CSE 431/531: Algorithm Analysis and Design (Spring 2021)
Divide-and-Conquer – Recitation

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Consider a $2^n \times 2^n$ chessboard with one arbitrary chosen square removed. Prove that any such chessboard can be tiled without gaps by L-shaped pieces, each composed of 3 squares. The following figure shows how to tile a $4 \times 4$ chessboard with the square on the left-top corner removed, using 5 L-shaped pieces.
Finding Local Minimum In a 1-D Array

Given an array \( A[1 .. n] \) of \( n \) distinct numbers, we say that some index \( i \in \{1, 2, 3 \cdots , n\} \) is a local minimum of \( A \), if \( A[i] < A[i - 1] \) and \( A[i] < A[i + 1] \) (we assume that \( A[0] = A[n + 1] = \infty \)).

Suppose the array \( A \) is already stored in memory. Give an \( O(\log n) \)-time algorithm to find a local minimum of \( A \).
Finding Local Minimum In a 2-D Matrix (Hard Problem)

Given a two-dimensional array $A[1 .. n, 1 .. n]$ of $n^2$ distinct numbers, and $i, j \in \{1, 2, \cdots, n\}$, we say that $(i, j)$ is a local minimum of $A$, if


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Given two $n$-digit integers, output their product. Design a $n^{\log_2 3}$-time algorithm to solve the problem. Notice that you can not multiply two big integers directly using a single operation.
Majority and Weak Majority

Given an array of integers $A[1..n]$, we would like to decide if

1. there exists an integer $x$ which occurs in $A$ more than $n/2$ times. Give an algorithm which runs in time $O(n)$.

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You can assume we have the algorithm Select as a black-box, which, given an $n$-size array $A$ and integer $1 \leq i \leq n$, can return the $i$-th smallest element in a size $n$-array in $O(n)$-time.
Median of Two Sorted Arrays

Given two sorted arrays $A$ and $B$ with total size $n$, you need to design and analyze an $O(\log n)$-time algorithm that outputs the median of the $n$ numbers in $A$ and $B$. You can assume $n$ is odd and all the numbers are distinct. For example,

- **Input:** $A = [3, 5, 12, 18, 50]$,
- $B = [2, 7, 11, 30]$,
- **Output:** 11
- **Explanation:** the merged set is $[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 18, 30, 50]$