

PQC Term Project

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Parameter Settings

- **Operand size:**

We perform **256-bit × 256-bit** multiplication.

- **Representation (Limbs = 8):**

Each operand is represented using **uint32_t × 8** limbs (32 bits × 8 = 256 bits).

The result after multiplication has **16 limbs** (512 bits) before reduction.

- ~~**Modulus:**~~

~~We reduce the result modulo:~~

$$~~P = 2^{256} - 1~~$$

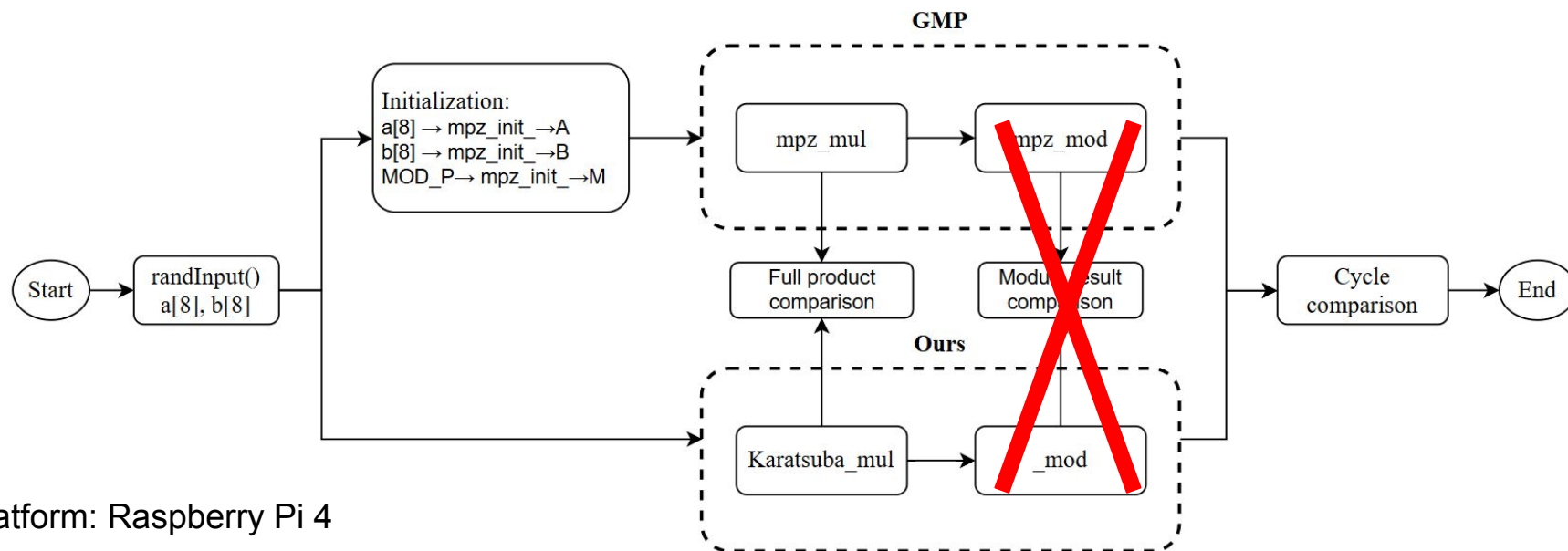
~~which allows fast modular reduction via wrap-around addition.~~

~~MOD_P for GMP:~~

~~The same modulus $2^{256} - 1$ is imported into GMP as:~~

```
uint32_t MOD_P[LIMBS] = { 0xFFFFFFFF, 0xFFFFFFFF, 0xFFFFFFFF, 0xFFFFFFFF,  
                           0xFFFFFFFF, 0xFFFFFFFF, 0xFFFFFFFF, 0xFFFFFFFF }
```

System Architecture



Platform: Raspberry Pi 4

Programming language: C language

Cycle count measured over:

- 500 total tests
- 50 warm-up rounds + 300 iterations per test

Karatsuba Multiplication

- **Input operands:**

Two 256-bit numbers, each split as

$$a = a_0 \parallel a_1, \quad b = b_0 \parallel b_1$$

, where each part is 128 bits (4 limbs \times 32 bits).

- **Algorithm steps:**

a. Compute:

$$z_0 = a_0 \cdot b_0$$

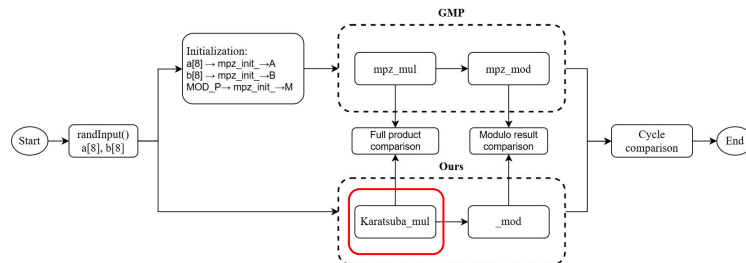
$$z_2 = a_1 \cdot b_1$$

$$z_1 = (a_0 + a_1)(b_0 + b_1) - z_0 - z_2$$

b. Combine: $\text{result} = z_0 + (z_1 \ll 128) + (z_2 \ll 256)$

- **Implementation note:**

We used schoolbook multiplication for 128 \times 128-bit multiplication and a custom `add_n` and `sub_n` for combining intermediate terms.



