

Data Structures and Algorithms

(CS210A)

Lecture 14:

- Algorithm paradigms
- Algorithm paradigm of Divide and Conquer
- Proof of correctness of the algorithm for 2-Majority element

Algorithm Paradigms

Algorithm Paradigm

Motivation:

- Many problems whose algorithms are based on a common approach.
- A need of a systematic study of such widely used approaches.

Algorithm Paradigms:

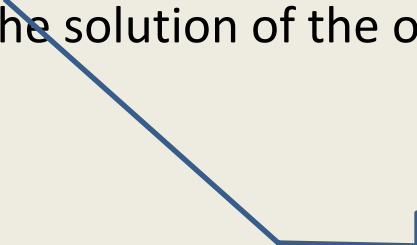
- **Divide and Conquer**
- **Greedy Strategy**
- **Dynamic Programming**
- **Local Search**

Divide and Conquer paradigm for **Algorithm Design**

Divide and Conquer paradigm

An Overview

1. **Divide** the problem instance into two or more instances of the same problem
2. Solve each smaller instances recursively (base case suitably defined).
3. **Combine** the solutions of the smaller instances to get the solution of the original instance.



This is usually the main **nontrivial** step in the design of an algorithm using divide and conquer strategy

Example 1

Sorting

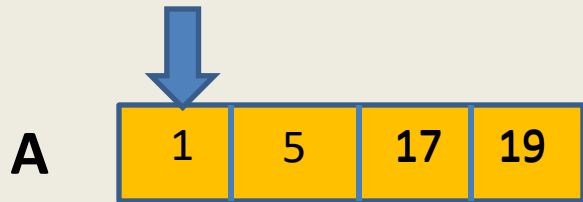
A problem in Practice sheet 1

Merging two sorted arrays:

Given two sorted arrays **A** and **B** storing n elements each, Design an $O(n)$ time algorithm to output a sorted array **C** containing all elements of **A** and **B**.

Example: If **A**={1,5,17,19} **B**={4,7,9,13}, then output is **C**={1,4,5,7,9,13,17,19}.

Merging two sorted arrays A and B



Pesudo-code for Merging two sorted arrays

Merge(A[0.. $n-1$], B[0.. $m-1$], C) // Merging two sorted arrays **A** and **B** into array **C**.

{ $i \leftarrow 0$; $j \leftarrow 0$;

$k \leftarrow 0$;

While($i < n$ and $j < m$)

{ **If**(A[i] < B[j]) { C[k] \leftarrow A[i]; $k++$; $i++$ }

Else { C[k] \leftarrow B[j]; $k++$; $j++$ }

}

While($i < n$) { C[k] \leftarrow A[i]; $k++$; $i++$ }

While($j < m$) { C[k] \leftarrow B[j]; $k++$; $j++$ }

return C;

}

Correctness : homework exercise

Time Complexity =
 $O(n+m)$

Divide and Conquer based sorting algorithm

MSort(A, i, j) // Sorting the subarray A[$i..j$].

```
{ If (  $i < j$  )  
  {  $mid \leftarrow (i+j)/2$ ;  
    MSort(A,  $i, mid$ );  
    MSort(A,  $mid+1, j$ );  
    Create temporarily C[ $0..j - i$ ]  
    Merge(A[ $i..mid$ ], A[ $mid+1..j$ ], C);  
    Copy C[ $0..j - i$ ] to A[ $i..j$ ]  
  }  
}
```

Divide step

Combine/conquer step



This is **Merge Sort**
algorithm

Divide and Conquer based sorting algorithm

```

MSort(A, i, j) // Sorting the subarray A[i..j].
{
  If ( i < j )
  {
    mid ← (i+j)/2;
    MSort(A, i, mid); ← T(n/2)
    MSort(A, mid+1, j); ← T(n/2)
    Create temporarily C[0..j - i]
    Merge(A[i..mid], A[mid+1..j], C); } c n
    Copy C[0..j - i] to A[i..j]
  }
}
    
```

Time complexity:

If $n = 1$,

$T(n) = c$ for some constant c

If $n > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= c n + 2 T(n/2) \\
 &= c n + c n + 2^2 T(n/2^2) \\
 &= c n + c n + c n + 2^3 T(n/2^3) \\
 &= c n + \dots (\log n \text{ terms}) \dots + c n \\
 &= O(n \log n)
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof of correctness of Merge-Sort

```
MSort(A,  $i, j$ ) // Sorting the subarray A[ $i..j$ ].  
{ If (  $i < j$  )  
  {  $mid \leftarrow (i+j)/2$ ;  
    MSort(A,  $i, mid$ );  
    MSort(A,  $mid+1, j$ );  
    Create temporarily C[ $0..j-i$ ]  
    Merge(A[ $i..mid$ ], A[ $mid+1..j$ ], C);  
    Copy C[ $0..j-i$ ] to A[ $i..j$ ]  
  }  
}
```

Question: What is to be proved ?

