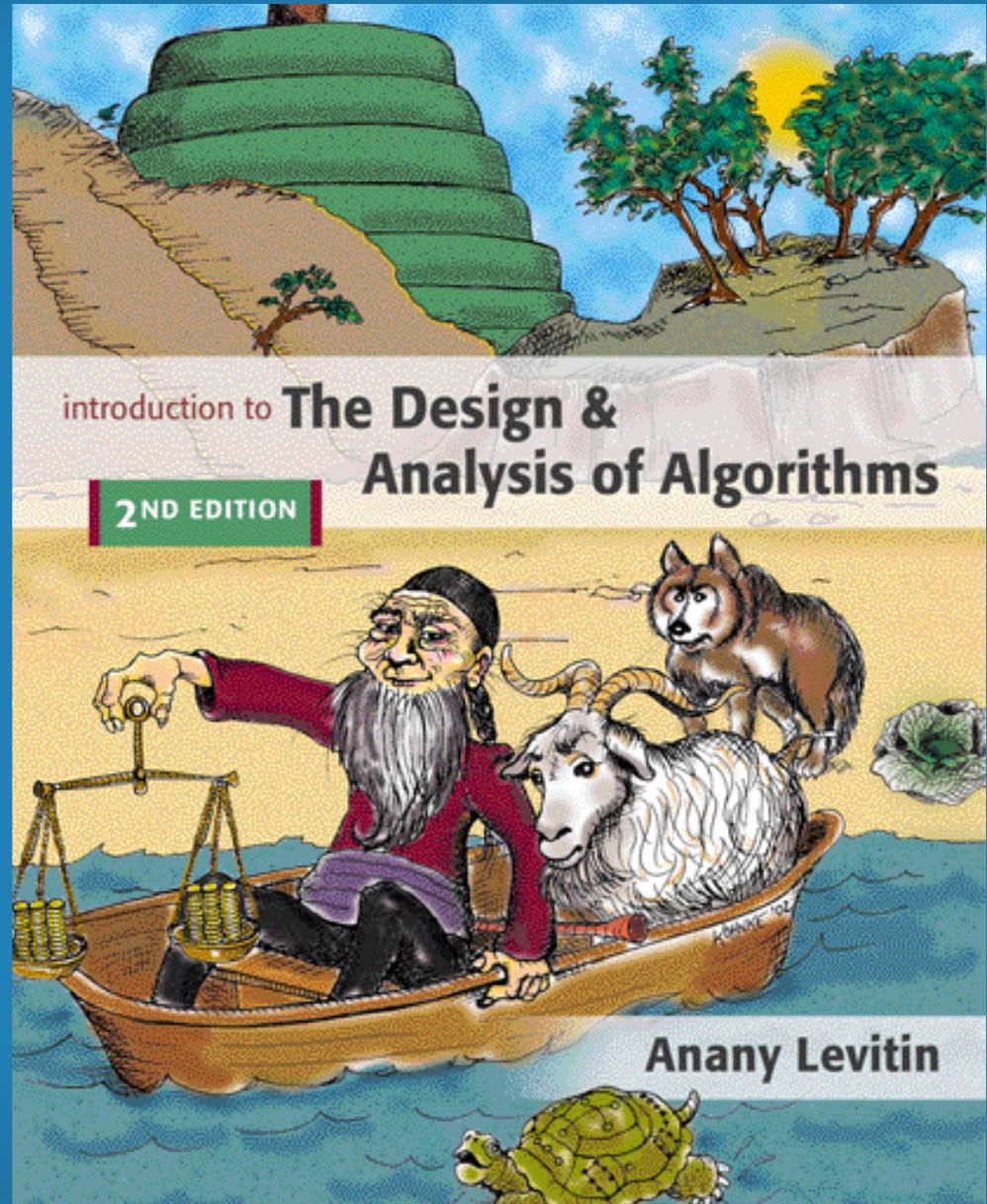


Chapter 4

Divide-and-Conquer



Difference



- ❑ The **decrease and conquer** technique **is** similar to **divide and conquer**, except instead **of** partitioning a problem into multiple subproblems **of** smaller size, we use some technique to **reduce** our problem into a single problem that **is** smaller than the original.

