

Chapter 5

Divide and Conquer



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5.6 Convolution and FFT

Fast Fourier Transform: Applications

The FFT is one of the truly great computational developments of this [20th] century. It has changed the face of science and engineering so much that it is not an exaggeration to say that life as we know it would be very different without the FFT. -Charles van Loan

Polynomials: Coefficient Representation

Polynomial. [coefficient representation]

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

$$B(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

Add: O(n) arithmetic operations.

$$A(x) + B(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \dots + (a_{n-1} + b_{n-1})x^{n-1}$$

Evaluate: O(n) using Horner's method.

$$A(x) = a_0 + (x(a_1 + x(a_2 + \dots + x(a_{n-2} + x(a_{n-1}))\dots))$$

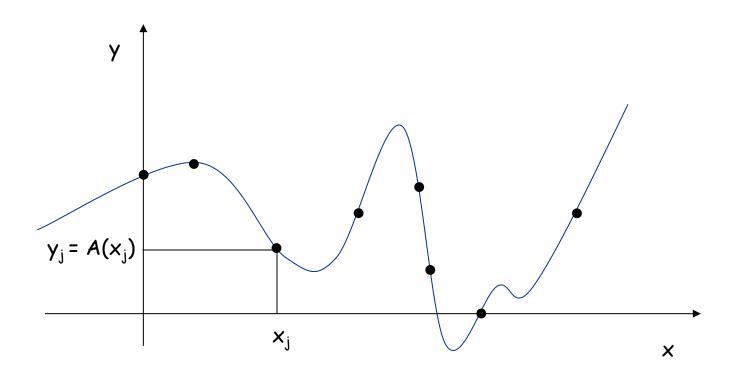
Multiply (convolve): $O(n^2)$ using brute force.

$$A(x) \times B(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{2n-2} c_i x^i$$
, where $c_i = \sum_{j=0}^{i} a_j b_{i-j}$

Polynomials: Point-Value Representation

Fundamental theorem of algebra. [Gauss, PhD thesis] A degree n polynomial with complex coefficients has n complex roots.

Corollary. A degree n-1 polynomial A(x) is uniquely specified by its evaluation at n distinct values of x.



Polynomials: Point-Value Representation

Polynomial. [point-value representation]

$$A(x): (x_0, y_0), ..., (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$$

$$B(x)$$
: $(x_0, z_0), ..., (x_{n-1}, z_{n-1})$

Add: O(n) arithmetic operations.

$$A(x)+B(x): (x_0, y_0+z_0), ..., (x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}+z_{n-1})$$

Multiply: O(n), but need 2n-1 points.

$$A(x) \times B(x)$$
: $(x_0, y_0 \times z_0), ..., (x_{2n-1}, y_{2n-1} \times z_{2n-1})$

Evaluate: O(n²) using Lagrange's formula.

$$A(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} y_k \frac{\prod_{j \neq k} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq k} (x_k - x_j)}$$

Converting Between Two Polynomial Representations

Tradeoff. Fast evaluation or fast multiplication. We want both!

Representation	Multiply	Evaluate
Coefficient	O(n ²)	O(n)
Point-value	O(n)	O(n ²)

Goal. Make all ops fast by efficiently converting between two representations.

$$(x_0,y_0),...,(x_{n-1},y_{n-1})$$
 coefficient point-value representation

Converting Between Two Polynomial Representations: Brute Force

Coefficient to point-value. Given a polynomial $a_0 + a_1 \times + ... + a_{n-1} \times^{n-1}$, evaluate it at n distinct points $x_0, ..., x_{n-1}$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \cdots & x_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \cdots & x_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \cdots & x_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n-1} & x_{n-1}^2 & \cdots & x_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$O(n^2) \text{ for matrix-vector multiply }$$

$$O(n^3) \text{ for } Gaussian \text{ elimination }$$

Vandermonde matrix is invertible iff x_i distinct

Point-value to coefficient. Given n distinct points x_0 , ..., x_{n-1} and values y_0 , ..., y_{n-1} , find unique polynomial $a_0 + a_1 x + ... + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$ that has given values at given points.

Coefficient to Point-Value Representation: Intuition

Coefficient to point-value. Given a polynomial $a_0 + a_1 \times + ... + a_{n-1} \times^{n-1}$, evaluate it at n distinct points $x_0, ..., x_{n-1}$.

Divide. Break polynomial up into even and odd powers.

$$= a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + a_6 x^6 + a_7 x^7.$$

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$$A_{\text{even}}(x) = a_0 + a_2 x + a_4 x^2 + a_6 x^3$$
.

$$A_{odd}(x) = a_1 + a_3x + a_5x^2 + a_7x^3.$$

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$$A(x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) + x A_{\text{odd}}(x^2)$$
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$$A(-x) = A_{even}(x^2) - x A_{odd}(x^2)$$
.

Intuition. Choose two points to be ± 1 .

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$$A(1) = A_{\text{even}}(1) + 1 A_{\text{odd}}(1)$$
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Intuition. Choose four points to be ± 1 , $\pm i$.

