

Algorithm Design IV

Divide and Conquer I

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Divide-and-Conquer



The divide-and-conquer strategy solves a problem by:

- Breaking it into subproblems that are themselves smaller instances of the same type of problem.
- 2 Recursively solving these subproblems.
- 3 Appropriately combining their answers.

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- In big=O way of thinking, reducing the number of multiplications from four to three seems wasted ingenuity.
- But this modest improvement becomes very significant when applied recursively.



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Algorithm for Integer Multiplication



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MULTIPLY (x, y)

Two positive integers x and y, in binary;

n=\max (size of x, size of y) rounded as a power of 2;

if n=1 then return (xy);

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y_L, y_R= leftmost n/2, rightmost n/2 bits of y;

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For each subproblem, a linear amount of work is done in combining their answers.



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Therefore, the overall running time is

$$O(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx O(n^{1.59})$$



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Recurrence Relations

Master Theorem



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If $T(n) = aT(\lceil n/b \rceil) + O(n^d)$ for some constants a > 0, b > 1 and $d \ge 0$, then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & \text{if } d > \log_b a \\ O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } d = \log_b a \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } d < \log_b a \end{cases}$$

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k goes from 0 to $\log_b n$, these numbers form a geometric series with ratio a/b^d , comes down to three cases.



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In this case all $O(\log n)$ terms of the series are equal to $O(n^d)$.

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An Iterative Version



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ITERTIVE-MERGESORT (a[1 \dots n])

An array of numbers a[1 \dots n];

Q = [] empty \ queue;

for i = 1 \ to \ n \ do

| Inject(Q, [a[i]);

end

while |Q| > 1 \ do

| Inject(Q, MERGE \ (Eject(Q), Eject(Q)));

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return (Eject(Q));
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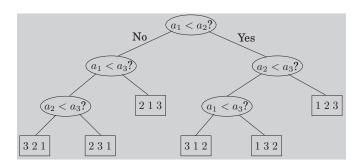
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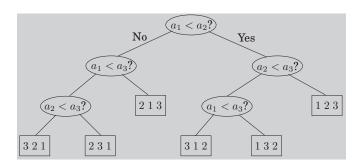
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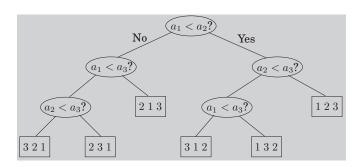




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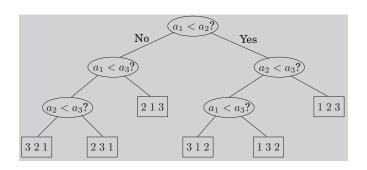


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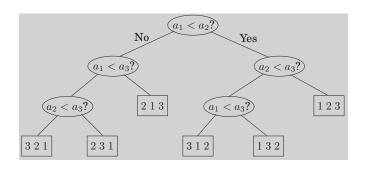
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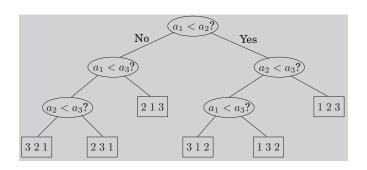




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So, the depth of the tree - and the complexity of the algorithm - must be at least

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$$selection(S, k) = \begin{cases} selection(S_L, k) & \text{if } k \leq |S_L| \\ v & \text{if } |S_L| < k \leq |S_L| + |S_v| \\ selection(S_R, k - |S_L| - |S_v|) & \text{if } k > |S_L| + |S_v| \end{cases}$$





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Let E be the expected number of tosses before heads is seen.

$$E = 1 + \frac{1}{2}E$$

Therefore, E=2.



Let T(n) be the expected running time on the array of size n, we get

$$T(n) \le T(3n/4) + O(n) = O(n)$$

Matrix Multiplication

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• There are n^2 entries to be computed, and each takes O(n) time.

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