Divide-and-Conquer

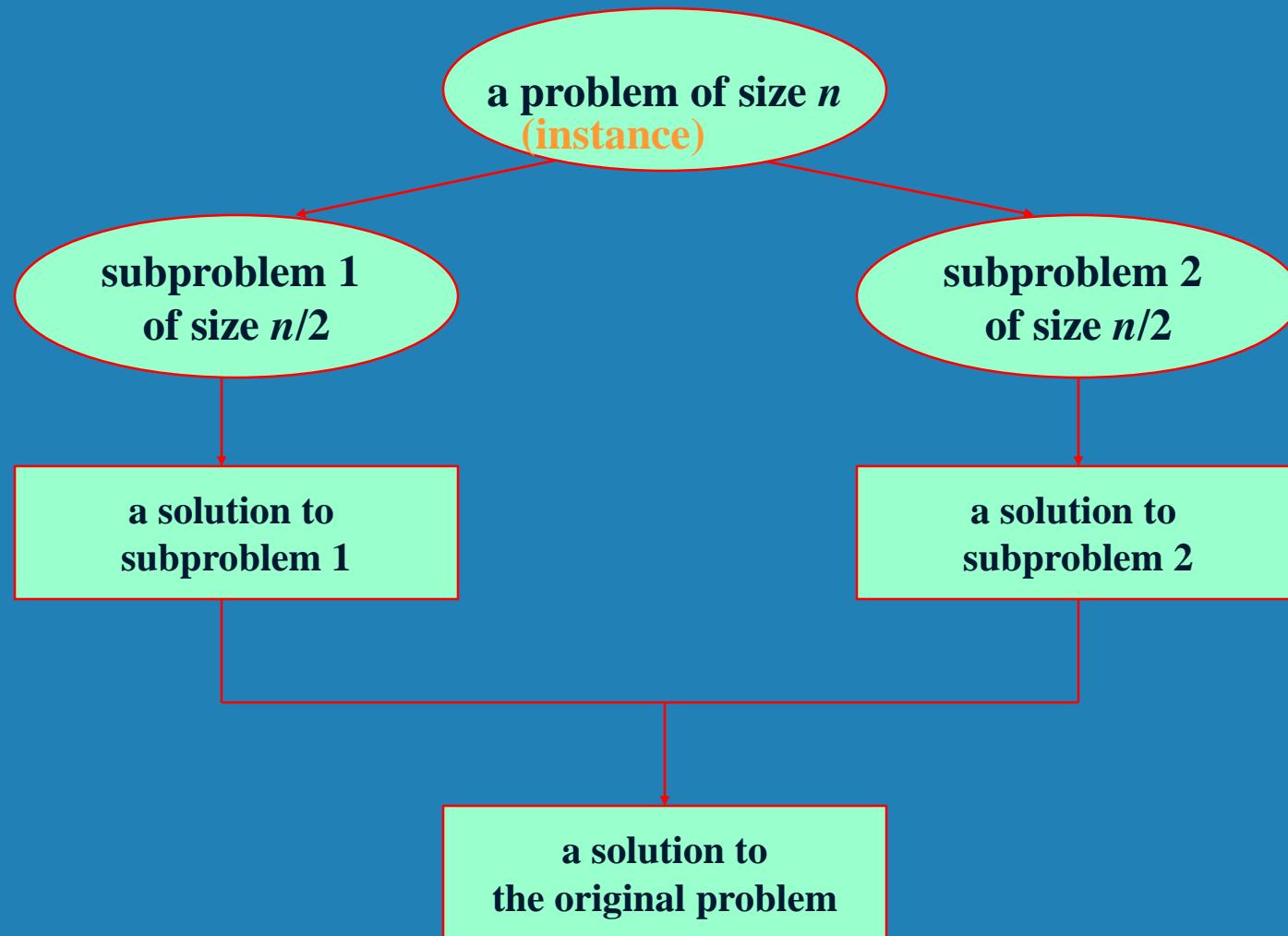


The most-well known algorithm design strategy:

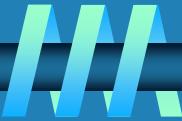
1. Divide instance of problem into two or more smaller instances
2. Solve smaller instances recursively
3. Obtain solution to original (larger) instance by combining these solutions



Divide-and-Conquer Technique (cont.)



Divide-and-Conquer Examples



- ❑ **Sorting: Mergesort and Quicksort**
- ❑ **Binary tree traversals**
- ❑ **Binary search (?)**
- ❑ **Multiplication of large integers**
- ❑ **Matrix multiplication: Strassen's algorithm**



General Divide-and-Conquer Recurrence

$$T(n) = a T(n/b) + f(n) \quad \text{where } f(n) \in \Theta(n^d), \quad d \geq 0$$



Master Theorem: If $a < b^d$, $T(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$

If $a = b^d$, $T(n) \in \Theta(n^d \log n)$

If $a > b^d$, $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$

Examples: $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n \Rightarrow T(n) \in ? \quad \Theta(n^2)$

$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2 \Rightarrow T(n) \in ? \quad \Theta(n^2 \log n)$

$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^3 \Rightarrow T(n) \in ? \quad \Theta(n^3)$

Mergesort



- ❑ Split array $A[0..n-1]$ into about equal halves and make copies of each half in arrays B and C
- ❑ Sort arrays B and C recursively
- ❑ Merge sorted arrays B and C into array A as follows:
 - Repeat the following until no elements remain in one of the arrays:
 - compare the first elements in the remaining unprocessed portions of the arrays
 - copy the smaller of the two into A, while incrementing the index indicating the unprocessed portion of that array
 - Once all elements in one of the arrays are processed, copy the remaining unprocessed elements from the other array into A.

Pseudocode of Mergesort

ALGORITHM *Mergesort($A[0..n - 1]$)*

//Sorts array $A[0..n - 1]$ by recursive mergesort
//Input: An array $A[0..n - 1]$ of orderable elements
//Output: Array $A[0..n - 1]$ sorted in nondecreasing order

if $n > 1$

copy $A[0..\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1]$ to $B[0..\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1]$
copy $A[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor ..n - 1]$ to $C[0..\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1]$
Mergesort($B[0..\lfloor n/2 \rfloor - 1]$)
Mergesort($C[0..\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1]$)
Merge(B, C, A)

