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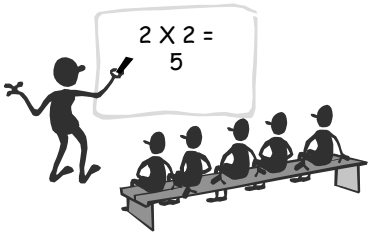
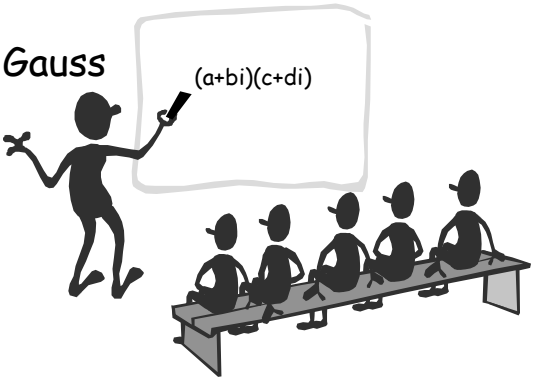
Grade School Revisited: How To Multiply Two Numbers





Gauss' Complex Puzzle

Remember how to multiply two complex numbers a + bi and c + di?

(a+bi)(c+di) = [ac –bd] + [ad + bc] i

Input: a,b,c,d
Output: ac-bd, ad+bc

If multiplying two real numbers costs $1 and adding them costs a penny, what is the cheapest way to obtain the output from the input?

Can you do better than $4.02?

Gauss' $3.05 Method

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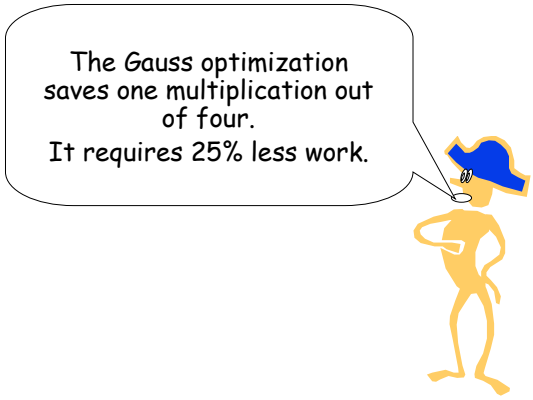
c	$X_1 = a + b$	
c	$X_2 = c + d$	
$	$X_3 = X_1 X_2$	$= ac + ad + bc + bd$
$	$X_4 = ac$	
$	$X_5 = bd$	
c	$X_6 = X_4 - X_5$	$= ac - bd$
cc	$X_7 = X_3 - X_4 - X_5$	$= bc + ad$



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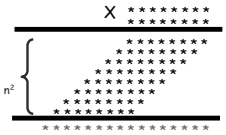
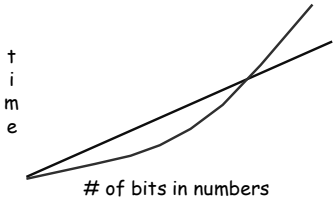


T(n) = The amount of time grade school multiplication uses to add two n-bit numbers

We saw that T(n) was quadratic.

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

Grade School Addition: Linear time
Grade School Multiplication: Quadratic time



No matter how dramatic the difference in the constants the quadratic curve will eventually dominate the linear curve

Grade school addition is linear time.

Is there a sub-linear time method for addition?

Any addition algorithm takes $\Omega(n)$ time

Claim: Any algorithm for addition must read all of the input bits

Proof: Suppose there is a mystery algorithm A that does not examine each bit

Give A a pair of numbers. There must be some unexamined bit position i in one of the numbers

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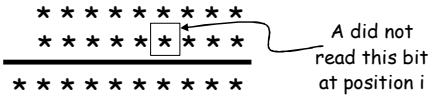


- If A is not correct on the inputs, we found a bug
- If A is correct, flip the bit at position i and give A the new pair of numbers. A gives the same answer as before, which is now wrong.

So any algorithm for addition must use time at least linear in the size of the numbers.

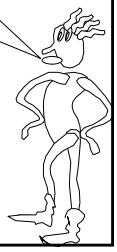
Grade school addition can't be improved upon by more than a constant factor.

Grade School Addition: $\Theta(n)$ time
Furthermore, it is optimal

Grade School Multiplication: $\Theta(n^2)$ time

Is there a clever algorithm to multiply two numbers in <u>linear</u> time?

