

CS 4102: Algorithms
Spring 2020

Lecture 3: Divide and Conquer

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Warm up

Simplify:

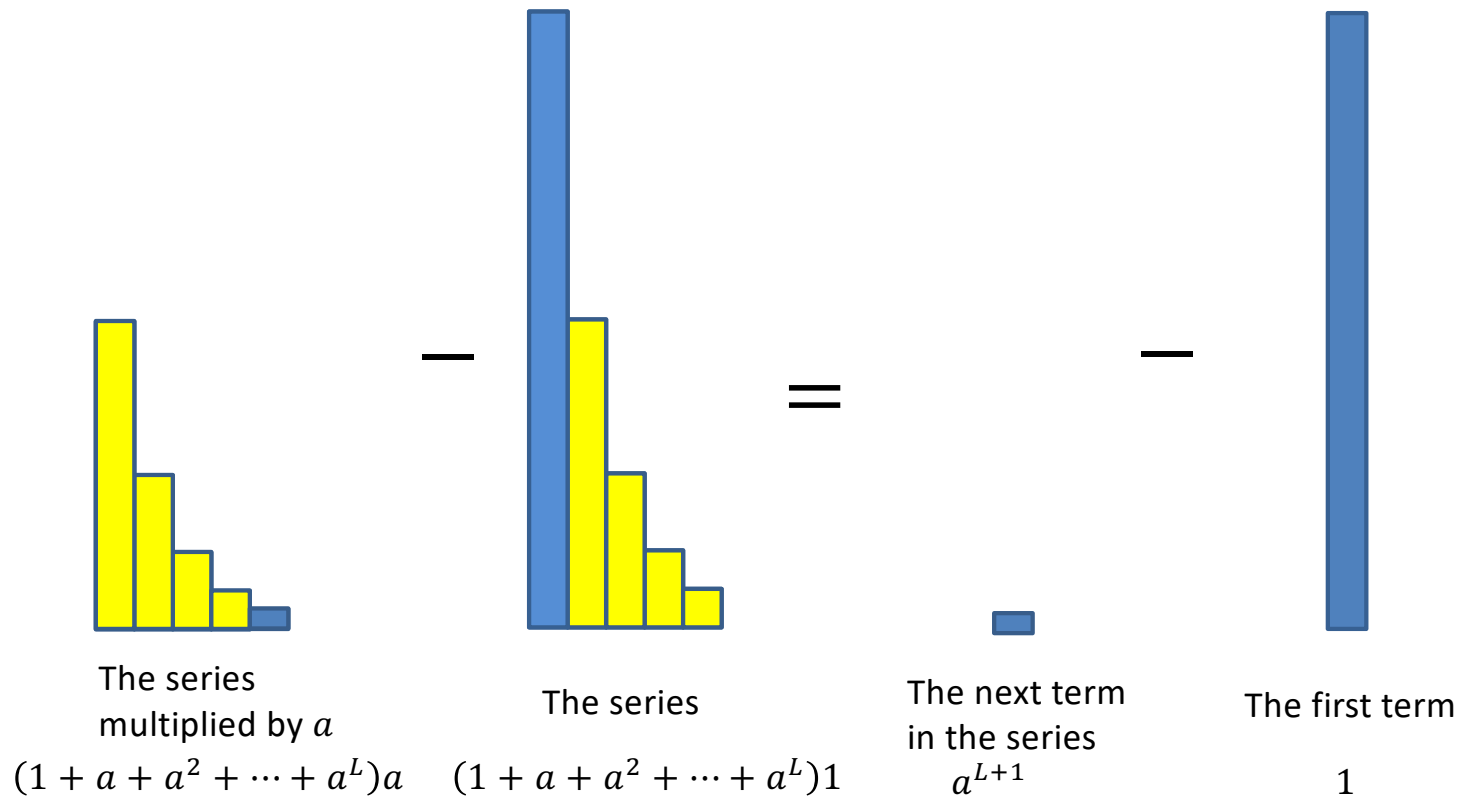
$$(1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + \dots + a^L)(a - 1) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + a^5 + \dots + a^L + a^{L+1}) + \\ & (-a - a^2 - a^3 - a^4 - a^5 - \dots - a^L - 1) = \\ & \qquad \qquad \qquad a^{L+1} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^L a^i = \frac{a^{L+1} - 1}{a - 1}$$

