

CS 4102: Algorithms

Lecture 5: Master Theorem

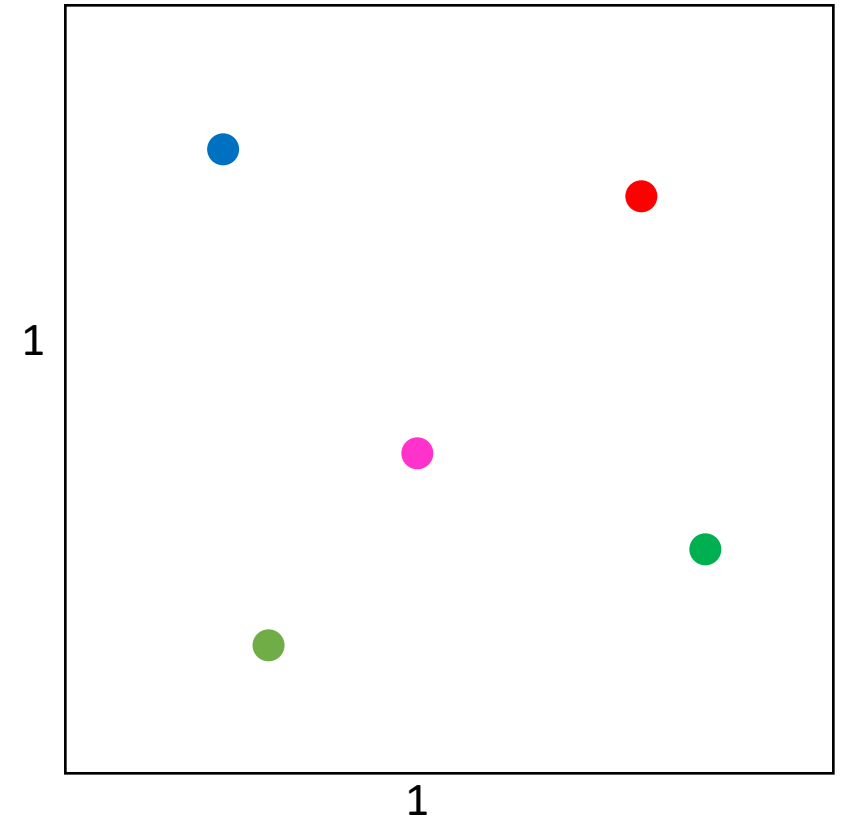
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Warm Up

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Given any 5 points on the unit square, show there's always a pair distance $\leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ apart

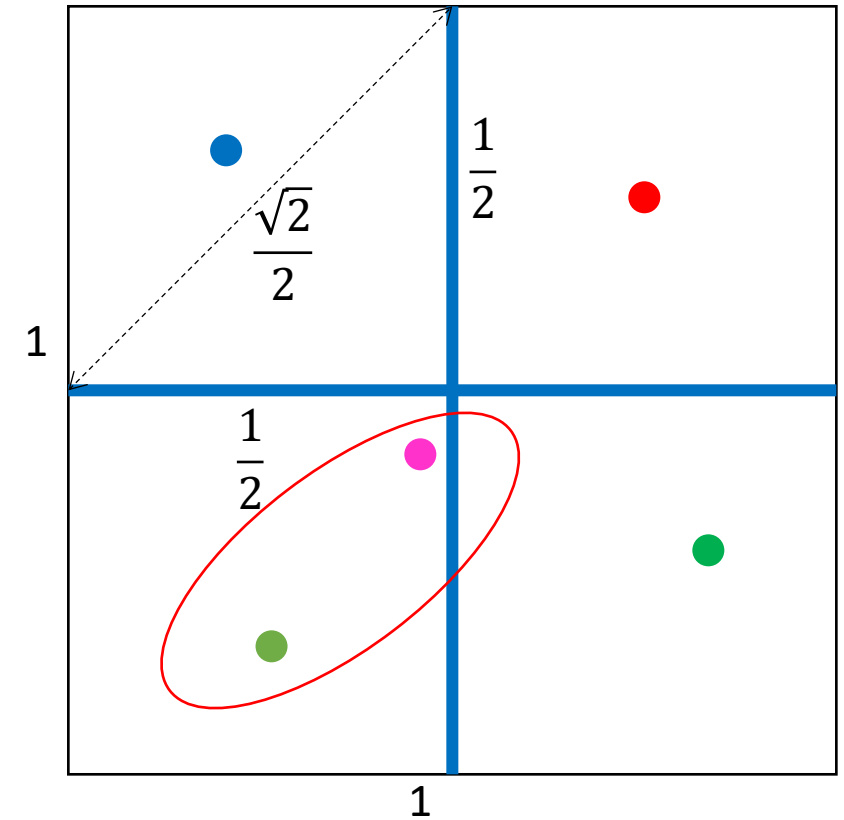


Warm Up

If points p_1, p_2 in same quadrant, then $d(p_1, p_2) \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

Given 5 points, two must share the same quadrant

Pigeonhole Principle!



