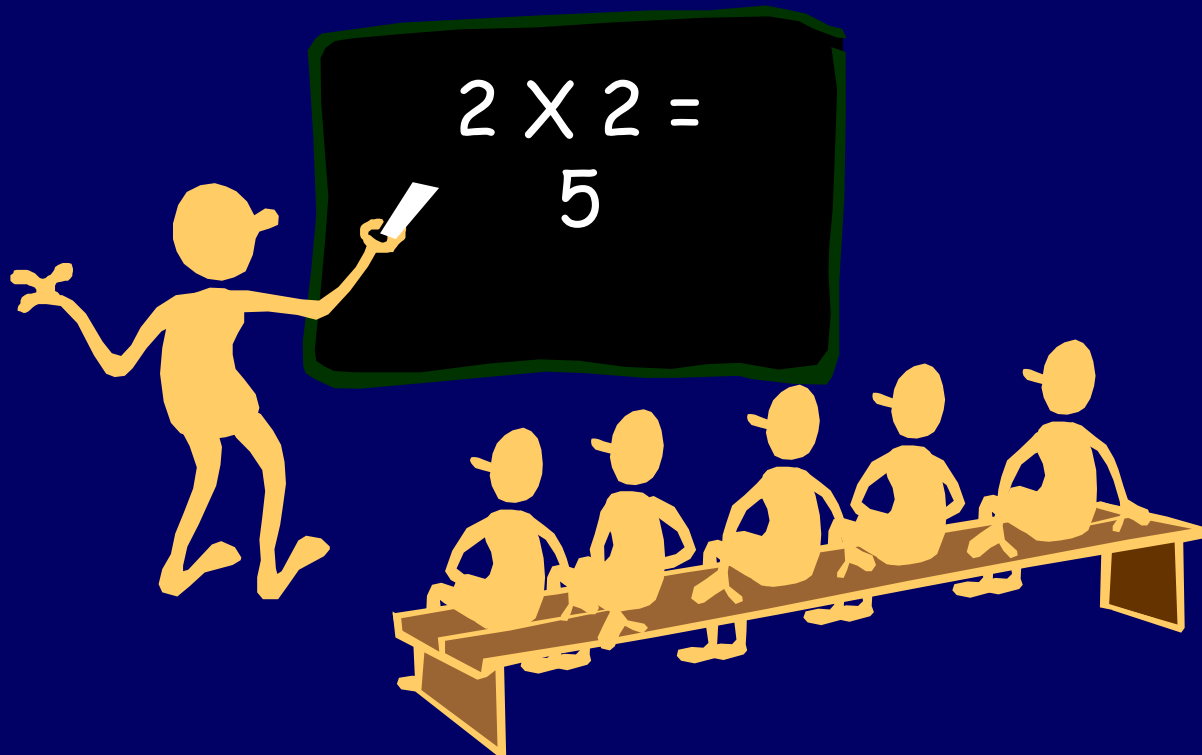
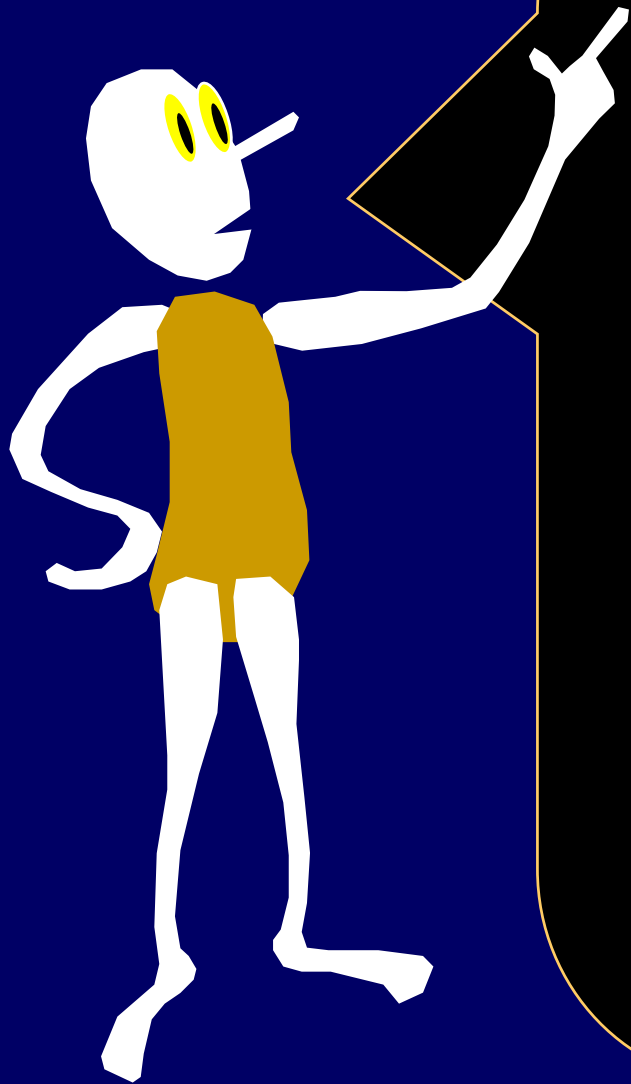


# Grade School Revisited: How To Multiply Two Numbers

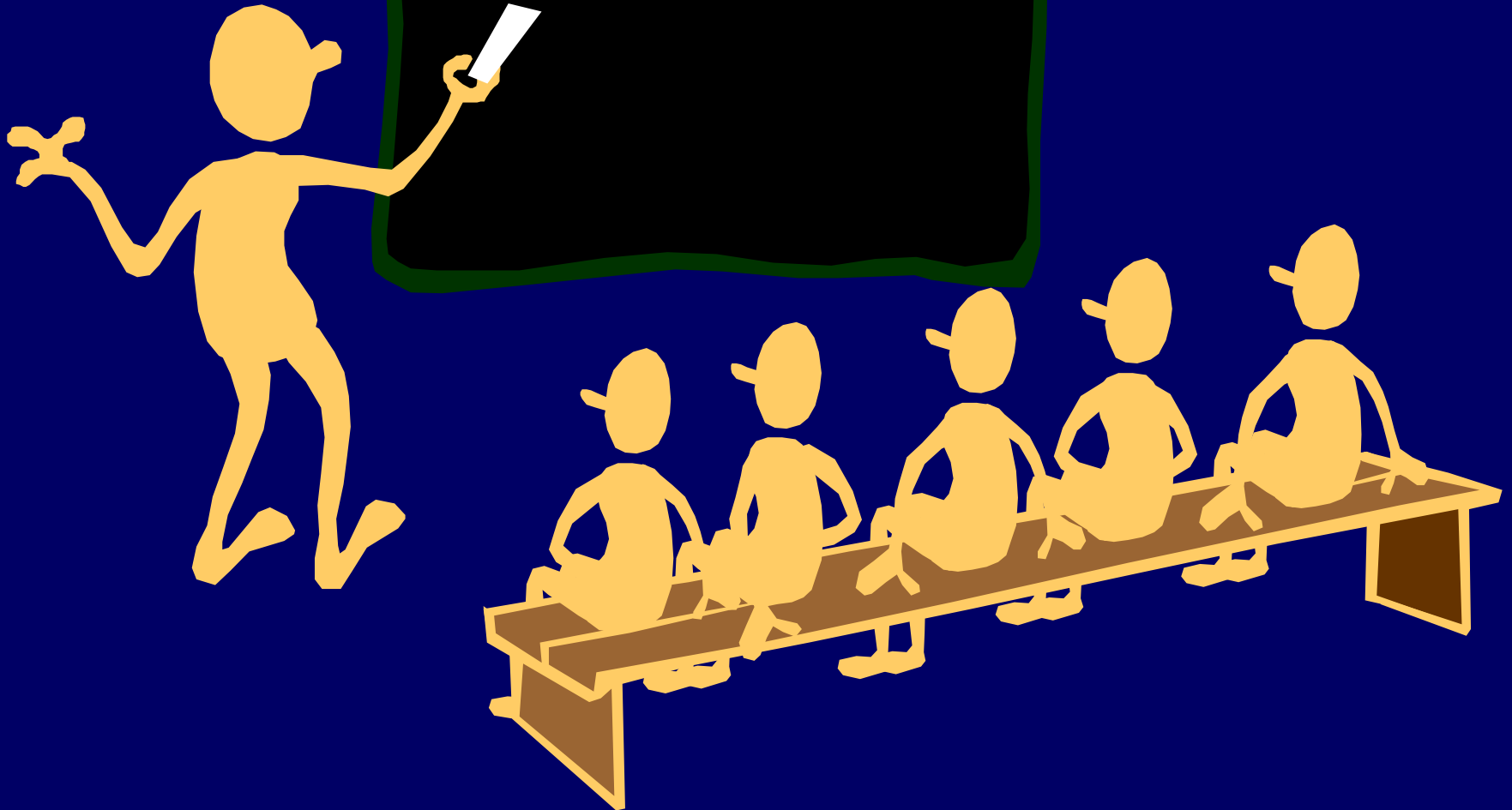




The best way is  
often far from  
obvious!

Gauss

$$(a+bi)(c+di)$$



# 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

Input:  $a, b, c, d$

Output:  $ac - bd, ad + bc$

$$(a+bi)(c+di) = [ac - bd] + [ad + bc] i$$

$$c \quad X_1 = a + b$$

$$c \quad X_2 = c + d$$

$$\text{\$} \quad X_3 = X_1 X_2 = ac + ad + bc + bd$$

$$\text{\$} \quad X_4 = ac$$

$$\text{\$} \quad X_5 = bd$$

$$c \quad X_6 = X_4 - X_5 = ac - bd$$

$$cc \quad X_7 = X_3 - X_4 - X_5 = bc + ad$$

The Gauss optimization  
saves one multiplication out  
of four.  
It requires 25% less work.



# Time complexity of grade school addition



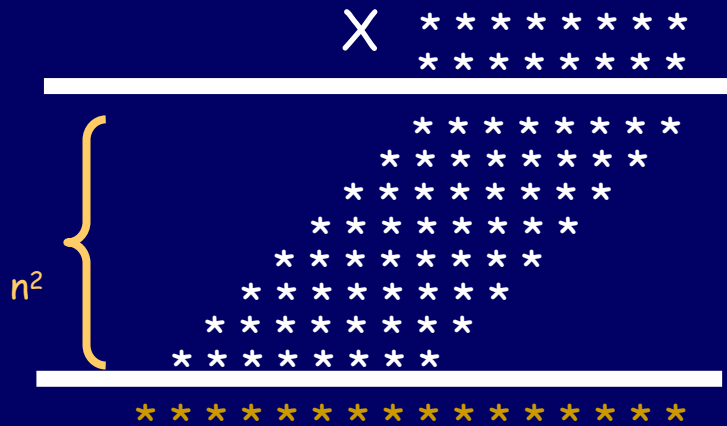
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We saw that  $T(n)$  was linear.

