

# Design and Analysis of Algorithms

## Part I: Divide and Conquer

### Lecture 6: Counting Inversion Problem and Polynomial Multiplication Problem



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# Review to Divide-and-Conquer Paradigm

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- **Divide-and-conquer** (D&C) is an important algorithm design paradigm.
- **Divide**  
Dividing a given problem into two or more subproblems (ideally of approximately equal size)
- **Conquer**  
Solving each subproblem (directly if small enough or **recursively**)
- **Combine**  
Combining the solutions of the subproblems into a global solution

# Review to Divide-and-Conquer Paradigm

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- In Part I, we will illustrate Divide-and-Conquer using several examples:
  - Maximum Contiguous Subarray (最大子数组)
  - Counting Inversions (逆序计数)
  - Polynomial Multiplication (多项式乘法)
  - QuickSort and Partition (快速排序与划分)
  - Randomized Selection (随机化选择)
  - Lower Bound for Sorting (基于比较的排序下界)

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# Counting inversions

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Music site tries to match your song preferences with others.

- You rank  $n$  songs.
- Music site consults database to find people with similar tastes.

**Similarity metric:** number of **inversions** between two rankings.

- My rank: 1, 2, ...,  $n$ .
- Your rank:  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ .
- Songs  $i$  and  $j$  are inverted if  $i < j$ , but  $a_i > a_j$ .

	A	B	C	D	E
Me	1	2	3	4	5
You	1	3	4	2	5

# Formal Definition

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- **Input**: An array of reals  $A[1...n]$
- **Output**: The total number of inversions, namely

$$\sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} X_{i,j}$$
$$X_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1, & A[i] > A[j] \\ 0, & A[i] \leq A[j] \end{cases}$$

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# A Brute Force Algorithm

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List each pair  $i < j$  and count the inversions.

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Input:  $L$   
Output:  $r$   
 $r \leftarrow 0$ ;  
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $L.length$  do  
  | for  $j \leftarrow i + 1$  to  $L.length$  do  
  | | if  $L[i] > L[j]$  then  
  | | |  $r \leftarrow r + 1$ ;  
  | | end  
  | end  
end  
return  $r$ ;
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$O(n^2)$  comparisons and additions.

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# Review to Merge Sort

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Mergesort(*A*, *left*, *right*)

