

Convolution Operation

Input 2 arrays/vectors representing a time domain signals

Output Convolution of 2 vector

$$Conv = x_1 * x_2$$

$$Conv[n] = \sum_{m=0}^{N-1} x_1[m]x_2[(n-m) \bmod N]$$

Polynomial is same operation

if we have polynomial P1 of degree d and is represented by array of d+1 coefficients and Polynomial P2 of degree e and is represented by array of e+1 coefficients.

Now if we pad both arrays by 0 till d+e+1. The polynomials will remain same.

Their multiplication will be of degree d+e+1 say M then M can be written as

$$M(n) = \sum_{m=0}^{d+e} P1[m]P2[(n-m) \bmod d+e+1]$$

$$M(n) = P1 * P2(\text{with padded 0s})$$

Solving using FFT

From the fact that convolution in time domain is equal to simple multiplication in frequency domain

say we X_1 and X_2 to be frequency domain(DFT of) of x_1 and x_2 . Let X_3 be the convolution in frequency domain(DFT) and its domain be x_3 .

Then,

$$X_3[k] = X_1[k] \cdot X_2[k]$$

$$x_3 = IDFT(X_3)$$

Since we already discussed very fast algorithm for converting time domain into frequency domain which is fast Fourier transform

So,

$$x_1 * x_2 = IFFT(FFT(x_1) \cdot FFT(x_2))$$

So multiplication of can also be calculated by same after padding with appropriate no. of zeroes.

Algorithm

1. Pad P1 and P2 with zeroes until their length becomes degree(P1) + degree(P2) + 1
2. Call FFT of P1 store in Q1
3. Call FFT of P2 store in Q2

4. For $i = 0, \dots, \text{degree}(P1) + \text{degree}(P2)$

1. $Q3[i] = Q2[i] \cdot Q1[i]$

5. $P3 = \text{InvFFT}(Q3)$

6. $P3$ is the answer.

Time complexity analysis

FFT/IFFT takes $n \log n$ time

We did 3 FFT/IFFT operations

So final time complexity = $O(n \log n) + O(n \log n) + O(n \log n) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$

Space complexity

FFT/IFFT takes order of $n \log n$ space

We did 3 FFT/IFF.

Final space complexity = $O(n \log)$