# CS 374: Algorithms \& Models of Computation, 

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## Kartsuba's Algorithm and Linear Time Selection

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## Part I

## Fast Multiplication

## Multiplying Numbers

Problem Given two $\mathbf{n}$-digit numbers $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}$, compute their product.

## Grade School Multiplication

Compute "partial product" by multiplying each digit of $\mathbf{y}$ with $\mathbf{x}$ and adding the partial products.

$$
\begin{gathered}
3141 \\
\times 2718 \\
\hline 25128 \\
3141 \\
21987 \\
\hline 6282 \\
\hline 8537238
\end{gathered}
$$

## Time Analysis of Grade School Multiplication

(1) Each partial product: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}(\mathbf{n})$
(2) Number of partial products: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}(\mathbf{n})$
(3) Addition of partial products: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}\left(\mathbf{n}^{2}\right)$

- Total time: $\boldsymbol{\Theta}\left(\mathbf{n}^{2}\right)$


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Only 3! If we do extra additions and subtractions.
Compute $\mathbf{a c}, \mathbf{b d},(\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b})(\mathbf{c}+\mathbf{d})$. Then $(a d+b c)=(a+b)(c+d)-a c-b d$

## Divide and Conquer

Assume $\mathbf{n}$ is a power of $\mathbf{2}$ for simplicity and numbers are in decimal.
Split each number into two numbers with equal number of digits
(1) $x=x_{n-1} x_{n-2} \ldots x_{0}$ and $y=y_{n-1} y_{n-2} \ldots y_{0}$
(2) $x=x_{n-1} \ldots x_{n / 2} 0 \ldots 0+x_{n / 2-1} \ldots x_{0}$
(3) $x_{L}=10^{n / 2} x_{L}$ where $x_{L}=x_{n-1} \ldots x_{n / 2}$ and $x_{R}=x_{n / 2-1} \ldots x_{0}$
(1) Similarly $\mathbf{y}=10^{n / 2} \mathbf{y}_{\mathrm{L}}+\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{R}}$ where $\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{L}}=\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{n}-1} \ldots \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{n} / 2}$ and $y_{R}=y_{n / 2-1} \cdots y_{0}$

## Example

$$
\begin{aligned}
1234 \times 5678= & (100 \times 12+34) \times(100 \times 56+78) \\
= & 10000 \times 12 \times 56 \\
& +100 \times(12 \times 78+34 \times 56) \\
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(3) $y=10^{n / 2} y_{L}+y_{R}$ where $y_{L}=y_{n-1} \ldots y_{n / 2}$ and $y_{R}=y_{n / 2-1} \cdots y_{0}$
Therefore

$$
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& =10^{n} x_{L} y_{L}+10^{n / 2}\left(x_{L} y_{R}+x_{R} y_{L}\right)+x_{R} y_{R}
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which means $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{n})=\mathbf{O}\left(\mathbf{n}^{\log _{2} 3}\right)=\mathbf{O}\left(\mathbf{n}^{1.585}\right)$

## State of the Art

Schönhage-Strassen 1971: O( $\mathbf{n} \boldsymbol{\operatorname { l o g }} \mathbf{n} \log \log \mathbf{n})$ time using Fast-Fourier-Transform (FFT)

Martin Fürer 2007: $\mathbf{O}\left(\mathbf{n} \log \mathbf{n} \mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{O}\left(\log ^{*} \mathrm{n}\right)}\right)$ time

## Conjecture

There is an $\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{n} \log \mathbf{n})$ time algorithm.

## Analyzing the Recurrences

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Use recursion tree method:
(1) In both cases, depth of recursion $\mathrm{L}=\log \mathbf{n}$.
(2) Work at depth $\mathbf{i}$ is $4^{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{n} / \mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{i}}$ and $3^{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{n} / \mathbf{2}^{\mathbf{i}}$ respectively: number of children at depth $\mathbf{i}$ times the work at each child
(3) Total work is therefore $\mathbf{n} \sum_{i=0}^{\mathrm{L}} 2^{\mathbf{i}}$ and $\mathbf{n} \sum_{i=0}^{\mathrm{L}}(\mathbf{3} / \mathbf{2})^{\mathrm{i}}$ respectively.

