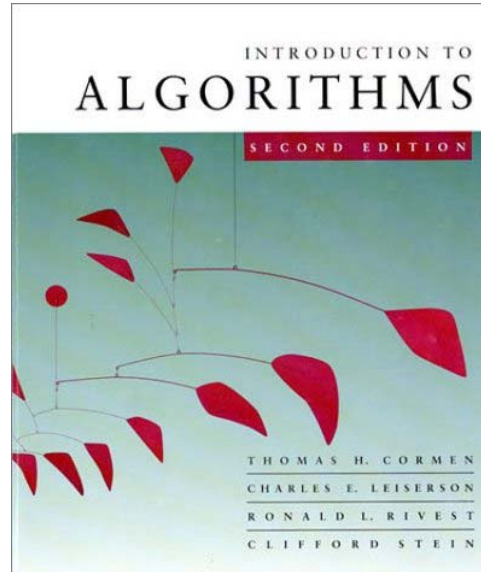


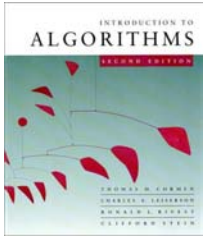
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More Divide & Conquer

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The divide-and-conquer design paradigm

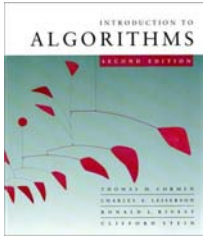
1. *Divide* the problem (instance) into subproblems.

a subproblems, **each** of size n/b

2. *Conquer* the subproblems by solving them recursively.

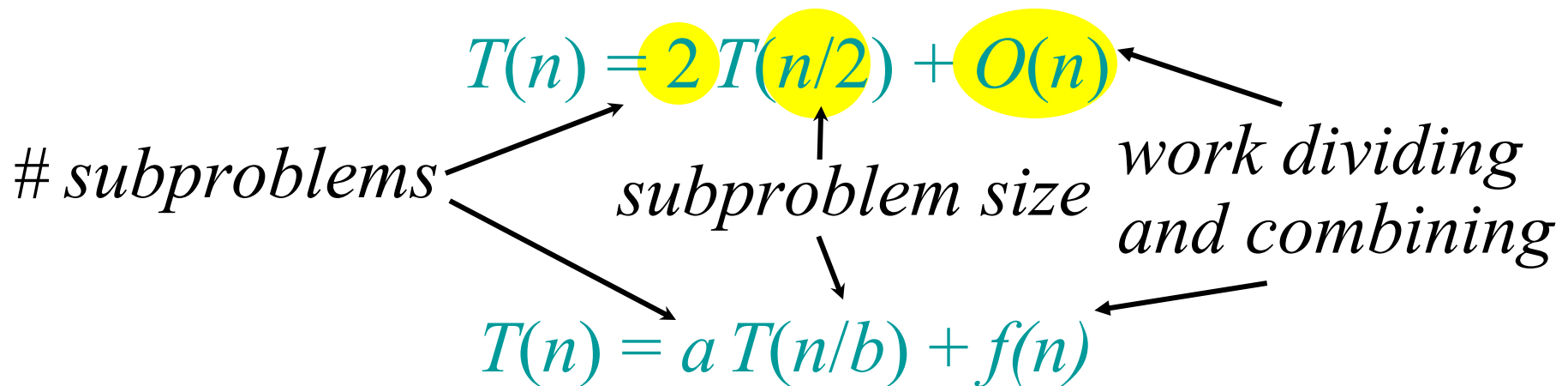
3. *Combine* subproblem solutions.

