CSE 417: Algorithms and Computational Complexity

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Lectures 16-19

Divide and Conquer Algorithms

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The Divide and Conquer Paradigm

- Outline:
  - General Idea
  - Review of Merge Sort
  - Why does it work?
    - Importance of balance
    - Importance of super-linear growth
  - Two interesting applications
    - Polynomial Multiplication
    - Matrix Multiplication
  - Finding & Solving Recurrences

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Algorithm Design Techniques

- Divide & Conquer
  - Reduce problem to one or more sub-problems of the same type
  - Typically, each sub-problem is at most a constant fraction of the size of the original problem
    - e.g. Mergesort, Binary Search, Strassen's Algorithm, Quicksort (kind of)

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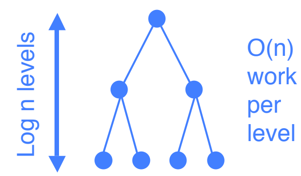
Mergesort (review)

Mergesort: (recursively) sort 2 half-lists, then merge results.

- $T(n)=2T(n/2)+cn, \quad n\geq 2$
- $T(1)=0$
- Solution: $\Theta(n \log n)$ (details later)



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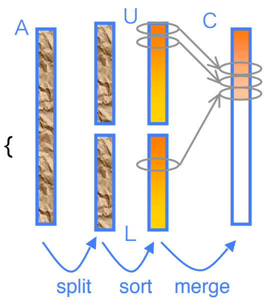
Merge Sort




```
MS(A: array[1..n]) returns array[1..n] {
    If(n=1) return A[1];
    New U:array[1:n/2] = MS(A[1..n/2]);
    New L:array[1:n/2] = MS(A[n/2+1..n]);
    Return(Merge(U,L));
    }
Merge(U,L: array[1..n]) {
    New C: array[1..2n];
    a=1; b=1;
    For i = 1 to 2n
      C[i] = “smaller of U[a], L[b] and correspondingly a++ or b++”;
    Return C;
    }
```


Going From Code to Recurrence

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3. Write Recurrence(s)