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if left < right then  
    center  $\leftarrow \lfloor (\text{left} + \text{right}) / 2 \rfloor$ ;  
    Mergesort(A, left, center);  
    Mergesort(A, center+1, right);  
    “Merge” the two sorted arrays;  
end
```

- To sort the entire array  $A[1 \dots n]$ , we make the initial call Mergesort(*A*, 1, *n*).
- Key subroutine: “Merge”

# Counting inversions: divide-and-conquer

- Divide: separate list into two halves A and B.
- Conquer: recursively count inversions in each list.
- Combine: count inversions (a, b) with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .
- Return sum of three counts.

Input

14	7	18	3	10	19	11	23	2	25	16	17
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14	7	18	3	10	19
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Count inversions in left half A

14-7,14-3,14-10,7-3,18-3,18-10

11	23	2	25	16	17
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Count inversions in right half B

11-2,23-2,23-16,23-17,25-16,25-17

Count inversions (a,b) with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$

14-11,14-2,7-2,18-11,18-2,18-16,18-17,3-2,10-2,19-11,19-2,19-16,19-17

**Output**

**6+6+13 = 25**

# How to combine two subproblems?

**Q.** How to count inversions  $(a, b)$  with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ ?

**A.** Easy if  $A$  and  $B$  are sorted!

**Warmup algorithm.**

- Sort  $A$  and  $B$ .
- For each element  $b \in B$ ,
  - binary search in  $A$  to find how many elements in  $A$  are greater than  $b$ .

**Sort A**

3	7	10	14	18	19
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**Sort B**

2	11	16	17	23	25
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**Inversions between  
A and B:**

**$6+3+2+2=13$**

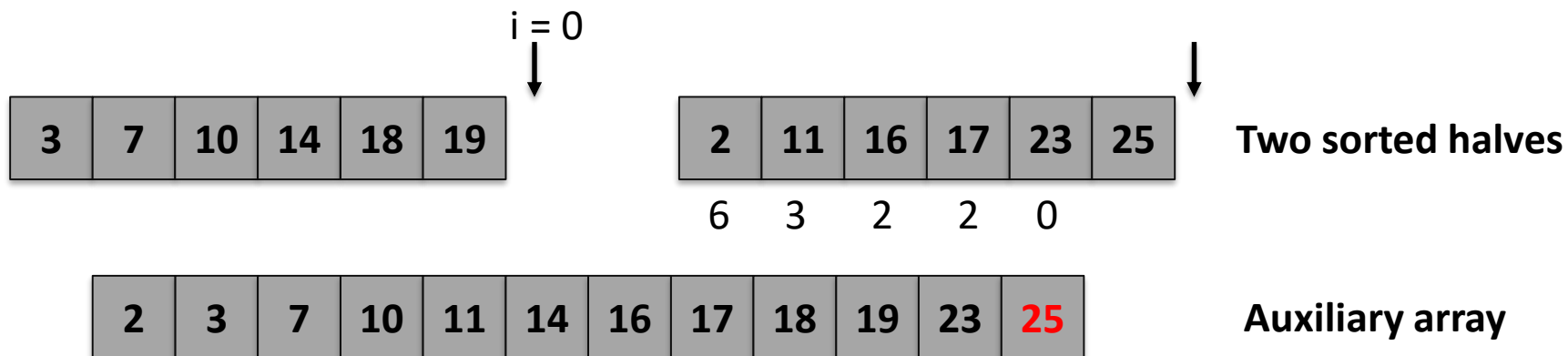
6	3	2	2	0	0
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**Count for  $b \in B$**

