

# Finding Matrix Multiplication Algorithms with Classical Planning

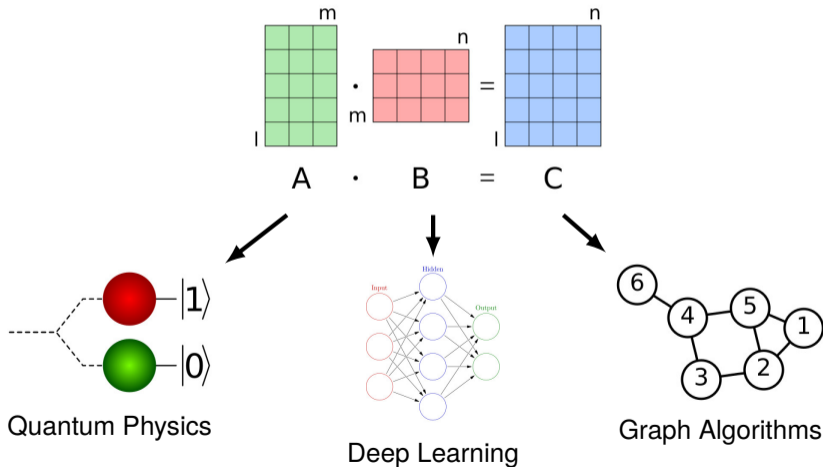


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# Matrix Multiplication – What is it good for?



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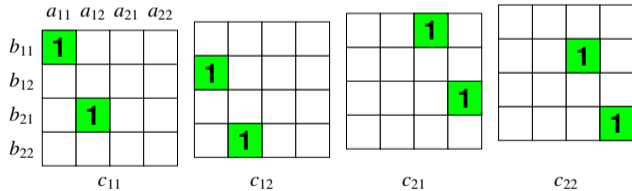
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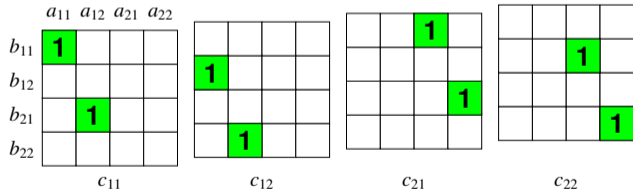
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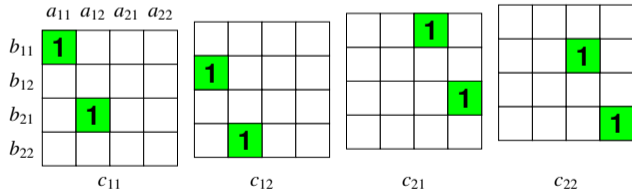
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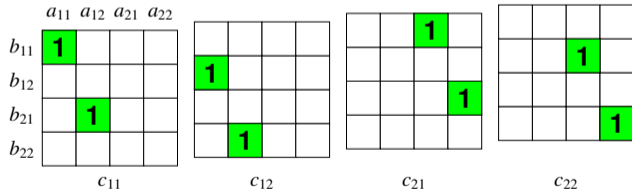
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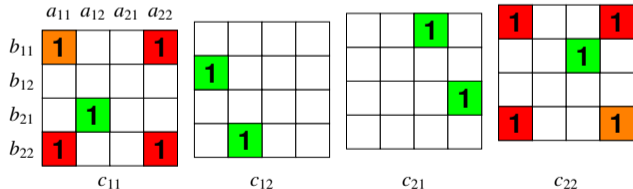
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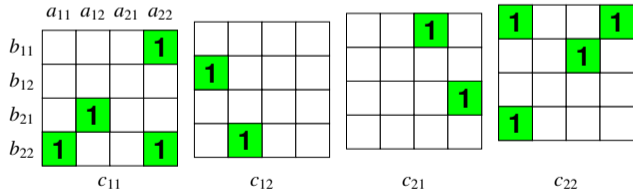
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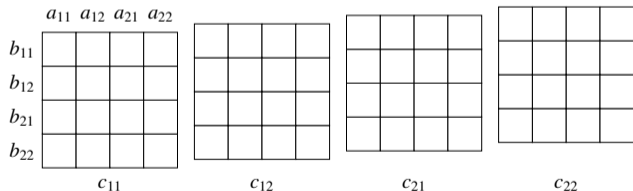
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# Conclusions

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- Matrix Multiplication can be modeled as classical planning
- Encoding preserves completeness and optimality
- Off-the-shelf planners can tackle non-trivial instances
  - Interesting & challenging domain
- Confirmation of known bounds
- **Future Work:** Domain-specific pruning functions / heuristics



# Matrix Multiplication as Tensor Decomposition

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