~~Modular Reduction for $2^{256}-1$~~

~~Why this modulus:~~

~~2^k-1 primes enable fast reduction via *wrap-around addition* without division~~

~~Algorithm steps:~~

~~a. Let the raw product be 512 bits = $x[16]$ (`uint32_t`):~~

~~b. Add the upper 256 bits into the lower 256 bits:~~

```
uint64_t carry = 0;
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < 8; ++i) {
```

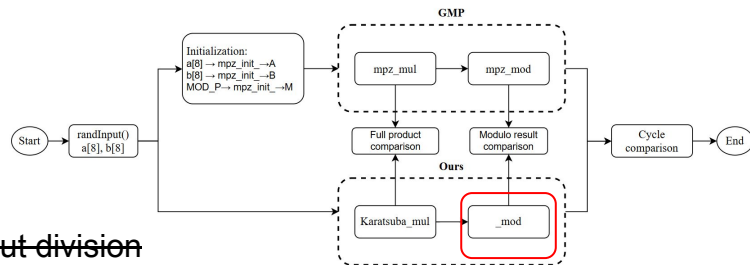
```
    uint64_t sum = (uint64_t)x[i] + x[i + 8] + carry;
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```
    x[i] = (uint32_t)sum;
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```
    carry = sum >> 32;
```

```
}
```

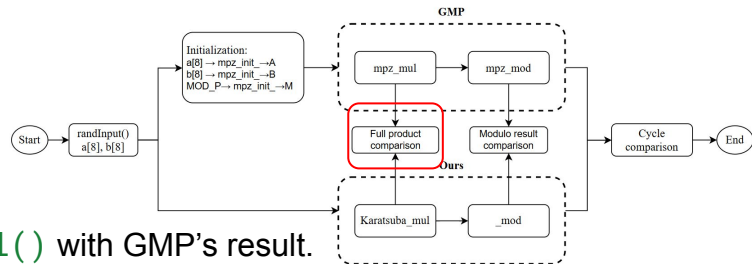
~~c. Carry propagation~~



Testing Strategy (1/2)

- Full Product Check

Compare the full 512-bit product from our `karatsuba_512_mul()` with GMP's result.



a. Convert our result into GMP format:

```
mpz_import(RAW_KARA, 16, -1, sizeof(uint32_t), 0, 0, raw_result);
```

b. Compute the GMP reference result:

```
mpz_mul(RAW_GMP, A, B);
```

c. Compare both:

```
mpz_cmp(RAW_KARA, RAW_GMP);
```

```
GMP FullProd : 657cee705877848b37824a79d431c2c5377303a0d69c76a01507751aff242a70294c6974f35813a129577308ecd51a98da716a9143d942fcd1a5556bae56af60
Raw Karatsuba: 657cee705877848b37824a79d431c2c5377303a0d69c76a01507751aff242a70294c6974f35813a129577308ecd51a98da716a9143d942fcd1a5556bae56af60
Full product matches: Karatsuba is correct
```

```
GMP mod P: 8ec957e54bcf982c60d9bd82c106dd5e11e46e321a75b99ce6acca86ad7ad9d0
Our modP: 8ec957e54bcf982c60d9bd82c106dd5e11e46e321a75b99ce6acca86ad7ad9d0
Mod result matches: mod_2to256_minus1 is correct
```

Testing Strategy (2/2)

Modular Reduction Check

Compare the 256-bit reduction from our `mod_2to256_minus1()` with GMP's result.

a. After reduction with `mod_2to256_minus1()`, we compare it against GMP:

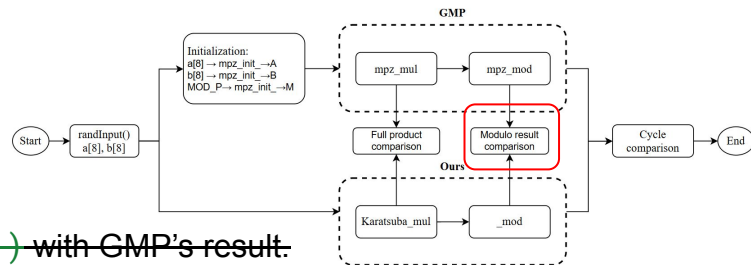
`mpz_mod(R, R, M);` where $M = 2^{256} - 1$.

