





Divide and Conquer*

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Computing aⁿ

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    for i = 1 to n
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    return result
}
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        return 1
    return power(a, n-1) * a
}
```

Running time: O(n)

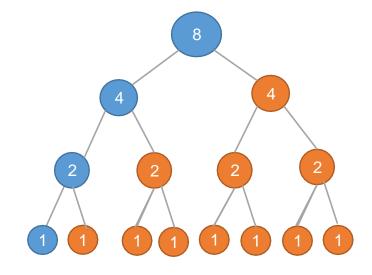
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Running time: T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1) \approx O(n)
```

```
power(a, n) {
    if n == 0
        return 1
    if n == 1
        return a

    return power(a, [n/2]) * power(a, [n/2])
}
```



What is the problem of the above code?

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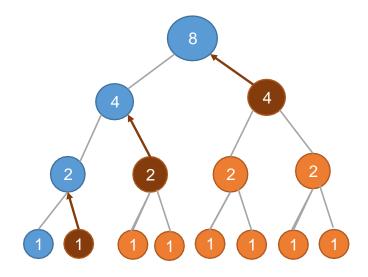
Exponentiation by squaring

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```

Running time: $O(\log n)$

```
power(a, n) {
    if n == 0
        return 1
    if A[n] != null
        return A[n]

A[n] = power(a, [n/2]) * power(a, [n/2])
    if n is odd
        A[n] = A[n] * a
    return A[n]
}
```



Memoization: Caching results of expensive function calls

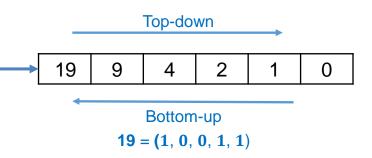
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Top-down vs. bottom-up approaches

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```

```
power(a, n) {
    if n == 0
        return 1
    n = (n<sub>k</sub>, n<sub>k-1</sub>,..., n<sub>0</sub>)<sub>2</sub> // binary representation of n
    result = a
    for i = k - 1 to 0
        if n<sub>i</sub> = 0
            result = result * result
        else
            result = result * result * a
```

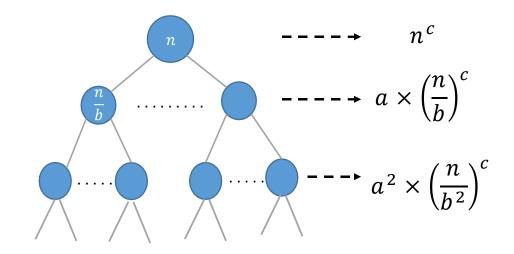


How can you implement the code with explicitly converting *n* to binary?

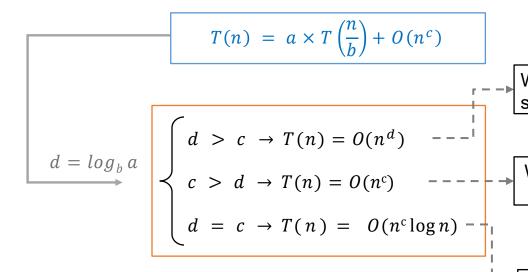
$$T(n) = a \times T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + O(n^{c})$$

$$d = \log_{b} a$$

$$\begin{cases} d > c \to T(n) = O(n^{d}) \\ c > d \to T(n) = O(n^{c}) \\ d = c \to T(n) = O(n^{c} \log n) \end{cases}$$



Total:
$$n^c \times \left(1 + \frac{a}{b^c} + \left(\frac{a}{b^c}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{a}{b^c}\right)^k\right)$$
 where $k = \log_b n$



Work is increasing as we go down the tree, so this is the number of leaves in the recursion tree

Work is going down as we go down the tree, so dominated by the initial work at the root.

Work is the same at each level of the tree, so the work is the height, $\log_b n$, times work/level.

