

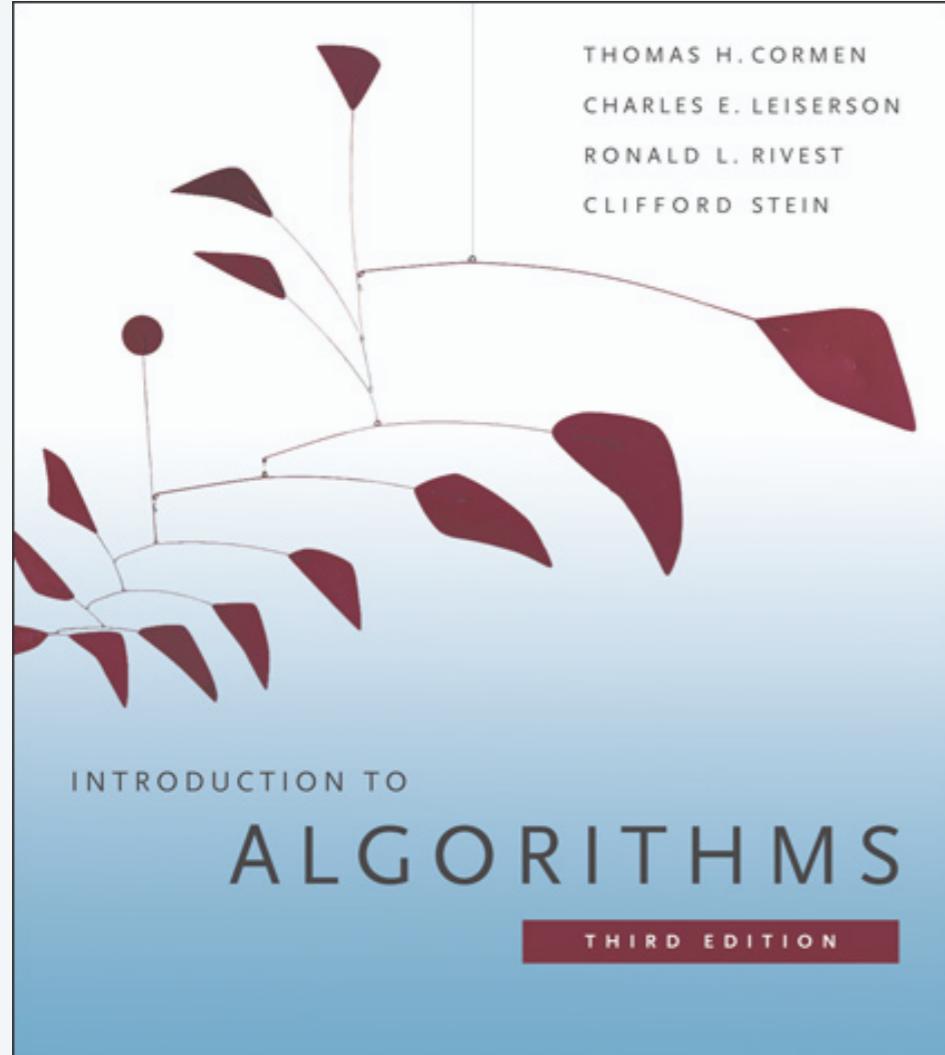
DIVIDE AND CONQUER II

- ▶ *master theorem*
- ▶ *integer multiplication*
- ▶ *matrix multiplication*

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SECTIONS 4.4-4.6

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Divide-and-conquer recurrences

Goal. Recipe for solving common divide-and-conquer recurrences:

$$T(n) = a \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n)$$

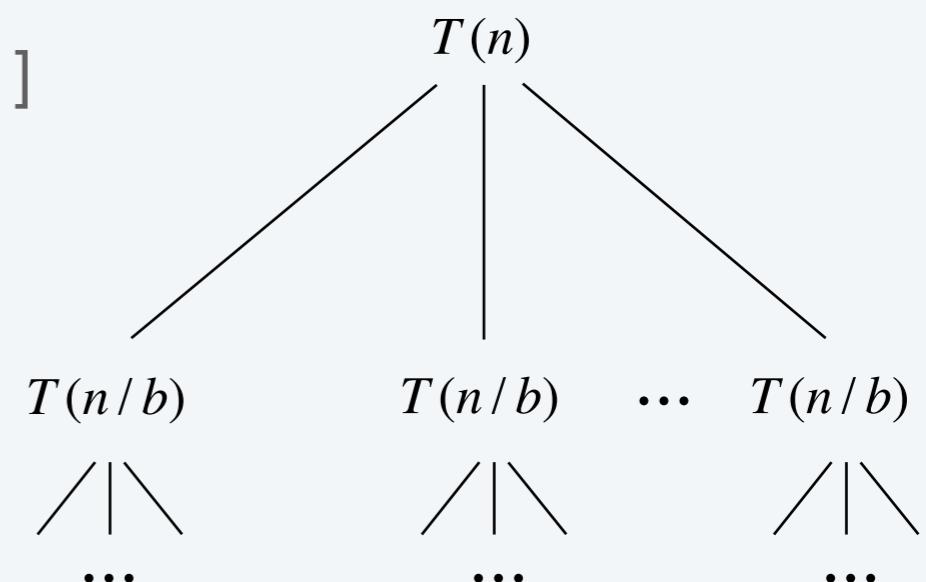
with $T(0) = 0$ and $T(1) = \Theta(1)$.