Merge Sort

Base Case

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    Return(Merge(L,R));
    }
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    }
```

Recursive calls

Recursive case

Operations being counted

The Recurrence

$$C(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2C(n/2) + (n-1) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Base case

Recursive calls

One compare per element added to merged list, except the last.

Total time: proportional to C(n)
(loops, copying data, parameter passing, etc.)

Why Balanced Subdivision?

- Alternative "divide & conquer" algorithm:
  - Sort n-1
  - Sort last 1
  - Merge them
- $T(n)=T(n-1)+T(1)+3n$ for $n \geq 2$
- $T(1)=0$
- Solution: $3n + 3(n-1) + 3(n-2) \ldots = \Theta(n^2)$

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Another D&C Approach

- Suppose we've already invented DumbSort, taking time n^2
- Try *Just One Level* of divide & conquer:
  - DumbSort(first n/2 elements)
  - DumbSort(last n/2 elements)
  - Merge results
- Time: $2 (n/2)^2 + n = n^2/2 + n \ll n^2$ — D&C in a nutshell
  - Almost twice as fast!

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Another D&C Approach, cont.

- Moral 1: “two halves are better than a whole”
  Two problems of half size are *better* than one full-size problem, even given the O(n) overhead of recombining, since the base algorithm has *super-linear* complexity.
- Moral 2: “If a little's good, then more's better”
  two levels of D&C would be almost 4 times faster, 3 levels almost 8, etc., even though overhead is growing. Best is usually full recursion down to some small constant size (balancing "work" vs "overhead").

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Another D&C Approach, cont.

- Moral 3: unbalanced division less good:
  - $(.1n)^2 + (.9n)^2 + n = .82n^2 + n$
    - The 18% savings compounds significantly if you carry recursion to more levels, actually giving O(nlogn), but with a bigger constant. So worth doing if you can’t get 50-50 split, but balanced is better if you can.
    - This is intuitively why Quicksort with random splitter is good – badly unbalanced splits are rare, and not instantly fatal.
  - $(1)^2 + (n-1)^2 + n = n^2 - 2n + 2 + n$
    - Little improvement here.

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5.4 Closest Pair of Points

Closest Pair of Points

Closest pair. Given n points in the plane, find a pair with smallest Euclidean distance between them.

Fundamental geometric primitive.

- Graphics, computer vision, geographic information systems, molecular modeling, air traffic control.
- Special case of nearest neighbor, Euclidean MST, Voronoi.

↑ fast closest pair inspired fast algorithms for these problems

Brute force. Check all pairs of points p and q with $\Theta(n^2)$ comparisons.

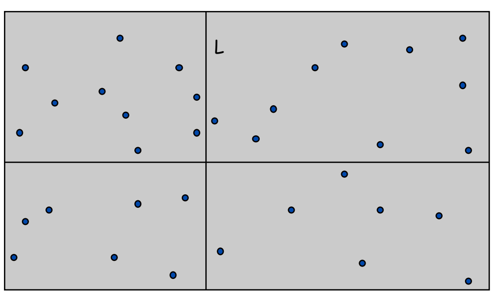
1-D version. O(n log n) easy if points are on a line.

Assumption. No two points have same x coordinate.

↑ to make presentation cleaner

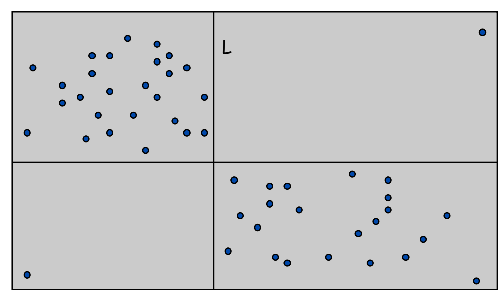
Closest Pair of Points: First Attempt

Divide. Sub-divide region into 4 quadrants.



Closest Pair of Points: First Attempt

Divide. Sub-divide region into 4 quadrants.
Obstacle. Impossible to ensure n/4 points in each piece.



Closest Pair of Points

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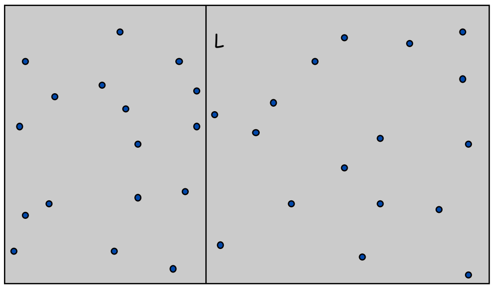
- Divide: draw vertical line L so that roughly $\frac{1}{2}n$ points on each side.



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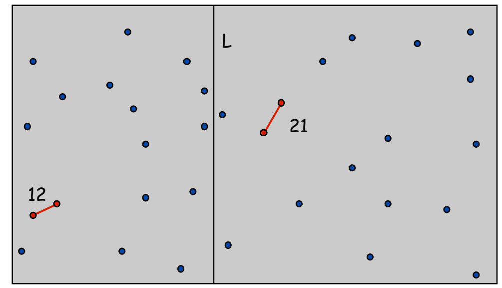

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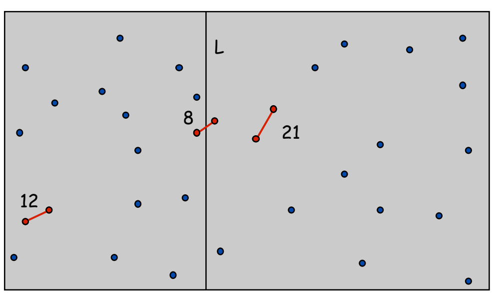
Closest Pair of Points

Algorithm.
- Divide: draw vertical line L so that roughly $\frac{1}{2}n$ points on each side.
- Conquer: find closest pair in each side recursively.
- Combine: find closest pair with one point in each side. ← seems like $\Theta(n^2)$
- Return best of 3 solutions.



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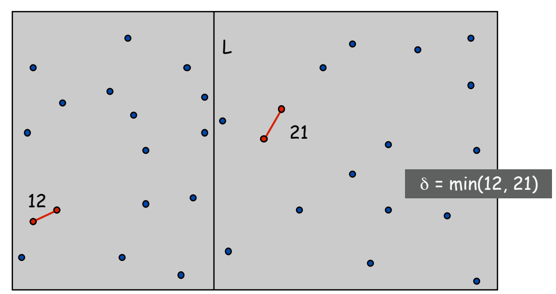
Find closest pair with one point in each side, assuming that distance < δ.



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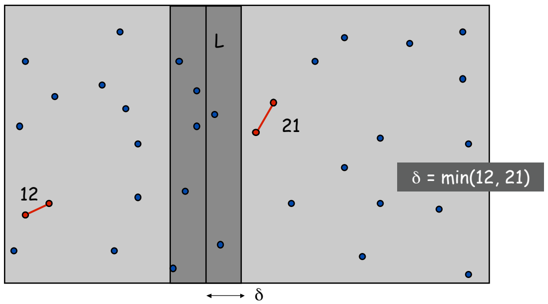

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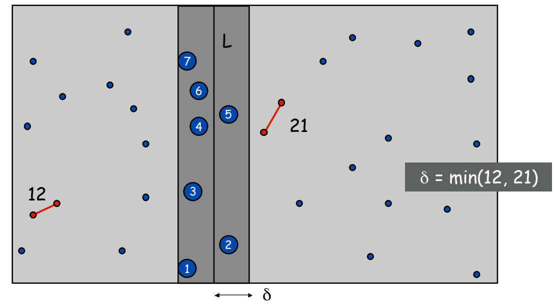

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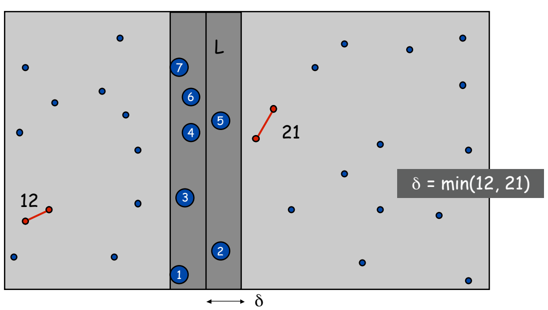
- Only check distances of those within 11 positions in sorted list!



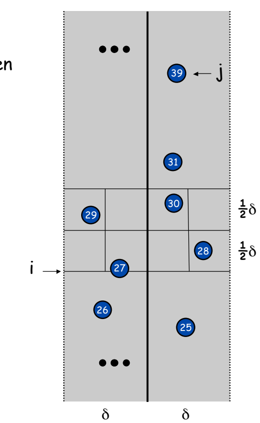
Closest Pair of Points

Def. Let s_i be the point in the 2δ-strip, with the i^{th} smallest y-coordinate.

Claim. If $|i - j| \geq 8$, then the distance between s_i and s_j is at least δ.

Pf.

- No two points lie in same $\frac{1}{2}\delta$-by-$\frac{1}{2}\delta$ box.
- only 8 boxes



Closest Pair Algorithm