# Combine two subproblems: Improvement

Count inversions  $(a, b)$  with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ , assuming  $A$  and  $B$  are sorted.

- Scan  $A$  and  $B$  from left to right.
- Compare  $a_i$  and  $b_j$ .
  - If  $a_i < b_j$ , then  $a_i$  is not inverted with any element left in  $B$ .
  - If  $a_i > b_j$ , then  $b_j$  is inverted with every element left in  $A$ .
- Append smaller element to sorted list  $C$ .



**Total:  $6+3+2+2+0+0 = 13$**

# Combine two subproblems: Improvement

## Merge-and-Count( $A, B$ )

**Input:**  $A, B$

**Output:**  $r, L$

$r \leftarrow 0, L \leftarrow \emptyset;$

**while** *both  $A$  and  $B$  are not empty* **do**

    // Let  $a$  and  $b$  represent the first element of  $A$  and  $B$ , respectively

**if**  $a < b$  **then**

        | Move  $a$  to the back of  $L$ ; //  $A.length$  is decreased by 1;

**end**

**else**

        | Increase  $r$  by  $A.length$ ;

        | Move  $b$  to the back of  $L$ ;

**end**

**end**

**if**  $A$  is not empty **then**

    | Move  $A$  to the back of  $L$ ;

**end**

**else**

    | Move  $B$  to the back of  $L$ ;

**end**

**return**  $L, r$ ;

# Combine two subproblems: Improvement

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- For every element in A and B,
  - Only  $O(1)$  times operations are executed.
- Function *Sort-and-Count*(A,B) can be executed in  $O(n)$  time where n is the number of elements in A and B.



# The Complete Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

## Sort-and-Count( $L$ )

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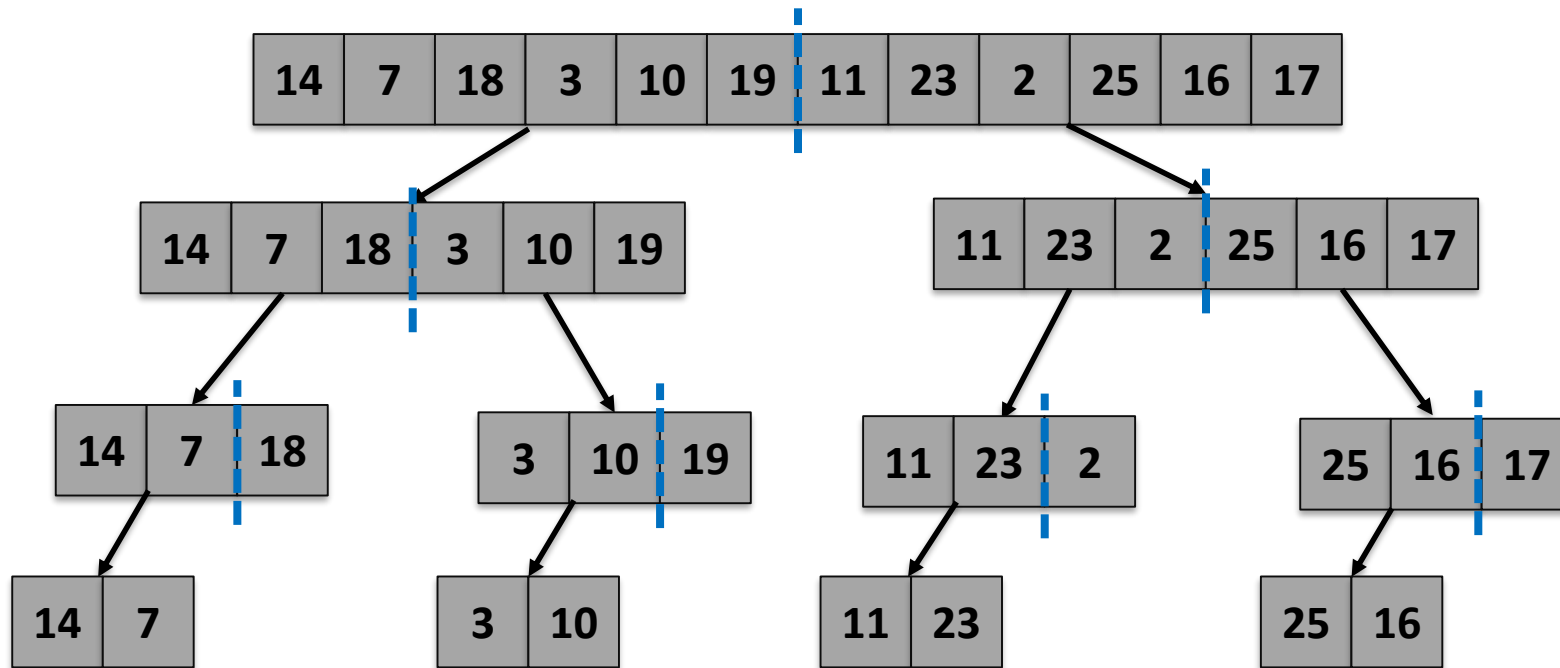
Input:  $L$ 
Output:  $r_L, L$ 
if  $L.length = 1$  then
    | return  $0, L$ ;
end
Divide  $L$  into two halves  $A$  and  $B$ ;
 $(r_A, A) \leftarrow \text{Sort-and-Count}(A); // T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil)$ 
