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# Divide & Conquer I: Multiplication

- Announcements: ① ACSU serving cookies (sponsor: Stevens Capital Management) outside Gates G01 after prelim.  
 ② Need extra time for a medical reason? Come see me.

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 \end{array}$$

Fürer (2007): Multiply two  $n$ -bit integers in time  $O(n \log n 2^{\log_2(n)})$ .

A faster algorithm based on divide & conquer.  
 Start with multiplying degree  $n-1$  univariate polynomials.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4x^3 + 8x^2 + 2x + 0 \\
 2x^3 + \phantom{0}x + 8 \\
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 32x^3 + 64x^2 + 16x \\
 4x^4 + 8x^3 + 2x^2 \\
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 8x^6 + 16x^5 + 4x^4 \\
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 8x^6 + 16x^5 + 8x^4 + 40x^3 + 68x^2 + 16x
 \end{array}$$

Game plan: ① Develop faster alg for polynomial multiplication.

② Integer = polynomial with  $\{0,1\}$  coeffs in binary evaluated at  $x=2$ .

So use the poly mult method and substitute  $x=2$  in final step

A tricky identity for multiplying degree 1 polynomials.

NOT TRICKY!

$$(a_1x + a_0)(b_1x + b_0) = a_1b_1x^2 + (a_1b_0 + a_0b_1)x + a_0b_0$$

$c_0 := a_0b_0$        $c_\infty := a_1b_1$        $c_1 := (a_1b_0 + a_0b_1) = a_1b_0 + a_0b_1 + a_0b_1 + a_1b_0$   
 This is not adding numbers. This is outputting the character '+'.      4 multiplications, 1 addition

$$(a_1x + a_0)(b_1x + b_0) = c_\infty x^2 + (c_1 - c_0 - c_\infty)x + c_0$$

3 multiplications      2 additions      2 subtractions

$$c_0 = a_0 b_0 \quad c_\infty = a_1 b_1 \quad c_1 = (a_1 + a_0)(b_1 + b_0)$$

$$(a_1 x + a_0)(b_1 x + b_0) = c_\infty x^2 + (c_1 - c_0 - c_\infty)x + c_0$$

Now suppose we have two polynomials of degree  $n-1$ .  
For convenience suppose  $n$  is a power of 2,  $n = 2^k$ .  
(If not, pre-pend some zero coefficients, e.g.)

$$\underbrace{4x^5 + 2x^2 - 1}_{\text{degree 5}} = \underbrace{0x^7 + 0x^6 + 4x^5 + 0x^4 + 0x^3 + 2x^2 + 0x - 1}_{\text{degree 7}}$$

Say we're multiplying  $A(x) \cdot B(x)$  where  $A(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$   
 $B(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1}$

$$A(x) = A_0(x) + A_1(x) x^{n/2} \quad \deg(A_0), \deg(A_1) < \frac{n}{2}$$

$$B(x) = B_0(x) + B_1(x) x^{n/2}$$

E.g. if  $A(x) = 0x^7 + 0x^6 + 4x^5 + 0x^4 + 0x^3 + 2x^2 + 0x - 1$

then

$$A_0(x) = 2x^2 - 1$$

$$A_1(x) = 4x$$

$$A_1(x) \cdot x^4 = 4x^5$$

$$\therefore A_1(x) = 4x$$

$$A(x) \cdot B(x) = [A_0(x) + A_1(x) x^{n/2}] * [B_0(x) + B_1(x) x^{n/2}]$$

$$C_0(x) := A_0(x) \cdot B_0(x) \quad C_\infty(x) = A_1(x) \cdot B_1(x)$$

$$C_1(x) = [A_0(x) + A_1(x)] \cdot [B_0(x) + B_1(x)]$$

As before...

$$A(x) \cdot B(x) = C_0(x) + [C_1(x) - C_0(x) - C_\infty(x)] \cdot x^{n/2} + C_1(x) x^n$$

Conclusion

To multiply two degree  $n-1$  polynomials, we need to:

- add 2 pairs of degree  $\frac{n}{2} - 1$  polynomials.
- multiply 3 pairs of degree  $\frac{n}{2} - 1$  polynomials.
- subtract 2 pairs of degree  $n-2$  polynomials.
- add 2 pairs of degree  $2n-2$  polynomials.

