

# Divide-and-Conquer

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## Mergesort

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- Divide -and-Conquer.
  - Break up problem into several parts.
  - Solve each part recursively.
  - Combine solutions to subproblems into overall solution.
- Today
  - Mergesort (recap)
  - Recurrence relations
  - Integer multiplication

## Recurrence relations

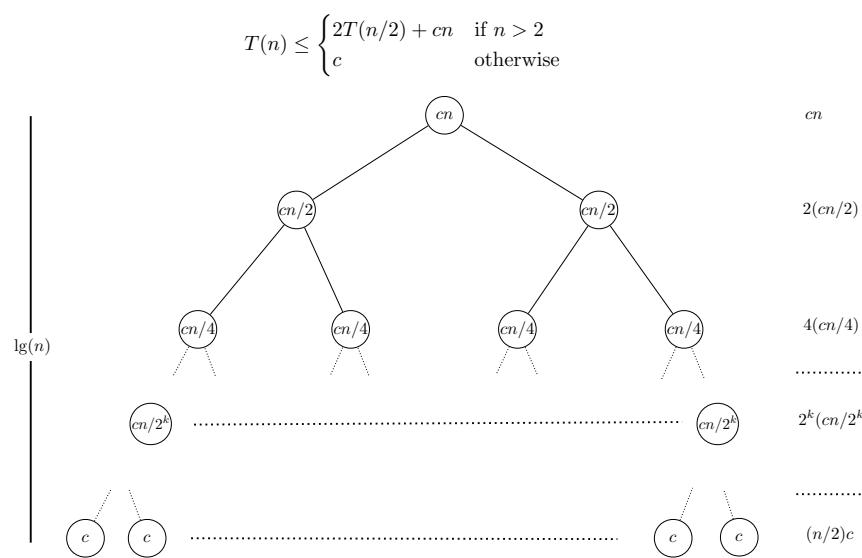
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- $T(n)$  = running time of mergesort on input of size  $n$
- **Mergesort recurrence:**

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 2T(n/2) + cn & \text{if } n > 2 \\ c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Solving the recurrence:
  - Recursion tree
  - Substitution

## Mergesort recurrence: recursion tree



## Mergesort recurrence: substitution

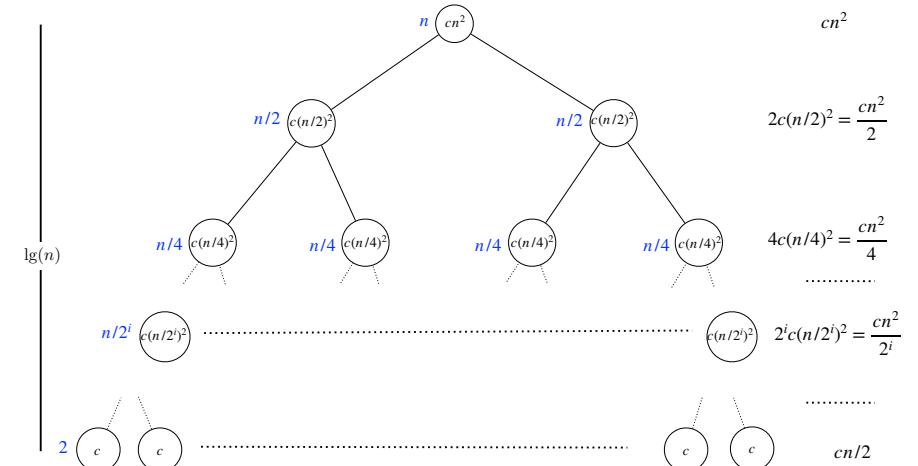
$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} 2T(n/2) + cn & \text{if } n > 2 \\ c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Substitute  $T(n)$  with  $kn \lg n$  and use induction to prove  $T(n) \leq n \lg kn$ .
- Base case ( $n = 2$ ):
  - By definition  $T(2) = c$ .
  - Substitution:  $k \cdot 2 \lg 2 = 2k \geq c = T(2)$  if  $k \geq c/2$ .
- Induction: Assume  $T(m) \leq km \lg m$  for  $m < n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq 2T(n/2) + cn \\ &\leq 2k(n/2)\lg(n/2) + cn \\ &= kn(\lg n - 1) + cn \\ &= kn \lg n - kn + cn \\ &\leq kn \lg n \quad \text{if } k \geq c. \end{aligned}$$

