- 1. counting for each bit. O(nw).
- 2. for each bit, count the number of 0s and 1s in the array, which needs $O(\log n)$ bits of space to store if the array has length n. assume word operation is O(1) after preprocessing (the word operations we want: (1) add two w_1 -bit numbers, (2) padding, i.e. pad w_1 bits with leading 0 to get w_2 bits), the counting for each bit can be performed in parallel by word operations.

Use divide and conquer to perform counting, let f(n) denote the running time to get the count for each bit when the array has length n. merge the results for two arrays with length $\frac{n}{2}$ needs $O(w \cdot \log n)$ bits, i.e. $O(\log n)$ word operations.

$$f(n)=2f(n/2)+O(\log n),$$
 i.e. $f(n)=\sum_{i=0}^{\log n}2^{\log n-i}\cdot i=O(n).$ total time $O(n).$

actually if we represent the counters by $O(\log n)$ words, where the *j*-th bit of the *i*-th word represent the *i*-th bit of the *j*-th counter, we can construct the word operations we want by O(1) basic word operations. The following C++ implementation uses the logarithmic method [1] to reduce the space complexity to $O(\log^2 n)$.

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