

Quantum Multi-string Matching

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String Matching

- Text $S[0 \dots n - 1]$
- Pattern (or key) $P[0 \dots m - 1]$
- Strings from alphabet Σ
- Find set of indices i such that $S[i..i + m] = P$

Example:

- $T = \text{"GTAT GATC TC"}$ (ignore spaces)
- $P_1 = \text{"ATCT"}$
- $P_2 = \text{"TGAT"}$
- $P_3 = \text{"ACCC"}$
- P_1 matches at 5, P_2 matches at 3, P_3 has no matches
- Multi-string matching: search P_1, P_2, \dots in S simultaneously

Classical Algorithms

- Brute Force $\rightarrow O(mn)$
- Boyer-Moore $\rightarrow O(n + m)$, $O(mn)$ worst case
- Knuth-Morris-Pratt $\rightarrow O(n + m)$ worst case
- Suffix Tree/Array $\rightarrow O(m)/O(n \log n) + \text{preproc}$
- Karp-Rabin - rolling hash $\rightarrow O(n + m)$ expected

G	T	A	T	G	A	T	C	T	C
hash-value 84									
	hash-value 194								
		hash-value 6							
			hash-value 18						
				hash-value 95					

- **Polynomial Matching** $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$

Polynomial Matching

Calculate a fingerprint for P and every m character sequence in S ;
matching fingerprints suggest pattern match!

$$A \mapsto -3$$

$$C \mapsto 5$$

$$G \mapsto -7$$

$$T \mapsto 11$$

$$\text{"ATCT"} \longrightarrow 11x^3 + 5x^2 + 11x - 3$$

$$\text{"GTAT GATC TC"} \longrightarrow -7x^{15} + 11x^{14} - 3x^{13} + \dots + 11x^7 + 5x^6$$

Note that P encoding is reversed (similar to convolution)

Polynomial Matching

Given polynomials

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^m a_i x^i, S(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n b_j x^j$$

then

$$R(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m+n} c_k x^k$$

where

$$c_k = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i b_{k-i}, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq k \leq m+n,$$

with the convention that $a_i = 0$ for $i > m$ and $b_j = 0$ for $j > n$.

Polynomial Matching

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$$R(x) = \dots + 71x^8 + 0x^9 + 276x^{10} + 98x^{11} - 4x^{12} + \dots$$

Degrees map to index:

15 yields index 0

14 yields index 1

...

11 yields index 4

10 yields index 5

9 yields index 6

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Notice that $\|P\|^2 = 11^2 + 5^2 + 11^2 + (-3)^2 = 276$

We get exact fingerprint match for single patterns. Let's extend to multiple patterns...

Polynomial Matching

Add patterns together:

$$P(x) = P_1(x) + P_2(x)$$

$$S(x) = -7x^{15} + 11x^{14} - 3x^{13} + \dots + 11x^7 + 5x^6$$

$$R(x) = \dots + 94x^8 + 240x^9 + 272x^{10} + 64x^{11} + 296x^{12} - 60x^{13} \dots$$

No more exact matches, but higher values = likelier index.

Polynomial Multiplication

For two polynomials of degree n ,

$$A(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

$$B(x) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \cdots + b_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

The goal is to simply to find their product:

$$C(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k b_k x^{j+k}$$

The naïve approach is to directly evaluate the summation (i.e. long multiplication/grade-school multiplication).

Efficient Polynomial Multiplication

Multiple algorithms for multiplication:

- Naïve polynomial multiplication $\rightarrow O(n^2)$
- Karatsuba Algorithm $\rightarrow O(n^{\log_3 2}) = O(n^{1.59})$
- FFT $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$

Polynomial Multiplication with FFT

- 1 Apply FFT to the coefficients of $A(x)$ and $B(x)$

With $\vec{a} = [a_0 \ a_1 \ \dots \ a_{n-1}]^T$ and $\vec{b} = [b_0 \ b_1 \ \dots \ b_{n-1}]^T$, then

$$\vec{\alpha} = \text{FFT}(\vec{a}) \quad O(n \log n)$$

$$\vec{\beta} = \text{FFT}(\vec{b}) \quad O(n \log n)$$

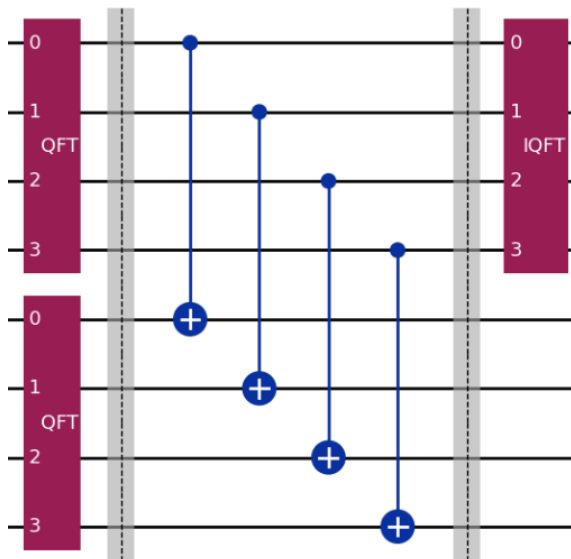
- 2 Perform the Hadamard (element-wise) product of coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{\gamma} &= \vec{\alpha} \odot \vec{\beta} \\ &= [\alpha_0 \beta_0 \ \alpha_1 \beta_1 \ \dots \ \alpha_{n-1} \beta_{n-1}]^T \quad O(n) \end{aligned}$$

- 3 Apply Inverse FFT

$$\vec{c} = \text{IFFT}(\vec{\gamma}) \quad O(n \log n)$$

Polynomial Multiplication with QFT



Using Measurement for Validity

To ensure the validity of quantum element-wise multiplication, we require the last qubits to be measured as all zero.

Consider the simplest case: the element-wise product of two qubits' states

$$\begin{aligned} & CNOT_{1 \rightarrow 2}((a_0|0\rangle + a_1|1\rangle) \otimes (b_0|0\rangle + b_1|1\rangle)) \\ &= CNOT_{1 \rightarrow 2}(a_0b_0|00\rangle + a_0b_1|01\rangle + a_1b_0|10\rangle + a_1b_1|11\rangle) \\ &= a_0b_0|00\rangle + a_0b_1|01\rangle + a_1b_0|11\rangle + a_1b_1|10\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Note how the a_0b_0 and a_1b_1 products are only associated with terms where the second qubit is $|0\rangle$, and a coefficient product can be “chosen” using the state of the first qubit.

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Treatment 1	0.0003262	0.562
Treatment 2	0.0015681	0.910
Treatment 3	0.0009271	0.296

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Definitions & Examples

Definition

A **prime number** is a number that has exactly two divisors.

Example

- 2 is prime (two divisors: 1 and 2).
- 3 is prime (two divisors: 1 and 3).
- 4 is not prime (**three** divisors: 1, 2, and 4).

You can also use the theorem, lemma, proof and corollary environments.

Theorem, Corollary & Proof

Theorem (Mass-energy equivalence)

$$E = mc^2$$

Corollary

$$x + y = y + x$$

Proof.

$$\omega + \phi = \epsilon$$



Equation

$$\cos^3 \theta = \frac{1}{4} \cos \theta + \frac{3}{4} \cos 3\theta \quad (1)$$

Example (Theorem Slide Code)

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\begin{theorem}[Mass--energy equivalence]  
$E = mc^2$  
\end{theorem}  
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