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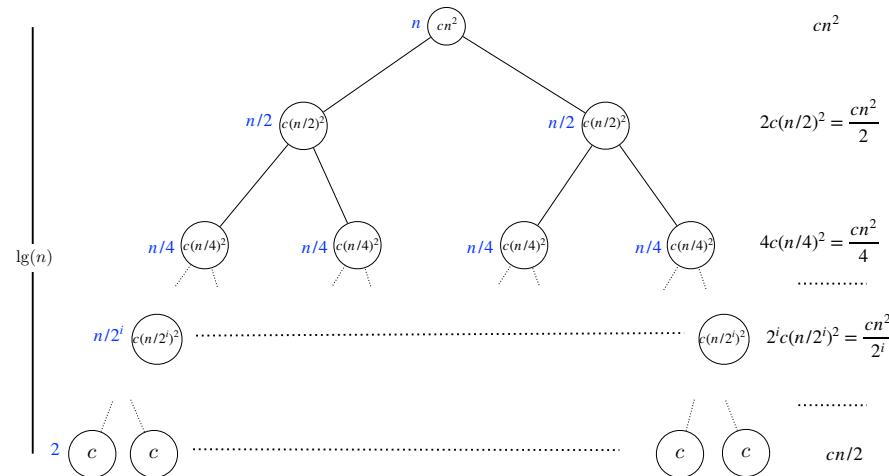
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$$T(n) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \frac{cn^2}{2^i} \leq cn^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 n} \frac{1}{2^i} \leq 2cn^2$$

## More recurrence relations: 1 subproblem

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} T(n/2) + cn & \text{if } n > 2 \\ c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Summing over all levels:

$$T(n) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{\lg n - 1} \frac{cn}{2^i} = cn \sum_{i=0}^{\lg n - 1} \frac{1}{2^i} \leq 2cn = O(n)$$

- Substitution: Guess  $T(n) \leq kn$

- Base case:

$$k \cdot 2 \geq c = T(2) \quad \text{if } k \geq c/2.$$

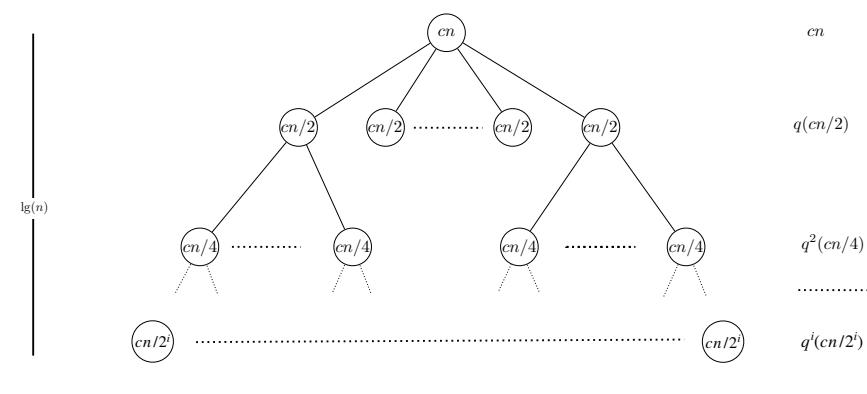
- Assume  $T(m) \leq km$  for  $m < n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq T(n/2) + cn \leq k(n/2) + cn = (k/2)n + cn \\ &\leq kn \quad \text{if } c \leq k/2. \end{aligned}$$

## More than 2 subproblems

- $q$  subproblems of size  $n/2$ .

$$T(n) \leq \begin{cases} qT(n/2) + cn & \text{if } n > 2 \\ c & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