Today's Keywords

Solving recurrences

Cookbook Method

Master Theorem

Substitution Method

CLRS Readings: Chapter 4

Homework

HW1 due ~~Thursday, September 12~~ **Saturday, September 14, 11pm**

- Start early!
- Written (use Latex!) – Submit both **zip** and **pdf**!
- Asymptotic notation
- Recurrences
- Divide and Conquer

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

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

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

Guess and Check Blueprint

Show: $T(n) = O(g(n))$

Consider: $g_*(n) = c \cdot g(n)$ for some constant c

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 $T(1) \leq g_*(1)$ (sometimes, may need to consider additional base cases)
- **Hypothesis:**
 - $\forall n \leq x_0, T(n) \leq g_*(n)$
- **Inductive step:**
 - Show that $T(x_0 + 1) \leq g_*(x_0 + 1)$

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

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Substitution

Observation

Divide: $D(n)$ time

Conquer: Recurse on smaller problems of size s_1, \dots, s_k

Combine: $C(n)$ time

Recurrence:

- $T(n) = D(n) + \sum_{i \in [k]} T(s_i) + C(n)$

Many divide and conquer algorithms have recurrences are of form:

- $T(n) = a \cdot T(n/b) + f(n)$

a and b are constants

Mergesort: $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$

Divide and Conquer Multiplication: $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + 5n$

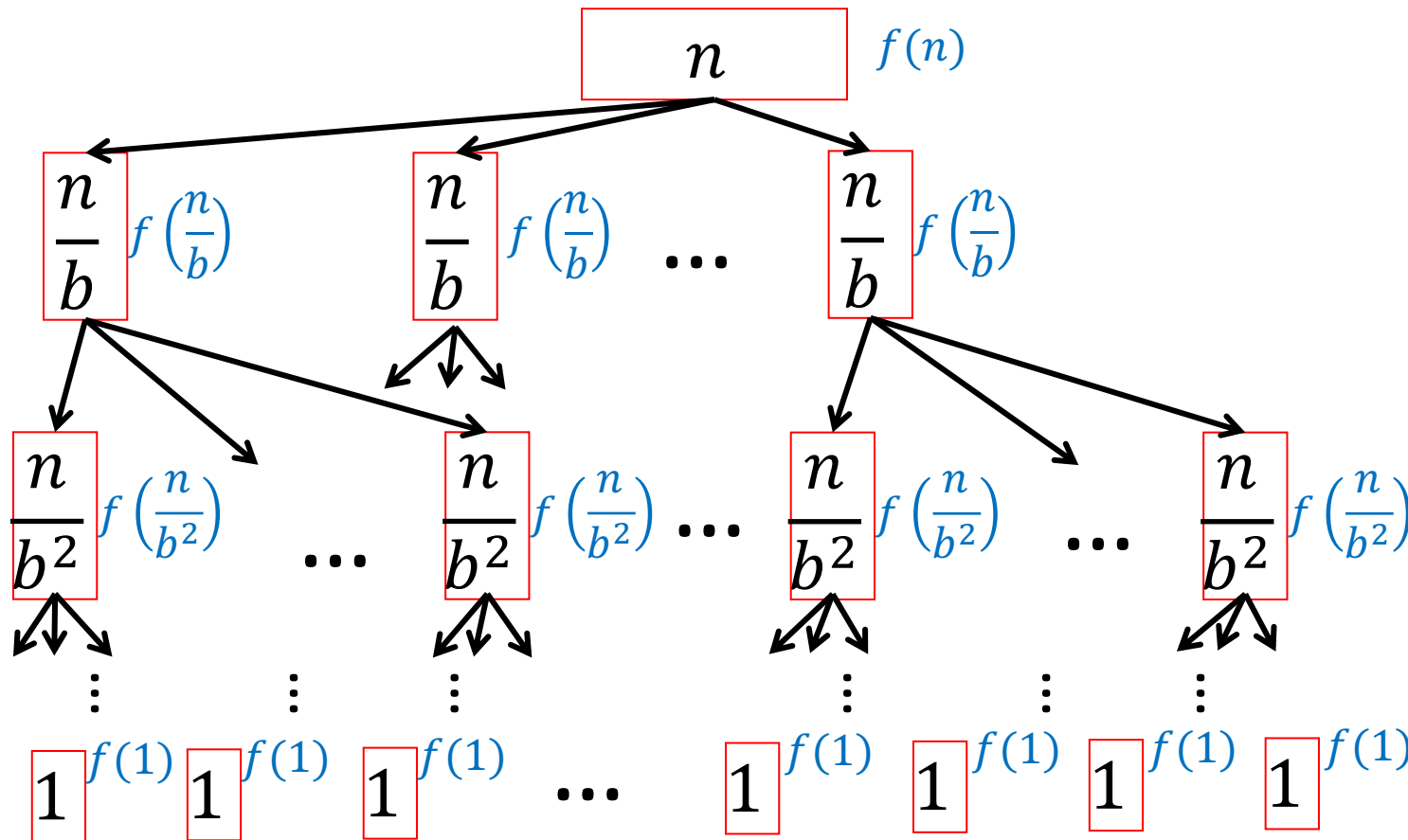
Karatsuba Multiplication: $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + 8n$