Despite years of research, no one knows! If you resolve this question, Carnegie Mellon will give you a PhD!



Can we even break the quadratic time barrier?

In other words, can we do something very different than grade school multiplication?

Grade School Multiplication: The Kissing Intuition

Intuition:
Let's say that each time an algorithm has to multiply a digit from one number with a digit from the other number, we call that a "kiss".

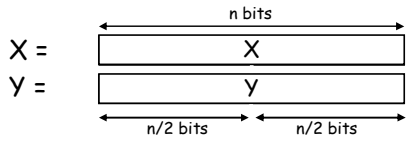
It seems as if any correct algorithm must kiss at least n^2 times.

Divide And Conquer

An approach to faster algorithms:

1. DIVIDE a problem into smaller subproblems
2. CONQUER them recursively
3. GLUE the answers together so as to obtain the answer to the larger problem

Multiplication of 2 n-bit numbers



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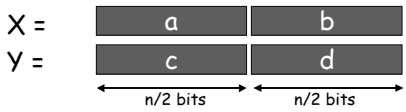

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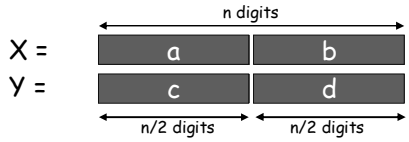
Same thing for numbers in decimal!



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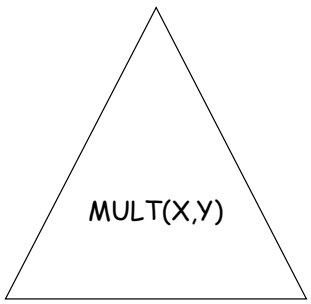

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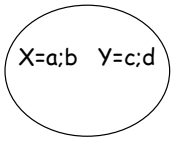

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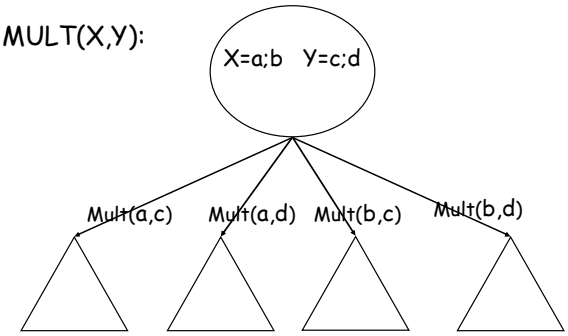

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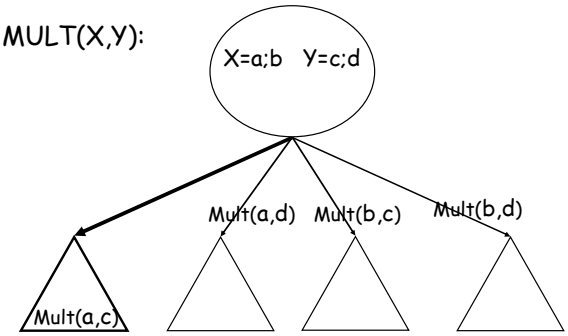

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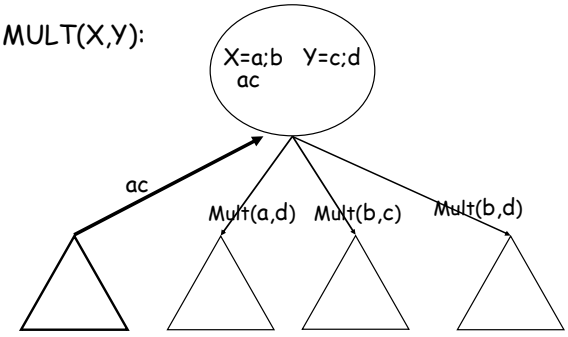

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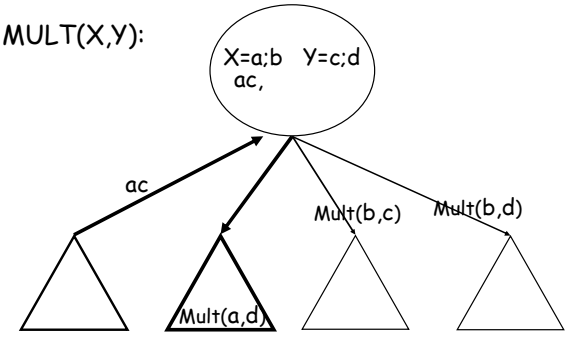

