To find c = a * b, where n is the maximum number of digits in a, b, B is the base of a, b, and a_0, a_1 are the least and most n/2-digit part of a respectively, and the same goes for b with b_0, b_1 :

$$c_0 = a_0 * b_0$$

$$c_1 = a_1 * b_0 + a_0 * b_1 = (a_1 + a_0) * (b_1 + b_0)$$

$$c_2 = a_1 * b_1$$

$$c = a * b = c_2 B^n + (c_1 - c_2 - c_0) B^{n/2} + c_0$$

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Let's try 2205 * 1132 (where n = 4, B = 10):

$$c_0 = 5 * 32$$

$$c_1 = (22 + 5) * (11 + 32) = 27 * 43$$

$$c_2 = 22 * 11$$

 $c_0 = 5 * 32$ (where n = 2). Since we end up with n/2 = 1, we can calculate these single-digit-operand products in the traditional way:

$$c_0 = 5 * 2 = 10$$

$$c_1 = (0+5) * (3+2) = 5 * 5 = 25$$

$$c_2 = 0 * 3 = 0$$

$$c = 0 * 10^2 + (25 - 0 - 10)10^{2/2} + 10 = 160$$

We'll save $c_0 = 160$ for the final calculation. $c_1 = 27 * 43$. Again, we're multiplying single digits:

$$c_0 = 7 * 3 = 21$$

$$c_1 = (2+7) * (4+3) = 9 * 7 = 63$$

$$c_2 = 2 * 4 = 8$$

$$c = 8 * 10^2 + (63 - 8 - 21)10^{2/2} + 21 = 1161$$

Which means $c_1 = 1161$. $c_2 = 22 * 11$:

$$c_0 = 2 * 1 = 2$$

$$c_1 = (2+2) * (1+1) = 4 * 2 = 8$$

$$c_2 = 2 * 1 = 2$$

$$c = 2 * 10^2 + (8-2-2)10^{2/2} + 2 = 242$$

Which means $c_2 = 242$.

We can come back to our original c:

$$c = a * b = 2205 * 1132$$

$$= c_2 B^n + (c_1 - c_2 - c_0) B^{n/2} + c_0$$

$$= 242 * 10^4 + (1161 - 242 - 160) 10^{4/2} + 160$$

$$= 2496060$$

Which leaves us with 2205 * 1132 = 2496060.