

Divide & conquer: Kartsuba's Algorithm and Linear Time Selection

Lecture 11

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11.1

Problem statement: Multiplying numbers +
a slow algorithm

The Problem: Multiplying numbers

Given two large positive integer numbers b and c , with n digits, compute the number $b * c$.

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The problem: Multiplying Numbers

Problem Given two n -digit numbers x and y , compute their product.

Grade School Multiplication

Compute “partial product” by multiplying each digit of y with x and adding the partial products.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3141 \\ \times 2718 \\ \hline 25128 \\ 3141 \\ 21987 \\ \underline{6282} \\ 8537238 \end{array}$$

Time Analysis of Grade School Multiplication

- ① Each partial product: $\Theta(n)$
- ② Number of partial products: $\Theta(n)$
- ③ Addition of partial products: $\Theta(n^2)$
- ④ Total time: $\Theta(n^2)$

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Multiplication using Divide and Conquer

Divide and Conquer

Assume n is a power of 2 for simplicity and numbers are in decimal.

Split each number into two numbers with equal number of digits

- 1 $b = b_{n-1}b_{n-2} \dots b_0$ and $c = c_{n-1}c_{n-2} \dots c_0$
- 2 $b = b_{n-1} \dots b_{n/2}0 \dots 0 + b_{n/2-1} \dots b_0$
- 3 $b(x) = b_Lx + b_R$, where $x = 10^{n/2}$, $b_L = b_{n-1} \dots b_{n/2}$ and $b_R = b_{n/2-1} \dots b_0$
- 4 Similarly $c(x) = c_Lx + c_R$ where $c_L = c_{n-1} \dots c_{n/2}$ and $c_R = c_{n/2-1} \dots c_0$

Example

$$\begin{aligned} 1234 \times 5678 &= (12x + 34) \times (56x + 78) && \text{for } x = 100. \\ &= 12 \cdot 56 \cdot x^2 + (12 \cdot 78 + 34 \cdot 56)x + 34 \cdot 78. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1234 \times 5678 &= (100 \times 12 + 34) \times (100 \times 56 + 78) \\ &= 10000 \times 12 \times 56 \\ &\quad + 100 \times (12 \times 78 + 34 \times 56) \\ &\quad + 34 \times 78 \end{aligned}$$

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Faster multiplication: Karatsuba's Algorithm

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$$(a + bi)(c + di) = ac - bd + (ad + bc)i$$

How many multiplications do we need?

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Compute $ac, bd, (a + b)(c + d)$. Then $(ad + bc) = (a + b)(c + d) - ac - bd$

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Time Analysis

Running time is given by

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n)$$

$$T(1) = O(1)$$

which means $T(n) = O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.585})$

State of the Art

Schönhage-Strassen 1971: $O(n \log n \log \log n)$ time using Fast-Fourier-Transform (FFT)

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

Conjecture

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

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11.3.1

Solving the recurrences for fast multiplication

Analyzing the Recurrences

- 1 Basic divide and conquer: $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + O(n)$, $T(1) = 1$. **Claim:** $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$.
- 2 Saving a multiplication: $T(n) = 3T(n/2) + O(n)$, $T(1) = 1$. **Claim:** $T(n) = \Theta(n^{1+\log 1.5})$

Use recursion tree method:

- 1 In both cases, depth of recursion $L = \log n$.
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Analyzing the recurrence with four recursive calls

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Analyzing the recurrence with three recursive calls

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Analyzing the recurrence with two recursive calls

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n), \quad T(1) = 1$$

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11.4

Selecting in Unsorted Lists

11.4.1

Problem definition and basic algorithm

Rank of element in an array

A : an unsorted array of n integers

Definition

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

Unsorted array	16	14	34	20	12	5	3	19	11
Ranks	6	5	9	8	4	2	1	7	3
Sort of array	3	5	11	12	14	16	19	20	34

Problem - Selection

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Algorithm II

If j is small or $n - j$ is small then

- 1 Find j smallest/largest elements in A in $O(jn)$ time. (How?)
- 2 Time to find median is $O(n^2)$.

