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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.

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Linear homogenous recurrences can be solved via this method.



Methods for Solving Recurrences

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

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6.2 Master Theorem

Lemma 1

Let $a \ge 1, b \ge 1$ 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 $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$, $k \ge 0$.

Case 3.

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

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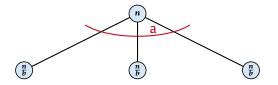
We prove the Master Theorem for the case that n is of the form b^{ℓ} , and we assume that the non-recursive case occurs for problem size 1 and incurs cost 1.



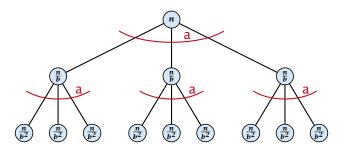




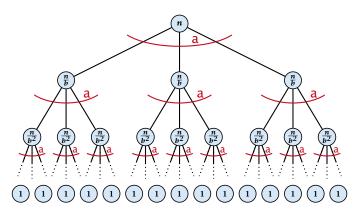






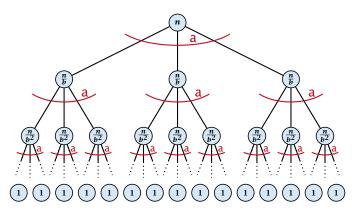








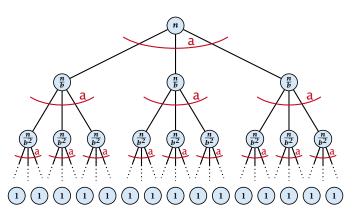
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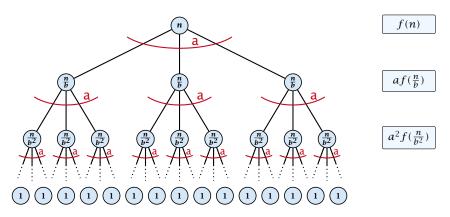
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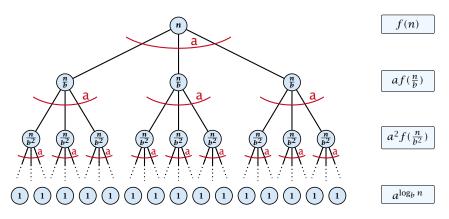
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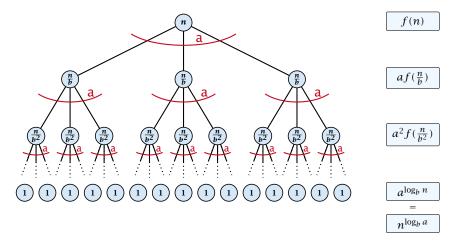
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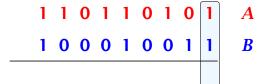
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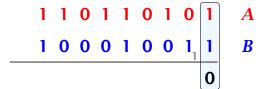
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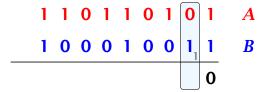
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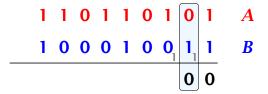
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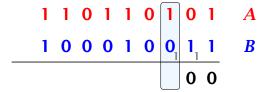


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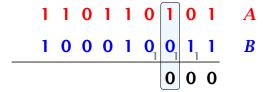




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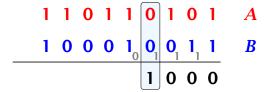
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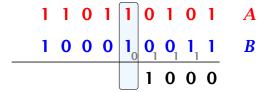
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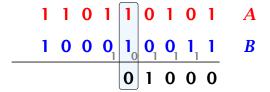




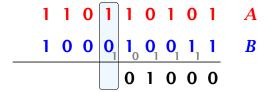
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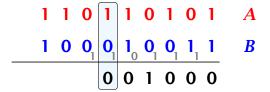
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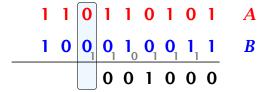


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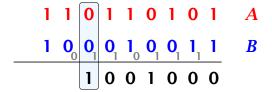




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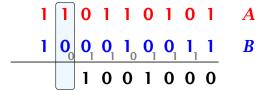


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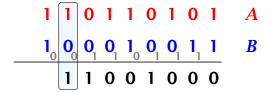


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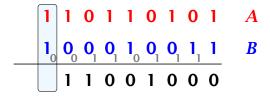


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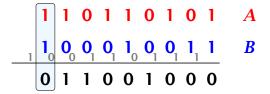


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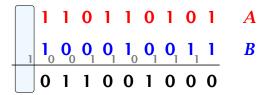


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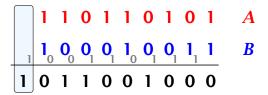


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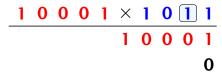
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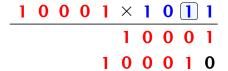
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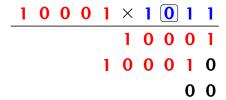
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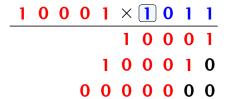


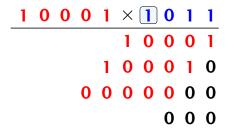






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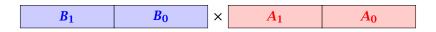
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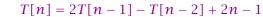
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