

# CS483-07 Divide and Conquer

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## Announcements

- **October 9: no class.** Oct. 8th is Columbus Day recess.
- Review class: October 11.
- **Midterm** is scheduled on **October 16, 2007**
- Today's lecture: **Divide and Conquer** (cont')
  1. Quicksort
  2. Binary search
  3. Binary tree traversal
  4. Strassen's matrix multiplication

## General Divide-and-Conquer Recurrence

- Problem size:  $n$ . Divide the problems into  $b$  smaller instances;  $a$  of them need to be solved.  $f(n)$  is the time spent on dividing and merging.

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n).$$

- **Master Theorem:** If  $f(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$ , where  $d \geq 0$ , then

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d \end{cases}$$

## Sorting Problem

- Given an array of  $n$  numbers, sort the elements in non-decreasing order.
- Input: An array  $A[1, \dots, n]$  of numbers
- Output: An array  $A[1, \dots, n]$  of sorted numbers

## Mergesort - Algorithm

➤ Given an array of  $n$  numbers, sort the elements in non-decreasing order.

**Algorithm 0.1:** MERGESORT( $A[1, \dots, n]$ )

if  $n = 1$

then return ( $A$ )

else  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} B \leftarrow A[1 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor] \\ C \leftarrow A[\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \dots n] \\ \text{MergeSort}(B) \\ \text{MergeSort}(C) \\ \text{Merge}(B, C, A) \end{array} \right.$

## Mergesort - Algorithm

➤ Merge two sorted arrays,  $B$  and  $C$  and put the result in  $A$

**Algorithm 0.2:** MERGE( $B[1, \dots, p], C[1, \dots, q], A[1, \dots, p + q]$ )

$i \leftarrow 1; j \leftarrow 1$

**for**  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, p + q - 1\}$

**do**  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{if } B[i] < C[j] \\ \text{then } A[k] = B[i]; i \leftarrow i + 1 \\ \text{else } A[k] = C[j]; j \leftarrow j + 1 \end{array} \right.$

## Mergesort - Analysis

- All cases have **same time efficiency**:  $\Theta(n \log_2 n)$

$$T_{\text{merge}}(n) = n - 1.$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n - 1, \quad \forall n > 1, \quad T(1) = 0$$

- Number of comparisons in the **worst case** is close to **theoretical minimum** for comparison-based sorting:  $\lceil \log_2 n! \rceil \approx n \log_2 n - 1.44n$
- Space requirement:  $\Theta(n)$  (**not in-place**) (In-place: The number are rearranged within the array.)
- Can be implemented **without recursion**?
- Is this algorithm Mergesort **stable**? (Stable: the output preserves the input order of equal elements.)

## Quicksort - Algorithm

- Given an array of  $n$  numbers, sort the element in non-decreasing order.

**Algorithm 0.3:** QUICKSORT( $A[1 \dots n]$ )

if  $n = 1$

then return ( $A$ )

else {  
    Create two arrays  $B, C$   
    for  $i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$   
        do {  
            if  $A[i] < A[1]$   
                then  $B \leftarrow A[i]$   
                else  $C \leftarrow A[i]$   
    }  $Quicksort(B)$   
    }  $Quicksort(C)$   
    }  $A \leftarrow (B, A[1], C)$

- $A[1]$  is chosen as the **pivot**. In general, any number can be the pivot.



➤ Example: 24, 11, 91, 10, 22, 32, 22, 3, 7, 99

➤ Is this algorithm Quicksort **stable**?

## Quicksort - Algorithm

➤ Quicksort allows fast “in-place partition”. Consider large files ( $n \geq 10000$ ).

**Algorithm 0.4:** PARTITION( $A[a \dots b]$ )

$p \leftarrow A[a]$

$i \leftarrow a + 1; j \leftarrow b$

**repeat**

**while**  $A[i] < p$   
    **do**  $i \leftarrow i + 1$   
**while**  $A[j] > p$   
    **do**  $j \leftarrow j - 1$   
**if**  $i < j$   
    **then** swap ( $A[i], A[j]$ )

**until**  $i \geq j$

swap ( $A[a], A[j]$ )

Example: 5, 7, 3, 2, 8, 3, 6.