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

# Time complexity of grade school multiplication



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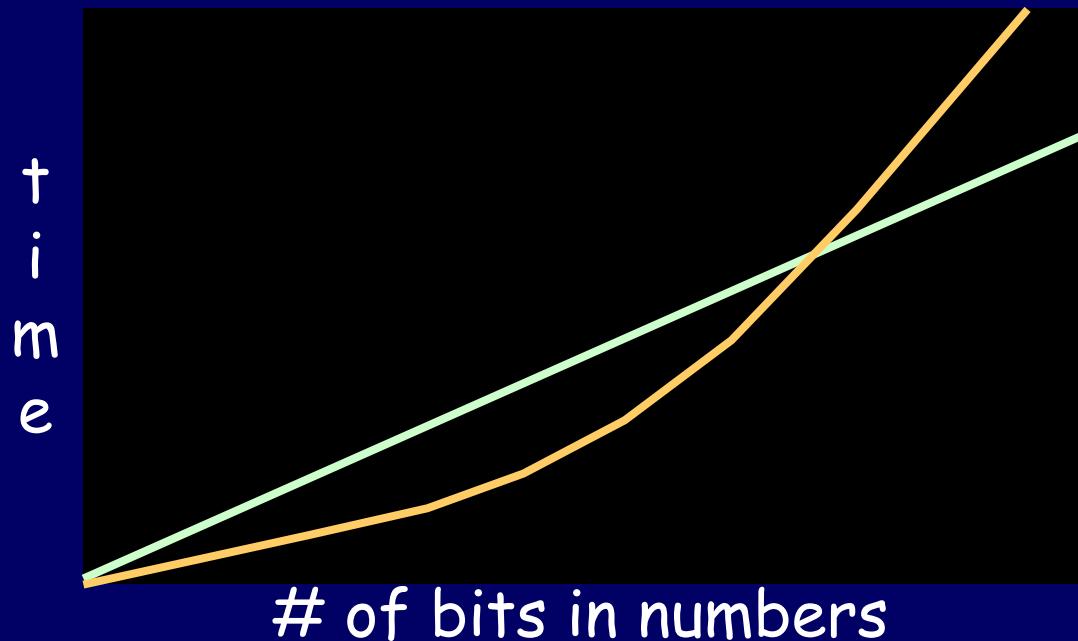


We saw that  $T(n)$  was quadratic.

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



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?



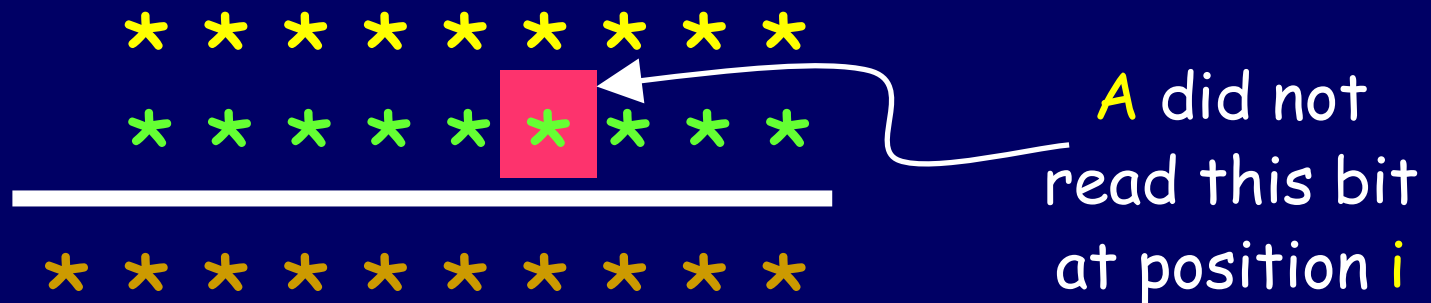
Any addition algorithm takes  $\Omega(n)$  time

**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

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



- 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



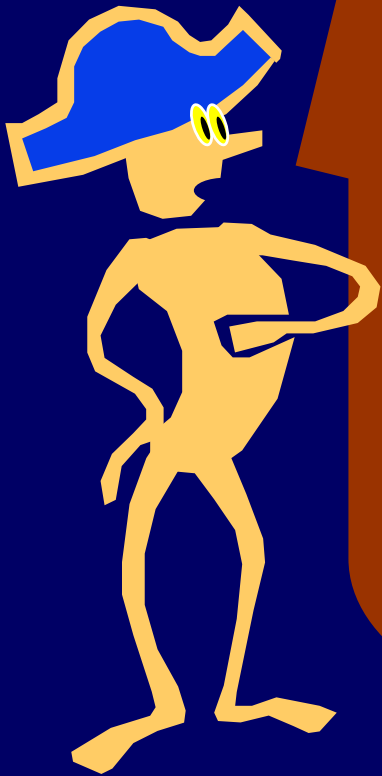
Is there a clever  
algorithm to multiply two  
numbers in linear time?

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



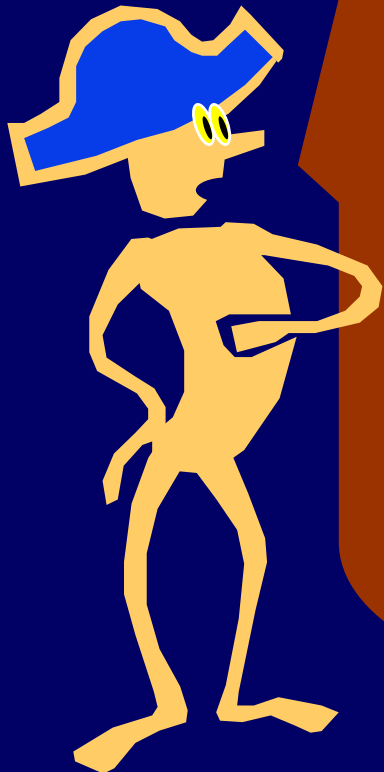
Can we even break the quadratic time barrier?

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".

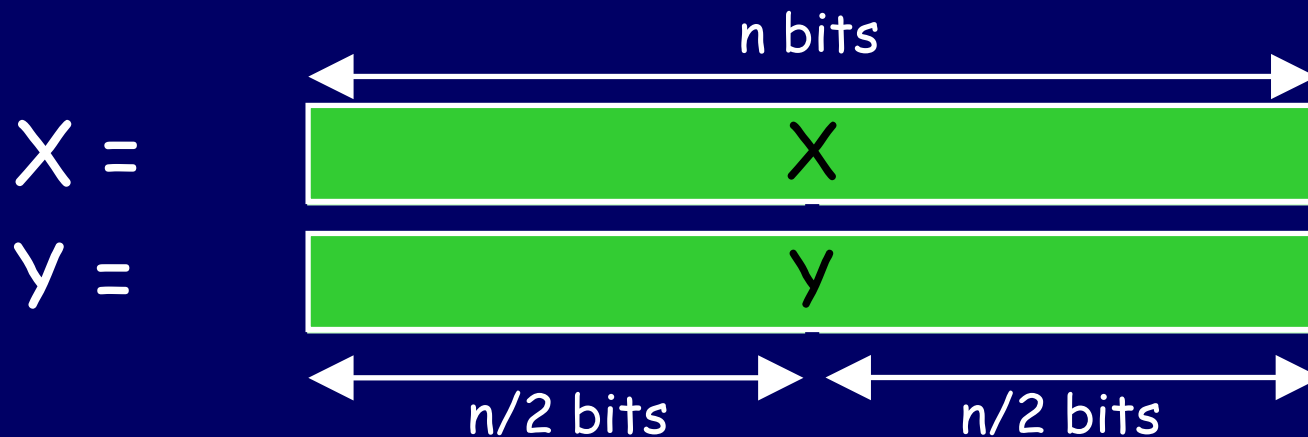
It seems as if any correct algorithm must kiss at least  $n^2$  times.

# 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

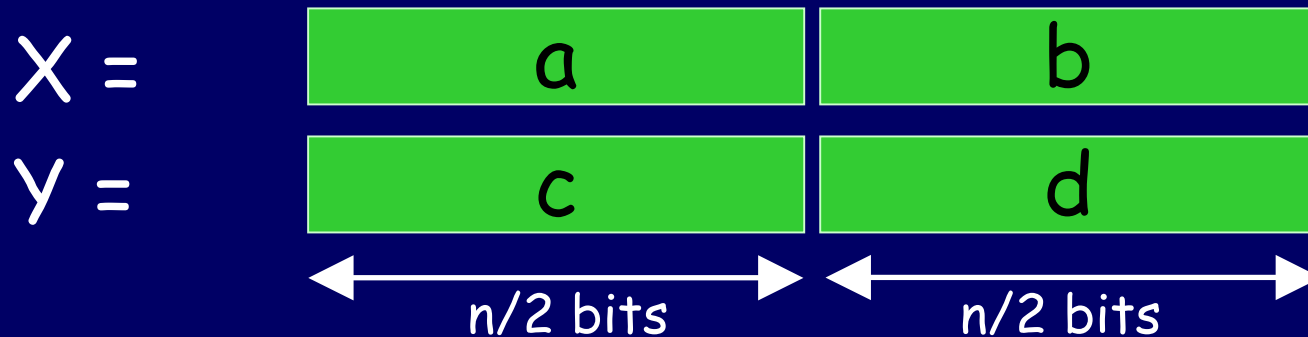
# Multiplication of 2 n-bit numbers



$$X = a 2^{n/2} + b \quad Y = c 2^{n/2} + d$$

$$X \times Y = ac 2^n + (ad + bc) 2^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplication of 2 n-bit numbers



$$X \times Y = ac 2^n + (ad + bc) 2^{n/2} + bd$$

## MULT(X,Y):

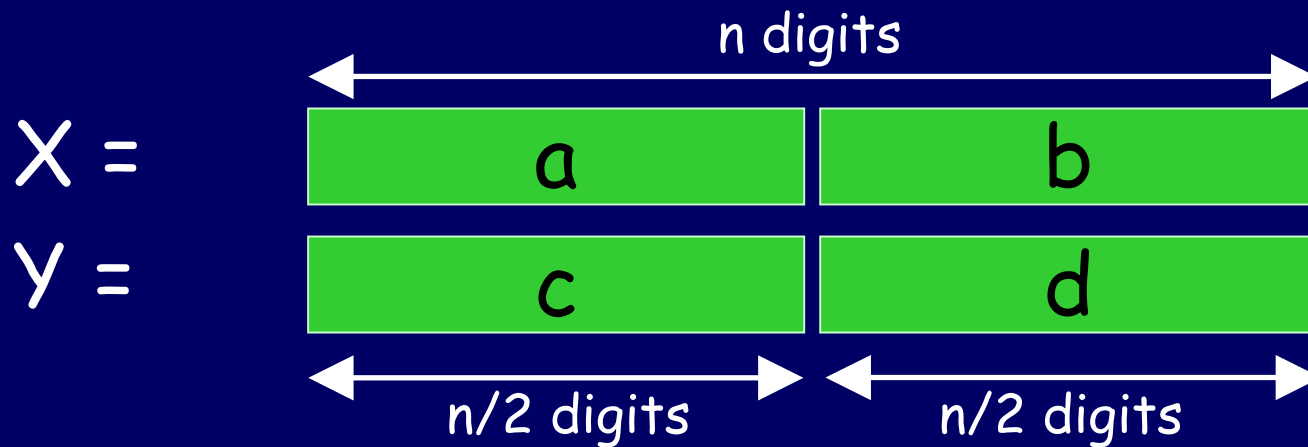
If  $|X| = |Y| = 1$  then return  $XY$

break  $X$  into  $a;b$  and  $Y$  into  $c;d$

return

$$\text{MULT}(a,c) 2^n + (\text{MULT}(a,d) + \text{MULT}(b,c)) 2^{n/2} + \text{MULT}(b,d)$$

Same thing for numbers in decimal!



$$X = a 10^{n/2} + b \quad Y = c 10^{n/2} + d$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

12345678 \* 21394276

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$1234\boxed{5678} * \boxed{2139}4276$$

$$1234*2139$$

$$1234*4276$$

$$\boxed{5678*2139}$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$1234\boxed{5678} * 2139\boxed{4276}$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