Terms.

- $a \geq 1$ is the number of subproblems.
 - $b \geq 2$ is the factor by which the subproblem size decreases.
 - $f(n) \geq 0$ is the work to divide and combine subproblems.

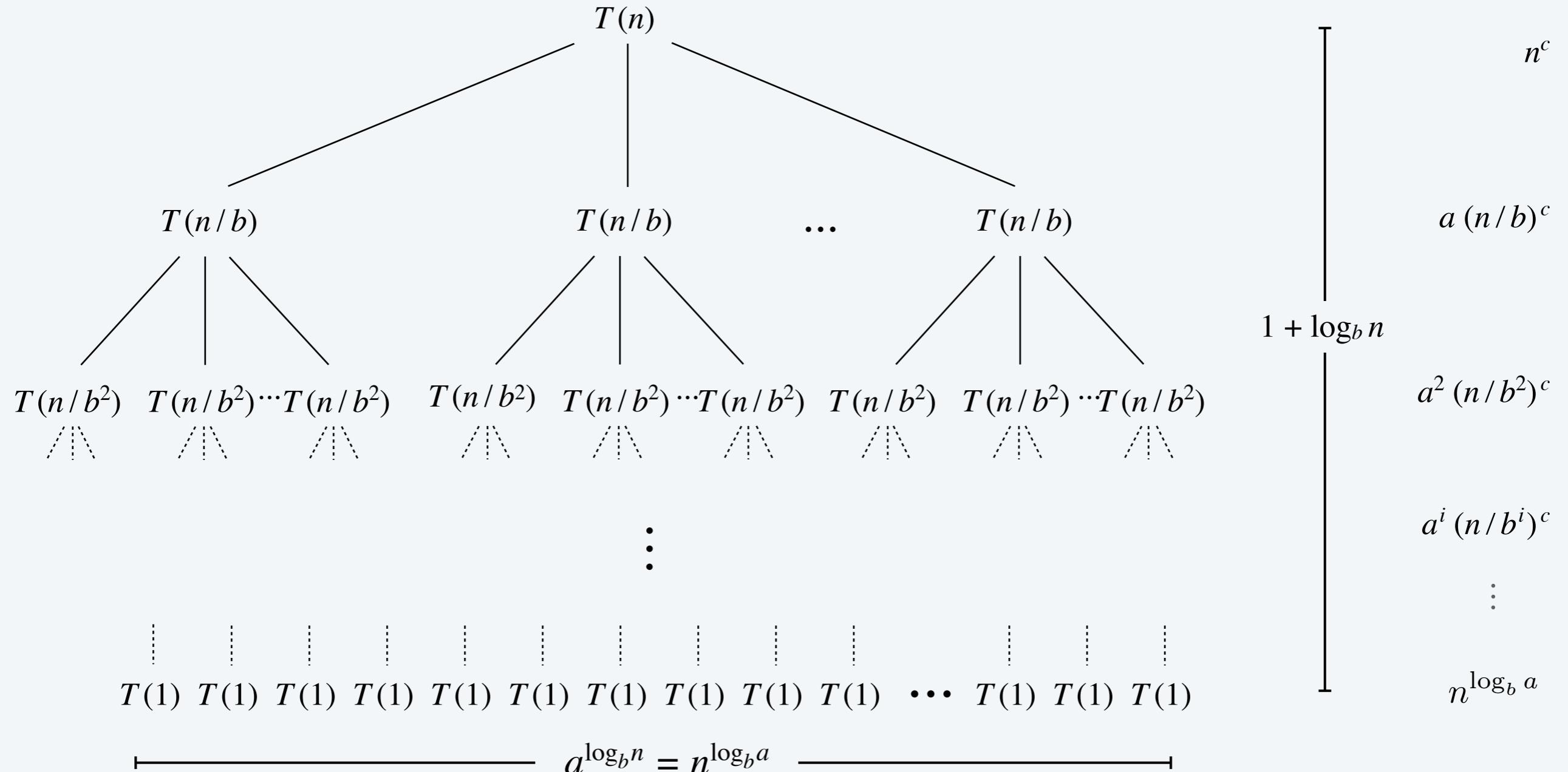
Recursion tree. [assuming n is a power of b]

- a = branching factor.
 - a^i = number of subproblems at level i .
 - $1 + \log_b n$ levels.
 - n / b^i = size of subproblem at level i .



Divide-and-conquer recurrences: recursion tree

Suppose $T(n)$ satisfies $T(n) = a T(n / b) + n^c$ with $T(1) = 1$, for n a power of b .



$$r = a / b^c \quad \quad \quad T(n) = n^c \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} r^i$$

Divide-and-conquer recurrences: recursion tree analysis

Suppose $T(n)$ satisfies $T(n) = a T(n / b) + n^c$ with $T(1) = 1$, for n a power of b .

