

Divide & Conquer

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Problem 1: Multiplying "Numbers."

Given 2 n-bit numbers $A = a_{n-1} a_{n-2} \dots a_0$

$B = b_{n-1} b_{n-2} \dots b_0$

Compute $AB = C = c_{2n-1} c_{2n-2} \dots c_0$

"Elementary School" Algo: ("B.C.")

$$\begin{array}{r}
 A = 1101 = 13 \\
 B = 1011 = 11 \\
 \hline
 & 1101 \\
 & 1101 \\
 \hline
 1000111
 \end{array}
 \quad \begin{array}{l}
 (\Theta(n) \text{ shifts}) \\
 + (\Theta(n) \text{ additions}) \\
 + \Theta(n)
 \end{array}
 \quad \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

Total time: $\Theta(n^2)$

Surprisingly we can do better!

* Karastuba's Algo (1962):

Approach: Divide

$$A = [a_{n-1} \dots a_m | a_{m-1} \dots a_0]$$

$$A = 1101 = 13$$

$$A' = 11 = 3$$

$$A'' = 01 = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1100 = A' + 2^2 \\
 + 01 \\
 \hline
 1101
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 A' \qquad \qquad \qquad A'' \\
 \hline
 B = [b_{n-1} \dots b_m | b_{m-1} \dots b_0] \\
 B' \qquad \qquad \qquad B'' \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

$$A = 2^{n/2} A' + A''$$

$$B = 2^{n/2} B' + B''$$

Cool idea: $A \cdot B = (2^{n/2} A' + A'') \cdot (2^{n/2} B' + B'')$

First idea: $A \cdot B = (2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} A' + A'') \cdot (2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} B' + B'')$

$$= \boxed{2^n A'B' + \underbrace{(A'B'' + A''B')}_{\text{3-addition, 2-shifts}} 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} + A''B''}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{3-addition, 2-shifts, 4 Multiplications} \\ \text{on } \lceil n/2 \rceil \text{ bit numbers} \end{array} \right\} O(n)$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 4T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

"Master" then: $T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + O(nd)$, $d < \frac{a}{b}$

Then $O(n^{\log_b a})$

$$\Rightarrow O(n^{\log_2 4}) = O(n^2)$$

No Progress!

Clever idea:

$$(A' + A'') \cdot (B' + B'') = A'B' + \underbrace{A'B'' + A''B' + A''B''}_{(5 \text{ addition, 2 shifts, 3 multiplications})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{A'B'' + A''B'} = \underline{(A' + A'') \cdot (B' + B'')} - A'B' - A''B''$$

$$\underline{A'B'}, A''B'', (A' + A'') \cdot (B' + B'')$$

Mult(A, B)

1. if $n=1$ then constant work
2. Else divide A into A' , A'' of $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ bits each
" B " B' , B'' "

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3. \quad G = \text{Mult}(A', B') \\ 4. \quad G_2 = \text{Mult}(A'', B'') \\ 5. \quad G_3 = \text{Mult}\left(\left(A' \pm A''\right), \left(B' \pm B''\right)\right) \end{array} \right\} \frac{n}{2} \text{ bit Mult.}$

6. Return : $G, 2^{\frac{n}{2}} + (G_3 - G - G_2) \cdot 2^{\frac{n}{2}} + G_3$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = 3 T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.59})$$

Significant Progress !

Note : can be improved

$$T(n) = 5T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + O(n) \rightarrow O(n^{1.47})$$

$$T(n) = 7 T\left(\frac{n}{4}\right) + O(n) \rightarrow O(n^{1.41})$$

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$O(n^{1+\varepsilon})$ for any constant $\varepsilon > 0$.
 (Toom-Cook '63)
 $\hookrightarrow O(n \log n \log \log n)$ (Schönhage - Strassen '71)

$\alpha_n \log n \underbrace{\log \log n \dots \log n}_{\text{...}} \quad (\text{Fibon '07})$

$O(n \lg n \underbrace{\lg \lg \dots \lg}_{\text{constly many}} n)$ (run time)

$O(n \lg n)$ (Harvey - Hoeven '20)

Is this the best? OPEN!!

Problem 2: Selection.

Given n numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n (unsorted)

Find k^{th} smallest number.

e.g. 60, 80, 42, 10, 93, 75, 35, 25

$$k=4 \Rightarrow 42$$

e.g. $k = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$

Median.

Algo 0: Sort & look up

$O(n \lg n)$ time

Algo 1: Selectionsort Variant

$O(kn)$ time \leftarrow

Algo 2: Heapsort Variant

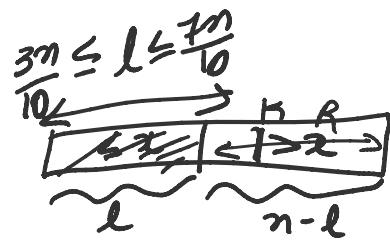
$(\underbrace{n}_{\text{Heap}} + \underbrace{k \lg n}_{\text{! selection}})$ if $k = \frac{n}{\lg n} \Rightarrow O(n)$

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 Heap building $\overset{k}{\nwarrow}$ delete min

Alg 3: Quicksort Variant.