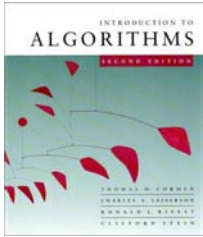
Runtime is $f(n)$



Example: merge sort

- 1. Divide:** Trivial.
- 2. Conquer:** Recursively sort $a=2$ subarrays of size $n/2=n/b$
- 3. Combine:** Linear-time merge, runtime $f(n) \in O(n)$



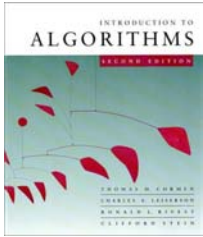


The master method

The master method applies to recurrences of the form

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

where $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$, and f is asymptotically positive.



Three common cases

Compare $f(n)$ with $n^{\log_b a}$:

1. $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$.

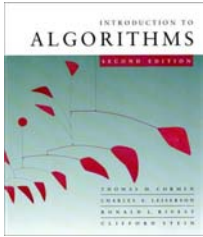
- $f(n)$ grows polynomially slower than $n^{\log_b a}$ (by an n^ε factor).

Solution: $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$.

2. $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$ for some constant $k \geq 0$.

- $f(n)$ and $n^{\log_b a}$ grow at similar rates.

Solution: $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$.



Three common cases (cont.)

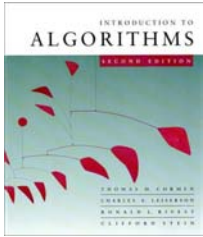
Compare $f(n)$ with $n^{\log_b a}$:

3. $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon})$ for some constant $\varepsilon > 0$.

- $f(n)$ grows polynomially faster than $n^{\log_b a}$ (by an n^ε factor),

and $f(n)$ satisfies the **regularity condition** that $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$ for some constant $c < 1$.

Solution: $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.



Examples

Ex. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \text{sqrt}(n)$

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = \text{sqrt}(n).$$

CASE 1: $f(n) = O(n^{2-\epsilon})$ for $\epsilon = 1.5$.

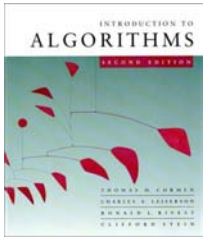
$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2).$$

Ex. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$

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CASE 2: $f(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log^0 n)$, that is, $k = 0$.

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^2 \log n).$$



Examples

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

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^3.$$

CASE 3: $f(n) = \Omega(n^{2 + \epsilon})$ for $\epsilon = 1$

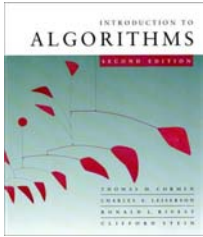
and $4(n/2)^3 \leq cn^3$ (reg. cond.) for $c = 1/2$.

$$\therefore T(n) = \Theta(n^3).$$

Ex. $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2/\log n$

$$a = 4, b = 2 \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} = n^2; f(n) = n^2/\log n.$$

Master method does not apply. In particular, for every constant $\epsilon > 0$, we have $\log n \in o(n^\epsilon)$.



Master theorem (summary)

$$T(n) = a T(n/b) + f(n)$$

CASE 1: $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$

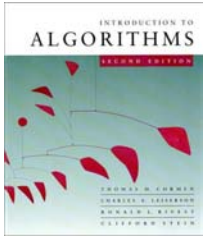
$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) .$$

CASE 2: $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n) .$$

CASE 3: $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ and $a f(n/b) \leq c f(n)$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) .$$



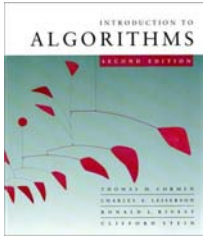
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$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 2} = n^1 = n \Rightarrow \text{CASE 2 } (k = 0)$$
$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \log n) .$$

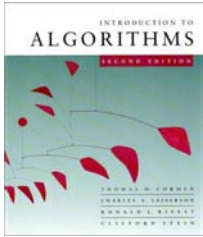


Recurrence for binary search

$$T(n) = 1T(n/2) + \Theta(1)$$

subproblems *subproblem size* *work dividing and combining*

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 1} = n^0 = 1 \Rightarrow \text{CASE 2 } (k = 0)$$
$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(\log n) .$$



Powering a number

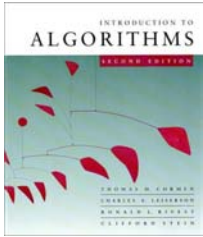
Problem: Compute a^n , where $n \in \mathbf{N}$.