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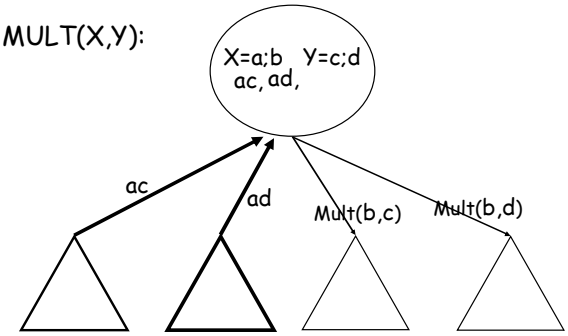

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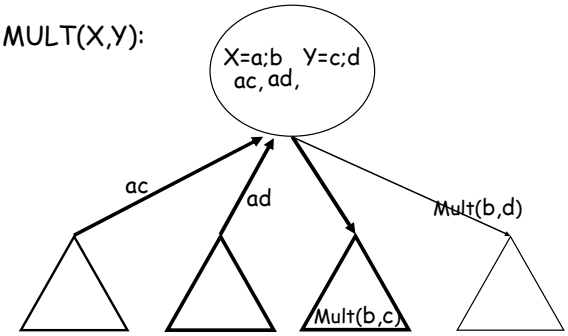

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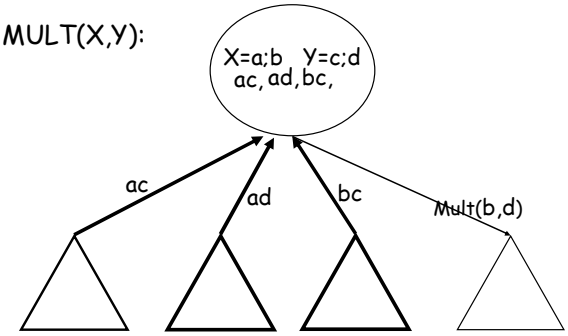

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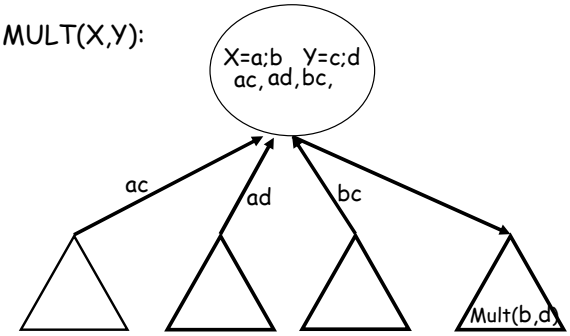

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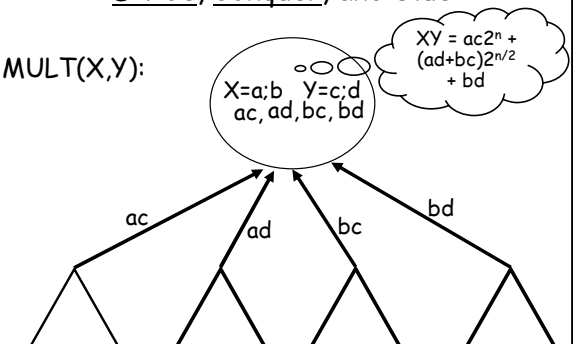
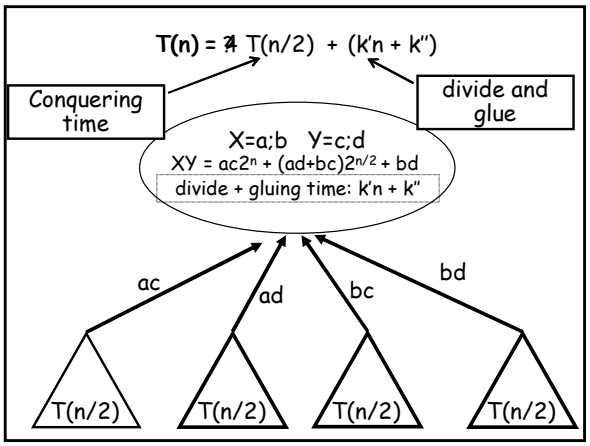


Time required by MULT

T(n) = time taken by MULT on two n-bit numbers

What is T(n)? What is its growth rate?
Big Question: Is it $\Theta(n^2)$?



