

## Karatsuba's Alg. For Integer Multiplication

① Goal: When multiplying two numbers, we'd like to reduce the number of single-digit multiplications (SDMs) necessary.

ex Let's multiply  $(37 \times 42)$ . Schoolbook method:

$$\begin{array}{r} 37 \\ 42 \\ \hline 74 \\ 1480 \\ \hline 1554 \end{array}$$

we did 4 SDMs.  
as well as some other stuff. ☹

☹ Could we calc this w/ fewer than 4 SDMs?

Comment: In reality in a computer this is all in binary.

② Let's Be Stupid!

(A) Sps we're multiplying  $(a_1a_0 \times b_1b_0)$  where  $a_1, a_0$  and  $b_1, b_0$  are digits.

(So in our example  $a_1=3, a_0=7, b_1=4, b_0=2$ )

First we note the actual numbers are  $10a_1+a_0$  and  $10b_1+b_0$ , so:

$$(10a_1+a_0)(10b_1+b_0) = 100a_1b_1 + 10(a_1b_0 + a_0b_1) + a_0b_0 \quad \text{☹}$$

4 SDMS HERE!

let's reduce this to 3.

observe that  $(a_1+a_0)(b_1+b_0) = a_1b_1 + a_0b_1 + a_1b_0 + a_0b_0$

$$\underline{\text{so}} \quad a_0b_1 + a_1b_0 = (a_1+a_0)(b_1+b_0) - a_1b_1 - a_0b_0$$

so then plug this into ☹ to get

$$(10a_1+a_0)(10b_1+b_0) = 100a_1b_1 + 10[(a_1+a_0)(b_1+b_0) - a_1b_1 - a_0b_0] + a_0b_0$$

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and 1 mult  $(a_1 + a_0)(b_1 + b_0)$  which may be a SDM but in any case it's easier than a standard 2-digit mult. for now treat  $(a_1 + a_0)(b_1 + b_0)$  as a SDM.

Thus to do  $(a, a_0)(b, b_0)$  we need, in total:

- 3 SDM (ish)
- 6 +/- w/ up to 4 digits each
- mult by 100 and by 10. That's 3 decimal shifts total

(b) Sps we're mult two 4-digit numbers.

Represent as  $(A, A_0)(B, B_0)$  w/  $A_1, A_0, B_1, B_0$  each 2-digits.

(for ex.  $(4386)(9541)$  we'd have  $A_1=43, A_0=86, B_1=95, B_0=41$ )

the same process as above yields:

$$(10^4 A_1 + A_0)(10^4 B_1 + B_0) = 10^8 A_1 B_1 + 10^6 [(A_1 + A_0)(B_1 + B_0) - A_1 B_1 - A_0 B_0] + A_0 B_0$$

here we have:

- 3 double-digit mult (ish)
- 6 +/- w/ up to 8 digits each
- mult by 10000 and by 100. That's 6 decimal shifts total.

(c) Now generalize: Sps  $A, A_0$  and  $B, B_0$  are each  $n$ -digit #s w/  $n$ =even. the same process yields

$$(10^{n/2} A_1 + A_0)(10^{n/2} B_1 + B_0) = 10^n A_1 B_1 + 10^{n/2} [(A_1 + A_0)(B_1 + B_0) - A_1 B_1 - A_0 B_0] + A_0 B_0$$

here we have

- 3 mult. w/  $\frac{n}{2}$  digits (ish)
- 6 +/- w/ up to  $2n$  digits each  $\textcircled{+}$
- $n + \frac{n}{2}$  decimal shifts total.  $\textcircled{**}$

$\textcircled{+}$  This process is  $\Theta(2n)$  each, 6 times, so  $\Theta(n)$

$\textcircled{**}$  Each shift is  $\Theta(1)$  so total is  $\Theta(n)$

Together  $\textcircled{+}$  and  $\textcircled{**}$  are  $\Theta(n)$ .

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For each of our 3 new mult., do the same (recurse!)  
If  $T(n)$  = time required to do this w/ two  $n$ -digit numbers, then:

$$T(n) = \underbrace{3 T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}_{\substack{\text{3 mult of integers w/ half as many digits!} \\ \text{6 +/- and decimal shifts!}}} + \underbrace{\theta(n)}_{\text{6 +/- and decimal shifts!}}$$

By master thm:  $\log_b a = \log_2 3$  and  $c=1$  b/c of  $\theta(n)$   
 $\log_2 3 = \lg 3 > 1$  so Case 1!

$$\text{Thus } T(n) = \theta(n^{\lg 3}) = \theta(n^{\lg 3}) \approx \theta(n^{1.5849625})$$

Compare: w/ schoolbook method, two  $n$ -digit numbers requires  $n^2$  s.d.m (and some +) which ends up being  $\theta(n^2)$

Aha! If we do this we get better time complexity!

Next: Write pseudocode and iron out some details!