

# COMP3121 Assignment1

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1. [20 marks] You are given two polynomials,

$$P_A(x) = A_0 + A_3x^3 + A_6x^6$$

and

$$P_B(x) = B_0 + B_3x^3 + B_6x^6 + B_9x^9$$

where all  $A_i$ 's and  $B_j$ 's are large numbers. Multiply these two polynomials using only 6 large number Multiplications.

**Solution** Let  $P_C(y) = P_A(y) \cdot P_B(y)$  and  $y = x^3$ , then we have  
 $P_A(y) = A_0 + A_3y + A_6y^2$  and  $P_B(y) = B_0 + B_3y + B_6y^2 + B_9y^3$   
Since the product polynomial  $P_C(y) = P_A(y) \cdot P_B(y)$  is of degree 5, we need 6 value to uniquely determine  $P_C(y)$ . Let  $y = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3$ ; we have

$$P_A(-2) = A_0 + (-2)A_3 + (-2)^2A_6 = A_0 - 2A_3 + 4A_6$$

$$P_B(-2) = B_0 + (-2)B_3 + (-2)^2B_6 + (-2)^3B_9 = B_0 - 2B_3 + 4B_6 - 8B_9$$

$$P_A(-1) = A_0 + (-1)A_3 + (-1)^2A_6 = A_0 - A_3 + A_6$$

$$P_B(-1) = B_0 + (-1)B_3 + (-1)^2B_6 + (-1)^3B_9 = B_0 - B_3 + B_6 - B_9$$

$$P_A(0) = A_0 + (0)A_3 + (0)^2A_6 = A_0$$

$$P_B(0) = B_0 + (0)B_3 + (0)^2B_6 + (0)^3B_9 = B_0$$

$$P_A(1) = A_0 + (1)A_3 + (1)^2A_6 = A_0 + A_3 + A_6$$

$$P_B(1) = B_0 + (1)B_3 + (1)^2B_6 + (1)^3B_9 = B_0 + B_3 + B_6 + B_9$$

$$P_A(2) = A_0 + (2)A_3 + (2)^2A_6 = A_0 + 2A_3 + 4A_6$$

$$P_B(2) = B_0 + (2)B_3 + (2)^2B_6 + (2)^3B_9 = B_0 + 2B_3 + 4B_6 + 8B_9$$

$$P_A(3) = A_0 + (3)A_3 + (3)^2A_6 = A_0 + 3A_3 + 9A_6$$

$$P_B(3) = B_0 + (3)B_3 + (3)^2B_6 + (3)^3B_9 = B_0 + 3B_3 + 9B_6 + 27B_9$$

Thus, if we present the product  $P_C(y) = P_A(y)P_B(y)$  in the coefficient form as  $P_C(y) = C_0 + C_1y + C_2y^2 + C_3y^3 + C_4y^4 + C_5y^5$

We get

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 - 2C_1 + 4C_2 - 8C_3 + 16C_4 - 32C_5 + 64C_6 &= P_C(-2) = P_A(-2)P_B(-2) \\ C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - C_3 + C_4 - C_5 + C_6 &= P_C(-1) = P_A(-1)P_B(-1) \\ C_0 &= P_C(0) = P_A(0)P_B(0) \\ C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4 + C_5 + C_6 &= P_C(1) = P_A(1)P_B(1) \\ C_0 + 2C_1 + 4C_2 + 8C_3 + 16C_4 + 32C_5 + 64C_6 &= P_C(2) = P_A(2)P_B(2) \\ C_0 + 3C_1 + 9C_2 + 27C_3 + 81C_4 + 243C_5 + 729C_6 &= P_C(3) = P_A(3)P_B(3) \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system of linear equations for  $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= P_C(0) \\ C_1 &= \frac{60P_C(3) - 15P_C(2) + 2P_C(1) - 20P_C(0) - 30P_C(-1) + 3P_C(-2)}{60} \\ C_2 &= -\frac{-16P_C(3) + P_C(2) + 30P_C(0) - 16P_C(-1) + P_C(-2)}{24} \\ C_3 &= -\frac{14P_C(3) - 7P_C(2) + P_C(1) - 10P_C(0) + P_C(-1) + P_C(-2)}{24} \\ C_4 &= \frac{-4P_C(3) + P_C(2) + 6P_C(0) - 4P_C(-1) + P_C(-2)}{24} \\ C_5 &= -\frac{-10P_C(3) + 5P_C(2) - P_C(1) + 10P_C(0) - 5P_C(-1) + P_C(-2)}{120} \end{aligned}$$