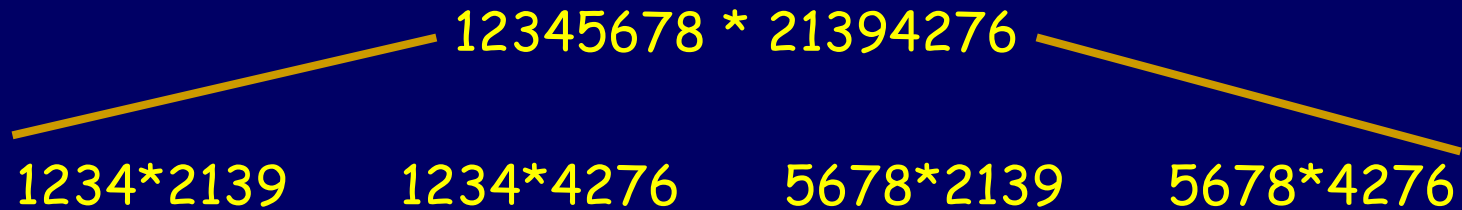
$$\boxed{5678 * 4276}$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac \cdot 10^n + (ad + bc) \cdot 10^{n/2} + bd$$

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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$12 * 21$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$12 * 21$$

$$12 * 39$$

$$X =$$

a

b

$$Y =$$

c

d

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$12 \boxed{34} * \boxed{21} 39$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$12 * 21 \quad 12 * 39$$

$$\boxed{34 * 21}$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$X \times Y = ac \cdot 10^n + (ad + bc) \cdot 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$12 \boxed{34} * 21 \boxed{39}$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$12 * 21$$

$$12 * 39$$

$$34 * 21$$

$$\boxed{34 * 39}$$

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a

b

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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$



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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$12 * 21 \quad 12 * 39 \quad 34 * 21 \quad 34 * 39$$

$$1 * 2 \quad 1 * 1 \quad 2 * 2 \quad 2 * 1$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$$X \times Y = ac \cdot 10^n + (ad + bc) \cdot 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 12 * 21 & 12 * 39 & 34 * 21 & 34 * 39 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{array}$$

Hence:  $12 * 21 = 2 * 10^2 + (1 + 4)10^1 + 2 = 252$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

252    12\*39    34\*21    34\*39  
2    1    4    2

Hence:  $12 * 21 = 2 * 10^2 + (1 + 4)10^1 + 2 = 252$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

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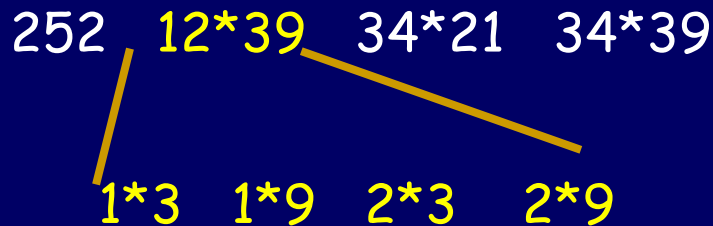
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$$5678 * 4276$$



$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$242 \quad 12 * 39 \quad 34 * 21 \quad 34 * 39$$

$$3 \quad 9 \quad 6 \quad 18$$

$$*10^2 + *10^1 + *10^1 + *1$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$1234 * 2139$$

$$1234 * 4276$$

$$5678 * 2139$$

$$5678 * 4276$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 242 & 468 & 34*21 & 34*39 \\ | & / & & / \\ 3 & 9 & 6 & 18 \\ *10^2 + *10^1 & + *10^1 & + *1 & \end{array}$$

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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

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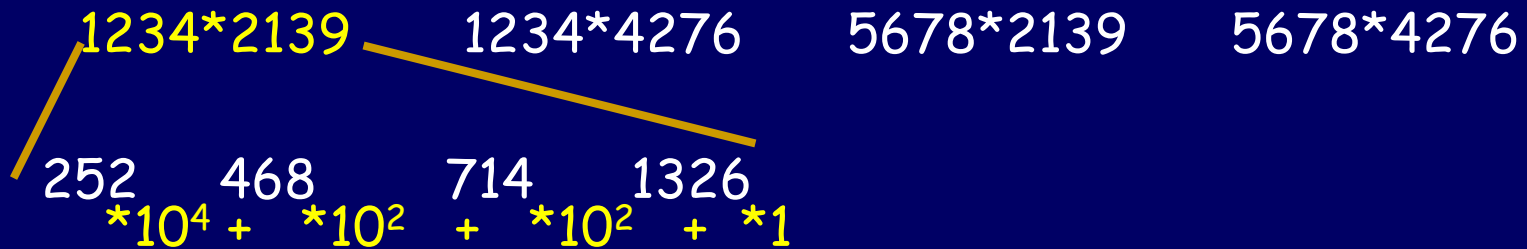
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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$



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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

1234\*2139    1234\*4276    5678\*2139    5678\*4276

252    468    714    1326  
\*10<sup>4</sup> + \*10<sup>2</sup> + \*10<sup>2</sup> + \*1

= 2639526

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

2639526

1234\*4276

5678\*2139

5678\*4276

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac 10^n + (ad + bc) 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

12345678 \* 21394276

2639526

5276584

12145242

24279128

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$Y = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c & d \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$X \times Y = ac \cdot 10^n + (ad + bc) \cdot 10^{n/2} + bd$$

# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

$$12345678 * 21394276$$

$$2639526 * 10^8 + 5276584 * 10^4 + 12145242 * 10^4 + 24279128 * 1$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

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$$= 264126842539128$$

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Multiplying (Divide & Conquer style)

264126842539128

$$X = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline a & b \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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# Divide, Conquer, and Glue



MULT(X,Y)



# Divide, Conquer, and Glue

MULT(X,Y):

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if  $|X| = |Y| = 1$   
then return  $XY$ ,  
else...
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# Divide, Conquer, and Glue

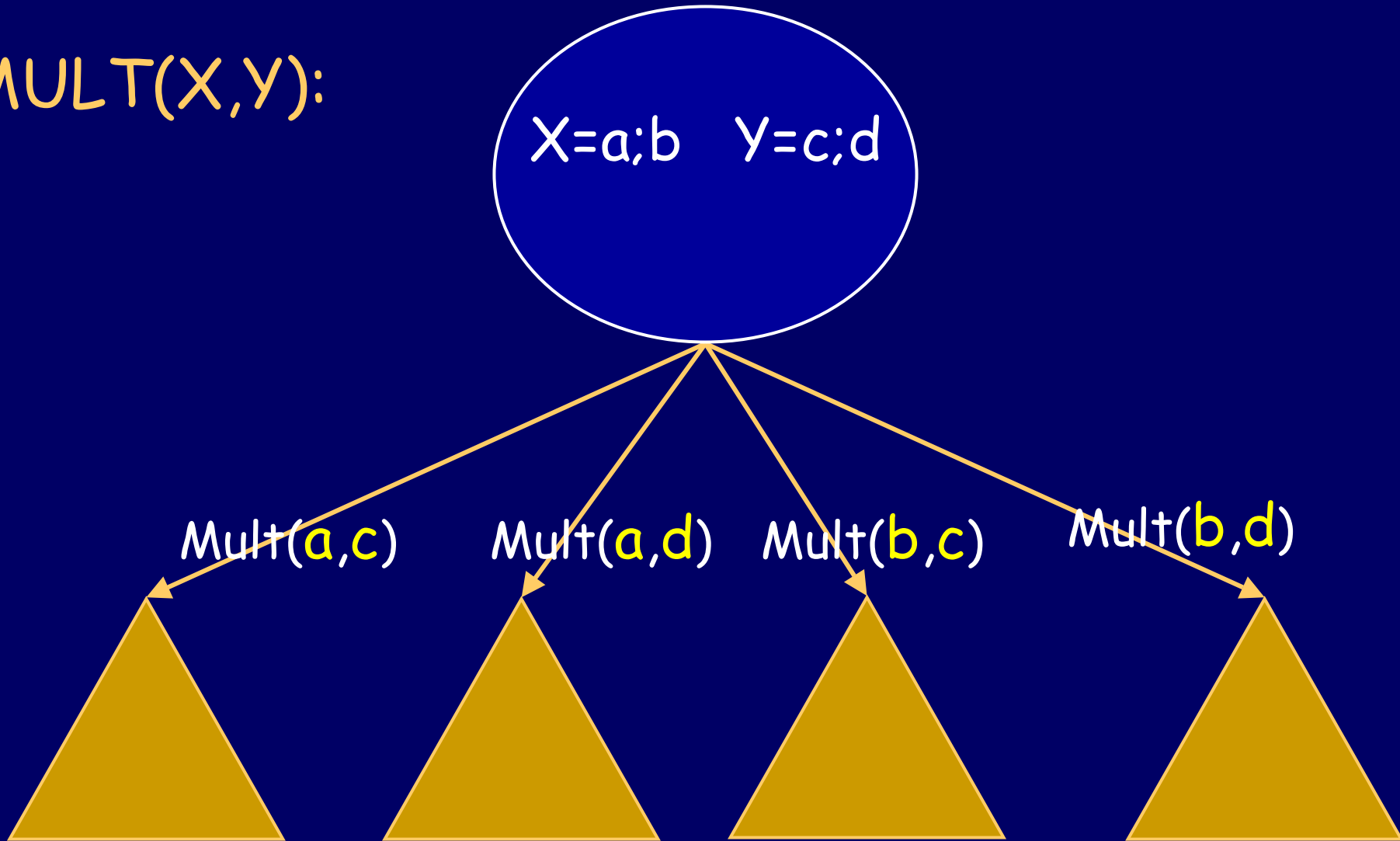
MULT(X,Y):



X=a;b Y=c;d

# Divide, Conquer, and Glue

MULT(X,Y):



# Divide, Conquer, and Glue

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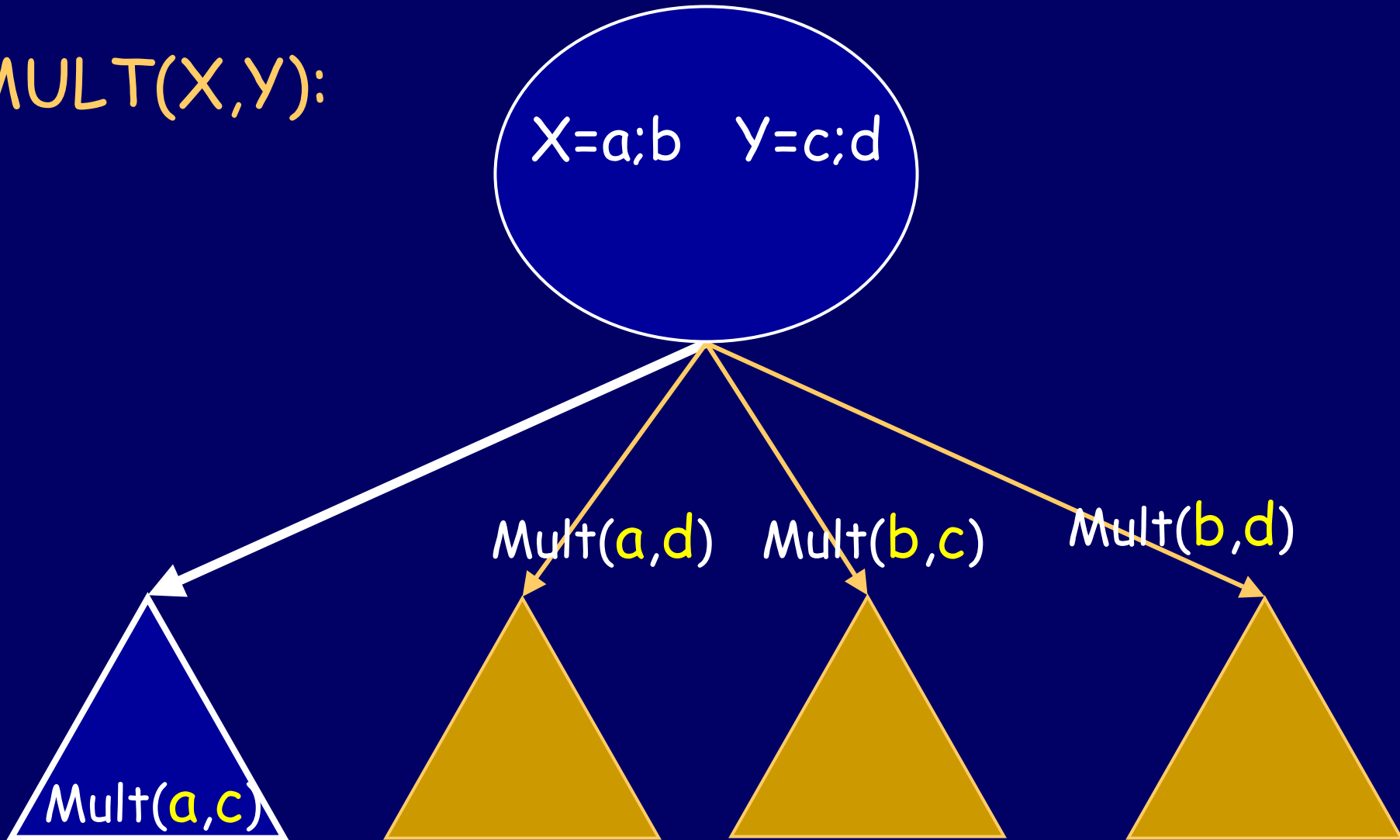
$X=a;b \quad Y=c;d$