Answer: **MSort**(A, i, j) sorts the subarray A[$i..j$]

Question: How to prove ?

Answer:

- By **induction** on the length ($j - i + 1$) of the subarray.
- Use correctness of the algorithm **Merge**.

Example 2

**Faster algorithm for
multiplying two integers**

Addition is **faster** than multiplication

Given: any two n -bit numbers X and Y

Question: how many **bit-operations** are required to compute $X+Y$?

Answer: $O(n)$

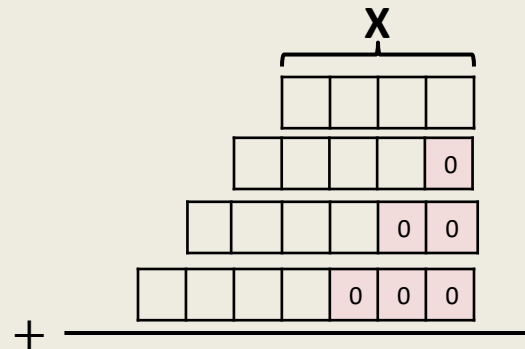
Question: how many **bit-operations** are required to compute $X * 2^n$?

Answer: $O(n)$ [left shift the number X by n places, (do it carefully)]

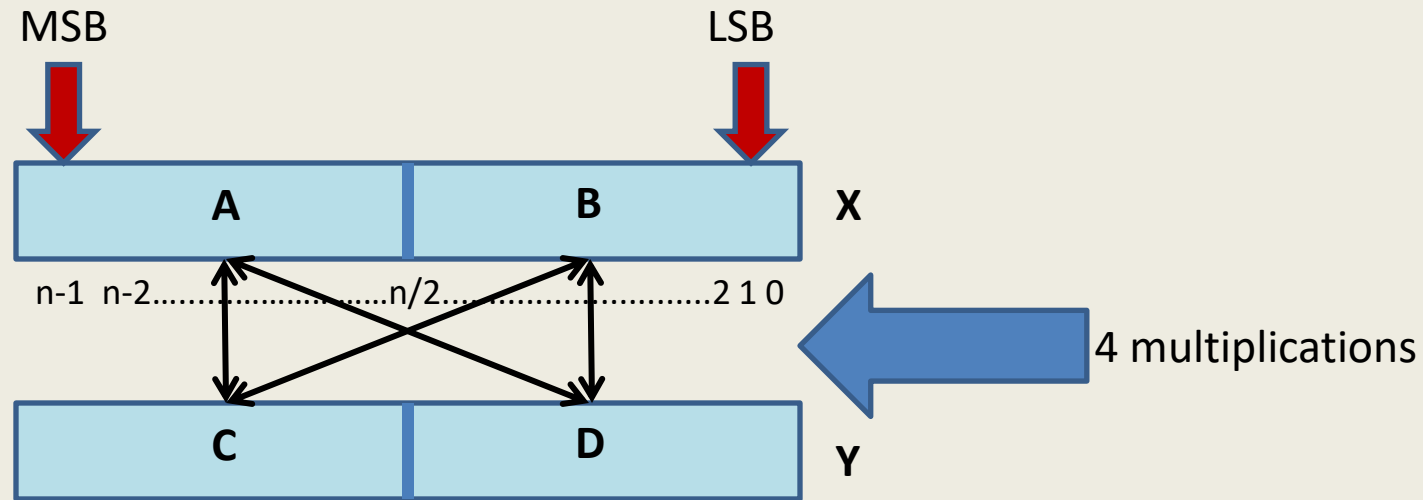
Question: how many **bit-operations** are required to compute $X * Y$?

Answer: $O(n^2)$

Can we compute
 $X * Y$ faster ??



Pursuing Divide and Conquer approach



Question: how to express $X*Y$ in terms of multiplication/addition of $\{A,B,C,D\}$?

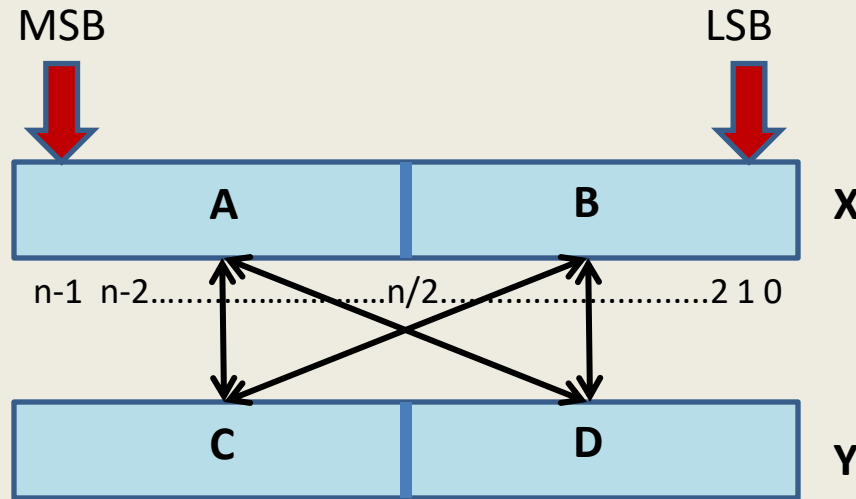
Hint: First Express X and Y in terms of $\{A,B,C,D\}$.