Select $(\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}, k)$



1. If $n=1$ return a_1

2. Pick a pivot x How?

3. Partition into $L = \{a_i \mid a_i \leq x\}$ $l=|L|$
 $R = \{a_i \mid a_i > x\}$

4. If $(l \geq k)$ then return select (L, k)
 Else return select ($R, k-l$)

$$T(n) = \max \{ T(l), T(n-l) \} + O(n)$$

Best case: $l = \frac{n}{2}$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

$$= O\left(\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{4} + \dots + 1\right)$$

$$= O(n)$$

Worst case $l=1$ OR $l=(n-1)$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n)$$

$$= O(n + (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1)$$

$$= O(n^2)$$

Algo by Blum, Floyd, Rivest, Pratt, Tarjan (1973)

Clever idea: Pick a good pivot x
close to median by
taking median of medians of 5s.

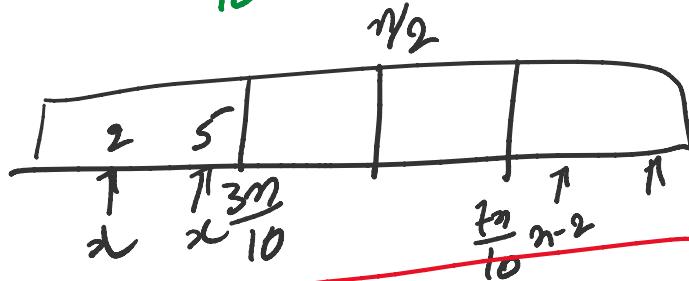
Replace Line 2 by: $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$

2.1 Split $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ into groups $G_1, \dots, G_{n/5}$
each of 5 ele.

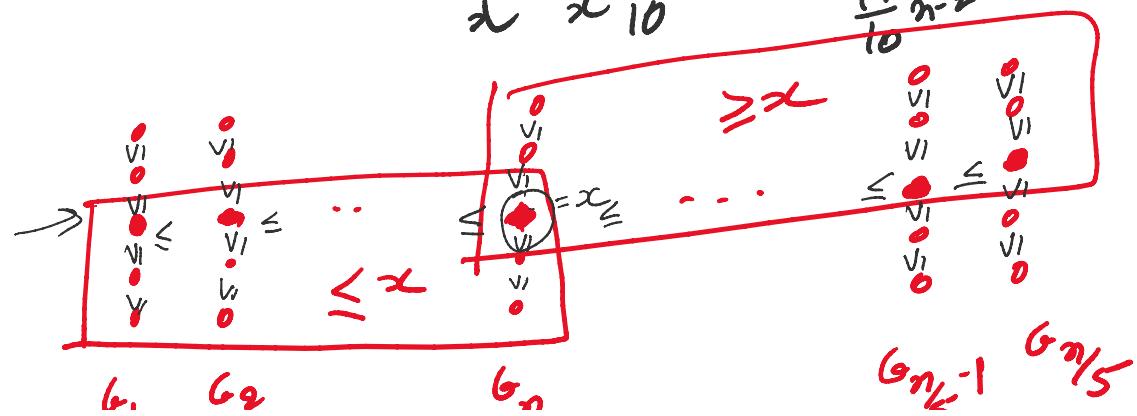
$O(n) \Rightarrow$ 2.2 For $i=1$ to $n/5$ do $x_i = \text{median of } G_i$

2.3. $x = \text{select}(\{x_1, \dots, x_{n/5}\}, \frac{n}{10})$

Lemma: $\frac{3n}{10} \leq l \leq \frac{7n}{10}$



Pf:



$$\overbrace{1 \cdot \quad \cdot \quad - \quad \cdot}^{G_1 \quad G_2 \quad \dots \quad G_{\frac{n}{10}}} \quad G_{\frac{n}{5}-1} \quad G_{\frac{n}{5}}$$

- \rightarrow # groups w/ $x_i \leq x$ is $\frac{n}{10}$
- \rightarrow In each group 3 elements $\leq x_i \leq x$
as these $\frac{n}{10}$
- \rightarrow At least $\frac{3n}{10}$ elements $\leq x$.

By symmetric argument $\frac{3n}{10} \geq x$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\frac{3n}{10} \leq l \leq \frac{7n}{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \max \left\{ T(l), T(n-l) \right\} + T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + O(n) \\ &= T\left(\frac{7n}{10}\right) + T\left(\frac{n}{5}\right) + O(n) \\ &\quad (\text{Guess \& Verify}) \\ &= \underline{\underline{O(n)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\because \frac{7}{10} + \frac{1}{5} < 1 \right)$$