

## CSE 421 Algorithms

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Recurrences

## Announcements

- No office hour, Wednesday, Feb 6
- Midterm, Wednesday, Feb 13
  - Coverage through KT 5.2
  - Old midterms posted
- Homework 5, available

## Divide and Conquer

- Recurrences, Sections 5.1 and 5.2
- Algorithms
  - Fast Matrix Multiplication
  - Counting Inversions (5.3)
  - Closest Pair (5.4)
  - Multiplication (5.5)

## Divide and Conquer

```
Array Mergesort(Array a){  
    n = a.Length;  
    if (n <= 1)  
        return a;  
    b = Mergesort(a[0 .. n/2]);  
    c = Mergesort(a[n/2+1 .. n-1]);  
    return Merge(b, c);  
}
```

## Algorithm Analysis

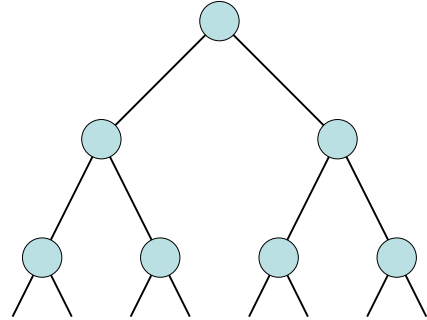
- Cost of Merge
- Cost of Mergesort

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn; T(1) = c;$$

## Recurrence Analysis

- Solution methods
  - Unrolling recurrence
  - Guess and verify
  - Plugging in to a “Master Theorem”

## Unrolling the recurrence



## Substitution

Prove  $T(n) \leq cn (\log_2 n + 1)$  for  $n \geq 1$

Induction:

Base Case:

Induction Hypothesis:

## A better mergesort (?)

- Divide into 3 subarrays and recursively sort
- Apply 3-way merge

What is the recurrence?

Unroll recurrence for  
 $T(n) = 3T(n/3) + dn$

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

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

Where does this recurrence arise?

Solving the recurrence exactly

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

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

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n^{1/2}$$

## Recurrences

- Three basic behaviors
  - Dominated by initial case
  - Dominated by base case
  - All cases equal – we care about the depth