



# Lecture 8: Tree Method

CSE 373: Data Structures and Algorithms

# Administrivia

## Project 1 Part 1 due tonight

- Fill out the late day form on the project page if you need to use late days.

## Project 1 Part 2 out tonight

- Fix bugs from part 1 to get half of your missed points back.
- Run experiments on your code (connect the programming project to things learned in lecture).

## Exercise 1 due Friday

# Don't Panic

We couldn't apply Master Theorem to this recurrence:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n-1) + 1 & \text{if } n > 1 \\ 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The books don't have a nice theorem;

They do have methods for figuring out the big-O.

# Unrolling

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n-1) + 1 & \text{if } n > 1 \\ 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Idea: keep plugging the definition of  $T()$  into itself.  
Until you find the pattern and can hit the base case.

# Unrolling

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n-1) + 1 & \text{if } n > 1 \\ 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$$

$$[T(n-1-1) + 1] + 1 = T(n-2) + 1 + 1$$

$$[T(n-2-1) + 1] + 1 + 1 = T(n-3) + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$[T(n-3-1) + 1] + 1 + 1 + 1 = T(n-4) + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$T(n-i) + i$  for any  $i$ .

The thing we don't understand is  $T()$ . We can get rid of it by hitting the base case.

Set  $i$  so that  $n-i = 1$ .  $\rightarrow i = n-1$

$$T(n - (n-1)) + (n-1)$$

$$T(1) + (n-1) = 3 + (n-1) = n+2$$

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

# We did it!

For BSTs:

If we're in the case where everything is balanced, we have a much better dictionary.

But if we have that degenerate BST, we're no better off than with an array or linked list.

For analyzing code:

We didn't just get the big- $\Theta$ , we actually got an exact expression too!

Let's try another one!

# More Practice

```
public int dumbFindMax(int[] arr, int hi) {
    if(hi == 0)
        return arr[0];

    int maxInd = 0;
    for(int i=0; i<hi; i++){
        if(arr[i] > arr[maxInd])
            maxInd=i;
    }
    return Math.max(arr[maxInd], dumbFindMax(arr, hi-1));
}
```

Write a recurrence to describe the running time of this function, then find the big- $\Theta$  for the running time.

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n-1) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

You probably had some lower-order terms when you wrote this recurrence.

When we're solving recurrences we usually ignore lower-order terms in non-recursive work.

They make the algebra a lot more complicated, and don't affect the big-O.

We'll tell you to ignore lower-order terms when we want you to.





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$$T(n-1) + n$$

$$T(n-1-1) + (n-1) + n = T(n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$T(n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$T(n-4) + (n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n$$

$$T(n-i) + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} n-j$$

Plug in  $i$  so  $n-i$  is 1

$$T(n-(n-1)) + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1-1} n-j =$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(n-1) + n & \text{if } n \geq 2 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} n - j &= 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} n - \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} j \\ &= 1 + n(n-1) - \sum_{j=0}^{n-2} j \\ &= 1 + n(n-1) - \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2} \\ &= n^2 - n - \frac{n^2}{2} + \frac{3n}{2} - 1 \\ &\in \Theta(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 3T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^2 & \text{if } n > 1 \\ 4 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We can unroll to get the answer here, but it's really easy to make a small algebra mistake.

If that happens we might not be able to find the pattern

- Or worse find the wrong pattern.

There's a way to organize our algebra so it's easier to find the pattern.

# Tree Method

Idea: We'll do the same algebra, but let's give ourselves a visual to make the organization easier.