Let $r = a / b^c$. Note that $r < 1$ iff $c > \log_b a$.

$$T(n) = n^c \sum_{i=0}^{\log_b n} r^i = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^c) & \text{if } r < 1 \quad c > \log_b a \quad \leftarrow \text{cost dominated by cost of root} \\ \Theta(n^c \log n) & \text{if } r = 1 \quad c = \log_b a \quad \leftarrow \text{cost evenly distributed in tree} \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } r > 1 \quad c < \log_b a \quad \leftarrow \text{cost dominated by cost of leaves} \end{cases}$$

Geometric series.

- If $0 < r < 1$, then $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k \leq 1 / (1 - r)$.
- If $r = 1$, then $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k = k + 1$.
- If $r > 1$, then $1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^k = (r^{k+1} - 1) / (r - 1)$.

Divide-and-conquer recurrences: master theorem

Master theorem. Let $a \geq 1$, $b \geq 2$, and $c \geq 0$ and suppose that $T(n)$ is a function on the non-negative integers that satisfies the recurrence

$$T(n) = a T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \Theta(n^c)$$

with $T(0) = 0$ and $T(1) = \Theta(1)$, where n/b means either $\lfloor n/b \rfloor$ or $\lceil n/b \rceil$. Then,

Case 1. If $c > \log_b a$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^c)$.

Case 2. If $c = \log_b a$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^c \log n)$.

Case 3. If $c < \log_b a$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$.



Pf sketch.

- Prove when b is an integer and n is an exact power of b .
- Extend domain of recurrences to reals (or rationals).
- Deal with floors and ceilings. ← at most 2 extra levels in recursion tree

$$\begin{aligned} \lceil \lceil \lceil n/b \rceil / b \rceil / b \rceil &< n/b^3 + (1/b^2 + 1/b + 1) \\ &\leq n/b^3 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Extensions.

- Can replace Θ with O everywhere.
- Can replace Θ with Ω everywhere.
- Can replace initial conditions with $T(n) = \Theta(1)$ for all $n \leq n_0$ and require recurrence to hold only for all $n > n_0$.

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Ex. [Case 1] $T(n) = 3 T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + 5n$.

- $a = 3$, $b = 2$, $c = 1 < \log_b a = 1.5849\dots$
- $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.58})$.

Divide-and-conquer recurrences: master theorem

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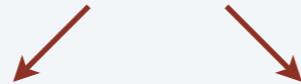
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Case 2. If $c = \log_b a$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^c \log n)$.

Case 3. If $c < \log_b a$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$.



ok to intermix floor and ceiling



Ex. [Case 2] $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + 17n$.

- $a = 2$, $b = 2$, $c = 1 = \log_b a$.
- $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.

Divide-and-conquer recurrences: master theorem

Master theorem. Let $a \geq 1$, $b \geq 2$, and $c \geq 0$ and suppose that $T(n)$ is a function on the non-negative integers that satisfies the recurrence

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Ex. [Case 3] $T(n) = 48 T(\lfloor n/4 \rfloor) + n^3$.

- $a = 48$, $b = 4$, $c = 3 > \log_b a = 2.7924\dots$
- $T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$.

Master theorem need not apply

Gaps in master theorem.

- Number of subproblems is not a constant.

$$T(n) = \textcircled{n} T(n/2) + n^2$$

- Number of subproblems is less than 1.

$$T(n) = \left\lceil \frac{1}{2} \right\rceil T(n/2) + n^2$$

- Work to divide and combine subproblems is not $\Theta(n^c)$.

$$T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + \textcircled{n \log n}$$



Consider the following recurrence. Which case of the master theorem?

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 3T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