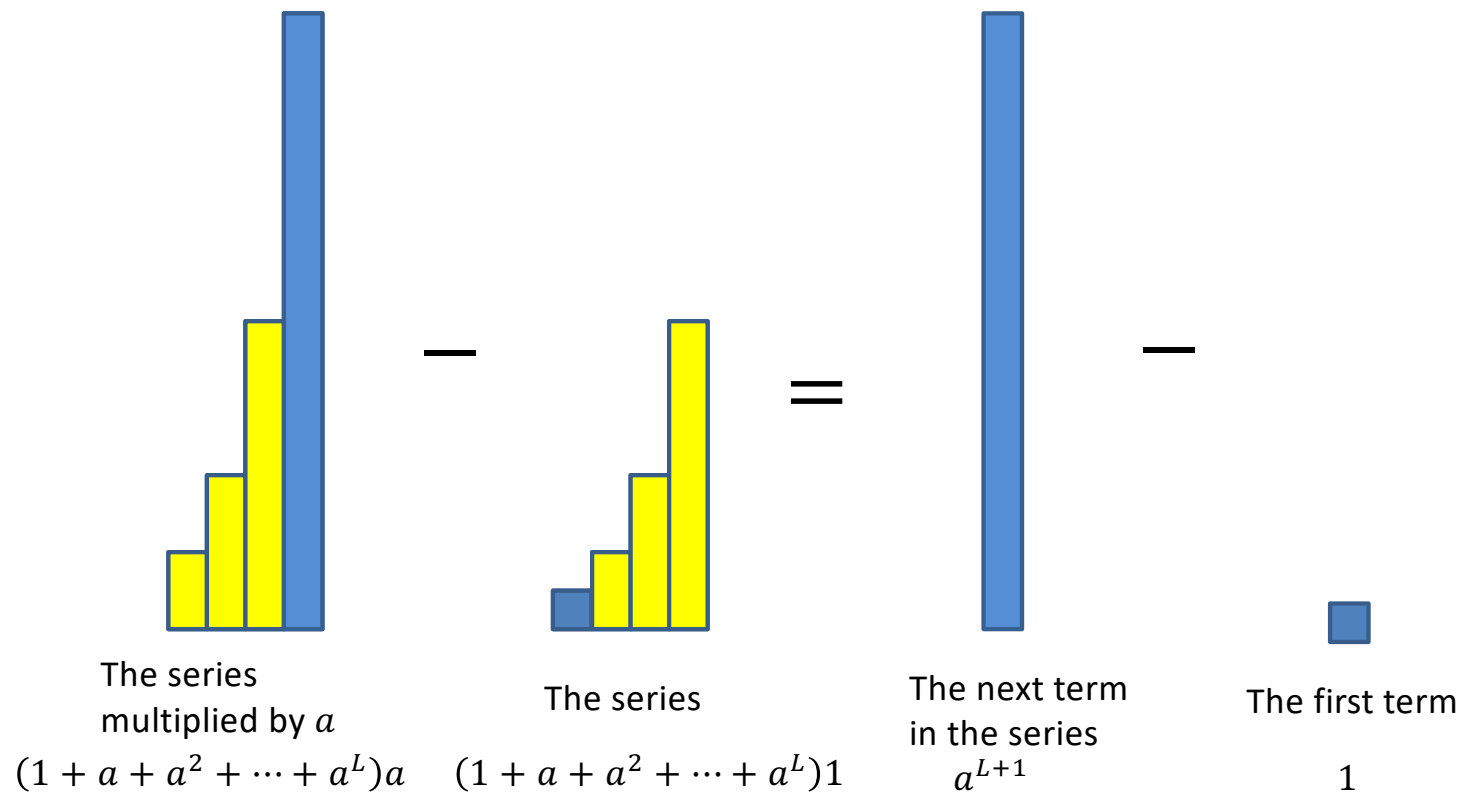
Finite Geometric Series

$a < 1$



Finite Geometric Series

$$a > 1$$



Today's Keywords

- Divide and Conquer
- Recurrences
- Merge Sort
- Karatsuba
- Tree Method

CLRS Readings

- Chapter 4

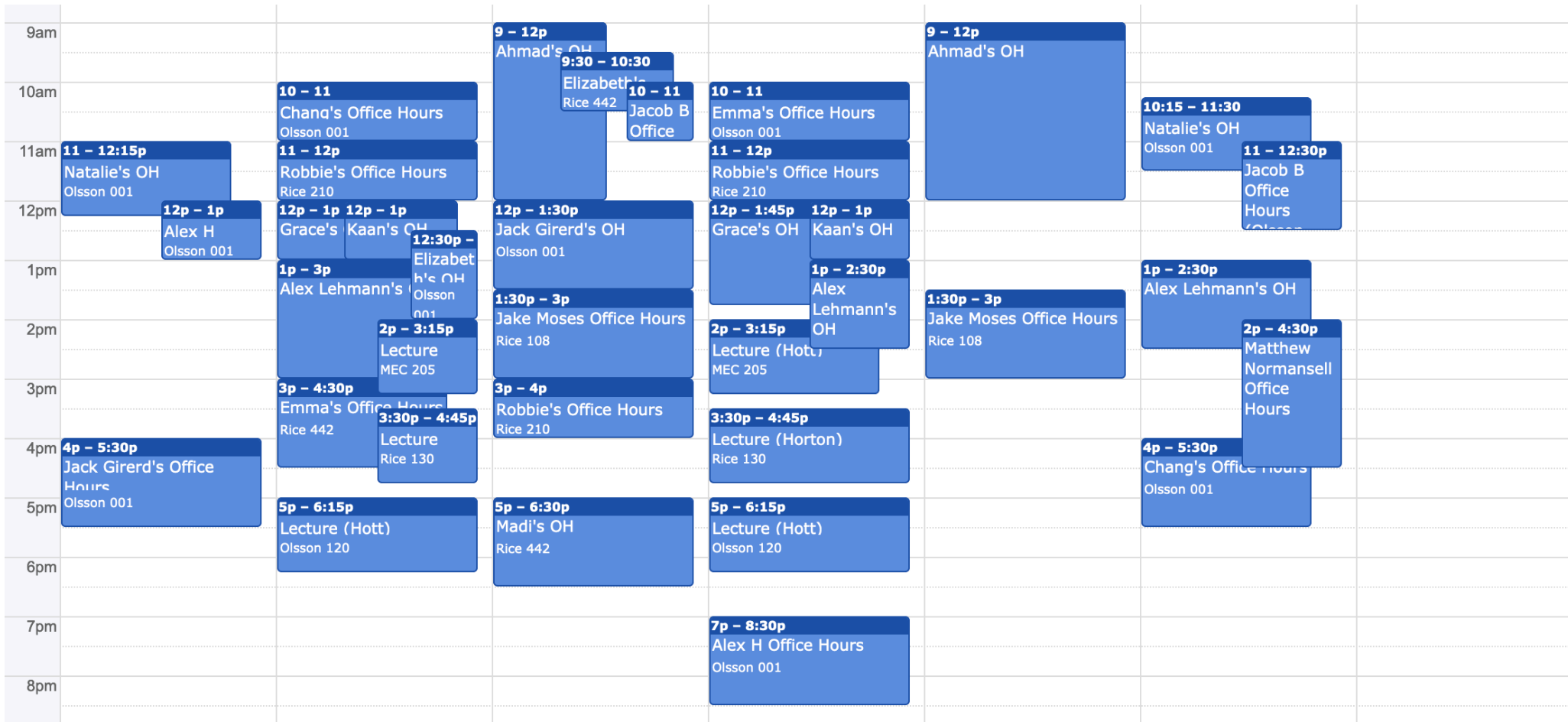
Homeworks

- HW1 due Thursday, January 30 at 11pm
 - Start early!
 - Written (use Latex!) – Submit BOTH pdf and zip!
 - Asymptotic notation
 - Recurrences
 - Divide and Conquer

Homework Help Algorithm

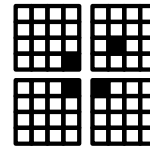
- Algorithm: How to ask a question about homework (efficiently)
 1. Check to see if your question is already on piazza
 2. If it's not on piazza, ask on piazza
 3. Look for other questions you know the answer to, and provide answers to any that you see
 4. TA office hours
 5. Instructor office hours
 6. Email, set up a meeting

Office Hours



Divide and Conquer*

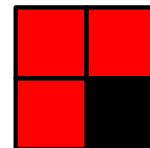
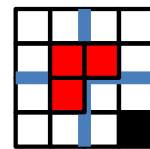
- **Divide:**



- Break the problem into multiple **subproblems**, each smaller instances of the original

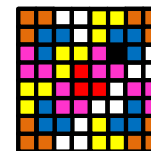
- **Conquer:**

- If the subproblems are “large”:
 - Solve each subproblem **recursively**
- If the subproblems are “small”:
 - Solve them directly (**base case**)