 $(r_B, B) \leftarrow \text{Sort-and-Count}(B); // T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$ 
 $(r_L, L) \leftarrow \text{Merge-and-Count}(A, B); // O(n)$ 
return  $r_A + r_B + r_L, L$ ;

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1), & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + O(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

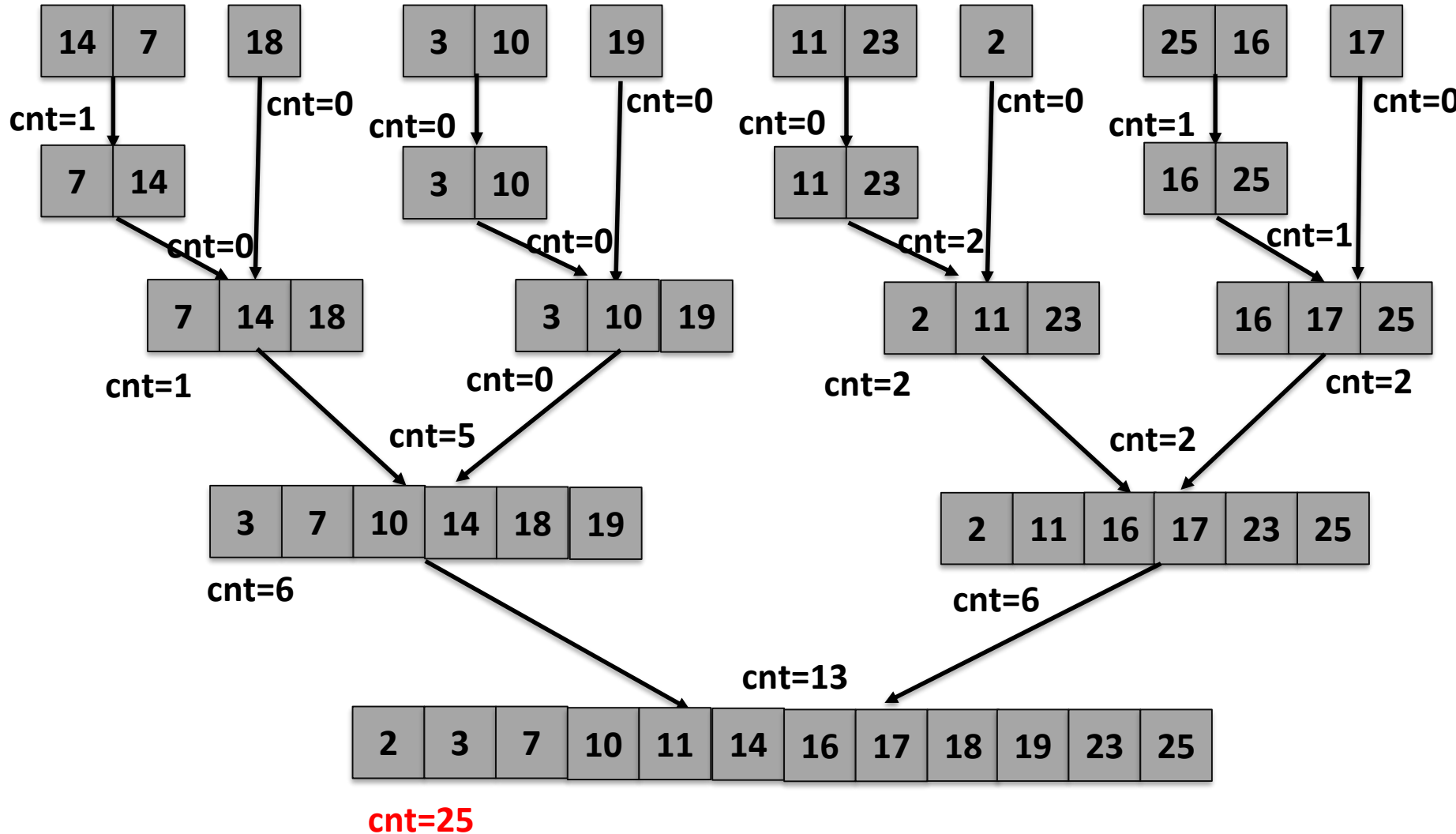
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## Divide



# Example

## Conquer



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# Analysis of the D&C Algorithm

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**Proposition.** The sort-and-count algorithm counts the number of inversions in a permutation of size  $n$  in  $O(n \log n)$  time.

**Proof.** The worst-case running time  $T(n)$  satisfies the recurrence:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(1), & \text{if } n = 1 \\ T\left(\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil\right) + T\left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor\right) + O(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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# The Polynomial Multiplication Problem

## Definition (Polynomial Multiplication Problem)

Given two polynomials

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$$

$$B(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_mx^m$$

Compute the **product**  $A(x)B(x)$

## Example

$$A(x) = 1 + 2x + 3x^2$$

$$B(x) = 3 + 2x + 2x^2$$

$$A(x)B(x) = 3 + 8x + 15x^2 + 10x^3 + 6x^4$$

- Assume that the coefficients  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are stored in arrays  $A[0..n]$  and  $B[0..m]$
- **Cost**: number of scalar multiplications and additions

# What do we need to compute exactly?

Define

- $A(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$