$$X = A * 2^{n/2} + B \quad \text{and} \quad Y = C * 2^{n/2} + D .$$

Hence ...

$$X*Y = (A*C)*2^n + (A*D + B*C)*2^{n/2} + B*D$$

Pursuing Divide and Conquer approach



$$X * Y = (A * C) * 2^n + (A * D + B * C) * 2^{n/2} + B * D$$

Let $T(n)$: time complexity of multiplying X and Y using the above equation.

$$T(n) = c n + 4 T(n/2) \text{ for some constant } c$$

$$= c n + 2c n + 4^2 T(n/2^2)$$

$$= c n + 2c n + 4c n + 4^3 T(n/2^3)$$

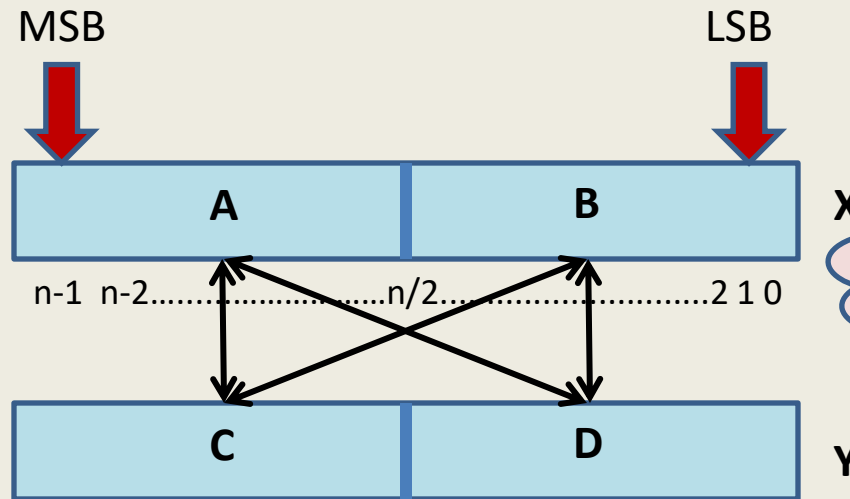
$$= c n + 2c n + 4c n + 8c n + \dots + 4^{\log_2 n} T(1)$$

$$= c n + 2c n + 4c n + 8c n + \dots + c n^2$$



$O(n^2)$ time algo

Pursuing Divide and Conquer approach



Expand and explore
 $(A-B)*(D-C)$

$$X*Y = (A*C)*2^n + (A*D + B*C)*2^{n/2} + B*D$$

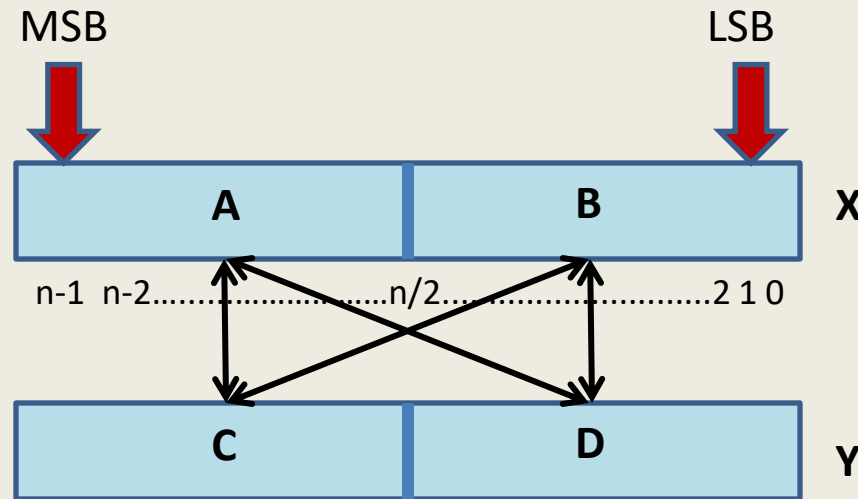
Observation: $A*D + B*C = (A-B)*(D-C) + A*C + B*D$

Question: How many multiplications do we need now to compute $X*Y$?

