





# Divide and Conquer\*

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## Changelog

- □ Rev. 1
  - $\rightarrow$  Removed the unnecessary base case (i.e., n == 0) to slides 5 and 6.
  - $\rightarrow$  Added another base case calculation (i.e., n == 1) to slide 7.
  - $\rightarrow$  Added base case calculation (i.e., n == 0) to slide 9 and simplified the code.
- □ Rev. 2
  - > Removed excessive p = partition(...) line in slide 27.
  - > Fixed the sign of  $-A_0B_0 A_1B_1$  in slides 44 and 45.
  - > Used == instead of = in the pseudocode of slide 53.
- □ Rev. 3
  - > Added the fact that each node can be the descendant of itself in slide 60.
  - $\rightarrow$  Added quiz question in slides 63 65.

#### Overview

- □ Introduction
  - > Computing  $a^n$
- ☐ Master theorem and its proof
- □ Review of sorting algorithm and their design principles
  - > Insertion sort
  - > Selection sort
  - Merge sort
  - > Quick sort
  - > Finding median
- ☐ Maximum subarray sum
- □ Polynomial multiplication
- □ Closest pair of points
- ☐ MapReduce: A Practical Example
- □ Sample Problems

# Computing a<sup>n</sup>

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    for i = 1 to n
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    return result
}
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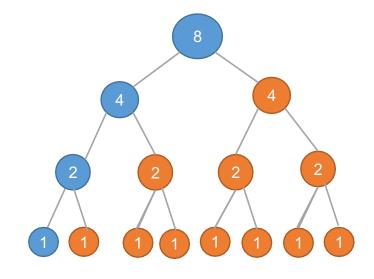
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```

```
power(a, n){
    if n == 0
        return 1
    if n == 1
        return a

    return power(a, [n/2]) * power(a, [n/2])
}
```



What is the problem of the above code?

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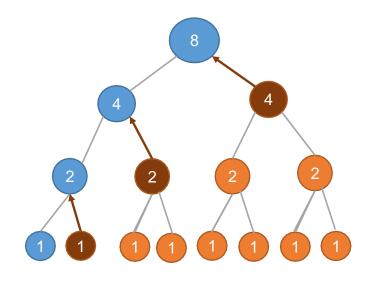
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```

Running time:  $O(\log n)$ 

```
power(a, n) {
    if n == 0
        return 1
    if A[n] != null
        return A[n]

A[n] = power(a, [n/2]) * power(a, [n/2])
    if n is odd
        A[n] = A[n] * a
    return A[n]
}
```



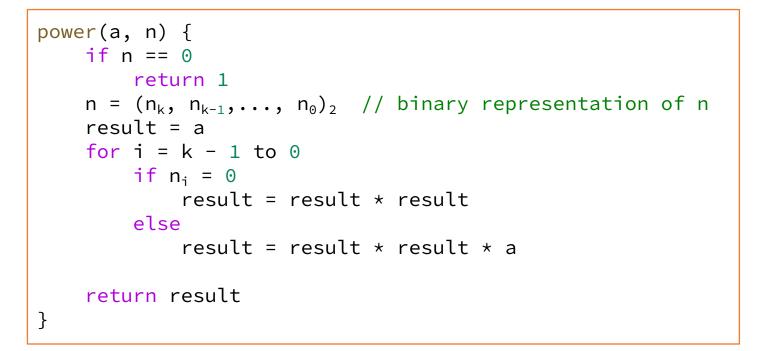
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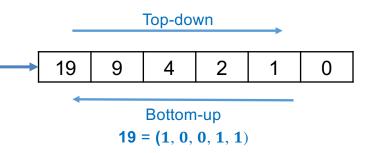
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Top-down vs bottom-up approaches