- $B(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^i$
- $C(x) = A(x)B(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n+m} c_k x^k$

Then

- $c_k = \sum_{0 \leq i \leq n, 0 \leq j \leq m, i+j=k} a_i b_j$ , for all  $0 \leq k \leq m+n$

## Definition

The vector  $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m+n})$  is the **convolution** of the vectors  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_m)$

- We need to calculate convolutions. This is a major problem in digital signal processing



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# A Direct (Brute Force) Approach

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To ease analysis, assume  $n = m$ .

- $A(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$
- $B(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m b_i x^i$
- $C(x) = A(x)B(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} c_k x^k$  with

$$c_k = \sum_{0 \leq i, j \leq n, i+j=k} a_i b_j, \text{ for all } 0 \leq k \leq 2n$$

**Direct approach:** Compute all  $c_k$ 's using the formula above.

- Total number of multiplications:  $O(n^2)$
- Total number of additions:  $O(n^2)$
- Complexity:  $O(n^2)$

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# The First Divide-and-Conquer: Divide

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Assume  $n$  is a power of 2

Define

$$A_0(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{\frac{n}{2}-1}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

$$A_1(x) = a_{\frac{n}{2}} + a_{\frac{n}{2}+1}x + \cdots + a_nx^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$A(x) = A_0(x) + A_1(x)x^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

Similarly, define  $B_0(x)$  and  $B_1(x)$  such that

$$B(x) = B_0(x) + B_1(x)x^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(x)B(x) &= A_0(x)B_0(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)x^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ &\quad + A_1(x)B_0(x)x^{\frac{n}{2}} + A_1(x)B_1(x)x^n \end{aligned}$$