Naive algorithm: $\Theta(n)$.

Divide-and-conquer algorithm: (recursive squaring)

$$a^n = \begin{cases} a^{n/2} \cdot a^{n/2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even;} \\ a^{(n-1)/2} \cdot a^{(n-1)/2} \cdot a & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(1) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(\log n) .$$



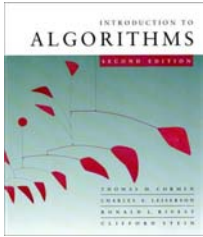
Fibonacci numbers

Recursive definition:

$$F_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0; \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1; \\ F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} & \text{if } n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 Λ

Naive recursive algorithm: $\Omega(\phi^n)$
(exponential time), where $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$
is the *golden ratio*.



Computing Fibonacci numbers

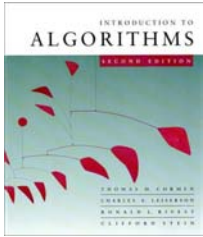
Naive recursive squaring:

$F_n = \phi^n / \sqrt{5}$ rounded to the nearest integer.

- Recursive squaring: $\Theta(\log n)$ time.
- This method is unreliable, since floating-point arithmetic is prone to round-off errors.

Bottom-up (one-dimensional dynamic programming):

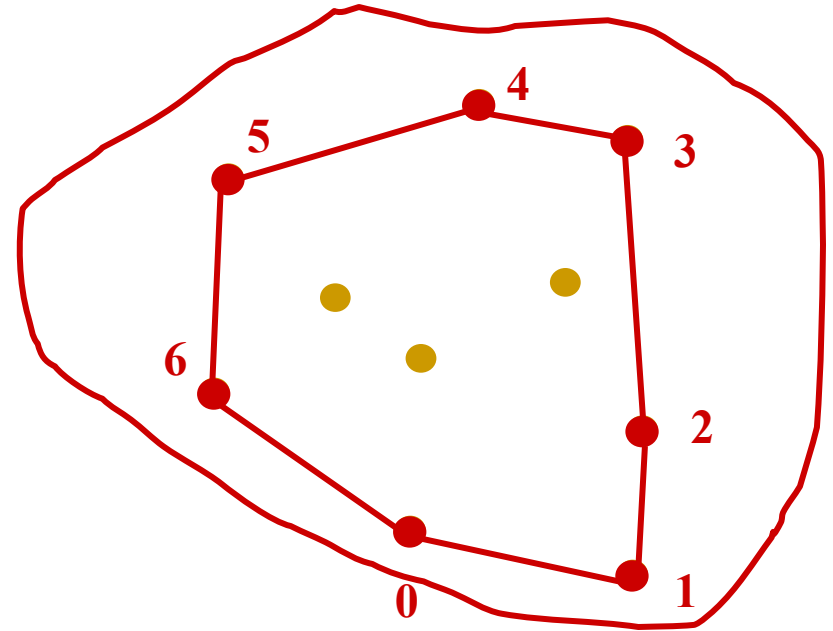
- Compute $F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$ in order, forming each number by summing the two previous.
- Running time: $\Theta(n)$.

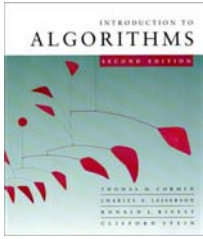


Convex Hull

- Given a set of pins on a pinboard
- And a rubber band around them
- How does the rubber band look when it snaps tight?