Pseudocode of Merge



ALGORITHM *Merge($B[0..p - 1]$, $C[0..q - 1]$, $A[0..p + q - 1]$)*

//Merges two sorted arrays into one sorted array

//Input: Arrays $B[0..p - 1]$ and $C[0..q - 1]$ both sorted

//Output: Sorted array $A[0..p + q - 1]$ of the elements of B and C

$i \leftarrow 0$; $j \leftarrow 0$; $k \leftarrow 0$

while $i < p$ **and** $j < q$ **do**

if $B[i] \leq C[j]$

$A[k] \leftarrow B[i]$; $i \leftarrow i + 1$

else $A[k] \leftarrow C[j]$; $j \leftarrow j + 1$

$k \leftarrow k + 1$

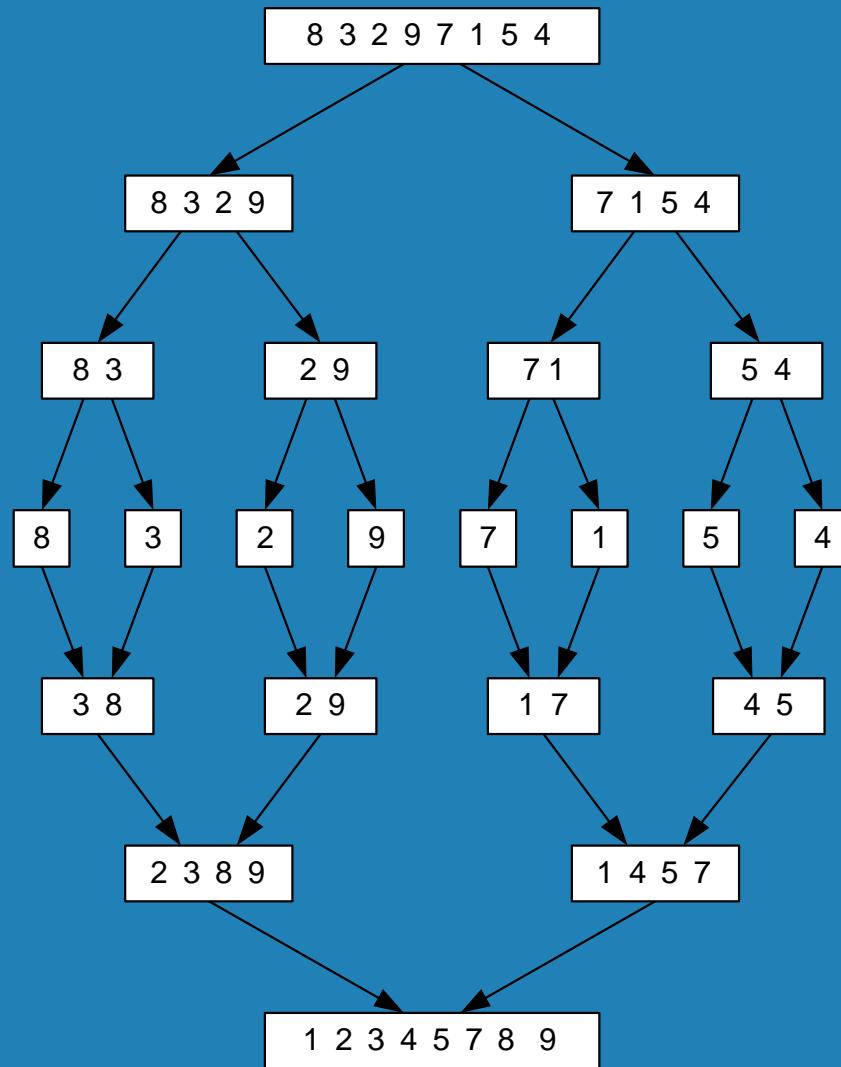
if $i = p$

 copy $C[j..q - 1]$ to $A[k..p + q - 1]$

else copy $B[i..p - 1]$ to $A[k..p + q - 1]$

Time complexity: $\Theta(p+q) = \Theta(n)$ comparisons

Mergesort Example



Analysis of Mergesort



- ❑ All cases have same efficiency: $\Theta(n \log n)$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n), T(1) = 0$$

- ❑ Number of comparisons in the worst case is close to theoretical minimum for comparison-based sorting:

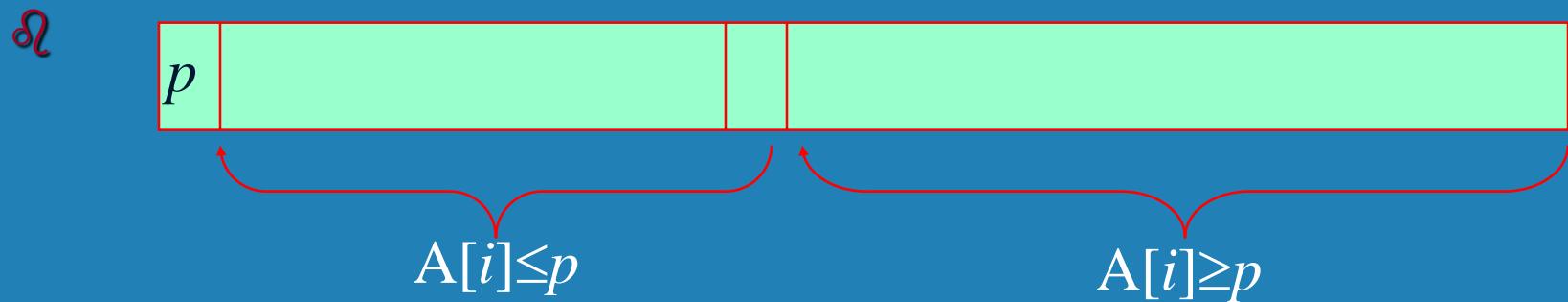
$$\lceil \log_2 n! \rceil \approx n \log_2 n - 1.44n$$

- ❑ Space requirement: $\Theta(n)$ (not in-place)
- ❑ Stable Algorithm
- ❑ Can be implemented without recursion (bottom-up)

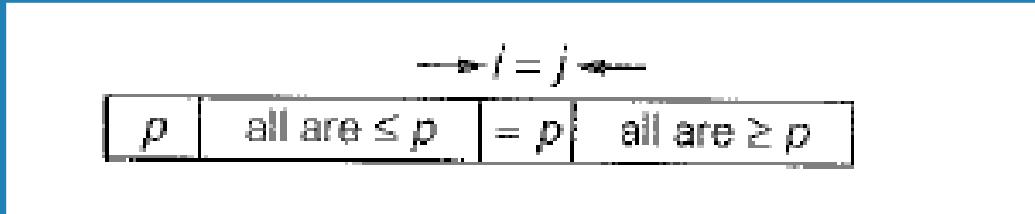
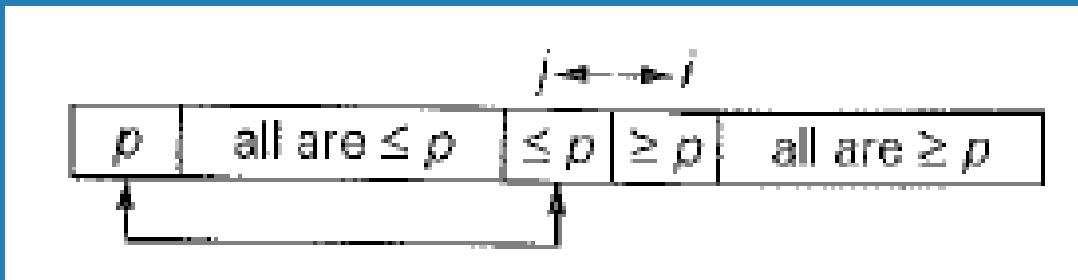
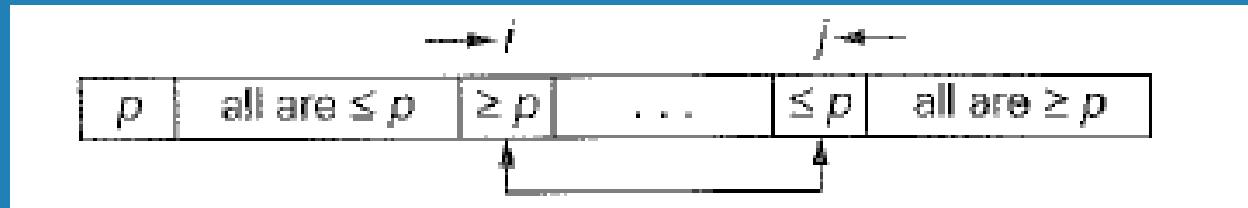
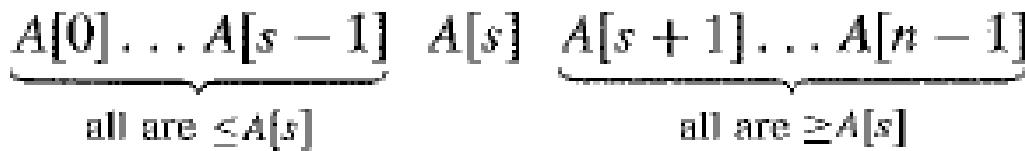
Quicksort