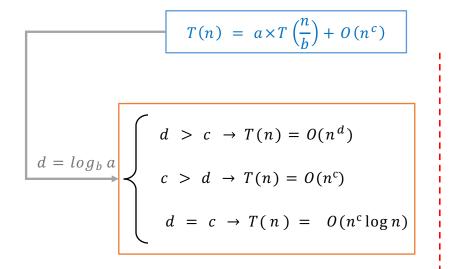
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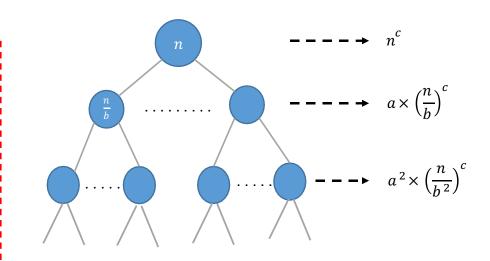
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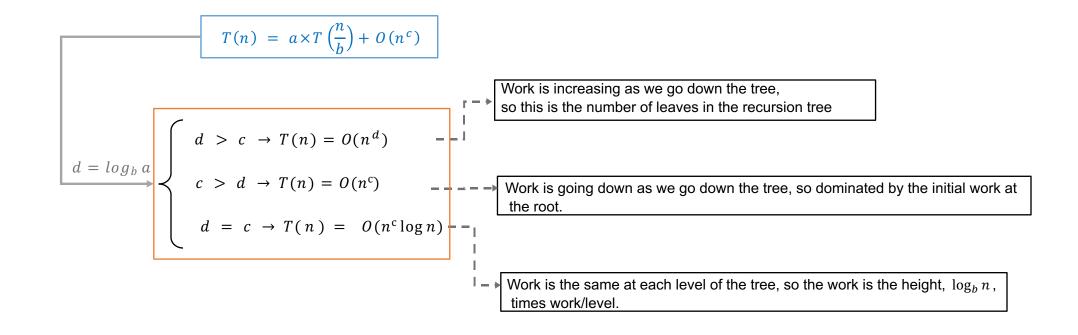


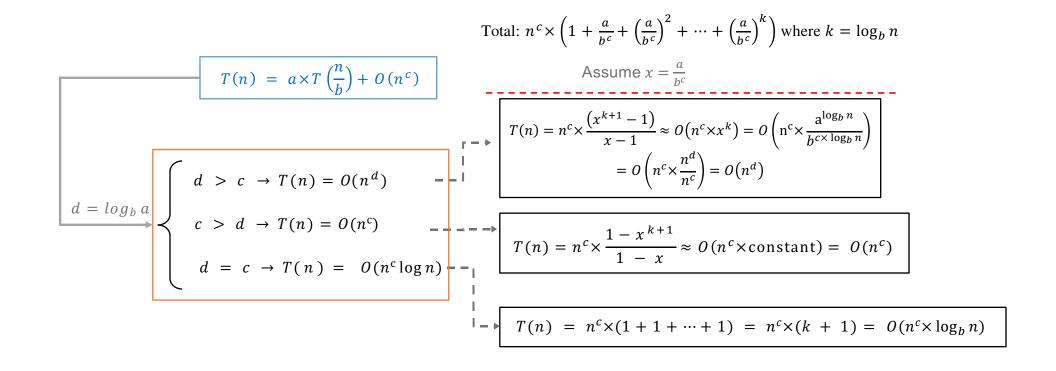
How can you implement the code with explicitly converting *n* to binary?



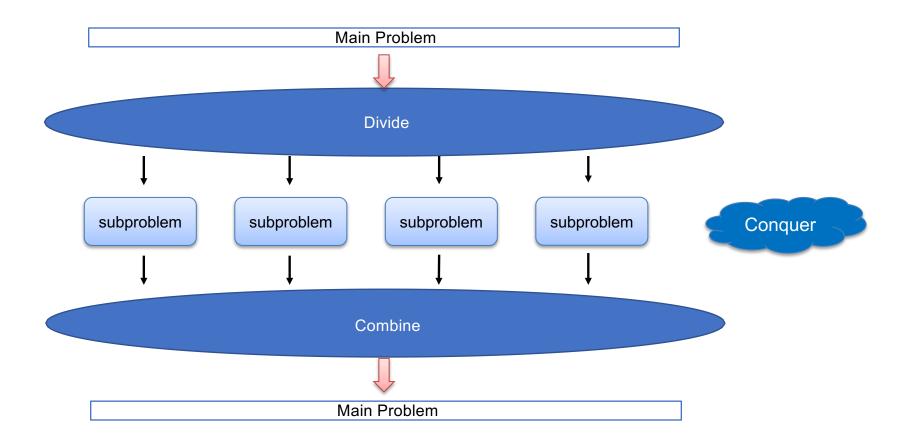


Total: 
$$n^c \times \left(1 + \frac{a}{b^c} + \left(\frac{a}{b^c}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{a}{b^c}\right)^k\right)$$
 where  $k = \log_b n$ 