Multiply these two polynomials using only these 6 large number multiplications  $C_0, C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4, C_5$ .

## 2.

- (a) **[5 marks]** Multiply two complex numbers  $(a + ib)$  and  $(c + id)$  (where  $a, b, c, d$  are all real numbers) using only 3 real number multiplications.
- (b) **[5 marks]** Find  $(a + ib)^2$  using only two multiplications of real numbers.
- (c) **[10 marks]** Find the product  $(a + ib)^2(c + id)^2$  using only five real number multiplications.

### Solution

- (a) Let  $Z_0 = a + ib$ ,  $Z_1 = c + id$ , and we have  $(a + b)(c + d) = ac + bd + bc + ad$ , then

$$(a + ib)(c + id) = ac - bd + i(ad + bc) = ac - bd + i((a + b)(c + d) - ac - bd)$$

Therefore, multiply two complex numbers  $(a + ib)$  and  $(c + id)$  using only 3 real number multiplications  $ac, bd, (a + b)(c + d)$ .

- (b) As  $z_0^2 = (a + ib)^2 = a^2 - b^2 + 2iab = (a + b)(a - b) + 2iab$  Therefore, using only two multiplications of real numbers,  $(a + b)(a - b), ab$ .
- (c) From previously, we have  $z_0 z_1$  using 3 multiplications and  $z_0^2$  using 2 multiplications. So we can use evaluate  $z_0^2 z_1^2 = (a + ib)^2 (c + id)^2 = (z_0 z_1)^2$  with  $z_0 z_1$  using 3 multiplications and then apply the result  $z_0^2$  with 2 multiplications. Thus, we can compute  $(a + ib)^2 (c + id)^2$  using only 5 multiplications.

### 3.

- (a) **[2 marks]** *Revision:* Describe how to multiply two  $n$ -degree polynomials together in  $O(n \log n)$  time, using the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT). You do not need to explain how FFT works you may treat it as a black box.
- (b) In this part we will use the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm described in class to multiply multiple polynomials together (not just two). Suppose you have  $K$  polynomials  $P_1, \dots, P_K$  so that

$$\text{degree}(P_1) + \dots + \text{degree}(P_K) = S$$

- (i) **[6 marks]** Show that you can find the product of these  $K$  polynomials in  $O(KS \log S)$  time. Hint: How many points do you need to uniquely determine an  $S$ -degree polynomial?
- (ii) **[12 marks]** Show that you can find the product of these  $K$  polynomials in  $O(S \log S \log K)$  time. Hint: consider using divide-and-conquer; a tree which you used in the previous assignment might be helpful here as well. Also, remember that if  $x, y, z$  are all positive, then  $\log(x + y) < \log(x + y + z)$

### Solution

- (a) Multiply two  $n$ -degree polynomials,  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$ , actually convert the coefficients of those polynomials into 2 vectors and perform convolution on these two vectors. Naive convolution take  $O(n^2)$  time complexity. However, the result polynomial will have degrees at most  $2n$ , therefore it's sufficient to uniquely determine by the product of those 2 polynomials at  $2n + 1$  distinct points. So, utilising Discrete Fourier Transform(aka. DFT), we can evaluate the result polynomial for such a convolution at all complex roots of unity of order  $2n$ . The DFT can be optimised using divide-and-conquer algorithm called the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) algorithm:  
**convolution** $(a, b) = \sqrt{n}(\text{IFFT}(\text{FFT}(a) \cdot \text{FFT}(b)))$   
each FFT takes  $O(n \log n)$  time and the product of 2 FFT is elementwise product(also know as Hadamard product) and it's also  $O(n \log n)$ , hence the overall time complexity is  $O(n \log n)$  time.

