

# Multiplication of Large Integers

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# Overview

Using Fourier Transforms to multiply integers

- ▶ Theory
- ▶ Speed
- ▶ Code
- ▶ Demo

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$$c_0 = a_0 b_0 + a_1 b_{-1} + a_2 b_{-2} + a_3 b_{-3} = 2 \cdot 3 + 9 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 0 = 6$$

$$c_1 = a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0 + a_2 b_{-1} + a_3 b_{-2} = 2 \cdot 7 + 9 \cdot 3 + 0 \cdot 0 + 4 \cdot 0 = 41$$

$$c_2 = a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0 + a_3 b_{-1} = 2 \cdot 3 + 9 \cdot 7 + 0 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 0 = 69$$

$$c_3 = \dots$$

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$$c = a * b = ..0, 0, 6, 41, 69, 39, 28, 12, 0, 0, ..$$



$$c = 6(10)^0 + 41(10)^1 + 69(10)^2 + 39(10)^3 + 28(10)^4 + 12(10)^5 + 0(10)^6$$

\*carry the 10's\*

$$c = 6(10)^0 + 1(10)^1 + 3(10)^2 + 6(10)^3 + 2(10)^4 + 5(10)^5 + 1(10)^6$$

$$\mathbf{4092 \cdot 373 = 1526316}$$

# The Schönhage-Strassen Algorithm

By Arnold Schönhage and Volker Strassen in 1971.

## Summary

- ▶  $a = \mathcal{F}(a), b = \mathcal{F}(b)$
- ▶  $c = a \cdot b$
- ▶  $c = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(c)$
- ▶  $\text{carry}(c)$ , make every coefficient less than 10

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18 March, 2019 (seven weeks ago) David Harvey and Joris Van Der Hoeven published  $\mathcal{O}(n \log(n))$  algorithm. [HVD]

# Naïve Algorithm

```
  1234
x 1234
-----
   16
  120
 800
4000
 120
 900
6000
30000
 800
6000
40000
200000
 4000
30000
200000
1000000
```

For each digit, multiply for each digit, then add.

$\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  running time

```

bigInt operator * (const bigInt &v) const {
    bigInt product;
    for (long i = 0; i < a.size(); ++i) {
        for (long j = 0; j < v.a.size(); ++j) {
            vector<int> p(i + j, 0);
            int h = a[i] * v.a[j];
            while (h) {
                p.insert(p.begin(), h % 10);
                h = int(h / 10);
            }

            for (auto x : p) cout << x;
            cout << endl;

            product = product + bigInt(p);
        }
    }
    return product;
}

```

```
valarray<int> multiply(PolynomialCoefficients a, PolynomialCoefficients b, bool show_details) {  
    PolynomialCoefficients c;  
    FFT(a);  
    FFT(b);  
    c = a * b;  
    iFFT(c);
```

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    valarray<int> res(a.size());  
    for (long i = 0; i < a.size(); i++) {  
        res[i] = round(real(c[i]));  
    }
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    for (long i = a.size() - 1; i > 0; i--) {  
        res[i] += res[i-1] % 10;  
        res[i - 1] = int(res[i - 1] / 10);  
        if (res[i] > 9) res[i - 1] += int(res[i] / 10);  
        res[i] %= 10;  
    }
```

```
    return res;
```



```

const double PI = 3.141592653589793238460;

void FFT(PolynomialCoefficients& a) {
    // Cooley-Tukey algorithm: radix-2 decimation-in-time Fast Fourier Transform
    const size_t N = a.size();
    if (N <= 1) return;

    PolynomialCoefficients even = a[slice(0, N / 2, 2)];
    PolynomialCoefficients odd = a[slice(1, N / 2, 2)];

    FFT(even);
    FFT(odd);

    for (size_t k = 0; k < N/2; ++k)
    {
        Complex t = polar(1.0, -2*PI*k/N) * odd[k];
        // polar(rho, theta) = rho(cos(theta) + isin(theta)) = rho*e^(i*theta)
        // polar(1.0, -2*PI*k/N) = e^i(-2*PI*k/N)
        a[k] = even[k] + t;
        a[k + N / 2] = even[k] - t;
    }
}

```

C:\dev\SchoenhageStrassen\Release\SchoenhageStrassen.exe

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Multiplication of large intergers using Schoenhage-Strassen algorithm  
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a\*b = 152399025

This was computed using a naive algorithm in 0 milliseconds

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FFT(a):

(15,0), (8.21319,10.4374), (-1.29289,8.94975), (-2.76277,3.91709), (-2,3), (-2.89409,2.26024), (-2.70711,0.949747), (-2.55634,0.780508), (-3,0), (-2.55634,-0.780508), (-2.70711,-0.949747), (-2.89409,-2.26024), (-2,-3), (-2.76277,-3.91709), (-1.29289,-8.94975), (8.21319,-10.4374)

FFT(b):

(15,0), (8.21319,10.4374), (-1.29289,8.94975), (-2.76277,3.91709), (-2,3), (-2.89409,2.26024), (-2.70711,0.949747), (-2.55634,0.780508), (-3,0), (-2.55634,-0.780508), (-2.70711,-0.949747), (-2.89409,-2.26024), (-2,-3), (-2.76277,-3.91709), (-1.29289,-8.94975), (8.21319,-10.4374)

iFFT( FFT(a).FFT(b) ):

(0,-3.88578e-15), (0,-3.58905e-15), (0,-1.80311e-15), (0,3.63374e-17), (0,1.07528e-15), (0,2.6282e-15), (1,3.80151e-15), (4,1.92372e-15), (10,-3.33067e-16), (20,-1.81269e-15), (35,-1.80311e-15), (44,-1.74002e-15), (46,2.69948e-15), (40,2.6282e-15), (25,2.48795e-16), (-8.88178e-16,-7.46849e-17)

$0(10)^{15} + 0(10)^{14} + 0(10)^{13} + 0(10)^{12} + 0(10)^{11} + 0(10)^{10} + 0(10)^9 + 1(10)^8 + 4(10)^7 + 10(10)^6 + 20(10)^5 + 35(10)^4 + 44(10)^3 + 46(10)^2 + 40(10)^1 + 25(10)^0$

a\*b = 152399025

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This was computed using Schoenhage-Strassen algorithm in 499 milliseconds

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