General Recurrence

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

Number of subproblems

Cost of subproblem



1

$f(n)$

a

$f(n/b)$

a^2

$f(n/b^2)$

a^k

$f(n/b^k)$

General Recurrence

3. Use **asymptotic** notation to simplify

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

How many levels?

Problem size at k^{th} level: $\frac{n}{b^k}$

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At level k , it should be the case that $\frac{n}{b^k} = 1$

$$n = b^k \Rightarrow k = \log_b n$$

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General Recurrence

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$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$k = \log_b n$$

What is the cost?

Cost at level i : $a^i \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{b^i}\right)$

Total cost: $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} a^i \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{b^i}\right)$

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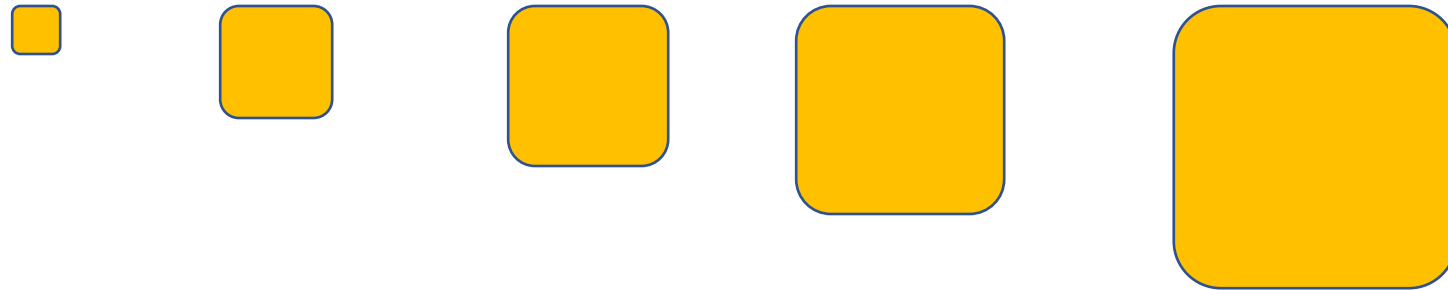
$f(n/b^k)$

Three Cases

$$T(n) = f(n) + af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + a^2f\left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right) + a^3f\left(\frac{n}{b^3}\right) + \dots + a^kf\left(\frac{n}{b^k}\right)$$

$$k = \log_b n$$

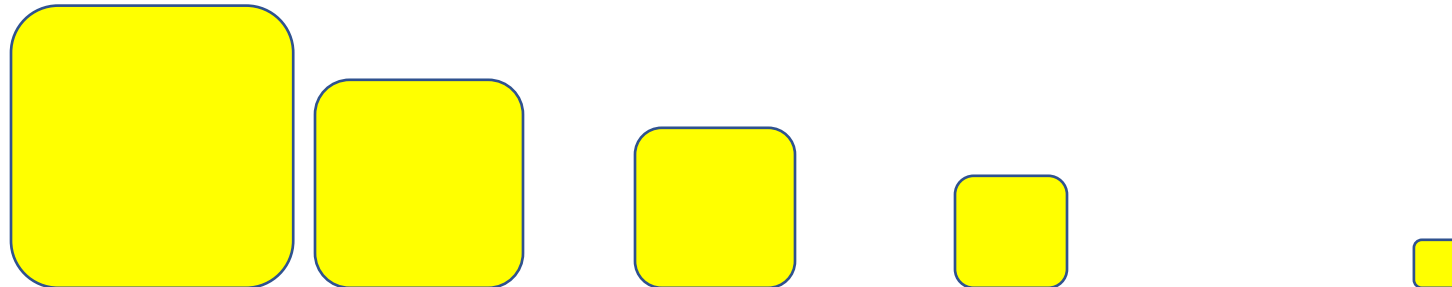
Case 1:
Most work happens
at the leaves



Case 2:
Work happens
consistently throughout



Case 3:
Most work happens
at top of tree



Master Theorem

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$\delta = \log_b a$$

	Requirement on f	Implication
Case 1	$f(n) \in O(n^{\delta-\varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$	$T(n) \in \Theta(n^\delta)$

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Proof of Case 1

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$$\delta = \log_b a$$

We will show weaker version of Case 1:

if $f(n) \in O(n^{\delta-\varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, then $T(n) \in O(n^\delta) = O(n^{\log_b a})$