- ❑ Select a *pivot* (partitioning element) – here, the first element
- ❑ Rearrange the list so that all the elements in the first s positions are smaller than or equal to the pivot and all the elements in the remaining $n-s$ positions are larger than or equal to the pivot



- ❑ Exchange the pivot with the last element in the first (i.e., \leq) subarray — the pivot is now in its final position
- ❑ Sort the two subarrays recursively



ALGORITHM *Quicksort(A[l..r])*

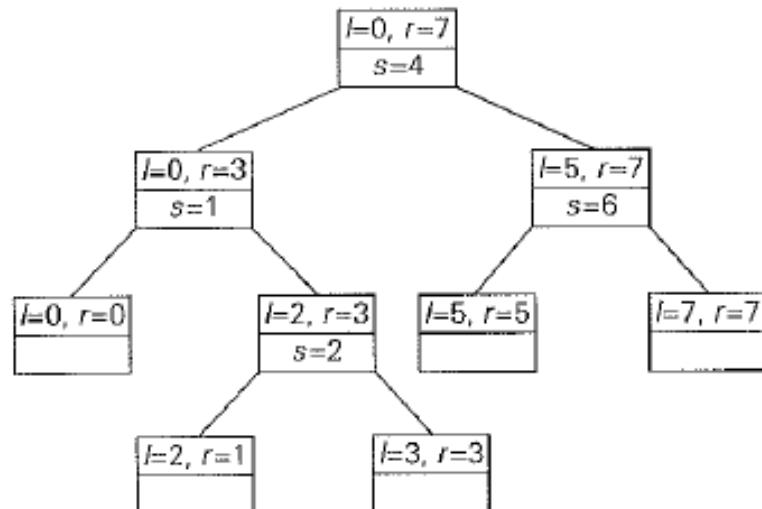
//Sorts a subarray by quicksort
//Input: A subarray $A[l..r]$ of $A[0..n - 1]$, defined by its left and right indices
// l and r
//Output: Subarray $A[l..r]$ sorted in nondecreasing order
if $l < r$
 $s \leftarrow \text{Partition}(A[l..r])$ // s is a split position
 Quicksort(A[l..s - 1])
 Quicksort(A[s + 1..r])

ALGORITHM *Partition(A[l..r])*

//Partitions a subarray by using its first element as a pivot
//Input: A subarray $A[l..r]$ of $A[0..n - 1]$, defined by its left and right
// indices l and r ($l < r$)
//Output: A partition of $A[l..r]$, with the split position returned as
// this function's value
 $p \leftarrow A[l]$
 $i \leftarrow l$; $j \leftarrow r + 1$
repeat
 repeat $i \leftarrow i + 1$ **until** $A[i] \geq p$
 repeat $j \leftarrow j - 1$ **until** $A[j] \leq p$
 swap(A[i], A[j])
until $i \geq j$
swap(A[i], A[j]) //undo last swap when $i \geq j$
swap(A[l], A[j])
return j

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	3	1	9	8	2	4	<i>j</i>
5	3	1	<i>i</i>	8	2	<i>j</i>	7
5	3	1	<i>i</i>	8	2	<i>j</i>	7
5	3	1	4	8	2	9	7
5	3	1	4	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	9	7
5	3	1	4	2	<i>j</i>	9	7
5	3	1	4	2	<i>j</i>	9	7
2	3	1	4	5	8	9	7
<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>
2	3	1	4				
<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>				
2	3	1	4				
<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>				
2	1	3	4				
<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>				
2	1	3	4				
1	2	3	4				
1							

8	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>
8	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>
8	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>
7	8	9
7		



Algorithm Quicksort



Algorithm Quicksort($A[l\dots r]$)

Input: A subarray $A[l\dots r]$ of $A[0\dots n-1]$

Output: Subarray $A[l\dots r]$ sorted in nondecreasing order

if $l < r$

$S \leftarrow \text{Partition}(A[l\dots r])$

Quicksort ($A[l\dots s-1]$)

Quicksort ($A[s+1 \dots r]$)

Partitioning Algorithm



ALGORITHM *Partition*($A[l..r]$)

//Input: A subarray $A[l..r]$ of $A[0..n - 1]$, defined by its left and right indices l and r ($l < r$)

