Quantum Multi-string Matching

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Presentation Overview

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String Matching

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

Example:

- T = "GTAT GATC TC" (ignore spaces)
- \bullet P_1 = "ATCT"
- P2 = "TGAT"
- P3 = "ACCC"
- P_1 matches at 5, P_2 matches at 3, P_3 has no matches
- Multi-string matching: search $P_1, P_2, ...$ in S simultaneously

Classical Algorithms

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

G	Т	Α	Т	G	Α	Т	С	Т	С
hash-value 84									
	hash-value 194								
		hash-value 6							
		hash-value 18							
		hash-value 95							

• Polynomial Matching $\longrightarrow O(n \log n)$

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

$$A \mapsto -3$$
 $C \mapsto 5$
 $G \mapsto -7$
 $T \mapsto 11$

"ATCT"
$$\longrightarrow$$
 $Tx^3 + Cx^2 + Tx + A$ \longrightarrow $11x^3 + 5x^2 + 11x - 3$ "GTAT GATC TC" \longrightarrow $-7x^{15} + 11x^{14} - 3x^{13} + ... + 11x^7 + 5x^6$

Note that *P* encoding is reversed (similar to convolution)

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

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

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



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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...

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

Multiple algorithms:

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

Point Value Form

Theorem (Lagrange Interpolation)

For any n points $(x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ with no two x_i the same, there exists a unique polynomial A(x) of degree at most n-1 that interpolates these points.

Given polynomials A(x) and B(x) of degree n, we can represent them as

$$A: \{(x_0, A(x_0)), (x_1, A(x_1)), \dots, (x_{n-1}, A(x_{n-1}))\}$$

$$B: \{(x_0, B(x_0)), (x_1, B(x_1)), \dots, (x_{n-1}, B(x_{n-1}))\}$$

Then their product C(x) = A(x)B(x) is

$$C: \{(x_0, A(x_0)B(x_0)), (x_1, A(x_1)B(x_1)), \dots, (x_n, A(x_{n-1})B(x_{n-1}))\}$$

Polynomial Multiplication

Algorithm idea:

- Evaluate A(x) and B(x) at n points
 - O(n) multiplications per point
 - O(n) points
 - $O(n^2)$ overall, no speedup
- Multiply element-wise
- Interpolate to find C(x) coefficients

But this works for any n inputs. What if we try n^{th} roots of 1?

$$\hat{a}_k = A(\omega_n^k) = \sum_{j=0}^n a_j e^{\frac{2\pi i j k}{n}}$$

for $0 \le k \le n - 1$. This is DFT!



Polynomial Multiplication with FFT

• 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

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

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

Perform the Hadamard (element-wise) product of coefficients

$$\vec{\gamma} = \vec{\alpha} \odot \vec{\beta}$$

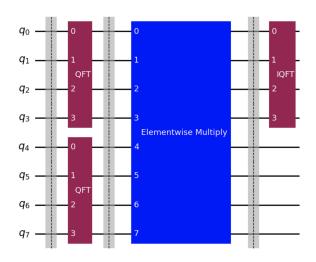
$$= [\alpha_0 \beta_0 \quad \alpha_1 \beta_1 \dots \alpha_{n-1} \beta_{n-1}]^T \qquad O(n)$$

Apply Inverse FFT

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



Polynomial Multiplication with QFT



Polynomial multiplication for degree up to $n = 2^4 - 1 = 15$

Is there such a unitary operator? Define

$$\begin{split} |\alpha\rangle &= \alpha_0 |00\rangle + \alpha_1 |01\rangle + \alpha_2 |10\rangle + \alpha_3 |11\rangle \\ |\beta\rangle &= \beta_0 |00\rangle + \beta_1 |01\rangle + \beta_2 |10\rangle + \beta_3 |11\rangle \\ |\alpha\odot\beta\rangle &= \textit{C}\left(\alpha_0\beta_0 |00\rangle + \alpha_1\beta_1 |01\rangle + \alpha_2\beta_2 |10\rangle + \alpha_3\beta_3 |11\rangle\right) \end{split}$$

for some normalization constant C

$$U|x\rangle|y\rangle=U|x\rangle|x\odot y\rangle$$

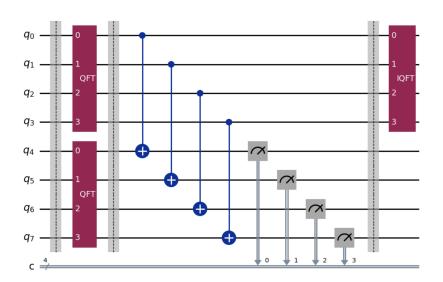
If $|y\rangle = \frac{1}{2} (|00\rangle + |01\rangle + |10\rangle + |11\rangle) \longrightarrow \text{violates no-cloning theorem}$

Allow probabilistic operator:

$$\begin{split} |\alpha\rangle|\beta\rangle &= \alpha_0\beta_0|0000\rangle + \alpha_0\beta_1|0001\rangle + \dots \\ &\alpha_1\beta_0|0100\rangle + \alpha_1\beta1|0101\rangle + \dots \\ &\cdots + \alpha_2\beta_2|1010\rangle + \dots \\ &\cdots + \alpha_3\beta_3|1111\rangle + \dots \end{split}$$

Want when first two bits = last two bits.

Use CNOT to test for equality.



$$\begin{split} |\alpha\rangle|\beta\rangle &= \alpha_0\beta_0|0000\rangle + \alpha_0\beta_1|0001\rangle + \dots \\ &\quad \alpha_1\beta_0|0100\rangle + \alpha_1\beta1|0101\rangle + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + \alpha_2\beta_2|1010\rangle + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + \alpha_3\beta_3|1111\rangle + \dots \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{CNOT}_{0,2}\mathsf{CNOT}_{1,3} \; |\alpha\rangle|\beta\rangle &= \alpha_0\beta_0|0000\rangle + \alpha_0\beta_1|0001\rangle + \dots \\ &\quad \alpha_1\beta_0|0101\rangle + \alpha_1\beta1|0100\rangle + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + \alpha_2\beta_2|1000\rangle + \dots \\ &\quad \dots + \alpha_3\beta_3|1100\rangle + \dots \end{split}$$

Measure the last two qubits, success when $|00\rangle \longrightarrow$ elementwise multiply in first two qubits!

Qiskit Results

Add some slides describing number of shots, probability distribution, runtime.

Current code uses statevector, not sure how many shots would be good. Need min 2^n just to get elementwise. TODO - try actual simulator

Try some larger texts

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