```
Closest-Pair(p1, …, pn) {
   if(n <= ??) return ??

   Compute separation line L such that half the points
   are on one side and half on the other side.

   δ1 = Closest-Pair(left half)
   δ2 = Closest-Pair(right half)
   δ  = min(δ1, δ2)

   Delete all points further than δ from separation line L

   Sort remaining points p[1]…p[m] by y-coordinate.

   for i = 1..m
      k = 1
      while i+k <= m && p[i+k].y < p[i].y + δ
        δ = min(δ, distance between p[i] and p[i+k]);
        k++;

   return δ.
}
```

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Closest Pair Algorithm

Base Case

Basic operations: distance calcs

Recursive calls (2)

```
Closest-Pair(p1, …, pn) {
   if(n <= 1) return ∞

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   return δ.
}
```

Basic operations at this recursive level

0

2T(n / 2)

O(n)

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Closest Pair of Points: Analysis

Running time.

$$T(n) \le \begin{cases} 0 & n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + O(n) & n > 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

BUT - that's only the number of distance calculations

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Closest Pair Algorithm

Base Case

Basic operations: comparisons

Recursive calls (2)

Basic operations at this recursive level

```
Closest-Pair(p1, …, pn) {
   if(n <= 1) return ∞                                          0

   Compute separation line L such that half the points          O(n log n)
   are on one side and half on the other side.