There exists constants c, n_0
such that for all $n > n_0$,
 $f(n) \leq cn^{\delta-\varepsilon}$

Similar argument applies to
show that $T(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a})$

We will consider $n \geq n_0$

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if $f(n) \in O(n^{\delta-\varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$, then $T(n) \in O(n^\delta) = O(n^{\log_b a})$

$$T(n) = f(n) + af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + a^2f\left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right) + a^3f\left(\frac{n}{b^3}\right) + \dots + a^kf\left(\frac{n}{b^k}\right)$$

$$\leq c \left(n^{\delta-\varepsilon} + a \left(\frac{n}{b}\right)^{\delta-\varepsilon} + a^2 \left(\frac{n}{b^2}\right)^{\delta-\varepsilon} + \dots + a^k \left(\frac{n}{b^k}\right)^{\delta-\varepsilon} \right) \quad n > n_0 \Rightarrow f(n) \leq cn^{\delta-\varepsilon}$$

$$= cn^{\delta-\varepsilon} \left(1 + a \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^{\delta-\varepsilon} + a^2 \left(\frac{1}{b^2}\right)^{\delta-\varepsilon} + \dots + a^k \left(\frac{1}{b^k}\right)^{\delta-\varepsilon} \right)$$

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$$= cn^{\delta-\varepsilon} \left(1 + \left(\frac{ab^\varepsilon}{b^\delta} \right) + \left(\frac{ab^\varepsilon}{b^\delta} \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{ab^\varepsilon}{b^\delta} \right)^k \right)$$

$$= cn^{\delta-\varepsilon} \left(1 + \left(\frac{ab^\varepsilon}{a} \right) + \left(\frac{ab^\varepsilon}{a} \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{ab^\varepsilon}{a} \right)^k \right)$$

$$b^\delta = b^{\log_b a} = a$$

Proof of Case 1

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$$\delta = \log_b a$$

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$$= cn^{\delta-\varepsilon} (1 + b^\varepsilon + b^{2\varepsilon} + \dots + b^{k\varepsilon})$$

$$= cn^{\delta-\varepsilon} \left(\sum_{i=0}^k (b^\varepsilon)^i \right)$$

$$= cn^{\delta-\varepsilon} \frac{(b^\varepsilon)^{k+1} - 1}{b^\varepsilon - 1}$$

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

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$$k = \log_b n \Rightarrow b^k = n$$

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$$k = \log_b n \Rightarrow b^k = n$$

b, c, ε are all constants

Master Theorem Example 1

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

[Merge Sort]

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$\delta = \log_b a$$

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Step 1: Compute $\delta = \log_b a = \log_2 2 = 1$

Step 2: Compare n^δ and $f(n)$

$$f(n) = n \in \Theta(n^\delta)$$

Step 3: Check table

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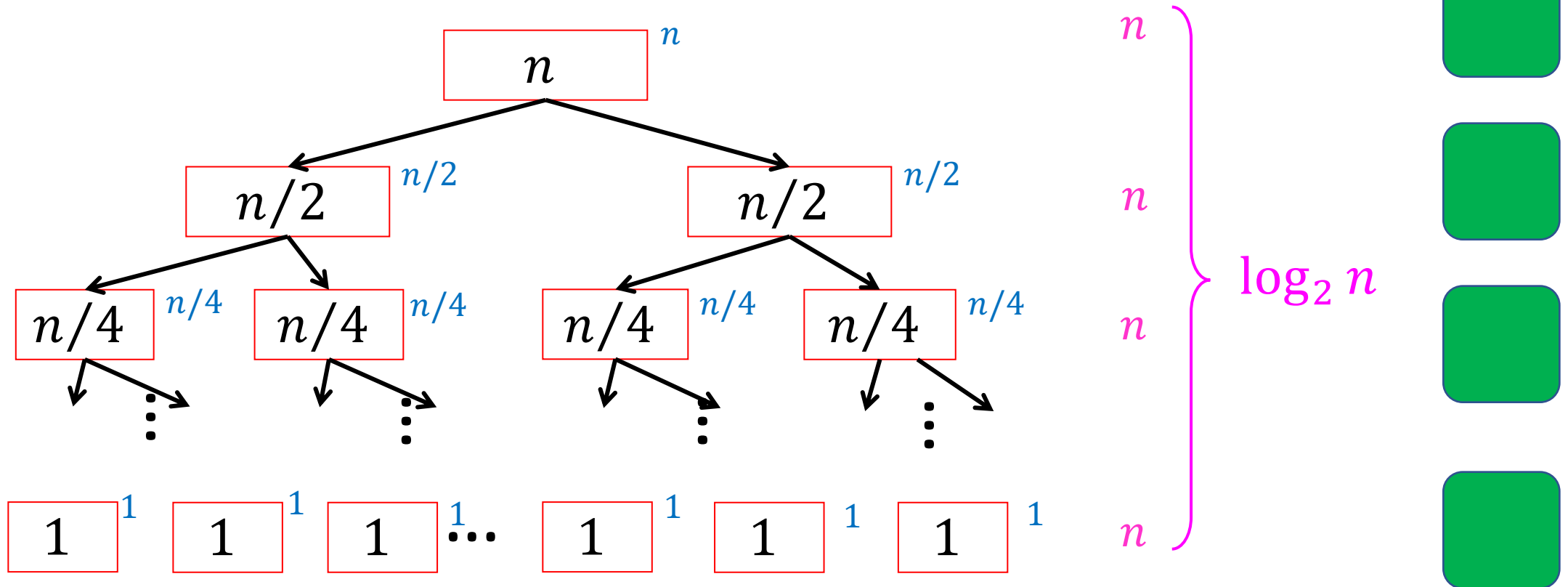
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Master Theorem Example 1 (Visually)

