

Local Search for Fast Matrix Multiplication

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$$c_{3,1} = M_6 + M_7 - M_8 + M_{11} + M_{12} + M_{13} - M_{14}$$

$$c_{1,2} = M_1 - M_4 + M_5 - M_6 - M_{12} + M_{14} + M_{15}$$

$$c_{2,2} = M_2 + M_4 - M_5 + M_6 + M_{20}$$

$$c_{3,2} = M_{12} + M_{13} - M_{14} - M_{15} + M_{22}$$

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- ▶ Unfortunately we found **no scheme** with only 22 multiplications

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Set $c_{i,j} = \sum_k a_{i,k} b_{k,j}$ for all i, j and compare coefficients.

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Solution: Solve this system in \mathbb{Z}_2 .

Reading $\alpha_{i,j}^{(q)}, \beta_{k,l}^{(q)}, \gamma_{m,n}^{(q)}$ as boolean variables and $+$ as XOR, the problem becomes a **SAT problem**.

Notice that solutions in \mathbb{Z}_2 may not be solutions in \mathbb{Z}

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Can every \mathbb{Z}_2 -solution be lifted to a \mathbb{Z} -solution in this way?

- ▶ No, and we found some which don't admit a lifting.
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Important challenge: how to break the symmetries?

Most effective approach so far: sort the $\delta_{j,k} \delta_{i,m} \delta_{l,n} = 1$ terms

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- ▶ In particular, it **remains open** whether there is a multiplication method for 3×3 matrices with 22 coefficient multiplications. If you find one, let us know.

What's Next?

Scheme Database

Check out our website for browsing through the schemes and families we found:



<http://www.algebra.uni-linz.ac.at/research/matrix-multiplication/>

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