Recursion tree analysis


## Part II

## Selecting in Unsorted Lists

## Rank of element in an array

A: an unsorted array of $\mathbf{n}$ integers

## Definition

For $\mathbf{1} \leq \mathbf{j} \leq \mathbf{n}$, element of rank $\mathbf{j}$ is the $\mathbf{j}$ 'th smallest element in $\mathbf{A}$.

Unsorted array | 16 | 14 | 34 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 19 | 11 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

| 6 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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Simplifying assumption for sake of notation: elements of $\mathbf{A}$ are distinct

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## Algorithm II

If $\mathbf{j}$ is small or $\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{j}$ is small then
(1) Find $\mathbf{j}$ smallest/largest elements in $\mathbf{A}$ in $\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{j n})$ time. (How?)
(2) Time to find median is $\mathbf{O}\left(\mathbf{n}^{2}\right)$.

## Divide and Conquer Approach

(1) Pick a pivot element a from $\mathbf{A}$
(2) Partition $\mathbf{A}$ based on a.
$\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}=\{x \in \mathbf{A} \mid x \leq a\}$ and $\mathbf{A}_{\text {greater }}=\{x \in \mathbf{A} \mid x>a\}$
(- $\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|=\mathbf{j}$ : return a
(1) $\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|>\mathbf{j}$ : recursively find $\mathbf{j}$ th smallest element in $\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}$

- $\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|<\mathbf{j}$ : recursively find $\mathbf{k}$ th smallest element in $\mathbf{A}_{\text {greater }}$ where $\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{j}-\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|$.

Example

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Say $\mathbf{A}$ is sorted in increasing order and $\mathbf{j}=\mathbf{n}$.
Exercise: show that algorithm takes $\Omega\left(\mathbf{n}^{2}\right)$ time

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$$
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Can we choose pivot deterministically?

## Divide and Conquer Approach

## A game of medians

## Idea

(1) Break input $\mathbf{A}$ into many subarrays: $\mathbf{L}_{1}, \ldots \mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{k}}$.
(2) Find median $\mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{i}}$ in each subarray $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}$.
(3) Find the median $\mathbf{x}$ of the medians $\mathbf{m}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{m}_{\mathbf{k}}$.
(4) Intuition: The median $x$ should be close to being a good median of all the numbers in $\mathbf{A}$.
(5) Use $\mathbf{x}$ as pivot in previous algorithm.

## Example



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## Choosing the pivot

A clash of medians
(1) Partition array $\mathbf{A}$ into $\lceil\mathbf{n} / 5\rceil$ lists of 5 items each.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{L}_{1}=\{\mathrm{A}[1], \mathrm{A}[2], \ldots, \mathrm{A}[5]\}, \mathrm{L}_{2}=\{\mathrm{A}[6], \ldots, \mathrm{A}[10]\}, \ldots, \\
& \mathrm{L}_{\mathrm{i}}=\{\mathrm{A}[5 \mathrm{Si}+1], \ldots, \mathrm{A}[5 \mathrm{i}-4]\}, \ldots \\
& \mathrm{L}_{\lceil\mathrm{n} / 5\rceil}=\{\mathrm{A}[5\lceil\mathrm{n} / 5\rceil-4, \ldots, \mathrm{~A}[\mathrm{n}]\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

(2) For each $\mathbf{i}$ find median $\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{i}}$ of $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}$ using brute-force in $\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{1})$ time. Total $\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{n})$ time
(3) Let $B=\left\{b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{\lceil n / 5\rceil}\right\}$
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## Lemma

Median of $\mathbf{B}$ is an approximate median of $\mathbf{A}$. That is, if $\mathbf{b}$ is used a pivot to partition $\mathbf{A}$, then $\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right| \leq \mathbf{7 n} / \mathbf{1 0}+\mathbf{6}$ and $\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {greater }}\right| \leq \mathbf{7 n} / 10+6$.