Mult(a,d)

Mult(b,c)

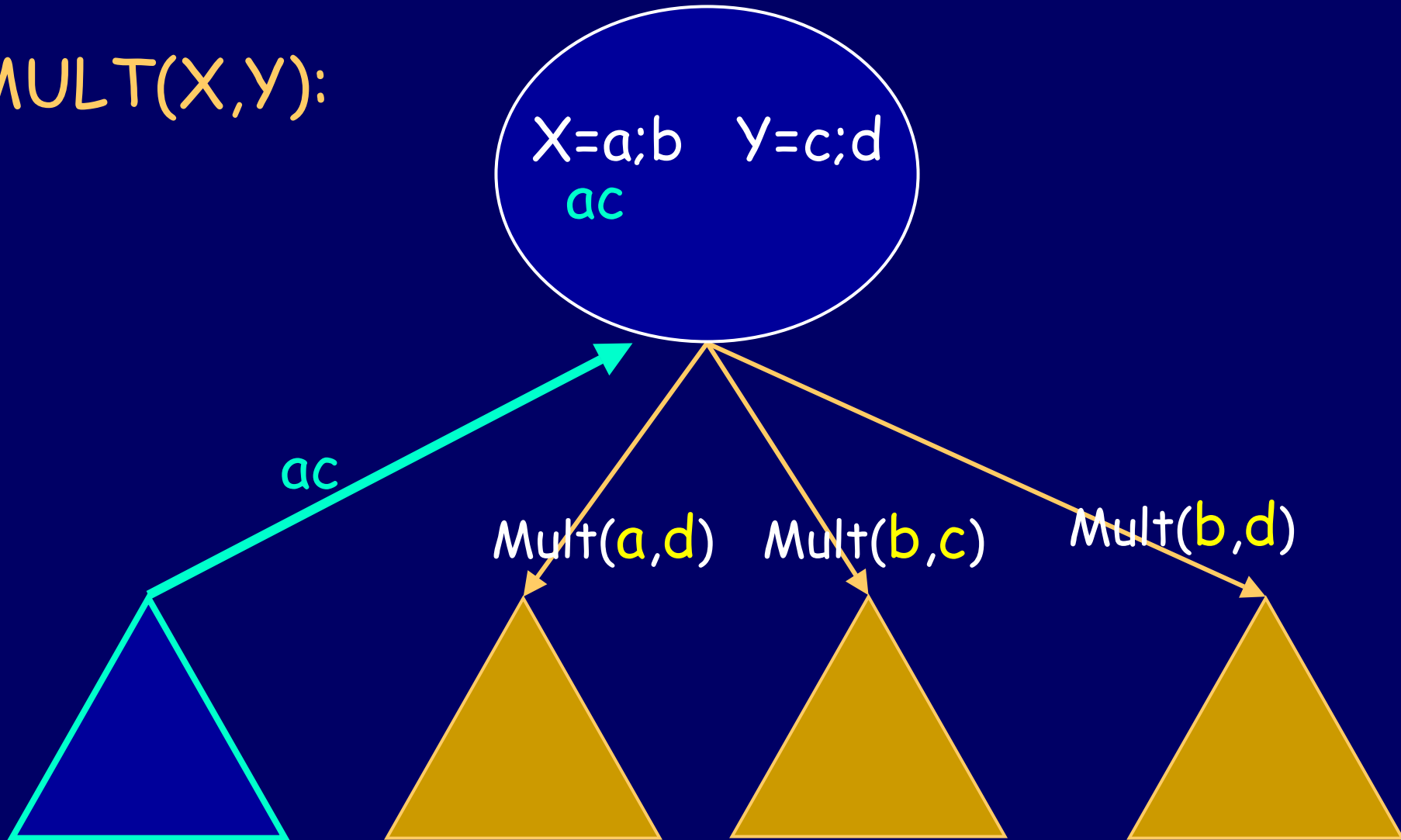
Mult(b,d)

Mult(a,c)



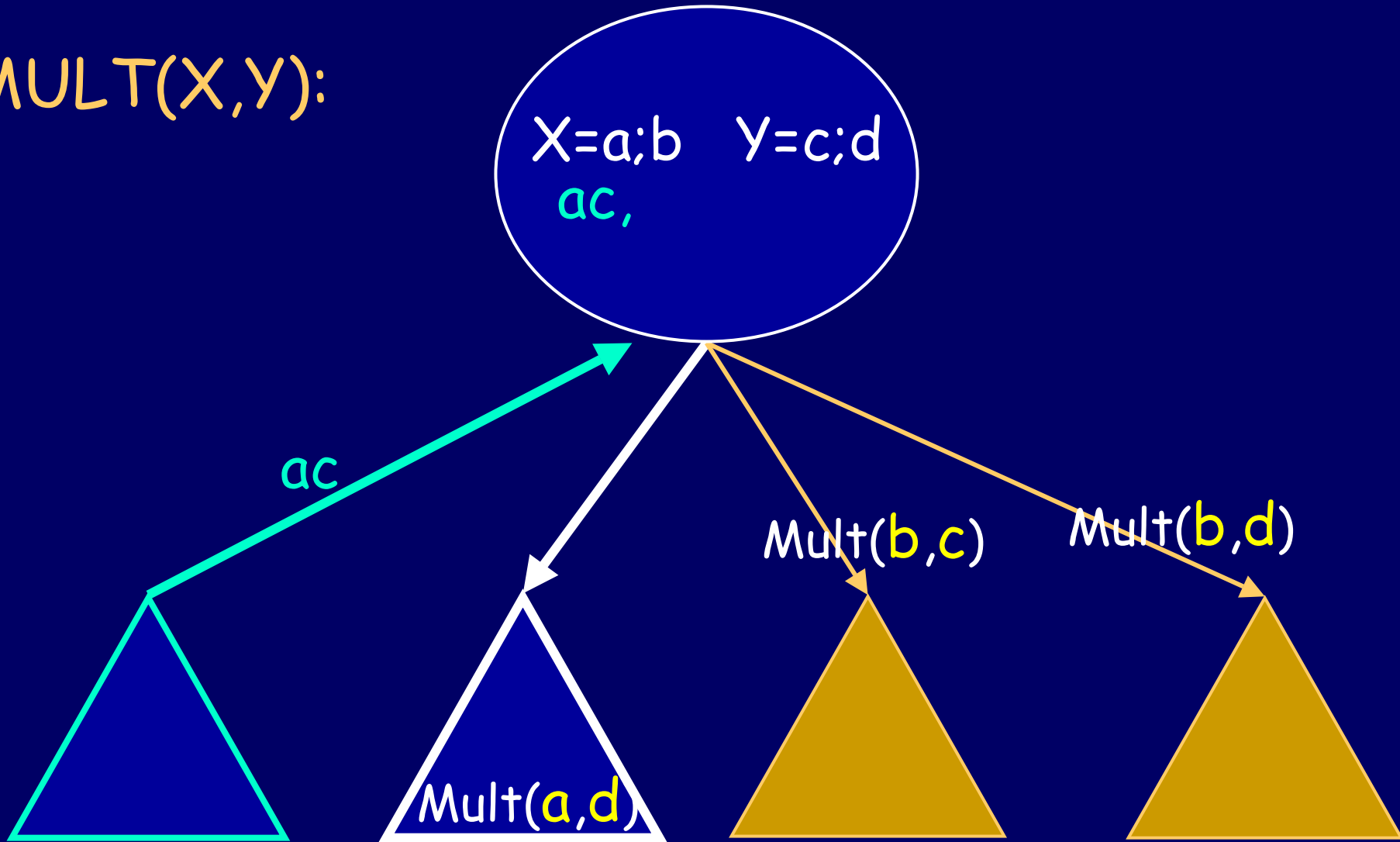
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MULT(X,Y):