The original problem (of size  $n$ ) is divided into 4 problems of input size  $n/2$

# Example

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$$A(x) = 2 + 5x + 3x^2 + x^3 - x^4$$

$$B(x) = 1 + 2x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 + 6x^4$$

$$A(x)B(x) = 2 + 9x + 17x^2 + 23x^3 + 34x^4 + 39x^5 + 19x^6 + 3x^7 - 6x^8$$

$$A_0(x) = 2 + 5x, A_1(x) = 3 + x - x^2$$

$$A(x) = A_0(x) + A_1(x)x^2$$

$$B_0(x) = 1 + 2x, B_1(x) = 2 + 3x + 6x^2$$

$$B(x) = B_0(x) + B_1(x)x^2$$

$$A_0(x)B_0(x) = 2 + 9x + 10x^2$$

$$A_1(x)B_1(x) = 6 + 11x + 19x^2 + 3x^3 - 6x^4$$

$$A_0(x)B_1(x) = 4 + 16x + 27x^2 + 30x^3$$

$$A_1(x)B_0(x) = 3 + 7x + x^2 - 2x^3$$

$$A_0(x)B_1(x) + A_1(x)B_0(x) = 7 + 23x + 28x^2 + 28x^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} & A_0(x)B_0(x) + (A_0(x)B_1(x) + A_1(x)B_0(x))x^2 + A_1(x)B_1(x)x^4 \\ &= 2 + 9x + 17x^2 + 23x^3 + 34x^4 + 39x^5 + 19x^6 + 3x^7 - 6x^8 \end{aligned}$$

# The First Divide-and-Conquer: Conquer

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**Conquer:** Solve the four subproblems

- Compute

$$A_0(x)B_0(x), A_0(x)B_1(x), A_1(x)B_0(x), A_1(x)B_1(x)$$

by recursively calling the algorithm **4 times**

**Combine**

- Add the following four polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} &A_0(x)B_0(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)x^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ &\quad + A_1(x)B_0(x)x^{\frac{n}{2}} \\ &\quad + A_1(x)B_1(x)x^n \end{aligned}$$

- Takes  **$O(n)$**  operations

# The First Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

PolyMulti1( $A(x), B(x)$ )

**Input:**  $A(x), B(x)$

**Output:**  $A(x) \times B(x)$

$A_0(x) \leftarrow a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{\frac{n}{2}-1}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1};$

