

# DAA - Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

In this chapter, first we will discuss the general method of matrix multiplication and later we will discuss Strassen's matrix multiplication algorithm.

## Problem Statement

Let us consider two matrices **X** and **Y**. We want to calculate the resultant matrix **Z** by multiplying **X** and **Y**.

## Naïve Method

First, we will discuss naïve method and its complexity. Here, we are calculating  $Z = X \times Y$ . Using Naïve method, two matrices (**X** and **Y**) can be multiplied if the order of these matrices are  $p \times q$  and  $q \times r$ . Following is the algorithm.

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Algorithm: Matrix-Multiplication (X, Y, Z)
for i = 1 to p do
    for j = 1 to r do
        Z[i,j] := 0
        for k = 1 to q do
            Z[i,j] := Z[i,j] + X[i,k] × Y[k,j]
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## Complexity

Here, we assume that integer operations take  $O(1)$  time. There are three **for** loops in this algorithm and one is nested in other. Hence, the algorithm takes  $O(n^3)$  time to execute.

## Strassen's Matrix Multiplication Algorithm

In this context, using Strassen's Matrix multiplication algorithm, the time consumption can be improved a little bit.

Strassen's Matrix multiplication can be performed only on **square matrices** where **n** is a **power of 2**. Order of both of the matrices are **n × n**.

Divide **X**, **Y** and **Z** into four (n/2)×(n/2) matrices as represented below –

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} I & J \\ K & L \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Y = \begin{bmatrix} E & F \\ G & H \end{bmatrix}$$

Using Strassen's Algorithm compute the following –

$$M_1 := (A + C) \times (E + F)$$

$$M_2 := (B + D) \times (G + H)$$

$$M_3 := (A - D) \times (E + H)$$

$$M_4 := A \times (F - H)$$

$$M_5 := (C + D) \times (E)$$

$$M_6 := (A + B) \times (H)$$

$$M_7 := D \times (G - E)$$

Then,

$$I := M_2 + M_3 - M_6 - M_7$$

$$J := M_4 + M_6$$

$$K := M_5 + M_7$$

$$L := M_1 - M_3 - M_4 - M_5$$

## Analysis

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 7x T(\frac{n}{2}) + dxn^2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } c \text{ and } d \text{ are constants}$$

Using this recurrence relation, we get  $T(n) = O(n^{\log 7})$

Hence, the complexity of Strassen's matrix multiplication algorithm is  $O(n^{\log 7})$  .