

# FFT Supplementary Introduction

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# Outline

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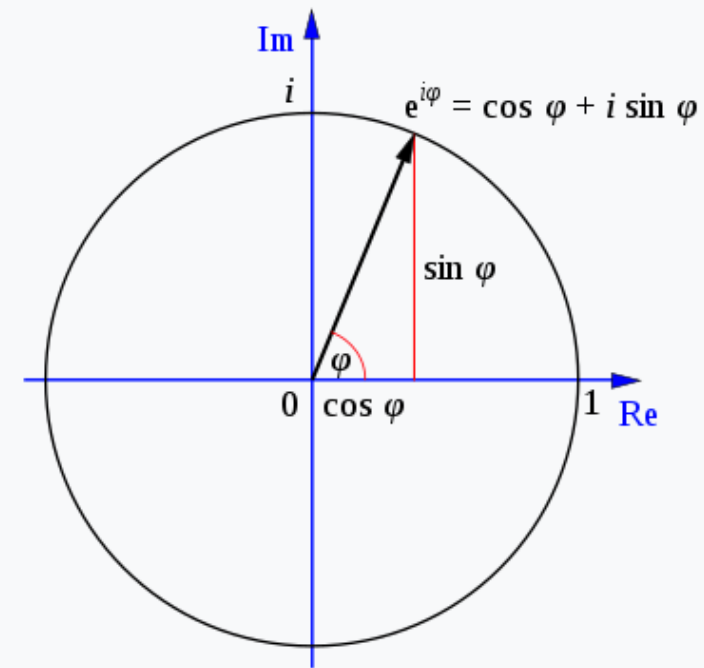
# How FFT speed up DFT

The **DFT** is defined by the formula:

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kn} \quad \text{where } e^{\frac{2\pi i}{N}} \text{ is a primitive } N^{\text{th}} \text{ root of 1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n * \left( \cos\left(\frac{2\pi kn}{N}\right) - i * \sin\left(\frac{2\pi kn}{N}\right) \right)$$

where the second expression follows from the first one by **Euler's formula**.



# Roots of Unity

An  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity is a complex number  $x$  such that  $x^n = 1$

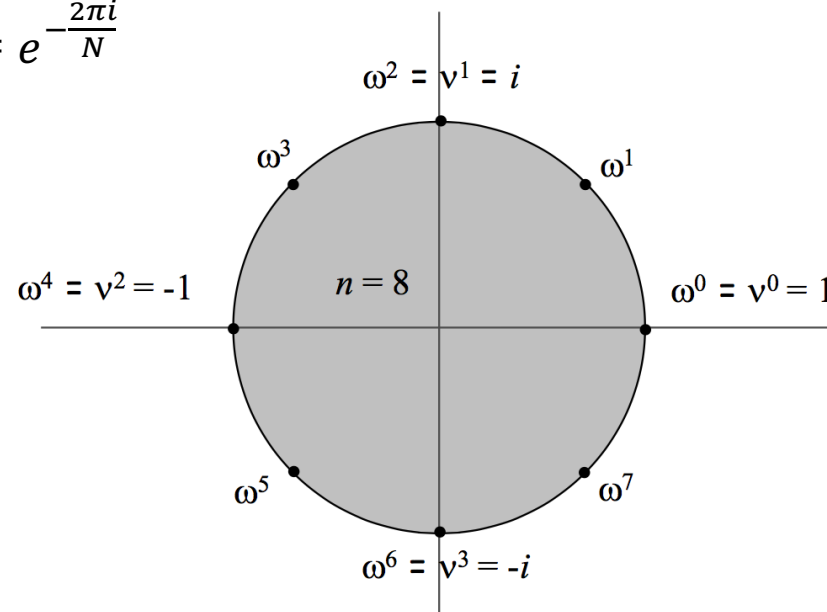
The  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity are:  $\omega^0, \omega^1, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{N-1}$  where  $\omega = e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}}$

$$\{\omega^0, \omega^1, \omega^2, \dots, \omega^{N-1}\} = \{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} \cdot 0}, e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} \cdot 1}, \dots, e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} \cdot (N-1)}\}$$

$$\omega^{\frac{N}{2}} = e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N} \cdot \frac{N}{2}} = e^{-\pi i} = -1$$

$$(\omega^{\frac{N}{2}+k})^2 = (\omega^k)^2$$

Please remember this 2 formulas



# DFT Calculation Example

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= 0 \\x_1 &= 1 \\x_2 &= 0 \\x_3 &= -1\end{aligned}$$

$$X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kn}$$

$$X_0 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*3}$$

$$X_1 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*3}$$

$$X_2 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*3}$$

$$X_3 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*3}$$

$O(n^2)$

$$X_0 = 0 \quad X_1 = -2i \quad X_2 = 0 \quad X_3 = 2i$$

# FFT accelerates DFT

$$\begin{array}{l} x_0 = 0 \\ x_2 = 0 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kn} \quad (N=2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} E_0 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*0*0} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*0*1} \\ E_1 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*0} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x_1 = 1 \\ x_3 = -1 \end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kn} \quad (N=2) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} D_0 = x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*0*0} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*0*1} \\ D_1 = x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*0} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*3} \quad (N=4) \\ &= x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*0} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*2} + (x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*1} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*3}) \\ &= x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*0} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*2} + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1} (x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*0} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*2}) \\ &= x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*\frac{0}{2}} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*\frac{2}{2}} + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1} (x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*\frac{0}{2}} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2}*1*\frac{2}{2}}) \\ &= E_1 + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1} D_1 \end{aligned}$$