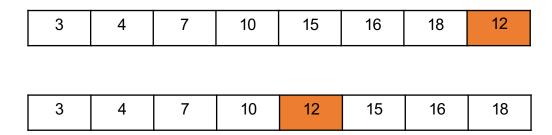
# Sorting Algorithms

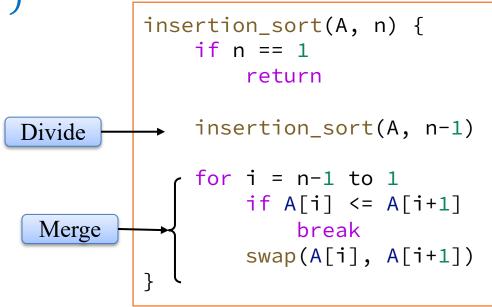


#### **Insertion Sort**

- $\square$  Divide: Sort the first n-1 elements
- □ Merge: Insert the last element into the right position

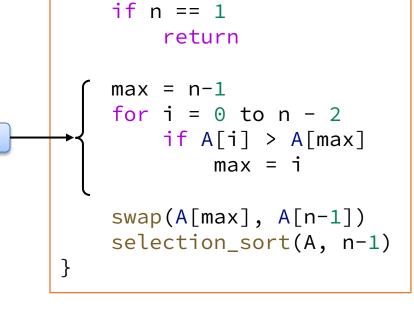
□ Runtime:  $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n) = O(n^2)$ 





#### Selection Sort

- □ Divide: Find the maximum element and put it at the end
- □ Merge: Nothing



selection\_sort(A, n) {

```
5
       15
                       12
                                               11
                               18
                                        9
5
       15
                       12
                                        9
                                               11
                                                       18
       5
                               11
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                                                       18
```

Divide

## Merge Sort

- □ Divide: Divide the array into two parts
- Merge: Merge two sorted arrays

```
□ Running time: T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(?) = O(?)

merge_sort(A, first, last) {
    if first == last
        return
    mid = (first + last) / 2
```

```
mid = (first + last) / 2
merge_sort(first, mid)
merge_sort(mid + 1, last)

Merge

merge(A, first, mid, last)

merge(A, first, mid, last) {
????????
}
```

Main idea is to implement merge in O(n)

# Merge Sort

5	7	10	17								
0	40	45	40	_	5						
8	12	15	16					<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
				-							
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    if first == last
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    merge_sort(first, mid)
    merge_sort(mid + 1, last)

merge(A, first, mid, last)
}
```

```
merge(A, first, mid, last){
    leftpos = first
    rightpos = mid
    for newpos = 0 to last - first {
        if leftpos < mid and (</pre>
          A[leftpos] <= A[rightpos] or rightpos > last) {
            newarray[newpos] = A[leftpos]
            leftpos++
        } else {
            newarray[newpos] = A[rightpos]
            rightpos++
    Copy newarray to A[first to last - 1]
```

□ Divide: Divide the array into two parts such that all elements in the left subarray are less than or equal to all element in the right subarray Divide

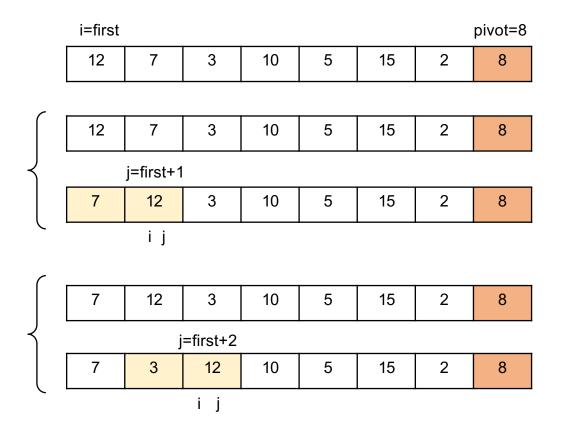
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At each point if we look at all elements between A[first] and A[i], then

- 1) all elements in A[first] till A[i-1] are less than pivot
- 2) Others are greater than or equal to pivot

```
quick_sort(A, first, last){
    if first >= last
        return
    p = partition(A, first, last)
    quick_sort(A, first, p - 1)
    quick_sort(A, p + 1, last)
```

