

Problem 1. Assume your machine has 32 bit words. Assume you can multiply two n word numbers in time $3n^2$ with a standard algorithm. Assume you can multiply two n word numbers in time $20n^{\lg 3}$ with a “fancy” algorithm.

- (a) Approximately, how large does n have to be for the fancy algorithm to be better?
- (b) How many bits is that?
- (c) How many decimal digits is that?

Problem 2. Use the same assumptions as for problem (1), except assume you can multiply two n word numbers in time only $10n^{\lg 3}$ with a “fancy” algorithm.

- (a) Approximately, how large does n have to be for the fancy algorithm to be better?
- (b) How many bits is that?
- (c) How many decimal digits is that?

Problem 3. Normally it takes nine atomic multiplies to multiply two three-digit numbers. How few atom multiplies do you need to do to obtain an algorithm that is asymptotically better than the $O(n^{\lg 3})$ algorithm. Justify.

Problem 4.

- (a) Consider the recurrence:

$$T(n) = 3T(n-2) + 2^{(n-1)/2}, \quad T(1) = 10$$

Calculate $T(7)$.

- (b) Consider the recurrence:

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + 2^{n/2}, \quad T(1) = 10$$

Calculate $T(8)$.