

# COL 351 Lecture 6 2023/01/16

Topic: Faster Polynomial Multiplication  
via Fast Fourier Transform

Announcement Tutorial Slots

Wed 14:00 - 15:00 } LH 316(?)  
Thu 18:30 - 19:30 }

## Polynomial Multiplication

Input:  $A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{d_1-1}$   $A = [a_0 \dots a_{d_1-1}]$

$B(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \dots + b_{n-1}x^{d_2-1}$   $B = [b_0 \dots b_{d_2-1}]$

Output:  $A(x) \cdot B(x) = C(x)$  (say)  $C = [c_0 \dots c_{d_1+d_2-2}]$

$$c_i = a_0 b_i + a_1 b_{i-1} + \dots + a_i b_0$$

Last lecture: Karatsuba's Algorithm —  $O(n^{\log_2 3})$  time

Claim: For every  $n$ , and complex numbers  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$ ,  $y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}$  such that  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$  are distinct, among the polynomials with  $\deg \leq n-1$ ,  $\exists$  a unique polynomial  $p$  such that  $p(x_i) = y_i \quad \forall i=0, \dots, n-1$

Proof sketch: Suppose  $p(x) = p_0 + p_1x + \dots + p_{n-1}x^{n-1}$

$$\forall i \quad p(x_i) = y_i \iff \begin{bmatrix} x_0^0 & x_0^1 & \dots & x_0^{n-1} \\ x_1^0 & x_1^1 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n-1}^0 & x_{n-1}^1 & \dots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ \vdots \\ p_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

"Vandermonde Matrix"

Is invertible iff  $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}$  distinct

## Polynomial Multiplication Algorithm Plan

$$\overset{\text{deg } d_1-1}{A(x)} \quad \overset{\text{deg } d_2-1}{B(x)} \xrightarrow{\text{want}} C(x) = A(x) B(x) \quad \text{deg } d_1+d_2-2$$

how?  
today

how?  
next class.

$$\begin{array}{cc} A(x_0) & B(x_0) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ A(x_{n-1}) & B(x_{n-1}) \end{array}$$

easy!  
 $O(n)$

$$\begin{array}{c} C(x_0) = A(x_0) B(x_0) \\ \vdots \\ C(x_{n-1}) = A(x_{n-1}) B(x_{n-1}) \end{array}$$

$$n \geq d_1 + d_2 - 1$$

$n$ : power of 2

$$R_n = \{x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$$

Input:  $A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$   $n$ : power of 2

$$A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}] \quad R_n = \{x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}\}$$

Output:  $A(x_0), A(x_1), \dots, A(x_{n-1})$

$$A_0 = [a_0, a_2, \dots, a_{n-2}] \quad A_1 = [a_1, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1}]$$

$$A_0(x) = a_0 + a_2x + \dots + a_{n-2}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \quad A_1(x) = a_1 + a_3x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

$$A(x) = A_0(x^2) + x A_1(x^2) \quad \text{Want: } A(x) \quad \forall x \in R_n$$

Desirable property:  $R_{n/2}$  contains the square of every number in  $R_n$ . i.e.  $R_{n/2} = \{x^2 \mid x \in R_n\}$

$$R_1 = \{1\} \quad R_2 = \{1, -1\} \quad R_4 = \{1, i, -1, -i\}$$

$$R_n = \{\omega_n^0, \omega_n^1, \dots, \omega_n^{n-1}\} \quad \omega_n = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$$

Discrete Fourier Transform Problem (DFT)

Input:  $A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$   $n$ : power of 2

$$A = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}]$$

Output:  $A(\omega_n^0), A(\omega_n^1), \dots, A(\omega_n^{n-1})$  where  $\omega_n = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{n}}$

$$(R_n = \{\omega_n^0, \omega_n^1, \dots, \omega_n^{n-1}\})$$

$$A_0 = [a_0, a_2, \dots, a_{n-2}] \quad A_1 = [a_1, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1}]$$

$$A(x) = A_0(x^2) + x A_1(x^2)$$

$$\therefore A(\omega_n^i) = A_0(\omega_n^{2i}) + \omega_n^i A_1(\omega_n^{2i}) = A_0(\omega_{n/2}^i) + \omega_n^i A_1(\omega_{n/2}^i)$$

# Divide-and-Conquer Algorithm for DFT:

a.k.a. Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) Algorithm  
[Cooley-Tukey, 1965]

1. Construct  $A_0, A_1$  —  $O(n)$
2. Recursively find DFT of  $A_0$ , DFT of  $A_1$ . —  $T(\frac{n}{2}) + T(\frac{n}{2})$

This gives  $A_0(\omega_{n/2}^i), A_1(\omega_{n/2}^i) \forall i = 0 \dots n/2 - 1$

3a. For  $i = 0 \dots \frac{n}{2} - 1$ :

$$A(\omega_n^i) = A_0(\omega_{n/2}^i) + \omega_n^i A_1(\omega_{n/2}^i) \text{ — } O(n)$$

3b. For  $i = n/2 \dots n-1$

$$A(\omega_n^i) = A_0(\omega_{n/2}^i) + \omega_n^i A_1(\omega_{n/2}^i)$$

because  $\omega_{n/2}^{n/2} = 1$   $\rightarrow = A_0(\omega_{n/2}^{i-n/2}) + \omega_n^i A_1(\omega_{n/2}^{i-n/2}) \text{ — } O(n)$

available from rec. calls.

4 Return  $A(\omega_n^0), \dots, A(\omega_n^{n-1})$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn \quad \therefore T(n) = O(n \log n)$$