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



Cost is consistent across levels \Rightarrow
Cost increases by log factor (\approx number of levels)

Master Theorem Example 2

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + 5n$$

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

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Master Theorem Example 2

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Step 1: Compute $\delta = \log_b a = \log_2 4 = 2$

Step 2: Compare n^δ and $f(n)$

$$f(n) = 5n \in O(n^{2-1}) = O(n^{\delta-1})$$

Step 3: Check table

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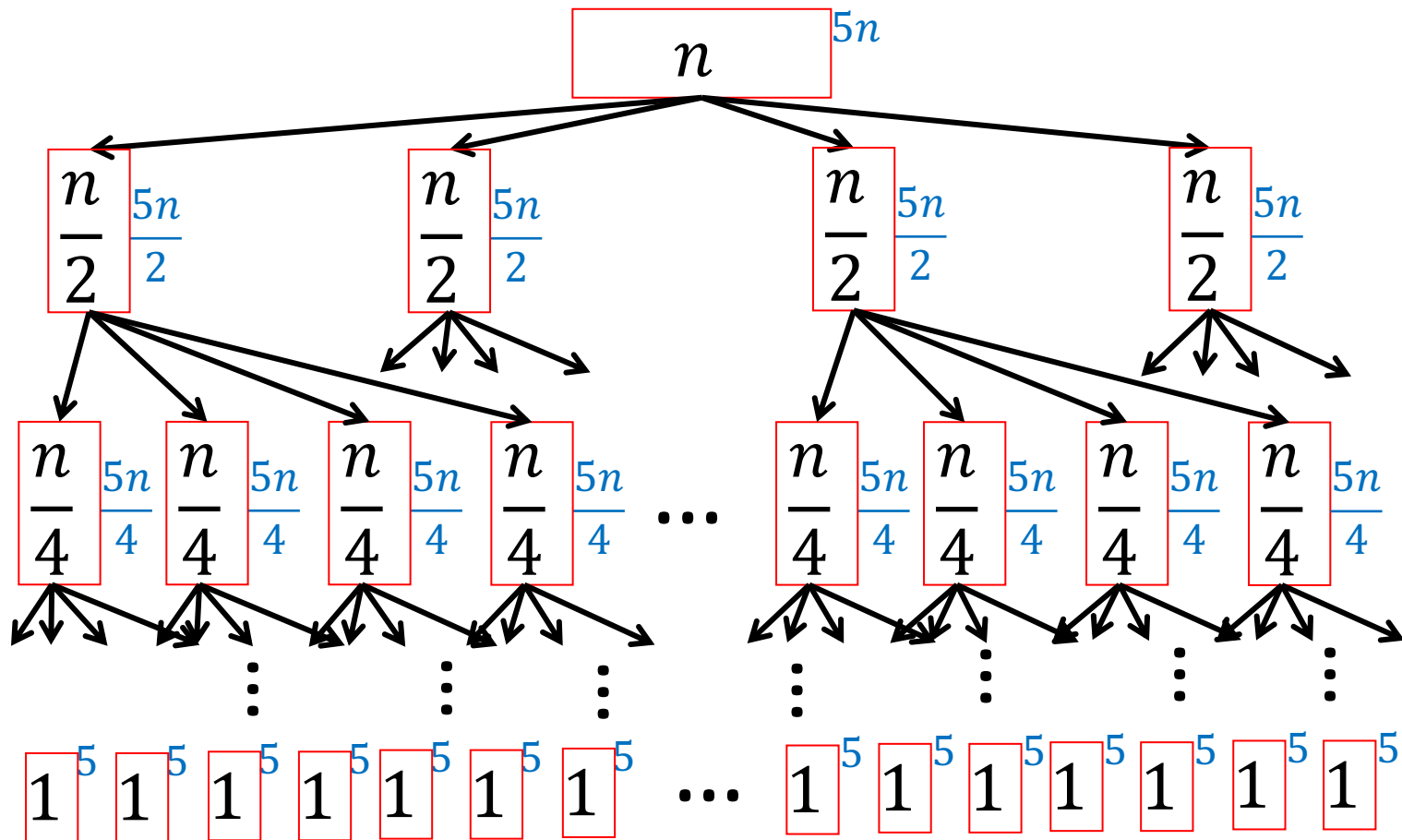
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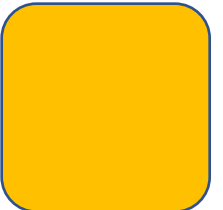
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Master Theorem Example 2 (Visually)