Recurrence Relation

$T(1) = k$ for some constant k

$T(n) = 4\ T(n/2) + k'n + k''$ for constants k' and k''

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(Notice that T(n) is inductively defined only for positive powers of 2.)

What is the growth rate of T(n)?

Technique 1: Guess and Verify

Guess: $G(n) = 2n^2 - n$

Verify: $G(1) = 1$ and $G(n) = 4\ G(n/2) + n$

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\begin{aligned}
& 4\,[2(n/2)^2 - n/2] + n \\
= \quad & 2n^2 - 2n + n \\
= \quad & 2n^2 - n \\
= \quad & G(n)
\end{aligned}
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Similarly: $T(1) = 1$ and $T(n) = 4\ T(n/2) + n$

So $T(n) = G(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

Technique 2: Guess Form and Calculate Coefficients

Guess: $T(n) = an^2 + bn + c$ for some a,b,c

Calculate: $T(1) = 1 \Rightarrow a + b + c = 1$

$$T(n) = 4\,T(n/2) + n$$

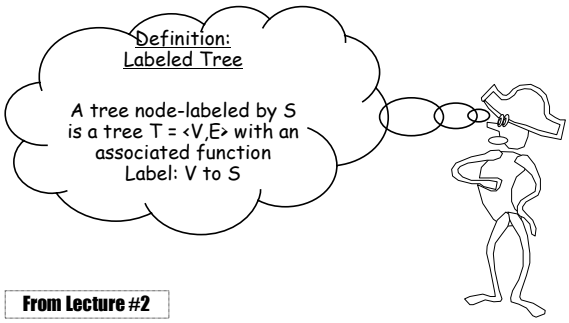
$$\Rightarrow\ an^2 + bn + c = 4\,[a(n/2)^2 + b(n/2) + c] + n$$

$$= an^2 + 2bn + 4c + n$$

$$\Rightarrow\ (b+1)n + 3c = 0$$

Therefore: b=-1 c=0 a=2

Technique 3: Labeled Tree Representation



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Technique 3: Labeled Tree Representation

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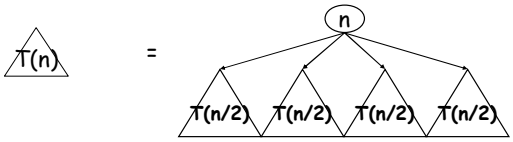

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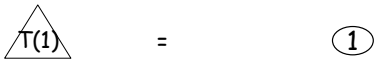

Node labels: time <u>not</u> spent conquering

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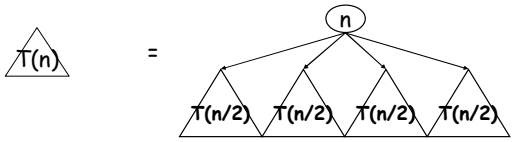

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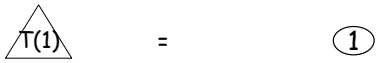