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11.4.2

Quick select

QuickSelect

Divide and Conquer Approach

- 1 Pick a pivot element a from A
- 2 Partition A based on a .
 $A_{\text{less}} = \{x \in A \mid x \leq a\}$ and $A_{\text{greater}} = \{x \in A \mid x > a\}$
- 3 $|A_{\text{less}}| = j$: return a
- 4 $|A_{\text{less}}| > j$: recursively find j th smallest element in A_{less}
- 5 $|A_{\text{less}}| < j$: recursively find k th smallest element in A_{greater} where $k = j - |A_{\text{less}}|$.

Example

16	14	34	20	12	5	3	19	11
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Time Analysis

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11.4.3

Median of Medians

Divide and Conquer Approach

A game of medians

Idea

- 1 Break input A into many subarrays: L_1, \dots, L_k .
- 2 Find median m_i in each subarray L_i .
- 3 Find the median x of the medians m_1, \dots, m_k .
- 4 Intuition: The median x should be close to being a good median of all the numbers in A .
- 5 Use x as pivot in previous algorithm.

New example

The input:

75	31	13	26	83	110	60	120	63	30	3	41	44	107	30	23	91	17	6	110
68	24	41	26	58	57	61	20	52	45	13	79	86	91	55	66	13	103	36	60
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100	3	88	47	115	107	79	39	109	20	59	25	92	81	36	10	30	113	73	116
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After partition (pivot 60):

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20	31	41	26	58	30	60	39	36	45	13	65	75	91	120	66	74	61	88	68
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Tail recursive call: Select element of rank 50 out of 56 elements.

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41	24	24	26	56	17	40	24	52	30	7									
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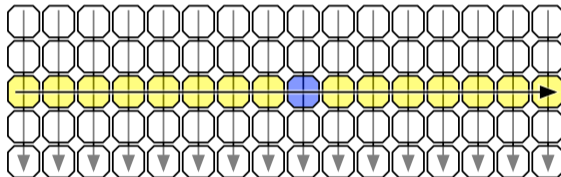
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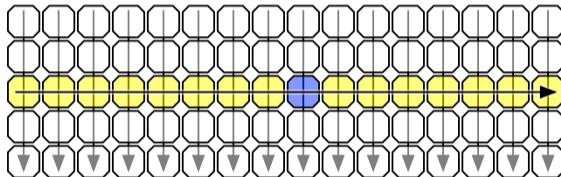
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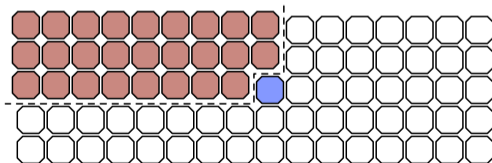
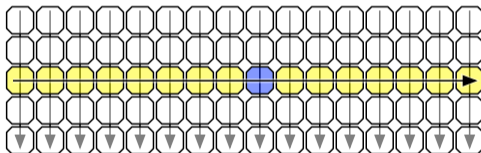
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Proof.

At least half of the $\lfloor n/5 \rfloor$ groups have at least 3 elements smaller than b , except for the group containing b which has 2 elements smaller than b . Hence number of elements smaller than b is:

$$3 \lfloor \frac{\lfloor n/5 \rfloor + 1}{2} \rfloor - 1 \geq 3n/10 - 6$$

□

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Corollary

$$|A_{\text{greater}}| \leq 7n/10 + 6.$$

Via symmetric argument,

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11.4.5

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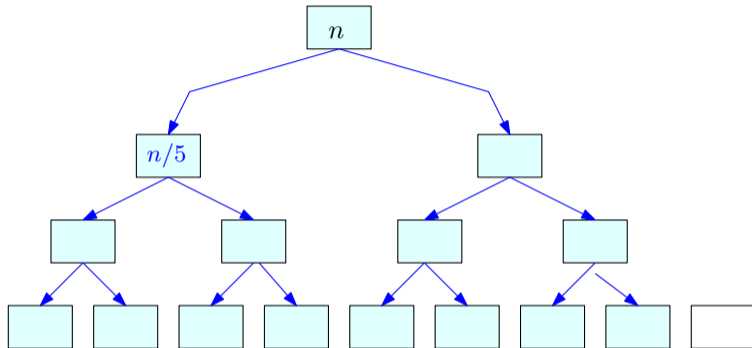
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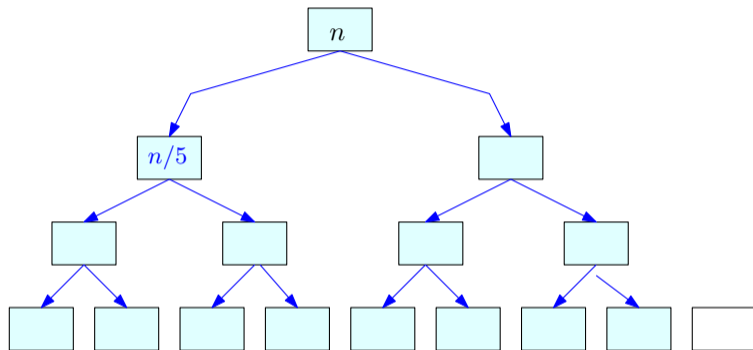
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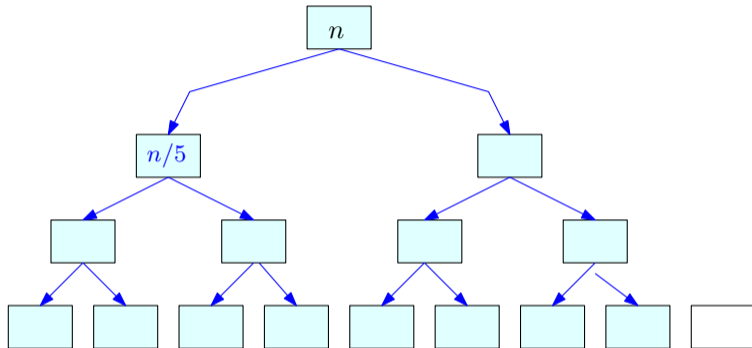


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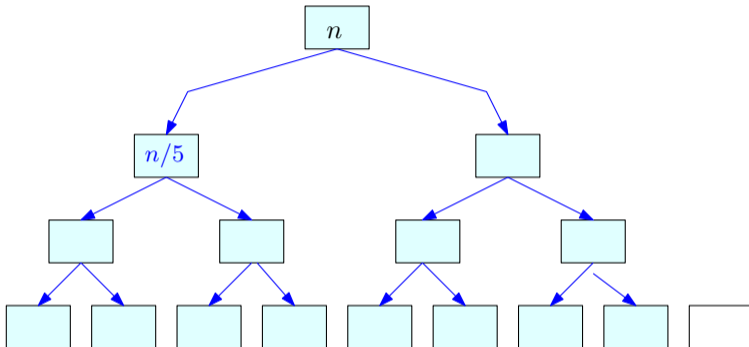
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$(1/125)n, (7/250)n, (7/250)n, (49/500)n, (7/250)n, (49/500)n, (49/500)n, (343/1000)n$

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11.4.6

Epilogue: On selection in linear time

Summary: Selection in linear time

Theorem

The algorithm **select**($A[1 \dots n]$, k) computes in $O(n)$ deterministic time the k th smallest element in A .

On the other hand, we have:

Lemma

The algorithm **QuickSelect**($A[1 \dots n]$, k) computes the k th smallest element in A . The running time of **QuickSelect** is $\Theta(n^2)$ in the worst case.

Questions to ponder

- 1 Why did we choose lists of size 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 k .

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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.