   δ1 = Closest-Pair(left half)                                 2T(n / 2)
   δ2 = Closest-Pair(right half)
   δ  = min(δ1, δ2)                                             1

   Delete all points further than δ from separation line L      O(n)

   Sort remaining points p[1]…p[m]                              O(n log n)

   for i = 1..m
      k = 1
      while i+k <= m && p[i+k].y < p[i].y + δ                   O(n)
         δ = min(δ, distance between p[i] and p[i+k]);
         k++;

   return δ.
}
```

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Closest Pair of Points: Analysis

Running time.

$$T(n) \le \begin{cases} 0 & n = 1 \\ 2T(n/2) + O(n \log n) & n > 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log^2 n)$$

Q. Can we achieve O(n log n)?

A. Yes. Don't sort points from scratch each time.
- Sort by x at top level only.
- Each recursive call returns δ and list of all points sorted by y
- Sort by merging two pre-sorted lists.

$$T(n) \le 2T(n/2) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

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5.5 Integer Multiplication

Integer Arithmetic

Add. Given two n-digit integers a and b, compute a + b.
- O(n) bit operations.

Multiply. Given two n-digit integers a and b, compute a × b.
- Brute force solution: $\Theta(n^2)$ bit operations.

```
  1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1
  1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
+ 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1
1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0
```

Add

