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▲ Exponentiation (Integer/Matrix) (Useful in Competitive Programming)

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Lets say in a programming contest you need to find $a^b \% MOD$.

One of the naive methods is to run a loop from 1 to b , keep multiplying and mod

```
prod = 1;
for(i=1;i<=b;i++)
{
    prod*=a;
    prod%=MOD;
}
```

This is done in order $O(b)$ as it requires multiplying a b times if b is as big as 10^6 or more it may give a **Time Limit Exceeded** error

Lets look at it in an another way

Example You want to calculate 2^{32} you can do divide and conquer

```
2^1    = 2
2^2    = (2^1)^2    = 4
2^4    = (2^2)^2    = 16
2^8    = (2^4)^2    = 256
2^16   = (2^8)^2    = 65536
2^32   = (2^16)^2   = 4294967296
```

Insted of 32 steps we found this in only 5 multiplication steps thus we can reduce a $O(b)$ problem to an $O(\log(b))$ problem

Below is the code for Modular Integer exponentiaion in C++ for caluclating $(a^p)\%mod$

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
long long int exp(long long int a, long long int p ,long long int mod)
{
    long long int result = 1;
```

```

long long int exp(long long int a, long long int p, long long int mod)
{
    if(p==0)
        return 1;
    if(p==1)
        return a;
    while(p)
    {
        if(p&1)
            result *= a;
        result%=mod;
        p >>=1;
        a*=a;
        a%=mod;
    }
    return result;
}

int main()
{
    long long int a,p,m;
    m=1;
    cout<<"Enter a , p and mod : ";
    cin>>a>>p>>m;
    cout<<exp(a,p,m)<<"\n";
    return 0;
}

```

This can be extended to matrix also, insted of integer multiplication call a matrix multiplication (useful in Graph problems) Below is a C++ code for matrix multiplication

```

#include<iostream>
#include<algorithm>
#include<cstdio>
#include<cstring>
#include<vector>
#include<map>
#define mod 1000000007
#define ull unsigned long long int
#define fl(i,n) for(i=0;i<n;i++)
#define pn printf('\n')
#define ps printf(' ')
using namespace std;
unsigned long long int** mmul(unsigned long long int** m,unsigned

```

```

{
    unsigned long long int i,j,k,**result;
    result = new unsigned long long int* [N];
    fl(i,N)
    result[i]=new unsigned long long int[N];
    fl(i,N)
    fl(j,N)
    {
        result[i][j]=0;
        fl(k,N)
        result[i][j]+=m[i][k]*n[k][j];
    }

    return result;
}

unsigned long long int** mpow(unsigned long long int** matrix,unsi
{
    unsigned long long int **m,i,j;
    m = new unsigned long long int* [n];
    fl(i,n)
        m[i]=new unsigned long long int[n];
    fl(i,n)
        fl(j,n)
        {
            if(i==j)
                m[i][j]=1;
            else
                m[i][j]=0;
        }
    if(p==0)
        return m;
    else if(p==1)
        return matrix;
    while(p)
    {
        if(p&1)
            m = mmul(m,matrix,n);
        p>>=1;
        matrix = mmul(matrix,matrix,n);
    }
    return m;
}

int main()

```


```
{  
    unsigned long long int n,i,j,p;  
    unsigned long long int** matrix;  
    cout<<"Enter N   : ";  
    cin>>n;  
    matrix = new unsigned long long int* [n];  
    fl(i,n)  
    matrix[i]=new unsigned long long int[n];  
    cout<<"Enter Elements :\n";  
    fl(i,n)  
    fl(j,n)  
    cin>>matrix[i][j];  
    cout<<"Enter Power : ";  
    cin>>p;  
    matrix=mpow(matrix,p,n);  
    cout<<'\\n';  
    fl(i,n)  
    {  
        fl(j,n)  
        cout<<matrix[i][j]<<' ';  
        cout<<'\\n';  
    }  
    return 0;  
}
```

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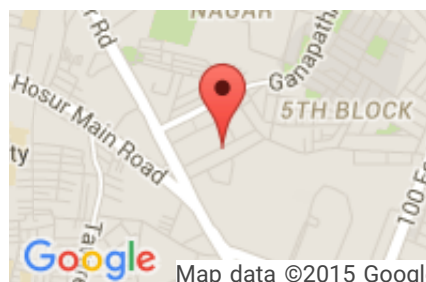
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