1 Multiplying Large Numbers

Given 2 *n*-bit numbers *A* and *B*, compute *AB*. Trivially there's a lower bound of $\Omega(N)$. Trivial solution is $O(N^2)$.

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Alternatively, use Karatsuba-Ofman's Algorithm: see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karatsuba_algorithm If x=x_1B^m+x_2, y=y_1B^m+y_2, then we exploit the fact that z=x_1y_2+x_2y_1=(x_1+y_1)(x_2+y_2)-x_1y_1-x_2y_2 and xy=(x_1B^m+x_2)(y_1B^m+y_2)=x_1y_1B^{2m}+zB^m+x_2y_2.
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In [134]: \# O(N ^ 2)
           # a,b are lists of {0, 1}
           def multiply_1(a, b):
               assert len(a) <= len(b)</pre>
               if len(a) <= 0:
                    return []
               elif len(a) == 1:
                    if a[0] == 0:
                         return [0 for i in b]
                    else:
                         return b[:]
               right = multiply(a[:len(a)/2], b) + [0 \text{ for } \_ \text{ in } range(len(a)/2, len(a)/2)]
               left = [0 \text{ for } \_in \text{ range(len(a)/2)}] + \text{multiply(a[len(a)/2:], b)}
               s = [1+r \text{ for } 1, r \text{ in } zip(left, right)] \# contains 2's and possibly 3
               for i in reversed(range(len(s))):
                    if s[i] == 2 or s[i] == 3:
                         s[i] = 0 if s[i] == 2 else 1
                         if i == 0:
                             s.insert(0, 1)
                         else:
                             s[i-1] += 1
               return s[s.index(1):] # filters out 0-padding
           # Karatsuba
           \# Analysis: T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + Theta(n)
           # via master theorem: O(n ^ log_2(3))
           def multiply_2(a, b):
               assert len(a) == len(b)
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n = len(a)
               if len(a) <= 3:
                    # TODO: do stuff
                    pass
               A2 = a[:n/2], A1 = a[n/2:]
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               C1 = mult(A1, B1)
               C2 = mult(A2, B2)
               C3 = mult(add(A1, A2), add(B1, B2))
               return add(add(shift(C1, n), shift(sub(sub(C3, C1), C2), n/2)), C2)
In [135]: assert multiply_1([1, 1, 0], [1, 1, 1]) == [1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0]
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  Refinement (3-way divide): T(n) = 5T(n/3) + \Theta(n)
  Schonhage-Strassen '71: O(n \log n \log \log n)
  Furer '07: O(n \log n \log^* n)
  Open question: can multiplication be done in O(n \log n)?
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2 Matrix Multiplication

Given $n \times n$ matrices $A, B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, compute $n \times n$ matrix C = AB.

Trivial solution is $O(n^3)$.

Strassen's Algorithm: We note that we can subdivide each matrix into 4 quadrants, resulting in only needing $8T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2) = O(n^3)$. But we can use matrix substructure to only need 7 multiplications.