$

# merge sorted A[b..m] and A[m+1..e] back into A[b..e]

for i = b, ..., e: B[i] = A[i]  $n c$

c = b *constant*

d = m+1 *constant*

for i = b, ..., e:  $n c_2$

*constant* { if d > e or (c <= m and B[c] < B[d]):

A[i] = B[c]

c = c + 1

else: # d <= e and (c > m or B[c] >= B[d])

A[i] = B[d]

d = d + 1

$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n=1 \\ 1 + T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + n \end{cases}$

$n = 2^k$  → rewrite as  $T(2^k) = 2T(2^{k-1}) + 2^k + 1$

Unwind (repeated substitution)

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

Valid if  $\lceil n/2 \rceil = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$

$$2^k = n$$
$$k = \lg n$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(2^k) &= 2T(2^{k-1}) + 2^k + 1 \\ &= 2(2T(2^{k-2}) + 2^{k-1} + 1) + 2^k + 1 \\ &= 2^2 T(2^{k-2}) + 2^k + 2 + 2^k + 1 \\ &= 2^2 T(2^{k-2}) + 2 \cdot 2^k + 3 \\ &\vdots \\ &= 2^i T(2^{k-i}) + i2^k + 2^i - 1 \\ &\vdots \\ &= 2^k T(2^{k-k}) + k2^k + 2^k - 1 \\ &= n \cdot 1 + n \lg n + n - 1 \\ &= n \lg n + 2n - 1 \end{aligned}$$

# Prove that $T$ is non-decreasing

Lemma in  
ch 3



See Course Notes, Lemma 3.6 Exercise: Prove the recurrence for binary search is non-decreasing

$$\hat{n} = 2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}$$
$$\frac{\hat{n}}{2} < n \leq \hat{n}$$
$$2n \geq \hat{n}$$
$$T(n) \leq \underset{B_9 \uparrow}{c n \lg n} \geq 6n - 1$$
$$T(\hat{n}) = \hat{n} \lg \hat{n} + 2\hat{n} - 1$$
$$\leq \underline{2n \lg(2n) + 4n - 1}$$
$$\underline{\hspace{10em} 6n - 1}$$

Prove  $T \in O(n \lg n)$  for general case

$$T(n) = T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + n + 1 \quad \text{given} \quad T(n) = n \lg n + 2n - 1$$

set  $\hat{n} = 2^{\lceil \lg n \rceil}$ , and note that  $\hat{n} \leq 2n$  if  $n = 2^k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq T(\hat{n}) && \# T \uparrow \\ &= \hat{n} \lg \hat{n} + 2\hat{n} - 1 && \# \text{ by proof unwinding} \\ &\leq 2n \lg 2n + 4n - 1 && \# \text{ by } \hat{n} \leq 2n. \\ &\leq 2n(\lg n + 1) + 4n - 1 \\ &= 2n \lg n + 6n - 1 && \# cn \lg n \geq 6n \text{ (1)} \\ &\leq 8n \lg n && \# c \lg n \geq 6 \\ &&& \# c \geq 6 \text{ works} \end{aligned}$$

~~Thus~~ Thus  $T \in O(n \lg n)$  if  $n \geq 2$   
with  $c = 8$

## General case

Class of algorithms: partition problem into  $b$  roughly equal subproblems, solve, and recombine:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} k & \text{if } n \leq B \\ a_1 T(\lceil n/b \rceil) + a_2 T(\lfloor n/b \rfloor) + \underline{f(n)} & \text{if } n > B \end{cases}$$

*break apart, then recombine*

where  $B, k > 0$ ,  $a_1, a_2 \geq 0$ , and  $a_1 + a_2 > 0$ .  $f(n)$  is the cost of splitting and recombining.



# Master Theorem

If  $f$  from the previous slide has  $f \in \theta(n^d)$ , then

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

$n \downarrow \log_b a$

what about merge sort?  
what is  $a = 2$   
 $b = 2$   
 $d = 1$

$$2 = a = 2^1 = b^d \\ \theta(n^1 \log n)$$

## Proof sketch

1. Unwind the recurrence, and prove a result for  $n = b^k$
2. Prove that  $T$  is non-decreasing
3. Extend to all  $n$ , similar to MergeSort

# Notes

$T(n) \leq c \lg(n-1)$ . # we figure out  
#  $c$  on the way!

## Scratch

Assume  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 1$ , and that  $T(i) \leq c \lg(i-1)$

$\forall i \quad \underline{3 \leq i < n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then } T(n) &= 1 + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) \\
 &\leq 1 + c \lg(\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1) \quad \# \underline{\text{by IH}} \\
 &\leq 1 + c \lg\left(\frac{n+1}{2} - 1\right) \quad \# \quad \underline{3 \leq \lceil n/2 \rceil < n} \\
 &= 1 + c \lg\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right) \\
 &= 1 + c(\lg(n-1) - 1) \\
 &= c \lg(n-1) + \underline{1-c} \\
 &\leq c \lg(n-1) \quad \# \quad \begin{array}{l} 1-c \leq 0 \\ 1 \leq c \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

Base case  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Base case

$P(1) \rightarrow \text{false}$

$P(2) \rightarrow \text{false}$

$P(3)$

$1 + T(\lceil 3/2 \rceil) \rightarrow \text{suggest } c \geq 3$

# Notes