## Algorithm Analysis BBM408



## Lecture 2

 Asymptotic Notation- $O$-, $\Omega$-, and $\Theta$-notation Recurrences
- Substitution method
- Iterating the recurrence
- Recursion tree
- Master method

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(Logicians: $\lambda n .2 n^{2} \in O\left(\lambda n . n^{3}\right)$, but it's convenient to be sloppy, as long as we understand what's really going on.)

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## Solving recurrences

- The analysis of merge sort from Lecture 1 required us to solve a recurrence.
- Recurrences are like solving integrals, differential equations, etc.
- Learn a few tricks.
- Lecture 3: Applications of recurrences to divide-and-conquer algorithms.


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- Guess $O\left(n^{3}\right)$. (Prove $O$ and $\Omega$ separately.)
- Assume that $T(k) \leq c k^{3}$ for $k<n$.
- Prove $T(n) \leq c n^{3}$ by induction.


## Example of substitution

$$
\begin{aligned}
T(n) & =4 T(n / 2)+n \\
& \leq 4 c(n / 2)^{3}+n \\
& =(c / 2) n^{3}+n \\
& =c n^{3}-\left((c / 2) n^{3}-n\right)-\text { desired }- \text { residual } \\
& \leq c n^{3}-\text { desired }
\end{aligned}
$$

whenever ( $c / 2$ ) $n^{3}-n \geq 0$, for example, if $c \geq 2$ and $\geq 1$. residual

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$=c n^{2}-(-n)$ [ desired - residual ]
$\leq c n^{2}$ for no choice of $c>0$. Lose!

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Pick $c_{1}$ big enough to handle the initial conditions.

## Recursion-tree method

- A recursion tree models the costs (time) of a recursive execution of an algorithm.
- The recursion-tree method can be unreliable, just like any method that uses ellipses (...).
- The recursion-tree method promotes intuition, however.
- The recursion tree method is good for generating guesses for the substitution method.


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## The master method

The master method applies to recurrences of the form

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T(n)=a T(n / b)+f(n),
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where $a \geq 1, b>1$, and $f$ is asymptotically positive.

## Three common cases

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2. $f(n)=\Theta\left(n^{\log _{b} a} \lg k n\right)$ for some constant $k \geq 0$.

- $f(n)$ and $n^{\log _{b} a}$ grow at similar rates. Solution: $T(n)=\Theta\left(n^{\log _{b} a} 1 g^{k+1} n\right)$.


## Three common cases (cont.)

Compare $f(n)$ with $n^{\log _{b} a}$ :
3. $f(n)=\Omega\left(n^{\log b^{a}+\varepsilon}\right)$ 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: $T(n)=\Theta(f(n))$.


## Examples

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Ex. $T(n)=4 T(n / 2)+n^{2} / \lg n$ $a=4, b=2 \Rightarrow n^{\log b a}=n^{2} ; f(n)=n^{2} / \lg n$. Master method does not apply. In particular, for every constant $\varepsilon>0$, we have $n^{\varepsilon}=\omega(\lg n)$.

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