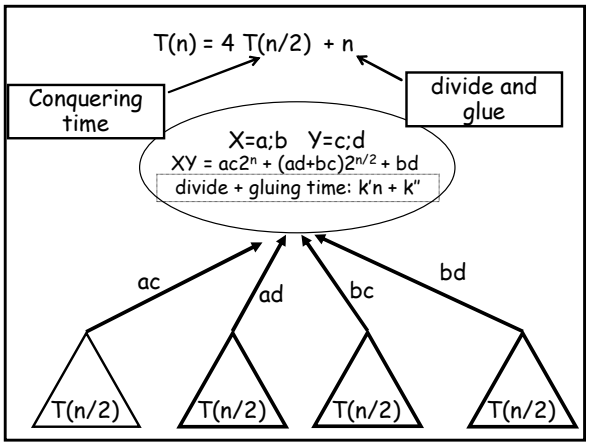

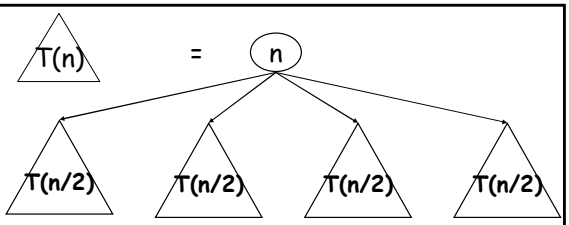

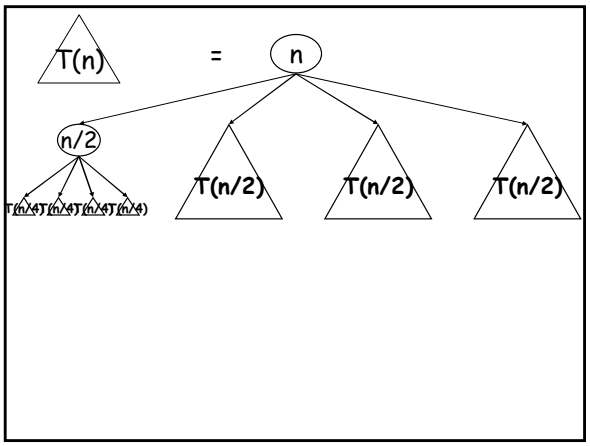

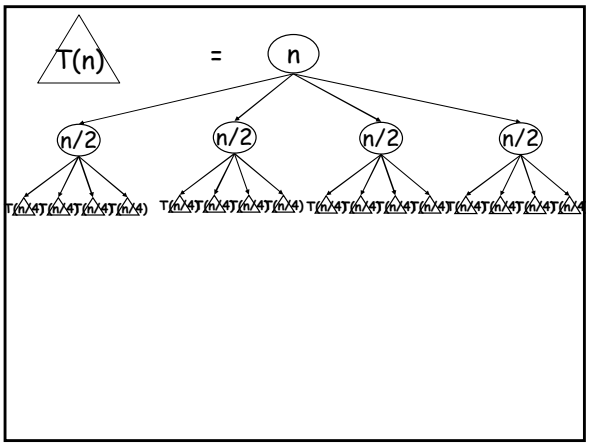

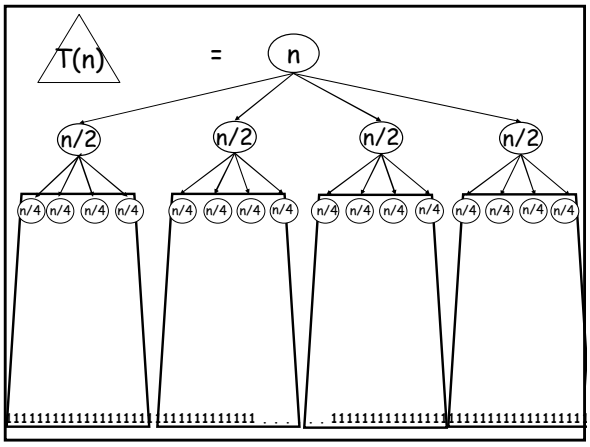

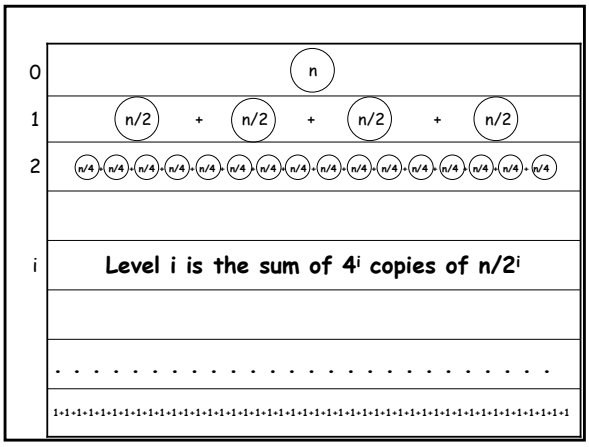

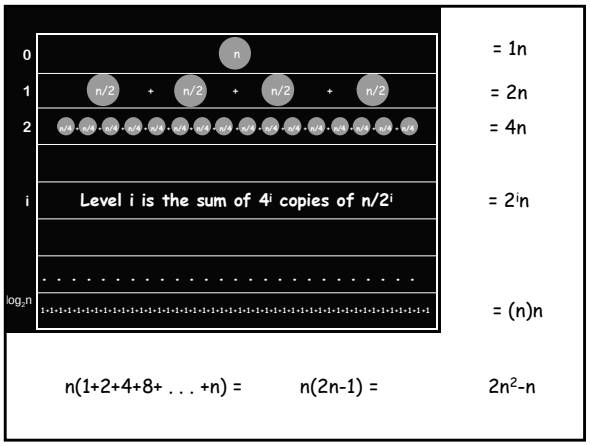

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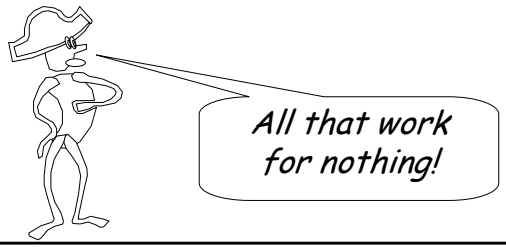

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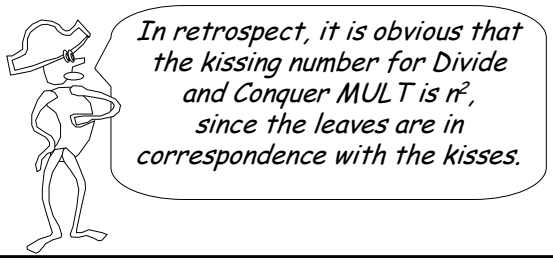

MULT revisited

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MULT(X,Y):
If |X| = |Y| = 1 then return XY
break X into a;b and Y into c;d
return
  MULT(a,c) 2^n + (MULT(a,d) + MULT(b,c)) 2^(n/2) + MULT(b,d)
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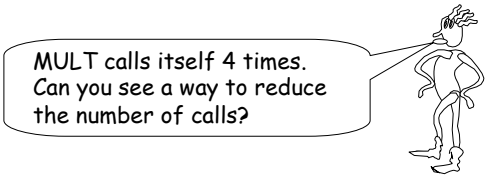

Gauss' optimization

Input: a,b,c,d
Output: ac-bd, ad+bc

