

problem 1

(a) Divide and conquer Pseudocode

Binary Divide and Conquer ( $m=2$ )

function divide-binary ( $v$ , left, right):

if left == right:

if  $v[\text{left}] == 1$ :

return left

else:

return -1

mid =  $(\text{left} + \text{right}) // 2$

pos = divide-binary ( $v$ , left, mid)

if pos != -1:

return pos

return divide-binary ( $v$ , mid + 1, right).

This algorithm performs a binary divide and conquer without copying the vector.

Only index boundaries are passed, and the recursion stops when the subvector size is 1.

m-ary Divide and conquer ( $m \geq 2$ )

function divide\_m( $v$ , left, right,  $m$ ):

if left == right:

if  $v[\text{left}] == 1$ :

return left

else:

return -1

length =  $(\text{right} - \text{left} + 1) // m$

for  $k = 0$  to  $m-1$ :

sub\_left =  $\text{left} + k * \text{length}$

sub\_right =  $\text{sub\_left} + \text{length} - 1$

pos = divide\_m( $v$ , sub\_left, sub\_right,  $m$ )

if pos != -1:

return pos

return -1

The vector is divided into  $m$  equal parts  
recursively until each part has size 1.



## (b) complexity Analysis of Division

Binary Division ( $m=2$ )

The recurrence relation is:

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(1)$$

By the Master Theorem:

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

m-ary Division ( $m \geq 2$ )

The recurrence relation is:

$$T(n) = mT(n/m) + O(1)$$

This also gives:

$$T(n) = O(n)$$

Therefore, pure divide-and-conquer decomposition has linear complexity.

(c) collecting the Unique 1

After the vector is fully decomposed into size 1 segments each element is checked once.

(cost of checking leaf nodes:

$$f(n) = O(n)$$

Recurrence relation (binary case):

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(1) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n)$$

The final complexity is  $O(n)$ , not  $O(\log n)$ , because every element must be examined

problem 2 - solution  
(1) School Multiplication in Base 10  
Digits are stored in arrays with the least significant digit first.

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function multiply_base10(X, Y):  
    n = len(X)  
    m = len(Y)  
    Z = array of size n+m initialized to 0  
    for i = 0 to n-1:  
        carry = 0  
        for j = 0 to m-1:  
            temp = Z[i+j] + X[i] * Y[j] + carry  
            Z[i+j] = temp mod 10  
            carry = temp div 10  
        Z[i+m] += carry  
    return Z
```

This method supports arbitrarily large integers since all operations are digit-based.



## (2) Divide and Conquer Multiplication

let:  $x = x_1 \cdot 10^{n/2} + x_0$ ,  $y = y_1 \cdot 10^{n/2} + y_0$

then:  $x \cdot y = z_2 \cdot 10^n + z_1 \cdot 10^{n/2} + z_0$

where  $z_2 = x_1 y_1$ ;  $z_1 = x_1 y_0 + x_0 y_1$ ;  $z_0 = x_0 y_0$

the recurrence relation is:

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + O(n)$$

By the Master Theorem:

$$T(n) = O(n^2)$$

## (3) Karatsuba Algorithm

Karatsuba reduces the number of recursive multiplications:

$$z_2 = x_1 y_1 \quad ; \quad z_0 = x_0 y_0 \quad ; \quad z_1 = (x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) - z_2 - z_0$$

The recurrence relation is:

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n)$$

Thus:  $T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx O(n^{1.585})$

## (4) Computing $\sum_{i=1}^n i$ using one multiplication

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

let:  $v = [n]$   
 $w = [n+1]$

Then:  $\sum_{i=1}^n i = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{mult}(v, w)$