- **Combine:**

- Merge together solutions to subproblems



*CLRS Chapter 4

Analyzing Divide and Conquer

1. Break into smaller **subproblems**
 2. Use **recurrence** relation to express recursive running time
 3. Use **asymptotic** notation to simplify
- **Divide:** $D(n)$ time,
 - **Conquer:** recurse on small problems, size s
 - **Combine:** $C(n)$ time
 - **Recurrence:**
 - $T(n) = D(n) + \sum T(s) + C(n)$

Recurrence Solving Techniques



Tree

get a picture of recursion



Guess/Check

guess and use induction to prove



“Cookbook” *MAGIC!*



Substitution

substitute in to simplify

Merge Sort

- **Divide:**
 - Break n -element list into two lists of $n/2$ elements
- **Conquer:**
 - If $n > 1$:
 - Sort each sublist **recursively**
 - If $n = 1$:
 - List is already sorted (**base case**)
- **Combine:**
 - Merge together sorted sublists into one sorted list

Merge

- **Combine:** Merge sorted sublists into one sorted list
- We have:
 - 2 sorted lists (L_1, L_2)
 - 1 output list (L_{out})

While (L_1 and L_2 not empty):

 If $L_1[0] \leq L_2[0]$:

$L_{out}.append(L_1.pop())$

 Else:

$L_{out}.append(L_2.pop())$

$L_{out}.append(L_1)$

$L_{out}.append(L_2)$

$O(n)$

Analyzing Merge Sort

1. Break into smaller **subproblems**
2. Use **recurrence** relation to express recursive running time
3. Use **asymptotic** notation to simplify

- **Divide**: 0 comparisons
- **Conquer**: recurse on 2 small **subproblems**, size $\frac{n}{2}$
- **Combine**: n comparisons
- **Recurrence**:

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

Recurrence Solving Techniques



Tree



Guess/Check



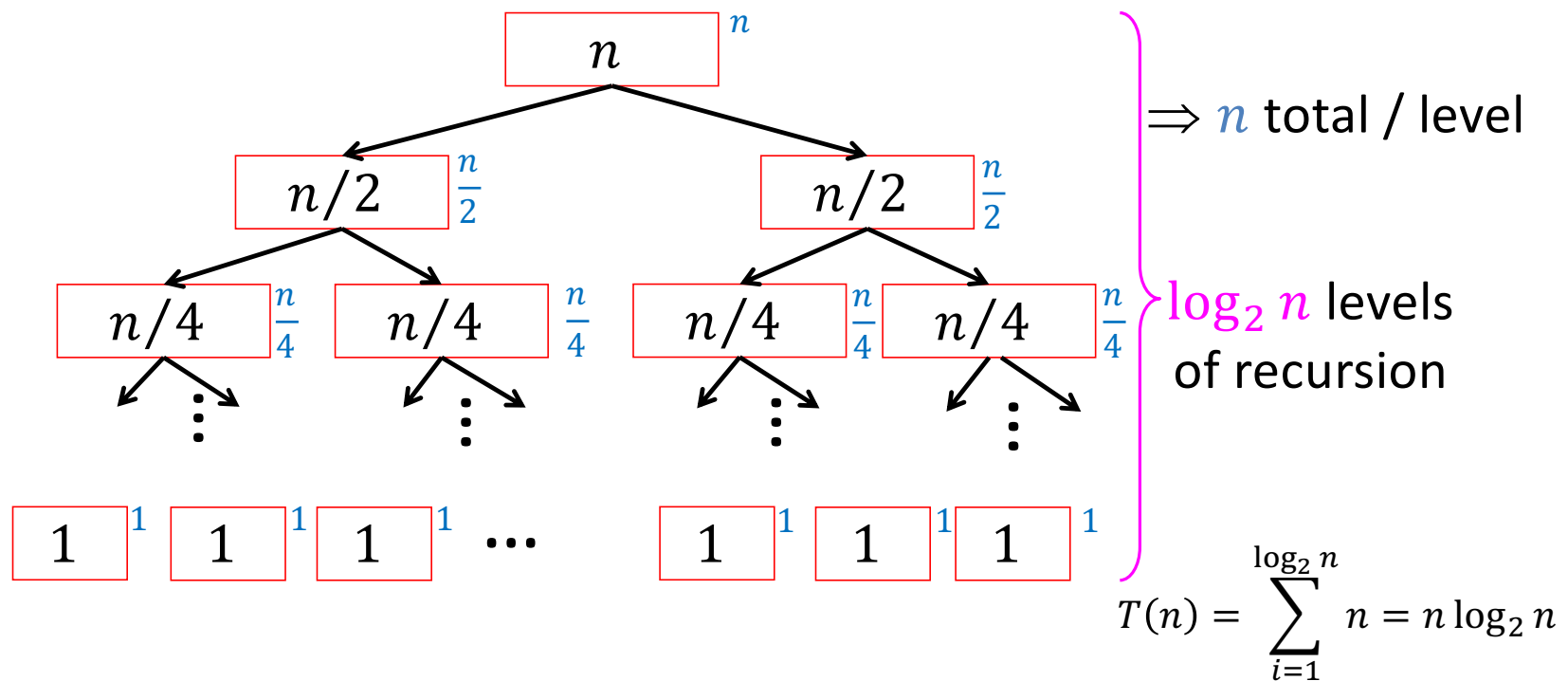
“Cookbook”



