

Appl'n 1: Multiplying large integers

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 n -bit
 Set $x=2 \Rightarrow O(n \log n)$ ops on $(\log n)$ -bit #s
 $\Rightarrow \sim O(n \log^2 n)$ bit ops

(Schönhage-Strassen '71: $O(n \log n \log \log n)$
 Fürer '07: $O(n \log n \cdot c^{\log^* n})$
 Harvey-van der Hoeven '21: $O(n \log n)$ bit ops)

Appl'n 2: 3SUM for Bounded Integers

Given $A, B, C \subseteq \{0, \dots, U-1\} = [U]$
 decide $\exists a \in A, b \in B, c \in C$ st. $a+b=c$

Let $f_a = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in A \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$ $g_b = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b \in B \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

For each $c \in C$,

check iff $\exists a$ st. $a \in A$ & $c-a \in B$

iff $\exists a$ st. $f_a=1$ & $g_{c-a}=1$.

iff $h_c = \sum_{a=0}^{U-1} f_a g_{c-a} > 0$

Convolution!

\Rightarrow $O(U \log U)$ time (good if $U \ll n^2$)

(Alternative: multiply polynomial $\sum_{a \in A} x^a$ and $\sum_{b \in B} x^b$)

Appl'n 3: String matching with "don't cares"

Given "pattern" string $p_1 p_2 \dots p_m \in (\Sigma \cup \{?\})^*$
"text" string $t_1 t_2 \dots t_n \in (\Sigma \cup \{?\})^*$ ($m \leq n$)

decide if pattern occurs in text

i.e. $\exists i, \forall j, p_j = t_{i+j}$ or $p_j = '?'$ or $t_{i+j} = '?'$

e.g. text: "algorithmisfun"
pattern: "th??s"

trivial: $O(mn)$ time

without "don't care": $O(n)$ time by standard string matching

(Knuth-Morris-Pratt, Rabin-Karp, ...)

with "don't care":

Fischer-Paterson '74: $O(n \log n \log |\Sigma|)$

Indyk '98: $O(n \log n)$ rand.

Kalai '02: $O(n \log n)$ rand.

Cole-Harharan '02:

Simple Deterministic Alg'n by Clifford & Clifford '07:

let $\alpha_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p_i \neq '?' \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$ $\beta_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_i \neq '?' \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

match at position i :

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j \beta_{i+j} (p_j - t_{i+j})^2 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_j \beta_{ij} (P_j - T_{i+j}) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j=1}^m \underbrace{\alpha_j P_j^2}_{A_j} \underbrace{\beta_{ij}}_{B_{ij}} - 2 \sum_{j=1}^m \underbrace{\alpha_j P_j}_{A'_j} \underbrace{\beta_{ij} T_{i+j}}_{B'_{ij}} + \sum_{j=1}^m \underbrace{\alpha_j}_{A''_j} \underbrace{\beta_{ij} T_{i+j}^2}_{B''_{ij}} = 0$$

C_i
 Convolution!

3 convolutions!

$$\Rightarrow O(n \log n) \text{ time}$$

(improved to $O(n \log m)$)