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, where $k = \log_{b} n$

Assume $x = \frac{a}{b^{c}}$

$$T(n) = a \times T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + O(n^{c})$$

$$T(n) = n^{c} \times \frac{(x^{k+1} - 1)}{x - 1} \approx O(n^{c} \times x^{k}) = O\left(n^{c} \times \frac{a^{\log_{b} n}}{b^{c \times \log_{b} n}}\right)$$

$$= O\left(n^{c} \times \frac{n^{d}}{n^{c}}\right) = O(n^{d})$$

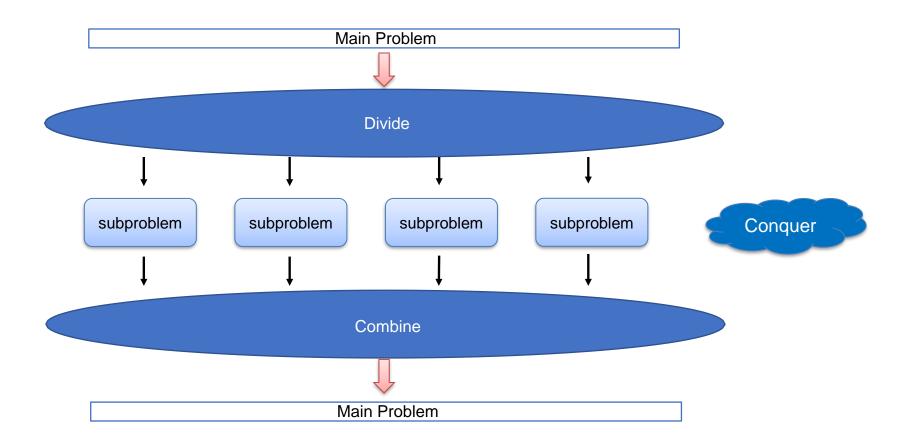
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$$T(n) = n^{c} \times \frac{1 - x^{k+1}}{1 - x} \approx O(n^{c} \times \text{constant}) = O(n^{c})$$

$$T(n) = n^{c} \times (1 + 1 + \dots + 1) = n^{c} \times (k + 1) = O(n^{c} \times \log_{b} n)$$

Sorting Algorithms

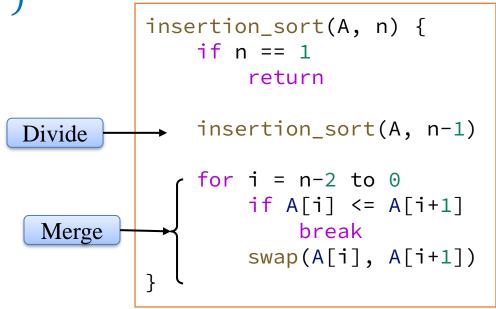


Insertion Sort

- \square Divide: Sort the first n-1 elements
- □ Merge: Insert the last element into the right position

□ Runtime: $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n) = O(n^2)$





Selection Sort

□ Divide: Find the maximum element and put it at the end

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7

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■ Merge: Nothing

```
selection_sort(A, n) {
\square Running time: T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n) = O(n^2)
                                                                       if n == 1
                                                                           return
                                                                       max = n-1
                                                                       for i = 0 to n - 2
                                                         Divide
                                                                           if A[i] > A[max]
                                                                               max = i
                                                                       swap(A[max], A[n-1])
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selection_sort(A, n-1)

Merge Sort

- □ Divide: Divide the array into two parts
- Merge: Merge two sorted arrays

```
□ Running time: T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(?) = O(?)

merge_sort(A, first, last) {
    if first == last
        return
    mid = (first + last) / 2
```

```
if first == last
    return
    mid = (first + last) / 2
    merge_sort(first, mid)
    merge_sort(mid + 1, last)

Merge

Merge

merge(A, first, mid, last) {
    ????????
}
```

Main idea is to implement merge in O(n)

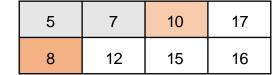
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8	12	15	16

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- \square Running time: $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$

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merge_sort(A, first, last) {
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    mid = (first + last) / 2
    merge_sort(A, first, mid)
    merge_sort(A, mid + 1, last)

    merge(A, first, mid, last)
}
```

```
merge(A, first, mid, last){
    leftpos = first
    rightpos = mid
    for newpos = 0 to last - first {
        if leftpos < mid and (</pre>
          A[leftpos] <= A[rightpos] or rightpos > last) {
            newarray[newpos] = A[leftpos]
            leftpos++
        } else {
            newarray[newpos] = A[rightpos]
            rightpos++
    Copy newarray to A[first to last - 1]
```