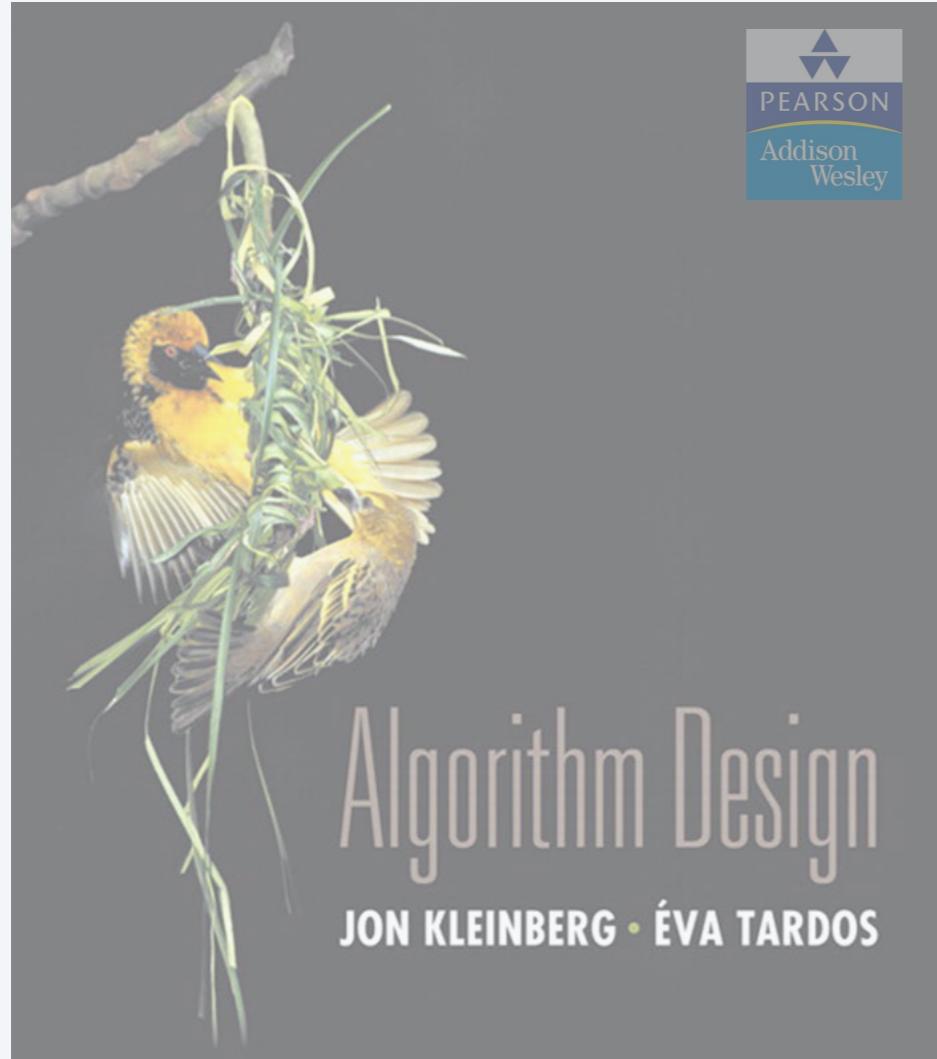
- A. Case 3: $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.
- B. Case 2: $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.
- C. Case 1: $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$.
- D. Master theorem not applicable.



Consider the following recurrence. Which case of the master theorem?

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\ T(\lfloor n/5 \rfloor) + T(n - 3\lfloor n/10 \rfloor) + \frac{11}{5}n & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- A. Case 1: $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.
- B. Case 2: $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.
- C. Case 3: $T(n) = \Theta(n)$.
- D. Master theorem not applicable.



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SECTION 5.5

Integer addition and subtraction

Addition. Given two n -bit integers a and b , compute $a + b$.

Subtraction. Given two n -bit integers a and b , compute $a - b$.

Grade-school algorithm. $\Theta(n)$ bit operations. ← “bit complexity”
(instead of word RAM)

1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
+	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
	1	0	1	0	1	0	0

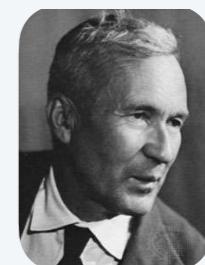
Remark. Grade-school addition and subtraction algorithms are optimal.

Integer multiplication

Multiplication. Given two n -bit integers a and b , compute $a \times b$.

Grade-school algorithm (long multiplication). $\Theta(n^2)$ bit operations.

	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
\times	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0



Conjecture. [Kolmogorov 1956] Grade-school algorithm is optimal.

Theorem. [Karatsuba 1960] Conjecture is false.

Divide-and-conquer multiplication

To multiply two n -bit integers x and y :

- Divide x and y into low- and high-order bits.
- Multiply **four** $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers, recursively.
- Add and shift to obtain result.

$$m = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} a = \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor & b = x \bmod 2^m \\ c = \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor & d = y \bmod 2^m \end{array}$$

← use bit shifting
to compute 4 terms

$$x y = (2^m a + b) (2^m c + d) = 2^{2m} ac + 2^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

1 2 3 4

Ex. $x = 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1$ $y = 1\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1$

$\underbrace{}_a$ $\underbrace{}_b$ $\underbrace{}_c$ $\underbrace{}_d$

Divide-and-conquer multiplication

MULTIPLY(x, y, n)

IF ($n = 1$)

RETURN $x \times y$.

ELSE

$m \leftarrow \lceil n / 2 \rceil$.

$a \leftarrow \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor; b \leftarrow x \bmod 2^m$.

$c \leftarrow \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor; d \leftarrow y \bmod 2^m$.

$e \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(a, c, m)$.

$f \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(b, d, m)$.

$g \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(b, c, m)$.

$h \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(a, d, m)$.

RETURN $2^{2m} e + 2^m (g + h) + f$. $\longleftarrow \Theta(n)$

$\Theta(n)$

$4 T(\lceil n / 2 \rceil)$



How many bit operations to multiply two n -bit integers using the divide-and-conquer multiplication algorithm?

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 4T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- A.** $T(n) = \Theta(n^{1/2})$.
- B.** $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.
- C.** $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$.
- D.** $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$.