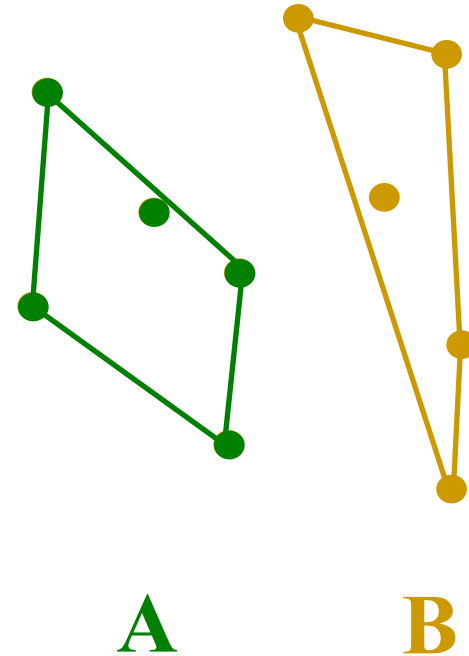
- We represent convex hull as the sequence of points on the convex hull polygon, in counter-clockwise order.

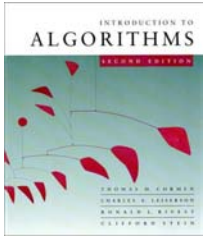




Convex Hull: Divide & Conquer

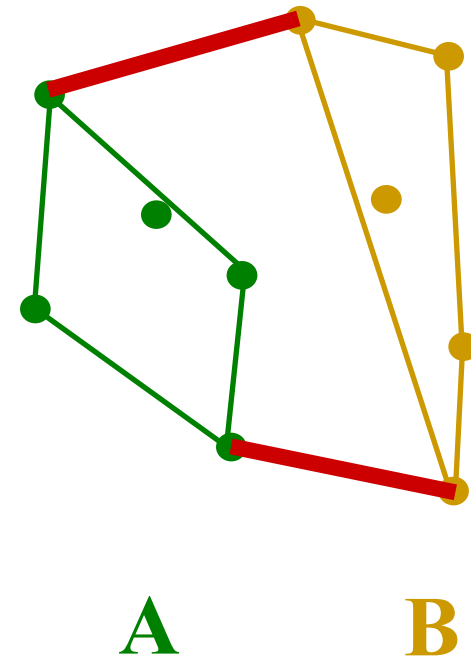
- Preprocessing: sort the points by x-coordinate
- Divide the set of points into two sets **A** and **B**:
 - **A** contains the left $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ points,
 - **B** contains the right $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ points
- Recursively compute the convex hull of **A**
- Recursively compute the convex hull of **B**
- Merge the two convex hulls

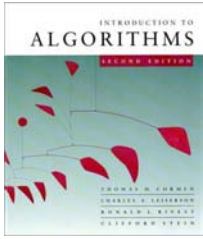




Merging

- **Find upper and lower tangent**
- With those tangents the convex hull of $A \cup B$ can be computed from the convex hulls of A and the convex hull of B in $O(n)$ linear time





