

COP 3503 - Programming Assignment # 4

Integer Multiplication using the standard multiplication algorithm and Karatsuba's algorithm for fast multiplication of large integers

Assigned: Feb 25, 2014 (Tuesday)
Due: March 13, 2014 (Thursday) at 11:55 PM WebCourses time

Problem: Integer multiplication of two binary numbers

Given two binary integers, x and y , compute their product $x*y$. For example, if $x = 1001$ (9 in base 10) and $y = 1100$ (12 in base 10), then $x*y = 1101100$ (108 in base 10).

Algorithm 1 – Standard multiplication algorithm

This is the grade-school multiplication algorithm, also known as long multiplication. This algorithm is illustrated below for $1001 * 1100$.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} & (9) \\
 * \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} & (12) \\
 \hline
 & \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \\
 & \begin{array}{cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \\
 & \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \\
 + \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \\
 \hline
 \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} & (108)
 \end{array}$$

Algorithm 2 – Karatsuba's divide and conquer algorithm

This algorithm is described in Section 5.4 of the textbook.

Implementation Notes

Represent the binary numbers using character arrays of '0' or '1'. The algorithms must work with the bitstrings directly – e.g., do not convert to base 10 and then multiply the numbers. However, for debugging purposes you may choose to implement a method to convert to base 10.

Karatsuba's algorithm uses addition and subtraction. Implement a binary addition method using the “grade-school” addition algorithm. You may also implement a similar binary subtraction method which “borrows” from the next non-zero position to the left. Alternatively, implement subtraction “two's complement arithmetic” as the following example shows.

Suppose we want to compute $17 - 13$, i.e. $00010001 - 00001101$. The answer is 4, i.e., 00000100 .

- 1) Change 00001101 (13 in base 10) to a negative number in “two's complement representation” by inverting each bit and adding 1. So, 00001101 becomes $11110010 + 1 = 11110011$.
- 2) Compute $17 + (-13)$, i.e., $00010001 + 11110011$, using the “grade-school” addition algorithm. There will be a “carry” which spills over into the left-most $(n + 1)$ th bit that we ignore.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{Carry: } \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & & 1 & 1 \end{array} \\
 \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} & (17) \\
 + \begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} & (-13) \\
 \hline
 \begin{array}{cccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} & (4)
 \end{array}$$

You must submit Multiplication.java and any additional Java files to WebCourses by 11:55 PM on Thursday, March 13, 2014. You must send your source files as an attachment using the "Add Attachments" button. Assignments that are typed into the submission box will not be accepted. Assignments that are 1 day late are deducted 25% of the points received. Assignments more than 1 day late are not accepted. Programs that do not compile will receive no credit.