Karatsuba trick

To multiply two n -bit integers x and y :

- Divide x and y into low- and high-order bits.
- To compute middle term $bc + ad$, use identity:

$$bc + ad = ac + bd - (a - b)(c - d)$$

- Multiply only three $\frac{1}{2}n$ -bit integers, recursively.

$$m = \lceil n / 2 \rceil$$

$$a = \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor \quad b = x \bmod 2^m$$

$$c = \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor \quad d = y \bmod 2^m$$

$$x y = (2^m a + b) (2^m c + d) = 2^{2m} ac + 2^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

$$= 2^{2m} ac + 2^m (ac + bd - (a - b)(c - d)) + bd$$

1

1

3

2

3

$$x = 1 \overbrace{000}^a \overbrace{1101}^b 1$$

$$y = 1 \overbrace{110}^c \overbrace{0001}^d 1$$

Karatsuba multiplication

KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY(x, y, n)

IF ($n = 1$)

RETURN $x \times y$.

ELSE

$m \leftarrow \lceil n / 2 \rceil$.

$a \leftarrow \lfloor x / 2^m \rfloor; b \leftarrow x \bmod 2^m$.

$c \leftarrow \lfloor y / 2^m \rfloor; d \leftarrow y \bmod 2^m$.

$e \leftarrow \text{KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY}(a, c, m)$.

$f \leftarrow \text{KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY}(b, d, m)$.

$g \leftarrow \text{KARATSUBA-MULTIPLY}(|a - b|, |c - d|, m)$.

Flip sign of g if needed.

RETURN $2^{2m} e + 2^m (e + f - g) + f$. ————— $\Theta(n)$

————— $\Theta(n)$

————— $3 T(\lceil n / 2 \rceil)$

Karatsuba analysis

Proposition. Karatsuba's algorithm requires $O(n^{1.585})$ bit operations to multiply two n -bit integers.

Pf. Apply Case 3 of the master theorem to the recurrence:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 3T(\lceil n/2 \rceil) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\implies T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$$

Practice.

- Use base 32 or 64 (instead of base 2).
- Faster than grade-school algorithm for about 320–640 bits.

Integer arithmetic reductions

Integer multiplication. Given two n -bit integers, compute their product.

arithmetic problem	formula	bit complexity
integer multiplication	$a \times b$	$M(n)$
integer square	a^2	$\Theta(M(n))$
integer division	$\lfloor a / b \rfloor, a \bmod b$	$\Theta(M(n))$
integer square root	$\lfloor \sqrt{a} \rfloor$	$\Theta(M(n))$

integer arithmetic problems with the same bit complexity $M(n)$ as integer multiplication

$$ab = \frac{(a+b)^2 - a^2 - b^2}{2}$$



History of asymptotic complexity of integer multiplication

year	algorithm	bit operations
12xx	grade school	$O(n^2)$
1962	Karatsuba-Ofman	$O(n^{1.585})$
1963	Toom-3, Toom-4	$O(n^{1.465}), O(n^{1.404})$
1966	Toom-Cook	$O(n^{1+\varepsilon})$
1971	Schönhage-Strassen	$O(n \log n \cdot \log \log n)$
2007	Fürer	$n \log n 2^{O(\log^* n)}$
2019	Harvey-van der Hoeven	$O(n \log n)$
	???	$O(n)$

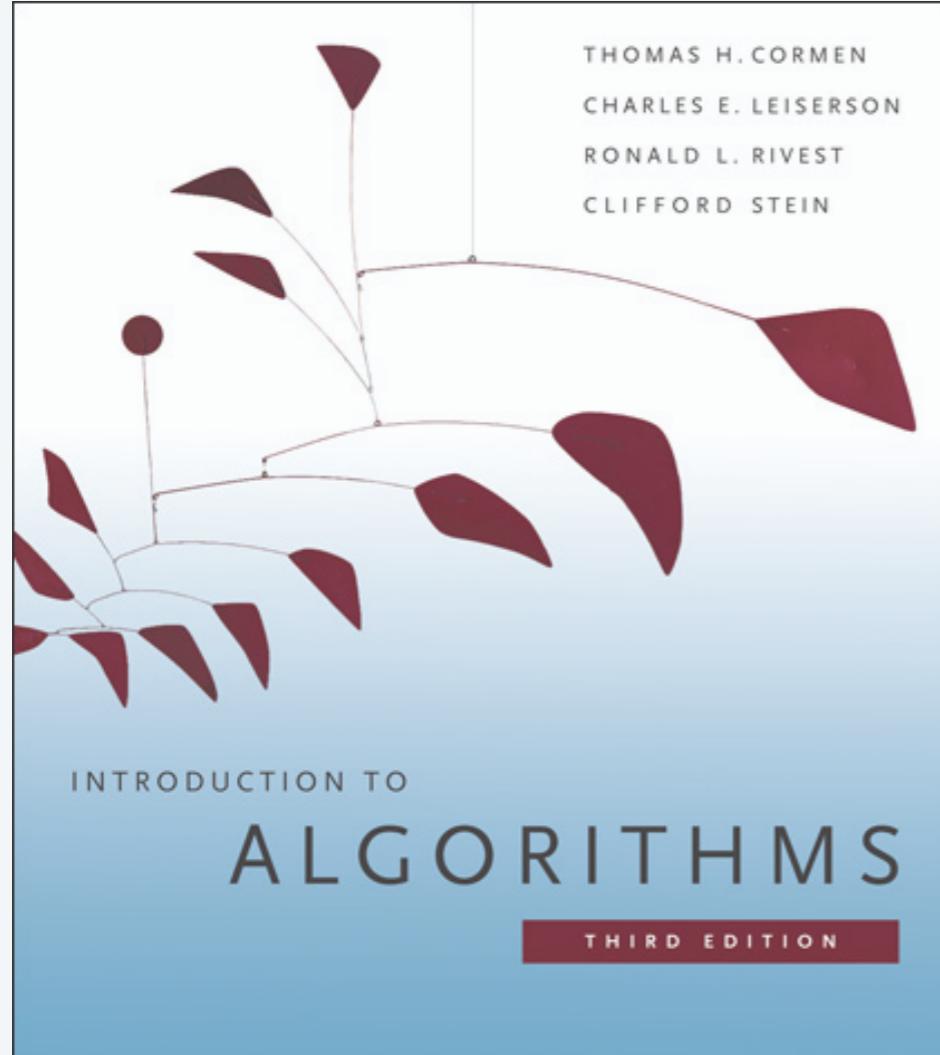
number of bit operations to multiply two n -bit integers