Substitution

Tree method

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



Multiplication

- Want to multiply large numbers together

$$\begin{array}{r} 4102 \\ \times 1819 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

n-digit numbers

- What makes a “good” algorithm?
- How do we measure input size?
- What do we “count” for run time?

“Schoolbook” Method

Can we do better?

How many total multiplications?

$$\begin{array}{r} 4102 \\ \times 1819 \\ \hline 36918 \\ 4102 \\ 32816 \\ + 4102 \\ \hline 7461538 \end{array}$$

n-digit numbers

What about cost of additions?
 $\Theta(n^2)$

n mults
n mults
n mults
n mults

n levels
 $\Rightarrow \Theta(n^2)$

Divide and Conquer

Divide and Conquer method

1. Break into smaller **subproblems**

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{a} \boxed{b} = 10^{\frac{n}{2}} \boxed{a} + \boxed{b} \\ \times \boxed{c} \boxed{d} = 10^{\frac{n}{2}} \boxed{c} + \boxed{d} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Remember "FOIL"?

$$\begin{aligned} & 10^n (\boxed{a} \times \boxed{c}) + \\ & 10^{\frac{n}{2}} (\boxed{a} \times \boxed{d} + \boxed{b} \times \boxed{c}) + \\ & (\boxed{b} \times \boxed{d}) \end{aligned}$$

Divide and Conquer Multiplication

- **Divide:**
 - Break n -digit numbers into four numbers of $n/2$ digits each (call them a, b, c, d)
- **Conquer:**
 - If $n > 1$:
 - **Recursively** compute ac, ad, bc, bd
 - If $n = 1$: (i.e. one digit each)
 - Compute ac, ad, bc, bd directly (**base case**)

- **Combine:**

$$10^n(ac) + 10^{\frac{n}{2}}(ad + bc) + bd$$

Divide and Conquer method

2. Use **recurrence** relation to express recursive running time

$$10^n (\boxed{ac}) + 10^{\frac{n}{2}} (\boxed{ad} + \boxed{bc}) + \boxed{bd}$$

Recursively solve

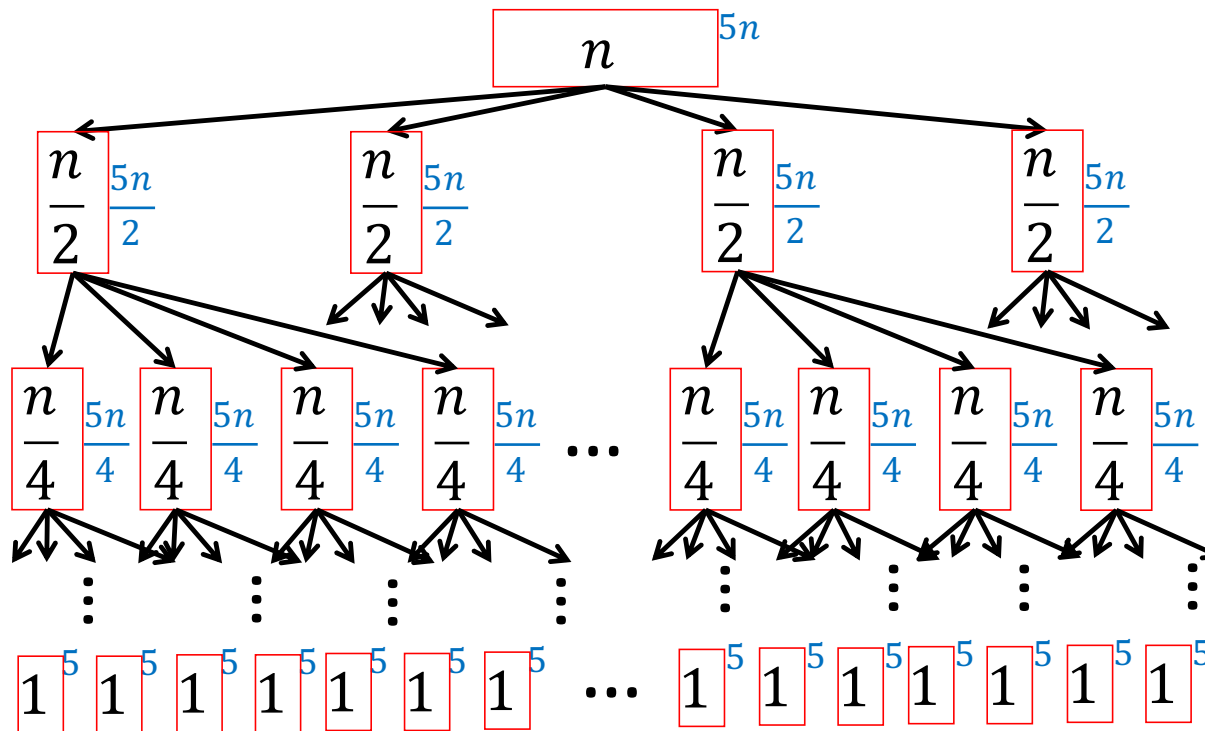
$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 5n$$