```
partition(A, first, last) {
    pivot = A[last]
    i = first
    for j = first to last-1 {
        if A[j] < pivot {</pre>
            swap(A[i], A[j])
            i = i+1
    swap(A[i], A[last])
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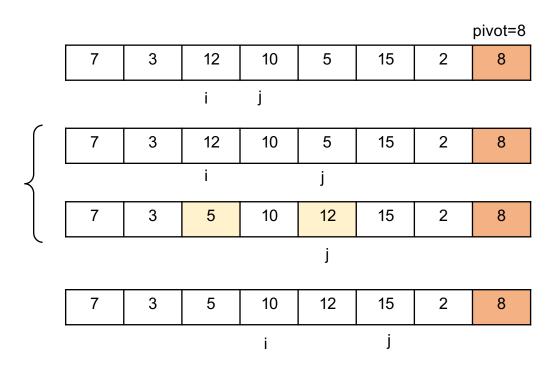


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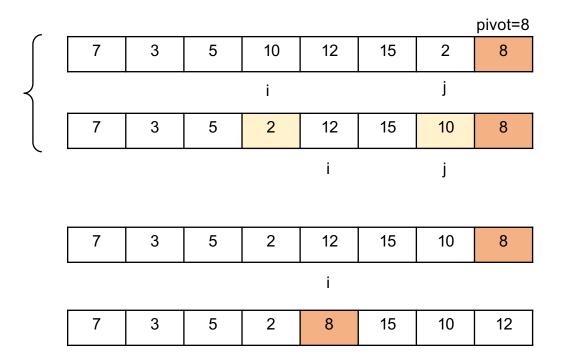


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### Quick Sort – Running time

```
Running time: T(n) = T(|L|) + T(|R|) + O(n)

Best case: T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)

Worst case: T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n)
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Find an example for the worst case.



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#### Randomized Quick Sort

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It can be proved that the average running time of randomized quick sort is  $O(n \log n)$ 

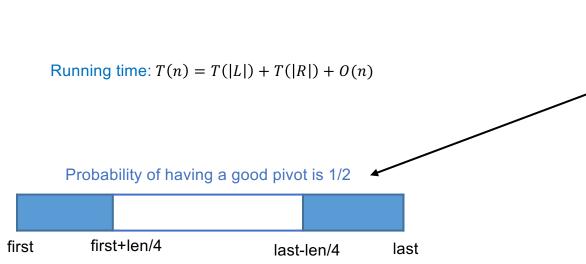
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    quick_sort(A, p + 1, last)
}
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```
random_partition(A, first, last) {
    k = a random number between first and last
    swap(A[k], A[last])

    pivot = A[last]
    i = first
    for j = first to last-1 {
        if A[j] < pivot {
            swap(A[i], A[j])
            i = i+1
            }
        swap(A[i], A[last])
        return i
}</pre>
```

### A Conservative Implementation of Randomized Quick Sort



Probability of not having good pivot after 1000 iteration is  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1000} < \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)^{100} \approx 0$ 

```
Worst case: T(n) = T\left(\frac{3n}{4}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + O(n) \approx O(n \log n)
```

```
quick_sort(A, first, last){
    if first >= last
        return
    len = last - first + 1
    p = first - 1
   while p < first + len / 4 or p > last - len / 4
        p = random partition(A, first, last)
    quick_sort(A, first, p - 1)
    quick_sort(A, p + 1, last)
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Idea: Let's solve a more general problem. Rank Problem: You are given an array of numbers and an integer k. Find the  $k^{\rm th}$  smallest elements.

case 1:  $k^{th}$  element is exactly pivot

case 2:  $k^{ ext{th}}$  element is before case 3:  $k^{ ext{th}}$  element is after pivot

```
rank(A, first, last, k) {
   if first >= last
      return A[first]

