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This algorithm requires

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For this we need to **solve** the recurrence.

# Methods for Solving Recurrences

## 1. Guessing+Induction

Guess the right solution and prove that it is correct via induction. It needs experience to make the right guess.

## 2. Master Theorem

For a lot of recurrences that appear in the analysis of algorithms this theorem can be used to obtain tight asymptotic bounds. It does not provide exact solutions.

## 3. Characteristic Polynomial

Linear homogenous recurrences can be solved via this method.

## 4. Generating Functions

A more general technique that allows to solve certain types of linear inhomogenous relations and also sometimes non-linear recurrence relations.

## 5. Transformation of the Recurrence

Sometimes one can transform the given recurrence relations so that it e.g. becomes linear and can therefore be solved with one of the other techniques.

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One way of solving such a recurrence is to **guess** a solution, and check that it is correct by plugging it in.

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$$\log \frac{9}{16}n = \log n + (\log 9 - 4)$$

$$= dn \log n + (\log 9 - 4)dn + 2d \log n + cn$$

$$\log n \leq \frac{n}{4}$$

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for a suitable choice of  $d$ .

## 6.2 Master Theorem

Note that the cases do not cover all possibilities.

### Lemma 5

Let  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b \geq 1$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  denote constants. Consider the recurrence

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) .$$

#### Case 1.

If  $f(n) = \mathcal{O}(n^{\log_b(a)-\epsilon})$  then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .

#### Case 2.

If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b(a)} \log^k n)$  then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$ ,  
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#### Case 3.

If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b(a)+\epsilon})$  and for sufficiently large  $n$   
 $af\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) \leq cf(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$  then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

## 6.2 Master Theorem

We prove the Master Theorem for the case that  $n$  is of the form  $b^{\ell}$ , and we assume that the non-recursive case occurs for problem size 1 and incurs cost 1.

