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 $O(N^2)$.

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]
           assert multiply_1([1, 0], [0, 1]) == [1, 0]
  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 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strassen_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.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_{1,1} & \mathbf{A}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{A}_{2,1} & \mathbf{A}_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}_{1,1} & \mathbf{B}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{B}_{2,1} & \mathbf{B}_{2,2} \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{C} &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{C}_{1,1} & \mathbf{C}_{1,2} \\ \mathbf{C}_{2,1} & \mathbf{C}_{2,2} \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{M}_{1} &:= (\mathbf{A}_{1,1} + \mathbf{A}_{2,2})(\mathbf{B}_{1,1} + \mathbf{B}_{2,2}) \\ \mathbf{M}_{2} &:= (\mathbf{A}_{2,1} + \mathbf{A}_{2,2})\mathbf{B}_{1,1} \\ \mathbf{M}_{3} &:= \mathbf{A}_{1,1}(\mathbf{B}_{1,2} - \mathbf{B}_{2,2}) \\ \mathbf{M}_{4} &:= \mathbf{A}_{2,2}(\mathbf{B}_{2,1} - \mathbf{B}_{1,1}) \\ \mathbf{M}_{5} &:= (\mathbf{A}_{1,1} + \mathbf{A}_{1,2})\mathbf{B}_{2,2} \\ \mathbf{M}_{6} &:= (\mathbf{A}_{2,1} - \mathbf{A}_{1,1})(\mathbf{B}_{1,1} + \mathbf{B}_{1,2}) \\ \mathbf{M}_{7} &:= (\mathbf{A}_{1,2} - \mathbf{A}_{2,2})(\mathbf{B}_{2,1} + \mathbf{B}_{2,2}) \\ \mathbf{C}_{1,1} &= \mathbf{M}_{1} + \mathbf{M}_{4} - \mathbf{M}_{5} + \mathbf{M}_{7} \\ \mathbf{C}_{1,2} &= \mathbf{M}_{3} + \mathbf{M}_{5} \\ \mathbf{C}_{2,1} &= \mathbf{M}_{2} + \mathbf{M}_{4} \\ \mathbf{C}_{2,2} &= \mathbf{M}_{1} - \mathbf{M}_{2} + \mathbf{M}_{3} + \mathbf{M}_{6} \\ \text{So overall is } T(n) &= 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^{2}) = O(n^{\log_{2} 7}) = O(n^{2.8}) \end{aligned}$$

Current state-of-the-art: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coppersmith%E2%80%93Winograd_algorithm