

*CSC006P1M: Design and Analysis of  
Algorithms*  
*Lecture 12 (Polynomial Multiplication)*

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# Polynomial Multiplication

Let  $P = \sum_{i=0}^m p_i x^i$ , and  $Q = \sum_{i=0}^n q_i x^i$  be two polynomials of degree  $m$  and  $n$  respectively.

## Problem

Compute the product of two given polynomials of degree  $m$  and  $n$  respectively.

# Polynomial Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned}PQ &= (p_mx^m + \cdots + p_0)(q_nx^n + \cdots + q_0) \\&= p_mx^m(q_nx^n + \cdots + q_0) + \\&\quad p_{m-1}x^{m-1}(q_nx^n + \cdots + q_0) + \\&\quad \vdots \\&\quad + p_0(q_nx^n + \cdots + q_0)\end{aligned}$$

- Number of Multiplications -  $(m+1)(n+1)$ .
- Number of Additions - [Exercise](#) Is it  $mn$ ?

# *Polynomial Multiplication*

Can we do better?

For simplicity, assume  $m = n$ .

# Polynomial Multiplication

Let  $P = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p_i x^i$ , and  $Q = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_i x^i$  be two polynomials of degree  $n$  respectively. Further assume that  $n$  is a power of 2.

Now, we divide polynomial into two equal-sized parts.

- $P = P_1 + x^{n/2} P_2$ , and
- $Q = Q_1 + x^{n/2} Q_2$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} PQ &= (P_1 + x^{n/2} P_2)(Q_1 + x^{n/2} Q_2) \\ &= P_1 Q_1 + (P_1 Q_2 + P_2 Q_1) x^{n/2} + P_2 Q_2 x^n \end{aligned}$$

# Polynomial Multiplication

$$P_1 Q_1 + (P_1 Q_2 + P_2 Q_1)x^{n/2} + P_2 Q_2 x^n$$

Time Complexity:

$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(?); \quad T(1) = 1.$$

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$$T(n) = 4T(n/2) + \Theta(n); \quad T(1) = 1.$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^2).$$

No improvement.

# Polynomial Multiplication

Let,

- $P_1Q_1 = A$ ,  $P_1Q_2 = B$ ,  $P_2Q_1 = C$  and  $P_2Q_2 = D$ .

$$P_1Q_1 + (P_1Q_2 + P_2Q_1)x^{n/2} + P_2Q_2x^n = A + (B + C)x^{n/2} + Dx^n.$$

Observations:

- We do not need to compute  $B$  and  $C$  separately; we need only to know  $B + C$ .
- $(P_1 + P_2)(Q_1 + Q_2) - A - D = B + C$ .

*# of  $(n/2) - 1$ -degree Polynomial Multiplications Required*

- 1  $P_1Q_1 = A$ .
- 2  $P_2Q_2 = B$ .
- 3  $(P_1 + P_2)(Q_1 + Q_2) = E$ .

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$$A + (B + C)x^{n/2} + Dx^n = A + (E - A - D)x^{n/2} + Dx^n$$

Time Complexity:

$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + \Theta(n); \quad T(1) = 1.$$

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$$T(n) = 3T(n/2) + \Theta(n); \quad T(1) = 1.$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_2 3}) = \Theta(n^{1.59}).$$

Good Job.



## Polynomial Multiplication

Let  $P = 1 - x + 2x^2 - x^3$ , and  $Q = 2 + x - x^2 + 2x^3$ . Compute  $PQ$ .

- $P_1 = 1 - x, P_2 = 2 - x, Q_1 = 2 + x, Q_2 = -1 + 2x$ .
- $A = P_1 Q_1 = (1 - x)(2 + x) = 2 - x - x^2$ ,
- $D = P_2 Q_2 = (2 - x)(-1 + 2x) = -2 + 5x - 2x^2$ ,
- $E = (P_1 + P_2)(Q_1 + Q_2) = (3 - 2x)(1 + 3x) = 3 + 7x - 6x^2$ .
- $B + C = E - A - D = 3 + 3x - 3x^2$ .
- $PQ = A + (B + C)x^2 + Dx^4$
- $PQ = (2 - x - x^2) + (3 + 3x - 3x^2)x^2 + (-2 + 5x - 2x^2)x^4$ .  
$$= 2 - x - x^2 + 3x^2 + 3x^3 - 3x^4 - 2x^4 + 5x^5 - 2x^6.$$
$$= 2 - x + 2x^2 + 3x^3 - 5x^4 + 5x^5 - 2x^6.$$

# *Polynomial Multiplication*

Can we do better?

Yes. We will discuss in the next class.

# Thank You