b. Our reduced result (`result[8]`) is imported:

`mpz_import(TMP, 8, 1, sizeof(uint32_t), 0, 0, result);`

c. Compare both:

`mpz_cmp(TMP, R);`



GMP FullProd : 657cee705877848b37824a79d431c2c5377303a0d69c76a01507751aff242a70294c6974f35813a129577308ecd51a98da716a9143d942fcd1a5556bae56af60
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Adjustment Attempt: Optimizing 4×4 Multiplication

- Karatsuba algorithm repeatedly invokes two 4×4 multiplications:

$$z_0 = a_0 \cdot b_0, \quad z_2 = a_1 \cdot b_1$$

- Attempt to rewrite them in **aarch64 assembly** for performance gain

```
static void schoolbook_256_mul(const uint32_t *a, const uint32_t *b, uint32_t *res)
{
    memset(res, 0, 8 * sizeof(uint32_t));
    for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++)
    {
        uint64_t carry = 0;
        for (int j = 0; j < 4; j++)
        {
            uint64_t sum = (uint64_t)a[i] * b[j] + res[i + j] + carry;
            res[i + j] = (uint32_t)sum;
            carry = sum >> 32;
        }
        int k = i + 4;
        while (carry)
        {
            uint64_t sum = (uint64_t)res[k] + carry;
            res[k++] = (uint32_t)sum;
            carry = sum >> 32;
        }
    }
}
```



```
outer_loop:
    cmp    w19, #4
    bge    done

    ldr     w3, [x0, w19, UXTW #2] // a[i]
    mov     x20, #0                // carry = 0

    // j = 0
    ldr     w4, [x1]                // b[0]
    add     w5, w19, #0
    add     x5, x2, w5, UXTW #2
    ldr     w6, [x5]
    umull   x7, w3, w4
    add     x7, x7, x6, UXTW
    adds    x7, x7, x20
    str     w7, [x5]
    lsr     x20, x7, #32

    // j = 1, 2, 3
    ...

    // propagate carry
    add     w5, w19, #4

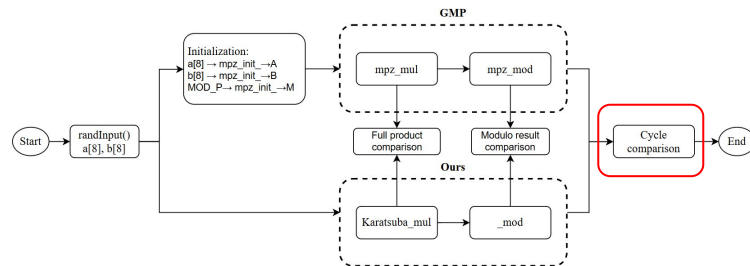
carry_loop:
    cmp     x20, #0
    beq     next_i

    add     x6, x2, w5, UXTW #2
    ldr     w7, [x6]
    add     x7, x20, x7, UXTW
    str     w7, [x6]
    lsr     x20, x7, #32
    add     w5, w5, #1
    b       carry_loop
```

Performance Results(Pure multiplication)

Performance Summary

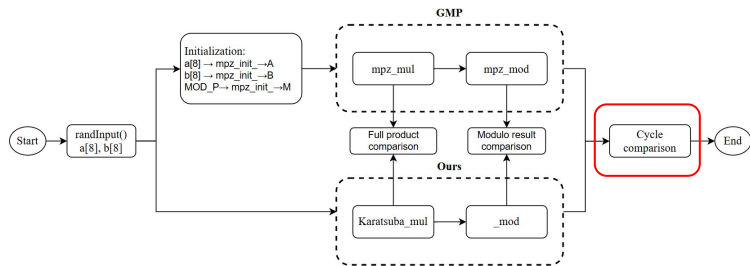
Implementation	Median Cycles	Speedup
GMP	741	1×
Karatsuba-C	419	1.77× faster
Karatsuba-Assembly 4x4	578	1.28× faster



Clock time comparison

Trial	I			II			III			Avg.
Time used (ns)	Z ₀	Z ₂	Sum	Z ₀	Z ₂	Sum	Z ₀	Z ₂	Sum	
Karatsuba-C	519	167	686	148	93	241	463	111	574	500.3
Karatsuba-Assembly 4x4	407	185	592	556	185	741	500	204	704	679

Performance Results



===== mpz_mul =====

mpz_mul cycles = 741

percentile	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	99
mpz_mul percentiles:	735	735	740	741	741	741	741	741	741	741	749

===== your_mul (Karatsuba with pure C) =====

Our_mul cycles = 419

percentile	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	99
Our_mul percentiles:	418	418	419	419	419	419	419	420	420	420	422