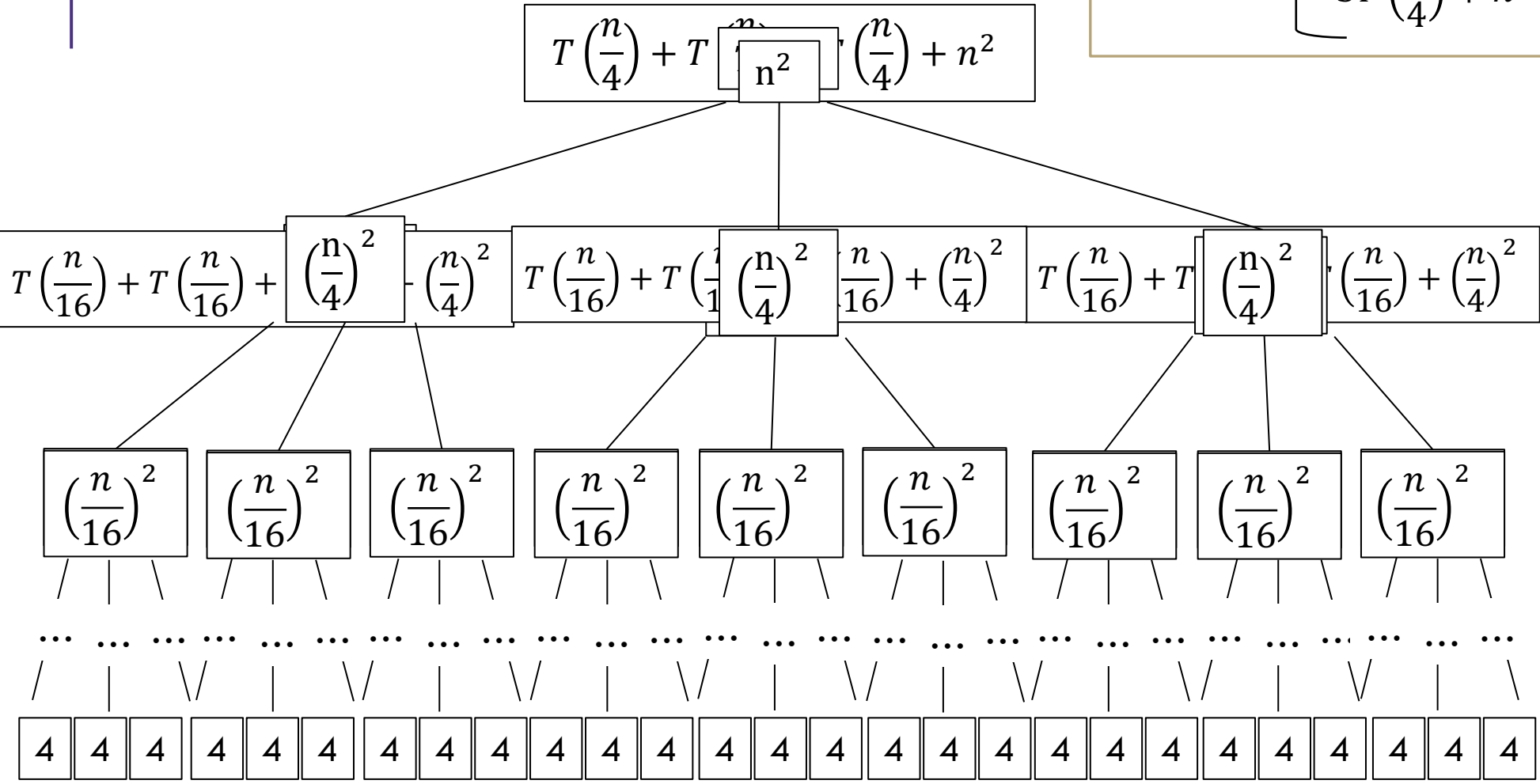
We'll make a **tree**.

Each node of the tree represents one recursive call

- The children of that node are the new recursive calls made

# Tree Method Practice

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{when } n \leq 1 \\ 3T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- Answer the following questions:
1. What is the size of the input on level  $i$ ?
  2. What is the work done by each node on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?
  3. What is the number of nodes at level  $i$ ?
  4. What is the total work done at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?
  5. What value of  $i$  does the last level occur?
  6. What is the total work across the base case level?

# Tree Method Practice

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{when } n \leq 1 \\ 3T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + n^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. What is the size of the input on level  $i$ ?  $\frac{n}{4^i}$
2. What is the work done by each node on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?  $\left(\frac{n}{4^i}\right)^2$
3. What is the number of nodes at level  $i$ ?  $3^i$
4. What is the total work done at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?  

$$3^i \left[\left(\frac{n}{4^i}\right)^2\right] = \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i n^2$$
5. What value of  $i$  does the last level occur?  

$$\frac{n}{4^i} = 1 \rightarrow n = 4^i \rightarrow i = \log_4 n$$
6. What is the total work across the base case level?  

$$3^{\log_4 n} \cdot 4$$

power of a log  
 $x^{\log_b y} = y^{\log_b x}$

$$4 \cdot n^{\log_4 3}$$

Level (i)	Number of Nodes	Work per Node	Work per Level
0	1	$n^2$	$n^2$
1	3	$\left(\frac{n}{4}\right)^2$	$\frac{3}{4^2} n^2$
2	9	$\left(\frac{n}{4^2}\right)^2$	$\frac{3^2}{4^4} n^2$
base	$3^{\log_4 n}$	4	$4 * 3^{\log_4 n}$

Combining it all together...