Divide and Conquer method

3. Use **asymptotic** notation to simplify

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 5n$$

$$T(n) = 5n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 2^i$$



$$5n$$

$$4 \cdot \frac{5n}{2}$$

$$16 \cdot \frac{5n}{4}$$

⋮

$$2^{\log_2 n} \cdot 5n$$

Divide and Conquer method

3. Use asymptotic notation to simplify

$$T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 5n$$

$$T(n) = 5n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} 2^i$$

$$T(n) = 5n \frac{2^{\log_2 n + 1} - 1}{2 - 1}$$

$$T(n) = 5n(2n - 1) = \Theta(n^2)$$

Karatsuba

1. Break into smaller **subproblems**

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{a} \boxed{b} = 10^{\frac{n}{2}} \boxed{a} + \boxed{b} \\ \times \boxed{c} \boxed{d} = 10^{\frac{n}{2}} \boxed{c} + \boxed{d} \\ \hline 10^n (\boxed{a} \times \boxed{c}) + \\ 10^{\frac{n}{2}} (\boxed{a} \times \boxed{d} + \boxed{b} \times \boxed{c}) + \\ (\boxed{b} \times \boxed{d}) \end{array}$$

Karatsuba

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{a} \boxed{b} \\ \times \boxed{c} \boxed{d} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$10^n (\boxed{ac}) + 10^{\frac{n}{2}} (\boxed{ad + bc}) + \boxed{bd}$$

Can't avoid these

This can be re-written
in terms of the others

$$(a + b)(c + d) =$$

$$\boxed{ac} + \boxed{ad + bc} + \boxed{bd}$$

$$\boxed{ad + bc} = \boxed{(a + b)(c + d) - \boxed{ac} - \boxed{bd}}$$

Two
multiplications

One "new" multiplication

a b

× c d

Karatsuba

2. Use **recurrence** relation to express recursive running time

$$10^n(ac) + 10^{\frac{n}{2}}((a+b)(c+d) - ac - bd) + bd$$

Recursively solve

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

Karatsuba

- **Divide:**

- Break n -digit numbers into four numbers of $n/2$ digits each (call them a, b, c, d)

- **Conquer:**

- If $n > 1$:

- Recursively compute $ac, bd, (a + b)(c + d)$

- If $n = 1$:

- Compute $ac, bd, (a + b)(c + d)$ directly (base case)

- **Combine:**

- $10^n(ac) + 10^{\frac{n}{2}}((a + b)(c + d) - ac - bd) + bd$

a b

× c d

Karatsuba Algorithm

1. Recursively compute: $ac, bd, (a + b)(c + d)$
2. $(ad + bc) = (a + b)(c + d) - ac - bd$
3. Return $10^n(ac) + 10^{\frac{n}{2}}(ad + bc) + bd$

Pseudocode

1. $x \leftarrow \text{Karatsuba}(a, c)$
2. $y \leftarrow \text{Karatsuba}(b, d)$
3. $z \leftarrow \text{Karatsuba}(a + b, c + d) - x - y$
4. Return $10^n x + 10^{n/2} z + y$

