

## Divide and Conquer

### Concept :-

- Break the large problem into subproblems that are smaller instances of same type of problem
- Recursively solve these subproblems
- Appropriately combine their answers

### Examples :-

- Binary search
- Quicksort, Mergesort
- Finding the median
- Strassen Matrix Multiplication
- Exponentiation
- Multiplying large integers etc.

⇒ Finding the minimum no. in set 'S'.

Given : A set 'S' with 'n' nos.

Goal : Find min no. in S.

Attempt 1 : — sort no. in asc. order.  $O(n \log n)$   
— Print first no.  $O(1)$ .

Attempt 2 : — Split set in two equal set  $S_1$  &  $S_2$   
— Find min. of  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  recursively  
— output the minimum of minimum.

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 2 \quad T(1) = 0 \quad T(2) = 1$$

$O(n)$

Find median in a set of nos  
OR

Find  $k^{\text{th}}$  smallest no. in a set of 'n' nos.

Given :- A set 's' containing 'n' nos

Goal :- Find  $k^{\text{th}}$  minimum in s.

Ex :-  $S = \{ 12, 13, 4, 31, 33, 27, 19, 8, 28, 55, 41, 35, 22, 18, 10, 11, 37, 5, 8, 1, 71, 43, 14, 25 \}$

If  $k=10$ , what is output?

Attempt 1 :- Sort no. in asc. order  $O(n \log n)$   
Print  $k^{\text{th}}$  no. in list  $O(k)$ .

Can we do Better than  $O(n \log n)$  ?  
Yes, divide and conquer.

1) Split the set 's' into sets of size 5.

12	2	55	10	1
13	17	41	11	71
4	19	35	37	43
31	81	22	5	14
33	28	18	8	25

2) Sort each column

4	2	18	5	1
12	17	32	8	14
(13)	(19)	(35)	(10)	(25)
31	28	41	11	43
33	81	55	37	71

3) Consider the median of the column.

13, 19, 35, 10, 25

4) Find median of these medians.  
Call this as pivot.

10, 13, 19, 25, 35

5) Use pivot to split set 'S' into  $S_1$  &  $S_2$

$S_1 = \{12, 13, 4, 2, 17, 18, 10, 11, 5, 8, 1, 14\}$  (19)

$S_2 = \{31, 33, 81, 28, 55, 41, 35, 22, 37, 71, 43\}$

6) If  $k \leq |S_1|$  then find  $k^{\text{th}}$  min in  $S_1$   
 If  $k = |S_1| + 1$  then output 19.  
 If  $k > |S_1| + 1$  then  
 find  $(k - |S_1| - 1)^{\text{th}}$  min in  $S_2$

Algorithm :- Minimum( $S, k$ )

- 1 • Split  $S$  into  $\lceil n/5 \rceil$  sets of size 5 each
- 2 • Sort each of these  $\lceil n/5 \rceil$  sets.
- 3 • Let  $T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k$  be the sets of size 5 with median  $m_1, \dots, m_k$ .
- 4 • Let 'x' be median of medians.
- 5 • Partition the elements of 'S' into  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  by pivoting at x.
- 6 • If  $k \leq |S_1|$  then op Minimum( $S_1, k$ )
- 7 • If  $k = |S_1| + 1$  then 'op' is 'x'.
- 8 • If  $k > |S_1| + 1$  then op Minimum( $S_2, k - |S_1| - 1$ )

Analysis

Let  $T(n)$  be the running time for finding the  $k^{\text{th}}$  minimum in a set of size  $n$ .

