

# Strassen's matrix multiplication

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What is the complexity of multiplying two square matrices  $A_{n \times n} * B_{n \times n}$ ?  
 Straightforward algo:  $O(n^3)$ .

Assume that  $n = 2^k$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} \boxed{a} & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$n/2 \times n/2$

$a, b, \dots, h$  are  $\frac{n}{2} \times \frac{n}{2}$  square matrices

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} p_5 + p_4 + p_2 + p_6 & p_1 + p_2 \\ p_3 + p_4 & p_1 + p_5 + p_3 + p_7 \end{bmatrix}$$

(8)

$a, e \rightarrow$  matrix multiplication: dimension is  $n/2$ .  
 How many scalar operations are needed for  $ae + bg$ ?  $\frac{n^2}{4}$  additions

R.R.  $T(n) = 8T(\frac{n}{2}) + 4 * \frac{n^2}{4} = 8T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^2$   
 Apply m-t.  $a=8, b=2, f(n)=n^2, g(n)=n^{\log_2 8} = n^3$

Case 1  $g(n) > f(n)$ .  $\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^3)$ .

Examine:  $T(n) = aT(\frac{n}{2}) + b n^2$  the time complexity?  
 What determines the time complexity in forward

If I reduce  $a$  so that  $a < 8$  the time complexity improves  
 even if  $b \gg 1$ .

Strassen showed a way to accomplish  $ae + bg$  etc. using fewer recursive calls.

recursive calls.

$$p_1 = a(f - h)$$

$$p_3 = (c + a)e$$

$$p_5 = (a + d)(e - h)$$

$$p_2 = (a + b)h$$

$$p_4 = d(g - e)$$

$$p_6 = (b + d)(g + h)$$

$$p_3 + p_4 \quad ce + de + dg - de$$

$\rightarrow (10)$

$$p_7 = (a - c)(e + f)$$

The work done in addition to recursive calls:  $18(\frac{n^2}{4}) = \frac{9}{2}n^2$

R.R.  $T(n) = 7T(\frac{n}{2}) + \frac{9}{2}n^2$

$a=7, b=2, f(n)=n^2, g(n)=\log_2 7$

$g(n) > f(n)$  Case 1)  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$

$\approx n^{2.81}$   
 $n$  versus  $(2n)^{2.81}$

18 submatrices  
 + 8 or  
 - 8

$$18 \times \frac{n^2}{4} = \frac{9}{2}n^2$$