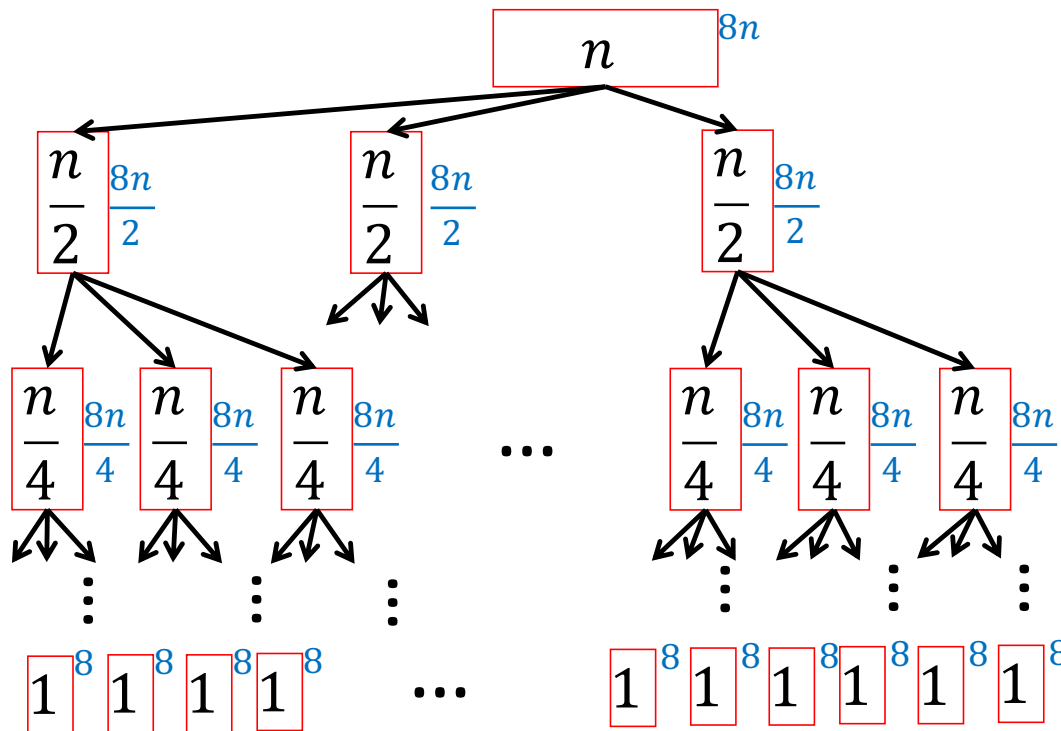
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Karatsuba

3. Use asymptotic notation to simplify

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

$$T(n) = 8n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i$$



$$8n \cdot 1$$

$$8n \cdot \frac{3}{2}$$

$$8n \cdot \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$8n \cdot \frac{3^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}}$$

Karatsuba

3. Use asymptotic notation to simplify

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

$$T(n) = 8n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} (3/2)^i$$

$$T(n) = 8n \frac{(3/2)^{\log_2 n + 1} - 1}{3/2 - 1}$$

Math, math, and more math...(on board, see lecture supplement)