$$① \Rightarrow \text{Split} \Rightarrow O(n)$$

$$② \Rightarrow \text{Sort} \Rightarrow O(n)$$

$$③ \Rightarrow \text{Find median of median} \Rightarrow T(n/5) \quad \cdot \frac{n}{5} \cdot 5 \cdot \log 5$$

$$⑤ \Rightarrow \text{Split in } S_1 \text{ \& } S_2 \Rightarrow O(n)$$

$$⑥, ⑧ \Rightarrow \text{Recursively solve for } S_1 \text{ or } S_2$$

$$T(|S_1|) \text{ or } T(|S_2|).$$

$$T(|S_1|) = O(n) + T(n/5) + (T(|S_1|) \text{ or } T(|S_2|))$$

Can we get upper bound on  $|S_1|$  and  $|S_2|$

5	4	2	1	18	$y$ is 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> element $T_i$ $i \leq k/2 \Rightarrow \underline{y < x}$
8	12	17	14	32	
10	13	19	25	35	
11	31	28	43	41	$z$ is 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> element $T_i$ $i > k/2 \Rightarrow \underline{z > x}$
37	33	81	71	55	

$$\text{No. of elements smaller than } x = 3 \cdot k/2 \geq \frac{3n}{10}$$

$$\text{So } |S_2| \leq 7n/10, \text{ Similarly } |S_1| \leq 7n/10. \text{ — upper Bound}$$

$$T(n) = T(n/5) + T(7n/10) + O(n)$$

We can show by induction that  $T(n) = O(n)$



## ⇒ Integer Multiplication -

Given - Two  $n$ -bits integers  $a$  and  $b$ ,

Goal - Compute  $a \times b$ .

### Attempt 1 Long Multiplication

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1101 \quad (13) \\
 \times 1011 \quad (11) \\
 \hline
 1101 \\
 0000 \\
 1101 \\
 1101 \\
 \hline
 10001111 \quad (143)
 \end{array}$$

$O(n^2)$  complexity.

### Attempt 2 Divide and Conquer

To multiply two  $n$ -bit integers  $x$  and  $y$ .

- Divide  $x$  and  $y$  into low- and high order bits.
- recursively four  $n/2$ -bit integers, recursively.
- Add and shift to obtain result.

$$m = \lceil n/2 \rceil$$

$$a = \lfloor x/2^m \rfloor \quad b = x \bmod 2^m$$

$$c = \lfloor y/2^m \rfloor \quad d = y \bmod 2^m$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 xy &= (2^m a + b)(2^m c + d) \\
 &= 2^{2m} ac + 2^m (bc + ad) + bd.
 \end{aligned}$$

Ex:-  $x = \underbrace{1000}_a \underbrace{1101}_b$   $y = \underbrace{1110}_c \underbrace{0001}_d$

Multiply  $(x, y, n)$

If  $n=1$

Return  $x \times y$ .

Else.

$$m = \lceil n/2 \rceil$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a = \lfloor x/2^m \rfloor \quad b = x \bmod 2^m \\ c = \lfloor y/2^m \rfloor \quad d = y \bmod 2^m \end{array} \right\} O(n)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} e = \text{Multiply}(a, c, m) \\ f = \text{Multiply}(b, d, m) \\ g = \text{Multiply}(b, c, m) \\ h = \text{Multiply}(a, d, m) \end{array} \right\} 4T(n/2)$$

$$\text{Return } 2^{2m}e + 2^m(g+h) + f \quad \left. \right\} O(n).$$

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

Using case 1 of masters theorem -  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Karatsuba trick

To compute middle term  $bc+ad$  -

$$bc+ad = ac+bd - (a-b)(c-d)$$

Thus, it requires only 3  $n/2$ -bit integers, recursively

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

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

Ex:- 2345      0678

$$a = 23$$

$$c = 06$$

$$b = 45$$

$$d = 78$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2300 + 45) (0600 + 78) \\ &= (23 \times 10^2 + 45) (6 \times 10^2 + 78) \\ &= (23 \times 6) 10^4 + (23 \times 78 + 45 \times 6) 10^2 + 45 \times 78 \\ &= ac \times 10^4 + (ad + bc) 10^2 + bd. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for binary numbers:-