## Quicksort - Analysis

- **Best** case: split in the middle –  $\Theta(n \log n)$ .

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n).$$

- **Worst** case: sorted array! –  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + \Theta(n).$$

- **Average** case: random arrays –  $\Theta(n \log n)$
- Improvements (these combine to 20 – 25% improvement):
  1. Better pivot selection: median of three partitioning
  2. Switch to insertion sort on small subfiles.
  3. Elimination of recursion.

## Binary Search

- Imagine that you are placed in an unknown building and you are given a room number (say STII, 443), you need to find your CS 483 instructor. What will you do?
- **Binary Search:**
  - Very efficient algorithm for searching in **sorted array**  
**Example:** find 70 in {3, 14, 27, 31, 39, 42, 55, 70, 74, 81, 85, 93, 98}

## Binary Search - Algorithm

- Given a sorted array  $A$  of  $n$  numbers, find a key  $K$  in  $A$

**Algorithm 0.5:** BINARYSEARCH( $A[1 \cdots n], K$ )

$a \leftarrow 1; b \leftarrow n$

**while**  $a < b$

**do** {  
     $m \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{a+b}{2} \rfloor$   
    **if**  $K = A[m]$   
        **return** ( $m$ )  
    **else if**  $K < A[m]$   
         $b \leftarrow m - 1$   
    **else**  $a \leftarrow m + 1$

**return** ( $-1$ )

## Binary Search - Analysis

➤  $T_{worst}(n)$

$$T_{worst}(n) = T_{worst}(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + 1 = \Theta(\log_2 n), \text{ for } n > 1, T_{worst}(1) = 1.$$

➤  $T_{best}(n)$

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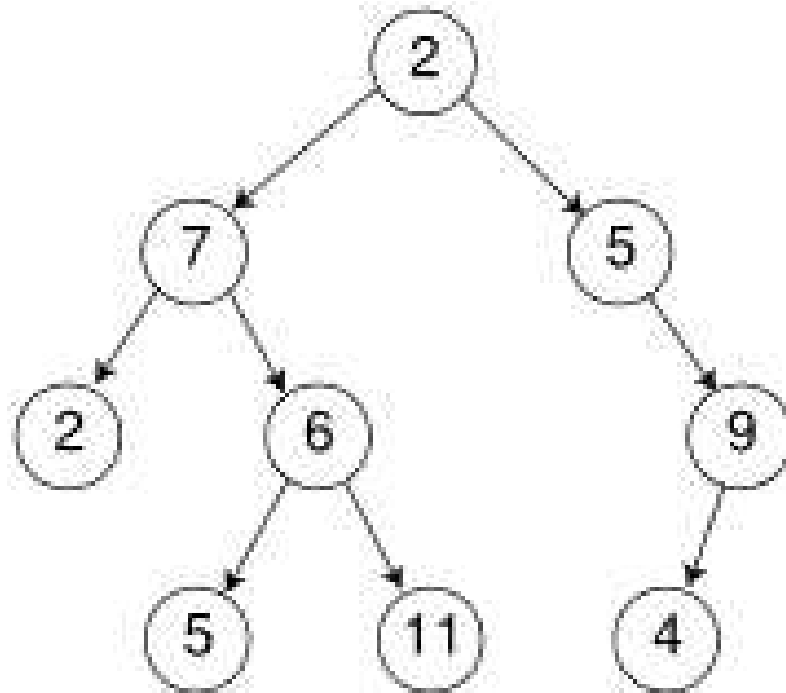
➤  $T_{avg}(n)$

$$\Theta(\log_2 n).$$



## Binary Tree

➤ In a binary tree, each node has zero or two nodes.



