

CS4102 Day 3 Recurrence Proofs - Spring 2020

Karatsuba Recurrence: Tree Method

Karatsuba Recurrence:

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 8n$$

Using the tree method for solving the recurrence, we obtained the sum:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 8n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i \\ &= 8n \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n+1} - 1}{\frac{3}{2} - 1} \\ &= 8n \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n+1} - 1}{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 16n \left(\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{\log_2 n+1} - 1 \right) \\ &= 16n(2^{\log_2 3-1})^{\log_2 n+1} - 16n \\ &= 16n(2^{\log_2 3 \cdot \log_2 n - \log_2 n + \log_2 3 - 1}) - 16n \\ &= 16n((2^{\log_2 n})^{\log_2 3} \cdot 2^{-\log_2 n} \cdot 2^{\log_2 3} \cdot 2^{-1}) - 16n \\ &= 16n \left(n^{\log_2 3} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right) - 16n \\ &= 24n^{\log_2 3} - 16n \\ &= \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) \\ &\approx \Theta(n^{1.585}) \end{aligned}$$