

# Divide and Conquer [chapter 5]

- What are some of algorithms that used the divide and Conquer?

- Binary Search
- Merge Sort
- Integer Multiplication.

How many single digit multiplications were done?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2311 \\
 \times 3234 \\
 \hline
 9244 \\
 6933 \\
 4622 \\
 6933 \\
 \hline
 7473774
 \end{array}$$

16 multiplications

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a_1 a_2 \dots a_n \\
 \times b_1 b_2 \dots b_n \\
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 \end{array}$$

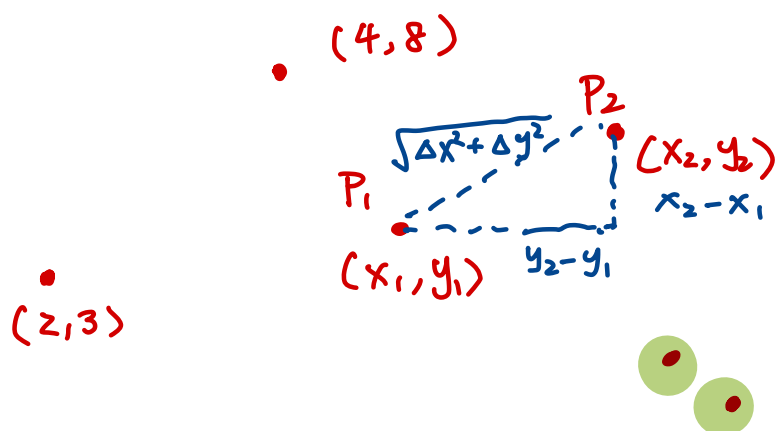
$$n^2$$

Using D&C, we can improve runtime to  $n^{1.59}$ .

◦ Closest Pair of Points

• Given a set of  $n$  points  $(x_k, y_k)$

Question: Return the closest pairs of points.



$$d(P_1, P_2) =$$

$$\sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Naive: Check every pairs

$$\binom{n}{2} \text{ pairs} = O(n^2)$$

Use D&C, we can be done in  $O(n \log n)$ .

- Review Recurrence Relation:

• Find  $f(n)$ ,  $f(n) = f(n/2) + 10$ ,  $n = 2^k$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ .

$$f(2^k) = f(2^{k-1}) + 10$$

$$f(2^{k-1}) = f(2^{k-2}) + 10$$

$\vdots$

$$f(16) = 41$$

$$f(8) = 31$$

$$f(4) = f(2) + 10 = 21$$

$$f(2) = f(1) + 10$$

$$= 1 + 10 = 11$$

$$n = 2^k \rightarrow k = \log_2 n$$

$$n = 2^{k-1}$$

$$f(2^k) = 10k + 1$$

$$f(n) = 10 \log_2 n + 1$$

•  $f(n) = f(n/2) + n$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ .  $f(n) = 2^{\log_2 n + 1} - 1$

$$n = 2^k, k = \log_2 n$$

$$f(2^k) = f(2^{k-1}) + 2^k$$

$$f(2^{k-1}) = f(2^{k-2}) + 2^{k-1}$$

$\vdots$

$$f(8) = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8$$

$$f(4) = f(2) + 4 = 1 + 2 + 4$$

$$f(2) = f(1) + 2 = 1 + 2$$

$$f(2^k) = \sum_{i=0}^k 2^i$$

$$S = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^k$$

$$= 2^{k+1} - 1$$

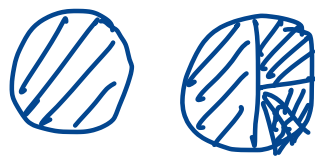
$$2S = 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^k + 2^{k+1}$$

$$2S = S - 1 + 2^{k+1}$$

$$S = 2^{k+1} - 1$$

- Geometric series summation formulas:

$$\bullet 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = 2$$



$$\bullet a < 1, \underbrace{1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots}_{\text{call it } S} = \frac{1}{1-a}$$

call it  $S$ .

$$aS = a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$aS = S - 1$$

$$1 = S - aS$$

$$1 = S(1-a)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{1-a}$$

$$\frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \boxed{2}$$

$$\bullet a > 1, \underbrace{1 + a + a^2 + \dots + a^n}_{\text{call it } S} =$$

call it  $S$ .

$$aS = \underbrace{a + a^2 + a^3 + \dots + a^n}_{n+1} + a^{n+1}$$

$$\underset{-S}{aS} = \underset{-S}{S-1} + a^{n+1}$$

$$S(a-1) = aS - S = a^{n+1} - 1$$

$$S = \frac{a^{n+1} - 1}{a - 1}$$

Ex:  $a = 2$

$$\frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{2 - 1} = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

- $f(n) = f(n/2) + 1$

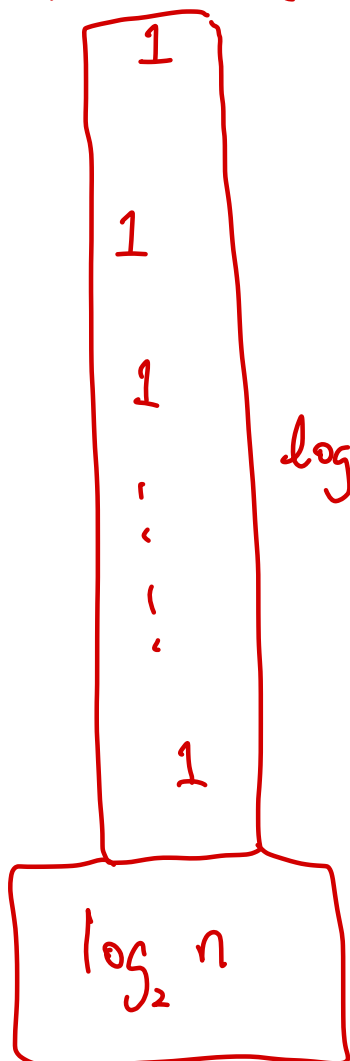
If  $f(n)$  represents runtime of an algorithm on input size  $n$ .

