

# **Lab 4: Strassen method for matrix multiplication**

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## 1 Problem statement

Standard way for matrix multiplication takes  $O(n^3)$ , which is pretty expensive. In 1969 Strassen was the first to show that matrix multiplication is in fact  $o(n^3)$  by presenting a method whose asymptotic complexity is  $O(n^{\log 7})$ . In this lab you are asked to implement it using recursion.

### 1.1 Strassen method

Assume we are to calculate the product  $C = A \cdot B$  where  $A, B \in \mathbf{R}^{2^n \times 2^n}$  for some  $n > 0$ , then we can rewrite the multiplication as a product of blocks of size  $2^{n-1} \times 2^{n-1}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} C_{11} & C_{12} \\ C_{21} & C_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} B_{11} & B_{12} \\ B_{21} & B_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 1 Create matrices  $A_{11}, \dots, B_{11}, \dots, C_{11}$ . Each matrix should have a size of  $2^{n-1}$ .

Step 2 Calculate matrices  $S_1, \dots, S_{10}$  which are linear combinations of matrices from the step 1. Matrices  $S_1, \dots, S_{10}$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= B_{12} - B_{22}, \\ S_2 &= A_{11} + A_{12}, \\ S_3 &= A_{21} + A_{22}, \\ S_4 &= B_{21} - B_{11}, \\ S_5 &= A_{11} + A_{22}, \\ S_6 &= B_{11} + B_{22}, \\ S_7 &= A_{12} - A_{22}, \\ S_8 &= B_{21} + B_{22}, \\ S_9 &= A_{11} - A_{21}, \\ S_{10} &= B_{11} + B_{12}. \end{aligned}$$

Step 3 Use matrices calculated at step 2 to recursively calculate matrix products  $P_1, \dots, P_7$  defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= A_{11} \cdot S_1, \\ P_2 &= S_2 \cdot B_{22}, \\ P_3 &= S_3 \cdot B_{11}, \\ P_4 &= A_{22} \cdot S_4, \\ P_5 &= S_5 \cdot S_6, \\ P_6 &= S_7 \cdot S_8, \\ P_7 &= S_9 \cdot S_{10}. \end{aligned}$$

Step 4 Compute matrices  $C_{11}, C_{12}, C_{21}, C_{22}$  from matrices  $P_i$ :

$$C_{11} = P_5 + P_4 - P_2 + P_6,$$

$$C_{12} = P_1 + P_2,$$

$$C_{21} = P_3 + P_4,$$

$$C_{22} = P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7.$$

## 2 Implementation

Implement the class *Matrix.java* <sup>1</sup>.

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```
public class Matrix {

    private double[] [] elements;           // elements of the matrix
    private int n;                           // size

    public Matrix(double[] [] elements_) {
        // constructor
    }

    public Matrix multiplyStrassen(Matrix b) {
        // implement Strassen method for matrix multiplication. This function
        // should be recursive.
    }

    public Matrix multiply(Matrix b) {
        // implement regular matrix multiplication method (hint: you might
        // want to use it for testing)
    }

    public boolean equals(Matrix b) {
        // check if matrices are equal. Compare elements up to certain
        // precision, say 1e-6, e.g.
        // abs(this.elements[i][j]-b.elements[i][j])<1e-6
    }

    public String toString() {
        // return string representation of the matrix
    }

    public Matrix add(Matrix b) {
        // addition
    }
}
```

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<sup>1</sup>You can copy code for this file from: Matrix.java

```
    }  
  
    public Matrix subtract(Matrix b) {  
        // subtraction  
    }  
}
```

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### 3 Sample input-output

Create the file *Driver.java* <sup>2</sup> whose modified version will be used for testing. You can always assume that the input will be a square matrices whose size is a factor of 2.

#### 3.1 Input

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```
public class Driver {  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        // create some double  
        double[] [] e1_1={{1,3,4,5},{2,4,3,5},{1,3,4,5},{2,4,3,5}};  
        double[] [] e1_2={{1,3,4,5},{2,4,1,5},{1,5,4,5},{2,4,-3,3}};  
  
        Matrix m1 = new Matrix(e1_1);  
        Matrix m2 = new Matrix(e1_2);  
  
        System.out.println(m1);  
        Matrix productStrassen=m1.multiplyStrassen(m2);  
        Matrix productRegular=m1.multiply(m2);  
  
        System.out.println("Are matrices the same?  
                            "+productStrassen.equals(productRegular));  
        System.out.println(productStrassen);  
    }  
}
```

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#### 3.2 Output

```
Matrix of the size [4,4]  
1.0 3.0 4.0 5.0  
2.0 4.0 3.0 5.0
```

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<sup>2</sup>Driver.java

```
1.0 3.0 4.0 5.0
```

```
2.0 4.0 3.0 5.0
```

```
Are matrices the same? true
```

```
Matrix of the size [4,4]
```

```
21.0 55.0 8.0 55.0
```

```
23.0 57.0 9.0 60.0
```

```
21.0 55.0 8.0 55.0
```

```
23.0 57.0 9.0 60.0
```

#### 4 Grade breakdown

basis	grade
Implementation	(60)
Strassen multiplication	40
regular multiplication	5
other	15
Comments	(20)
General	10
Javadocs	10
Overall	(20)
Compiled	5
Style	5
Runtime	10
Total	100