(a+bi)(c+di) =
[ac –bd] + [ad + bc] i

$X_1 = a + b$
$X_2 = c + d$
$X_3 = X_1 X_2 \quad = ac + ad + bc + bd$
$X_4 = ac$
$X_5 = bd$
$X_6 = X_4 - X_5 \quad = ac-bd$
$X_7 = X_3 - X_4 - X_5 = bc + ad$

Karatsuba, Anatolii Alexeevich (1937-)

Sometime in the late 1950's Karatsuba had formulated the first algorithm to break the kissing barrier!

Gaussified MULT (Karatsuba 1962)

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MULT(X,Y):
If |X| = |Y| = 1 then return XY
break X into a;b and Y into c;d
e = MULT(a,c)  and f = MULT(b,d)
return
  e 2^n + (MULT(a+b,c+d) – e - f) 2^(n/2) + f
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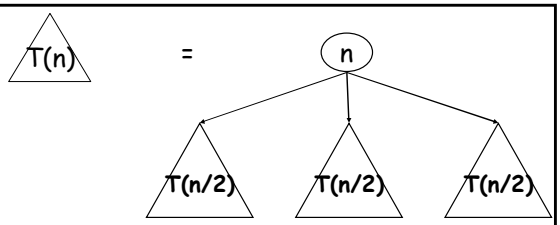
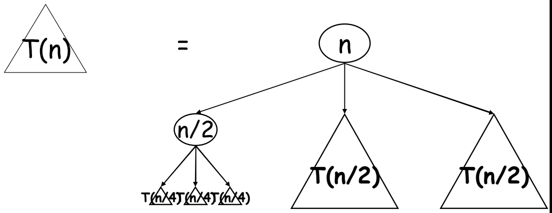
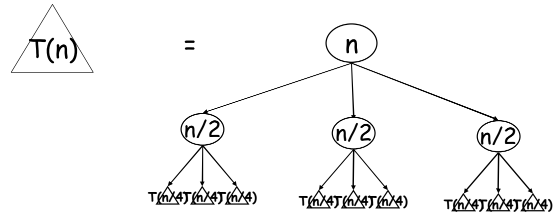
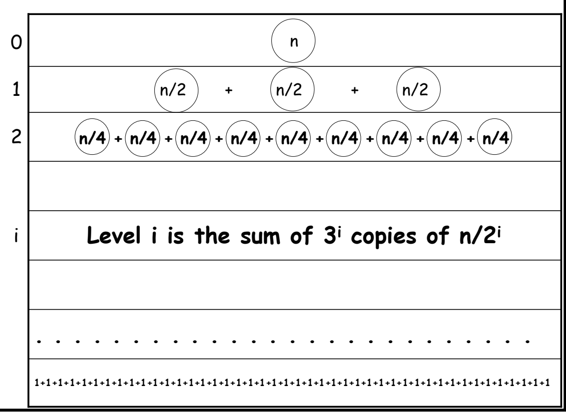
$T(n) = 3\ T(n/2) + n$

