

# Weekly Challenge 06 (Group 9): Divide and Conquer Multiplication

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## Objective

In this WC, you will work in groups and:

- understand and modify a divide-and-conquer algorithm to multiply 2 n-digit numbers efficiently
- demonstrate step-by-step working with examples and hand-drawn illustrations.
- derive recurrence relations from the given algorithm
- solve recurrence relations using methods like substitution, recursion trees, and/or the Master Theorem,

## Motivation

Traditional methods of multiplication like the one we learned in grade 3, become inefficient for large numbers, making divide-and-conquer approaches more effective. This challenge enhances understanding of such techniques by understanding, modifying, and analyzing the algorithm Multiply-Binary, helping students revisit recursion, recurrence relations, and time complexity calculations.

# 1 Multiply-Binary

Consider the following divide-and-conquer algorithm which multiplies 2 n-bit **binary** numbers using divide-and-conquer:

**Algorithm:** MULTIPLY-BINARY( $x, y$ )  
**Input:** 2 positive binary integers  $x$  and  $y$   
**Output:** Their product  $x * y$

1.  $n = \max(\text{size of } x, \text{size of } y)$
2. **if**  $n = 1$  **then return**  $x * y$
3.  $m = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$
4.  $x_L = \lfloor x/2^m \rfloor, \quad x_R = x \bmod 2^m$
5.  $y_L = \lfloor y/2^m \rfloor, \quad y_R = y \bmod 2^m$
6.  $P_1 = \text{MULTIPLY-BINARY}(x_L, y_L)$
7.  $P_2 = \text{MULTIPLY-BINARY}(x_R, y_R)$
8.  $P_3 = \text{MULTIPLY-BINARY}(x_L + x_R, y_L + y_R)$
9. **return**  $P_1 \cdot 2^n + (P_3 - P_1 - P_2) \cdot 2^m + P_2$

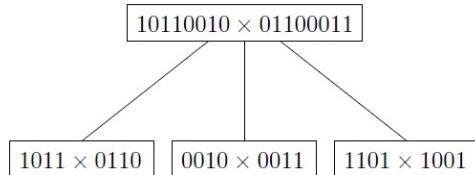


Figure 1: Instance of a Recursion Tree showing how a size-n multiplication problem is divided into size-n/2 sub-problems. How many sub-problems do you see?

## Solution:

There are three sub-problems in the given Recursion Tree. Since the root node  $10110010 \times 01100011$  divides into three sub-problems  $P_1$  ( $1011 \times 0110$ ),  $P_2$  ( $0010 \times 0011$ ) and  $P_3$  ( $1101 \times 1001$ ).

## 1.1 Working Example (5 points)

Demonstrate a working example of Procedure Multiply-Binary using any 2 4-bit numbers. Include figure of your hand-written working.

**Solution:**

we take  $x = 1000$  and  $y = 1000$

$$1) n = 4$$

$$2) m = \lfloor 4/2 \rfloor = 2$$

$$3) x_L = 10_2, x_R = 00_2$$

$$4) y_L = 10_2, y_R = 00_2$$

$$5) P_1 = \text{Multiply-Binary}(10, 10)$$

$$1) n = 2$$

$$2) m = 1$$

$$3) x_L = 1_2, x_R = 0_2$$

$$4) y_L = 1_2, y_R = 0_2$$

$$5) P_1 = 1_2$$

$$6) P_2 = 0_2$$

$$7) P_3 = 1_2$$

$$8) 1 \cdot 2^2 + (1 - 1 - 0_2) \cdot 2 + 0_2 \\ = 10_2$$

$$6) P_2 = \text{MULTIPLY-BINARY}(00, 00)$$

$$1) n = 2$$

$$2) m = 1$$

$$3) x_L = 0, x_R = 0$$

$$4) y_L = 0, y_R = 0$$

$$5) P_1 = 0_2$$

$$6) P_2 = 0_2$$

$$7) P_3 = 0_2$$

$$8) 0 \cdot 2^2 + (0 - 0 - 0) \cdot 2 + 0_2 \\ = 0_2$$

$$7) P_3 = \text{MULTIPLY-BINARY}(10, 10)$$

$$1) n = 2$$

$$2) m = 1$$

$$3) x_L = 1, x_R = 0$$

$$4) y_L = 1, y_R = 0$$

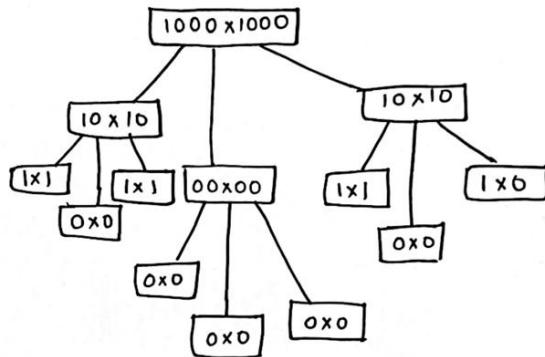
$$5) P_1 = 1_2$$

$$6) P_2 = 0_2$$

$$7) P_3 = 1_2$$

$$8) 1 \cdot 2^2 + (1 - 1 - 0) \cdot 2 + 0_2 \\ = 10_2$$

$$8) 100_2 \cdot 2^4 + (100_2 - 100_2 - 0_2) \cdot 2^2 + 0_2 \\ = \underline{\underline{1000000}}_2.$$



## 2 Multiply-Decimal

We need to modify the algorithm Multiply-Binary considering if the inputs and outputs are now decimal numbers.

