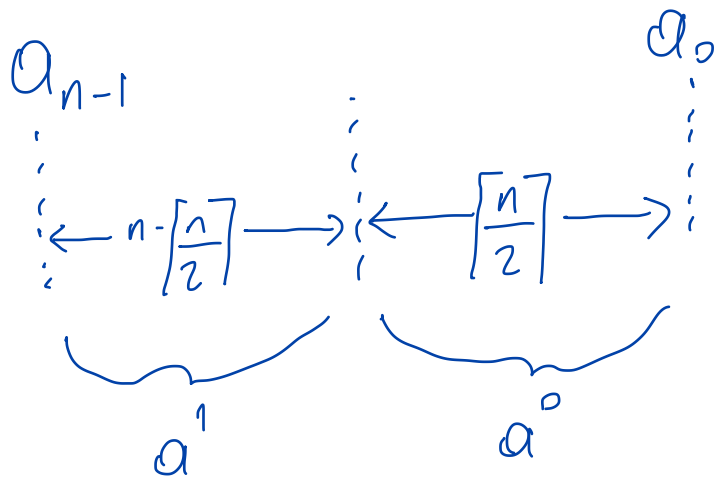


Goal: Beat the $O(n^2)$ runtime.

Use Divide & Conquer.

Step 1: Divide a & b into $2 \frac{n}{2}$ bit numbers



$$a' = a_{n-1} \dots a_{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$$

$$a^0 = a_{\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} \dots a_0$$

Ex. $a = 1001$

$$a' = 10 \quad \text{Dec}(a') = 2$$

$$a^0 = 01 \quad \text{Dec}(a^0) = 1$$

Claim: $\text{Dec}(a) = \text{Dec}(a') \cdot 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} + \text{Dec}(a^0)$

$$\text{Dec}(a^0) = \sum_{j=0}^{\lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} a_j \cdot 2^j$$

$$\text{Dec}(a') = \sum_{j=0}^{n - \lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} a_{j + \lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot 2^j$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot \text{Dec}(a') = 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n - \lceil n/2 \rceil - 1} a_{j + \lceil n/2 \rceil} \cdot 2^j$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^{n - \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} a_{j + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} \cdot 2^j$$

$$i = j + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$$

$$= \sum_{i = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i \quad (*)$$

$$\text{Dec}(a) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i$$

$$= \sum_{i = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}^{n-1} a_i \cdot 2^i + \sum_{i=0}^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} a_i \cdot 2^i$$

$$= 2^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} \cdot \text{Dec}(a') + \text{Dec}(a'')$$

Similarly $b' = b_{n-1} \dots b_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil}$

$$b'' = b_{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1} \dots b_0$$

$$\text{Dec}(b) = \text{Dec}(b') \cdot 2^{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil} + \text{Dec}(b'')$$

Ex.

$$a = 1001$$

$$\text{Dec}(a) = 9$$

$$\text{Dec}(a') = 2$$

$$\text{Dec}(a'') = 1$$

$$2^{\lceil \frac{4}{2} \rceil} \cdot 2 + 1 = 2^2 \cdot 2 + 1 = 9$$

Let's expand on a.b

$$\text{Dec}(a) \cdot \text{Dec}(b) = (\text{Dec}(a') \cdot 2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + \text{Dec}(a^0)) \cdot (\text{Dec}(b') \cdot 2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + \text{Dec}(b^0))$$

$$= \text{Dec}(a') \cdot \text{Dec}(b') \cdot 2^{2\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + \text{Dec}(a') \cdot \text{Dec}(b^0) \cdot 2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + \text{Dec}(a^0) \cdot \text{Dec}(b') \cdot 2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + \text{Dec}(a^0) \cdot \text{Dec}(b^0)$$

$$\equiv a \cdot b = \underbrace{a' \cdot b'}_1 \cdot 2^{2\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + \underbrace{(a' b^0 + a^0 b')}_{2} \cdot 2^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} + \underbrace{a^0 b^0}_3$$

| n -bit mult \Rightarrow $4 \frac{n}{2}$ bit mult.

Key identity: $(a' + a^0)(b' + b^0) = \underbrace{a' b'}_1 + \underbrace{a' b^0 + a^0 b'}_{2} + \underbrace{a^0 b^0}_3$

$$a' b^0 + a^0 b' = (a' + a^0)(b' + b^0) - a' b' - a^0 b^0$$