$A_1(x) \leftarrow a_{\frac{n}{2}} + a_{\frac{n}{2}+1}x + \cdots + a_nx^{\frac{n}{2}};$

$B_0(x) \leftarrow b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_{\frac{n}{2}-1}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1};$

$B_1(x) \leftarrow b_{\frac{n}{2}} + b_{\frac{n}{2}+1}x + \cdots + b_nx^{\frac{n}{2}};$

$U(x) \leftarrow \text{PolyMulti1}(A_0(x), B_0(x)); // T(n/2)$

$V(x) \leftarrow \text{PolyMulti1}(A_0(x), B_1(x)); // T(n/2)$

$W(x) \leftarrow \text{PolyMulti1}(A_1(x), B_0(x)); // T(n/2)$

$Z(x) \leftarrow \text{PolyMulti1}(A_1(x), B_1(x)); // T(n/2)$

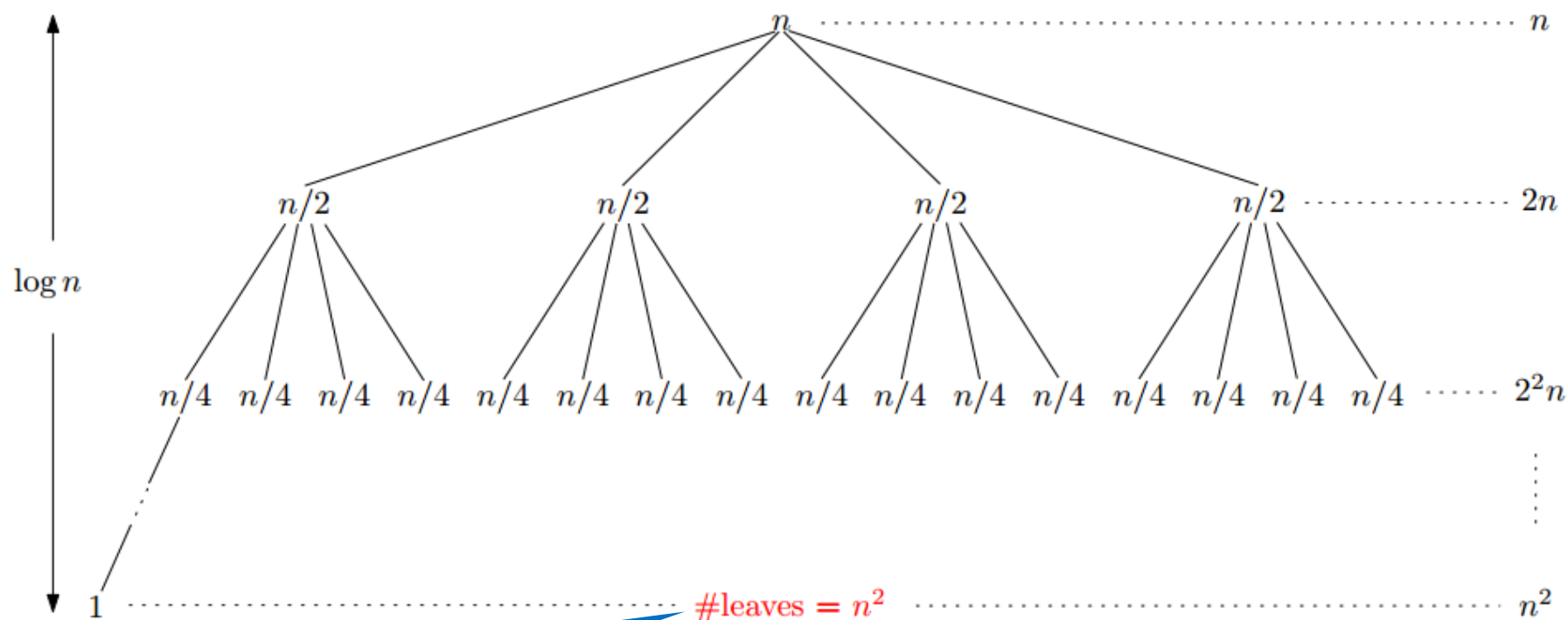
**return**  $(U(x) + [V(x) + W(x)]x^{\frac{n}{2}} + Z(x)x^n); // O(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 4T(n/2) + n, & \text{if } n > 1, \\ 1, & \text{if } n = 1. \end{cases}$$

# Analysis of Running Time

Assume that  $n$  is a power of 2

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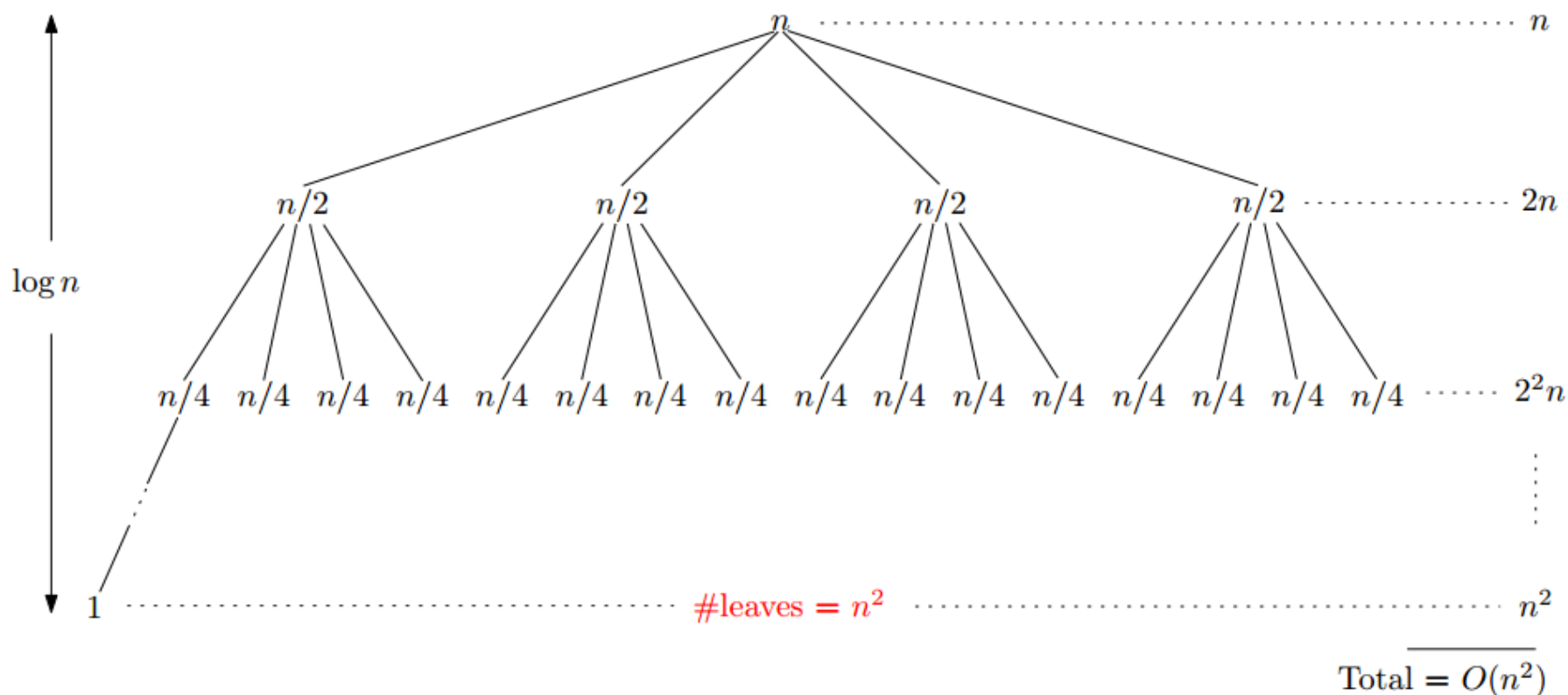




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Same order as the brute force approach! No improvement!

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# Two Observations

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Observation 1:

*What we really need are the following 3 terms:*

$$A_0B_0, A_0B_1 + A_1B_0, A_1B_1?$$

*Instead of the following 4 terms:*

$$A_0B_0, A_0B_1, A_1B_0, A_1B_1?$$

Observation 2:

*The three terms can be obtained using only 3 multiplications:*

$$Y = (A_0 + A_1)(B_0 + B_1)$$

$$U = A_0B_0$$

$$Z = A_1B_1$$

- $U$  and  $Z$  are what we originally wanted
- $A_0B_1 + A_1B_0 = Y - U - Z$

# The improved Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

PolyMulti2( $A(x), B(x)$ )

**Input:**  $A(x), B(x)$

**Output:**  $A(x) \times B(x)$

$A_0(x) \leftarrow a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_{\frac{n}{2}-1}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1};$

