

# CS 218 Design and Analysis of Algorithms

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Module 1: Basics of algorithms

# Divide, Delegate and Combine (Divide and Conquer)

You cannot do everything and be efficient!

# Divide, Delegate and Combine

## Basic paradigm

- A task needs to be solved on instance of size  $n$ .
- Divide the task into into say  $k$  sub-tasks of size  $n/k$ .
- Invoke recursion to solve tasks of size  $n/k$ .
- Once we get the answers, combine them to get the final answer.

$$T(n) = k \cdot T(n/k) + [\text{Time to combine}]$$

Here,  $T(n)$  stands for the time needed to solve the problem of size  $n$ .

# Example: Merge Sort

1. Divide the array into two parts

2. Divide the array into two parts again

3. Break each element into single parts

4. Sort the elements from smallest to largest

5. Merge the divided sorted arrays together

6. The array has been sorted

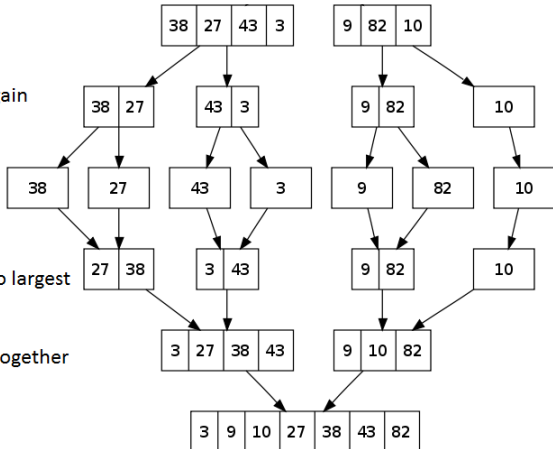


Image from <https://cppbetterexplained.com/the-merge-sort-algorithm/>

# Integer multiplication

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Input: Two  $n$ -digit non-negative integers  $x, y$

Compute:  $x \times y$

We know that this has a simple algorithm (we studied in school).

What is the time complexity of that algorithm?

## Primitive operations:

Adding two single digit numbers takes  $O(1)$  time.

Multiplying two single digit numbers takes  $O(1)$  time.

Inserting a zero at the end of a number takes  $O(1)$  time.

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Total number of primitive operations

$O(n)$  operations to multiply 1 digit of  $y$  with  $x$ .

$O(n)$  such operations. Totally  $O(n^2)$  operations.

Can we do better than  $O(n^2)$ ?

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## Towards Karatsuba's algorithm

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## Why does this work?

Let  $u = 10^{n/2} \cdot a + b$  and  $v = 10^{n/2} \cdot c + d$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u \cdot v &= (10^{n/2} \cdot a + b) \cdot (10^{n/2} \cdot c + d) \\ &= 10^n \cdot a \cdot c + 10^{n/2} \cdot (a \cdot d + b \cdot c) + b \cdot d \end{aligned}$$

# Recursive Algorithm

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Running time analysis of the algorithm.

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 4 \cdot T(n/2) + O(n) \\&= 4 \cdot (4 \cdot T(n/4) + O(n/2)) + O(n) \\&= \vdots \\&= O(n^2).\end{aligned}$$