//Output: A partition of $A[l..r]$, with the split position returned as

// this function's value

$p \leftarrow A[l]$

$i \leftarrow l; j \leftarrow r + 1;$

repeat

 repeat $i \leftarrow i + 1$ until $A[i] \geq p$

 repeat $j \leftarrow j - 1$ until $A[j] \leq p$ <

or $i > r$

or $j = l$

 swap($A[i], A[j]$)

until $i \geq j$

swap($A[i], A[j]$) //undo last swap when $i >= j$

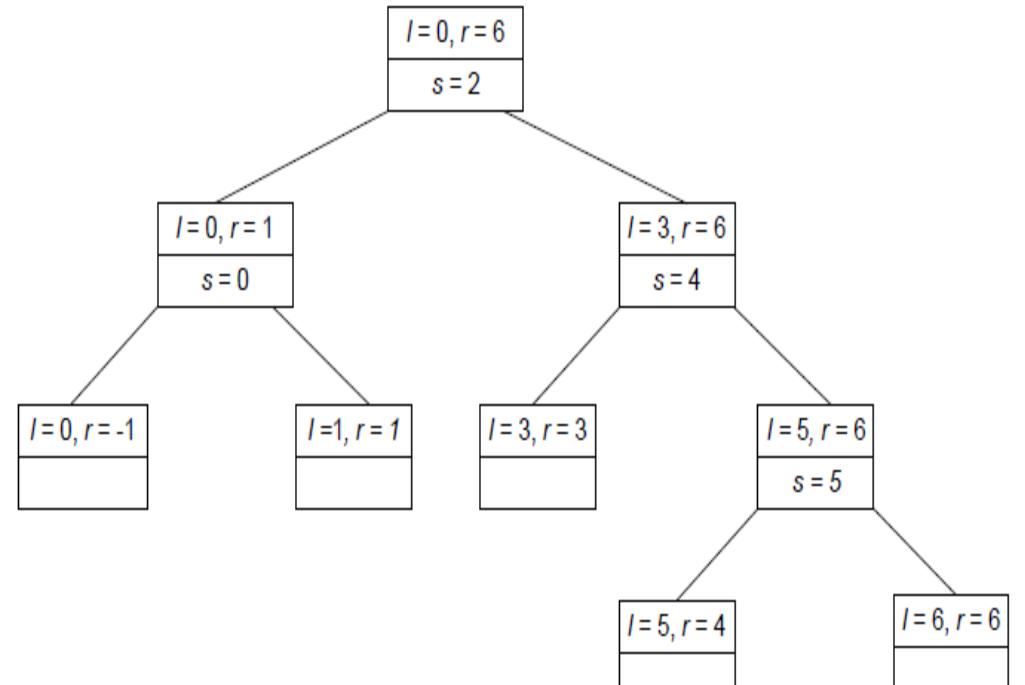
swap($A[l], A[j]$)

Return j

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
E	X	A	M	P	L	E
E	E	A	M	P	L	X
A	E	E	M	P	L	X
A	E	<i>i</i>	<i>j</i>			
A	E	<i>j</i>	<i>i</i>			
A	E					
A	E					

M	P	L	X
M	P	L	X
M	L	P	X
M	L	P	X
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Quicksort Example



5 3 1 9 8 2 4 7

2 3 1 4 5 8 9 7

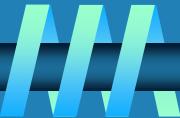
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Analysis of Quicksort



❑ Best case: split in the middle —

❑ $C_{\text{best}}(n) = 2C_{\text{best}}(n/2) + n \quad \text{for } n > 1$

❑ Worst case: sorted array! —

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\text{worst}}(n) &= (n+1) + n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 3 \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2} - 3 \end{aligned}$$

❑ Average case: random arrays — $\Theta(n \log n)$

❑ Improvements:

- better pivot selection: median of three partitioning
- switch to insertion sort on small subfiles
- elimination of recursion

These combine to 20-25% improvement

Binary Search



Very efficient algorithm for searching in sorted array:

K

vs

$A[0] \dots A[m] \dots A[n-1]$

If $K = A[m]$, stop (successful search); otherwise, continue searching by the same method in $A[0..m-1]$ if $K < A[m]$ and in $A[m+1..n-1]$ if $K > A[m]$

$l \leftarrow 0; r \leftarrow n-1$

while $l \leq r$ **do**

$m \leftarrow \lfloor (l+r)/2 \rfloor$

if $K = A[m]$ return m

else if $K < A[m]$ $r \leftarrow m-1$

else $l \leftarrow m+1$

return -1



ALGORITHM *BinarySearch*($A[0..n - 1]$, K)

//Implements nonrecursive binary search

//Input: An array $A[0..n - 1]$ sorted in ascending order and

// a search key K

//Output: An index of the array's element that is equal to K

// or -1 if there is no such element

$l \leftarrow 0; r \leftarrow n - 1$

while $l \leq r$ **do**

$m \leftarrow \lfloor (l + r)/2 \rfloor$

if $K = A[m]$ **return** m

else if $K < A[m]$ $r \leftarrow m - 1$

else $l \leftarrow m + 1$

return -1

Analysis of Binary Search



❑ Time efficiency

- worst-case recurrence: $C_w(n) = 1 + C_w(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$, $C_w(1) = 1$
solution: $C_w(n) = \lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil$

This is VERY fast: e.g., $C_w(10^6) = 20$

❑ Optimal for searching a sorted array

❑ Limitations: must be a sorted array

❑ Bad (degenerate) example of divide-and-conquer because only one of the sub-instances is solved

Binary Tree Algorithms



Binary tree is a divide-and-conquer ready structure!

Ex. 1: Classic traversals (preorder, inorder, postorder)

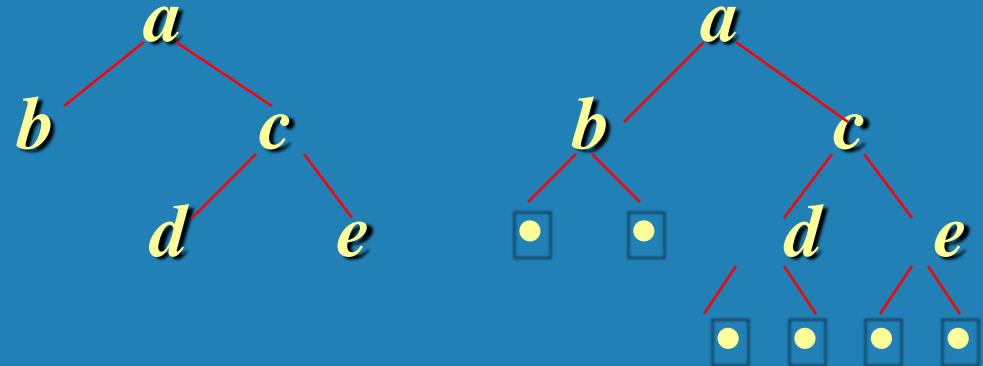
Algorithm *Inorder*(T)

if $T \neq \emptyset$

Inorder(T_{left})

print(root of T)