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$$A(i) = A_{even}(-1) + i A_{odd}(-1)$$
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$$A(-i) = A_{even}(-1) - i A_{odd}(-1)$$
.

Can evaluate polynomial of degree \leq n at 4 points by evaluating two polynomials of degree $\leq \frac{1}{2}$ n at 2 points.

Discrete Fourier Transform

Coefficient to point-value. Given a polynomial $a_0 + a_1 \times + ... + a_{n-1} \times^{n-1}$, evaluate it at n distinct points $x_0, ..., x_{n-1}$.

Key idea: choose $x_k = \omega^k$ where ω is principal nth root of unity.

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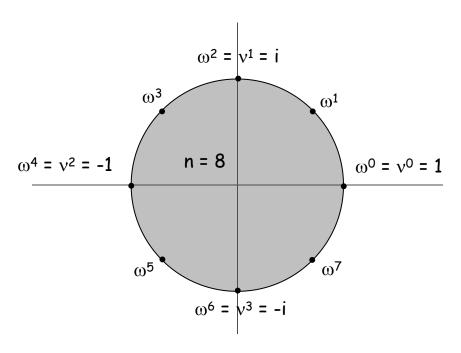
Roots of Unity

Def. An n^{th} root of unity is a complex number x such that $x^n = 1$.

Fact. The nth roots of unity are: ω^0 , ω^1 , ..., ω^{n-1} where $\omega = e^{2\pi i / n}$. Pf. $(\omega^k)^n = (e^{2\pi i k / n})^n = (e^{\pi i})^{2k} = (-1)^{2k} = 1$.

Fact. The $\frac{1}{2}$ nth roots of unity are: v^0 , v^1 , ..., $v^{n/2-1}$ where $v = e^{4\pi i/n}$.

Fact. $\omega^2 = v$ and $(\omega^2)^k = v^k$.



Fast Fourier Transform

Goal. Evaluate a degree n-1 polynomial $A(x) = a_0 + ... + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$ at its nth roots of unity: ω^0 , ω^1 , ..., ω^{n-1} .

Divide. Break polynomial up into even and odd powers.

- $A_{\text{even}}(x) = a_0 + a_2 x + a_4 x^2 + ... + a_{n/2-2} x^{(n-1)/2}.$
- $A_{\text{odd}}(x) = a_1 + a_3 x + a_5 x^2 + ... + a_{n/2-1} x^{(n-1)/2}.$
- $A(x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) + x A_{\text{odd}}(x^2)$.

Conquer. Evaluate $A_{\text{even}}(x)$ and $A_{\text{odd}}(x)$ at the $\frac{1}{2}$ nth roots of unity: v^0 , v^1 , ..., $v^{n/2-1}$.

Combine.

$$A(\omega^k) = A_{\text{even}}(v^k) + \omega^k A_{\text{odd}}(v^k), \quad 0 \le k < n/2$$

$$A(\omega^{k+n}) = A_{even}(v^k) - \omega^k A_{odd}(v^k), \quad 0 \le k < n/2$$

$$\uparrow$$

$$\omega^{k+n} = -\omega^k$$

$$v^{k} = (\omega^{k})^{2} = (\omega^{k+n})^{2}$$

FFT Algorithm

$FFT(n, a_0, a_1, \cdots, a_{n-1})$

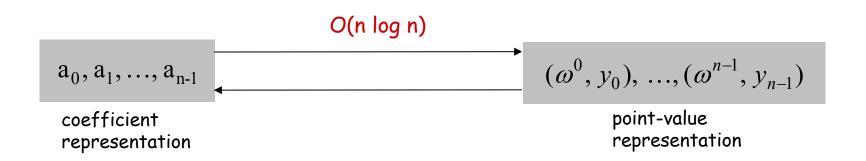
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1: if n = 1 then
        return a<sub>0</sub>.
 3: end if
 4: (e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n/2-1}) \leftarrow FFT(n/2, a_0, a_2, a_4, \dots, a_{n-2}).
 5: (d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n/2-1}) \leftarrow FFT(n/2, a_1, a_3, a_5, \dots, a_{n-1}).
 6: for k = 0 to n/2 - 1 do
 7: \omega^k \leftarrow e^{2\pi i k/n}
 8: y_k \leftarrow e_k + \omega^k d_k.
 9: V_{k+n/2} \leftarrow e_k - \omega^k d_k.
10: end for
11: return (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}).
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FFT Summary

Theorem. FFT algorithm evaluates a degree n-1 polynomial at each of the n^{th} roots of unity in $O(n \log n)$ steps.

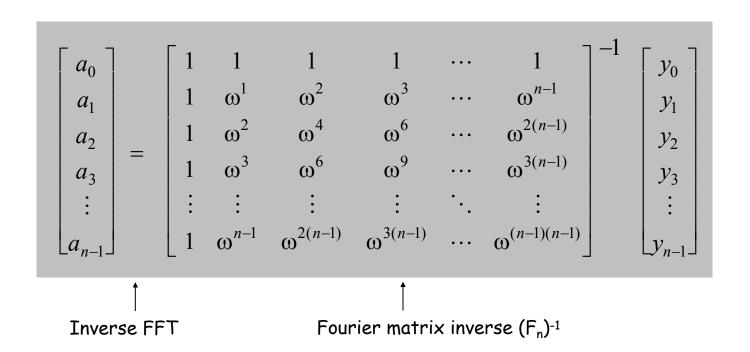
| Assumes n is a power of 2

Running time. $T(2n) = 2T(n) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$.