Remark. GNU Multiple Precision library uses one of first five algorithms depending on n .



used in Maple, Mathematica, gcc, cryptography, ...

GMP
«Arithmetic without limitations»



SECTION 4.2

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- ▶ *matrix multiplication*

Dot product

Dot product. Given two length- n vectors a and b , compute $c = a \cdot b$.

Grade-school. $\Theta(n)$ arithmetic operations.

$$a \cdot b = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$


$$a = [.70 \quad .20 \quad .10]$$

$$b = [.30 \quad .40 \quad .30]$$

$$a \cdot b = (.70 \times .30) + (.20 \times .40) + (.10 \times .30) = .32$$

Remark. “Grade-school” dot product algorithm is asymptotically optimal.

Matrix multiplication

Matrix multiplication. Given two n -by- n matrices A and B , compute $C = AB$.

Grade-school. $\Theta(n^3)$ arithmetic operations.

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} b_{kj}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \cdots & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \cdots & c_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \cdots & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \cdots & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \cdots & b_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \cdots & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} .59 & .32 & .41 \\ .31 & .36 & .25 \\ .45 & .31 & .42 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} .70 & .20 & .10 \\ .30 & .60 & .10 \\ .50 & .10 & .40 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} .80 & .30 & .50 \\ .10 & .40 & .10 \\ .10 & .30 & .40 \end{bmatrix}$$

Q. Is “grade-school” matrix multiplication algorithm asymptotically optimal?

Block matrix multiplication

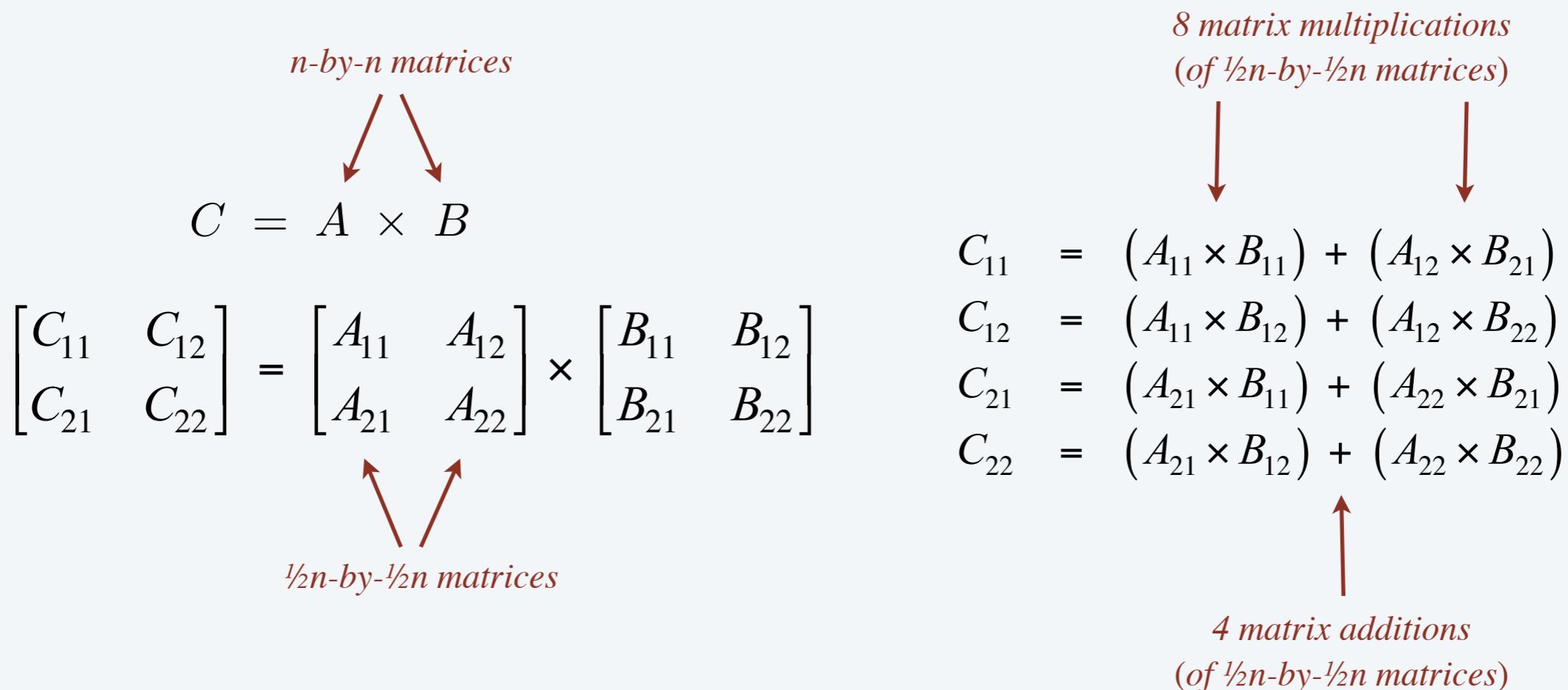
$$\begin{matrix} & C_{11} \\ \downarrow & \\ \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 152 & 158 & 164 & 170 \\ 504 & 526 & 548 & 570 \\ 856 & 894 & 932 & 970 \\ 1208 & 1262 & 1316 & 1370 \end{array} \right] & = & \left[\begin{array}{cc|cc} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ \hline 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 \end{array} \right] & \times & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} 16 & 17 & 18 & 19 \\ 20 & 21 & 22 & 23 \\ 24 & 25 & 26 & 27 \\ 28 & 29 & 30 & 31 \end{array} \right] \\ & & & & \downarrow B_{21} \end{matrix}$$