Divide: Divide the array into two parts such that all elements in the left subarray are less than or equal to all element in the right subarray

■ Merge: Nothing

At each point if we look at all elements between A[first] and A[j], then

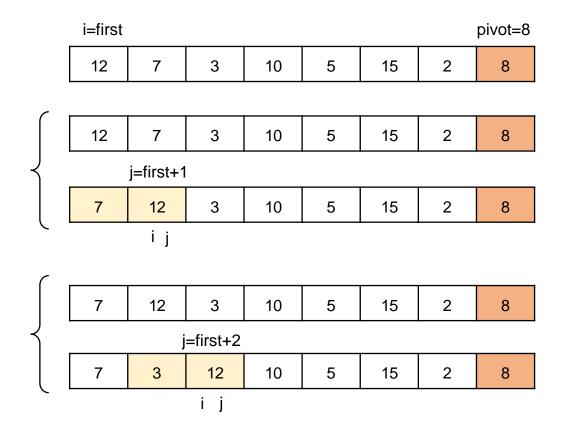
- 1) all elements in A[first] till A[i-1] are less than pivot
- 2) Others are greater than or equal to pivot

```
quick_sort(A, first, last){
    if first >= last
        return

    p = partition(A, first, last)
    quick_sort(A, first, p - 1)
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}
```

```
partition(A, first, last) {
    pivot = A[last]
    i = first

    for j = first to last-1 {
        if A[j] < pivot {
            swap(A[i], A[j])
            i = i+1
            }
        swap(A[i], A[last])
        return i
}</pre>
```

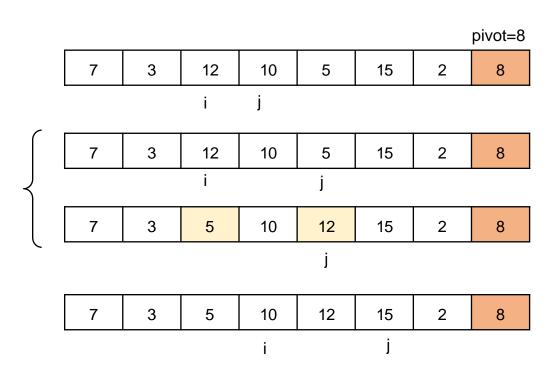


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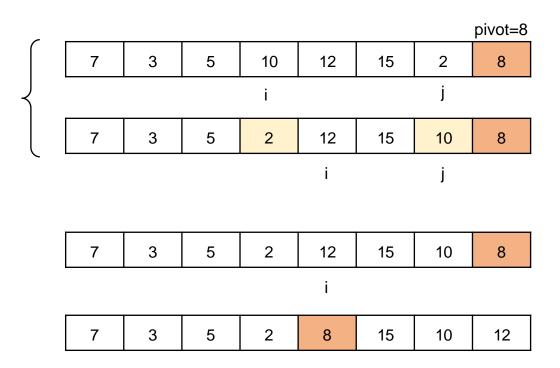


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Quick Sort – Running time

```
Running time: T(n) = T(|L|) + T(|R|) + O(n)

Best case: T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)

Worst case: T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n)
```

Find an example for the worst case.



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Randomized Quick Sort

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Running time: T(n) = T(|L|) + T(|R|) + O(n)

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It can be proved that the average running time of randomized quick sort is $O(n \log n)$

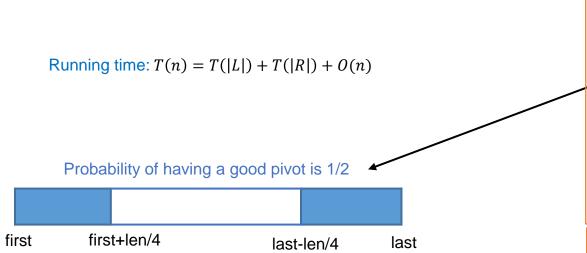
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    quick_sort(A, first, p - 1)
    quick_sort(A, p + 1, last)
}
```