- (b) (i) let  $A$  be the product of these  $K$   $S$ -degree polynomials, then we have  $A(k) = P_1(x) \cdot P_2(x) \cdot \dots \cdot P_k(x)$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq K$

When  $K = 1$ ,  $A(1)$  is the product of  $S$ -degree polynomial and zero-degree polynomial. Then to uniquely determine  $A(1)$ , it will need the complex roots of unity of order  $S$  to evaluate that polynomial. So  $A(1)$  takes  $O(S \log S)$

When  $K = 2$ , from previous, we know  $A(2)$  takes  $O(S \log S)$

When  $K = n$ ,  $A(n)$  is the product of  $n$   $S$ -degree polynomial. Then to uniquely determine  $A(n)$ , it will need the complex roots of unity of order  $nS$  to evaluate that polynomial. So  $A(n)$  takes  $O(nS \log S)$

So  $K = n + 1$ , we have,

$$A(n+1) = A(n) \cdot P_{n+1}(x) \Rightarrow nS \log S + S \log S = (n+1) \log S$$

Hence, the product of these  $K$   $S$ -degree polynomials will take  $O(KS \log S)$ . With the base case  $K = 1$  takes  $O(S \log S)$ , we can compute  $A(k) = P_1(x) \cdot P_2(x) \cdot \dots \cdot P_k(x)$  for all  $1 \leq k \leq K$  recursively. At each recurrence, the degree of the partial product  $A(n)$  and of polynomial  $P_{n+1}(x)$  are both less than  $S$ , so each multiplication, if performed using fast evaluation of convolution (via the FFT) is bounded by the same constant multiple of  $S \log S$ . Computing  $K$  such multiplications needs the total time complexity is  $O(KS \log S)$

- (ii) From last part, we know the product of these  $K$   $S$ -degree polynomials will take  $O(KS \log S)$ . And it does with  $K$  times  $O(S \log S)$ , which in  $K$  linearly operations.

Moreover, the product of  $K$   $S$ -degree polynomials follows the associative law:  $(P_{i-1}(x) * P_i(x)) * P_{i+1}(x) = P_{i-1}(x) * (P_i(x) * P_{i+1}(x))$ .

So we can approach this using divide-and-conquer to achieve  $O(S \log S \log K)$ , we can split  $k$  polynomials into pairs and half  $K$  times  $O(S \log S)$  recursively. Therefore, we can use  $\log K$  times  $O(S \log S)$  instead of  $K$  times  $O(S \log S)$ . Hence, you can find the product of these  $K$   $S$ -degree polynomials in  $O(S \log S \log K)$  time.

**4. [20 marks, each pair 4 marks]** Let us define the Fibonacci numbers as  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$  and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . Thus, the Fibonacci sequence looks as follows: 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

- (a) **[5 marks]** Show, by induction or otherwise, that

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_{n+1} & F_n \\ F_n & F_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n$$

for all integers  $n \geq 1$

- (b) **[15 marks]** Hence or otherwise, give an algorithm that finds  $F_n$  in  $O(\log n)$  time.