In the same way:  $X_0 = E_0 + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0} D_0$

# FFT accelerates DFT

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_2 &= x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 2 * 0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 2 * 1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 2 * 2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 2 * 3} \quad (N = 4) \\
 &= x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * (0+2) * \frac{0}{2}} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * (0+2) * \frac{2}{2}} + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 2} \left( x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * (0+2) * \frac{0}{2}} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * (0+2) * \frac{2}{2}} \right) \\
 &= e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 2} * x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * 0} + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 2} * x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * \frac{2}{2}} + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 2} * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 0} \left( e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 2} * x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * \frac{0}{2}} + e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 2} * x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * \frac{2}{2}} \right) \\
 &= x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * 0} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * 1} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 0} \left( x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * 0} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{2} * 0 * 1} \right) \\
 &= E_0 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 0} D_0
 \end{aligned}$$

In the same way:

$$X_3 = E_1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4} * 1} D_1$$

1

-1

Euler:  $e^{\pi i} + 1 = 0$

# FFT Pseudo-code

input:  $n, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$  ( $n = 2^k$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) you can check  $n \& (n - 1) == 0$ )

output:  $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}$

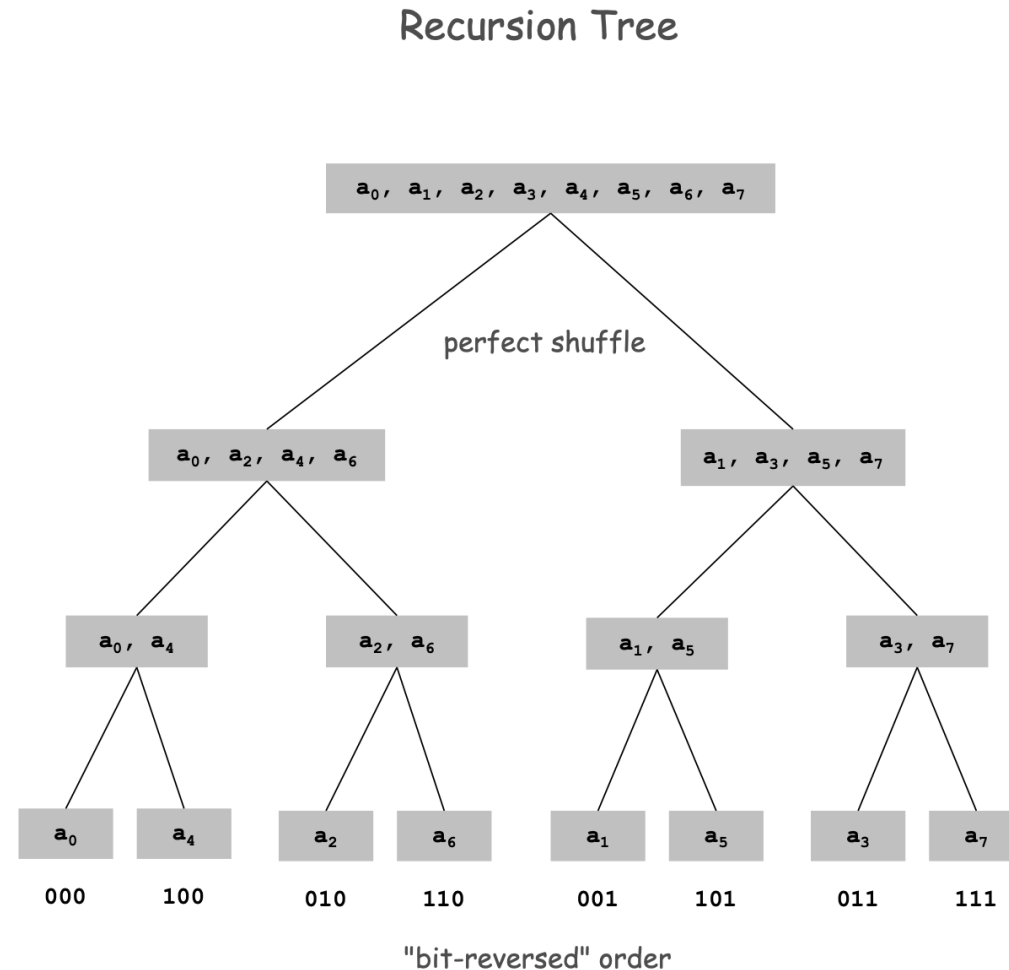
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FFT( $n, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$ ) {  
    if ( $n == 1$ ) return  $a_0$   
        ( $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{\frac{n}{2}-1}$ )  $\leftarrow$  FFT( $n/2, a_0, a_2, \dots, a_{n-2}$ )  
        ( $d_0, d_1, \dots, d_{\frac{n}{2}-1}$ )  $\leftarrow$  FFT( $n/2, a_1, a_3, \dots, a_{n-1}$ )  
    for  $k = 0$  to  $n/2 - 1$  {  
         $\omega^k = e^{-2\pi i k / n}$  //When you write your code, you can use:  $\omega^k = \cos(\frac{2\pi k}{n}) - i \sin(\frac{2\pi k}{n})$   
  
