

# CSE 417: Algorithms and Computational Complexity

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Lectures 13-17

## Divide and Conquer Algorithms

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## The Divide and Conquer Paradigm

- Outline:
  - General Idea
  - Review of Merge Sort
  - Why does it work?
    - Importance of balance
    - Importance of super-linear growth
  - Two interesting applications
    - Polynomial Multiplication
    - Matrix Multiplication
  - Finding & Solving Recurrences

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## Algorithm Design Techniques

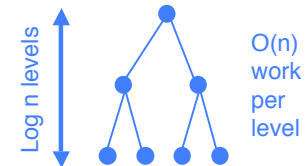
- Divide & Conquer
  - Reduce problem to one or more sub-problems of the same type
  - Typically, each sub-problem is at most a constant fraction of the size of the original problem
    - e.g. Mergesort, Binary Search, Strassen's Algorithm, Quicksort (kind of)

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## Mergesort (review)

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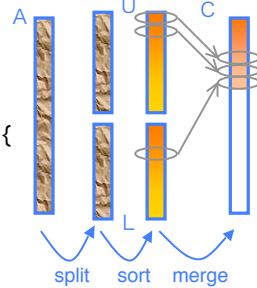
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## Merge Sort

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MS(A: array[1..n]) returns array[1..n] {
  If(n=1) return A[1];
  New U:array[1:n/2] = MS(A[1..n/2]);
  New L:array[1:n/2] = MS(A[n/2+1..n]);
  Return(Merge(U,L));
}

Merge(U,L: array[1..n]) {
  New C: array[1..2n];
  a=1; b=1;
  For i = 1 to 2n
    C[i] = "smaller of U[a], L[b] and correspondingly a++ or b++";
  Return C;
}
    