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$$\begin{aligned} &5n \\ &\frac{4}{2} \cdot 5n \\ &\frac{16}{4} \cdot 5n \\ &\vdots \\ &2^{\log_2 n} \cdot 5n \end{aligned}$$

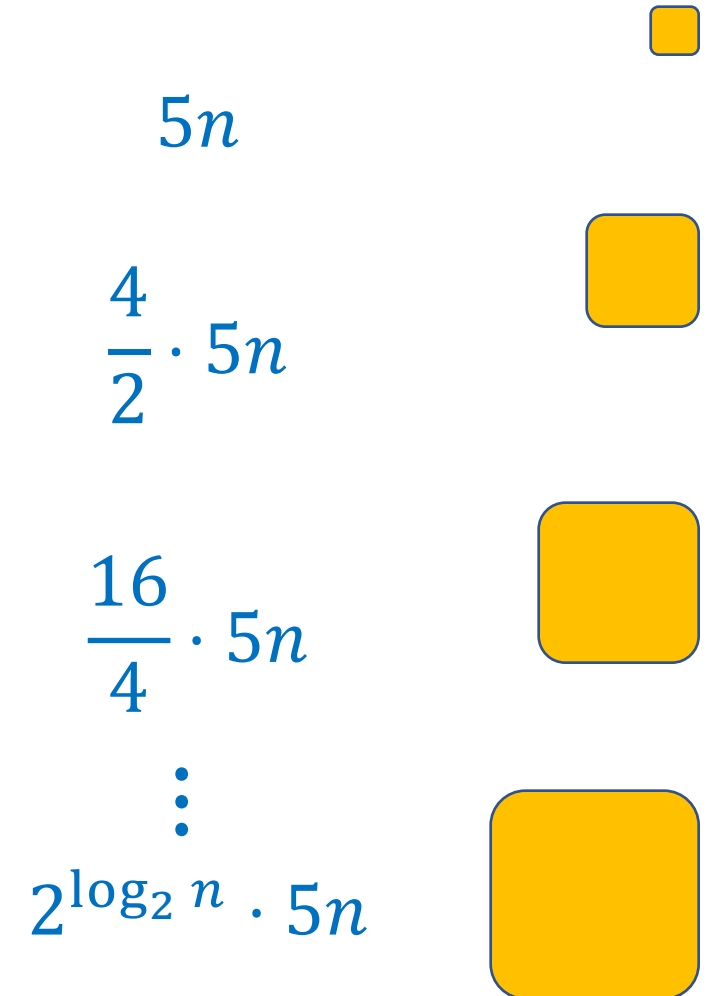


Master Theorem Example 2 (Visually)

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + 5n$$

Cost is increasing with the recursion depth
(due to large number of subproblems)

Most of the work happening in the leaves



Master Theorem Example 3

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + 8n$$

[Karatsuba]

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$\delta = \log_b a$$

Master Theorem Example 3

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + 8n \quad \text{[Karatsuba]}$$

Step 1: Compute $\delta = \log_b a = \log_2 3$

Step 2: Compare n^δ and $f(n)$

$f(n) = 8n \in O(n^{\log_2 3 - \varepsilon})$ for constant $\varepsilon > \log_2 3 - 1 > 0$

Step 3: Check table

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n) \quad \delta = \log_b a$$

Master Theorem Example 3

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Master Theorem Example 4

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Master Theorem Example 4

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$$f(n) = 15n^3 \in \Omega(n^{3-2}) = \Omega(n^{\delta-2})$$