         $y_k = e_k + \omega^k d_k$   
         $y_{k+\frac{n}{2}} = e_k - \omega^k d_k$   
    }  
    return ( $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}$ )  
}
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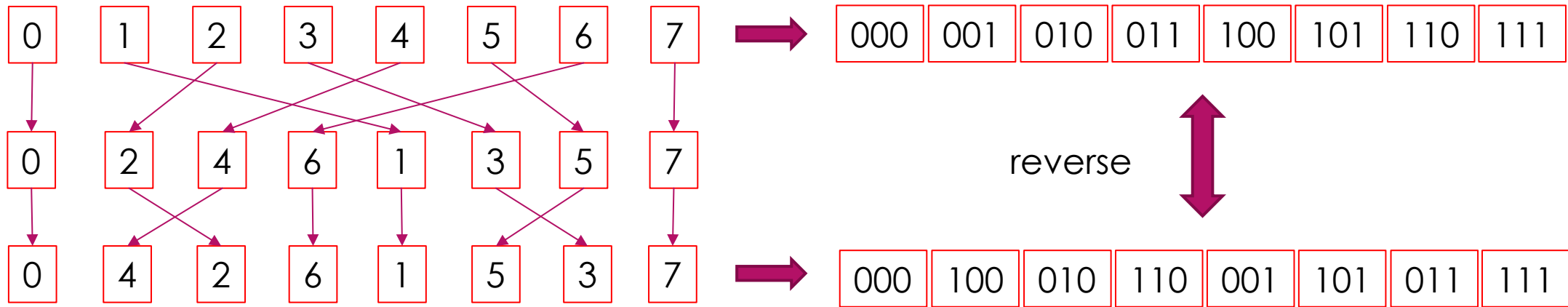
# Recursive program: Stack Overflow

Observe that each time FFT takes all even index elements as a group and all odd index elements as the other group. Finally, you should find that in the bottom of the recursive, the order of the calculating which index is **the bit-reversed order** vs the original order.

That means that if you **switch the elements first**, FFT can be operated from the bottom to top **using loop**, without recursion, to improve efficiency.



# How to implement FFT with loop: Bit-reversed order



Observe:

The lowest bit is 1

000

001

$2 = 1 * 2 = 1 \ll 1$

010

$3 = 2 + 1, 2$  is even

011

$4 = 2 * 2 = 2 \ll 1$

100

The highest bit is 1

000

100

Reverse:  $a[2] = a[1] \gg 1$

010

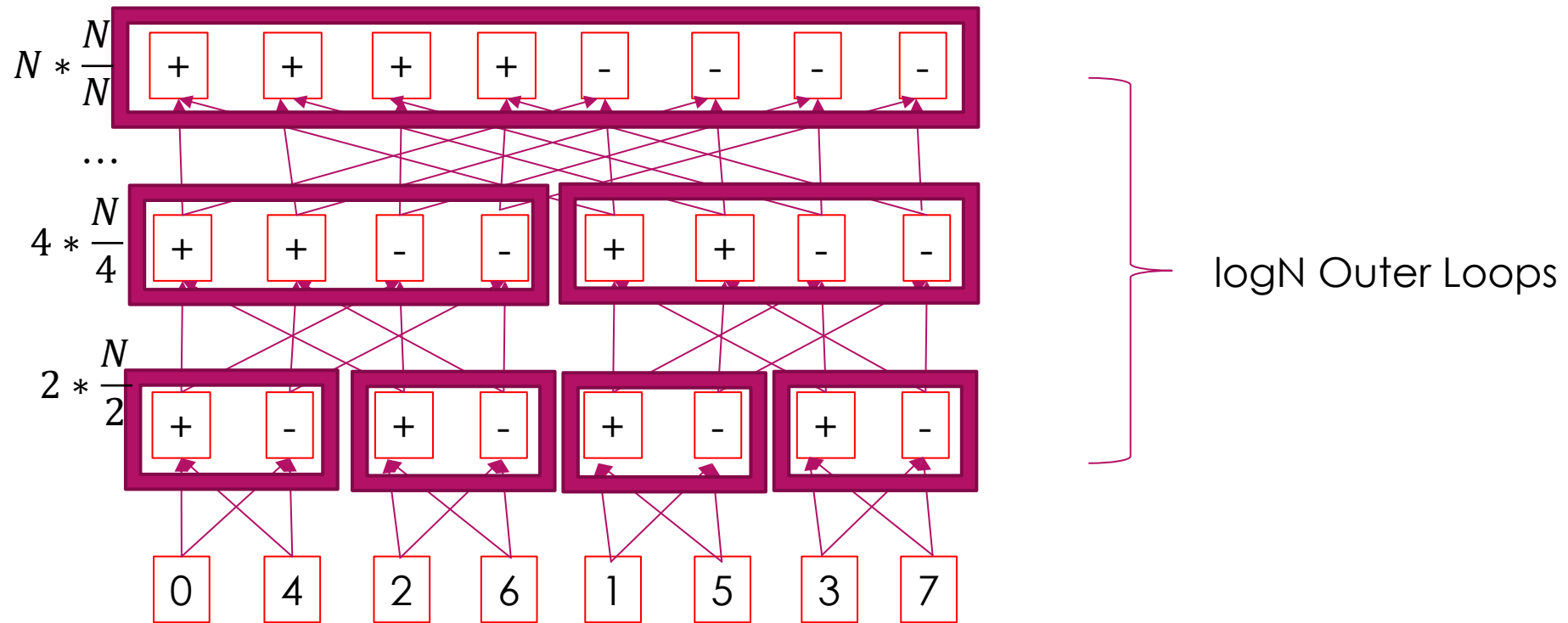
$a[2]$  and then set the highest bit 1

110

Reverse:  $a[4] = a[2] \gg 1$

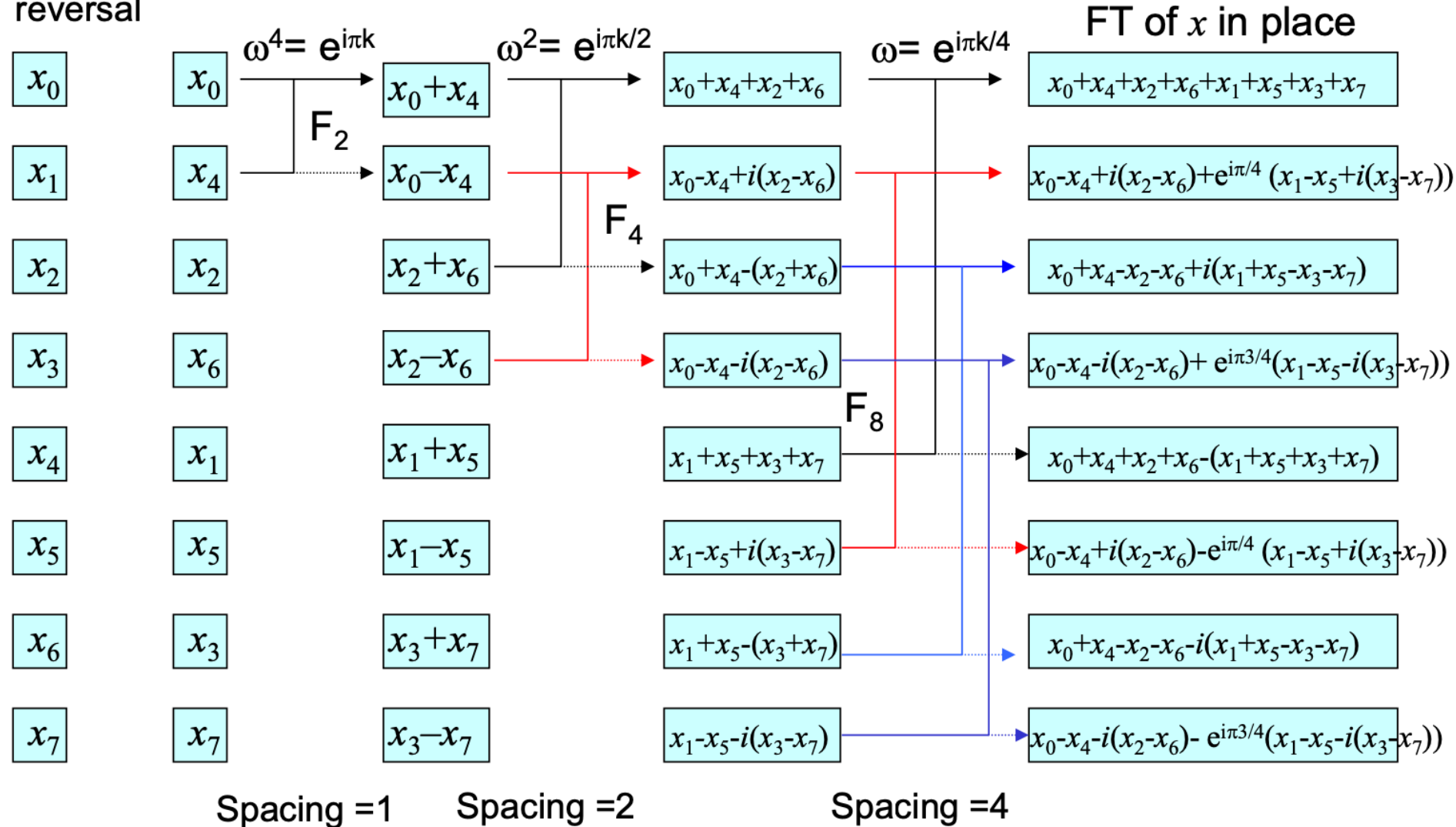
001

# Loop: from the bottom to top



# Example of FFT

Swap data  
according to bit  
reversal



# Applications of FFT



Signal processing



Convolution



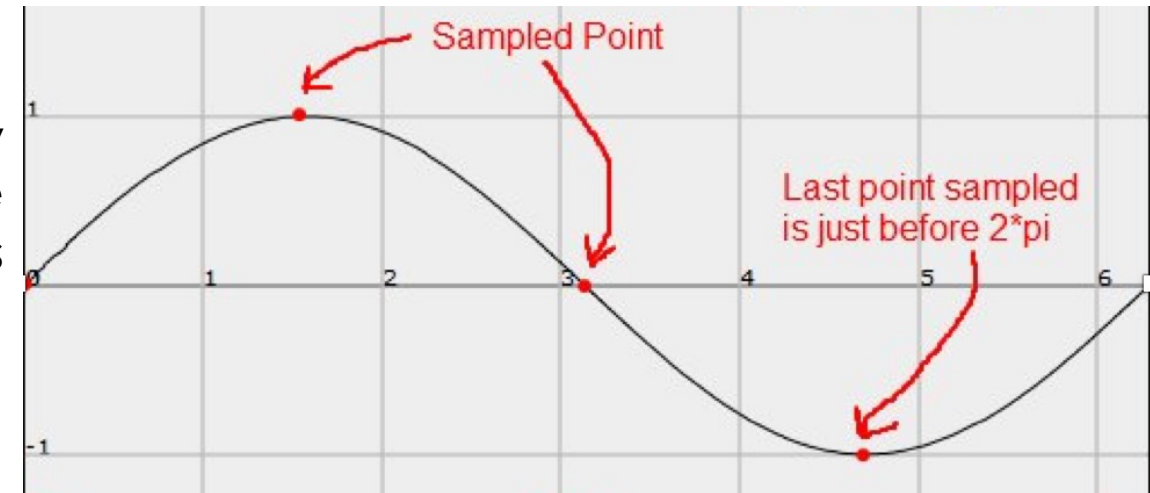
## Signal processing

### Time domain to frequency domain

Suppose a sinusoidal signal is sampled, its frequency is 10Hz, the sampling frequency  $F_s$  is 40Hz, the number of sampling points is  $N = 4$ , and then FFT is performed on it

As shown in the figure on the right, the values of the four points sampled are:

**0 1 0 -1**



# The physical significance of the results of the FFT



Each index of  $X$  represents a frequency :  $F(n)=n*F_s/N$  ( $F_s$  represents the sampling frequency, in this case, the 40 hz;  $N$  is the number of sampling points, which is 4 in this case. )

If  $X_i = a+bi$ , which modulus  $A_i = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ . For the signal of  $i = 0$ , it is the **dc signal**, which amplitude is  $A_0/N$ , and the amplitude of other points is  $2 * A_i/N$ .

With the symmetry of FFT result, usually **we only use the first half ( $N / 2$ ) results**, which are the results less than half the sampling frequency, so we only analyze  $X_0$  and  $X_1$ .

$X_0 = 0$ , means **that the amplitude of frequency 0 is 0**.

$X_1 = -2i$ , so **F1 =  $1*40\text{Hz}/4 = 10 \text{ Hz}$** ,  $A1 = \sqrt{0^2 + (-2)^2} = 2$ , **amplitude =  $2*2/4 = 1$** .

**According to the analysis of the DFT results, we know that the sampled signal is a sinusoidal wave with a frequency of 10hz and an amplitude of 1.**



# Convolution

Given an example of multiplying Polynomials:

