

3 Karatsuba's Multiplication

x : n -digit no. y : n -digit no. x_m : First-half x_L : 2nd half

$$x \cdot y = (x_m \cdot 10^{n/2} + x_L) \cdot (y_m \cdot 10^{n/2} + y_L)$$

$$x \cdot y = x_m \cdot y_m \cdot 10^n + x_m \cdot y_L \cdot 10^{n/2} + x_L \cdot y_m \cdot 10^{n/2} + x_L \cdot y_L$$

$$x \cdot y = x_m \cdot y_m \cdot 10^n + \underbrace{(x_m \cdot y_L + x_L \cdot y_m)}_z \cdot 10^{n/2} + x_L \cdot y_L$$

$$(x_m + x_L) \cdot (y_m + y_L) = x_m \cdot y_m + x_m \cdot y_L + x_L \cdot y_m + x_L \cdot y_L$$

$$\underbrace{x_m \cdot y_L + x_L \cdot y_m}_z = \underbrace{(x_m + x_L) \cdot (y_m + y_L)}_c - \left(\underbrace{x_m \cdot y_m}_a + \underbrace{x_L \cdot y_L}_b \right)$$

$$a = x_m \cdot y_m \text{ --- ①}$$

$$b = x_L \cdot y_L \text{ --- ②}$$

$$c = (x_m + x_L) \cdot (y_m + y_L) \text{ --- ③}$$

$$x \cdot y = a \cdot 10^n + z \cdot 10^{n/2} + b$$

Ex)

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Only 3 recursive calls needed!

$$x = 123$$

$$y = 345$$

$$n = 3$$

$$x: 123$$

$$y: 345$$

$$x_m = 12$$

$$x_L = 3$$

$$y_m = 34$$

$$y_L = 5$$

$$n = 2 \text{ because odd}$$

$$b = x_L \cdot y_L = 3 \cdot 5 = 15$$

$$a = x \cdot y = 12 \cdot 34 = 408$$



$$x'_m = 1$$

$$x'_L = 2$$

$$y'_m = 3$$

$$y'_L = 4$$

$$n = 2 \text{ because even}$$

$$a' = x'_m \cdot y'_m = 3$$

$$b' = x'_L \cdot y'_L = 8$$

$$c' = (x'_m + x'_L) \cdot (y'_m + y'_L) = (1 + 2) \cdot (3 + 4) =$$

$$z' = c' - (a' + b') = 21 - (3 + 8) = 10$$

$$res = a' \cdot 10^{n'} + z' \cdot 10^{n'/2} + b$$

$$res = 3 \cdot 10^2 + 10 \cdot 10^1 + 8 = 408$$

$$c = (x_m + x_L) \cdot (y_m + y_L) = (12 + 3) \cdot (34 + 5) \\ = 15 \cdot 39 = 585$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ x' & y' \\ & \vdots \\ \text{res} & = 583 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z &= c - (a+b) \\ &= 585 - (15 + 408) = 162 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{res} &= a \cdot 10^n + z \cdot 10^{n/2} + b \\ &= 408 \cdot 10^2 + 162 \cdot 10^1 + 15 = 42435 \end{aligned}$$

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def Kar(x, y):
    if n=1:
        return x.y } — b
    else:
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x_m, y_m = first half of x, y
 x_l, y_l = second half of x, y

$a = \text{Kar}(x_m, y_m)$ — $T(n/2)$

$b = \text{Kar}(x_l, y_l)$ — $T(n/2)$

$3T(n/2) + c$

$$c = \text{Kar}((x_m + x_l), (y_m + y_l)) \text{ --- } T(n/2) \downarrow$$

$$z = c - (a + b)$$

$$\text{res} = a \cdot 10^n + z \cdot 10^{n/2} + b \text{ --- } c \cdot n$$

return res

This is the algorithm used in Python to multiply large numbers. Don't underestimate the difference between n^2 (blue line in Figure 2.2) and $n^{1.59}$ (green line)!

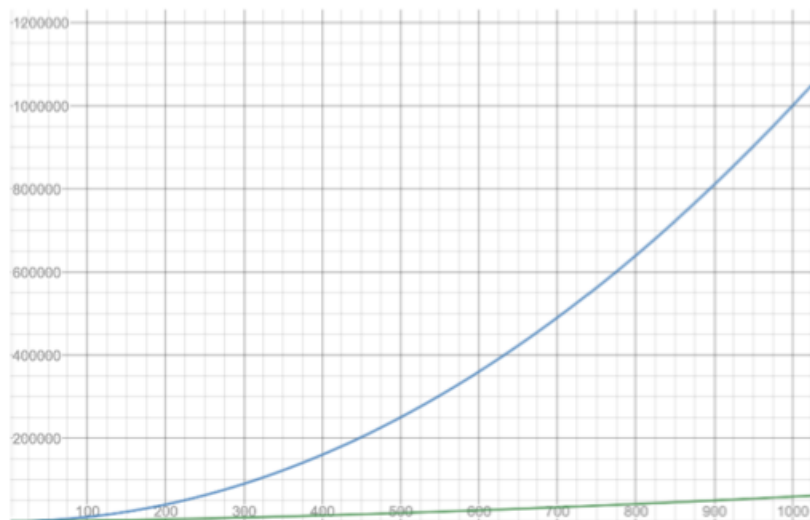


Figure 2.2: Growth of n^2 and $n^{\log_2 3}$.

$$T(n) \leq 3T(n/2) + c \cdot n$$

$$T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.59})$$

$$\text{Time: } O(n^{\log_2 3})$$

$$\text{Space: } O(n)$$

Code:

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def karatsuba(x, y):
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    if x < 10 and y < 10:
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        return x * y
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n = max(len(str(x)), len(str(y)))
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if ( n%2 != 0): n-=1
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half_n = n//2
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x_m, x_l = x // (10**half_n), x % (10**half_n)
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y_m, y_l = y // (10**half_n), y % (10**half_n)
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a = karatsuba( x_m, y_m )
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b = karatsuba( x_l, y_l )
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c = karatsuba( x_m+x_l, y_m+y_l )
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z = c-(a+b)
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res = (a*10**n) + (z*10**half_n) + b
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return res
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