

# Algorithms

Recursion  
(part 3)



# Recap

- HW2 due Friday
  - by start of class
  - may work in groups
  - cite sources if you use them
- Office hours : Wed. 10-11am  
Thurs 1-2pm  
(or by arrangement)

Last week:

Recursion & recurrences  
(+ induction - same thing!)

# Next One: Multiplication

In general, we say this is  
 $O(n)$  true  $\longrightarrow$  lies!

In reality:

$$\begin{array}{r} 31415962 \\ \times 27182818 \\ \hline 251327696 \\ 31415962 \\ 251327696 \\ 62831924 \\ 251327696 \\ 31415962 \\ 219911734 \\ 62831924 \\ \hline 853974377340916 \end{array}$$

How to formalize?

nested for loops

Runtime?  $(2 \cdot n\text{-bit } \#s)^{m+n}$ :  
 $O(n^2)$

Better: A trick:

$$(10^m a + b)(10^m c + d)$$

$$= 10^{2m} ac + 10^m(bc+ad) + bd$$

Example     $\left. \begin{array}{r} 963,245 \\ \times 624,197 \end{array} \right\} + m=3 :$

$$= (10^3 \times 963 + 245)(10^3 \cdot 624 + 197)$$

$$= 10^{2 \cdot 3} (963)(624) +$$

$$10^3 (245 \times 624 + 963 \times 197)$$

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Make this an algorithm:

$M(n)$

<u>MULTIPLY</u> ( $x, y, n$ ):
if $n = 1$
return $x \cdot y$
else
$O(1)$ $m \leftarrow \lceil n/2 \rceil$ +
$a \leftarrow \lfloor x/10^m \rfloor$ ; $b \leftarrow x \bmod 10^m$
$d \leftarrow \lfloor y/10^m \rfloor$ ; $c \leftarrow y \bmod 10^m$
$M(\frac{n}{2})$ $e \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(a, c, m)$
$M(\frac{n}{2})$ $f \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(b, d, m)$
$M(\frac{n}{2})$ $g \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(b, c, m)$
$M(\frac{n}{2})$ $h \leftarrow \text{MULTIPLY}(a, d, m)$
$O(1)$ return $10^{2m}e + 10^m(g + h) + f$

Runtime:

$$\begin{aligned} M(n) &\leq O(1) + O(1) + 4M\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\ &\quad + O(1) \\ &= 4M\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1) \\ &\quad \underbrace{+ M\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}_{\rightarrow n^{\log_2 4}} \rightarrow n^{\log_2 4} = n^{\log_2 4} = n^2 \\ M(n) &= O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

Hrm - not better after all...

Another trick !

~~$ac + bd - (a-b)(c-d) = bc + ad$~~

~~$(ac - bc - ad + bd)$~~

Huh?

Recall:

$$(10^m a + b)(10^m c + d) \\ = 10^{2m} ac + 10^m (bc + ad) + bd$$

$\nwarrow \quad \nearrow \quad \nearrow$   
4 mult.

Conclusion: black magic:

using algebra, can do  
3 multiplications & get  
result of 4!

# New + improved pseudocode:

FASTMULTIPLY( $x, y, n$ ):

if  $n = 1$

    return  $x \cdot y$

else

$O(1)$

$m \leftarrow \lceil n/2 \rceil$

$a \leftarrow \lfloor x/10^m \rfloor; b \leftarrow x \bmod 10^m$

$d \leftarrow \lfloor y/10^m \rfloor; c \leftarrow y \bmod 10^m$

$3 \text{ calls}$

$s \leftarrow \text{FASTMULTIPLY}(a, c, m)$

$f \leftarrow \text{FASTMULTIPLY}(b, d, m)$

$g \leftarrow \text{FASTMULTIPLY}(a - b, c - d, m)$

return  $10^{2m}e + 10^m(e + f - g) + f$

Analysis :

$$M(n) = 3M\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1)$$

$$f(n) = O(1)$$

$$\text{to } n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 3}$$

between 1 & 2

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

## Some comments

- In practice, done in base 2, not 10.
- Actually, this can break down even more!

If we apply another recursive layer, can get  $O(n \log n)$  eventually.

(Ever heard of Fast Fourier transforms?)