   p = partition(A, first, last)
   if k = p - first + 1
      return A[p] // case 1
   else if k
```

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    pivot = A[last]
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            }
        }
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}</pre>
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What is the running time of the proposed algorithm?



With an idea like the implementation of randomized quicksort, the worst case is:

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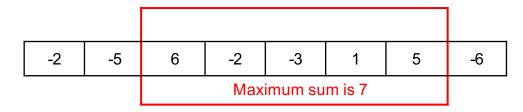
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   if first >= last
      return A[first]

   p = partition(A, first, last)
   if k = p - first + 1
      return A[p] // case 1
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partition(A, first, last) {
    k = a random number between first and last
    swap(A[k], A[last])

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    i = first
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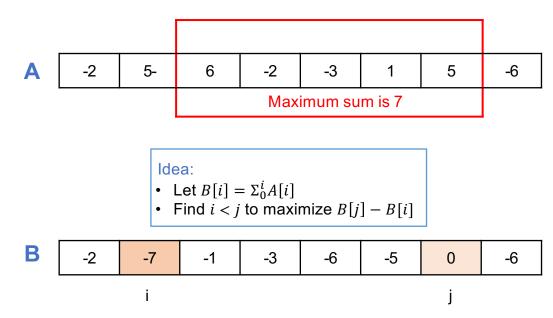
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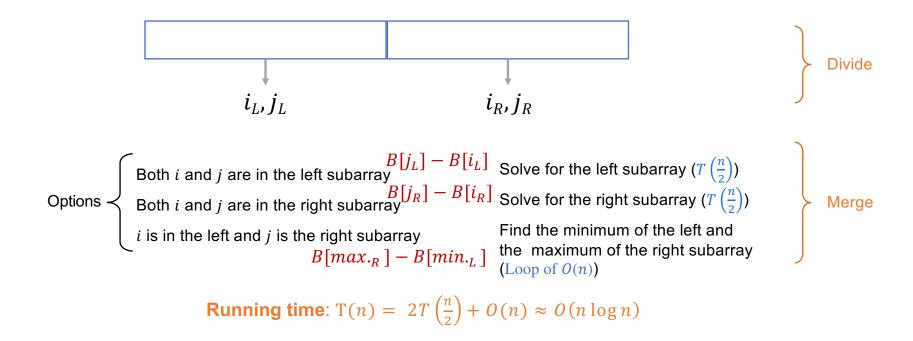
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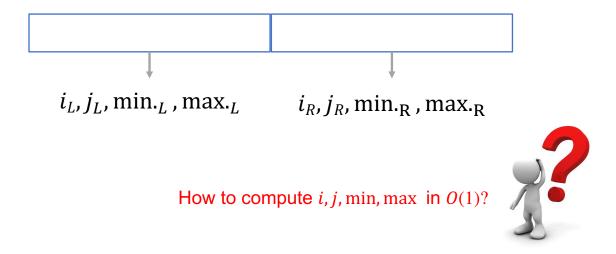
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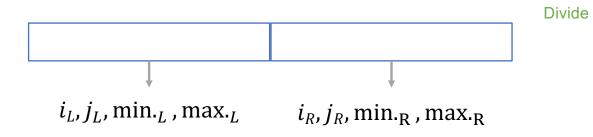


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```