```
                 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
               * 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1
               1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
             0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
           1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
         1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
       1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
     1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
   1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0
```

Multiply

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Divide-and-Conquer Multiplication: Warmup

To multiply two n-digit integers:

- Multiply four $\frac{1}{2}$n-digit integers.
- Add two $\frac{1}{2}$n-digit integers, and shift to obtain result.

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

$$T(n) = \underbrace{4T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, shift}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$$

↑ assumes n is a power of 2

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Karatsuba Multiplication

To multiply two n-digit integers:

- Add two $\frac{1}{2}$n digit integers.
- Multiply three $\frac{1}{2}$n-digit integers.
- Add, subtract, and shift $\frac{1}{2}$n-digit integers to obtain result.

$$x = 2^{n/2} \cdot x_1 + x_0$$
$$y = 2^{n/2} \cdot y_1 + y_0$$
$$xy = 2^n \cdot x_1 y_1 + 2^{n/2} \cdot (x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1) + x_0 y_0$$
$$= 2^n \cdot \underset{A}{x_1 y_1} + 2^{n/2} \cdot \left(\underset{B}{(x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0)} - \underset{A}{x_1 y_1} - \underset{C}{x_0 y_0}\right) + \underset{C}{x_0 y_0}$$

Theorem. [Karatsuba-Ofman, 1962] Can multiply two n-digit integers in $O(n^{1.585})$ bit operations.

$$T(n) \le \underbrace{T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + T(1 + \lceil n/2 \rceil)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n)}_{\text{add, subtract, shift}}$$

$$\textit{Sloppy version}: \; T(n) \le 3T(n/2) + O(n)$$
$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$$

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Multiplication – The Bottom Line

- Naïve: $\Theta(n^2)$
- Karatsuba: $\Theta(n^{1.59\ldots})$
- Amusing exercise: generalize Karatsuba to do 5 size n/3 subproblems => $\Theta(n^{1.46\ldots})$
- Best known: Θ(n log n loglog n)
  - "Fast Fourier Transform"
  - but mostly unused in practice (unless you need really big numbers)

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Recurrences

- Where they come from, how to find them (above)
- Next: how to solve them

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Mergesort (review)

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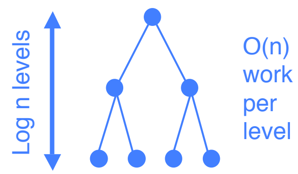
(details ~~later~~) now



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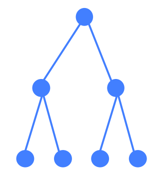
Solve: $T(1) = c$

$T(n) = 2\,T(n/2) + cn$



Level	Num	Size	Work
0	$1=2^0$	n	cn
1	$2=2^1$	n/2	2 c n/2
2	$4=2^2$	n/4	4 c n/4
…	…	…	…
i	2^i	$n/2^i$	2^i c $n/2^i$
…	…	…	…
k-1	2^{k-1}	$n/2^{k-1}$	2^{k-1} c $n/2^{k-1}$
k	2^k	$n/2^k=1$	2^k T(1)

Total work: add last col

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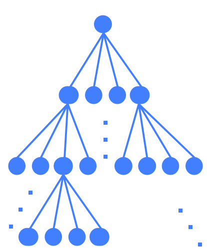
$T(n) = 4\,T(n/2) + cn$



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1	$4=4^1$	n/2	4 c n/2
2	$16=4^2$	n/4	16 c n/4
…	…	…	…
i	4^i	$n/2^i$	4^i c $n/2^i$
…	…	…	…
k-1	4^{k-1}	$n/2^{k-1}$	4^{k-1} c $n/2^{k-1}$
k	4^k	$n/2^k=1$	4^k T(1)

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k} 4^i cn/2^i = O(n^2)$$

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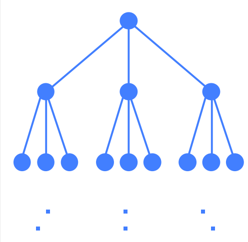
Solve: $T(1) = c$

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



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2	$9=3^2$	n/4	9 c n/4
…	…	…	…
i	3^i	$n/2^i$	3^i c $n/2^i$
…	…	…	…
k-1	3^{k-1}	$n/2^{k-1}$	3^{k-1} c $n/2^{k-1}$
k	3^k	$n/2^k=1$	3^k T(1)

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

Total Work: $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} 3^i cn/2^i$

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Solve: T(1) = c
T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn (cont.)

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{k} 3^i cn/2^i$$
$$= cn \sum_{i=0}^{k} 3^i/2^i$$
$$= cn \sum_{i=0}^{k} \left(\tfrac{3}{2}\right)^i$$
$$= cn \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} - 1}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - 1}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k} x^i = \frac{x^{k+1} - 1}{x - 1} \quad (x \neq 1)$$

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Solve: T(1) = c
T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn (cont.)

$$= 2cn\left(\left(\tfrac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} - 1\right)$$
$$< 2cn\left(\tfrac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1}$$
$$= 3cn\left(\tfrac{3}{2}\right)^{k}$$
$$= 3cn\frac{3^k}{2^k}$$

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Solve: T(1) = c
T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn (cont.)

$$= 3cn\frac{3^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}}$$
$$= 3cn\frac{3^{\log_2 n}}{n}$$
$$= 3c\,3^{\log_2 n}$$
$$= 3c\left(n^{\log_2 3}\right)$$
$$= O\left(n^{1.59\ldots}\right)$$

$$a^{\log_b n} = \left(b^{\log_b a}\right)^{\log_b n} = \left(b^{\log_b n}\right)^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_b a}$$

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Master Divide and Conquer Recurrence

- If $T(n) = aT(n/b)+cn^k$ for $n > b$ then
  - if $a > b^k$ then T(n) is $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ [many subproblems => leaves dominate]
  - if $a < b^k$ then T(n) is $\Theta(n^k)$ [few subproblems => top level dominates]
  - if $a = b^k$ then T(n) is $\Theta(n^k \log n)$ [balanced => all log n levels contribute]
- Works even if it is $\lceil n/b \rceil$ instead of n/b.

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D & C Summary

- "two halves are better than a whole"
  if the base algorithm has super-linear complexity.
- "If a little's good, then more's better"
  repeat above, recursively
- Analysis: recursion tree or Master Recurrence

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