Polynomial addition/subtraction of degree  $n$  polynomials

takes  $O(n)$  arithmetic operations. (Adding, subtracting coefficients)

Multiplying degree  $n-1$  polynomials using this algorithm takes  $T(n)$  where

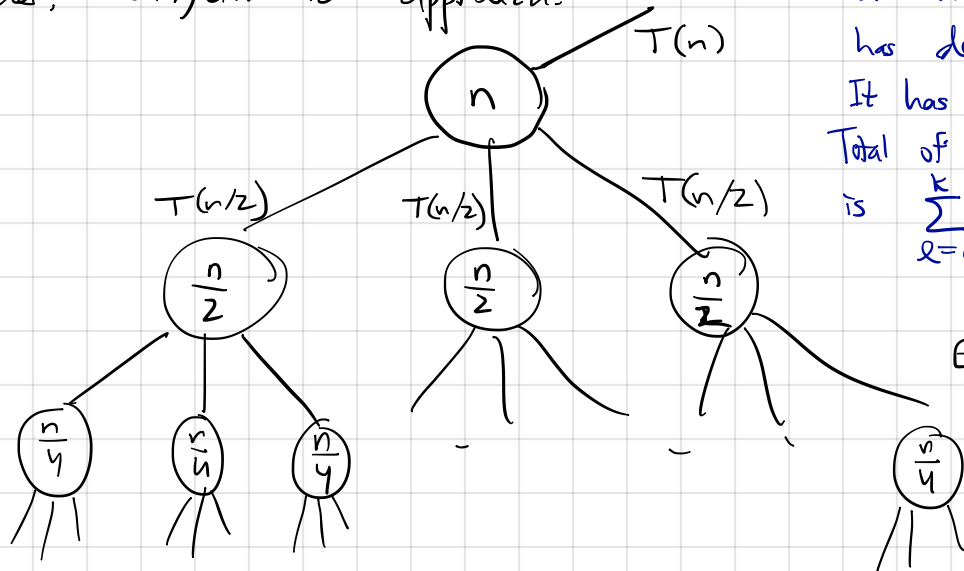
$$T(n) = 3 \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) \quad \text{treat this as the definition of } T(n).$$

How to solve  $T(n) = 3 \cdot T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$ ?

One approach that is good for people who like memorization:  
use the "Master Theorem." (in K.&T. textbook, Chapter 2.)

Another, diagrammatic approach.

Level  $k$



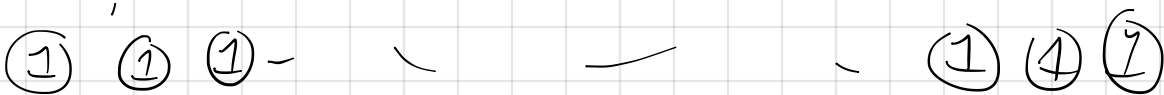
If  $n = 2^k$ , the tree has depth  $k$ .

It has  $3^k$  leaves.

Total of all numbers inside nodes is  $\sum_{l=0}^k 3^{k-l} \cdot 2^l$   
 $= 3^k \cdot \sum_{l=0}^k (\frac{2}{3})^l$

Each  $T(\frac{n}{4})$

Level 0



$$3^k \cdot \sum_{l=0}^k (\frac{2}{3})^l < 3^{k+1} = 3^{1 + \log_2(n)}$$

$$= 3 \cdot 3^{\log_2(n)}$$

$$= 3 \cdot 2^{\log_2(3) \cdot \log_2(n)}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (2^{\log_2(3)})^{\log_2(n)}$$

$$= 3 \cdot n^{\log_2(3)} \approx 3 \cdot n^{1.58}$$