Inorder(T_{right})



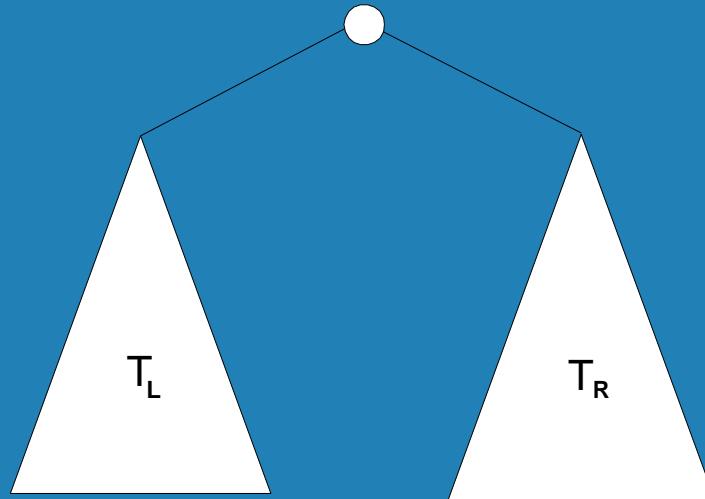
Efficiency: $\Theta(n)$. Why?

Each node is visited/printed once.

Binary Tree Algorithms (cont.)



Ex. 2: Computing the height of a binary tree



$$h(T) = \max\{h(T_L), h(T_R)\} + 1 \text{ if } T \neq \emptyset \text{ and } h(\emptyset) = -1$$

Efficiency: $\Theta(n)$. Why?



ALGORITHM *Height*(T)

//Computes recursively the height of a binary tree

//Input: A binary tree T

//Output: The height of T

If $T = \emptyset$ return -1

else return $\max(\text{Height}(TL), \text{Height}(TR)) + 1$

Multiplication of Large Integers



Consider the problem of multiplying two (large) n -digit integers represented by arrays of their digits such as:

$$A = 12345678901357986429 \quad B = 87654321284820912836$$

The grade-school algorithm:

$$\begin{array}{r} a_1 \ a_2 \dots \ a_n \\ b_1 \ b_2 \dots \ b_n \\ \hline (d_{10}) \ d_{11} \ d_{12} \dots \ d_{1n} \\ (d_{20}) \ d_{21} \ d_{22} \dots \ d_{2n} \\ \dots \ \dots \ \dots \ \dots \ \dots \ \dots \\ \hline (d_{n0}) \ d_{n1} \ d_{n2} \dots \ d_{nn} \end{array}$$

Efficiency: $\Theta(n^2)$ single-digit multiplications

Multiplication of Large Integers



Traditional Way to Multiply 25×63

Requires four single-digit multiplications and some additions.

STEP A	B	C	D	E	
$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 63 \\ \hline 1200 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 63 \\ \hline 15 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 63 \\ \hline 60 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 25 \\ \times 63 \\ \hline 300 \end{array}$	$=$	1575
+	+	+	=		

Karatsuba Method for 25×63

Requires three single-digit multiplications plus some additions and subtractions.

STEP A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Break numbers up.	Multiply the tens.	Multiply the ones.	Add the digits.	Multiply the sums.	Subtract B and C from E.	Assemble the numbers.
$25 \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 5 \end{array}$	2	5	$2 + 5 = 7$	7	63	12
$63 \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 6 \\ 3 \end{array}$	$\times 6$	$\times 3$	$6 + 3 = 9$	$\times 9$	-15	36
	$\frac{12}{}$	$\frac{15}{}$		$\frac{63}{}$	-12	+ 15
					$\frac{36}{}$	1575

Multiplication of Large Integers

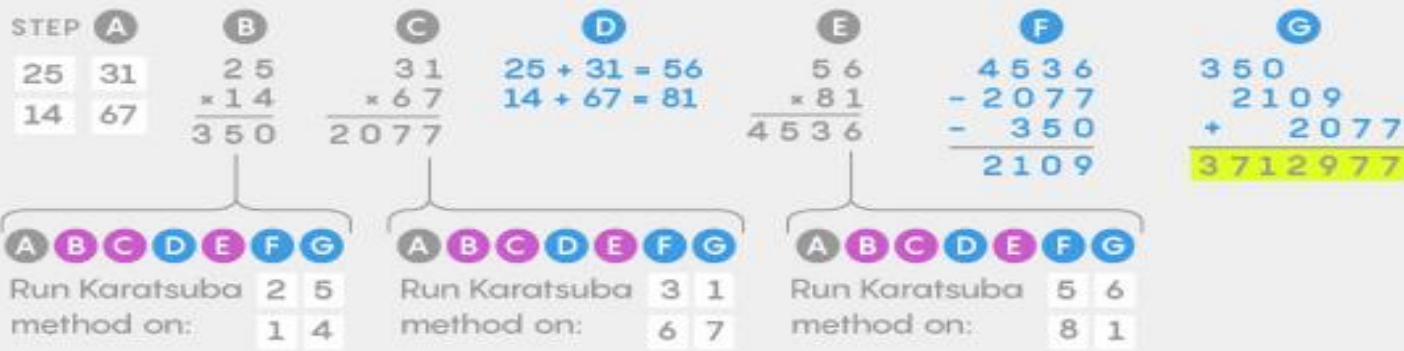


MULTIPLIED SAVINGS: As numbers increase in size, the Karatsuba method can be used repeatedly, breaking large numbers into small pieces to save an increasing number of single-digit multiplications.

Traditional way to multiply $2,531 \times 1,467$ requires **16** single-digit multiplications.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2531 \\ + 2531 \\ + 2537 \\ + 2531 \\ \hline 3712977 \end{array}$$

Karatsuba method to multiply $2,531 \times 1,467$ requires **9** single-digit multiplications.