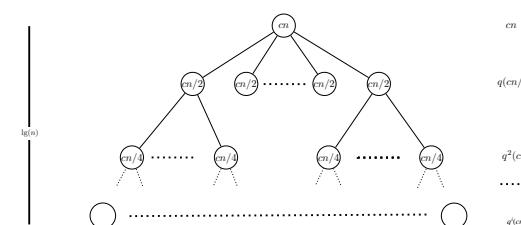
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- Summing over all levels:

$$T(n) \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\lg n - 1} \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^j cn = cn \sum_{j=0}^{\lg n - 1} \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^j$$



**Geometric series.**  
 for  $x \neq 1$ :  $\sum_{i=0}^m x^i = \frac{x^{m+1} - 1}{x - 1}$   
 for  $x < 1$ :  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x^i = \frac{1}{1-x}$

## More than 2 subproblems

Proof of  $cn \sum_{j=0}^{\lg n-1} \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^j = O(n^{\lg q})$

Use geometric series:  $cn \sum_{j=0}^{\lg n-1} \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^j = cn \frac{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^{\lg n} - 1}{\frac{q}{2} - 1}$

Reduce  $\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^{\lg n} = \frac{q^{\lg n}}{2^{\lg n}} = \frac{q^{\lg n}}{n}$

Now:

$$cn \frac{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^{\lg n} - 1}{\frac{q}{2} - 1} = cn \frac{\frac{q^{\lg n}}{n} - 1}{\frac{q-2}{2}} = \frac{2c}{q-2} n \left( \frac{q^{\lg n}}{n} - 1 \right) = \frac{2c}{q-2} (q^{\lg n} - n) = O(q^{\lg n})$$

constant

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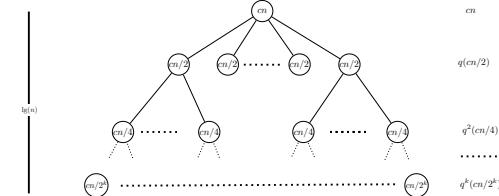
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## Integer multiplication

- **Add.** Given two n-bit integers a and b, compute  $a + b$ .
- **School method.**  $\Theta(n)$  bit operations.

1	0	1	1	1
	1	0	0	1
+	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	0	0

- **Multiply.** Given two n-bit integers a and b, compute  $a \times b$ .
- **School method.**  $\Theta(n^2)$  bit operations.

1	1	0	$\times$	1	1	1
				0	0	0
+				1	1	1
+				1	1	1
	1	0	1	0	1	0

## Integer Multiplication

## Integer multiplication: warmup

- **Divide-and-conquer:** divide the n-bit integers into two.

$$x = \underbrace{1000}_{x_1} \underbrace{1101}_{x_0}$$

$$y = \underbrace{1110}_{y_1} \underbrace{0001}_{y_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0 \\ y &= 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0 \end{aligned}$$

- First try:

$$x \cdot y = (2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0)(2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0) = 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0$$

- Multiply four n/2-bit integers (recursively)
- Add two n/2-bit integers
- Shift and add to obtain result.

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + cn$$

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recursive calls      ↑  
add, shift

$$T(n) = O(n^{\lg 4}) = O(n^2)$$

## Integer multiplication: Karatsuba

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$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot y &= 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0 \\ &= 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot ((x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) - x_1 y_1 - x_0 y_0) + x_0 y_0 \end{aligned}$$

1                    2                    1                    3                    3

- Karatsuba:

- Recursively compute *three* products of n/2-bit integers:
  - $x_1 y_1, (x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0), x_0 y_0$
- Shift, add, and subtract to obtain result.

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) &= \\ x_1 y_1 + x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1 + x_0 y_0 &\Rightarrow \\ x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1 &= \\ (x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) - x_1 y_1 - x_0 y_0 & \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + cn$$

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recursive calls      ↑  
add, shift

$$T(n) = O(n^{\lg 3}) = O(n^{1.59})$$