**Solution** (a) When  $n = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_2 & F_1 \\ F_1 & F_0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^1$$

Let  $n = k$ , we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} F_{k+1} & F_k \\ F_k & F_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^k$$

And when  $n = k + 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= \begin{pmatrix} F_{k+2} & F_{k+1} \\ F_{k+1} & F_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{k+1} + F_k & F_k + F_{k-1} \\ F_k + F_{k-1} & F_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} F_{k+1} & F_k \\ F_k & F_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^k \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{k+1} = RHS \end{aligned}$$

Hence for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} F_{n+1} & F_n \\ F_n & F_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n$

(b) As previous, we know  $F_n$  can obtain by computing  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^n$ , then let  $G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Thus,  $F_n = G^n$  using divide-and-conquer algorithm,  $G^2$  take  $O(1)$

If  $n$  is even, we have  $G^n = G^{2^k} \Rightarrow k = \log n$ . So it takes  $O(\log n)$

If  $n$  is odd, we have  $G^n = G^{2^{k+1}} \Rightarrow k = \log n - 1$ . So it still takes  $O(\log n)$  Hence, it takes overall  $O(\log n)$  to find  $F_n$  using divide-and-conquer algorithm.

**5.** Your army consists of a line of  $N$  giants, each with a certain height. You must designate precisely  $L \leq N$  of them to be leaders. Leaders must be spaced out across the line; specifically, every pair of leaders must have at least  $K \geq 0$  giants standing in between them. Given  $N, L, K$  and the heights  $H[1..N]$  of the giants in the order that they stand in the line as input, find the *maximum* height of the *shortest* leader among all valid choices of  $L$  leaders. We call this the optimisation version of the problem.

For instance, suppose  $N = 10, L = 3, K = 2$  and  $H = [1, 10, 4, 2, 3, 7, 12, 8, 7, 2]$ . Then among the 10 giants, you must choose 3 leaders so that each pair of leaders has at least 2 giants standing in between them. The best choice of leaders has heights 10, 7 and 7, with the shortest leader having height 7. This is the best possible for this case.

(a) **[8 marks]** In the *decision* version of this problem, we are given an additional integer  $T$  as input. Our task is to decide if there exists some valid choice of leaders satisfying the constraints whose shortest leader has height no less than  $T$ .

(b) **[12 marks]** Hence, show that you can solve the optimisation version of this problem in  $O(N \log N)$  time.

## Solution

- (a) In this task, we need to work out if there are enough leader candidates meeting the minimum required height  $T$ . Therefore, it needs to check if there are  $L$  leaders meeting the minimum required height  $T$ , and  $L$  leaders are separating by at least every  $K$  giants in  $N$  giants.

Iterate all  $N$  giants, find the first eligible leader candidate and from then on, from the last eligible leader candidate skipping  $K$  giants to find the next eligible leader candidate. This takes  $O(N)$  time complexity. After finding out all the eligible candidates, check if the total number of the eligible candidates is at least  $K$ . Return **true** if the total number is greater or equal to  $K$  and return **false** otherwise. This takes  $O(1)$  time so the overall time complexity is  $O(N)$ .

- (b) The optimisation version of the problem is to find the largest value of  $T$  to the decision problem is **true** with the given  $N, L, K$ .

With the given  $N, L, K$ , our decision algorithm returns **true** from the shortest height  $T_l$  to the tallest height  $T_h$  of  $L$  leaders. Hence, the decision problem will remain true in  $T$ , where  $T \in [T_l, T_h]$  ( $[T_l, T_h]$  is in the range of all valid leader candidates' heights).

Therefore, assuming all  $N$  giants are valid candidates, merge sort the heights of  $N$  giants in  $O(n \log n)$ , we have  $T \in [T_l, T_h]$ . As we already know that the decision problem will remain true in  $T$ , where  $T \in [T_l, T_h]$ . So from the largest  $T_l$ , use binary search to work out the maximum value of  $T$  where the decision problem returns **true**. The binary search will select the direction to go over  $T \in [T_l, T_h]$  according to the result of the decision problem. Since there are  $O(N \log N)$  iterations in the binary search of  $T$  the range of  $N$  giants' heights, each decision taking  $O(N)$ . Hence, the overall complexity of the algorithm is  $O(N \log N)$ .