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 P_3 &= (c + d) \times e & t &= P_3 + P_4 \\
 P_4 &= d \times (g - e) & u &= P_5 + P_1 - P_3 - P_7 \\
 P_5 &= (a + d) \times (e + h) \\
 P_6 &= (b - d) \times (g + h) \\
 P_7 &= (a - c) \times (e + f)
 \end{aligned}$$

7 mults, 18 adds/subs.  
**Note:** No reliance on commutativity of multiplication!

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 P_4 &= d \times (g - e) & &+ (b - d)(g + h) \\
 P_5 &= (a + d) \times (e + h) & &= ae + ah + de + dh \\
 P_6 &= (b - d) \times (g + h) & &+ dg - de - ah - bh \\
 P_7 &= (a - c) \times (e + f) & &+ bg + bh - dg - dh \\
 & & &= ae + bg
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## Strassen's algorithm

1. **Divide:** Partition  $A$  and  $B$  into  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  submatrices. Form terms to be multiplied using  $+$  and  $-$ .
2. **Conquer:** Perform 7 multiplications of  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  submatrices recursively.
3. **Combine:** Form product matrix  $C$  using  $+$  and  $-$  on  $(n/2) \times (n/2)$  submatrices.

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## Analysis of Strassen

$$T(n) = 7T(n/2) + \Theta(n^2)$$

$$n^{\log_b a} = n^{\log_2 7} \approx n^{2.81} \Rightarrow \text{CASE 1} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 7}).$$

- Number 2.81 may not seem much smaller than 3.
- But the difference is in the exponent.
- The impact on running time is significant.
- Strassen's algorithm beats the ordinary algorithm on today's machines for  $n \geq 32$  or so.

**Best to date** (of theoretical interest only):  $\Theta(n^{2.376\dots})$ .

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