# Divide, Conquer, and Glue

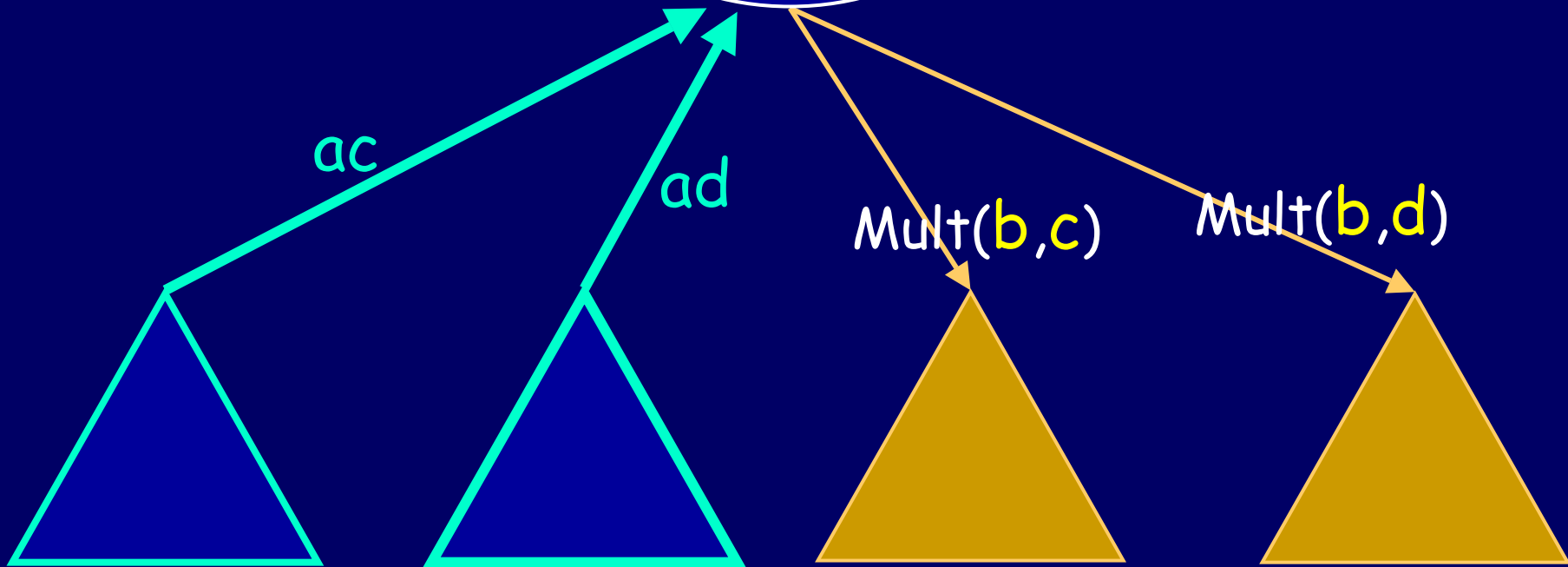
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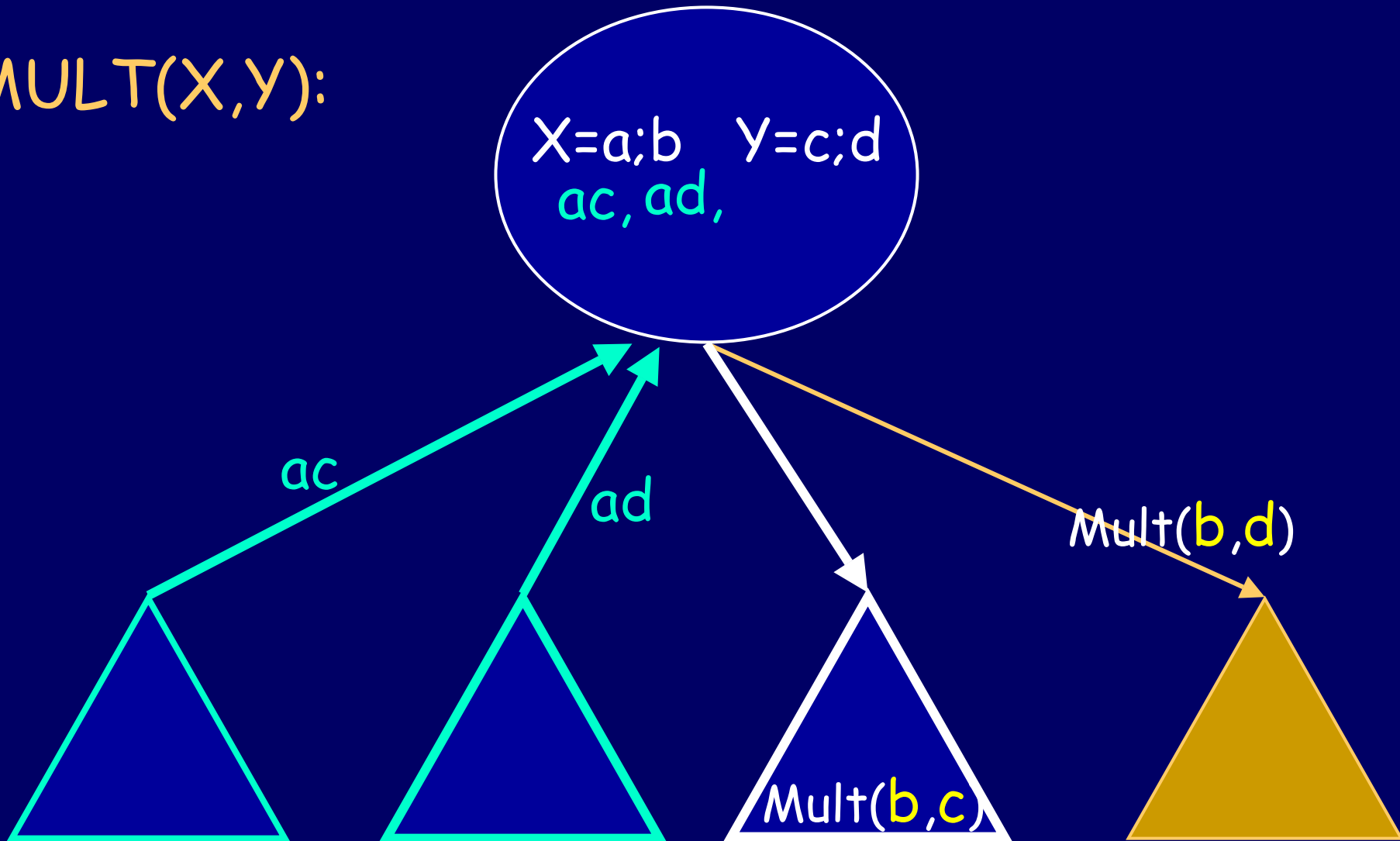
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X=a;b Y=c;d  
ac, ad,



# Divide, Conquer, and Glue

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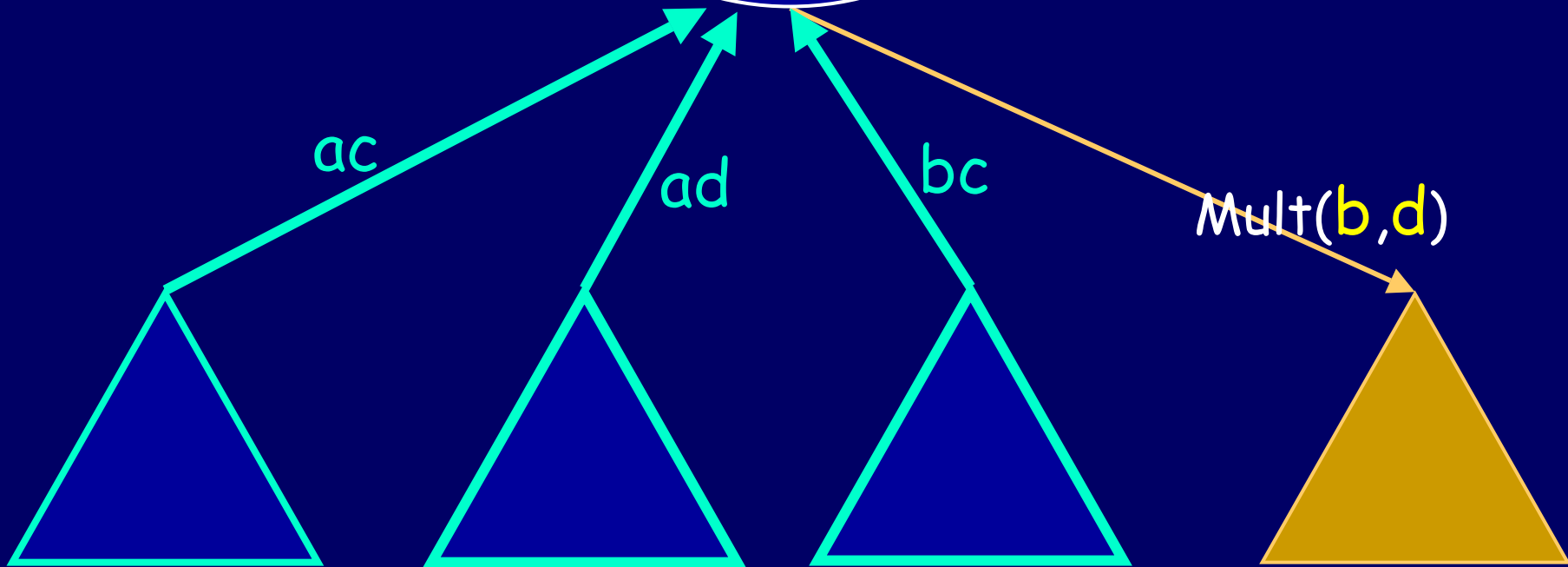




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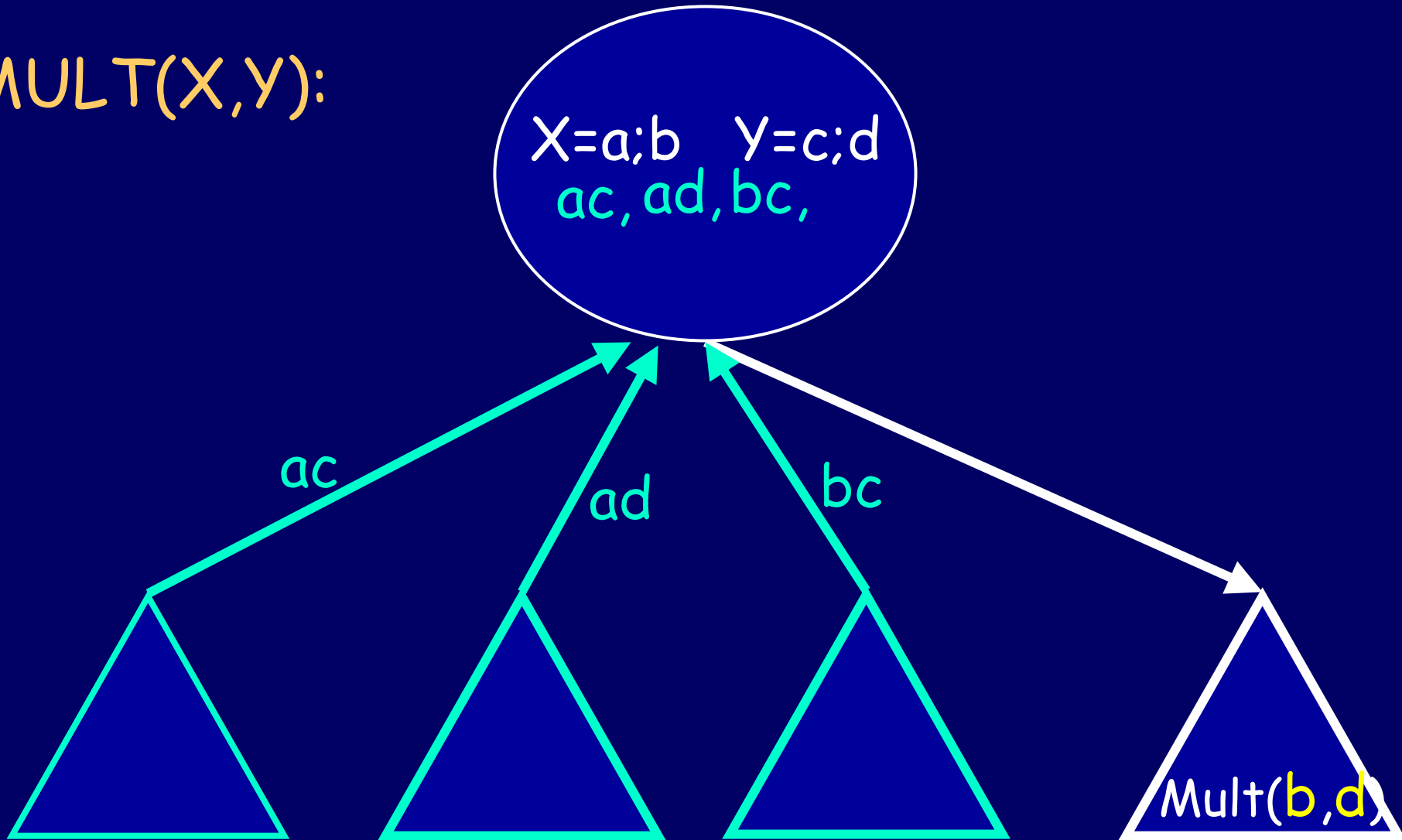
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 $ac, ad, bc,$



