

Q1

We can handle this problem by a divide and conquer recursion and use repeated squaring.

When we want to compute M^n , we could compute $y = M^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor}$. Here, we compute $\frac{n}{2}$ by flooring. Then assign $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ as the new N and do next recursion. Every recursion we return a value, if n is even, we return y^2 , otherwise n is odd, we return $y^2 * M$ as we do floor operation for $n/2$.

Doing those, until $n = 0$ and this is a boundary condition and return 1. Since each recursion reduces the exponent by half, the number of recursive layers is $O(\log n)$, and the algorithm can get results in a very short time.

The Pseudocode shows below:

Algorithm 1: An algorithm

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1 Function Main( $M, n$ ):
2   | return quickMul( $M, n$ )
3 end
4 Function quickMul ( $M, n$ ):
5   | if  $n$  equals 0 then
6     | return 1
7   | end
8   |  $y = \text{quickMul}(n/2)$ 
9   | if  $n$  is even then
10    | return  $y * y$ 
11  | end
12  | if  $n$  is odd then
13    | return  $y * y * M$ 
14  | end
15 end

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