```



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## Going From Code to Recurrence

- Carefully define what you're counting, and write it down!  
 "Let  $C(n)$  be the number of comparisons between sort keys used by MergeSort when sorting a list of length  $n \geq 1$ "
- In code, clearly separate **base case** from **recursive case**, highlight **recursive calls**, and **operations being counted**.
- Write Recurrence(s)

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## Merge Sort

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  Return(Merge(L,R));
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  }
  Return C;
}
    
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Base Case

Recursive calls

Recursive case

Operations being counted

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## The Recurrence

$$C(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2C(n/2) + (n-1) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

Base case

Recursive calls

One compare per element added to merged list, except the last.

Total time: proportional to  $C(n)$

(loops, copying data, parameter passing, etc.)

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## Why Balanced Subdivision?

- Alternative "divide & conquer" algorithm:
  - ▮ Sort  $n-1$
  - ▮ Sort last 1
  - ▮ Merge them
- $T(n)=T(n-1)+T(1)+3n$  for  $n \geq 2$
- $T(1)=0$
- Solution:  $3n + 3(n-1) + 3(n-2) \dots = \Theta(n^2)$

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## Another D&C Approach

- Suppose we've already invented DumbSort, taking time  $n^2$
- Try *Just One Level* of divide & conquer:
  - ▮ DumbSort(first  $n/2$  elements)
  - ▮ DumbSort(last  $n/2$  elements)
  - ▮ Merge results
- Time:  $(n/2)^2 + (n/2)^2 + n = n^2/2 + n$ 
  - ▮ Almost twice as fast!

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## Another D&C Approach, cont.

- Moral 1:  
Two problems of half size are *better* than one full-size problem, even given the  $O(n)$  overhead of recombining, since the base algorithm has *super-linear* complexity.
- Moral 2:  
If a little's good, then more's better—two levels of D&C would be almost 4 times faster, 3 levels almost 8, etc., even though overhead is growing. Best is usually full recursion down to some small constant size (balancing "work" vs "overhead").

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## Another D&C Approach, cont.

- Moral 3: unbalanced division less good:
  - ▮  $(.1n)^2 + (.9n)^2 + n = .82n^2 + n$ 
    - ▮ The 18% savings compounds significantly if you carry recursion to more levels, actually giving  $O(n \log n)$ , but with a bigger constant. So worth doing if you can't get 50-50 split, but balanced is better if you can.
    - ▮ This is intuitively why Quicksort with random splitter is good – badly unbalanced splits are rare, and not instantly fatal.
  - ▮  $(1)^2 + (n-1)^2 + n = n^2 - 2n + 2 + n$ 
    - ▮ Little improvement here.

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## Another D&C Example: Multiplying Faster

- On the first HW you analyzed our usual algorithm for multiplying numbers
  - $\Theta(n^2)$  time
- We can do better!
  - We'll describe the basic ideas by multiplying polynomials rather than integers
  - Advantage is we don't get confused by worrying about carries at first

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## Notes on Polynomials

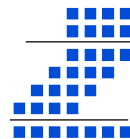
- These are just formal sequences of coefficients so when we show something multiplied by  $x^k$  it just means shifted  $k$  places to the left – basically no work

- Usual Polynomial Multiplication:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3x^2 + 2x + 2 \\
 \times \quad x^2 - 3x + 1 \\
 \hline
 3x^2 + 2x + 2 \\
 -9x^3 - 6x^2 - 6x \\
 \hline
 3x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 \\
 \hline
 3x^4 - 7x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 2
 \end{array}$$

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## Polynomial Multiplication



- Given:
  - Degree  $m-1$  polynomials  $P$  and  $Q$ 
    - $P = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{m-2} x^{m-2} + a_{m-1} x^{m-1}$
    - $Q = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots + b_{m-2} x^{m-2} + b_{m-1} x^{m-1}$
- Compute:
  - Degree  $2m-2$  Polynomial  $PQ$ 
    - $PQ = a_0 b_0 + (a_0 b_1 + a_1 b_0) x + (a_0 b_2 + a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_0) x^2 + \dots + (a_{m-2} b_{m-1} + a_{m-1} b_{m-2}) x^{2m-3} + a_{m-1} b_{m-1} x^{2m-2}$
- Obvious Algorithm:
  - Compute all  $a_i b_j$  and collect terms
  - $\Theta(m^2)$  time

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## Naive Divide and Conquer



- Assume  $m=2k$ 
  - $P = (a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{k-2} x^{k-2} + a_{k-1} x^{k-1}) + (a_k + a_{k+1} x + \dots + a_{m-2} x^{k-2} + a_{m-1} x^{k-1}) x^k$
  - $Q = Q_0 + Q_1 x^k$
- $PQ = (P_0 + P_1 x^k)(Q_0 + Q_1 x^k)$ 
  - $= P_0 Q_0 + (P_1 Q_0 + P_0 Q_1) x^k + P_1 Q_1 x^{2k}$
- 4 sub-problems of size  $k=m/2$  plus linear combining
  - $T(m) = 4T(m/2) + cm$
  - Solution  $T(m) = O(m^2)$

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## Karatsuba's Algorithm

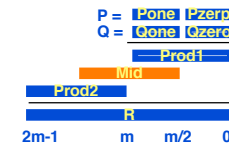


### ■ A better way to compute terms

- Compute
  - |  $P_0Q_0$
  - |  $P_1Q_1$
  - |  $(P_0+P_1)(Q_0+Q_1)$  which is  $P_0Q_0+P_1Q_0+P_0Q_1+P_1Q_1$
- Then
  - |  $P_0Q_1+P_1Q_0 = (P_0+P_1)(Q_0+Q_1) - P_0Q_0 - P_1Q_1$
- 3 sub-problems of size  $m/2$  plus  $O(m)$  work
  - |  $T(m) = 3 T(m/2) + cm$
  - |  $T(m) = O(m^\alpha)$  where  $\alpha = \log_2 3 = 1.59\dots$

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## Karatsuba: Details



### PolyMul(P, Q):