$A_1(x) \leftarrow a_{\frac{n}{2}} + a_{\frac{n}{2}+1}x + \cdots + a_nx^{n-\frac{n}{2}};$

$B_0(x) \leftarrow b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_{\frac{n}{2}-1}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1};$

$B_1(x) \leftarrow b_{\frac{n}{2}} + b_{\frac{n}{2}+1}x + \cdots + b_nx^{n-\frac{n}{2}};$

$Y(x) \leftarrow \text{PolyMulti2}(A_0(x) + A_1(x), B_0(x) + B_1(x)); // T(n/2)$

$U(x) \leftarrow \text{PolyMulti2}(A_0(x), B_0(x)); // T(n/2)$

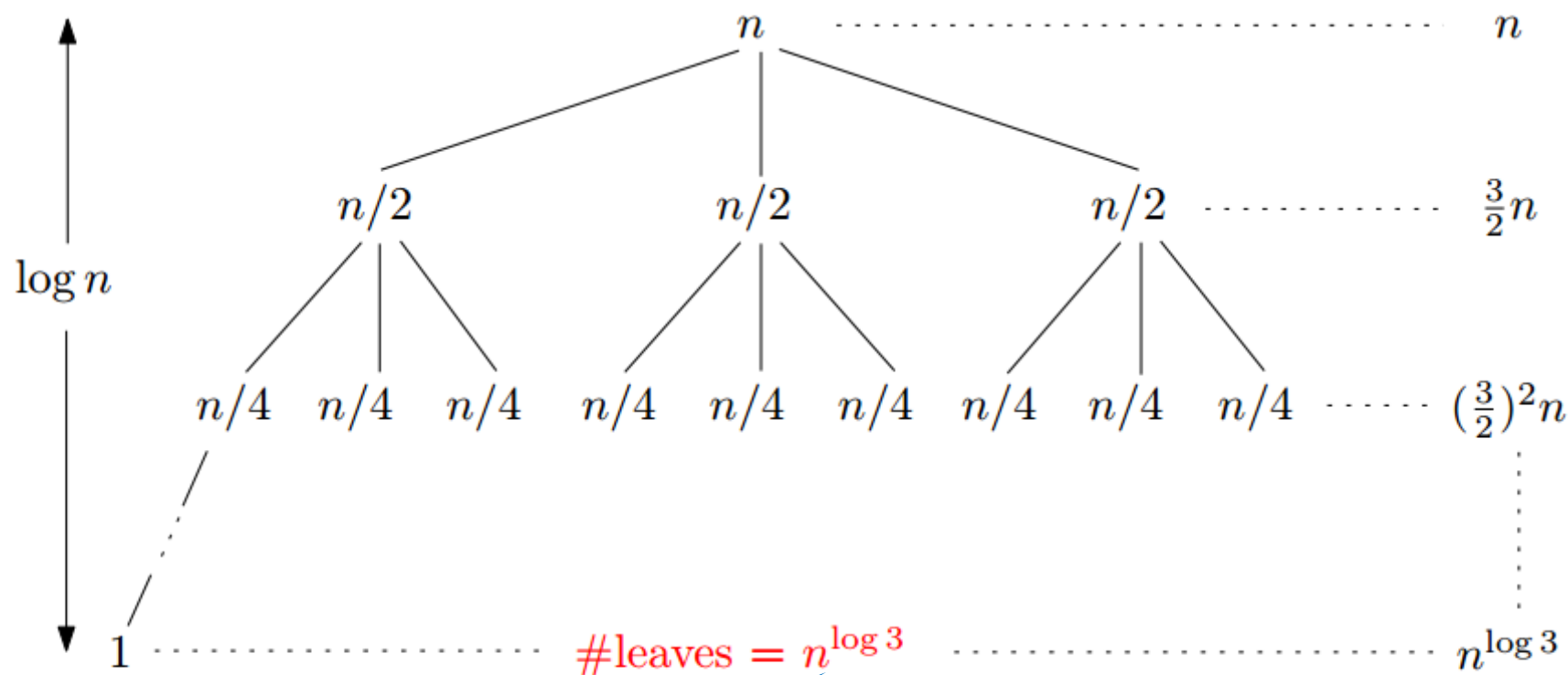
$Z(x) \leftarrow \text{PolyMulti2}(A_1(x), B_1(x)); // T(n/2)$

**return**  $(U(x) + [Y(x) - U(x) - Z(x)]x^{\frac{n}{2}} + Z(x)x^{2\frac{n}{2}}); // O(n)$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 3T(n/2) + n, & \text{if } n > 1, \\ 1, & \text{if } n = 1. \end{cases}$$

# Running Time of the Improved Algorithm

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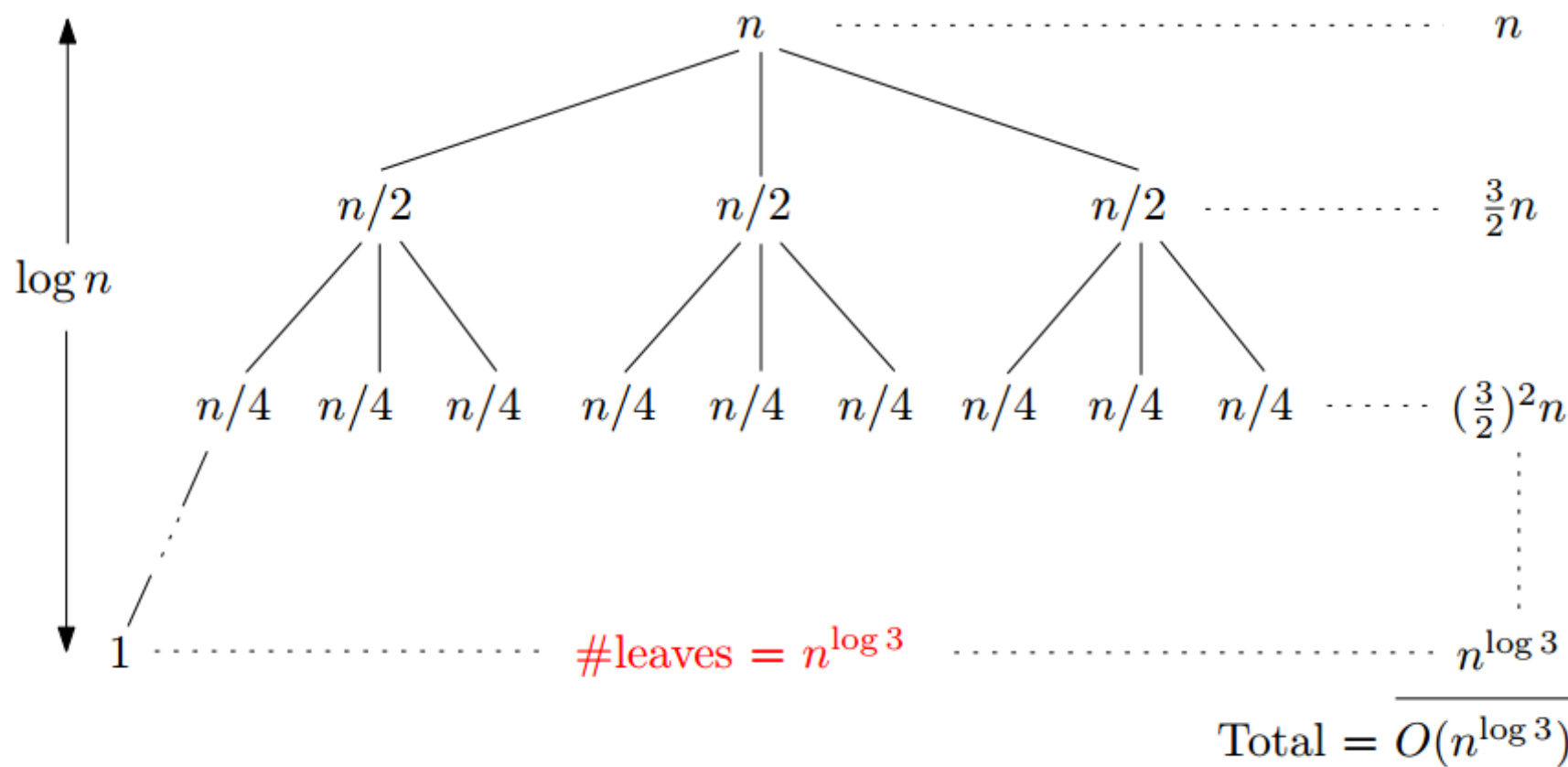
#leaves =  $n^{\log 3}$

$$3^{\log n} = n^{\log 3}$$

$$\text{Total} = O(n^{\log 3})$$

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# Analysis of the D&C algorithm

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- The divide-and-conquer approach does not always give you the best solution
  - Our original algorithm was just as bad as brute force
- There is actually an  $O(n \log n)$  solution to the polynomial multiplication problem
  - It involves using the **Fast Fourier Transform** algorithm as a subroutine
  - The FFT is another classic divide-and-conquer algorithm(check Chapt 30 in CLRS if interested)
- The idea of using 3 multiplications instead of 4 is used in large-integer multiplications
  - A similar idea is the basis of the classic **Strassen matrix multiplication algorithm** (CLRS 4.2)



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