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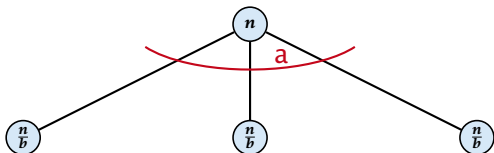
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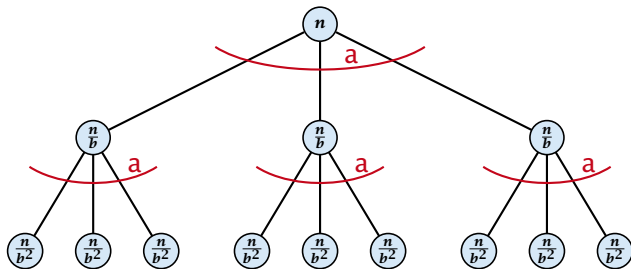
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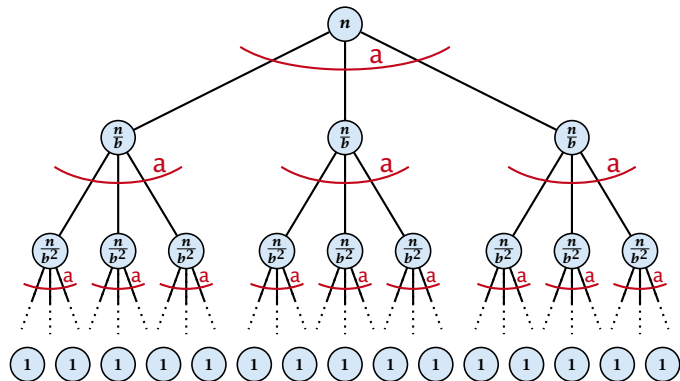
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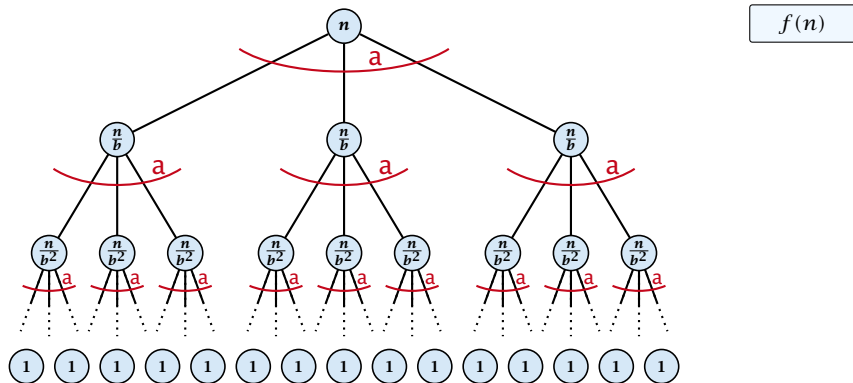
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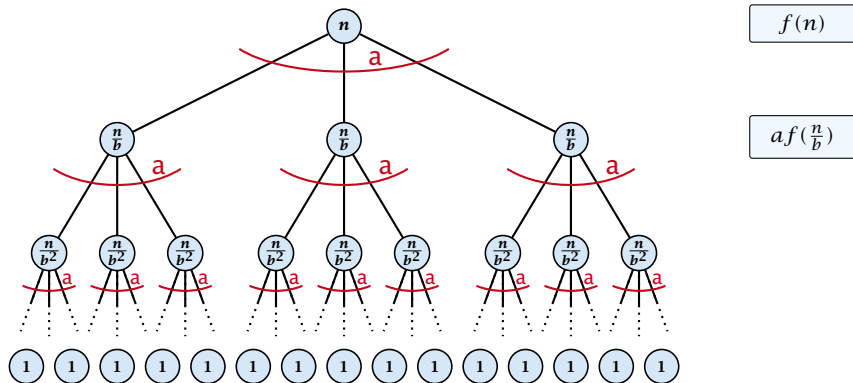
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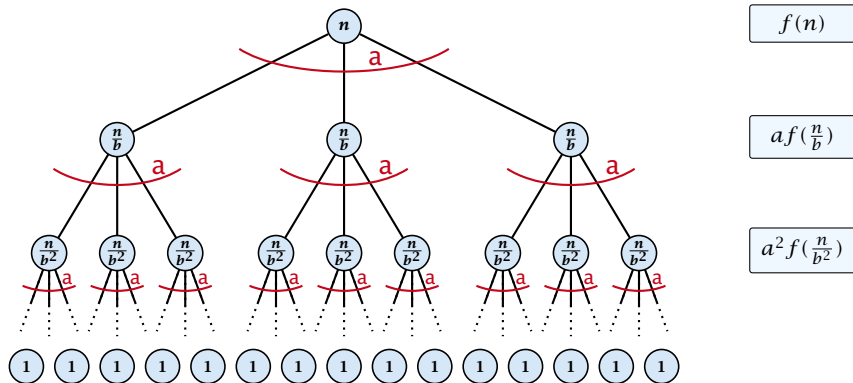
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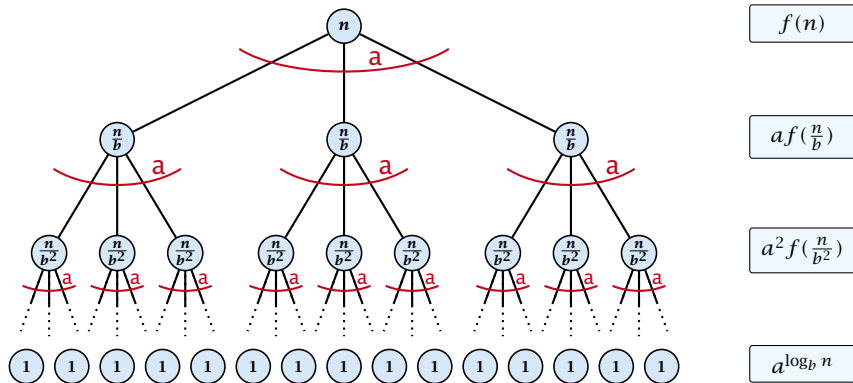
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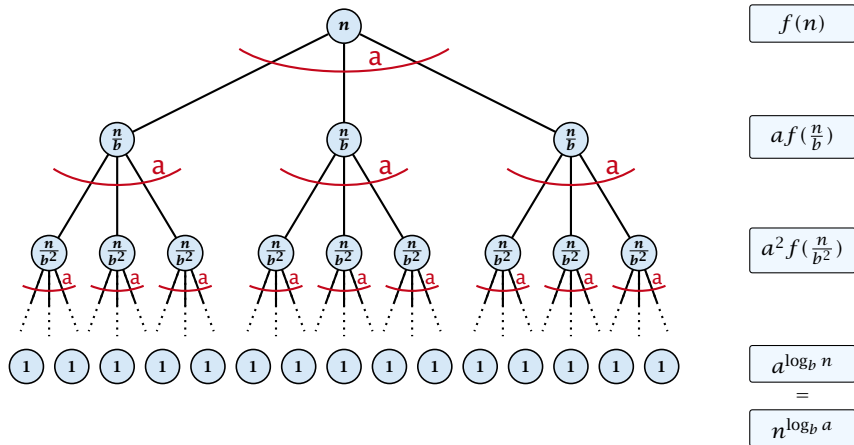
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## 6.2 Master Theorem