```
random_partition(A, first, last) {
    k = a random number between first and last
    swap(A[k], A[last])

    pivot = A[last]
    i = first
    for j = first to last-1 {
        if A[j] < pivot {
            swap(A[i], A[j])
            i = i+1
            }
        swap(A[i], A[last])
        return i
}</pre>
```

A Conservative Implementation of Randomized Quick Sort



Probability of not having good pivot after 1000 iteration is $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1000} < \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)^{100} \approx 0$

```
Worst case: T(n) = T\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + O(n) \approx O(n \log n)
```

```
quick_sort(A, first, last){
    if first >= last
        return
    len = last - first + 1
    p = first - 1
   while p < first + len / 4 or p > last - len / 4
        p = random partition(A, first, last)
    quick_sort(A, first, p - 1)
    quick_sort(A, p + 1, last)
random_partition(A, first, last) {
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    swap(A[k], A[last])
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Finding Median

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I can solve it in $O(n \log n)$



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Idea: Let's solve a more general problem. Rank Problem: You are given an array of numbers and an integer k. Find the kth smallest elements.

case 1: kth element is exactly pivot

case 2: k^{th} element is before pivot

case 3: k^{th} element is after pivot

```
rank(A, first, last, k) {
   if first >= last
        return A[first]

   p = partition(A, first, last)
   if k = p - first + 1
        return A[p] // case 1
   else if k
```

```
partition(A, first, last) {
    pivot = A[last]
    i = first
    for j = first to last-1 {
        if A[j] < pivot {
            swap(A[i], A[j])
            i = i+1
            }
        }
        swap(A[i], A[last])
        return i
}</pre>
```

Finding Median

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What is the running time of the proposed algorithm?



With an idea like the implementation of randomized quicksort, the worst case is:

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) + O(n) \approx O(n)$$

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   if first >= last
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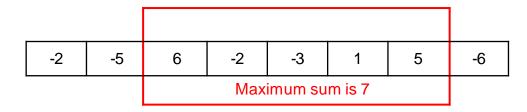
   p = partition(A, first, last)
   if k = p - first + 1
        return A[p] // case 1
   else if k
```

```
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    k = a random number between first and last
    swap(A[k], A[last])