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$$\begin{aligned}23 * 14 &= (2 \cdot 10^1 + 3 \cdot 10^0) * (1 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0) \\&= (2 * 1)10^2 + (2 * 4 + 3 * 1)10^1 + (3 * 4)10^0.\end{aligned}$$

The last formula yields the correct answer of 322, of course, but it uses the same four digit multiplications as the pen-and-pencil algorithm. Fortunately, we can compute the middle term with just one digit multiplication by taking advantage of the products $2 * 1$ and $3 * 4$ that need to be computed anyway:

$$2 * 4 + 3 * 1 = (2 + 3) * (1 + 4) - 2 * 1 - 3 * 4.$$



For any pair of two-digit integers $a = a_1a_0$ and $b = b_1b_0$, their product c can be computed by the formula

$$c = a * b = c_2 10^2 + c_1 10^1 + c_0,$$

where

$c_2 = a_1 * b_1$ is the product of their first digits,

$c_0 = a_0 * b_0$ is the product of their second digits,

$c_1 = (a_1 + a_0) * (b_1 + b_0) - (c_2 + c_0)$ is the product of the sum of the a 's digits and the sum of the b 's digits minus the sum of c_2 and c_0 .

Now we apply this trick to multiplying two n -digit integers a and b where n is a positive even number. Let us divide both numbers in the middle—after all, we promised to take advantage of the divide-and-conquer technique. We denote the first half of the a 's digits by a_1 and the second half by a_0 ; for b , the notations are b_1 and b_0 , respectively. In these notations, $a = a_1a_0$ implies that $a = a_1 10^{n/2} + a_0$, and $b = b_1b_0$ implies that $b = b_1 10^{n/2} + b_0$. Therefore, taking advantage of the same trick we used for two-digit numbers, we get

$$\begin{aligned}c &= a * b = (a_1 10^{n/2} + a_0) * (b_1 10^{n/2} + b_0) \\&= (a_1 * b_1) 10^n + (a_1 * b_0 + a_0 * b_1) 10^{n/2} + (a_0 * b_0) \\&= c_2 10^n + c_1 10^{n/2} + c_0,\end{aligned}$$

where

$c_2 = a_1 * b_1$ is the product of their first halves,

$c_0 = a_0 * b_0$ is the product of their second halves,

$c_1 = (a_1 + a_0) * (b_1 + b_0) - (c_2 + c_0)$ is the product of the sum of the a 's halves and the sum of the b 's halves minus the sum of c_2 and c_0 .



For $2101 * 1130$:

$$c_2 = 21 * 11$$

$$c_0 = 01 * 30$$

$$c_1 = (21 + 01) * (11 + 30) - (c_2 + c_0) = 22 * 41 - 21 * 11 - 01 * 30.$$

For $21 * 11$:

$$c_2 = 2 * 1 = 2$$

$$c_0 = 1 * 1 = 1$$

$$c_1 = (2 + 1) * (1 + 1) - (2 + 1) = 3 * 2 - 3 = 3.$$

$$\text{So, } 21 * 11 = 2 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 1 = 231.$$

For $01 * 30$:

$$c_2 = 0 * 3 = 0$$

$$c_0 = 1 * 0 = 0$$

$$c_1 = (0 + 1) * (3 + 0) - (0 + 0) = 1 * 3 - 0 = 3.$$

$$\text{So, } 01 * 30 = 0 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 0 = 30.$$

For $22 * 41$:

$$c_2 = 2 * 4 = 8$$

$$c_0 = 2 * 1 = 2$$

$$c_1 = (2 + 2) * (4 + 1) - (8 + 2) = 4 * 5 - 10 = 10.$$

$$\text{So, } 22 * 41 = 8 \cdot 10^2 + 10 \cdot 10^1 + 2 = 902.$$

Hence

$$2101 * 1130 = 231 \cdot 10^4 + (902 - 231 - 30) \cdot 10^2 + 30 = 2,374,130.$$

How many digit multiplications does this algorithm make? Since multiplication of n -digit numbers requires three multiplications of $n/2$ -digit numbers, the recurrence for the number of multiplications $M(n)$ will be

$$M(n) = 3M(n/2) \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad M(1) = 1.$$

Solving it by backward substitutions for $n = 2^k$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} M(2^k) &= 3M(2^{k-1}) = 3[3M(2^{k-2})] = 3^2M(2^{k-2}) \\ &= \dots = 3^iM(2^{k-i}) = \dots = 3^kM(2^{k-k}) = 3^k. \end{aligned}$$

Since $k = \log_2 n$,

$$M(n) = 3^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 3} \approx n^{1.585}.$$

First Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm

A small example: $A * B$ where

$$23 = 2 \cdot 10^1 + 3 \cdot 10^0 \text{ and } 14 = 1 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 23 * 14 &= (2 \cdot 10^1 + 3 \cdot 10^0) * (1 \cdot 10^1 + 4 \cdot 10^0) \\ &= (2*1)10^2 + (2*4 + 3*1) 10^1 + (3*4)10^0 \end{aligned}$$

In general, if $A = A_1A_2$ and $B = B_1B_2$ (where A and B are n -digit, A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 are $n/2$ -digit numbers),

$$A * B = A_1 * B_1 \cdot 10^n + (A_1 * B_2 + A_2 * B_1) \cdot 10^{n/2} + A_2 * B_2$$

Recurrence for the number of one-digit multiplications $M(n)$:

$$M(n) = 4M(n/2), \quad M(1) = 1$$

Solution: $M(n) = n^2$

Second Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm



$$\mathbf{A} * \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot 10^n + (\mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}_2 + \mathbf{A}_2 * \mathbf{B}_1) \cdot 10^{n/2} + \mathbf{A}_2 * \mathbf{B}_2$$

The idea is to decrease the number of multiplications from 4 to 3:

$$(\mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2) * (\mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{B}_2) = \mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}_1 + (\mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}_2 + \mathbf{A}_2 * \mathbf{B}_1) + \mathbf{A}_2 * \mathbf{B}_2,$$

I.e., $(\mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}_2 + \mathbf{A}_2 * \mathbf{B}_1) = (\mathbf{A}_1 + \mathbf{A}_2) * (\mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{B}_2) - \mathbf{A}_1 * \mathbf{B}_1 - \mathbf{A}_2 * \mathbf{B}_2$, which requires only 3 multiplications at the expense of (4-1) extra add/sub.