Which algorithm can this formula represent?

Binary.



check middle value (with target)



$$f(n) = \log_2 n$$

$$f(n) = f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$f\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + 1$$

⋮

$$f(2) = f(1) + 1 = 2$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

Total:

$$n \cdot \log n$$

- $f(n) = 2f(n/2) + n$



$$n$$

$$2n$$

$$f(n/2) = 2f(n/4) + \frac{n}{2}$$



$$\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} = n$$

$$2n$$

$$f\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) = 2f\left(\frac{n}{8}\right) + \frac{n}{4}$$



$$\frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{4} = n$$

$$2n$$

⋮



⋮

$$\frac{n}{8} * 8 = n$$

$$2n$$



⋮

⋮

$$\log_2 n$$

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$$2n$$

# Divide & Conquer

Given a problem  $P$  (size  $n$ )

Divide  $P$  into subproblems (with size  $\frac{n}{B}$ )

Subproblems are solved recursively.

Merge the solutions to solve  $P$ .

$T(n)$  - time taken by algorithm on input size  $n$ .

$$T(n) = A \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{B}\right) + f(n)$$

number of  
subproblems

size of each  
subproblems

recombining  
merge step cost.

- Merge Sort  $O(n \log n)$  Sorting algorithm.  
(Optimal in the comparison model).

Original list/array  $A$  of length  $n$ .

$A[1, 2, \dots, n]$

Sort ( $A$ ):

if  $n = 1$ , return  $A[1]$  ← Base case. 1

$L = A[1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2}]$

$R = A[\frac{n}{2} + 1, \dots, n]$

$\left. \begin{matrix} n/2 \\ n/2 \end{matrix} \right\} n$

$LS = \text{Sort}(L)$   $T(n/2)$

$RS = \text{Sort}(R)$   $T(n/2)$

Output merge ( $LS, RS$ ).  $n-1$

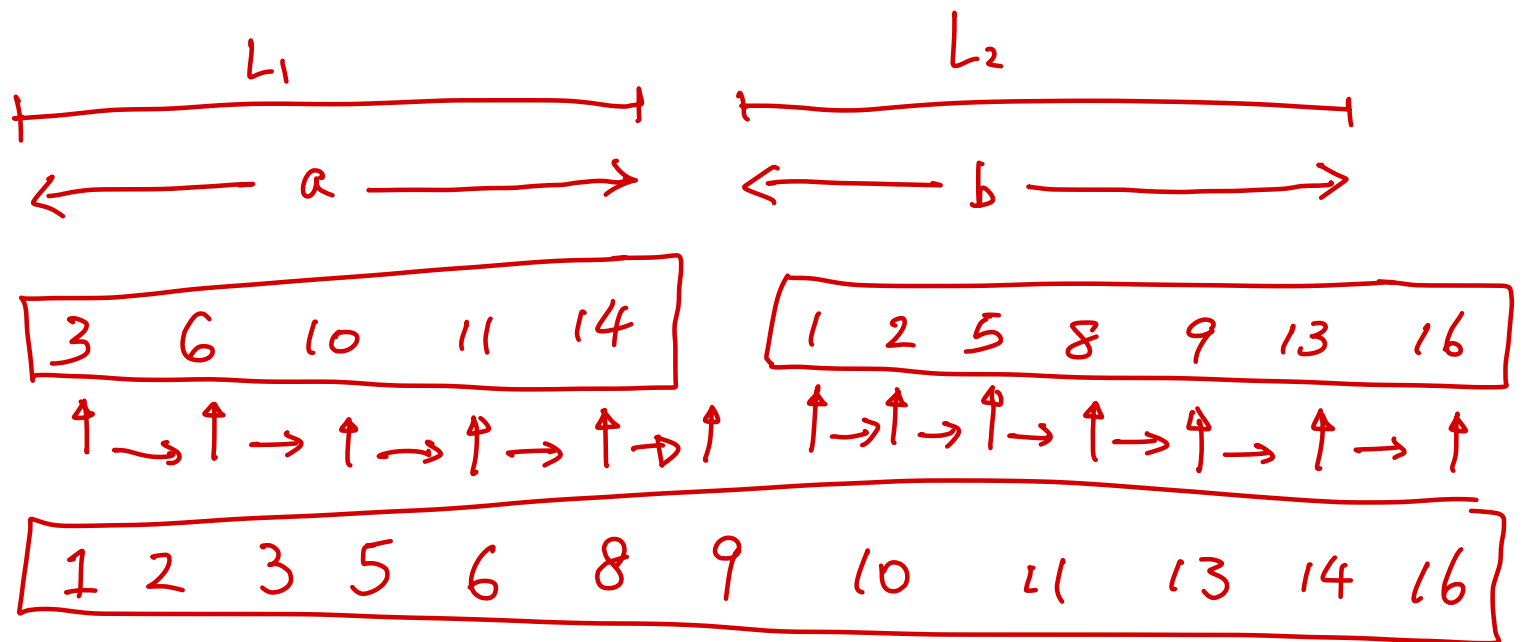
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takes two sorted lists and merge them.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 2n$$

$$T(n) = 2n \log_2 n \\ = O(n \log n)$$

merge ( $L_1, L_2$ ) Two pointers algorithm



$$a + b - 1$$