

# Convolution

Input: vectors  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$   
 $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$

Output: vector  $c = a * b$ , where

$$c_k = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i} = \sum_{\substack{0 \leq i, j \leq n-1 \\ i+j=k}} a_i b_j$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 & \nearrow c_0 & \nearrow c_1 & \nearrow c_2 \\
 a_0 b_0 & a_0 b_1 & a_0 b_2 & \dots \\
 a_1 b_0 & a_1 b_1 & a_1 b_2 & \dots \\
 a_2 b_0 & a_2 b_1 & a_2 b_2 & \dots \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 a_{n-1} b_0 & a_{n-1} b_1 & \dots & \dots
 \end{array}$$

Why do we care

- polynomial mult
- signal processing

replace  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n)$  with

$$a'_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=i-k}^{i+k} a_j e^{-(j-i)^2}$$

$$a_0 b_{n-1}$$

$$a_1 b_{n-1}$$

$$a_2 b_{n-1}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \nearrow c_{2n-2} \\
 a_{n-1} b_{n-1}
 \end{array}$$

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

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

$$C(x) = A(x) * B(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_{2n-2} x^{2n-2}$$

where  $c = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) * (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$

We focus on computing  $C(x)$  given  $A(x)$  and  $B(x)$

Goal: best trivial  $O(n^2)$  algo

Idea:

- pick  $2n$  values  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n}$

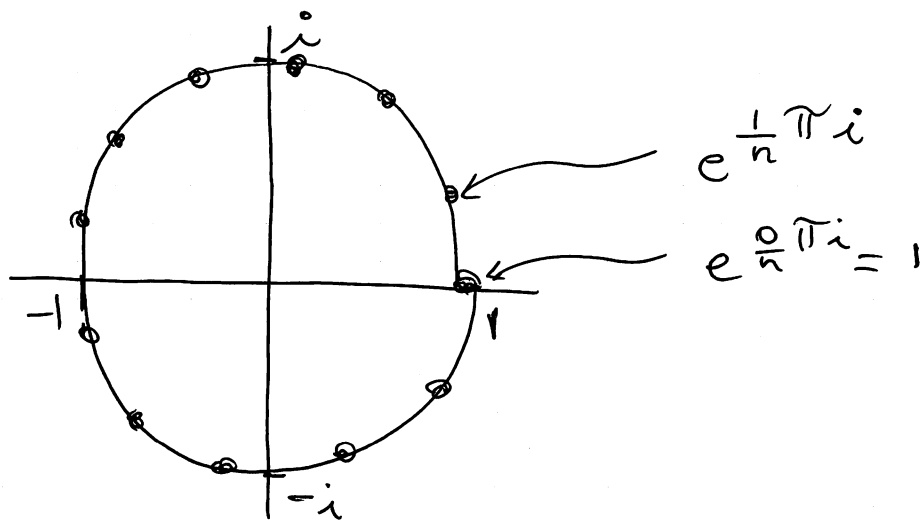
- evaluate  $A(x_1) \dots A(x_{2n})$   
 $B(x_1) \dots B(x_{2n})$

- compute  $C(x_1) \dots C(x_{2n})$

- recover  $C(x)$  from  $\{C(x_i) : i = 1, \dots, 2n\}$

Choosing the right values to sample

Let  $w(j, 2n) = e^{\frac{j}{n}\pi i}$  be the  $2n$ th roots of unit  
that is the  $2n$  solutions to  $z^{2n} = 1$



Obs:  $\omega^2(j, 2n) = \omega(j, n)$

~~proof~~  $\left[ e^{\frac{j}{n}\pi i} \right]^2 = e^{\frac{2j}{n}\pi i} = e^{\frac{j}{n/2}\pi i}$

Evaluating all roots in one go

$$\star A(x) = A_{\text{even}}(x^2) + x A_{\text{odd}}(x^2), \text{ where}$$

$$A_{\text{even}}(x) = a_0 + a_2 x + a_4 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-2} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

$$A_{\text{odd}}(x) = a_1 + a_3 x + a_5 x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} x^{\frac{n}{2}-1}$$

To compute  $A(w(0, 2n)) A(w(1, 2n)) \dots A(w(2n-1, 2n))$

recursively compute

$$A_{\text{even}}(w(0, n)) A_{\text{even}}(w(1, n)) \dots A_{\text{even}}(w(n-1, n))$$

$$A_{\text{odd}}(w(0, n)) A_{\text{odd}}(w(1, n)) \dots A_{\text{odd}}(w(n-1, n))$$

combine them with  $\star$  to get desired output

$$T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n) \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

How to reconstruct  $C(x)$

$$C(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_{2n-2} x^{2n-2}$$

$$D(x) = d_0 + d_1 x + \dots + d_{2n-2} x^{2n-2}$$

Claim:  $\frac{1}{2n} D(\omega(2n-s, 2n)) = c_s \Rightarrow$  compute  $C$  by evaluating  $D$

$$D(\omega(j, 2n)) = \sum_{s=0}^{2n-1} c_s (\omega(s, 2n)) (\omega(j, 2n))^s$$

$$= \sum_{s=0}^{2n-1} \sum_{t=0}^{2n-1} c_t (\omega(s, 2n))^t (\omega(j, 2n))^s$$

$$= \sum_s \sum_t c_t e^{t \frac{s}{n} \pi i + \frac{s \cdot j}{n} \pi i}$$

$$= \sum_s \sum_t c_t \omega^s(t+j, 2n)$$

$$= \sum_{t=0}^{2n-1} c_t \left( \sum_{s=0}^{2n-1} \omega^s(t+j, 2n) \right)$$

$= 0$  for  $\omega(t+j, 2n) \neq 1$   
since  $x^{2n-1} = 0$

$= 2n$  for  $t = 2n-j$

## Complete Algorithm

evaluate  $A(x)$  at  $x = w(j, 2n)$  for  $j = 1 \dots 2n$   
evaluate  $B(x)$  at  $x = w(j, 2n)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 2n$   
compute  $C(x)$  at  $x = w(j, 2n)$  for  $j = 1 \dots 2n$   
evaluate  $D(x)$  at  $x = w(j, 2n)$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 2n$

let  $C_s = \frac{D(w(2n-s), 2n)}{2n}$  for  $s = 0, \dots, 2n-1$

$\Rightarrow O(n \log n)$  time  
to compute convolution