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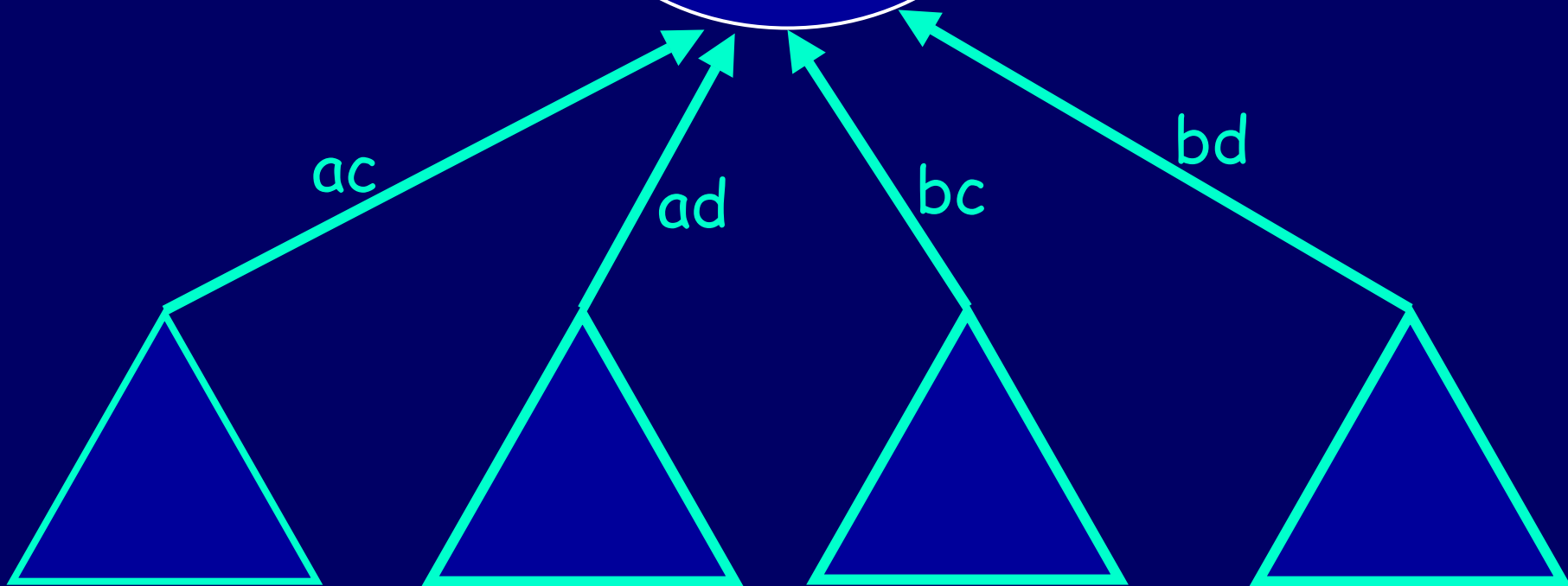


# Divide, Conquer, and Glue

MULT(X,Y):

$X=a;b$   $Y=c;d$   
 $ac, ad, bc, bd$

$$XY = ac2^n + (ad+bc)2^{n/2} + bd$$



# 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  $\Theta(n^2)$ ?

$$T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + (k'n + k'')$$

Conquering  
time

divide and  
glue

$$X=a;b \quad Y=c;d$$
$$XY = ac2^n + (ad+bc)2^{n/2} + bd$$

divide + gluing time:  $k'n + k''$

ac

ad

bc

bd

$T(n/2)$

$T(n/2)$

$T(n/2)$

$T(n/2)$

# Recurrence Relation

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

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

## MULT(X,Y):

If  $|X| = |Y| = 1$  then return  $XY$

break  $X$  into  $a;b$  and  $Y$  into  $c;d$

return

$MULT(a,c) 2^n + (MULT(a,d) + MULT(b,c)) 2^{n/2} + MULT(b,d)$

Let's be concrete and keep it simple

$$T(1) = \cancel{k} \cdot 1$$

for some constant  $k$

$$T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + \cancel{k'}n + \cancel{k''}$$

for constants  $k'$  and  $k''$

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Let's be concrete and keep it simple

$$T(1) = 1$$

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

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

What is the growth rate of  $T(n)$ ?

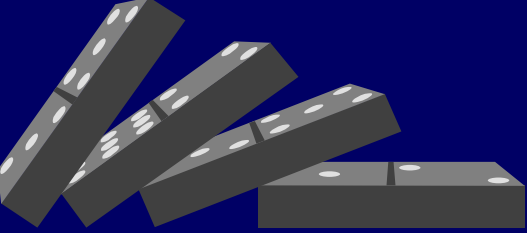


# Technique 1: Guess and Verify

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} & 4 [2(n/2)^2 - n/2] + n \\ = & 2n^2 - 2n + n \\ = & 2n^2 - n \\ = & G(n) \end{aligned}$$



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Similarly:  $T(1) = 1$  and  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow an^2 + bn + c &= 4 [a(n/2)^2 + b(n/2) + c] + n \\ &= an^2 + 2bn + 4c + n \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\text{Therefore: } b=-1 \quad c=0 \quad a=2$$

# Technique 3: Labeled Tree Representation

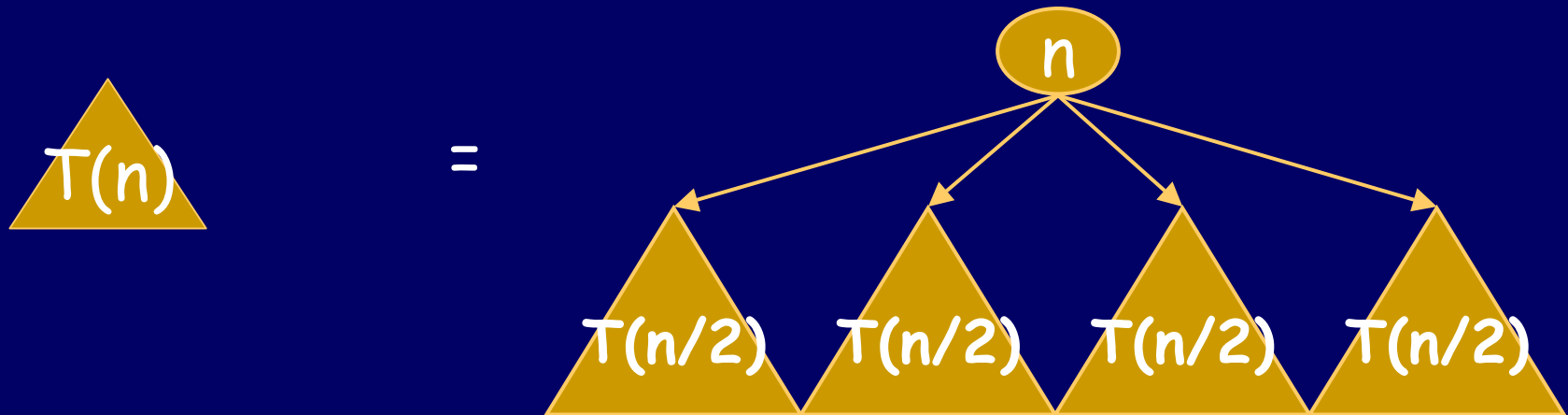
## Definition: Labeled Tree

A tree node-labeled by  $S$   
is a tree  $T = \langle V, E \rangle$  with an  
associated function  
Label:  $V$  to  $S$



# Technique 3: Labeled Tree Representation

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

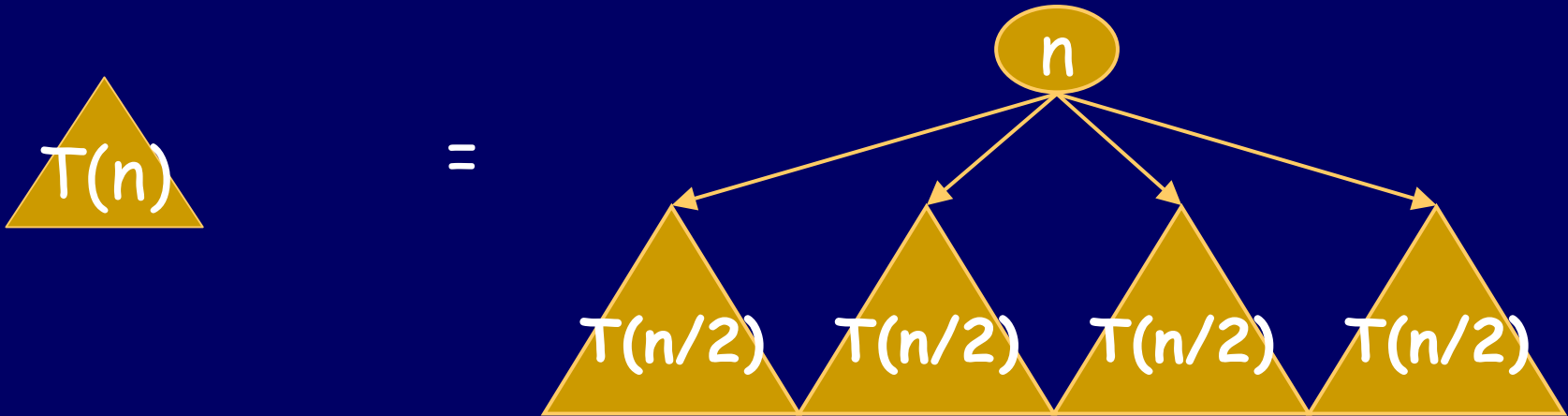


$$T(1) = 1$$



# Node labels: time not spent conquering

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



$$T(1) = 1$$



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

Conquering  
time

divide and  
glue

$$X=a;b \quad Y=c;d$$
$$XY = ac2^n + (ad+bc)2^{n/2} + bd$$

divide + gluing time:  $k'n + k''$

ac

ad

bc

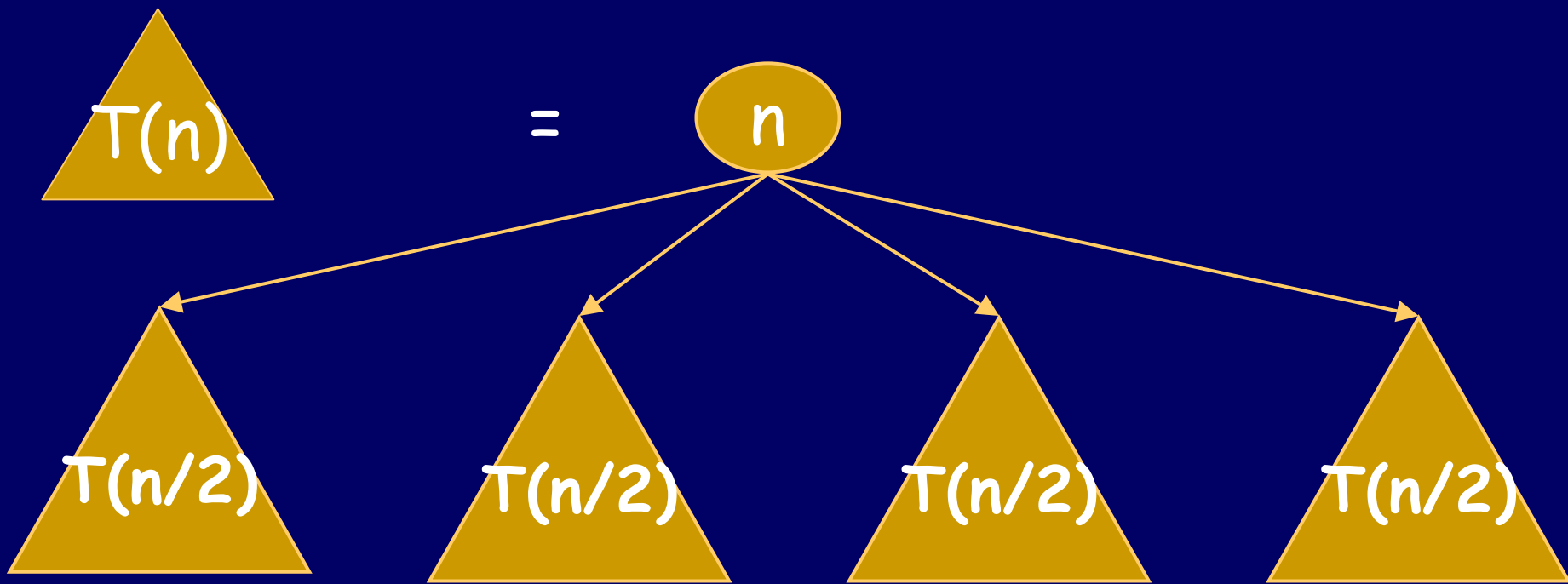
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$T(n/2)$