➤ Compute the height of a given binary tree  $T$

**Algorithm 0.6:** HEIGHT( $T$ )

**if**  $T = \emptyset$  **return**  $(-1)$

**else return**  $(\max\{Height(T_L), Height(T_R)\} + 1)$

## Binary Tree Traversals

- 3 classical traversals
  - **Preorder traversals:** root  $\rightarrow$  left subtree  $\rightarrow$  right subtree
  - **Inorder traversals:** left subtree  $\rightarrow$  root  $\rightarrow$  right subtree
  - **Postorder traversals:** left subtree  $\rightarrow$  right subtree  $\rightarrow$  root
- Example: page 142.

## Integer Multiplication

- What is the time complexity of multiplying two integers using the algorithms we learned in elementary schools?

**Example:** how do you compute this:  $12345 \times 67890$ ?

$n^2$  digit multiplication +  $n$  addition

- Is there a better way of multiplying two integers, in terms of reducing the number of multiplication?

Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855) discovered that

$$AB = (a10^{\frac{n}{2}} + b)(c10^{\frac{n}{2}} + d) = K_210^n + K_110^{\frac{n}{2}} + K_0, \text{ where } K_2 = ac, \\ K_0 = bd, K_1 = (a + b)(c + d) - (K_0 + K_2).$$

**Example:** how do you compute this:  $12345 \times 67890$ ?

## Integer Multiplication

➤ Divide-and-conquer integer multiplication

**Algorithm 0.7:**  $M(A[1 \dots n], B[1 \dots n])$

if  $n = 1$

then return  $(A[1]B[1])$

else  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \leftarrow A[1 \dots \frac{n}{2}], b \leftarrow A[\frac{n}{2} + 1 \dots n] \\ c \leftarrow B[1 \dots \frac{n}{2}], d \leftarrow B[\frac{n}{2} + 1 \dots n] \\ K_2 \leftarrow M(a, c) \\ K_0 \leftarrow M(b, d) \\ K_1 \leftarrow M(a + b, c + d) - (K_0 + K_2) \\ \text{return } (K_2 10^n + K_1 10^{\frac{n}{2}} + K_0) \end{array} \right.$

## Integer Multiplication

➤ What is the time complexity?

First we formulate the time complexity as:  $T(n) = 3T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$ .

Using Master Theorem, we have  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 2$  and  $d = 1$ . So,

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) \approx \Theta(n^{1.6})$$

## Matrix Multiplication

Strassen's Matrix Multiplication:

$$\begin{bmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_4 - m_5 + m_7 & m_3 + m_5 \\ m_2 + m_4 & m_1 + m_3 - m_2 + m_6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $m_1 = (A_{11} + A_{22})(B_{11} + B_{22})$
- $m_2 = (A_{21} + A_{22})B_{11}$
- $m_3 = A_{11}(B_{12} - B_{22})$
- $m_4 = A_{22}(B_{21} - B_{11})$
- $m_5 = (A_{11} + A_{12})B_{22}$
- $m_6 = (A_{21} - A_{11})(B_{11} + B_{12})$
- $m_7 = (A_{12} - A_{22})(B_{21} + B_{22})$

## Matrix Multiplication

- What is the time complexity?

$$T(n) = 7T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n)$$

Using Master Theorem, we have  $a = 7$ ,  $b = 4$  and  $d = 1$ .

$$\text{So, } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}) \approx \Theta(n^{2.8})$$

- Do you still remember what the time complexity of the brute-force algorithm is?

$$O(n^3)$$



## Summary of Sorting Algorithms

Algorithm	Time	Notes
selection-sort	$O(n^2)$	in-place. slow (good for small inputs)
insertion-sort	$O(n^2)$	in-place. slow (good for small inputs)
quick-sort	expected $O(n \log n)$	in-place, randomized, fastest (good for large inputs)
merge-sort	$O(n \log n)$	sequential data access. fast (good for huge inputs)