pivot = A[last]
    i = first
    for j = first to last-1 {
        if A[j] < pivot {
            swap(A[i], A[j])
            i = i+1
        }
    }
    swap(A[i], A[last])
    return i
}</pre>
```

Maximum Subarray Sum (Kadane's Algorithm)

- □ Input: You are given an array of numbers (positive and negative).
- □ Goal: Find the sum of contiguous subarray of numbers which has the largest sum.



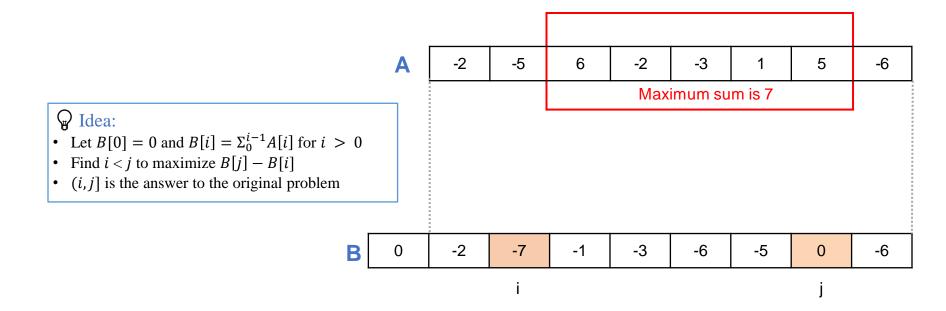
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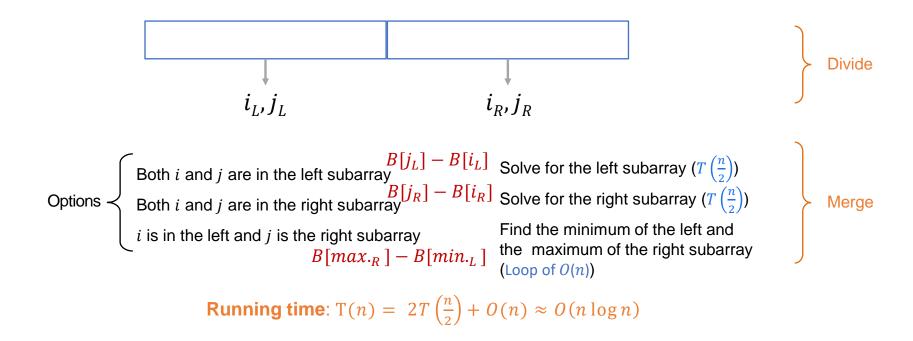
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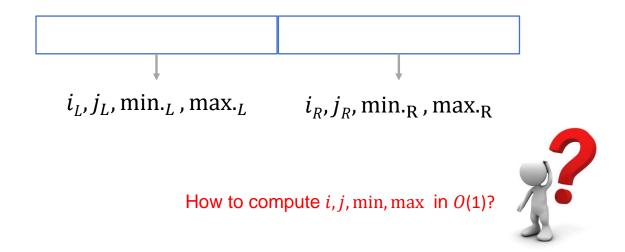
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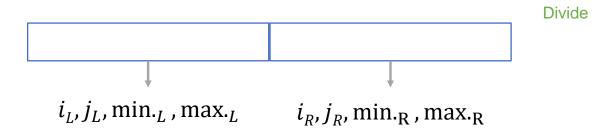


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Running time: $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1) \approx O(n)$

- ☐ Input: You are given array B of numbers (positive and negative).
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```
Running time: T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1) \approx O(n)
```

```
best index(B, first, last){
    if first >= last
        return first, first, first, first
   mid = (first + last)/2
   iL, jL, minL, maxL = best index(B, first, mid)
   iR, jR, minR, maxR = best_index (B, mid+1, last)
    if B[minL] < B[minR] // Finding minimum</pre>
        min = minL
    else
        min = minR
    if B[maxL] > B[maxR] // Finding maximum
        max = maxL
    else
        max= maxR
    if B[jL]-B[iL] > B[jR]-B[iR] and B[jL]-B[iL] > B[maxR]-B[minL]
        i = iL, j = jL
    else if B[jR]-B[iR] > B[maxR] - B[minL] // Finding i and j
        i = iR, i = iR
    else
        i = minL, j = maxR
    return i, j, min, max
```

Polynomial Multiplication

- □ Input: You are given two polynomial A(x) and B(x) of order n
- \square Goal: Find $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x)$

Fact: Polynomial $A(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i$ of order n can be represented by an array of size n+1

 $A(x) = 1 + 2x^2 - 4x^3$ can be represented by array (1, 0, 2, -4)

Example:

- $A(x) = 1 + 2x^2 4x^3$
- $B(x) = -1 + x x^3$
- $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x) = -1 + x 2x^2 + 5x^3 4x^4 2x^5 + 4x^6$

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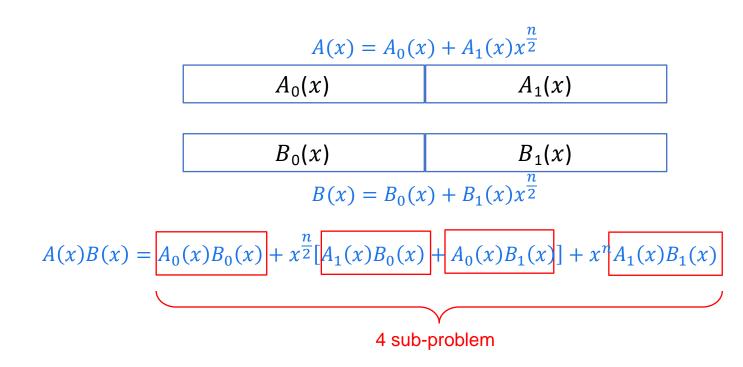


Since $c_k = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i}$ each c_k can be computed in O(n)