This gives

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The diagram shows two 9-bit integers,  $A$  and  $B$ , aligned for addition. Integer  $A$  is represented by the red bits 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1, and integer  $B$  is represented by the blue bits 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1. A horizontal line is drawn under the bits of  $B$ . A vertical light blue box highlights the rightmost bit of  $A$  (the least significant bit) and the bit of  $B$  directly below it, indicating the first step in the addition process.

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The diagram illustrates the addition of two 9-bit integers, A and B. A vertical line separates the 6-bit and 3-bit parts of the numbers. A light blue shaded box highlights the 7th bit position (the 6th bit from the left), which contains a '1' from A and a '0' from B, with a carry-in of '1' from the previous bit. The result of this addition is '0' in the 7th bit position and a carry-out of '1' to the 8th bit position. The 8th bit position contains a '1' from A and a '1' from B, with a carry-in of '1' from the previous bit, resulting in '0' in the 8th bit position and a carry-out of '1' to the 9th bit position. The 9th bit position contains a '1' from A and a '1' from B, with a carry-in of '1' from the previous bit, resulting in '0' in the 9th bit position and a carry-out of '1' to the 10th bit position. The final result is '00' in the 9th and 10th bit positions.

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The diagram illustrates the addition of two 9-bit integers, A and B, to produce a 9-bit result. The numbers are aligned to the right. A vertical light blue box highlights the 4th bit position (from the right) in both A and B, and the resulting 0 in the 4th position of the sum. Small subscripts below the bits of B indicate carry values: 1 under the 3rd bit, 1 under the 4th bit, 0 under the 5th bit, 1 under the 6th bit, 1 under the 7th bit, and 1 under the 8th bit.



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*Note: In the original image, a light blue box highlights the first column of bits (1, 1, 0) and the carry bit 0 below the horizontal line. Small subscripts 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1 are placed below the bits of B from the second column onwards.*

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This gives that two  $n$ -bit integers can be added in time  $\mathcal{O}(n)$ .

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Let  $P[\lambda]$  denote the characteristic polynomial to the recurrence

$$c_0T[n] + c_1T[n-1] + \dots + c_kT[n-k] = 0$$

Let  $\lambda_i, i = 1, \dots, m$  be the (complex) roots of  $P[\lambda]$  with multiplicities  $\ell_i$ . Then the general solution to the recurrence is given by

$$T[n] = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=0}^{\ell_i-1} \alpha_{ij} \cdot (n^j \lambda_i^n) .$$

The full proof is omitted. We have only shown that any choice of  $\alpha_{ij}$ 's is a solution to the recurrence.

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