

Q1:

Given: positive integers M and n

Output: a methods with $O(\log n)$ multiplications

Solution:

According to exponential product rules, $a^n * a^m = a^{m+n}$, then we can rewrite our n in binary as $n = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2}$, then M^n is equivalent to $M^n = M^{\frac{n}{2}} * M^{\frac{n}{2}}$, repeat this process until $n = 1$ and stop. The Pseudocode shown as

Input: integer m and n;

Output: the n power of m

Function Recursion(m,n):

 If $n=0$ then

 Return 1;

 End if

 If $n\%2=0$ then

 Return square(square(m,n/2))

 End if

 Else

 Return $m * \text{square}(\text{square}(m,n/2))$

 End if

End function

The height of this Recurrence tree with in the range 0 to $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$, So that, Totally there will be at most $2 * \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ multiplications. The square multiplication can be solved by bits shift in one time each. Then there will have $O(\log n)$ times multiplications.