

We are asked to define an algorithm in order to multiply
2 multiprecision integers a and b

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Algorithm

Inputs: Multiprecision integers $a = (-1)^s \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} a_i 2^{64i}$, $b = (-1)^t \sum_{0 \leq j \leq n} b_j 2^{64j}$

Output: Multiprecision integer $r = ab$.

Assumption: Our machine contains a subroutine able to perform the multiplication of two single precision integers a and b between 0 and $2^{64}-1$. The output of that subroutine that we are going to denote as $\text{spm}(a, b)$ outputs a double precision integer (i.e. $2^{228} - 2^{65} + 1$) so we assume that it returns 4 double precision words such that $ab = d2^{64} + c$, so $\text{spm}(a, b) = (d, c)$ satisfying the latter property.

Naive Algorithm

1. for $i = 0, \dots, m$ do :
2. $(d_i, c_i) \leftarrow \text{spm}(a_i, b_0)$
3. $s_j \leftarrow 0$
4. for $j = 1, \dots, n$ do :
5. $(d_{j+1}, c_j) \leftarrow \text{spm}(a_i, b_j)$
6. $s_j \leftarrow d_j + c_j + s_j$
7. $d_{j+1} \leftarrow 0$
8. if $s_j \geq 2^{64}$ then:
9. $s_j \leftarrow s_j - 2^{64}$
10. $d_{j+1} \leftarrow 1$
11. $s_m \leftarrow d_m + s_{m+1}$
12. $r \leftarrow (-1)^t \sum_{0 \leq j \leq m} s_j 2^{64j}$
- B. return $r = (-1)^{st} \sum_{0 \leq i \leq m} r_i$

Complexity of the algorithm

We assume that the subroutine $\text{spm}(a, b)$ is done in a constant number of machine cycles, same as for summing single precision integers and for the carry flags. Therefore, let m and n be the correspondingly lengths of a and b respectively, first of all, for each of the words in a , we are doing m single precision multipliers, single precision sums and carry flag additions, thus Cm arithmetic operations for C constant. Each of those can arithmetic operations are done in times t for each of the 64-bit words representing a . Hence, the complexity is $O(mn)$.