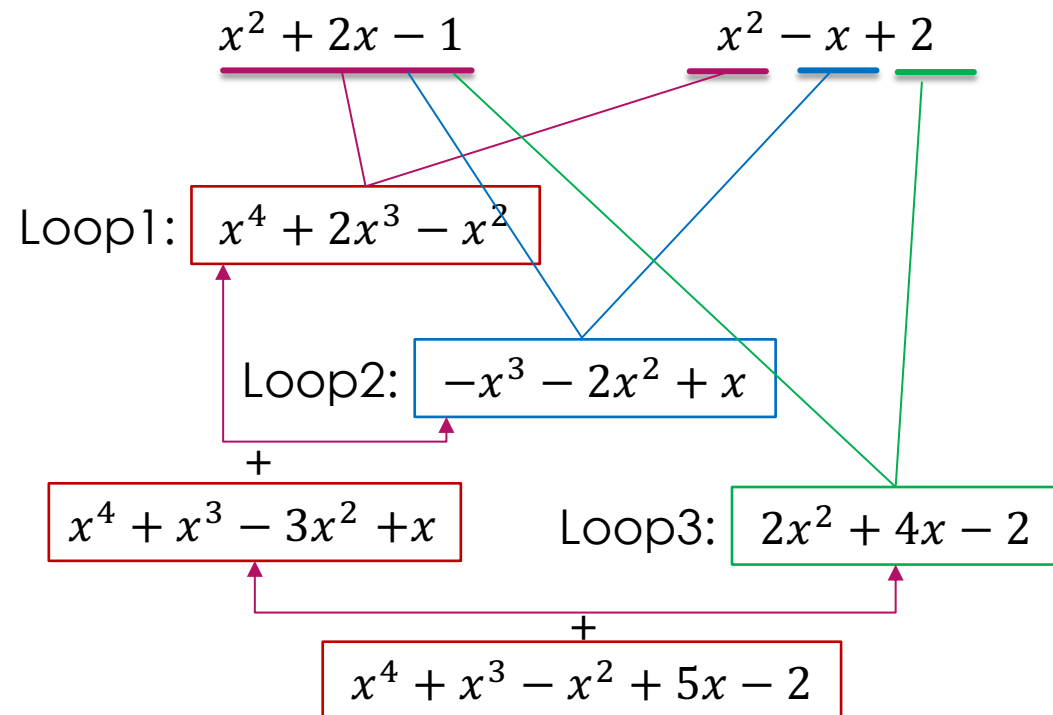
$$A(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$B(x) = x^2 - x + 2$$

$$C(x) = A(x) * B(x)$$

What are the coefficients of  $C(x)$  ?

You might have used an algorithm like this before:





## Multipoint evaluation of a polynomial

The multipoint evaluation problem is the task of evaluating  $f$  at  $n$  distinct points  $u_0, \dots, u_{n-1}$ .

$$A(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$$

$$B(x) = x^2 - x + 2$$

$x$	$A(x)$	$B(x)$
0	-1	2
1	2	2
2	7	4
3	14	8
4	23	14

## Polynomial interpolation

Polynomial interpolation is, in a way, the converse task of multipoint evaluation: Given a set of  $n$  tuples  $(u_0, v_0), \dots, (u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})$ , where  $u_i, v_i$  belong to a field  $F$  and  $u_i$ s are distinct, find the unique polynomial  $f$  of degree less than  $n$  such that  $f(u_i) = v_i$  for all  $0 \leq i < n$ .

$$C(x) = A(x) * B(x)$$

$x$	$A(x)$	$B(x)$	$C(x)$
0	-1	2	$-1*2=2$
1	2	2	$2*2=4$
2	7	4	$7*4=28$
3	14	8	$14*8=112$
4	23	14	$23*14=322$



**$(0, -2), (1, 4), (2, 28), (3, 112), (4, 322)$  are points on  $C(x)$**

Finding the coefficients of  $C(x)$  can be converted to the problem of finding the coefficient of the following equation:

$$-2 = c_4 0^4 + c_3 0^3 + c_2 0^2 + c_1 0 + c_0$$

$$4 = c_4 1^4 + c_3 1^3 + c_2 1^2 + c_1 1 + c_0$$

$$28 = c_4 2^4 + c_3 2^3 + c_2 2^2 + c_1 2 + c_0$$

$$112 = c_4 3^4 + c_3 3^3 + c_2 3^2 + c_1 3 + c_0$$

$$322 = c_4 4^4 + c_3 4^3 + c_2 4^2 + c_1 4 + c_0$$

$$C(x) = c_4 x^4 + c_3 x^3 + c_2 x^2 + c_1 x + c_0$$

$(0, -2), (1, 4), (2, 28), (3, 112), (4, 322)$  are points on  $C(x)$

**Brute-force Algorithm: Gaussian elimination(  $O(n^3)$ ).**

Let's look at a special set of values for x

Review the DFT formula:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 0 \\ x_1 &= 1 \\ x_2 &= 0 \\ x_3 &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow X_k = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} x_n * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{N}kn}$$

$$X_0 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*0*3}$$

$$X_1 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*1*3}$$

$$X_2 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*2*3}$$

$$X_3 = x_0 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*0} + x_1 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*1} + x_2 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*2} + x_3 * e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{4}*3*3}$$

**Think of  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}$  as coefficients,  $e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n}*0}, e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n}*1}, \dots, e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{n}*(n-1)}$  are the  $n$  variables. The formula for the DFT is actually a polynomial with a special values of  $x$ .**

