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CS F364 Design & Analysis of Algorithms

DIVIDE-AND-CONQUER

Example: Matrix Multiplication

Square Division / Blocking : Time Complexity

Strassen's algorithm

Matrix Multiplication: Square Division

- Divide-and-conquer: Use a different division
 - Assume that A and B are square matrices each of size $N \times N$
 - Divide A and B into four square sub-matrices (respectively), each of size $N/2 \times N/2$
 - Then $C = A * B$ can be computed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

- where
 - $C_{11} = A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21}$
 - $C_{12} = A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22}$
 - $C_{21} = A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21}$
 - $C_{22} = A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22}$



Matrix Multiplication: Square Division

- Exercise:
 - Write a recursive procedure for matrix multiplication based on the idea described in the previous slide.
 - Parameters of the recursive calls would notionally be sub-matrices
 - To reduce procedure call overhead i.e. to avoid carrying matrices around pass boundary indices around.
- Assume $N=2^k$ for some $k>0$, then the time complexity T of this procedure can be given as
 - $T(N) = b$
 - $T(N) = 8 * T(N/2) + c * N^2$
 - where b and c are constants.
- Solving this relation gives you:
 - $T(N) = O(N^3)$
 - i.e. no better than linear division.

$N \leq 2$

$N > 2$

Number of
recursive calls



Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

- Use the square division (of matrices A and B into sub-matrices of size $N/2 * N/2$) i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

but compute

$$P = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22})$$

$$Q = (A_{21} + A_{22}) B_{11}$$

$$R = A_{11} (B_{12} - B_{22})$$

$$S = A_{22} (B_{21} - B_{11})$$

$$T = (A_{11} + A_{12}) B_{22}$$

$$U = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12})$$

$$V = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22})$$

and then compute

$$C_{11} = P + S - T + V$$

$$C_{12} = R + T$$

$$C_{21} = Q + S$$

$$C_{22} = P + R - Q + U$$

This is referred to as the Strassen's algorithm for matrix multiplication.



Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

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Strassen's algorithm requires:

- 7 multiplications (instead of 8) of matrices and
- several more additions

in each recursive step as compared to the classic algorithm.



Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

- Exercise:
 - Prove that Strassen's method is correct.
- Exercise:
 - Write a recursive procedure based on Strassen's method.
- The time complexity of Strassen's method is given by:
 - $T(N) = b$ if $N \leq 2$
 - $T(N) = 7 * T(N/2) + c * N^2$ otherwise
 - Solution (by master method): $O(n^{\lg 7})$
- Exercise:
 - Modify Strassen's method to handle matrices of size $n \times n$ where n is not a power of 2.



Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

- Performance of Strassen's method:
 - Locality of reference:
 - Strassen's method accesses $n/2$ rows and $n/2$ columns of each of the two matrices at a time
 - The linear method accesses one row at a time of the first matrix (and the whole of the second matrix)
 - The latter usually provides faster access:
 - matrices are stored in row major (or column major) order
 - accessing elements in a sequence works better in a memory hierarchy.
- Exercise:
 - Implement the classic algorithm and Strassen's algorithm.
 - Evaluate their performance for different sizes of matrices and compare.