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Master Theorem Example 4

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Important: For Case 3, need to additionally check that $2f(n/2) \leq cf(n)$ for constant $c \geq 1$ and sufficiently large n

$$2f(n/2) = 30(n/2)^3 = \frac{30}{8}n^3 \leq \frac{1}{4}(15n^3)$$

Master Theorem Example 4

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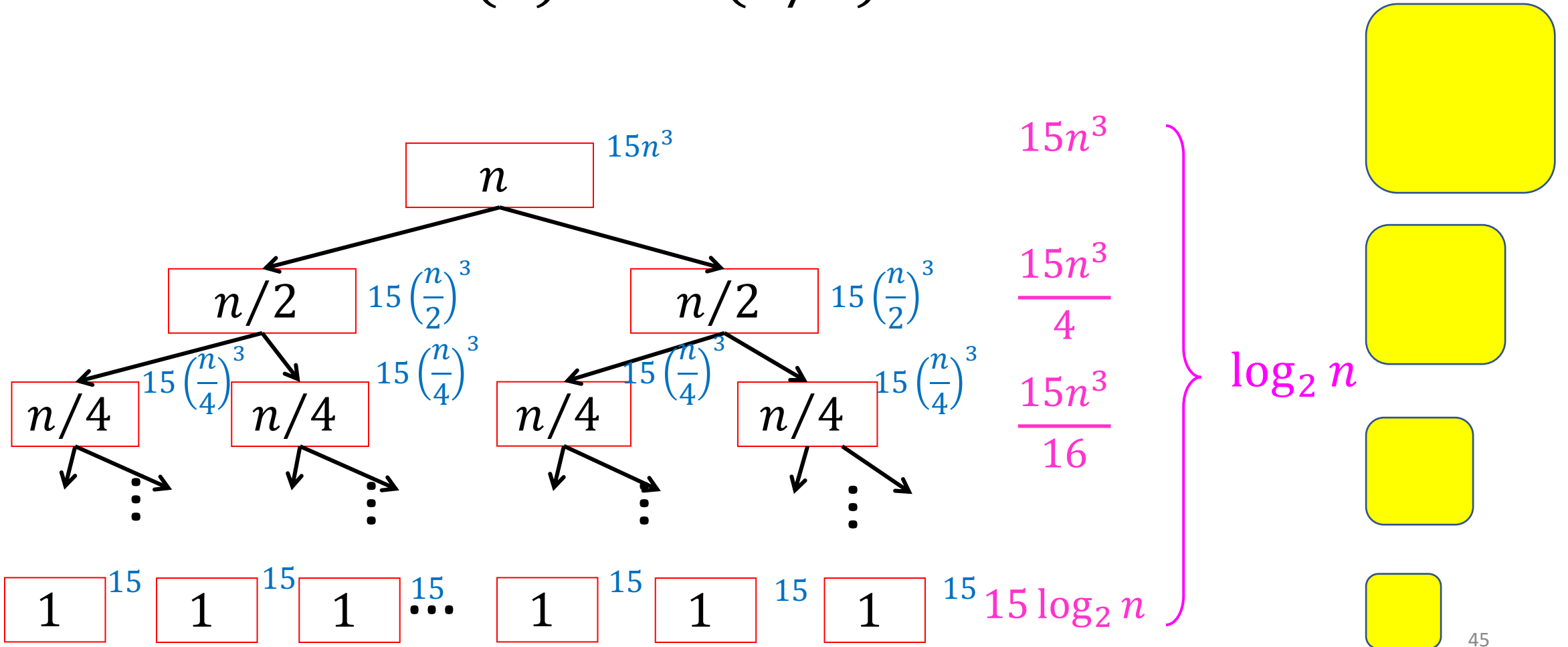
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Master Theorem Example 3 (Visually)

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Master Theorem Example 3 (Visually)

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Cost is decreasing with the recursion depth
(due to high *non-recursive* cost)