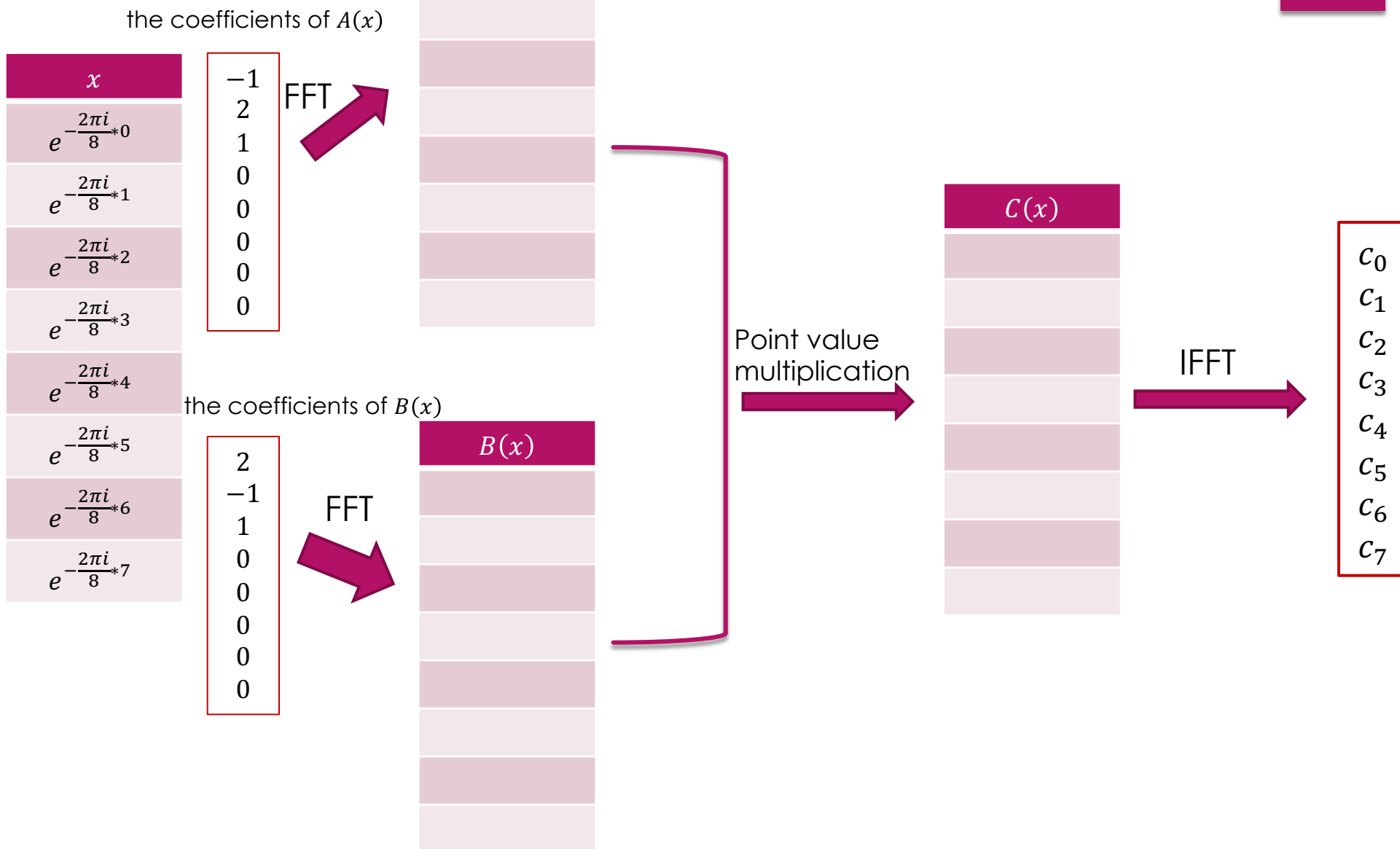
$$A(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$$