```
// P, Q are length m = 2k vectors, with P[i], Q[i] being
// the coefficient of xi in polynomials P, Q respectively.
if (m==1) return (P[0]*Q[0]);
Let Pzero be elements 0..k-1 of P; Pone be elements k..m-1
Qzero, Qone : similar
Prod1 = PolyMul(Pzero, Qzero); // result is a (2k-1)-vector
Prod2 = PolyMul(Pone, Qone); // ditto
Pzo = Pzero + Pone; // add corresponding elements
Qzo = Qzero + Qone; // ditto
Prod3 = polyMul(Pzo, Qzo); // another (2k-1)-vector
Mid = Prod3 - Prod1 - Prod2; // subtract corr. elements
R = Prod1 + Shift(Mid, m/2) + Shift(Prod2, m) // a (2m-1)-vector
Return( R );
```

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## Multiplication – The Bottom Line

### ■ Polynomials

- Naïve:  $\Theta(n^2)$
- Karatsuba:  $\Theta(n^{1.59\dots})$
- Best known:  $\Theta(n \log n)$ 
  - | "Fast Fourier Transform"

### ■ Integers

- Similar, but some ugly details re: carries, etc. gives  $\Theta(n \log n \log \log n)$ ,
  - | but mostly unused in practice

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## Recurrences

- Where they come from, how to find them (above)
- Next: how to solve them

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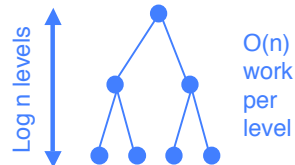
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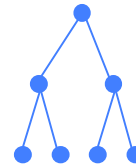
■ Solution:  $\Theta(n \log n)$



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Solve:  $T(1) = c$

$T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + cn$



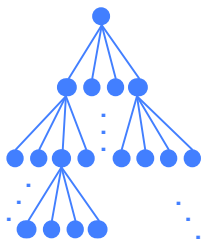
Level	Num	Size	Work
0	$1=2^0$	$n$	$cn$
1	$2=2^1$	$n/2$	$2 c n/2$
2	$4=2^2$	$n/4$	$4 c n/4$
...	...	...	...
$i$	$2^i$	$n/2^i$	$2^i c n/2^i$
...	...	...	...
$k-1$	$2^{k-1}$	$n/2^{k-1}$	$2^{k-1} c n/2^{k-1}$
$k$	$2^k$	$n/2^k=1$	$2^k T(1)$

Total work: add last col

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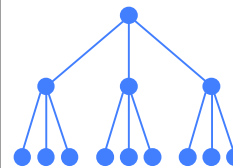


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0	$1=4^0$	$n$	$cn$
1	$4=4^1$	$n/2$	$4 c n/2$
2	$16=4^2$	$n/4$	$16 c n/4$
...	...	...	...
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$T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn$



Level	Num	Size	Work
0	$1=3^0$	$n$	$cn$
1	$3=3^1$	$n/2$	$3 c n/2$
2	$9=3^2$	$n/4$	$9 c n/4$
...	...	...	...
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Total Work:  $T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^k 3^i cn / 2^i$

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**Solve:  $T(1) = c$**   
 **$T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn$  (cont.)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^k 3^i cn / 2^i \\
 &= cn \sum_{i=0}^k 3^i / 2^i \\
 &= cn \sum_{i=0}^k \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^i \\
 &= cn \frac{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} - 1}{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) - 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{i=0}^k x^i &= \\
 \frac{x^{k+1} - 1}{x - 1} \\
 (x \neq 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Solve:  $T(1) = c$**   
 **$T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn$  (cont.)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 2cn \left( \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} - 1 \right) \\
 &< 2cn \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{k+1} \\
 &= 3cn \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^k \\
 &= 3cn \frac{3^k}{2^k}
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Solve:  $T(1) = c$**   
 **$T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + cn$  (cont.)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 3cn \frac{3^{\log_2 n}}{2^{\log_2 n}} \\
 &= 3cn \frac{3^{\log_2 n}}{n} \\
 &= 3c 3^{\log_2 n} \\
 &= 3c (n^{\log_2 3}) \\
 &= O(n^{1.59...})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a^{\log_b n} &= \\
 &= (b^{\log_b a})^{\log_b n} \\
 &= (b^{\log_b n})^{\log_b a} \\
 &= n^{\log_b a}
 \end{aligned}$$

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## Master Divide and Conquer Recurrence

- If  $T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^k$  for  $n > b$  then
  - if  $a > b^k$  then  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
  - if  $a < b^k$  then  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^k)$
  - if  $a = b^k$  then  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^k \log n)$
- Works even if it is  $\lceil n/b \rceil$  instead of  $n/b$ .

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## Another Example:

## Matrix Multiplication –

## Strassen's Method

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## Multiplying Matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} & a_{44} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & b_{13} & b_{14} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & b_{23} & b_{24} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} & b_{33} & b_{34} \\ b_{41} & b_{42} & b_{43} & b_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

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■  $n^3$  multiplications,  $n^3 - n^2$  additions

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## Simple Matrix Multiply

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$