Most of the work happening at the top

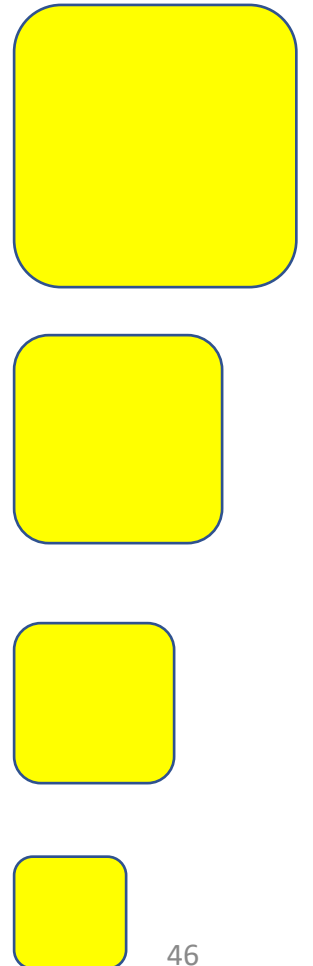
$$15n^3$$

$$\frac{15n^3}{4}$$

$$\frac{15n^3}{16}$$

$$15 \log_2 n$$

$\log_2 n$



Recurrence Solving Techniques



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Substitution

Substitution Method

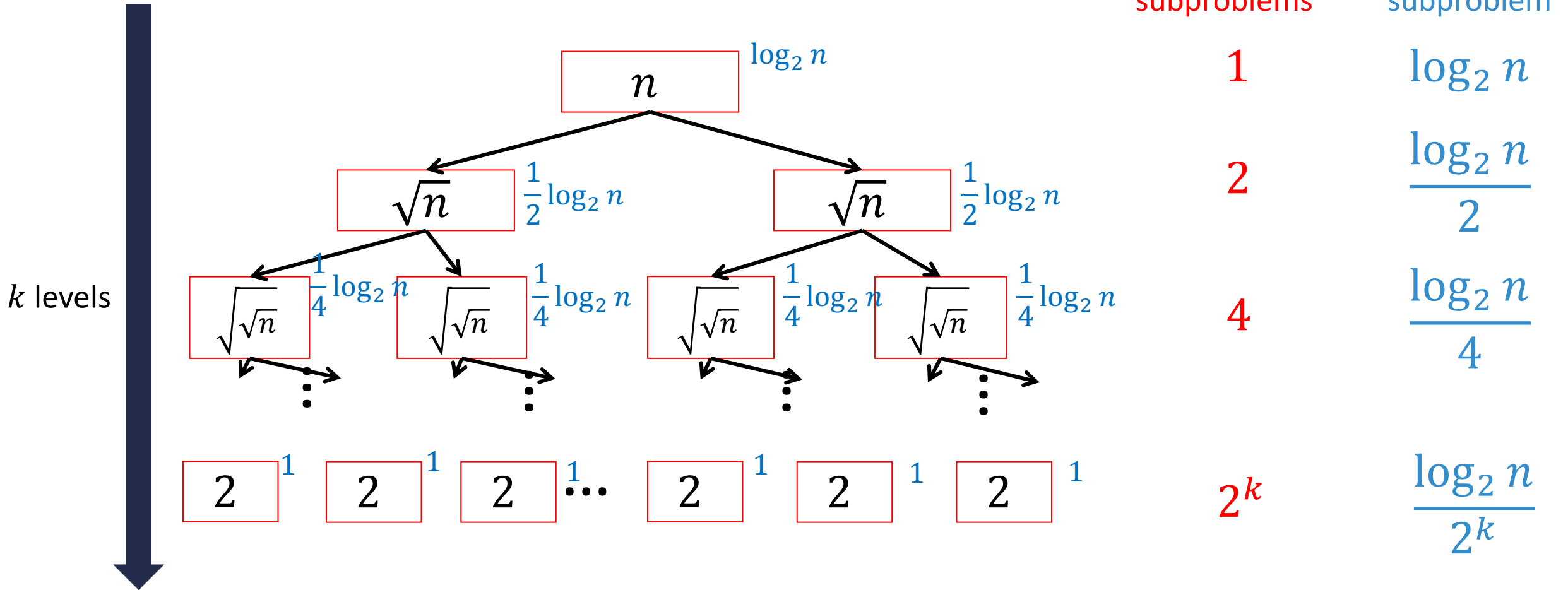
Idea: Take a “difficult” recurrence and re-express it such that one of our other methods applies

Example:

$$T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + \log_2 n$$

Tree Method

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Tree Method

$$T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + \log_2 n$$

How many levels?

Problem size at k^{th} level: $n^{1/2^k}$

Base case: $n = 2$

At level k , it should be the case that $n^{1/2^k} = 2$

$$n^{1/2^k} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^k} \log_2 n = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^k = \log_2 n \Rightarrow k = \log_2 \log_2 n$$

Each iteration, problem size goes from n to $n^{1/2}$

Number of subproblems

Cost of subproblem

1

$\log_2 n$

2

$\frac{\log_2 n}{2}$

4

$\frac{\log_2 n}{4}$

2^k

$\frac{\log_2 n}{2^k}$

Tree Method

$$T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + \log_2 n$$

$$k = \log_2 \log_2 n$$

What is the cost?

$$\text{Cost at level } i: 2^i \cdot \frac{\log_2 n}{2^i} = \log_2 n$$

$$\text{Total cost: } T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2 \log_2 n} \log_2 n = \log_2 n \log_2 \log_2 n$$

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Cost of subproblem

1

$$\log_2 n$$

2

$$\frac{\log_2 n}{2}$$

4

$$\frac{\log_2 n}{4}$$

2^k

$$\frac{\log_2 n}{2^k}$$

Substitution Method

Idea: Take a “difficult” recurrence and re-express it such that one of our other methods applies

Example:

$$T(n) = 2T(\sqrt{n}) + \log_2 n$$

Consider the following substitution: let $n = 2^m$ (i.e., $m = \log_2 n$)

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

Rewrite recurrence in terms of m

$$S(m) = 2S\left(\frac{m}{2}\right) + m$$

Consider substitution $S(m) = T(2^m)$

$$\Rightarrow S(m) = \Theta(m \log m)$$

Case 2 of Master Theorem

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(\log n \log \log n)$$

Substitute back for T and n

Recurrence Solving Techniques



Tree



Guess/Check



“Cookbook”



Substitution