# Linear Time Selection

First : Quick search

Idea: Modify quick sort,  
but don't recurse on  
both sides



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QUICKSELECT( $A[1..n]$ ,  $k$ ):
  if  $n = 1$ 
    return  $A[1]$ 
  else
    Choose a pivot element  $A[p]$  median of medians
     $r \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A[1..n], p)$ 
    if  $k < r$ 
      return QUICKSELECT( $A[1..r - 1]$ ,  $k$ )
    else if  $k > r$ 
      return QUICKSELECT( $A[r + 1..n]$ ,  $k - r$ )
    else
      return  $A[r]$ 
  
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Figure 1.12. Quickselect, or one-armed quicksort

Ex: Find 5<sup>th</sup> element (in sorted order) from:

3 5 11 2 6 9 1 7 4 8 0  
p

2 1 9 3 5 11 6 9 7 4 8

Runtime:

Well, depends on pivot!

Ideal case:

divide in half

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

$$= n + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{4} + \dots$$

$$= \sum \frac{n}{2^i} = O(n)$$

Worst case:  
1<sup>st</sup> pivot or last

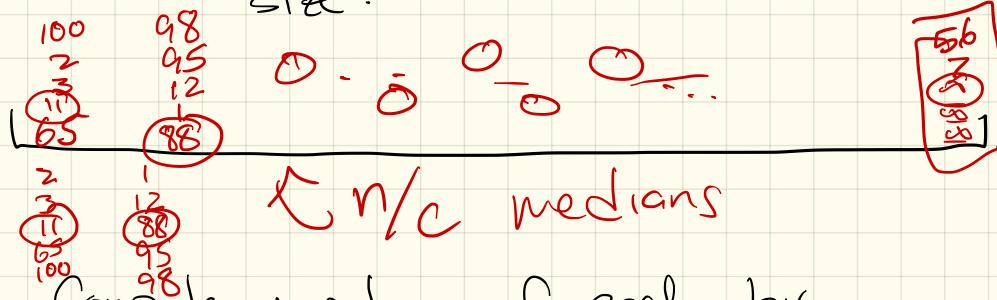
$$Q(n) = \underbrace{O(n)} + Q(n-1)$$

$$= n 2^n$$

Improvement: Need a good enough pivot!

Median of medians: "MOM"

Divide into blocks that are  $O(1)$  size:



Compute median of each by brute force

Runtime so far:

$$O(1) \times (\# \text{ blocks}) = O(n)$$

blocks of size c  
n/c blocks

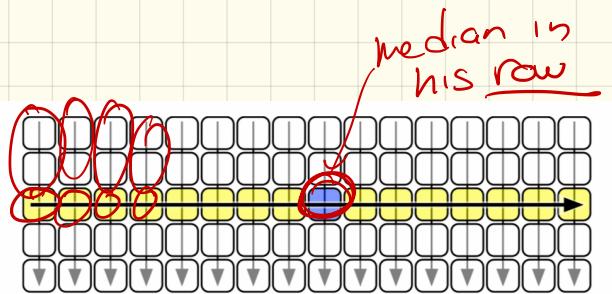
Then, recurse, & find median of medians.

Why does this work!?

Claim: MoM is a good pivot.

Why? Well, we've chopped the  $n$  elements into  $n/c$  groups of  $c$ .

Say  $c=5$ :



$n/c$  blocks, each holding  $c$   
( $\frac{n}{5}$ , each w/ 5)

The median of medians  
is  $\geq$  at least  $\frac{n}{3}$   
elements in large array

# Runtime:

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MOMSELECT( $A[1..n]$ ,  $k$ ):  
    if  $n \leq 25$   {{or whatever}}  
        use brute force  
    else  
         $m \leftarrow \lceil n/5 \rceil$   
        for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$   
             $M[i] \leftarrow \text{MEDIANOFFIVE}(A[5i - 4..5i])$  {{Brute force!}}  
         $mom \leftarrow \text{MOMSELECT}(M[1..m], \lfloor m/2 \rfloor)$  {{Recursion!}}  
         $r \leftarrow \text{PARTITION}(A[1..n], mom)$   
        if  $k < r$   
            return MomSELECT( $A[1..r - 1]$ ,  $k$ ) {{Recursion!}}  
        else if  $k > r$   
            return MomSELECT( $A[r + 1..n]$ ,  $k - r$ ) {{Recursion!}}  
        else  
            return  $mom$ 
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Next time: Back tracking  
(reading due as usual over  
2 intro sections)