Answer: 3 multiplications :

- $A*C$
- $B*D$
- $(A-B)*(D-C)$.

Pursuing Divide and Conquer approach



$$X * Y = (A * C) * 2^n + ((A - B) * (D - C) + A * C + B * D) 2^{n/2} + B * D$$

Let $T(n)$: time complexity of the **new algo** for multiplying two n -bit numbers

$$T(n) = c n + 3 T(n/2) \text{ for some constant } c$$

$$= c n + 3 c \frac{n}{2} + 3^2 T(n/2^2)$$

$$= c n + 3 c \frac{n}{2} + 9 c \frac{n}{4} + \dots + 3^{\log_2 n} T(1)$$

$$= O(n^{\log_2 3}) = O(n^{1.58})$$

Conclusion

Theorem: There is a **divide and conquer** based algorithm for multiplying any two n -bit numbers in $O(n^{1.58})$ time (**bit operations**).

Note:

The fastest algorithm for this problem runs in almost $O(n \log n)$ time.
One such algorithm was designed in **2008** at CSE, IIT Kanpur.

By (Dey, Kurur, Saha, and Saptharishi).

Example 3

Counting the number of
“inversions” in an array

Counting Inversions in an array

Problem description

Definition (Inversion): Given an array **A** of size **n**, a pair (i,j) , $0 \leq i < j < n$ is called an inversion if $A[i] > A[j]$.

Example:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	3	15	8	19	9	67	11	27

Inversions are :

$(1,2), (1,4), (1,6),$
 $(3,4), (3,6),$
 $(5,6), (5,7)$

AIM: An efficient algorithm to count the number of inversions in an array **A**.

Counting Inversions in an array

Problem familiarization

Trivial-algo($A[0..n-1]$)

```
{ count  $\leftarrow$  0;  
  For(j=1 to n-1) do  
  {    For( i=0 to j-1 )  
    {    If ( $A[i]>A[j]$ ) count  $\leftarrow$  count + 1;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

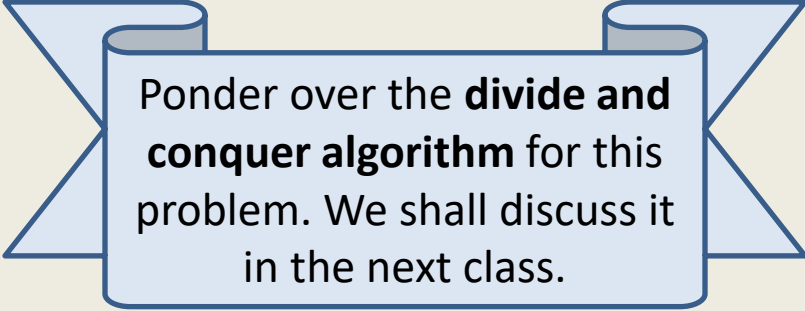
Time complexity: $O(n^2)$

Question: What can be the max. no. of inversions in an array A ?

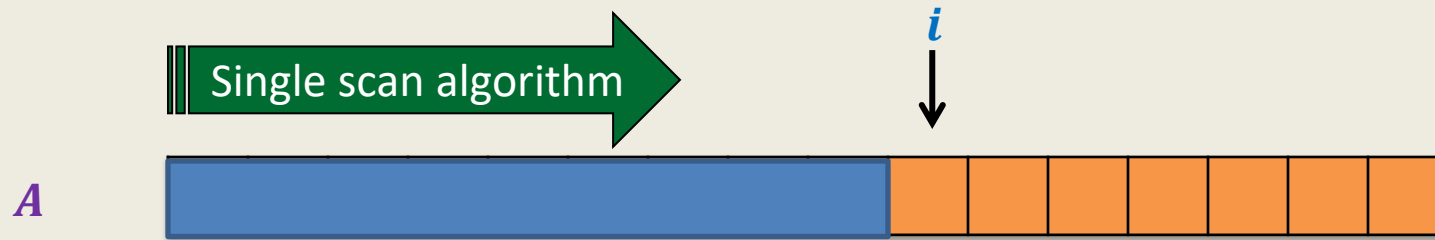
Answer: $\binom{n}{2}$, which is $O(n^2)$.

Question: Is the algorithm given above optimal ?

Answer: No, our aim is not to report all inversions but to report the count.



Ponder over the **divide and conquer algorithm** for this problem. We shall discuss it in the next class.



Question: What assertion holds at the end of i th iteration ?

Answer:

$P(i)$: α is a majority element of $\{x, \dots, \text{count times } x, A[i], \dots, A[n-1]\}$

Question: What is $P(n)$?

Answer: α is a majority element of $\{x, \dots, \text{count times } x\}$

$\Rightarrow x = \alpha$

As a homework exercise,
prove assertion $P(i)$ by
induction on i .