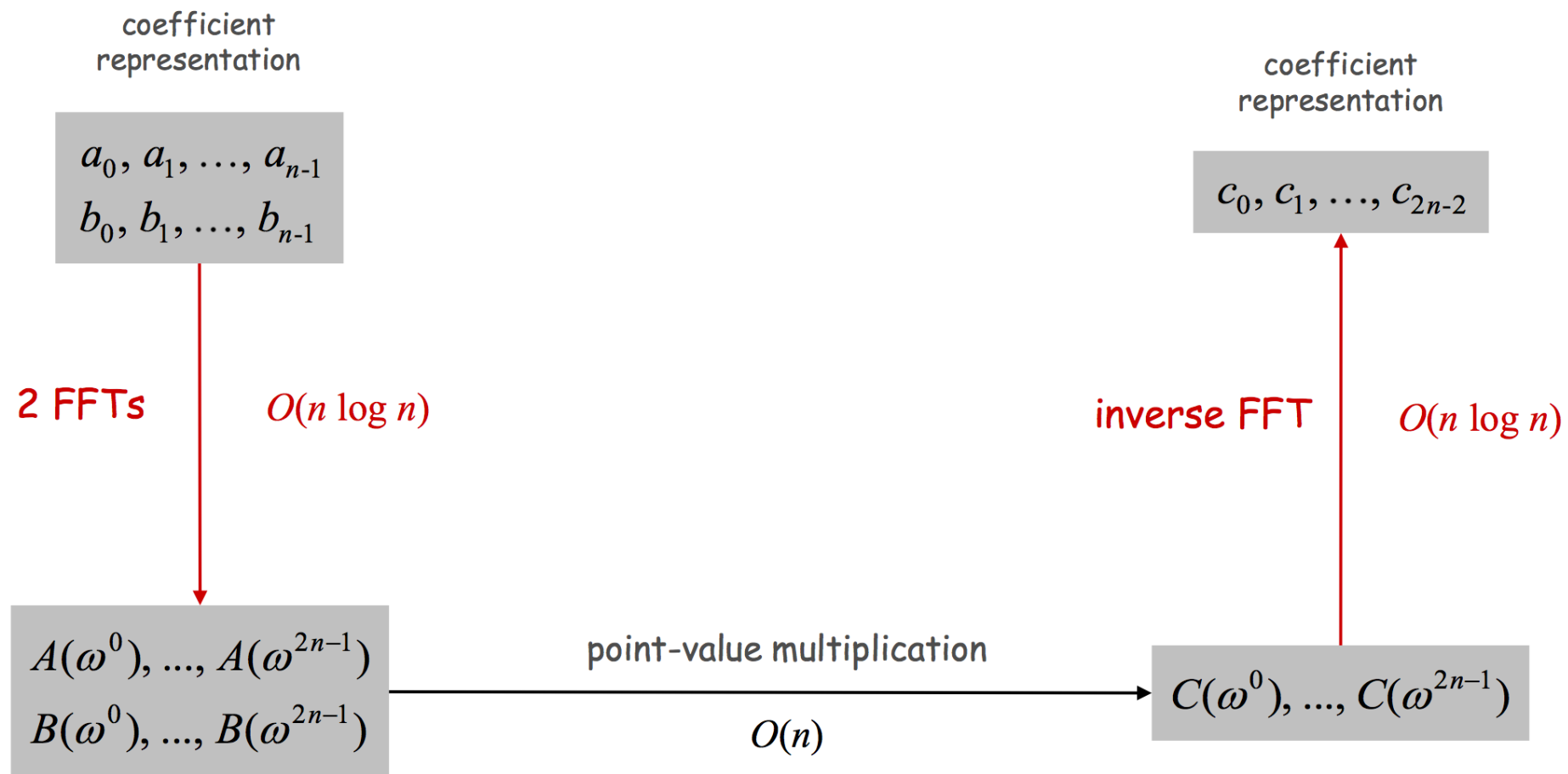
$$B(x) = x^2 - x + 2$$

$$C(x) = A(x) * B(x)$$

The degree of  $C(x)$  is 4.

The elements number of FFT should be  $n = 2^k$ . So we need 8 points.







## Application of Convolution: Pattern matching

Given the pattern string A of length M and the text string B of length N, find all the places where A appears in B.

If  $B[i], B[i+1], \dots, B[i+m-1]$  equal  $A[0], A[1], \dots, A[m-1]$

$$dis_i(A, B) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (B[i+j] - A[j])^2$$

If  $dis_i(A, B) = 0$ , A appears B[i]

Let  $A' = \text{Reverse}(A)$

$$\begin{aligned} dis_i(A, B) &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (B[i+j] - A'[m-1-j])^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (B[i+j])^2 + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (A'[m-1-j])^2 + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} 2 * B[i+j] * A'[m-1-j] \end{aligned}$$

Observe  $i + j + m - 1 - j = i + m - 1$ , so we can calculate the convolution of  $B$  and  $A'$ .  
If  $C[k] == \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} [(B[i+j])^2 + (A'[m-1-j])^2] / 2$  ( $k = i + m - 1$ ), It means that the  $m$  characters of  $B$  starting from index  $i$  are the same as  $A$ .

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A=ABCDE      m=5

$$BSqrSum[\quad] = [21919, 22455, 22991, 22860, 22596, 22197]$$
$$\text{Let } ASqrSum = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} A'[m-1-j])^2$$

*ASqrSum* =22455

$$\text{Let } SqrSum[i] = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} [(S[i+j])^2 + (T'[m-1-j])^2] / 2$$

*SqrSum*[ ]=[22187, 22455, 22723, 22657, 22525, 22326]

$$C[] = [4485, 8905, 13329, 17756, 22185, 22455, 22721, 22643, 22502, 22299, 17550, 12870, 8515, 4225, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]$$

Compare  $SqrSum[i]$  and  $C[i + m - 1]$ , find  $SqrSum[1] == C[1 + 5 - 1]$ , from B[1] can match A.

If  $B[i]$  can match  $A$ ,  $\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} (B[i+j])^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} A'[m-1-j]^2$ ,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} [(B[i+j])^2 + (A'[m-1-j])^2]/2 = 2 \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} A'[m-1-j]^2/2 = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} A'[m-1-j]^2$$

So we only need to calculate  $ASqrSum$ , then see *which*  $C[k] == ASqrSum$ , the start place  $i = k+1-m$ .



Recommend the video:

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