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n - 1} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i n^2 + 4n^{\log_4 3}$$

# Tree Method Practice

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n - 1} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i n^2 + 4n^{\log_4 3}$$

factoring out a constant

$$\sum_{i=a}^b cf(i) = c \sum_{i=a}^b f(i)$$

$$T(n) = n^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\log_4 n - 1} \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^i + 4n^{\log_4 3}$$

Identities are on the [webpage](#).  
You don't need to memorize them.

finite geometric series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i = \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}$$

Closed form:

$$T(n) = n^2 \left( \frac{\left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\log_4 n} - 1}{\frac{3}{16} - 1} \right) + 4n^{\log_4 3}$$

So what's the big- $\Theta$ ...

$$T(n) = n^2 \left(-\frac{16}{13}\right) \left(\frac{3}{16}\right)^{\log_4 n} + \left(\frac{16}{13}\right) n^2 + 4n^{\log_4 3}$$

$$T(n) = n^2 \left(-\frac{16}{13}\right) (n)^{\log_4 \frac{3}{16}} + \left(\frac{16}{13}\right) n^2 + 4n^{\log_4 3}$$

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$$



# More Tree Method

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 6T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2n & \text{if } n > 8 \\ 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Tree Method Practice

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4. What is the total work done at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?
5. What value of  $i$  does the last level occur?
6. What is the total work across the base case level?

# Tree Method Practice

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 6T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 2n & \text{if } n > 2 \\ 3 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. What is the size of the input on level  $i$ ?  $\frac{n}{2^i}$
2. What is the work done by each node on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?  $2 \frac{n}{2^i}$
3. What is the number of nodes at level  $i$ ?  $6^i$
4. What is the total work done at the  $i^{\text{th}}$  recursive level?  

$$6^i \left[ 2 \frac{n}{2^i} \right] = 2 \cdot 3^i \cdot n$$
5. What value of  $i$  does the last level occur?  

$$\frac{n}{2^i} = 2 \rightarrow n = 2^{i+1} \rightarrow i = \log_2(n) - 1$$
6. What is the total work across the base case level?

$$6^{\log_2(n) - 1} \cdot 3$$

power of a log

$$x^{\log_b y} = y^{\log_b x}$$

$$\frac{3 \cdot 6^{\log_2 n}}{6} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n^{\log_2 6} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot n^{\log_2 6}$$

Level (i)	Number of Nodes	Work per Node	Work per Level
0	1	$2n$	$2n$
1	2	$\frac{2n}{8}$	$\frac{n}{2}$
2	4	$2\left(\frac{n}{8^2}\right)$	$\frac{n}{8}$
base	$2^{\log_8 n - 1}$	3	$\frac{3}{2}n^{1/3}$

Combining it all together...

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n) - 2} 2 \cdot 3^i n + \frac{1}{2} n^{\log_2 6}$$

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n)-2} 2 \cdot 3^i n + \frac{1}{2} n^{\log_2 6}$$

$$= 2n \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n)-2} 3^i + \frac{1}{2} n^{\log_2 6}$$

$$= 2n \frac{3^{\log_2(n)-1} - 1}{3 - 1} + \frac{1}{2} n^{\log_2 6}$$

$$= n \cdot \frac{n^{\log_2(3)} - 1}{3 - 1} + \frac{1}{2} n^{\log_2 6}$$

$$= \frac{n^{\log_2(3)+1} - n}{3 - 1} + \frac{1}{2} n^{\log_2 6}$$

$$= \frac{n^{\log_2(6)} - n}{3 - 1} + \frac{1}{2} n^{\log_2 6} = \frac{5}{6} n^{\log_2 6}$$

finite geometric series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x^i = \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}$$

power of a log

$$x^{\log_b y} = y^{\log_b x}$$

$$1 = \log_2 2$$

$$\log_a b + \log_a c = \log_a(bc)$$