$$C_{11} = A_{11} \times B_{11} + A_{12} \times B_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 16 & 17 \\ 20 & 21 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 24 & 25 \\ 28 & 29 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 152 & 158 \\ 504 & 526 \end{bmatrix}$$

Block matrix multiplication: warmup

To multiply two n -by- n matrices A and B :

- Divide: partition A and B into $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$ blocks.
- Conquer: multiply 8 pairs of $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$ matrices, recursively.
- Combine: add appropriate products using 4 matrix additions.



Running time. Apply Case 3 of the master theorem.

$$T(n) = \underbrace{8T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n^2)}_{\text{add, form submatrices}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$$

Strassen's trick

Key idea. Can multiply two 2-by-2 matrices via 7 scalar multiplications (plus 11 additions and 7 subtractions).

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

scalars



$$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$$

$$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4$$

$$C_{22} = P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7$$

$$P_1 \leftarrow A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$P_2 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$$

$$P_3 \leftarrow (A_{21} + A_{22}) \times B_{11}$$

$$P_4 \leftarrow A_{22} \times (B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$P_5 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$P_6 \leftarrow (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22})$$

$$P_7 \leftarrow (A_{11} - A_{21}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12})$$

Pf. $C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$

$$= A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22}) + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$$

$$= A_{11} \times B_{12} + A_{12} \times B_{22}. \quad \checkmark$$

7 scalar multiplications



Strassen's trick

n-by-n *1/2n-by-1/2n matrix*
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1/2n-by-1/2n matrices

$$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$$

$$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4$$

$$C_{22} = P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7$$

$$P_1 \leftarrow A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$P_2 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$$

$$P_3 \leftarrow (A_{21} + A_{22}) \times B_{11}$$

$$P_4 \leftarrow A_{22} \times (B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$P_5 \leftarrow (A_{11} + A_{22}) \times (B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$P_6 \leftarrow (A_{12} - A_{22}) \times (B_{21} + B_{22})$$

$$P_7 \leftarrow (A_{11} - A_{21}) \times (B_{11} + B_{12})$$



*7 matrix multiplications
 (of 1/2n-by-1/2n matrices)*

Pf. $C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$
 $= A_{11} \times (B_{12} - B_{22}) + (A_{11} + A_{12}) \times B_{22}$
 $= A_{11} \times B_{12} + A_{12} \times B_{22}. \quad \checkmark$

Strassen's algorithm

assume n is a power of 2
STRASSEN(n, A, B)

IF ($n = 1$) RETURN $A \times B$.

Partition A and B into $\frac{1}{2}n$ -by- $\frac{1}{2}n$ blocks.

$P_1 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, A_{11}, (B_{12} - B_{22}))$.

$P_2 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{11} + A_{12}), B_{22})$.

$P_3 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{21} + A_{22}), B_{11})$.

$P_4 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, A_{22}, (B_{21} - B_{11}))$.

$P_5 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{11} + A_{22}), (B_{11} + B_{22}))$.

$P_6 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{12} - A_{22}), (B_{21} + B_{22}))$.