### 2.1 Procedure Multiply-Decimal (5 points)

Write the pseudo-code for Procedure Multiply-Decimal in CLRS notation. No credit if you use any programming language constructs or methods e.g. list.append(), etc.

**Solution:**

**Algorithm:** MULTIPLY-DECIMAL( $x, y$ )  
**Input:** 2 positive decimal integers  $x$  and  $y$   
**Output:** Their product  $x * y$

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1:  $n = \max(\text{size of } x, \text{size of } y)$ 
2: if  $n == 1$  then
3:   return  $x * y$ 
4:  $m = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ 
5:  $x_L = \lfloor x/10^m \rfloor$ 
6:  $x_R = x \bmod 10^m$ 
7:  $y_L = \lfloor y/10^m \rfloor$ 
8:  $y_R = y \bmod 10^m$ 
9:  $P_1 = \text{Multiply-Decimal}(x_L, y_L)$ 
10:  $P_2 = \text{Multiply-Decimal}(x_R, y_R)$ 
11:  $P_3 = \text{Multiply-Decimal}(x_L + x_R, y_L + y_R)$ 
12: return  $P_1 \cdot 10^n + (P_3 - P_1 - P_2) \cdot 10^m + P_2$ 
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## 2.2 Working Example (5 points)

Demonstrate a working example of Procedure Multiply-Decimal using any 2 4-digit numbers. Include figure of your hand-written working.

**Solution:**

We take  $x = 2222$  and  $y = 2222$

- 1)  $n = 4$
- 2)  $m = \lfloor \frac{4}{2} \rfloor = 2$
- 3)  $x_L = 22, x_R = 22$
- 4)  $y_L = 22, y_R = 22$
- 5)  $P_1 = \text{MULTIPLY-DECIMAL}(22, 22)$ 
  - 1)  $n = 2$
  - 2)  $m = 1$
  - 3)  $x_L = 2, x_R = 2$
  - 4)  $y_L = 2, y_R = 2$
  - 5)  $P_1 = 2 \times 2 = 4$
  - 6)  $P_2 = 2 \times 2 = 4$
  - 7)  $P_3 = 4 \times 4 = 16$
  - 8)  $4 \cdot 10^2 + (16 - 4 - 4) \cdot 10 + 4$   
 $\Rightarrow 484.$

6)  $P_2 = \text{MULTIPLY-DECIMAL}(\frac{22}{22}, 22)$

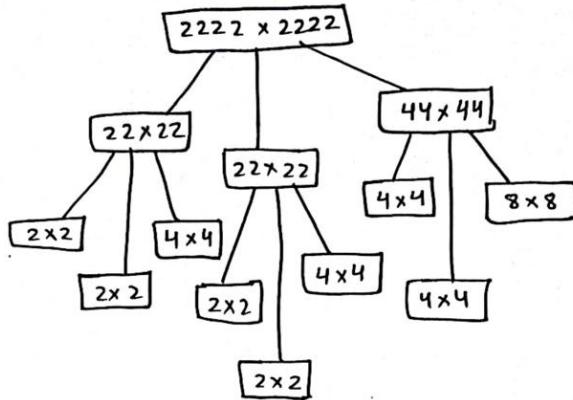
- 1)  $n = 2$
- 2)  $m = 1$
- 3)  $x_L = 2, x_R = 2$
- 4)  $y_L = 2, y_R = 2$
- 5)  $P_1 = 4$
- 6)  $P_2 = 4$
- 7)  $P_3 = 16$
- 8)  $484$

7)  $P_3 = \text{MULTIPLY-DECIMAL}(44, 44)$

- 1)  $n = 2$
- 2)  $m = 1$
- 3)  $x_L = 4, x_R = 4$
- 4)  $y_L = 4, y_R = 4$
- 5)  $P_1 = 16$
- 6)  $P_2 = 16$
- 7)  $P_3 = 64$
- 8)  $16 \cdot 10^2 + (64 - 16 - 16) \cdot 10 + 16$   
 $= 1936$

$$8) 484 \cdot 10^4 + (1936 - 484 - 484) \cdot 10^2 + 484$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\underline{4937,284}}$$



### 2.3 Recurrence (5 points)

Devise a recurrence for the designed algorithm Procedure Multiply-Decimal.

#### Solution:

The running time of the procedure can be expressed as,

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & \text{if } n \leq 1, \\ 3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

### 2.4 Time Complexity (5 points)

Solve the recurrence using the master method to find the Time Complexity of the algorithm.

#### Solution:

The given recurrence is in the form:

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

We'll use Master Theorem,

$$3T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(n)$$

Here,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 2$ , and  $f(n) = \Theta(n)$ . We'll plug our values in watershed function  $n^{\log_b a}$ ,

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 3} = n^{1.585}$$

Now we'll compare  $f(n) = \Theta(n)$  with  $n^{1.585}$ . Since  $f(n) = \Theta(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3 - \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon = 0.585$ , it follows that  $f(n)$  grows asymptotically slower than  $n^{\log_2 3}$ , which aligns with property of **Master Theorem Case 1**.

#### Master Theorem Case 1

If there exists a constant  $\epsilon > 0$  such that:

$$f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon}),$$

then:

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}).$$

We then conclude that,

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

## References

- [1] Thomas H. Cormen, Charles E. Leiserson, Ronald L. Rivest, and Clifford Stein. *Introduction to Algorithms, Fourth Edition*.

## **Submission**

1. Submit one pdf file including your solutions.
2. Clearly write your group number, member names and ids.
3. Where a working examples are required, you should include a hand-written working snapshot that demonstrates the step-wise working of the procedure.