Point-Value to Coefficient Representation: Inverse DFT

Goal. Given the values y_0 , ..., y_{n-1} of a degree n-1 polynomial at the n points ω^0 , ω^1 , ..., ω^{n-1} , find unique polynomial $a_0 + a_1 \times + ... + a_{n-1} \times^{n-1}$ that has given values at given points.



Inverse FFT

Claim. Inverse of Fourier matrix is given by following formula.

$$G_{n} = \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & \omega^{-1} & \omega^{-2} & \omega^{-3} & \cdots & \omega^{-(n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^{-2} & \omega^{-4} & \omega^{-6} & \cdots & \omega^{-2(n-1)} \\ 1 & \omega^{-3} & \omega^{-6} & \omega^{-9} & \cdots & \omega^{-3(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \omega^{-(n-1)} & \omega^{-2(n-1)} & \omega^{-3(n-1)} & \cdots & \omega^{-(n-1)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

Consequence. To compute inverse FFT, apply same algorithm but use $\omega^{-1} = e^{-2\pi i / n}$ as principal n^{th} root of unity (and divide by n).

Inverse FFT: Algorithm

INVERSEFFT $(n, y_0, y_1, \cdots, y_{n-1})$

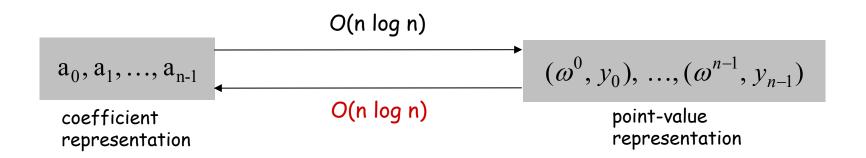
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1: if n = 1 then
 2: return y_0.
 3: end if
 4: (e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{n/2-1}) \leftarrow INVERSEFFT(n/2, y_0, y_2, \dots, y_{n-2}).
 5: (d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{n/2-1}) \leftarrow INVERSEFFT(n/2, y_1, y_3, \dots, y_{n-1}).
 6: for k = 0 to n/2 - 1 do
 7: \omega^k \leftarrow e^{-2\pi i k/n}
 8: a_k \leftarrow e_k + \omega^k d_k.
    a_{k+n/2} \leftarrow e_k - \omega^k d_k.
10: end for
11: return (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})
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Remark. Need to divide result by n.

Inverse FFT Summary

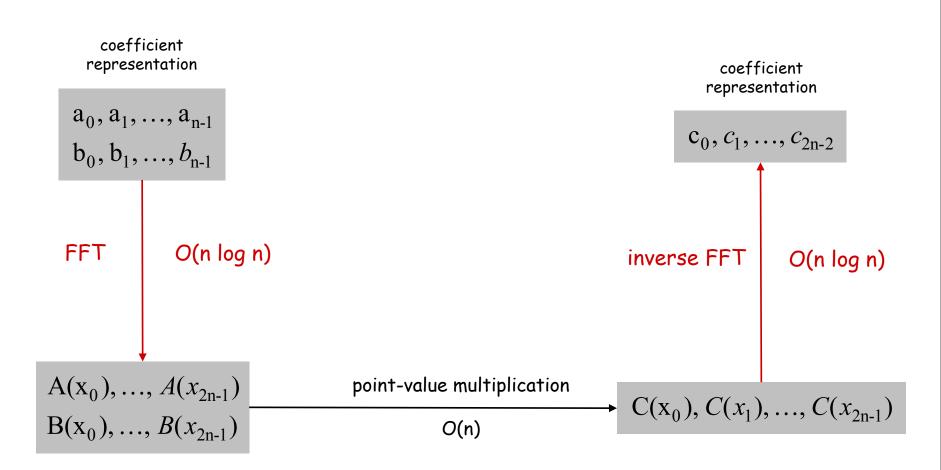
Theorem. Inverse FFT algorithm interpolates a degree n-1 polynomial given values at each of the n^{th} roots of unity in $O(n \log n)$ steps.

assumes n is a power of 2



Polynomial Multiplication

Theorem. Can multiply two degree n-1 polynomials in O(n log n) steps.



Integer Multiplication

Integer multiplication. Given two n bit integers $a = a_{n-1} \dots a_1 a_0$ and $b = b_{n-1} \dots b_1 b_0$, compute their product $c = a \times b$.

Convolution algorithm.

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

 $B(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x^{n-1}$

- Form two polynomials.
- Note: a = A(2), b = B(2).
- Compute $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x)$.
- Evaluate $C(2) = a \times b$.
- Running time: O(n log n) complex arithmetic steps.

Theory. [Schönhage-Strassen 1971] O(n log n log log n) bit operations.

Homework

Read Chapter 5 of the textbook.

Exercises 3 & 4 in Chapter 5.