Ex (1)

m=2

$$x = 1101$$

$$y = 1011$$

$$a = 11$$

$$c = 10$$

$$b = 01$$

$$d = 11$$

$$ac = 11$$

$$bc = 01$$

$$ad = 11$$

$$bd = 01$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \times 01 \\ \hline 11 \\ \times 110 \\ \hline 110 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \times 01 \\ \hline 01 \\ \times 010 \\ \hline 010 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ \times 11 \\ \hline 11 \\ \times 1001 \\ \hline 1001 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ \times 01 \\ \hline 01 \\ \times 011 \\ \hline 011 \end{array}$$

m=1

$$a = 1 \quad b = 1$$

$$a = 0 \quad b = 1$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 1$$

$$a = 0 \quad b = 1$$

$$c = 1 \quad d = 0$$

$$c = 1 \quad d = 0$$

$$c = 1 \quad d = 1$$

$$c = 1 \quad d = 1$$

$$ac = 1$$

$$ac = 0$$

$$ac = 1$$

$$ac = 0$$

$$bc = 1$$

$$bc = 1$$

$$bc = 1$$

$$bc = 1$$

$$ad = 0$$

$$ad = 0$$

$$ad = 1$$

$$ad = 0$$

$$bd = 0$$

$$bd = 0$$

$$bd = 1$$

$$bd = 1$$

$$2^{2m} ac + 2^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

m=1

$$= 4 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$= 6$$

$$4 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$= 2$$

$$4 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 2 + 1$$

$$= 9$$

$$4 \cdot 0 + 2 \cdot 1 + 1$$

$$= 3$$

These values are returned

$$2^{2m} ac + 2^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

$$\begin{aligned} m=2 &= 18 \cdot 6 + 4(2+9) + 3 \\ &= 96 + 44 + 3 \\ &= \underline{143} \end{aligned}$$

Ex (2)

$$a = 23$$

$$c = 06$$

$$b = 45$$

$$d = 78$$

ac

bc

ad

bd

$$d3 \times 06$$

$$45 \times 06$$

$$23 \times 78$$

$$45 \times 78$$

$$a=2 \quad b=3$$

$$a=4 \quad b=5$$

$$a=2 \quad b=3$$

$$a=4 \quad b=5$$

$$c=0 \quad d=6$$

$$c=0 \quad d=6$$

$$c=7 \quad d=8$$

$$c=7 \quad d=8$$

$$ac = 0$$

$$0$$

$$14$$

$$28$$

$$bc = 0$$

$$0$$

$$21$$

$$35$$

$$ad = 12$$

$$24$$

$$16$$

$$32$$

$$bd = 18$$

$$30$$

$$24$$

$$40$$

$$10^{2m} ac + 10^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

$$100 ac + 10 (bc + ad) + bd$$

$$0 + 120 + 18$$

$$0 + 240 + 30$$

$$1400 + 320 + 24$$

$$2800 + 670 + 40$$

$$138$$

$$270$$

$$1794$$

$$3510$$

m=2

$$10^{2m} ac + 10^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

$$= 10000 \times 138 + 100 (270 + 1794) + 3510$$

$$= 1380000 + 206400 + 3510$$

$$= \underline{1589910}$$



## \* Exponential

Ex :  $a^{2^3} \Rightarrow$  Total 27 multiplications are required.

$$= a \cdot a^{2^6}$$

$$= a (a^{13})^2$$

$$= a (a \cdot a^{12})^2 = a (a (a^6)^2)^2$$

$$= a (a \cdot ((a^3)^2)^2)^2$$

$$= a (a \cdot (a \cdot a^2)^2)^2$$

Total multiplication required = 7

Power (x, y)

{

if (y == 0)

return 1

else if y % 2 == 0 — (even)

return Power (x, y/2) \* Power (x, y/2)

else

return x \* Power (x, y/2) \* Power (x, y/2)

}

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

Case 1 of M.T.  $\Rightarrow$   $O(n)$

We can reduce the number of recursive calls made. By using temp. variable

Power (x, y)

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1. If y = 0 return 1
2. fn
3. temp = Power (x, y/2)
4. if (y % 2 == 0) — even
5. return temp * temp;
6. fn
7. return x * temp * temp;
  
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Complexity :-

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

$$\text{Case 2 of M.T.} \Rightarrow \theta(\log n)$$