Finding the lower tangent

a = rightmost point of A

b = leftmost point of B

while $T=ab$ not lower tangent to both convex hulls of A and B do {

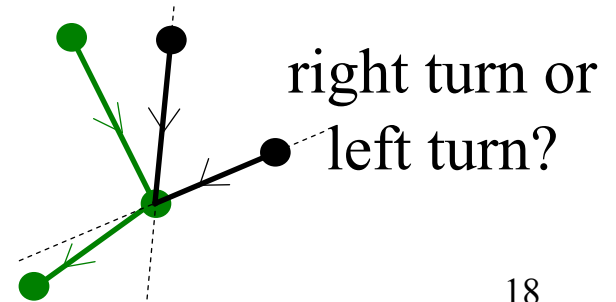
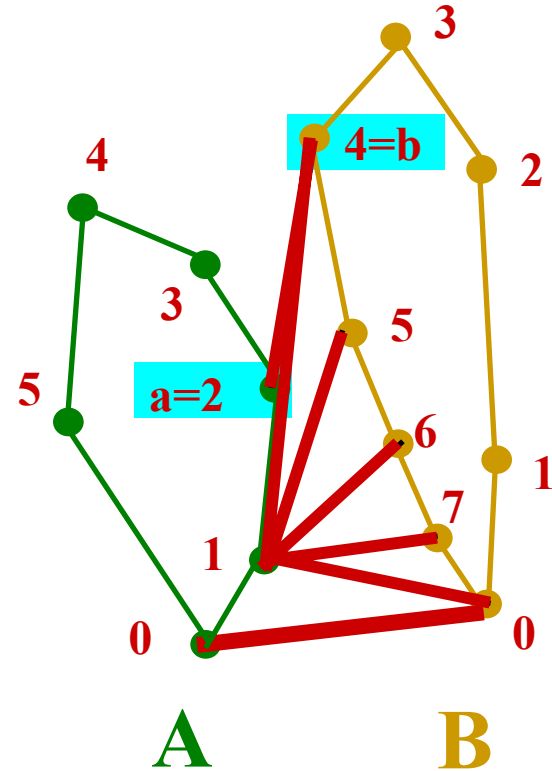
while T not lower tangent to convex hull of A do {

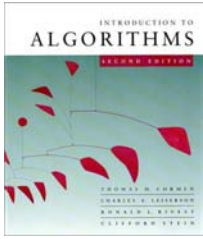
$a=a-1$

} while T not lower tangent to convex hull of B do {

$b=b+1$

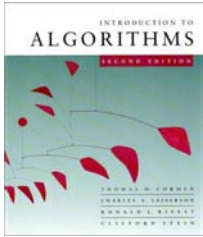
can be checked in constant time





Convex Hull: Runtime

- Preprocessing: sort the points by x-coordinate $O(n \log n)$ just once
- Divide the set of points into two sets **A** and **B**:
 - **A** contains the left $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ points,
 - **B** contains the right $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ points $O(1)$
- Recursively compute the convex hull of **A** $T(n/2)$
- Recursively compute the convex hull of **B** $T(n/2)$
- Merge the two convex hulls $O(n)$

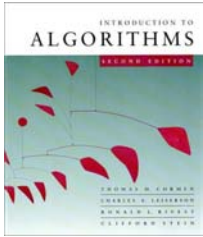


Convex Hull: Runtime

- Runtime Recurrence:

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

- Solves to $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$

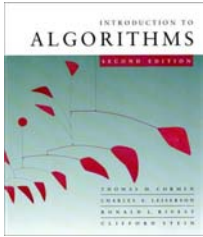


Matrix multiplication

Input: $A = [a_{ij}], B = [b_{ij}].$ } $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$
Output: $C = [c_{ij}] = A \cdot B.$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & c_{12} & \Lambda & c_{1n} \\ c_{21} & c_{22} & \Lambda & c_{2n} \\ \text{M} & \text{M} & \text{O} & \text{M} \\ c_{n1} & c_{n2} & \Lambda & c_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \Lambda & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \Lambda & a_{2n} \\ \text{M} & \text{M} & \text{O} & \text{M} \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \Lambda & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} & \Lambda & b_{1n} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \Lambda & b_{2n} \\ \text{M} & \text{M} & \text{O} & \text{M} \\ b_{n1} & b_{n2} & \Lambda & b_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

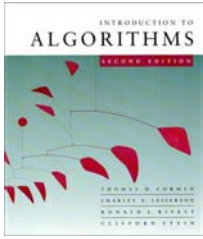
$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$



Standard algorithm

```
for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
  do for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
    do  $c_{ij} \leftarrow 0$ 
      for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
        do  $c_{ij} \leftarrow c_{ij} + a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$ 
```

Running time = $\Theta(n^3)$



Divide-and-conquer algorithm

IDEA:

$n \times n$ matrix = 2×2 matrix of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices:

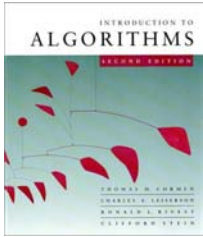
$$\begin{bmatrix} r & s \\ t & u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e & f \\ g & h \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = A \cdot B$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} r &= a \cdot e + b \cdot g \\ s &= a \cdot f + b \cdot h \\ t &= c \cdot e + d \cdot h \\ u &= c \cdot f + d \cdot g \end{aligned} \right\}$$

8 recursive mults of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices

4 adds of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices



Analysis of D&C algorithm

$$T(n) = 8 T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

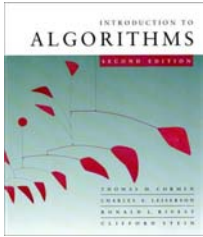
submatrices

submatrix size

work adding
submatrices

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 8} = n^3 \Rightarrow \text{CASE 1} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^3).$$

No better than the ordinary algorithm.



Strassen's idea

- Multiply 2×2 matrices with only **7 recursive mults.**

$$P_1 = a \cdot (f - h)$$

$$P_2 = (a + b) \cdot h$$

$$P_3 = (c + d) \cdot e$$

$$P_4 = d \cdot (g - e)$$

$$P_5 = (a + d) \cdot (e + h)$$

$$P_6 = (b - d) \cdot (g + h)$$

$$P_7 = (a - c) \cdot (e + f)$$

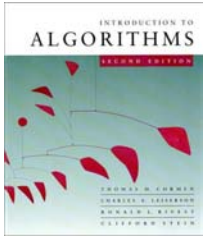
$$r = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$s = P_1 + P_2$$

$$t = P_3 + P_4$$

$$u = P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7$$

7 mults, 18 adds/subs.
Note: No reliance on commutativity of mult!



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$$P_7 = (a - c) \cdot (e + f)$$

$$r = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6$$

$$= (a + d)(e + h)$$

$$+ d(g - e) - (a + b)h$$

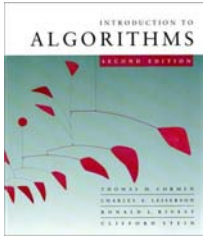
$$+ (b - d)(g + h)$$

$$= ae + ah + de + dh$$

$$+ dg - de - ah - bh$$

$$+ bg + bh - dg - dh$$

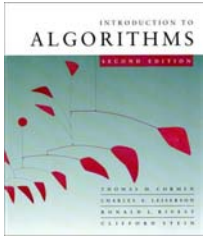
$$= ae + bg$$



Strassen's algorithm

- 1. *Divide*:** Partition A and B into $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices. Form P -terms to be multiplied using $+$ and $-$.
- 2. *Conquer*:** Perform 7 multiplications of $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices recursively.
- 3. *Combine*:** Form C using $+$ and $-$ on $(n/2) \times (n/2)$ submatrices.

$$T(n) = 7 T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$



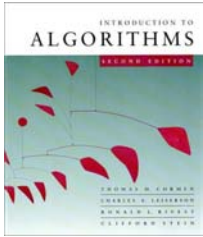
Analysis of Strassen

$$T(n) = 7 T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 7} \approx n^{2.81} \Rightarrow \text{CASE 1} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log 7}).$$

The number **2.81** may not seem much smaller than **3**, but because the difference is in the exponent, the impact on running time is significant. In fact, Strassen's algorithm beats the ordinary algorithm on today's machines for $n \geq 30$ or so.

Best to date (of theoretical interest only): $\Theta(n^{2.376\Lambda})$.



Conclusion

- Divide and conquer is just one of several powerful techniques for algorithm design.
- Divide-and-conquer algorithms can be analyzed using recurrences and the master method (so practice this math).
- Can lead to more efficient algorithms