Recurrence for the number of multiplications $M(n)$:

$$M(n) = 3M(n/2), \quad M(1) = 1$$

Solution: $M(n) = 3^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 3} \approx n^{1.585}$

What if we count both multiplications and additions?

Example of Large-Integer Multiplication



2135 * 4014

$$= (21*10^2 + 35) * (40*10^2 + 14)$$

$$= (21*40)*10^4 + c1*10^2 + 35*14$$

where $c1 = (21+35)*(40+14) - 21*40 - 35*14$, and

$$21*40 = (2*10 + 1) * (4*10 + 0)$$

$$= (2*4)*10^2 + c2*10 + 1*0$$

where $c2 = (2+1)*(4+0) - 2*4 - 1*0$, etc.

This process requires 9 digit multiplications as opposed to 16.

Conventional Matrix Multiplication



❑ Brute-force algorithm

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{00} & c_{01} \\ c_{10} & c_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} \\ b_{10} & b_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} * b_{00} + a_{01} * b_{10} & a_{00} * b_{01} + a_{01} * b_{11} \\ a_{10} * b_{00} + a_{11} * b_{10} & a_{10} * b_{01} + a_{11} * b_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

8 multiplications

Efficiency class in general: $\Theta(n^3)$

4 additions

Strassen's Matrix Multiplication



❑ Strassen's algorithm for two 2x2 matrices (1969):

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{00} & c_{01} \\ c_{10} & c_{11} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{00} & a_{01} \\ a_{10} & a_{11} \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} b_{00} & b_{01} \\ b_{10} & b_{11} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} m_1 + m_4 - m_5 + m_7 & m_3 + m_5 \\ m_2 + m_4 & m_1 + m_3 - m_2 + m_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

❑ $m_1 = (a_{00} + a_{11}) * (b_{00} + b_{11})$

❑ $m_2 = (a_{10} + a_{11}) * b_{00}$

❑ $m_3 = a_{00} * (b_{01} - b_{11})$

❑ $m_4 = a_{11} * (b_{10} - b_{00})$

❑ $m_5 = (a_{00} + a_{01}) * b_{11}$

❑ $m_6 = (a_{10} - a_{00}) * (b_{00} + b_{01})$

❑ $m_7 = (a_{01} - a_{11}) * (b_{10} + b_{11})$

7 multiplications

18 additions

Strassen's Matrix Multiplication



Strassen observed [1969] that the product of two matrices can be computed in general as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} C_{00} & C_{01} \\ \hline C_{10} & C_{11} \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ \hline A_{10} & A_{11} \end{array} \right) * \left(\begin{array}{c|c} B_{00} & B_{01} \\ \hline B_{10} & B_{11} \end{array} \right) \\ \\ = \left(\begin{array}{cc} M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7 & M_3 + M_5 \\ M_2 + M_4 & M_1 + M_3 - M_2 + M_6 \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

Formulas for Strassen's Algorithm



$$\mathbf{M}_1 = (\mathbf{A}_{00} + \mathbf{A}_{11}) * (\mathbf{B}_{00} + \mathbf{B}_{11})$$

$$\mathbf{M}_2 = (\mathbf{A}_{10} + \mathbf{A}_{11}) * \mathbf{B}_{00}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_3 = \mathbf{A}_{00} * (\mathbf{B}_{01} - \mathbf{B}_{11})$$

$$\mathbf{M}_4 = \mathbf{A}_{11} * (\mathbf{B}_{10} - \mathbf{B}_{00})$$

$$\mathbf{M}_5 = (\mathbf{A}_{00} + \mathbf{A}_{01}) * \mathbf{B}_{11}$$

$$\mathbf{M}_6 = (\mathbf{A}_{10} - \mathbf{A}_{00}) * (\mathbf{B}_{00} + \mathbf{B}_{01})$$

$$\mathbf{M}_7 = (\mathbf{A}_{01} - \mathbf{A}_{11}) * (\mathbf{B}_{10} + \mathbf{B}_{11})$$





For the matrices given, Strassen's algorithm yields the following:

$$C = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} C_{00} & C_{01} \\ \hline C_{10} & C_{11} \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} A_{00} & A_{01} \\ \hline A_{10} & A_{11} \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{c|c} B_{00} & B_{01} \\ \hline B_{10} & B_{11} \end{array} \right]$$

where

$$A_{00} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{01} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_{00} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{01} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{10} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$M_1 = (A_{00} + A_{11})(B_{00} + B_{11}) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 20 & 14 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_2 = (A_{10} + A_{11})B_{00} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 7 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_3 = A_{00}(B_{01} - B_{11}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -9 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_4 = A_{11}(B_{10} - B_{00}) = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_5 = (A_{00} + A_{01})B_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 5 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_6 = (A_{10} - A_{00})(B_{00} + B_{01}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$M_7 = (A_{01} - A_{11})(B_{10} + B_{11}) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -9 & -4 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned}C_{00} &= M_1 + M_4 - M_5 + M_7 \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 20 & 14 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -9 & -4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{01} &= M_3 + M_5 \\&= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -9 & 4 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 3 \\ 10 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 1 & 9 \end{bmatrix},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{10} &= M_2 + M_4 \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -3 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 1 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}C_{11} &= M_1 + M_3 - M_2 + M_6 \\&= \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 8 \\ 20 & 14 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -9 & 4 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 & 7 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 & 9 \\ 8 & 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 8 & 7 & 7 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Analysis of Strassen's Algorithm



If n is not a power of 2, matrices can be padded with zeros.

$$M(n) = 7M(n/2) \quad \text{for } n > 1, \quad M(1) = 1.$$

Since $n = 2^k$,

$$\begin{aligned} M(2^k) &= 7M(2^{k-1}) = 7[7M(2^{k-2})] = 7^2M(2^{k-2}) = \dots \\ &= 7^iM(2^{k-i}) \dots = 7^kM(2^{k-k}) = 7^k. \end{aligned}$$

Since $k = \log_2 n$,

$$M(n) = 7^{\log_2 n} = n^{\log_2 7} \approx n^{2.807},$$