$P_7 \leftarrow \text{STRASSEN}(n / 2, (A_{11} - A_{21}), (B_{11} + B_{12}))$.

$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$.

$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2$.

$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4$.

$C_{22} = P_1 + P_5 - P_3 - P_7$.

RETURN C .

$\leftarrow 7 T(n / 2) + \Theta(n^2)$

$\leftarrow \Theta(n^2)$

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Theorem. Strassen's algorithm requires $O(n^{2.81})$ arithmetic operations to multiply two n -by- n matrices.

Gaussian Elimination is not Optimal

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1. Below we will give an algorithm which computes the coefficients of the product of two square matrices A and B of order n from the coefficients of A and B with less than $4.7 \cdot n^{\log 7}$ arithmetical operations (all logarithms in this paper are for base 2, thus $\log 7 \approx 2.8$; the usual method requires approximately $2n^3$ arithmetical operations). The algorithm induces algorithms for inverting a matrix of order n , solving a system of n linear equations in n unknowns, computing a determinant of order n etc. all requiring less than $\text{const } n^{\log 7}$ arithmetical operations.



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Pf.

- When n is a power of 2, apply Case 1 of the master theorem:

$$T(n) = \underbrace{7T(n/2)}_{\text{recursive calls}} + \underbrace{\Theta(n^2)}_{\text{add, subtract}} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$$

- When n is not a power of 2, pad matrices with zeros to be n' -by- n' , where $n \leq n' < 2n$ and n' is a power of 2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & 0 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 11 & 12 & 0 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 & 0 \\ 16 & 17 & 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 84 & 90 & 96 & 0 \\ 201 & 216 & 231 & 0 \\ 318 & 342 & 366 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Strassen's algorithm: practice

Implementation issues.

- Sparsity.
- Caching.
- n not a power of 2.
- Numerical stability.
- Non-square matrices.
- Storage for intermediate submatrices.
- Crossover to classical algorithm when n is “small.”
- Parallelism for multi-core and many-core architectures.

Common misconception. “*Strassen’s algorithm is only a theoretical curiosity.*”

- Apple reports 8x speedup when $n \approx 2,048$.
- Range of instances where it’s useful is a subject of controversy.

Strassen’s Algorithm Reloaded

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Suppose that you could multiply two 3-by-3 matrices with 21 scalar multiplications. How fast could you multiply two n-by-n matrices?

- A. $\Theta(n^{\log_3 21})$
- B. $\Theta(n^{\log_2 21})$
- C. $\Theta(n^{\log_9 21})$
- D. $\Theta(n^2)$



Is it possible to multiply two 3-by-3 matrices using only 21 scalar multiplications?

- A.** Yes.
- B.** No.
- C.** Unknown.

Fast matrix multiplication: theory

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with 7 scalar multiplications?

A. Yes! [Strassen 1969] $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) = O(n^{2.81})$

Q. Multiply two 2-by-2 matrices with 6 scalar multiplications?

A. Impossible. [Hopcroft–Kerr, Winograd 1971] $\Theta(n^{\log_2 6}) = O(n^{2.59})$

Begun, the decimal wars have. [Pan 1978, Bini et al., Schönhage, ...]

- Two 70-by-70 matrices with 143,640 scalar multiplications. $O(n^{2.7962})$
- Two 48-by-48 matrices with 47,217 scalar multiplications. $O(n^{2.7801})$
- A year later. $O(n^{2.7799})$
- December 1979. $O(n^{2.521813})$
- January 1980. $O(n^{2.521801})$

History of arithmetic complexity of matrix multiplication

year	algorithm	arithmetic operations
1858	“grade school”	$O(n^3)$
1969	Strassen	$O(n^{2.808})$
1978	Pan	$O(n^{2.796})$
1979	Bini	$O(n^{2.780})$
1981	Schönhage	$O(n^{2.522})$
1982	Romani	$O(n^{2.517})$
1982	Coppersmith-Winograd	$O(n^{2.496})$
1986	Strassen	$O(n^{2.479})$
1989	Coppersmith-Winograd	$O(n^{2.3755})$
2010	Strother	$O(n^{2.3737})$
2011	Williams	$O(n^{2.372873})$
2014	Le Gall	$O(n^{2.372864})$
	???	$O(n^{2+\varepsilon})$

galactic algorithms

number of arithmetic operations to multiply two n-by-n matrices

Numeric linear algebra reductions

Matrix multiplication. Given two n -by- n matrices, compute their product.

linear algebra problem	expression	arithmetic complexity
matrix multiplication	$A \times B$	$MM(n)$
matrix squaring	A^2	$\Theta(MM(n))$
matrix inversion	A^{-1}	$\Theta(MM(n))$
determinant	$ A $	$\Theta(MM(n))$
rank	$rank(A)$	$\Theta(MM(n))$
system of linear equations	$Ax = b$	$\Theta(MM(n))$
LU decomposition	$A = L U$	$\Theta(MM(n))$
least squares	$\min \ Ax - b\ _2$	$\Theta(MM(n))$

numerical linear algebra problems with the same
arithmetic complexity $MM(n)$ as matrix multiplication