## CS207 Design and Analysis of Algorithms

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# Divide and Conquer

#### Divide and Conquer

- ► solve a problem recursively
  - Divide the problem into a number of smaller instances of the same problem
  - ► For each of these subproblems, if its size is sufficiently large, then Conquer it recursively, else Conquer it directly
  - ► Combine the solutions to the subproblems into the solution for the original problem

## Matrix Multiplication

Input:  $n \times n$  matrices A and B

#### Algorithm 1 Matrix Multiplication

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1: for i = 1 to n do
2: for j = 1 to n do
3: C[i,j] = 0
4: for k = 1 to n do
5: C[i,j] = C[i,j] + A[i,k] * B[k,j]
6: end for
7: end for
8: end for
```

This algorithm runs in  $O(n^3)$  time

### Matrix Multiplication

- ► Split the matrices horizontally and vertically into 4  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices each
- ► Then  $A * B = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} * B_{11} + A_{12} * B_{21} & A_{11} * B_{12} + A_{12} * B_{22} \\ A_{21} * B_{11} + A_{22} * B_{21} & A_{21} * B_{12} + A_{22} * B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$
- ► That is, multiplication of  $n \times n$  matrices can be achieved through 8 multiplications of  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices and 4 additions of  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices

### Divide and Conquer Matrix Multiplication

- ► This suggests a Divide and Conquer algorithm
- Addition of two  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices involves  $n^2/4$  elementary additions
- ► The recurrence relation for the time complexity function is, therefore,  $T(n) = 8T(n/2) + cn^2$

## **Analysis**

► 
$$T(n) = 8T(\frac{n}{2}) + cn^2$$
  
=  $8[8T(\frac{n}{2^2}) + c\frac{n^2}{2^2}] + cn^2 = 8^2T(\frac{n}{2^2}) + cn^2[2+1]$   
=  $8^3T(\frac{n}{2^3}) + cn^2[2^2 + 2 + 1]$   
=  $8^kT(\frac{n}{2^k}) + cn^2[2^{k-1} + \dots + 1]$   
=  $8^kT(\frac{n}{2^k}) + cn^2[2^k - 1]$   
=  $8^{\log n} + cn^2[n-1]$  (When  $k = \log n$ )  
=  $O(n^3)$ 

▶ This is no improvement on the iterative algorithm

# Strassen's Algorithm

Input: A and B, two  $2 \times 2$  matrices

#### Algorithm 2 Strassen's Algorithm

1: 
$$m_1 = (A_{12} - A_{22}) * (B_{21} + B_{22})$$

2: 
$$m_2 = (A_{11} + A_{22}) * (B_{11} + B_{22})$$

3: 
$$m_3 = (A_{11} - A_{21}) * (B_{11} + B_{12})$$

4: 
$$m_4 = (A_{11} + A_{12}) * B_{22}$$

5: 
$$m_5 = A_{11} * (B_{12} - B_{22})$$

6: 
$$m_6 = A_{22} * (B_{21} - B_{11})$$

7: 
$$m_7 = (A_{21} + A_{22}) * B_{11}$$

8: 
$$C_{11} = m_1 + m_2 - m_4 + m_6$$

9: 
$$C_{12} = m_4 + m_5$$

10: 
$$C_{21} = m_6 + m_7$$

11: 
$$C_{22} = m_2 - m_3 + m_5 - m_7$$

### **Analysis**

- ► As can be seen, the algorithm performs 7 elementary multiplications and 18 elementary additions
- ► This can be generalized into an algorithm for  $n \times n$  multiplication
- ► That will perform 7  $n/2 \times n/2$  multiplications and 18  $n/2 \times n/2$  additions
- Its time complexity can be expressed as:  $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + cn^2$

# **Analysis**

► 
$$T(n) = 7T(\frac{n}{2}) + cn^2$$
  
=  $7[7T(\frac{n}{2^2}) + c\frac{n^2}{2^2}] + cn^2 = 7^2T(\frac{n}{2^2}) + cn^2[\frac{7}{4} + 1]$   
=  $7^3T(\frac{n}{2^3}) + cn^2[(\frac{7}{4})^2 + \frac{7}{4} + 1]$   
=  $7^kT(\frac{n}{2^k}) + cn^2[(\frac{7}{4})^{k-1} + \dots + 1]$   
=  $7^kT(\frac{n}{2^k}) + c\frac{4}{3}.n^2[(\frac{7}{4})^k - 1]$   
=  $7^{\log n} + c\frac{4}{3}.n^2[\frac{7^{\log n}}{4^{\log n}} - 1]$  (When  $k = \log n$ )  
=  $O(n^{\log 7})$   
► This is  $o(n^3)$ !!