```
best_index(B, first, last){
    if first >= last
        return first, first, first, first
   mid = (first + last)/2
    iL, jL, minL, maxL = best_index(B, first, mid)
   iR, jR, minR, maxR = best index (B, mid+1, last)
    if B[minL] < B[minR] // Finding minimum</pre>
        min = minL
    else
       min = minR
    if B[maxL] > B[maxR] // Finding maximum
        max = maxL
    else
        max= maxR
    if B[jL]-B[iL] > B[jR]-B[iR] and B[jL]-B[iL] > B[maxR]-B[minL]
        i = iL, j = jL
    else if B[jR]-B[iR] > B[maxR] - B[minL] // Finding i and j
        i = iR, j = jR
    else
        i = minL, j = maxR
    return i, j, min, max
```

- □ Input: You are given two polynomial A(x) and B(x) of order n
- $\square$  Goal: Find  $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x)$

Fact: Polynomial  $A(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} a_i x^i$  of order n can be represented by an array of size n+1

 $A(x) = 1 + 2x^2 - 4x^3$  can be represented by array (1, 0, 2, -4)

#### Example:

- $A(x) = 1 + 2x^2 4x^3$
- $B(x) = -1 + x x^3$
- $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x) = -1 + x 2x^2 + 5x^3 4x^4 2x^5 + 4x^6$

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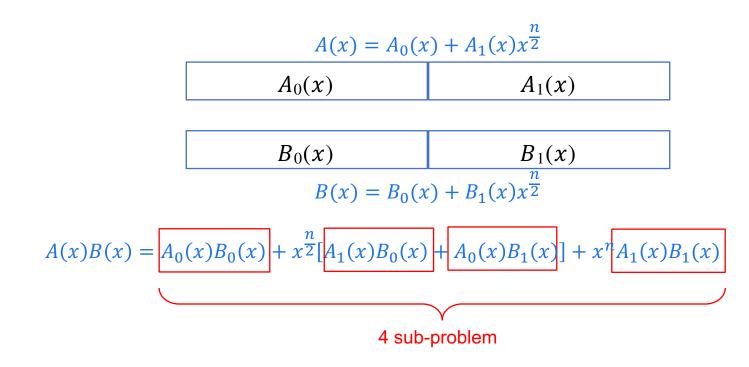


Since  $c_k = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i}$  each  $c_k$  can be computed in O(n)

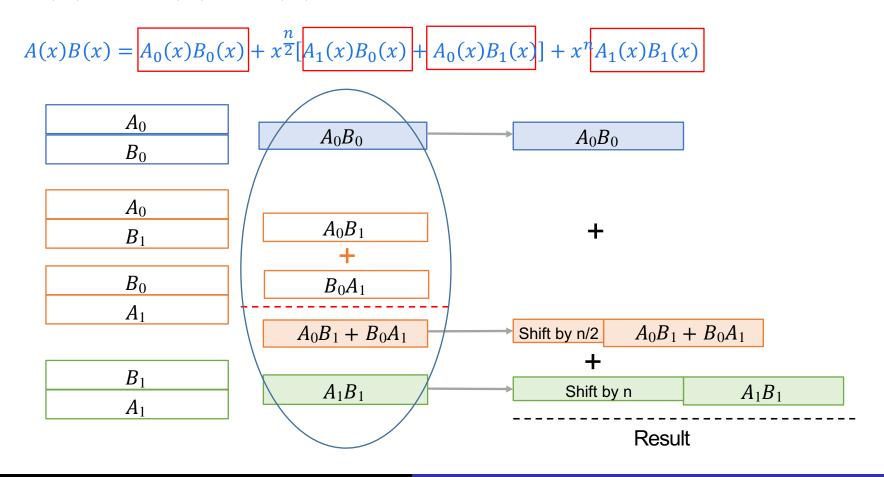
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$$A(x)B(x) = A_0(x)B_0(x) + x^{\frac{n}{2}}[A_1(x)B_0(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)] + x^{\frac{n}{2}}[A_1(x)B_0(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)] + x^{\frac{n}{2}}[A_1(x)B_1(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)] + x^{\frac{n}{2}}[A_1(x)B_1(x)$$

Running time: 
$$T(n) = 4T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n) \approx O(n^2)$$

Bottleneck is the number of sub-problems. How to reduce them?

- □ Input: You are given two polynomial A(x) and B(x) of order n
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$$A(x)B(x) = A_0(x)B_0(x) + x^{\frac{n}{2}}[A_1(x)B_0(x) + A_0(x)B_1(x)] + x^nA_1(x)B_1(x)$$

