

## 4.2 Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication

### 4.2-1

Use Strassen's algorithm to compute the matrix product

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Show your work.

The first matrices are

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= 6 & S_6 &= 8 \\ S_2 &= 4 & S_7 &= -2 \\ S_3 &= 12 & S_8 &= 6 \\ S_4 &= -2 & S_9 &= -6 \\ S_5 &= 6 & S_{10} &= 14. \end{aligned}$$

The products are

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= 1 \cdot 6 = 6 \\ P_2 &= 4 \cdot 2 = 8 \\ P_3 &= 6 \cdot 12 = 72 \\ P_4 &= -2 \cdot 5 = -10 \\ P_5 &= 6 \cdot 8 = 48 \\ P_6 &= -2 \cdot 6 = -12 \\ P_7 &= -6 \cdot 14 = -84. \end{aligned}$$

The four matrices are

$$\begin{aligned} C_{11} &= 48 + (-10) - 8 + (-12) = 18 \\ C_{12} &= 6 + 8 = 14 \\ C_{21} &= 72 + (-10) = 62 \\ C_{22} &= 48 + 6 - 72 - (-84) = 66. \end{aligned}$$

The result is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 18 & 14 \\ 62 & 66 \end{pmatrix}.$$

### 4.2-2

Write pseudocode for Strassen's algorithm.

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STRASSEN(A, B)
  n = A.rows
  if n == 1
    return a[1, 1] * b[1, 1]
  let C be a new n × n matrix
  A[1, 1] = A[1..n / 2][1..n / 2]
  A[1, 2] = A[1..n / 2][n / 2 + 1..n]
  A[2, 1] = A[n / 2 + 1..n][1..n / 2]
  A[2, 2] = A[n / 2 + 1..n][n / 2 + 1..n]
  B[1, 1] = B[1..n / 2][1..n / 2]
  B[1, 2] = B[1..n / 2][n / 2 + 1..n]
  B[2, 1] = B[n / 2 + 1..n][1..n / 2]
  B[2, 2] = B[n / 2 + 1..n][n / 2 + 1..n]
  S[1] = B[1, 2] - B[2, 2]
  S[2] = A[1, 1] + A[1, 2]
  S[3] = A[2, 1] + A[2, 2]
  S[4] = B[2, 1] - B[1, 1]
  S[5] = A[1, 1] + A[2, 2]
  S[6] = B[1, 1] + B[2, 2]
  S[7] = A[1, 2] - A[2, 2]
  S[8] = B[2, 1] + B[2, 2]
  S[9] = A[1, 1] - A[2, 1]
  S[10] = B[1, 1] + B[1, 2]
  P[1] = STRASSEN(A[1, 1], S[1])
  P[2] = STRASSEN(S[2], B[2, 2])
  P[3] = STRASSEN(S[3], B[1, 1])
  P[4] = STRASSEN(A[2, 2], S[4])
  P[5] = STRASSEN(S[5], S[6])
  P[6] = STRASSEN(S[7], S[8])
  P[7] = STRASSEN(S[9], S[10])
  C[1..n / 2][1..n / 2] = P[5] + P[4] - P[2] + P[6]
  C[1..n / 2][n / 2 + 1..n] = P[1] + P[2]
  C[n / 2 + 1..n][1..n / 2] = P[3] + P[4]
  C[n / 2 + 1..n][n / 2 + 1..n] = P[5] + P[1] - P[3] - P[7]
  return C

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## 4.2-3

How would you modify Strassen's algorithm to multiply  $n \times n$  matrices in which  $n$  is not an exact power of 2? Show that the resulting algorithm runs in time  $\Theta(n^{\lg 7})$ .

We can just extend it to an  $n \times n$  matrix and pad it with zeroes. It's obviously  $\Theta(n^{\lg 7})$ .

## 4.2-4

What is the largest  $k$  such that if you can multiply  $3 \times 3$  matrices using  $k$  multiplications (not assuming commutativity of multiplication), then you can multiply  $n \times n$  matrices is

time  $O(n^{\lg 7})$ ? What would the running time of this algorithm be?

Assume  $n = 3^m$  for some  $m$ . Then, using block matrix multiplication, we obtain the recursive running time  $T(n) = kT(n/3) + O(1)$ .

By master theorem, we can find the largest  $k$  to satisfy  $\log_3 k < \lg 7$  is  $k = 21$ .

## 4.2-5

V. Pan has discovered a way of multiplying  $68 \times 68$  matrices using 132464 multiplications, a way of multiplying  $70 \times 70$  matrices using 143640 multiplications, and a way of multiplying  $72 \times 72$  matrices using 155424 multiplications. Which method yields the best asymptotic running time when used in a divide-and-conquer matrix-multiplication algorithm? How does it compare to Strassen's algorithm?

Using what we know from the last exercise, we need to pick the smallest of the following

$$\log_{68} 132464 \approx 2.795128$$

$$\log_{70} 143640 \approx 2.795122$$

$$\log_{72} 155424 \approx 2.795147.$$

The fastest one asymptotically is  $70 \times 70$  using 143640.

## 4.2-6

How quickly can you multiply a  $kn \times n$  matrix by an  $n \times kn$  matrix, using Strassen's algorithm as a subroutine? Answer the same question with the order of the input matrices reversed.

- $(kn \times n)(n \times kn)$  produces a  $kn \times kn$  matrix. This produces  $k^2$  multiplications of  $n \times n$  matrices.
- $(n \times kn)(kn \times n)$  produces an  $n \times n$  matrix. This produces  $k$  multiplications and  $k - 1$  additions.

## 4.2-7

Show how to multiply the complex numbers  $a + bi$  and  $c + di$  using only three multiplications of real numbers. The algorithm should take  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  as input and produce the real component  $ac - bd$  and the imaginary component  $ad + bc$  separately.

The three matrices are

$$A = (a + b)(c + d) = ac + ad + bc + bd$$

$$B = ac$$

$$C = bd.$$

The result is

$$(B - C) + (A - B - C)i.$$