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By Strassen's algorithm, if the multiplications are k times, we can get the time in
T(n) = k T(n/3) + \Theta(n^2)
T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_3 k}) = o(n^{\lg 7})
\log_3 k < \log_2 7
\log k < (\log 7 * \log 3) / \log 2
k < 21.849862
the largest k is 21.
Time analysis : \Theta(n^{\log_3 k}) = \Theta(n^{2.771244})
Prob. 31-1
assume c = \gcd(a, b), a = c*m, b = c*n and \gcd(m, n) = 1
     if a, b are both even, c is also even.
     let c = 2 r
     a = 2*r*m
     b = 2*r*n
     gcd(a/2, b/2) = gcd(r*m, r*n)
     since gcd(m, n) = 1, gcd(r*m, r*n) = gcd(r, r) = r
     so gcd(a, b) = 2 * gcd(a/2, b/2)
b.
     if a is odd and b is even. c will be odd
     since b is even and c is odd
     b = c*n = c*(2*n')
     gcd(m, n) = gcd(m, 2*n') = 1
     \rightarrow gcd(m, n') = 1
     so gcd(a, b/2) = gcd(c*m, c*n') = c
c.
     if a and b are both odd
     gcd((a-b)/2, b) = gcd((m-n)*c/2, c*m) = c * gcd((m-n)/2, m)
     assume gcd(m - n, m) = k > 1
     m - n = k * p
     m = k * q
     n = k * (q - p)
     contribute that gcd(m, n) = 1
     so gcd(m-n, m) = 1, gcd((m-n)/2, m) = 1
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gcd((a-b)/2, b) = c

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d.
    gcd(a, b){
     if (b = 0)
          return a
     if (a is even)
          if (b is even)
                return 2*\gcd(a/2, b/2)
          else if (a/2 > b)
                return gcd(a/2, b)
          else
                return gcd(b, a/2)
     else if (b is even)
          return gcd(a, b/2)
     else if ((a-b)/2 > b)
          return gcd((a-b)/2, b)
     else
          return gcd(b, (a-b)/2)
    }
    In the last two case:
     (a-b)/2 > b \rightarrow (a-b)/2 < a/2
     (a-b)/2 \le b \rightarrow a \le 3b
          if a > 2*b, the first part is reduced more than half
          else, the second part is reduced more than half
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Since each recursive need at most 3 parity test  $\Rightarrow O(1)$ 

So  $T = O(\log a) + O(\log b) = O(\log a)$ 

And in the worst case, each turn will be reduced a or b in half.