Idea: One can write  $A_1B_0 + A_0B_1$  as  $(A_1+A_0)(B_0+B_1) - A_0B_0 - A_1B_1$ . This reduces the number of sub-problems to three:

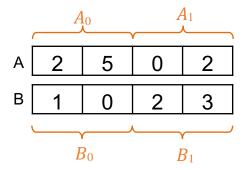
- $A_0B_0$
- $A_1B_1$
- $(A_0 + A_1)(B_0 + B_1)$

Running time: 
$$T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx O(n^{1.58})$$

## Polynomial Multiplication - Example

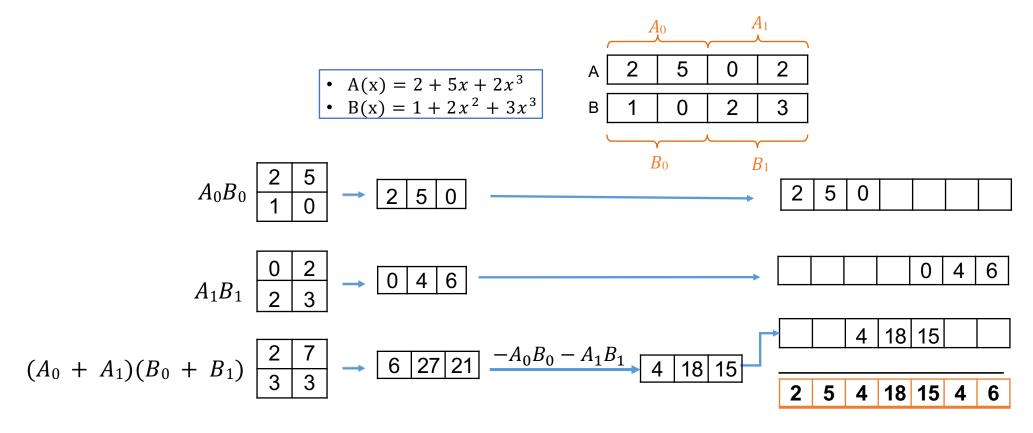
- □ Input: You are given two polynomial A(x) and B(x) of order n
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• 
$$A(x) = 2 + 5x + 2x^3$$
  
•  $B(x) = 1 + 2x^2 + 3x^3$ 

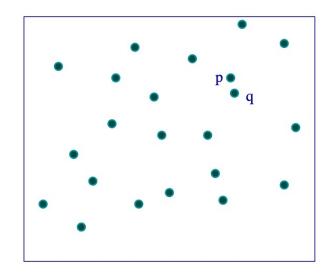


#### Polynomial Multiplication - Example

- □ Input: You are given two polynomial A(x) and B(x) of order n
- $\square$  Goal: Find  $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x)$



- $\square$  Input: You are given an array of n points.
- □ Goal: Find the closest pair of points



I can solve it in  $O(n^2)$ 

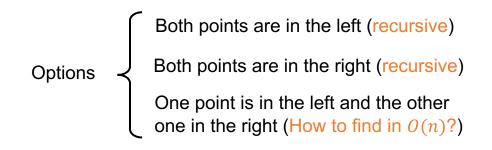


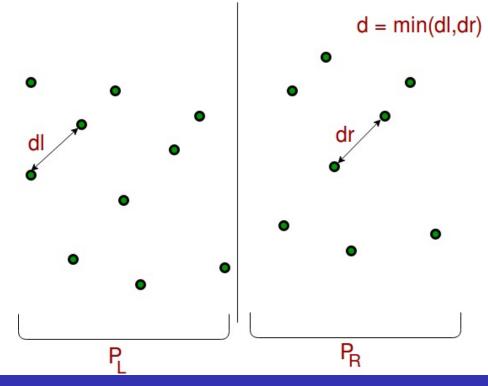
Check all pairs and choose the best one!

Can you design a faster one?

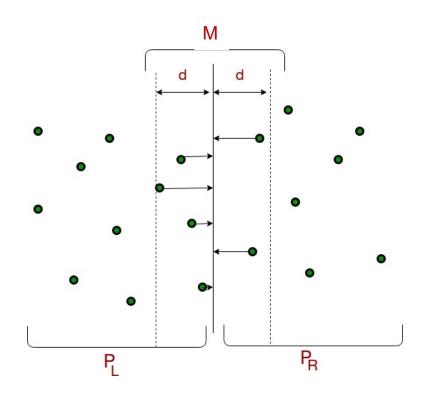


- ☐ Let's try the divide and conquer idea!
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  - 3. dL = best solution for the left
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  - 5.  $d = \min(dL, dR)$ 
    - Is *d* the right answer?

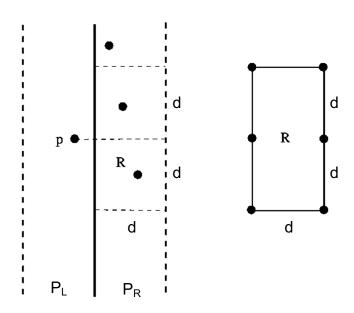




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Divide

Merge

- ☐ Main Idea: preprocess
  - > Maintain three arrays:
    - P: original points
    - X: index of points assuming they're sorted based on their x value
    - Y: index of points assuming they're sorted based on their y value
- $\square$  We can build X and Y in  $O(n \log n)$  in the preprocess phase.

How to implement the algorithm based on this above idea?



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Handling corner cases properly

- M = P[X[n/2]].x
- We can easily divide array P, X, and Y with a simple loop. For example for array Y, here is the solution:

```
for i = 1 to n
   if P[Y[i]].x < M
        Add Y[i] to Y_l
   else
        Add Y[i] to Y_r</pre>
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 Note that we prepare P\_I, X\_I, and Y\_I for the left sub-problem, and P\_r, X\_r, Y\_r for the right sub-problem

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We can easily discard point in a loop. For example for array Y:

```
for i = 1 to n
   if P[Y[i]].x > M - d and P[Y[i]].x < M + d
        Add Y[i] to Y_filtered</pre>
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Already sorted in array Y

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 We can easily find the smallest distance in the middle region:

```
k = size of Y_filtered array
for i = 1 to k
    p1 = P[Y_filtered[i]]
    for j = i + 1 to i + 11
        if j > k
             break
        p2 = P[Y_filtered[j]]
        if distance(p1, p2) < d
             d = distance(p1, p2)</pre>
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#### Running time:

- *Preprocess:*  $O(n \log n)$
- $T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) \approx O(n\log n)$

# MapReduce: A Practical Example

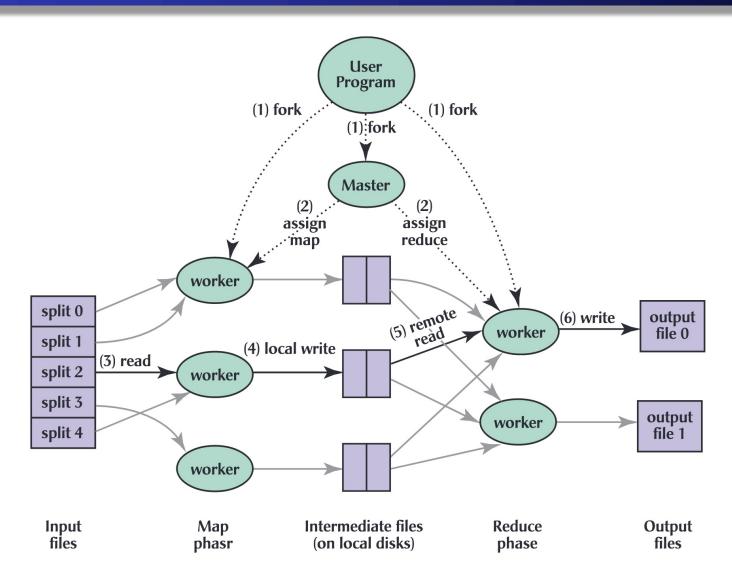
## What is big data?

- ☐ How much data is actually considered *big*?
  - > 1 GB, 10GB, 100GB, 1TB, ...?
- ☐ Big data means your memory is small!
- ☐ How to handle big data?
  - > Sampling
  - > Streaming
  - > Distributing

# **BIG DATA**



#### MapReduce Architecture

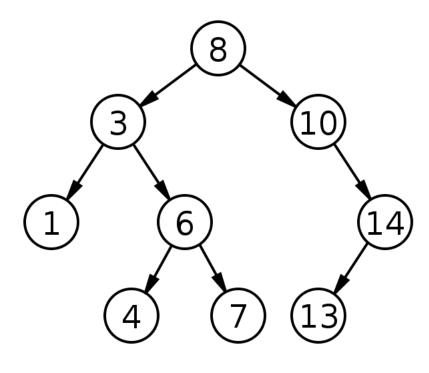


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# Sample Problems

## Lowest Common Ancestry in BST

- □ Input: A binary search tree (BST) T, its root node r, and two random nodes x and y in the tree.
- □ Goal: Find the lowest common ancestry of two nodes x and y in  $O(\log n)$ , where n is the number of nodes in the tree.
  - > Each node is a descendant of itself, so if v has a direct connection from w, w is the lowest common ancestor.
  - Note that a parent node p has pointers to its children p.leftChild and p.rightChild, but a child node does not have a pointer to its parent node.
- □ Recall that in a BST, the key in any node is larger than the keys in all nodes in that node's left subtree and smaller than the keys in all nodes in that node's right subtree.



## Largest *m* Integers

- $\square$  Assume that A is a very large unsorted array of integers with length n.
- $\square$  Find *m* largest integers in *A*, where  $m \ll n$  in less than  $O(n \log n)$ .
- $\square$  Also, the amount of additional memory that you are given is O(1).

## Find The Largest Ratio

- $\square$  You are given an array of *n* positive numbers A[1], A[2], ..., A[n].
- $\square$  Give a divide and conquer algorithm to find indices i < j such that  $\frac{A[j]}{A[i]}$  is maximized.
- $\square$  Your algorithm should run in O(n) time.

# Quiz Time!

#### Quiz Rules

- ☐ The quiz is closed book, internet, friend, etc.
- □ Don't forget to write your <u>full name</u> and <u>student ID</u> on top of your answer sheet.
- □ Take a photo of your answer sheet and upload it to *elearn* or email it to me if *elearn* doesn't work (<u>mjdousti@ut.ac.ir</u>).
- $\square$  The exam time is 20 min. There is *NO* grace period for late submissions.

- □ In the quicksort algorithm, suppose each time the array is divided with the ratio of  $\alpha$  and  $1 \alpha$ , where  $\alpha$  is a constant and  $0 < \alpha \le \frac{1}{2}$ .
- □ Show that the minimum depth (or height) of a leaf in the recursion tree is approximately  $-\log n / \log \alpha$  and the maximum depth is  $-\log n / \log(1 \alpha)$ .
- □ Don't worry about rounding errors in integer divisions.