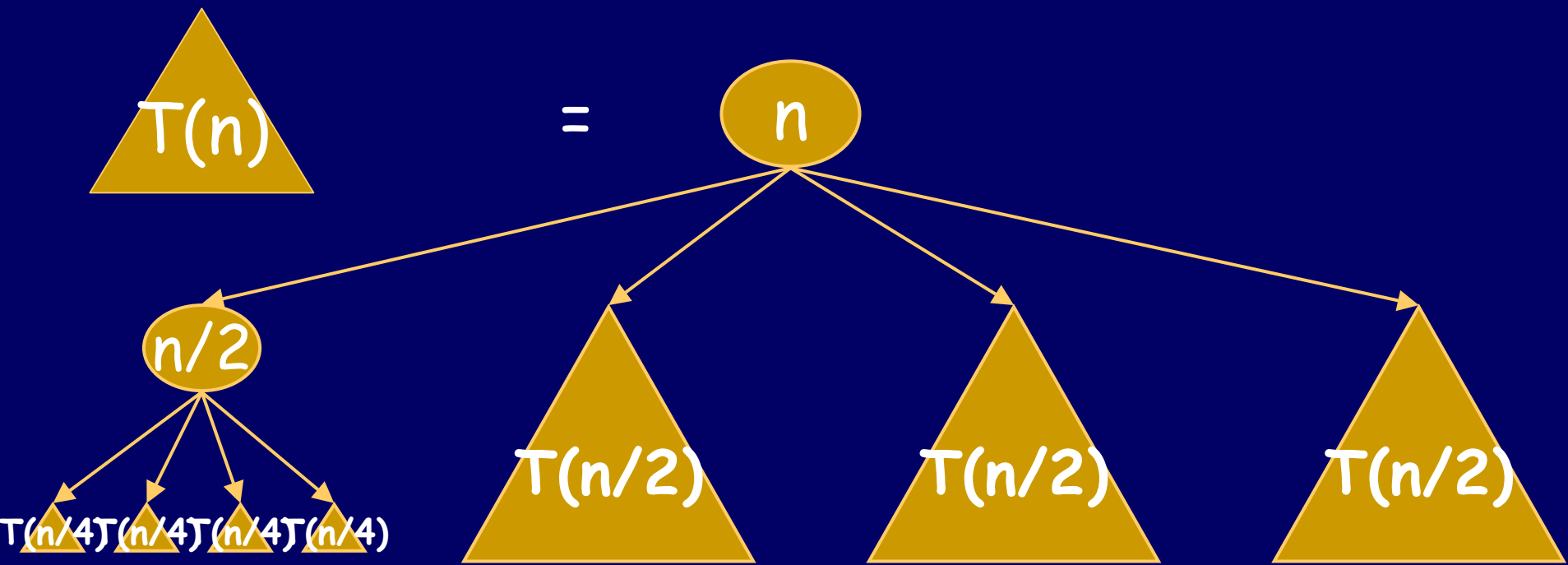
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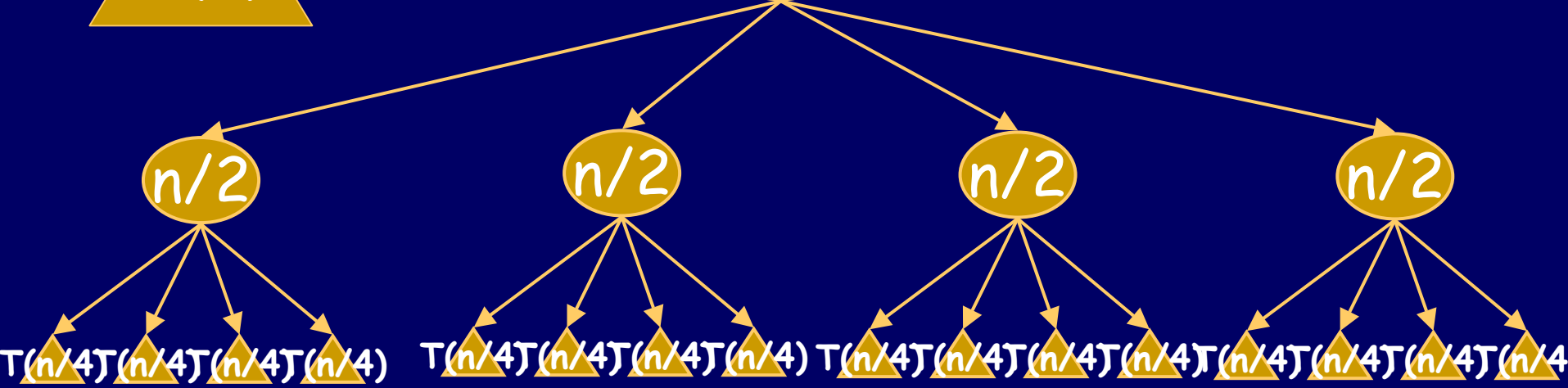




$T(n)$

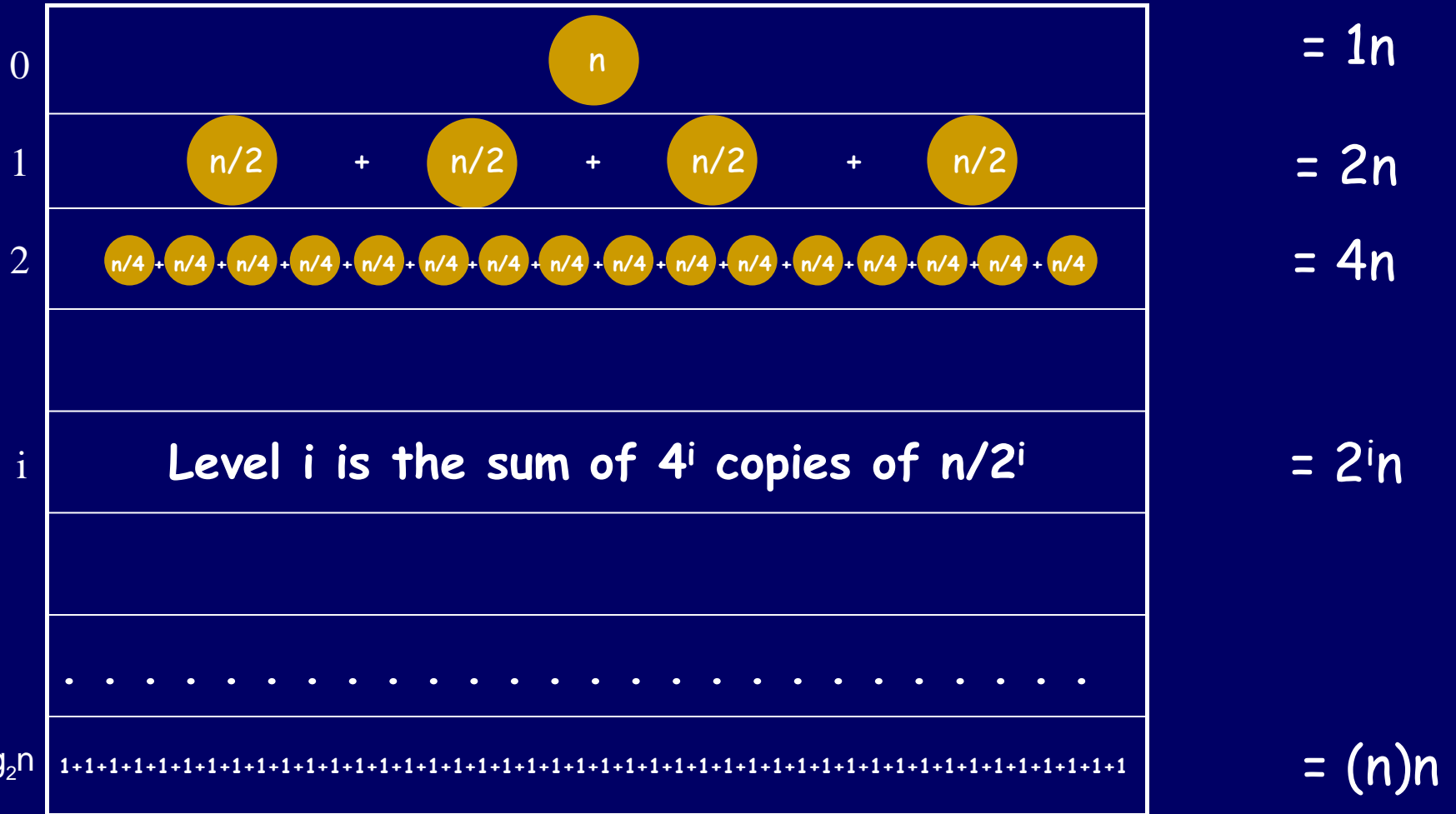
=

$n$









$$n(1+2+4+8+\dots+n) =$$

$$n(2n-1) =$$

$$2n^2-n$$

Divide and Conquer MULT:  $\Theta(n^2)$  time  
Grade School Multiplication:  $\Theta(n^2)$  time



*All that work  
for nothing!*

Divide and Conquer MULT:  $\Theta(n^2)$  time  
Grade School Multiplication:  $\Theta(n^2)$  time



*In retrospect, it is obvious that the kissing number for Divide and Conquer MULT is  $n^2$ , since the leaves are in correspondence with the kisses.*

# MULT revisited

MULT(X,Y):

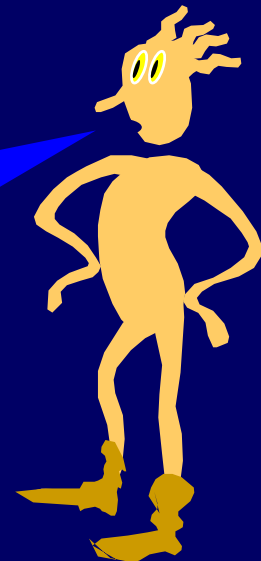
If  $|X| = |Y| = 1$  then return  $XY$

break  $X$  into  $a;b$  and  $Y$  into  $c;d$

return

$MULT(a,c) 2^n + (MULT(a,d) + MULT(b,c)) 2^{n/2} + MULT(b,d)$

MULT calls itself 4 times.  
Can you see a way to reduce  
the number of calls?