Karatsuba

Karatsuba

Karatsuba

3. Use asymptotic notation to simplify

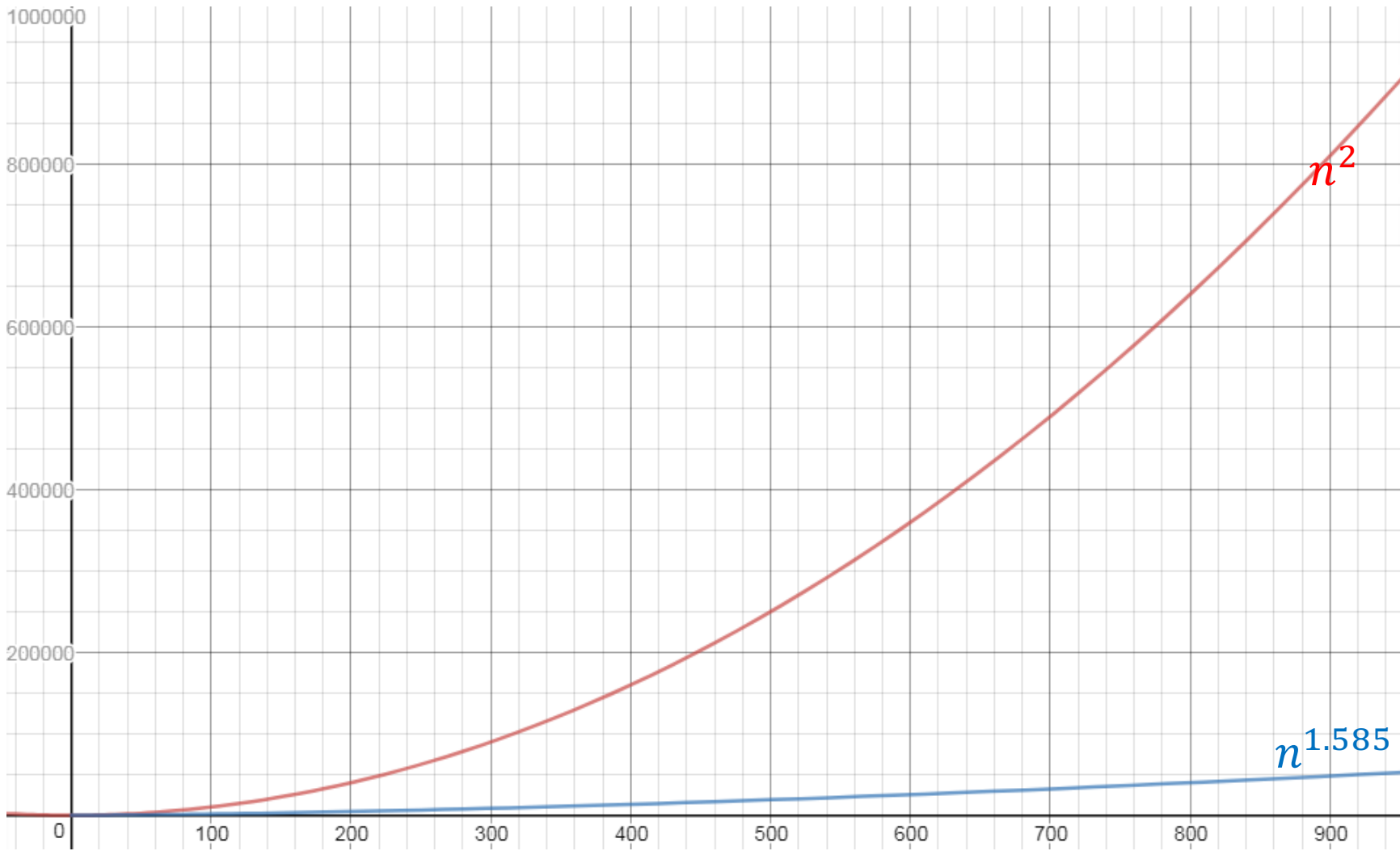
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Math, math, and more math...(on board, see lecture supplement)

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 24(n^{\log_2 3}) - 16n = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) \\ &\approx \Theta(n^{1.585}) \end{aligned}$$



Recurrence Solving Techniques

Tree



Guess/Check? ✓ (induction)

“Cookbook”



Substitution



Induction (review)

Goal: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, P(k)$ holds

Base case(s): $P(1)$ holds

Technically, called
strong induction

Hypothesis: $\forall x \leq x_0, P(x)$ holds

Inductive step: show $P(x_0) \Rightarrow P(x_0 + 1)$

Guess and Check Intuition

- **Show:** $T(n) \in O(g(n))$
- **Consider:** $g_*(n) = c \cdot g(n)$ for some constant c , i.e. pick $g_*(n) \in O(g(n))$
- **Goal:** show $\exists n_0$ such that $\forall n > n_0, T(n) \leq g_*(n)$
 - (definition of big-O)
- **Technique:** Induction
 - **Base cases:**
 - show $T(1) \leq g_*(1), T(2) \leq g_*(2), \dots$ for a small number of cases (may need additional base cases)
 - **Hypothesis:**
 - $\forall n \leq x_0, T(n) \leq g_*(n)$
 - **Inductive step:**
 - Show $T(x_0 + 1) \leq g_*(x_0 + 1)$

Need to ensure that in inductive step, can either appeal to a base case or to the inductive hypothesis

Karatsuba Guess and Check (Loose)

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

Goal: $T(n) \leq 3000 n^{1.6} = O(n^{1.6})$

Base cases: $T(1) = 8 \leq 3000$
 $T(2) = 3(8) + 16 = 40 \leq 3000 \cdot 2^{1.6}$
... up to some small k

Hypothesis: $\forall n \leq x_0, T(n) \leq 3000n^{1.6}$

Inductive step: Show that $T(x_0 + 1) \leq 3000(x_0 + 1)^{1.6}$

Karatsuba Guess and Check (Loose)

Karatsuba Guess and Check (Loose)