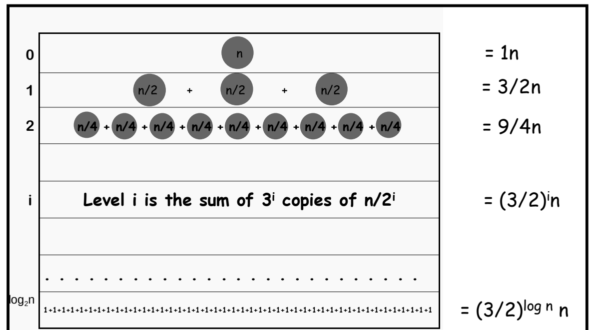
Actually: $T(n) = 2\ T(n/2) + T(n/2 + 1) + kn$





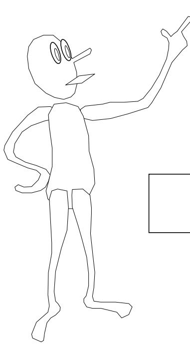






$$n(1+3/2+(3/2)^2+ . . . + (3/2)^{\log_2 n}) = 3n^{1.58...} - 2n$$

$$1 + X^1 + X^2 + X^3 + \ldots + X^{n-1} + X^n = \frac{X^{n+1} - 1}{X - 1}$$



The Geometric Series

Substituting into our formula….

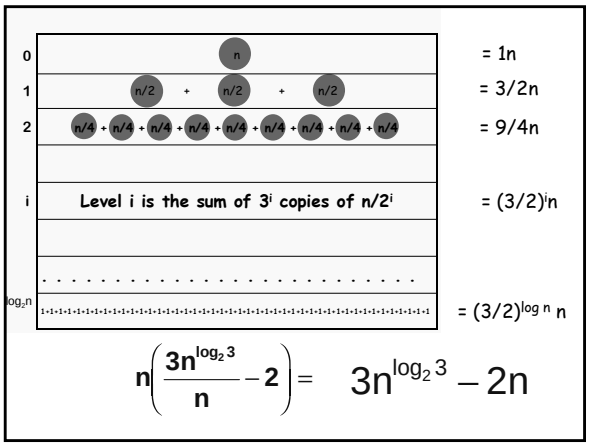
$$1 + X^1 + X^2 + X^3 + \ldots + X^{k-1} + X^k = \frac{X^{k+1} - 1}{X - 1}$$

We have: $X = 3/2$ $k = \log_2 n$

$$\frac{(3/2) \times (3/2)^{\log_2 n} - 1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 3 \times (3^{\log_2 n}/2^{\log_2 n}) - 2$$

$$= 3 \times (3^{\log_2 n}/n) - 2$$

$$= \frac{3\, n^{(\log_2 3)}}{n} - 2$$

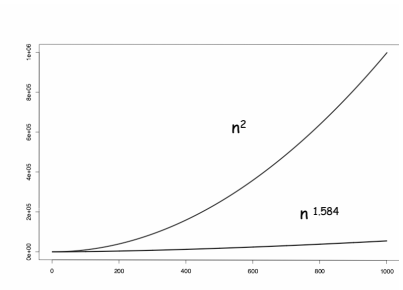


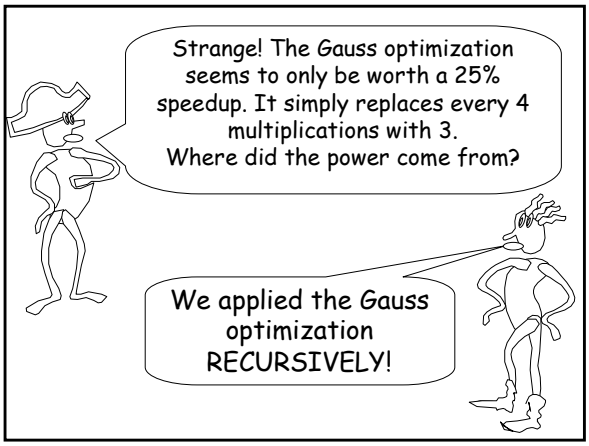
$$n\left(\frac{3n^{\log_2 3}}{n} - 2\right) = 3n^{\log_2 3} - 2n$$