## Algorithm for Selection

## A storm of medians

$\operatorname{select}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{j})$ :
Form lists $\mathbf{L}_{1}, \mathbf{L}_{2}, \ldots, \mathbf{L}_{\lceil\mathrm{n} / 5\rceil}$ where $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}=\{\mathbf{A}[5 \mathbf{i}-4], \ldots, \mathbf{A}[5 i]\}$
Find median $\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{i}}$ of each $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}$ using brute-force
Find median $\mathbf{b}$ of $B=\left\{\mathbf{b}_{1}, \mathbf{b}_{2}, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_{\lceil\mathbf{n} / 5\rceil}\right\}$
Partition $\mathbf{A}$ into $\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}$ and $\mathbf{A}_{\text {greater }}$ using $\mathbf{b}$ as pivot
if $\left(\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)=\mathbf{j}$ return $\mathbf{b}$
else if $\left.\left(\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)>\mathbf{j}\right)$
return select ( $\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}, \mathbf{j}$ )
else
return select $\left(\mathbf{A}_{\text {greater }}, \mathbf{j}-\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)$

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    Partition A into A Aless and Agreater using b as pivot
    if (|}\mp@subsup{\mathbf{A}}{\mathrm{ less }}{}|)=\mathbf{j}\mathrm{ return b
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How do we find median of $\mathbf{B}$ ? Recursively!

## Algorithm for Selection

## A storm of medians

$\operatorname{select}(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{j})$ :
Form lists $\mathbf{L}_{1}, \mathbf{L}_{2}, \ldots, \mathbf{L}_{\lceil\mathbf{n} / 5\rceil}$ where $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}=\{\mathbf{A}[5 i-4], \ldots, \mathbf{A}[5 i]\}$
Find median $\mathbf{b}_{\mathbf{i}}$ of each $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}$ using brute-force
$B=\left[b_{1}, b_{2}, \ldots, b_{\lceil n / 5\rceil}\right]$
$b=\operatorname{select}(B,\lceil\mathbf{n} / \mathbf{1 0 \rceil})$
Partition $\mathbf{A}$ into $\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}$ and $\mathbf{A}_{\text {greater }}$ using $\mathbf{b}$ as pivot
if $\left(\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)=\mathbf{j}$ return $\mathbf{b}$
else if $\left.\left(\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)>\mathbf{j}\right)$
return select $\left(A_{\text {less }}, j\right)$
else
return select $\left(\mathbf{A}_{\text {greater }}, \mathbf{j}-\left|\mathbf{A}_{\text {less }}\right|\right)$

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Exercise: show that $\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{n})=\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{n})$

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At least half of the $\lceil\mathbf{n} / \mathbf{5}\rceil$ groups have at least 3 elements larger than b, except for last group and the group containing b. Hence number of elements greater than $\mathbf{b}$ is:

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3(\lceil(1 / 2)\lceil n / 5\rceil\rceil-2) \geq 3 n / 10-6
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## Corollary <br> $\left|A_{\text {less }}\right| \leq \mathbf{7 n} / 10+6$.

Via symmetric argument,
Corollary
$\left|A_{\text {greater }}\right| \leq \mathbf{7 n} / \mathbf{1 0}+6$.

Questions to ponder
(1) Why did we choose lists of size $\mathbf{5}$ ? Will lists of size 3 work?
(2) Write a recurrence to analyze the algorithm's running time if we choose a list of size $\mathbf{k}$.
$n$
$\frac{9 n}{10}$


$$
\frac{9}{10} \cdot \frac{9}{10} n
$$

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T(n)=T\left(\frac{9 n}{10}\right)+n
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## Takeaway Points

(1) Recursion tree method and guess and verify are the most reliable methods to analyze recursions in algorithms.
(2) Recursive algorithms naturally lead to recurrences.
(3) Some times one can look for certain type of recursive algorithms (reverse engineering) by understanding recurrences and their behavior.