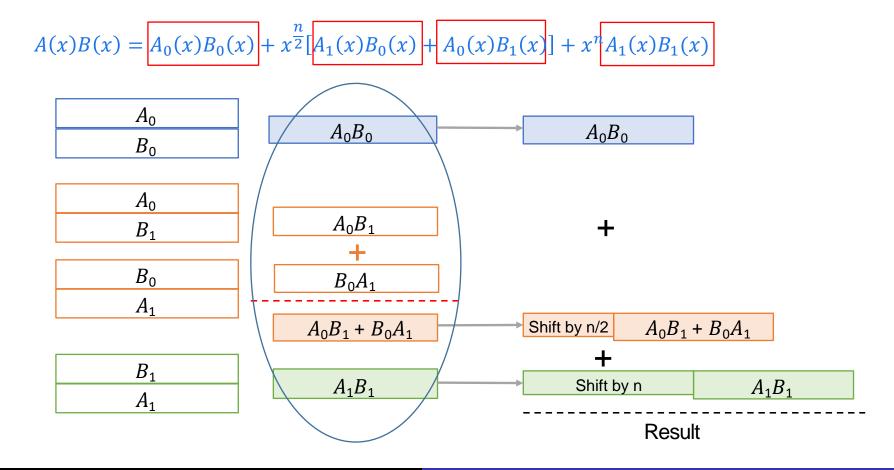
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$$A(x)B(x) = A_0(x)B_0(x) + x^{\frac{n}{2}}[A_1(x)B_0(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)] + x^n[A_1(x)B_1(x)]$$
4 sub-problem

Running time:
$$T(n) = 4T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n) \approx O(n^2)$$

Bottleneck is the number of sub-problems. How to reduce them?

- □ Input: You are given two polynomial A(x) and B(x) of order n
- \square Goal: Find $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x)$

$$A(x)B(x) = A_0(x)B_0(x) + x^{\frac{n}{2}}[A_1(x)B_0(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)] + x^nA_1(x)B_1(x)$$

Idea: One can write $A_1B_0+A_0B_1$ as $(A_1+A_0)(B_0+B_1)-A_0B_0-A_1B_1$. This reduces the number of sub-problems to three:

- A_0B_0
- A_1B_1
- $(A_0 + A_1)(B_0 + B_1)$

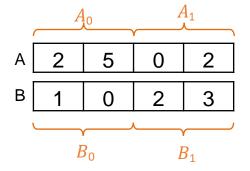
Running time:
$$T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n) \approx O(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx O(n^{1.58})$$

Polynomial Multiplication - Example

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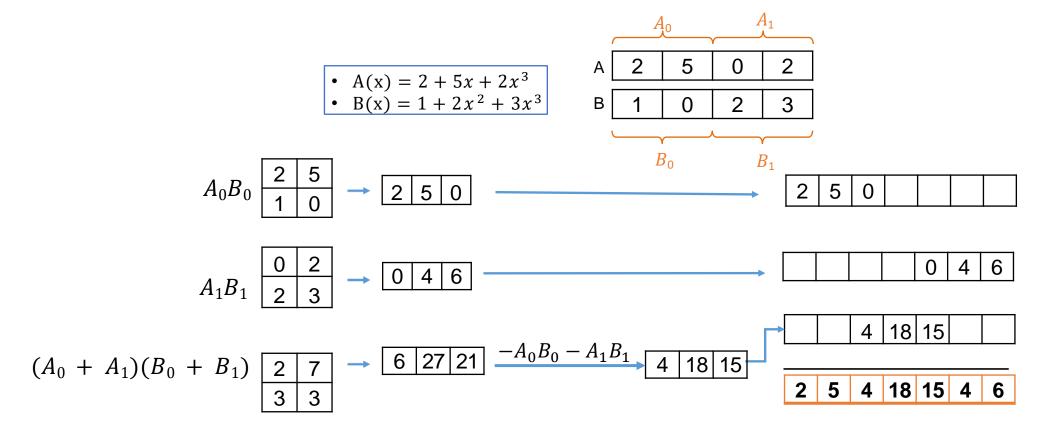
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$$A(x) = 2 + 5x + 2x^3$$