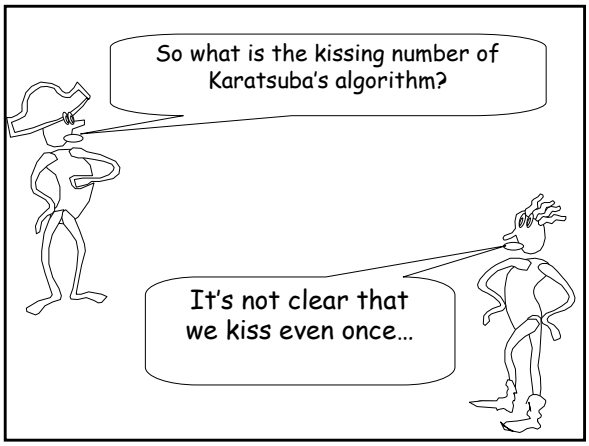
Dramatic improvement for large n

$T(n) = 3n^{\log_2 3} - 2n$
$= \Theta(n^{\log_2 3})$
$= \Theta(n^{1.58\ldots})$

A huge savings over $\Theta(n^2)$ when n gets large.







Mystery MULT

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Mys-MULT(X,Y):
If |Y| = 1 then return X × Y
break Y into c;d where |d| = 1
return
  2[ Mys-MULT(X,c) ] + Mys-MULT(X, d)
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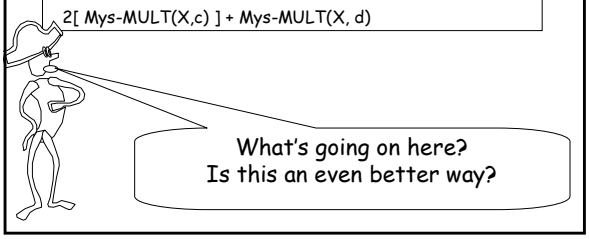
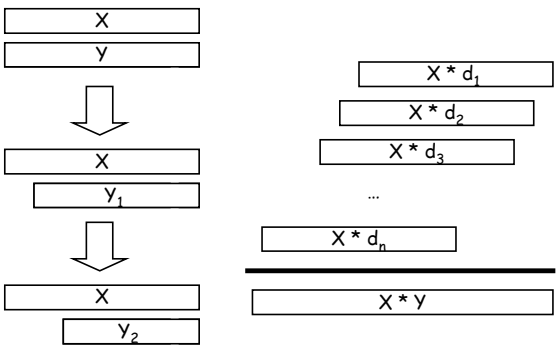
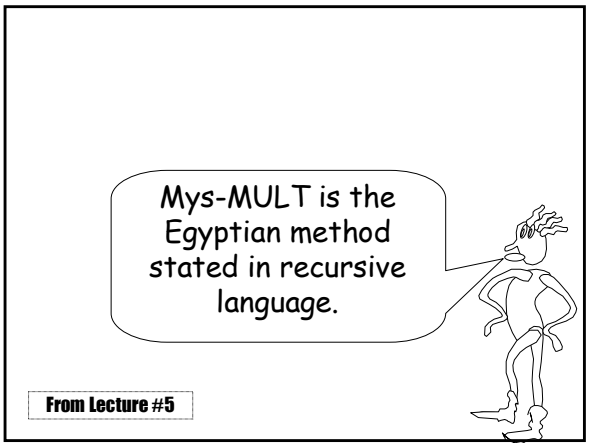
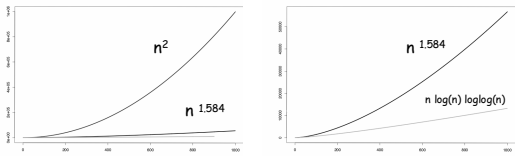






Multiplication Algorithms

Kindergarten	$n2^n$
Grade School	n^2
Karatsuba	$n^{1.58\ldots}$
Fastest Known	n logn loglogn



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