  for  $j = 1$  to  $n$

$C[i,j] = 0$

    for  $k = 1$  to  $n$

$C[i,j] = C[i,j] + A[i,k] * B[k,j]$

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + a_{13}b_{31} + a_{14}b_{41} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} + a_{13}b_{32} + a_{14}b_{42} & a_{11}b_{13} + a_{12}b_{23} + a_{13}b_{33} + a_{14}b_{43} & a_{11}b_{14} + a_{12}b_{24} + a_{13}b_{34} + a_{14}b_{44} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} + a_{23}b_{31} + a_{24}b_{41} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} + a_{23}b_{32} + a_{24}b_{42} & a_{21}b_{13} + a_{22}b_{23} + a_{23}b_{33} + a_{24}b_{43} & a_{21}b_{14} + a_{22}b_{24} + a_{23}b_{34} + a_{24}b_{44} \\ a_{31}b_{11} + a_{32}b_{21} + a_{33}b_{31} + a_{34}b_{41} & a_{31}b_{12} + a_{32}b_{22} + a_{33}b_{32} + a_{34}b_{42} & a_{31}b_{13} + a_{32}b_{23} + a_{33}b_{33} + a_{34}b_{43} & a_{31}b_{14} + a_{32}b_{24} + a_{33}b_{34} + a_{34}b_{44} \\ a_{41}b_{11} + a_{42}b_{21} + a_{43}b_{31} + a_{44}b_{41} & a_{41}b_{12} + a_{42}b_{22} + a_{43}b_{32} + a_{44}b_{42} & a_{41}b_{13} + a_{42}b_{23} + a_{43}b_{33} + a_{44}b_{43} & a_{41}b_{14} + a_{42}b_{24} + a_{43}b_{34} + a_{44}b_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11}B_{11} + A_{12}B_{21} & A_{11}B_{12} + A_{12}B_{22} \\ A_{21}B_{11} + A_{22}B_{21} & A_{21}B_{12} + A_{22}B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

■ Counting arithmetic operations:

$$T(n) = 8T(n/2) + 4(n/2)^2 = 8T(n/2) + n^2$$

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$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 8T(n/2) + n^2 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

■ By Master Recurrence, if

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^k \text{ \& } a > b^k \text{ then}$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 8}) = \Theta(n^3)$$

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## Strassen's algorithm

### Strassen's algorithm

- Multiplies  $2 \times 2$  matrices using 7 instead of 8 multiplications (and lots more than 4 additions)
- $T(n) = 7T(n/2) + cn^2$ 
  - $7 > 2^2$  so  $T(n)$  is  $\Theta(n^{\log_2 7})$  which is  $O(n^{2.81})$
- Fastest algorithms theoretically use  $O(n^{2.376})$  time
  - not practical but Strassen's is practical provided calculations are exact and we stop recursion when matrix has size about 100 (maybe 10)

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## The algorithm

$$\begin{aligned}P_1 &= A_{12}(B_{11} + B_{21}) & P_2 &= A_{21}(B_{12} + B_{22}) \\P_3 &= (A_{11} - A_{12})B_{11} & P_4 &= (A_{22} - A_{21})B_{22} \\P_5 &= (A_{22} - A_{12})(B_{21} - B_{22}) \\P_6 &= (A_{11} - A_{21})(B_{12} - B_{11}) \\P_7 &= (A_{21} - A_{12})(B_{11} + B_{22}) \\C_{11} &= P_1 + P_3 & C_{12} &= P_2 + P_3 + P_6 - P_7 \\C_{21} &= P_1 + P_4 + P_5 + P_7 & C_{22} &= P_2 + P_4\end{aligned}$$

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## Another D&C Example: Fast exponentiation

- Power(a,n)
  - Input:** integer n and number a
  - Output:**  $a^n$
- Obvious algorithm
  - n-1 multiplications
- Observation:
  - if n is even,  $n=2m$ , then  $a^n = a^m \cdot a^m$

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## Divide & Conquer Algorithm

- Power(a,n)
  - if n=0 then return(1)
  - else
    - $x \leftarrow \text{Power}(a, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$
    - if n is even then return( $x \cdot x$ )
    - else return( $a \cdot x \cdot x$ )

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## Analysis

- Worst-case recurrence

- $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + 2$

- By master theorem

- $T(n) = O(\log n)$  (a=1, b=2, k=0)

- More precise analysis:

- $T(n) = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil + \# \text{ of 1's in } n\text{'s binary representation}$

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## A Practical Application- RSA

- Instead of  $a^n$  want  $a^n \bmod N$

- $a^{i+j} \bmod N = ((a^i \bmod N) \cdot (a^j \bmod N)) \bmod N$

  - same algorithm applies with each  $x \cdot y$  replaced by

- $((x \bmod N) \cdot (y \bmod N)) \bmod N$

- In RSA cryptosystem (widely used for security)

  - need  $a^n \bmod N$  where  $a, n, N$  each typically have 1024 bits

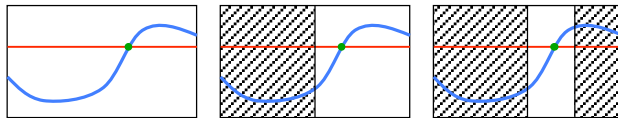
  - Power: at most 2048 multiplies of 1024 bit numbers

    - relatively easy for modern machines

  - Naive algorithm:  $2^{1024}$  multiplies

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## Another Example: Binary search for roots (bisection method)



- Given:

  - continuous function  $f$  and two points  $a < b$  with  $f(a) < 0$  and  $f(b) > 0$

- Find:

  - approximation to  $c$  s.t.  $f(c) = 0$  and  $a < c < b$

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## Divide and Conquer Summary

- Powerful technique, when applicable

- Divide large problem into a few smaller problems of the same type

- Choosing subproblems of roughly equal size is usually critical

- Examples:

  - Merge sort, quicksort (sort of), polynomial multiplication, FFT, Strassen's matrix multiplication algorithm, powering, binary search, root finding by bisection, ...

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