[Result] mpz / karatsuba_C: 1.766317

===== your_mul (Karatsuba with partial assembly) =====

Our_mul cycles = 578

percentile	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	99
Our_mul percentiles:	578	578	578	578	578	578	578	578	578	578	580

[Result] mpz / karatsuba_asm: 1.281684

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GMP FullProd : 7060d822b10d9ba338791266d3ad8aa8e46ed9a1661a3e1d9b84444fbfc8bbbf8047fa98002d6f6de77cc6af66a0cecf109e31ee8cb00b91739901d4bbf6dc60

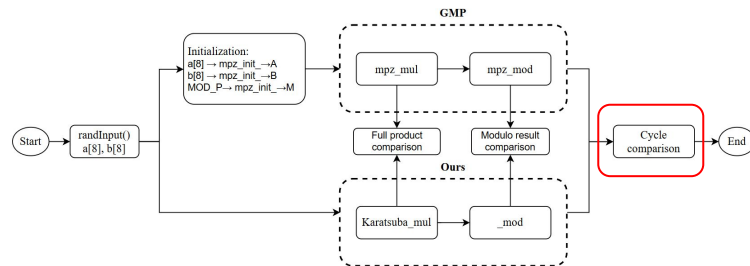
Raw Karatsuba: 7060d822b10d9ba338791266d3ad8aa8e46ed9a1661a3e1d9b84444fbfc8bbbf8047fa98002d6f6de77cc6af66a0cecf109e31ee8cb00b91739901d4bbf6dc60

Full product matches: Karatsuba is correct

Performance Results(including mod)

Performance Summary

Implementation	Median Cycles	Speedup
GMP	1185	1×
Karatsuba	443	2.67× faster



Percentile Breakdown

Percentile	1	10	20	50	90	99
GMP	1174	1179	1180	1185	1185	1198
Karatsuba	443	443	443	443	443	445

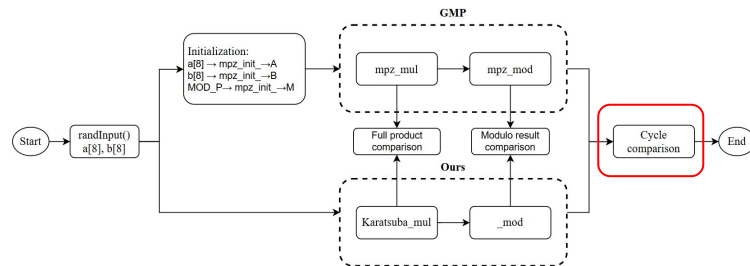
Correctness Verification

- **Full Product** : Karatsuba output = GMP output
- **Modulo Result** : Karatsuba mod $2^{256}-1$ = GMP mod

Performance Results(including mod)

Performance Summary

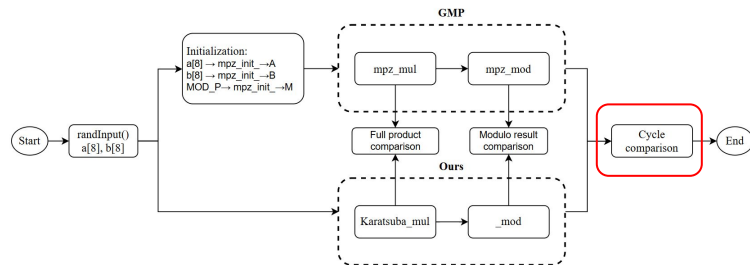
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Karatsuba-Assembly 4x4	611	1.94× faster



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Performance Results



===== mpz_mul =====

mpz_mul cycles = 1185

percentile	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	99
mpz_mul percentiles:	1174	1179	1180	1180	1185	1185	1185	1185	1185	1185	1198

===== your_mul (Karatsuba with pure C) =====

Our_mul cycles = 443

percentile	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	99
Our_mul percentiles:	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	443	445

===== your_mul (Karatsuba with partial assembly) =====

Our_mul cycles = 611

percentile	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	99
Our_mul percentiles:	610	610	610	610	611	611	611	611	611	611	613

GMP FullProd : 6e115495b62dbcce0a7c38042dc74fb08da7f261f8de8d683287b0ed80fc26aefe5296b4d41463c1ea50b21a1447b65175947be599be118e0e20f27ded5a5b3f

Raw Karatsuba: 6e115495b62dbcce0a7c38042dc74fb08da7f261f8de8d683287b0ed80fc26aefe5296b4d41463c1ea50b21a1447b65175947be599be118e0e20f27ded5a5b3f

Full product matches: Karatsuba is correct

GMP mod P: 6c63eb4a8a42208ff4ccea1e420f0602033c6e47929c9ef640a8a36b6e5681ee

Our mod P: 6c63eb4a8a42208ff4ccea1e420f0602033c6e47929c9ef640a8a36b6e5681ee

Mod result matches: mod_2to256_minus1 is correct

Thank you for your attention :)