• $B(x) = 1 + 2x^2 + 3x^3$

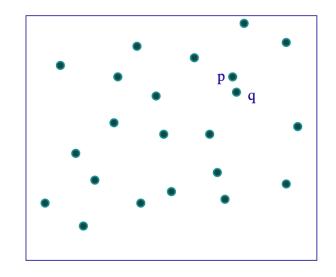


Polynomial Multiplication - Example

- □ Input: You are given two polynomial A(x) and B(x) of order n
- \square Goal: Find $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x)$



- \square Input: You are given an array of n points.
- ☐ Goal: Find the closest pair of points



I can solve it in $O(n^2)$



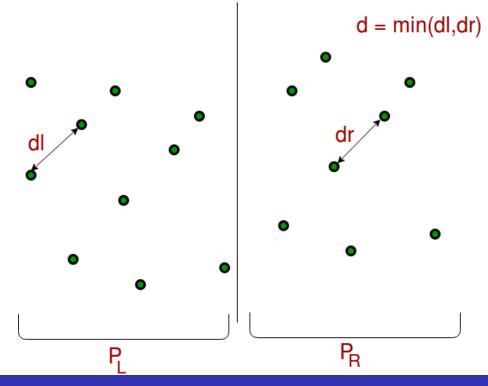
Check all pairs and choose the best one!

Can you design a faster one?

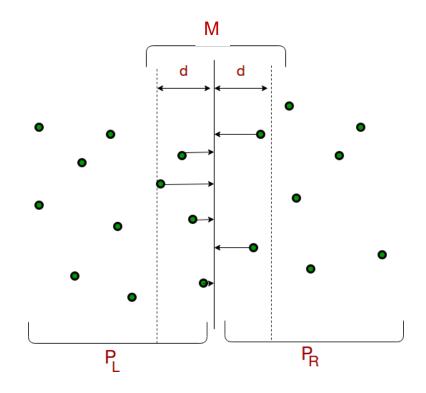


- ☐ Let's try the divide and conquer idea!
 - 1. Assume points are sorted based on their x value
 - 2. Divide points into half (boundary is x=M)
 - 3. dL = best solution for the left
 - 4. dR = best solution for the right
 - 5. $d = \min(dL, dR)$
 - Is *d* the right answer?

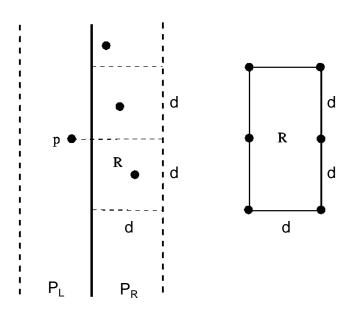
Options $\begin{cases} & \text{Both points are in the left (recursive)} \\ & \text{Both points are in the right (recursive)} \\ & \text{One point is in the left and the other one in the right (How to find in <math>O(n)$?)} \end{cases}



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Divide

Merge

- ☐ Main idea: Preprocess
 - > Maintain three arrays:
 - P: original points
 - X: index of points assuming they're sorted based on their x value
 - Y: index of points assuming they're sorted based on their y value
- \square We can build X and Y in $O(n \log n)$ in the preprocess phase.

How to implement the algorithm based on this above idea?



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Handling corner cases properly

- M = P[X[n/2]].x
- We can easily divide array P, X, and Y with a simple loop. For example for array Y, here is the solution:

```
for i = 1 to n
    if P[Y[i]].x < M
        Add Y[i] to Y_l
    else
        Add Y[i] to Y_r</pre>
```

 Note that we prepare P_l, X_l, and Y_l for the left sub-problem, and P_r, X_r, Y_r for the right sub-problem.

```
for i = 1 to n
    if P[Y[i]].x < M
        Add Y[i] to Y_l
    else if P[Y[i]].x > M
        Add Y[i] to Y_r
    else
        Add Y[i] to Y_m
Y_l = Merge(Y_l, Y_m[1:n/2 - Y_l.length])
Y_r = Merge(Y_r, Y_m[n/2 - Y_l.length + 1:])
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We can discard points in a loop. For example for array Y:

```
for i = 1 to n
   if P[Y[i]].x > M - d and P[Y[i]].x < M + d
        Add Y[i] to Y_filtered</pre>
```

Already sorted in array Y

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We can find the smallest distance in the middle region:

```
k = size of Y_filtered array
for i = 1 to k
    p1 = P[Y_filtered[i]]
    for j = i + 1 to i + 7
        if j > k
            break
        p2 = P[Y_filtered[j]]
        if distance(p1, p2) < d
            d = distance(p1, p2)</pre>
```

Running time:

- *Preprocess:* $O(n \log n)$
- $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) \approx O(n\log n)$

coincident points,

one in P_I ,

one in P_p

pincident points

one in P_I .

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MapReduce: A Practical Example

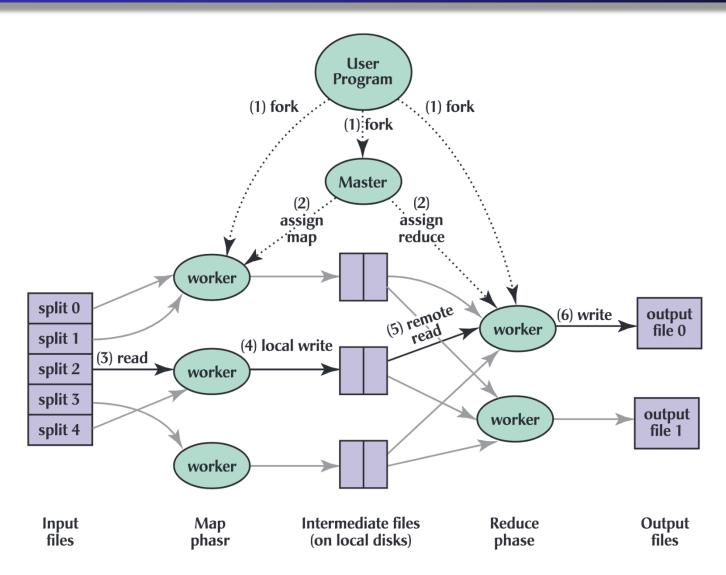
What is big data?

- ☐ How much data is actually considered *big*?
 - > 1 GB, 10GB, 100GB, 1TB, ...?
- ☐ Big data means your memory is small!
- ☐ How to handle big data?
 - > Sampling
 - > Streaming
 - > Distributing

BIG DATA



MapReduce Architecture

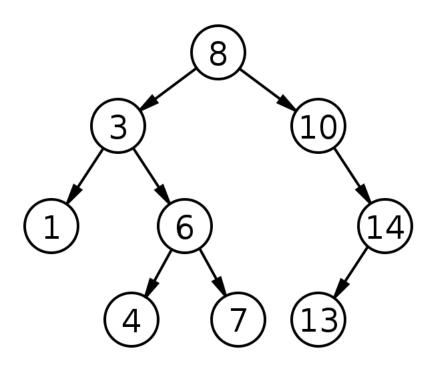


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Sample Problems

Lowest Common Ancestry in BST

- □ Input: A binary search tree (BST) *T*, its root node *r*, and two random nodes *x* and *y* in the tree.
- Goal: Find the lowest common ancestry of two nodes x and y in $O(\log n)$, where n is the number of nodes in the tree.
 - > Each node is a descendant of itself, so if v has a direct connection from w, w is the lowest common ancestor of v and w.
 - Note that a parent node p has pointers to its children p.leftChild and p.rightChild, but a child node does not have a pointer to its parent node.
- □ Recall that in a BST, the key in any node is larger than the keys in all nodes in that node's left subtree and smaller than the keys in all nodes in that node's right subtree.



Largest *m* Integers

- \square Assume that A is a very large unsorted array of integers with length n.
- \square Find *m* largest integers in *A*, where $m \ll n$ in less than $O(n \log n)$.
- \square Also, the amount of additional memory that you are given is O(1).

Find The Largest Ratio

- \square You are given an array of *n* positive numbers A[1], A[2], ..., A[n].
- \square Give a divide and conquer algorithm to find indices i < j such that $\frac{A[j]}{A[i]}$ is maximized.
- \square Your algorithm should run in O(n) time.