# Gauss' optimization

Input:  $a, b, c, d$

Output:  $ac - bd, ad + bc$

$$(a+bi)(c+di) =$$

$$[ac - bd] + [ad + bc] i$$

$$X_1 = a + b$$

$$X_2 = c + d$$

$$X_3 = X_1 X_2 = ac + ad + bc + bd$$

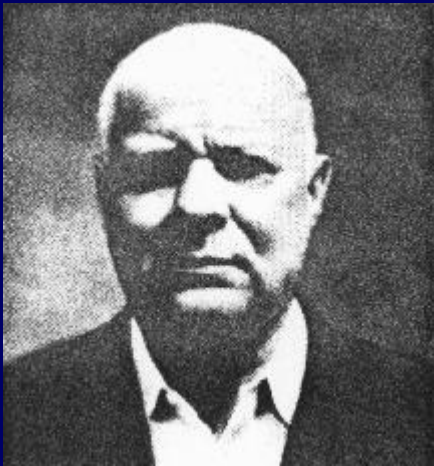
$$X_4 = ac$$

$$X_5 = bd$$

$$X_6 = X_4 - X_5 = ac - bd$$

$$X_7 = X_3 - X_4 - X_5 = bc + ad$$

# 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)

MULT(X,Y):

If  $|X| = |Y| = 1$  then return  $XY$

break  $X$  into  $a;b$  and  $Y$  into  $c;d$

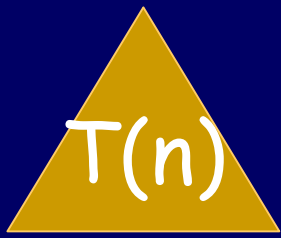
$e = \text{MULT}(a,c)$  and  $f = \text{MULT}(b,d)$

return

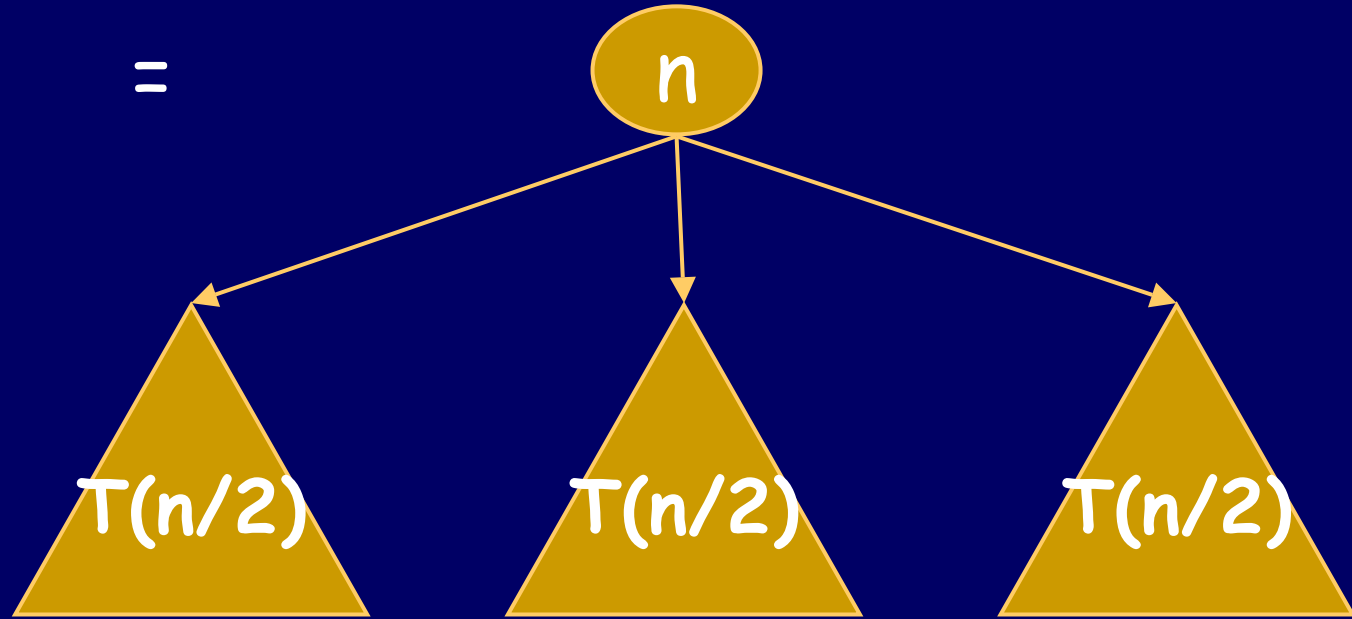
$e 2^n + (\text{MULT}(a+c,b+d) - e - f) 2^{n/2} + f$

$$T(n) = 3 T(n/2) + n$$

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

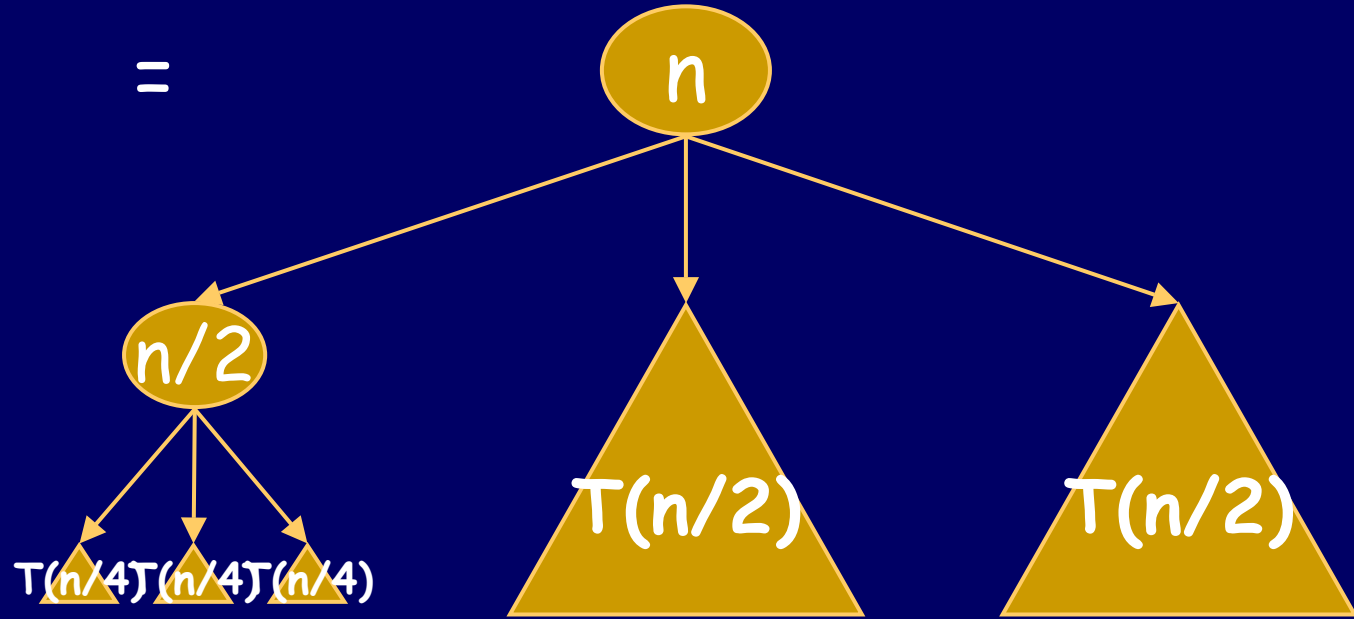


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$T(n)$

=



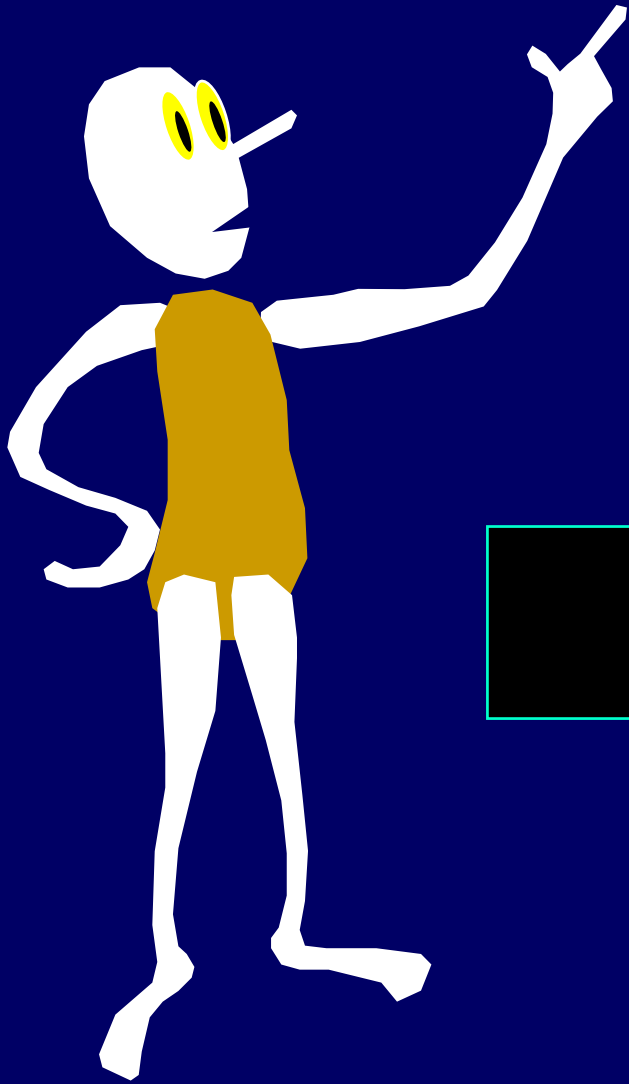








$$1 + X^1 + X^2 + X^3 + \dots + X^{n-1} + X^n = \frac{X^{n+1} - 1}{X - 1}$$



## The Geometric Series

# Substituting into our formula...

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

We have:  $X = 3/2$

$k = \log_2 n$


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



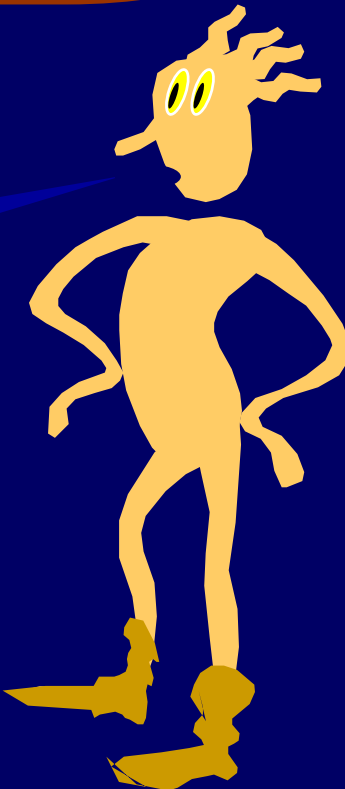
# Dramatic improvement for large n

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= 3n^{\log_2 3} - 2n \\ &= \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) \\ &= \Theta(n^{1.58\dots})\end{aligned}$$

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



Strange! The Gauss optimization seems to only be worth a 25% speedup. It simply replaces every 4 multiplications with 3. Where did the power come from?

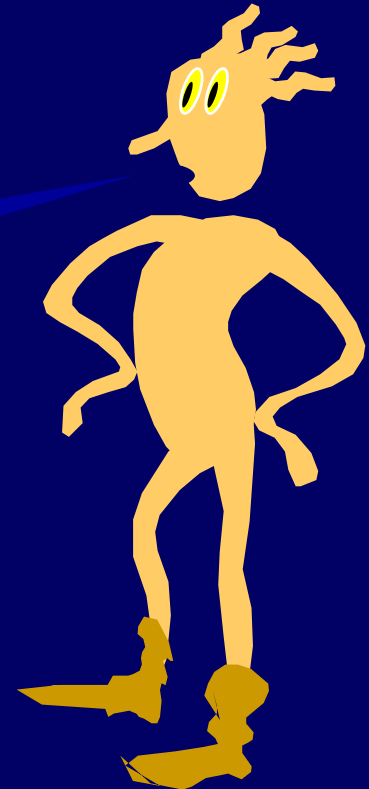


We applied the Gauss optimization  
**RECURSIVELY!**

So what is the kissing number of Karatsuba's algorithm?



It's not clear that we kiss even once...



# Mystery MULT

Mys-MULT(X,Y):

If  $|Y| = 1$  then return  $X \times Y$

break  $Y$  into  $c;d$  where  $|d| = 1$

return

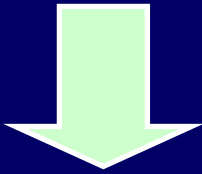
$2[ \text{Mys-MULT}(X,c) ] + \text{Mys-MULT}(X, d)$



What's going on here?  
Is this an even better way?

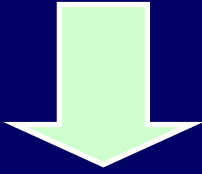
$X$

$y$



$X$

$y_1$



$X$

$y_2$

$X * d_1$

$X * d_2$

$X * d_3$

...

$X * d_n$



$X * y$



Mys-MULT is the  
Egyptian method  
stated in recursive  
language.



# Multiplication Algorithms

Kindergarten	$n2^n$
Grade School	$n^2$
Karatsuba	$n^{1.58\dots}$
Fastest Known	$n \log n \log \log n$

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